

Estimates of Motor Vehicle Traffic Crash Fatalities and People Injured

Based on

***The Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS)
and***

***The National Automotive Sampling System (NASS)
General Estimates System (GES)***

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The 2006 Projections

The numbers from these 2006 projections are subject to change when the data from the full Year 2006 Annual Assessment is released this summer.

2006 projections are compared to fatality counts and people injured from the 2005 Annual Report. Sources of the data are indicated in the listing on slide 27.

The 2006 Projections

The 2006 “**PROJECTIONS**” contained in this report are based on statistical procedures which use “**PARTIAL**” year FARS and NASS GES files.

Overall Statistics

- *The number of people killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes is projected to **decline slightly**.*
- *The estimate of people injured in motor vehicle traffic crashes is projected to **decline** by 6 percent.*
- *The estimated number of nonfatal crashes are projected **below 6 million for the first time** (if these projected numbers are to hold when full year data are available later)*

Overall Statistics

	<i>Year</i>		<i>% Change</i>
	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006 Projected</i>	
<i>People Killed</i>	43,443	43,300	-0.3%
<i>People Injured</i>	2,699,000	2,536,000	-6.0%
<i>Fatal Crashes</i>	39,189	39,182	-0.0%
<i>Nonfatal Crashes</i>	6,120,000	5,891,000	-3.7%
<i>Injury Crashes</i>	1,816,000	1,710,000	-5.8%
<i>Property-Damage-Only</i>	4,304,000	4,181,000	-2.9%

Note: Totals may not add due to rounding. Percentages computed after rounding.

Sources: FARS, NASS GES

2006 Projections Show

- ***The fatality rate per 100 million vehicle miles traveled (VMT) is projected to **remain almost the same.*****
 - ***Based on FHWA's current estimate of VMT (increase of just 0.3% from 2005)***
- ***The injury rate per 100 million VMT is projected to **decline.*****

Motor Vehicle Crash Fatality and Injury Rates

Rate	Year		% Change
	2005	2006 Projected	
People Killed			
/100M VMT	1.45	1.44*	-0.7%
/100K Reg. Vehicles	17.69	17.20**	-2.8%
/100K Population***	14.65	14.46	-1.3%
People Injured			
/100M VMT	90	85*	-5.6%
/100K Reg. Vehicles	1,099	1,007**	-8.4%
/100K Population***	910	847	-6.9%

*Based on January 2007 FHWA Traffic Volume Trends

***July, 1 estimates – Dec 22, 2006 release

**Based on NHTSA projection for registered vehicles

Sources: FARS, NASS GES, FHWA, and Census Bureau

Exposure Data

<i>Exposure Measure</i>	<i>Year</i>		<i>% Change</i>
	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	
<i>Vehicle Miles Traveled</i>	2,989,807 M	2,997,660 M*	+0.3%
<i>Registered Vehicles</i>	245,641,663	251,806,000**	+2.5%
<i>Population***</i>	296,507,061	299,398,484	+1.0%

* FHWA January 2007 Traffic Volume Trends.

** Based on NHTSA projection for registered vehicles.

*** July 1 Census Bureau estimates, release date December 22, 2006.

M-Millions

People Killed in Motor Vehicle Crashes, by Role

- ***Occupant fatalities are projected to **decline** by about 1 percent***
- ***Motorcycle rider fatalities are projected to **increase** for the ninth year in a row***
 - ***More than **125 percent** increase since 1997***
- ***Nonoccupant fatalities are projected to **decline** by about 2 percent***

People Killed in Motor Vehicle Crashes, by Role

<i>Role</i>	<i>Year</i>		<i>Change</i>	<i>% Change</i>
	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006 Projected</i>		
Occupants*	33,041	32,756	-285	-0.9%
Drivers	23,240	23,277	+37	+0.2%
Passengers	9,718	9,379	-339	-3.5%
Motorcycle Riders	4,553	4,798	+245	+5.4%
Nonoccupants	5,849	5,746	-103	-1.8%
Pedestrians	4,881	4,768	-113	-2.3%
Pedalcyclists	784	789	+5	+0.6%
Other**	184	189	+5	+2.7%
TOTAL	43,443	43,300	-143	-0.3%

* Includes unknown occupants

** Includes occupants of motor vehicles not in transport and of non-motor vehicle transport devices. Source: FARS

Estimate of People Injured in Motor Vehicle Crashes, by Role

Changes in People Injured by Role for 2006:

- ***Decline*** in occupants injured by about 6 percent
- Motorcyclists injured ***remained the same***
- ***Decline*** in nonoccupants injured by about 8 percent

Estimate of People Injured in Motor Vehicle Crashes, by Role

Role	Year		% Change
	2005	2006 Projected	
Occupants	2,494,000	2,339,000	-6.2%
Drivers	1,743,000	1,626,000	-6.7%
Passengers	750,000	713,000	-4.9%
Motorcycle Riders	87,000	87,000	0.0%
Nonoccupants	118,000	109,000	-7.6%
Pedestrians	64,000	58,000	-9.4%
Pedalcyclists	45,000	45,000	0.0%
Other/Unknown Occupants	8,000	7,000	-13%
TOTAL*	2,699,000	2,535,000	-6.1%

**Totals may not add due to rounding. Percentages computed after rounding.*

Source: NASS GES

Occupants Killed and Injured in Motor Vehicle Crashes, by Vehicle Type

- ***Passenger vehicle occupant fatalities are projected to **decline*****
- ***Passenger vehicle occupants injured are projected to **decline*****

Occupants Killed in Motor Vehicle Crashes, by Vehicle Type

Vehicle Type	Year		Change	% Change
	2005	2006 Projected		
Total Passenger Vehicles	31,415	30,850	-565	-1.8%
Passenger Cars	18,440	17,941	-499	-2.7%
Light Trucks	12,975	12,909	-66	-0.5%
Large Trucks	803	798	-5	-0.6%
Other Vehicles*	545	515	-30	-5.5%
Unknown**	278	593	+315	+113%
TOTAL	33,041	32,756	-285	-0.9%

*Includes vehicle occupants killed in buses and other vehicle types.

**Many of the unknown vehicle types in the 2006 Early Projection file will be resolved in the 2006 Annual Report file.

Source: FARS

Occupants Injured in Motor Vehicle Crashes, by Vehicle Type

<i>Vehicle Type</i>	<i>Year</i>		<i>% Change</i>
	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006 Projected</i>	
Total Passenger Vehicles	2,446,000	2,291,000	-6.3%
Passenger Cars	1,573,000	1,457,000	-7.4%
Light Trucks	872,000	834,000	-4.4%
Large Trucks	27,000	27,000	0.0%
Other Vehicles*	21,000	21,000	0.0%
TOTAL**	2,494,000	2,339,000	-6.2%

**Includes vehicle occupants injured in buses and other vehicle types.*

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Source: NASS GES

Passenger Vehicle Occupant Fatalities (All Ages), by Restraint Use

- ***Restraint use by fatally injured passenger vehicle occupants is expected to remain the same***

<i>Restraint Use</i>	<i>Year</i>	
	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006 Projected</i>
<i>Restraint Used*</i>	<i>45%</i>	<i>45%</i>
<i>Restraint Not Used</i>	<i>55%</i>	<i>55%</i>

**Restraint Used = Use of any type of restraint, e.g., lap belt, lap/shoulder belt, child safety seat, etc.*

Source: FARS

People Killed in Large-Truck Crashes

- ***Fatalities in large-truck crashes are projected to **decline** by about 4 percent.***
- ***People injured in large-truck crashes are projected to **decline**.***

People Killed in Large-Truck Crashes, by Type

<i>Type</i>	<i>Year</i>		<i>% Change</i>
	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006 Projected</i>	
Truck Occupants	803	798	-0.6%
Single-vehicle	480	503	+4.8%
Multivehicle	323	295	-8.7%
Other Vehicle Occupants	3,944	3,791	-3.9%
Nonoccupants	465	429	-7.7%
Total	5,212	5,018	-3.7%

Source: FARS

People Injured in Large-Truck Crashes, by Type

Type	Year		% Change
	2005	2006 Projected	
Truck Occupants	27,000	27,000	0.0%
Single-vehicle	10,000	13,000	+30%
Multivehicle	17,000	14,000	-18%
Other Vehicle Occupants	84,000	84,000	0.0%
Nonoccupants	2,000	2,000	0.0%
Total*	114,000	113,000	-0.9%

**Totals may not add due to rounding. Percentages computed after rounding.*

Source: NASS GES

People Killed in Alcohol-Related Crashes

- ***The estimate of people killed in alcohol-related crashes is projected to **increase** by about 2 percent***
 - ***Highest level killed since 1992***
- ***Fatalities in crashes involving at least one driver, pedestrian or pedalcyclist with a BAC of .08+ are projected to **increase** by about 3 percent.***
- ***The alcohol-related fatality percentage is projected to **increase*****
 - ***From 40 percent to 41 percent***

Note: The number of alcohol-related fatalities for the 2005 Annual Report File (ARF) is being revised due to State-reporting problems in Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) values that were discovered in the process of building the final file for 2005.

People Killed, by Highest Estimated BAC in Crash

Highest BAC in Crash	Year		% Change
	2005*	2006 Projected	
Alcohol-Related Fatalities	17,525	17,941	+2.4%
Fatality Rate / 100 M VMT	0.59	0.60	
% All Fatalities	40%	41%	
.01 = BAC = .07 g/dL	2,428	2,362	-2.7%
BAC = .08 g/dL	15,097	15,579	+3.2%
BAC = .08 Fatalities/100M VMT	0.50	0.52	
BAC = .08 g/dL **	13,613	13,990	+2.8%

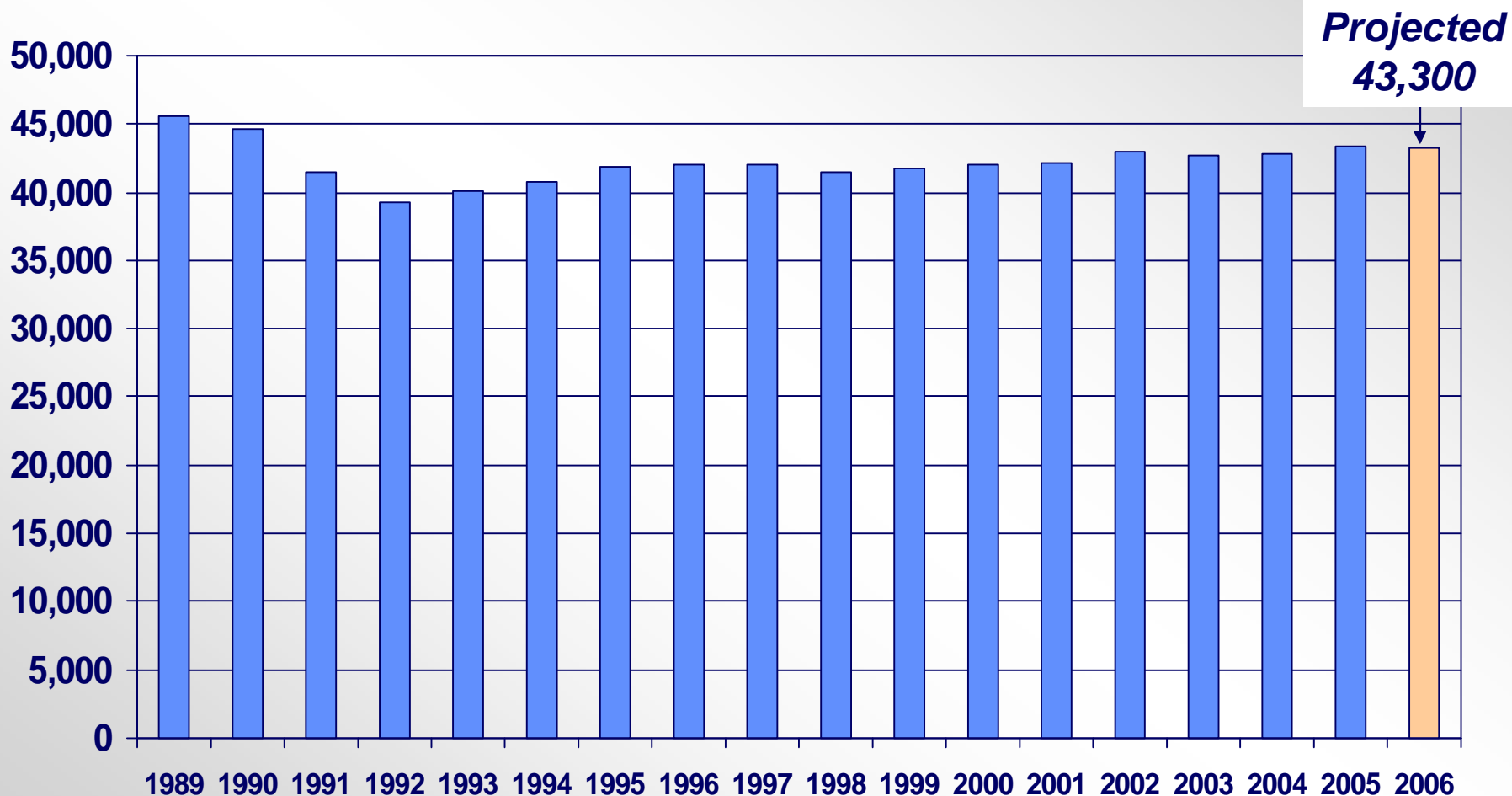
Source: FARS, FHWA

* **Revised Numbers** -- Due to State-reporting problems in Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) values that were discovered in the 2005 ARF file during production of the 2005 Final file.

** In crashes based on highest driver/motorcycle operator BAC in the crash

- 1. People Killed by Year***
- 2. Fatality and Injury Rates by Year***
- 3. Alcohol-Related Fatalities and Fatality Rate by Year***
- 4. Nonfatal Crashes and People Injured by Year***

Number of People Killed in Motor Vehicle Crashes, by Year

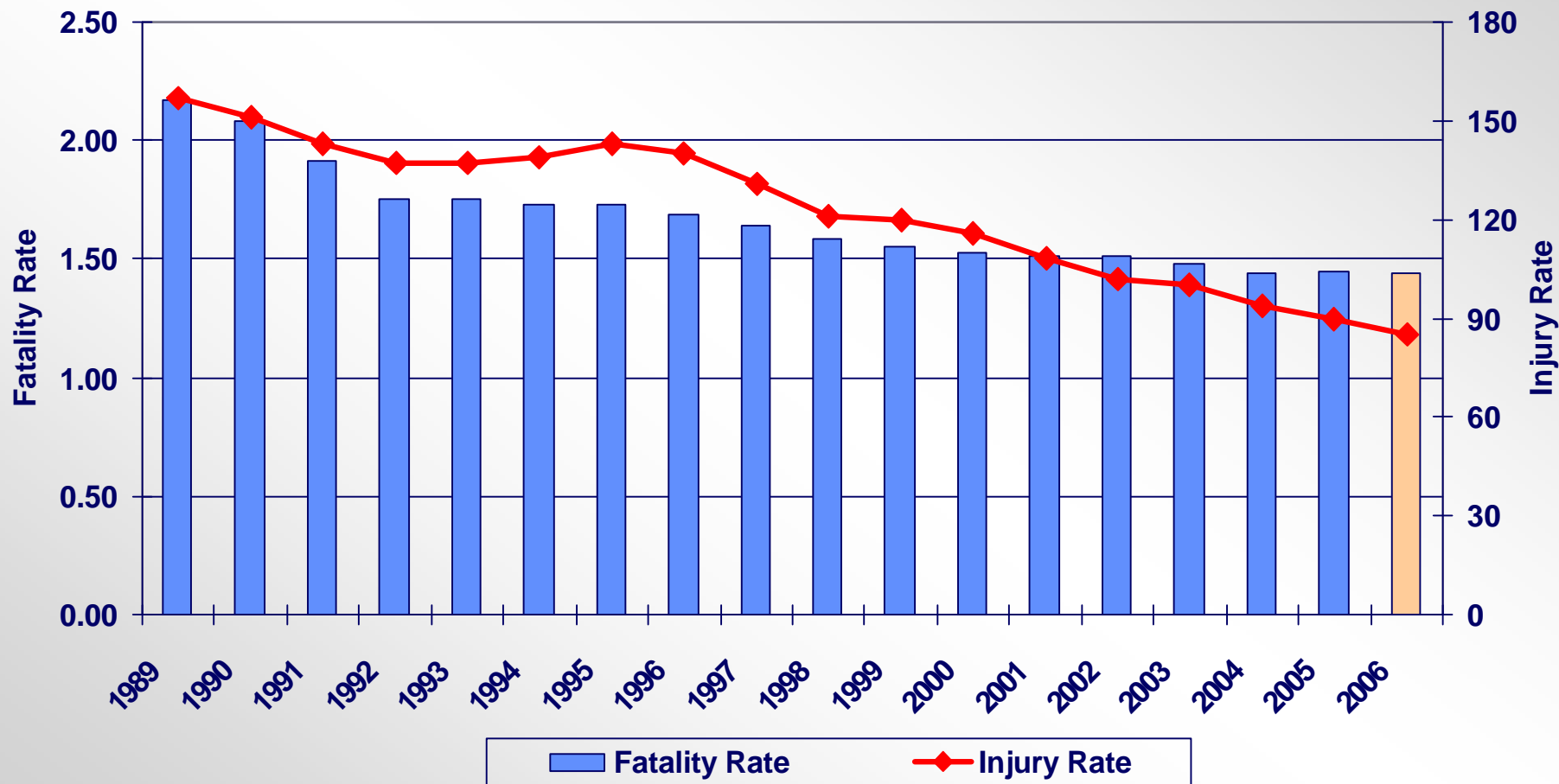


Source: FARS

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Fatality and Injury Rates per 100 Million VMT, by Year

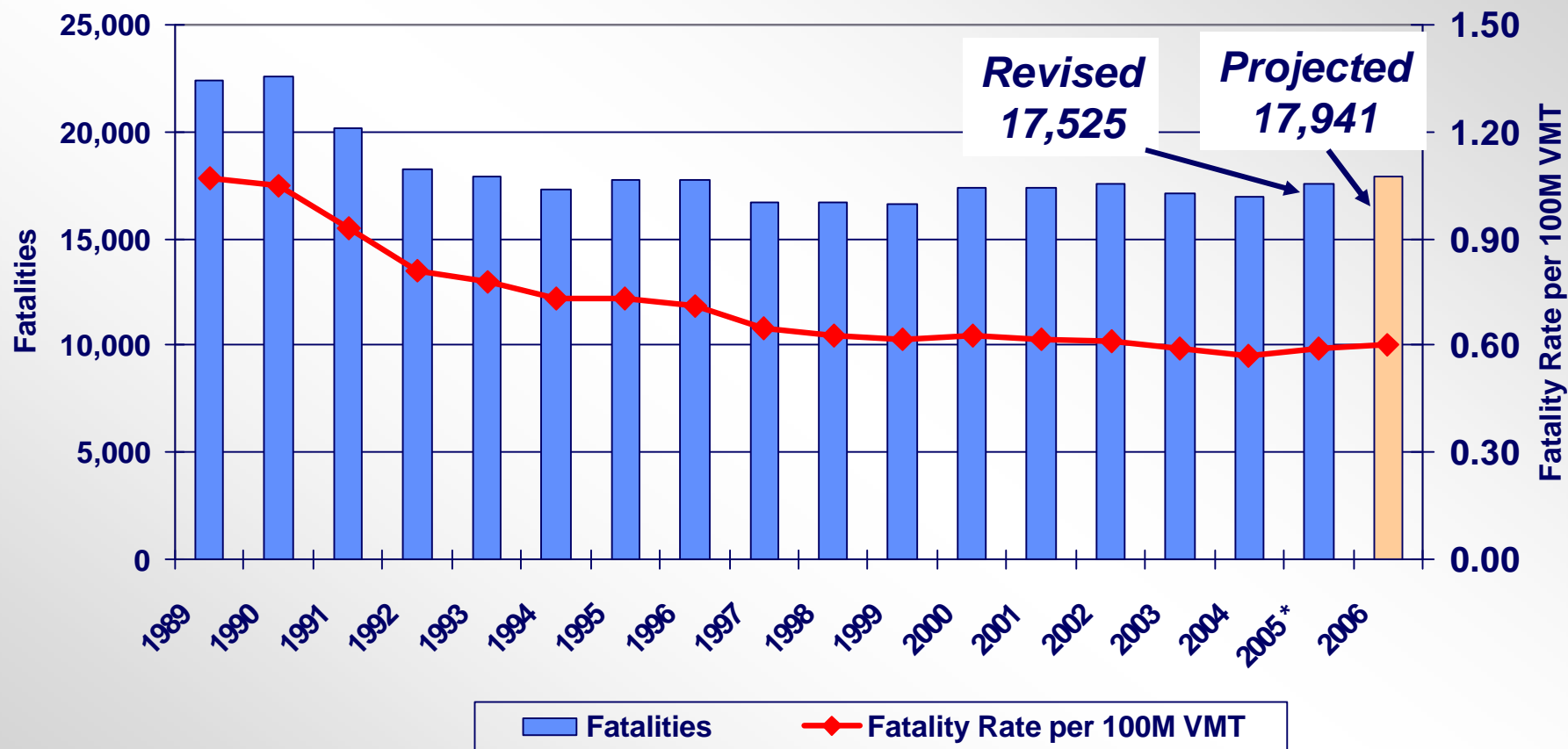


Source: FARS, NASS GES / FHWA

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Alcohol-Related Fatalities and Fatality Rate, by Year



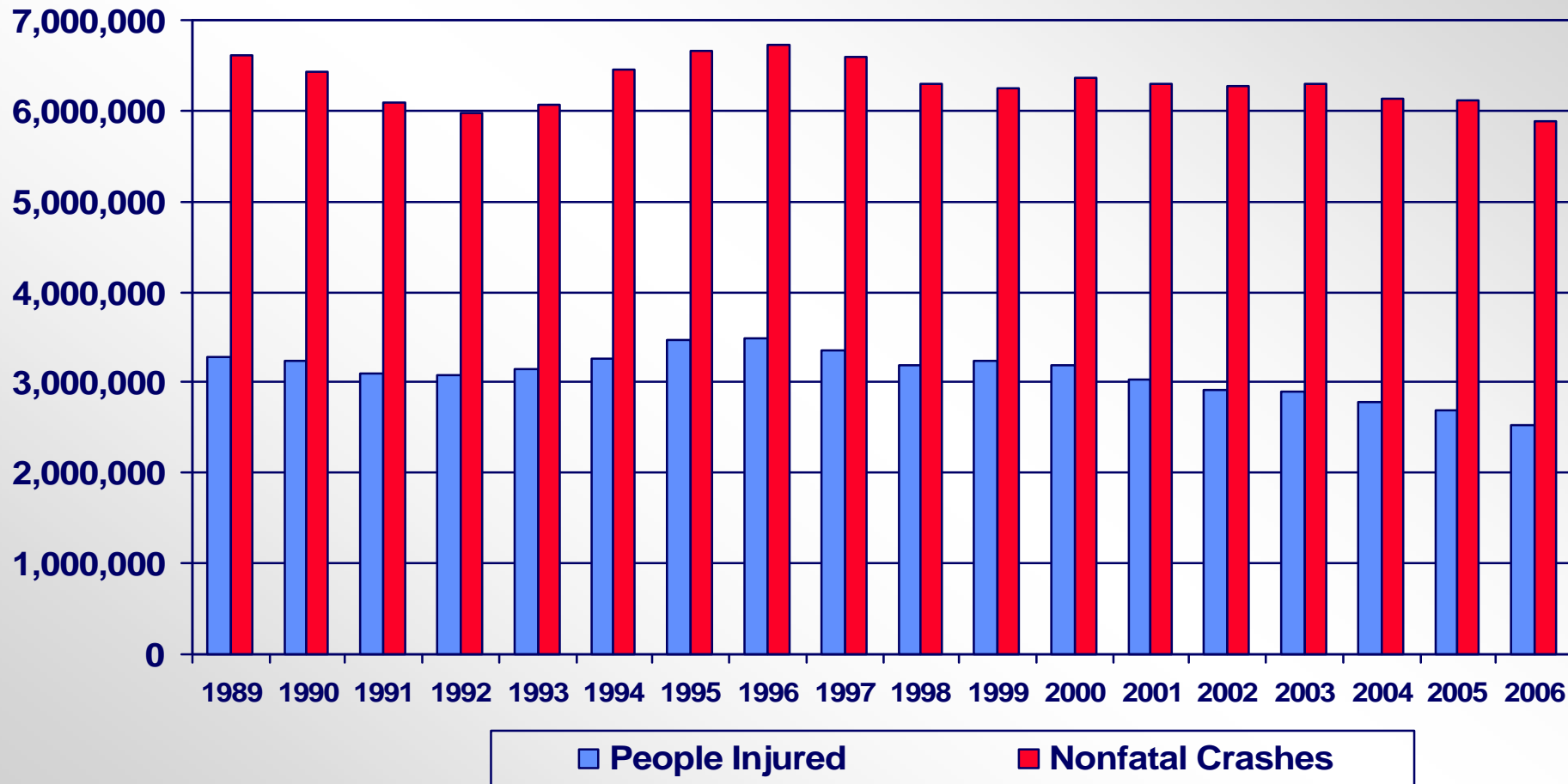
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Source: FARS, FHWA

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Nonfatal Crashes and People Injured, by Year



Sources: NASS GES

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- **Crash Data**
 - ◆ **Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS)**
 - **2004 and prior years – Final File**
 - **2005 - Annual Report File**
 - **2006 - Early Projection File**
 - ◆ **NASS General Estimates System (GES)**
 - **2005 and prior years - Annual File**
 - **2006 - 9-Month File**
- **Exposure Data**
 - ◆ **Vehicle Miles of Travel (VMT) - Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)**
 - **2005 and prior years - Annual Highway Statistics**
 - **2006 - January 2007 Traffic Volume Trends Report**
 - ◆ **Population Estimates (based on 2000 Census)**
 - **Census Bureau, July 1 estimates released on Dec. 22, 2006**
 - ◆ **Registered Vehicles**
 - **R.L. Polk & Company and FHWA**
 - **NHTSA's Projection for 2006**

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