

CITY OF MILWAUKEE TRAFFIC TRENDS



Public Safety and Health Committee

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Total Annual Traffic
Crashes Dropped
by 12.9%

Overall Injury
Crashes Decreased
by 17.4%

CITY OF MILWAUKEE TRAFFIC CRASHES 2020-2025

| Year | All Crashes | Injury Crashes | Fatal Crashes | Pedestrian Fatalities |
|------|-------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| 2020 | 14,499 | 3,821 | 68 | 15 |
| 2021 | 15,749 | 3,843 | 61 | 16 |
| 2022 | 13,601 | 3,329 | 71 | 22 |
| 2023 | 12,798 | 3,262 | 65 | 20 |
| 2024 | 12,738 | 3,224 | 57 | 18 |
| 2025 | 12,632 | 3,158 | 50 | 12 |

From TOPS: 2020-2025 data for the City of Milwaukee, Intersection and Non-Intersection crashes, highway class U CITY and U STH only (not U IH). All 2025 preliminary data are subject to ongoing review and editing.

City of Milwaukee Traffic Crashes 2020-2025 (All Crashes, Fatalities, Serious Injuries, Minor Injuries, Possible Injuries and Total Injuries are decreasing) average overall crashes decreased by 12.9%, and total injuries dropped by 18.6%.

Please note: Total injuries are the number of people injured in a single crash.

ALL Crashes – Fatalities (total number of deaths) and Injuries (number of people injured)

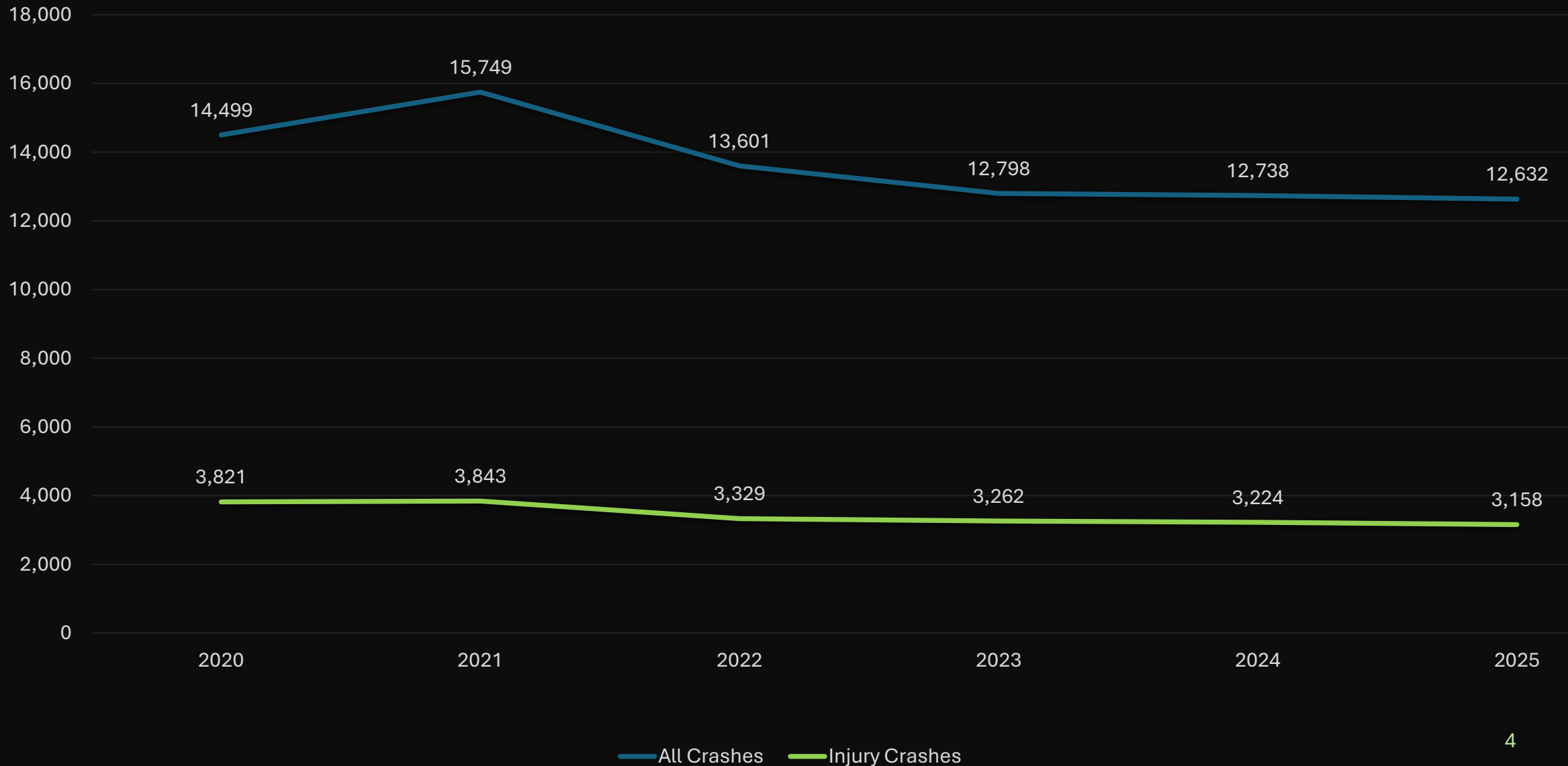
| Year | All Crashes | Fatalities (Total Killed) | Serious (Major) Injuries | Minor Injuries | Possible Injuries | Total Injuries |
|------|-------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 2020 | 14,499 | 78 | 456 | 2,318 | 2,894 | 5,668 |
| 2021 | 15,749 | 66 | 456 | 2,190 | 2,856 | 5,555 |
| 2022 | 13,601 | 77 | 413 | 1,923 | 2,458 | 4,794 |
| 2023 | 12,798 | 76 | 384 | 1,752 | 2,511 | 4,647 |
| 2024 | 12,738 | 69 | 395 | 1,939 | 2,307 | 4,641 |
| 2025 | 12,632 | 56 | 434 | 1,916 | 2,263 | 4,613 |

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From Community MAPS: 2020-2025 data for the City of Milwaukee, Intersection and Non-Intersection crashes, highway class U CITY and U STH only (not U IH).

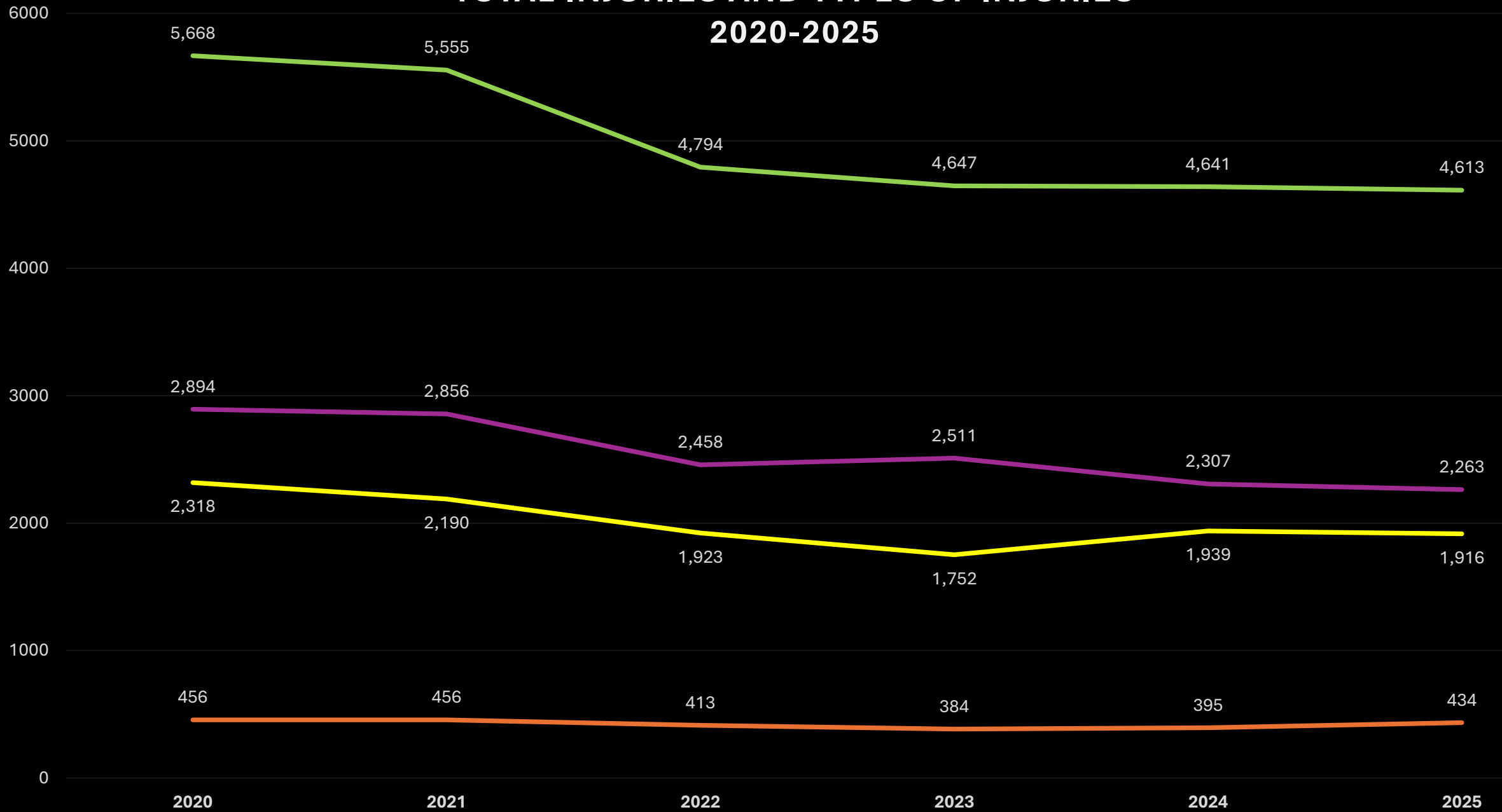
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TOTAL CRASHES AND INJURY CRASHES 2020-2025



TOTAL INJURIES AND TYPES OF INJURIES

2020-2025



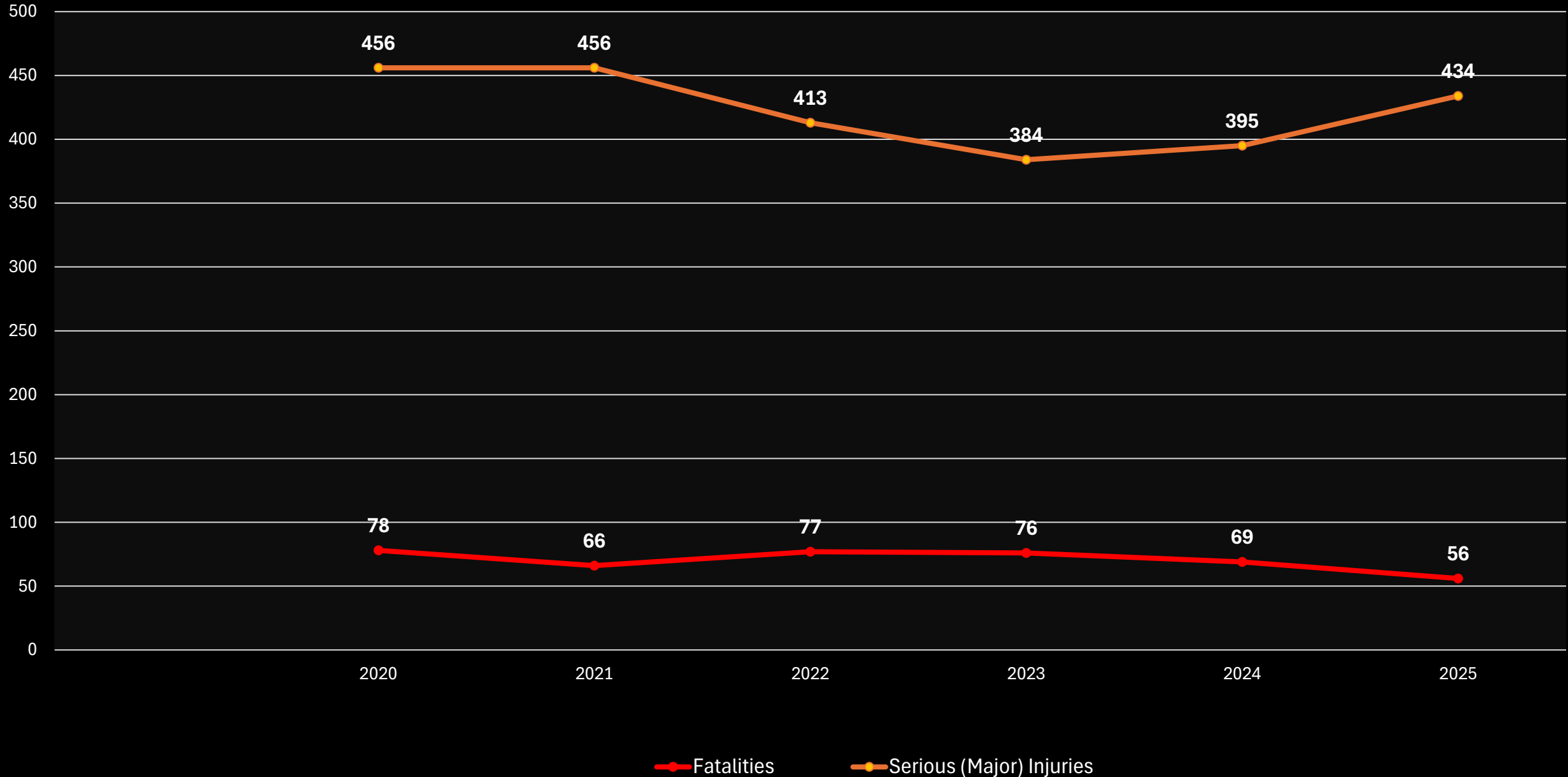
Serious (Major) Injuries

Minor Injuries

Possible Injuries

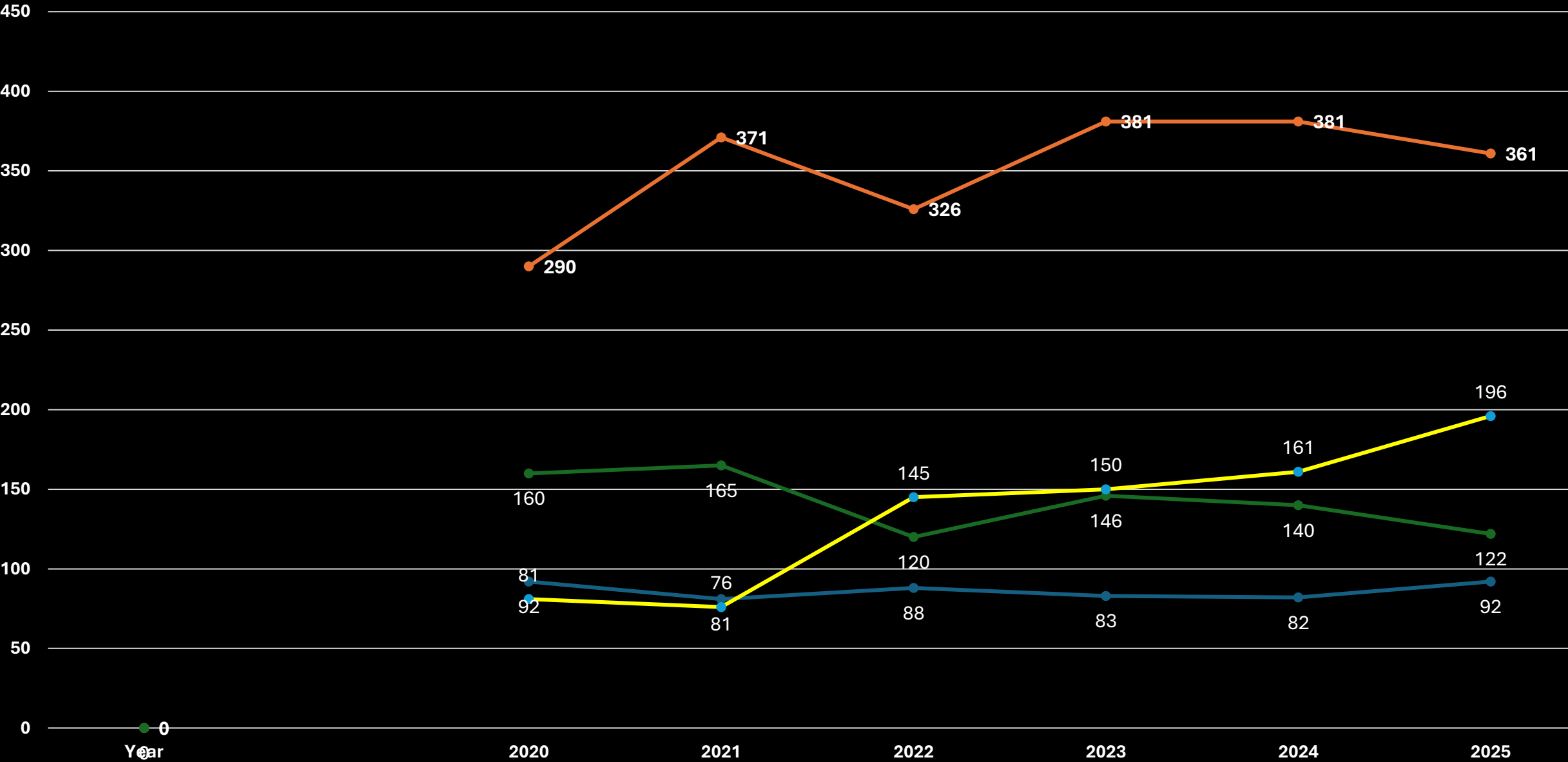
Total Injury Crashes

TRAFFIC FATALITIES & SERIOUS INJURIES (MAJOR INJURIES) 2020-2025

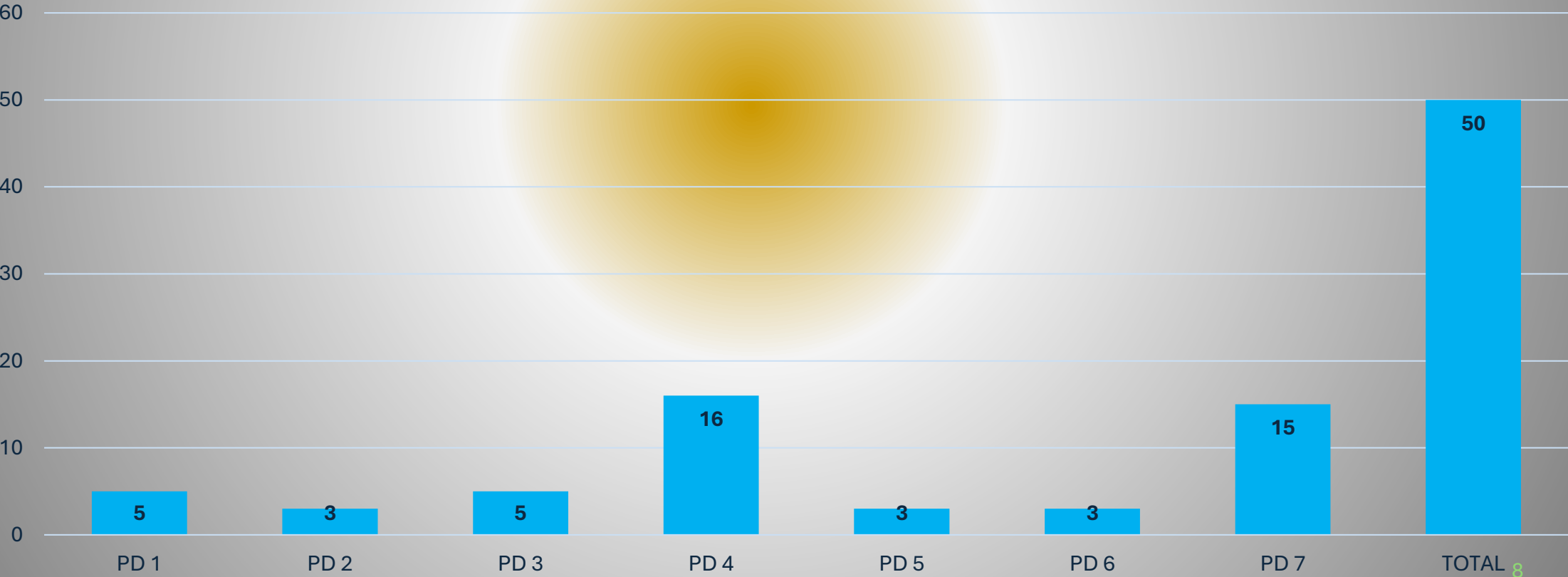


CRASHES BY UNIT TYPE 2020-2025

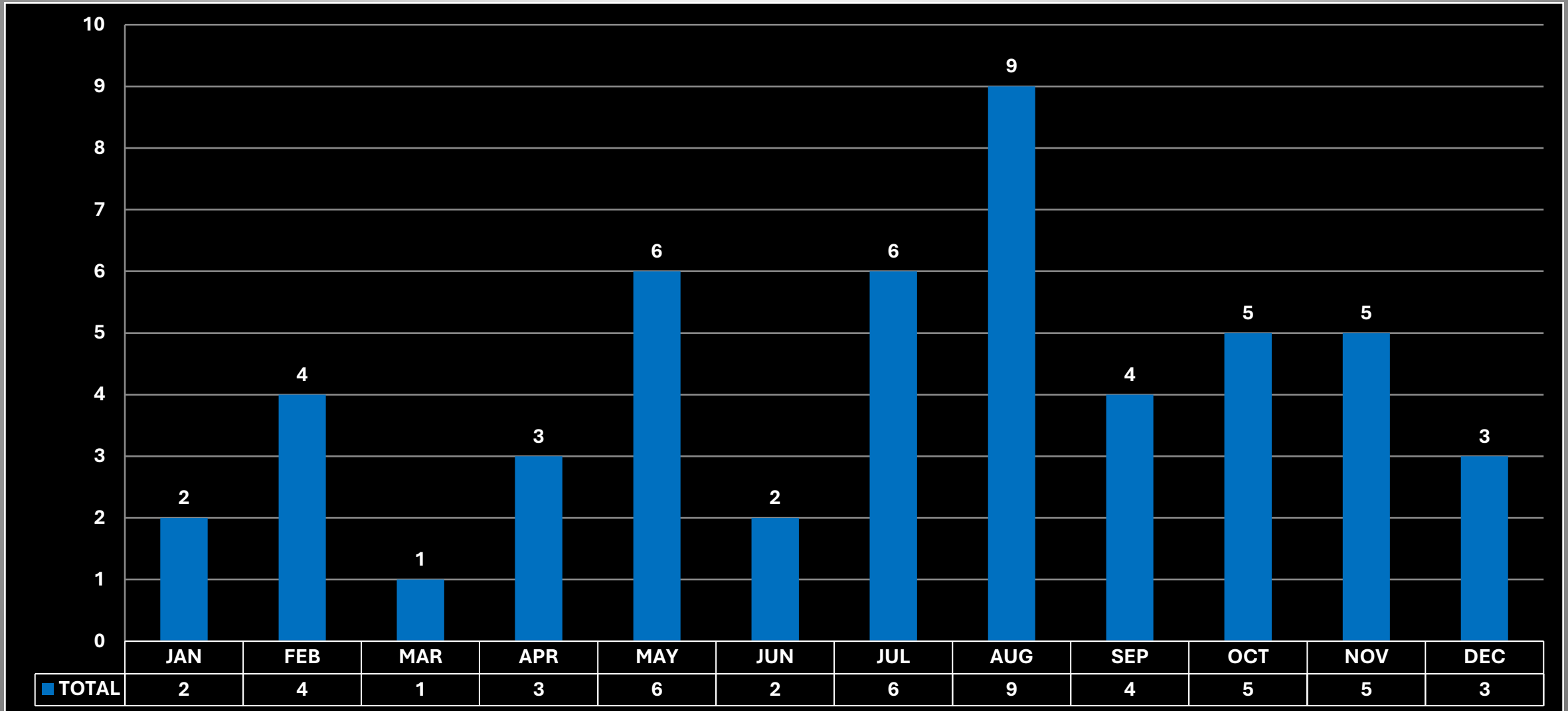
Bicycles Pedestrians Motorcycles/Mopeds School Buses



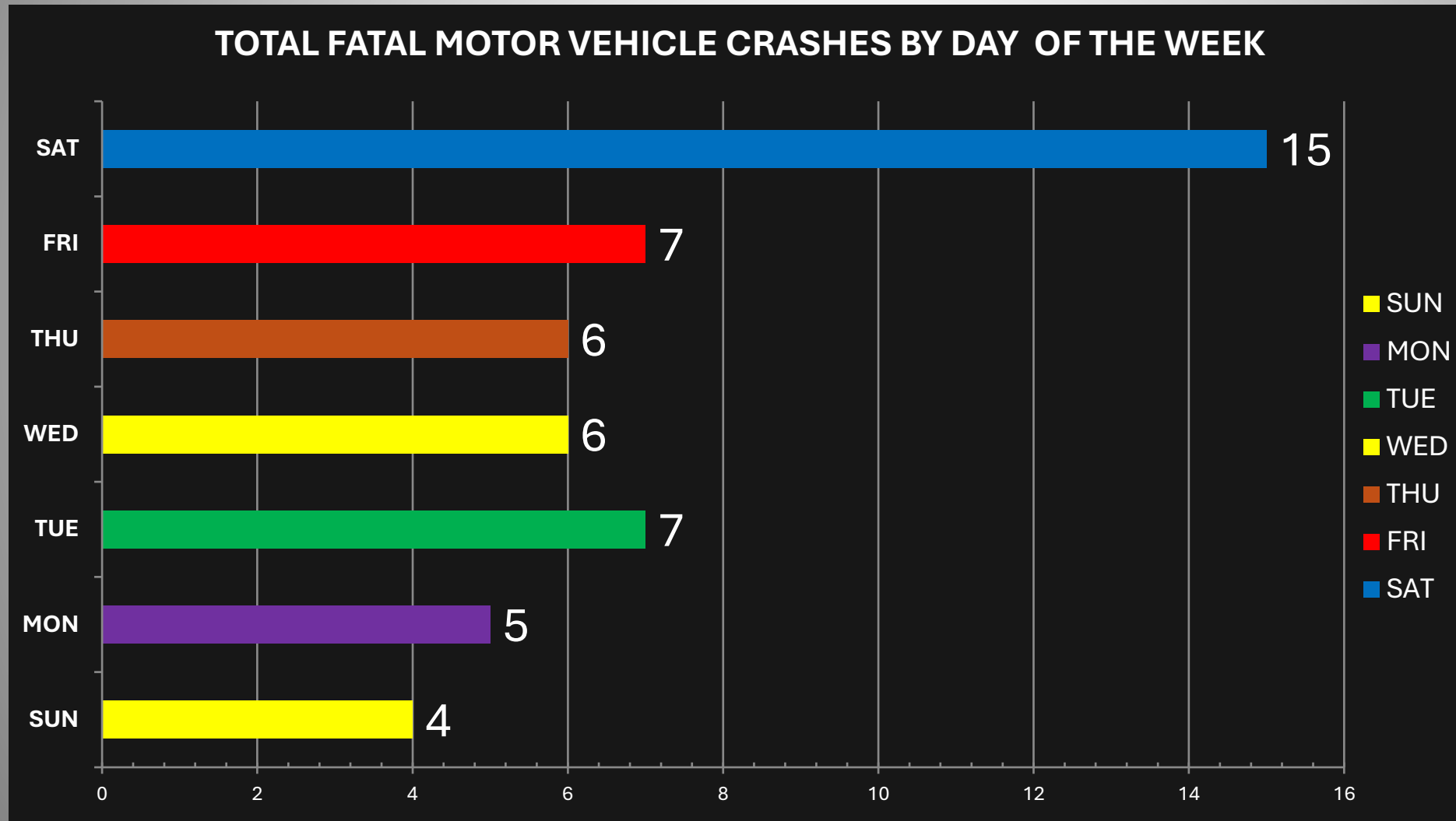
2025 TRAFFIC FATAL CRASHES BY POLICE DISTRICT



2025 CITY OF MILWAUKEE FATAL MOTOR VEHICLE CRASHES BY MONTH

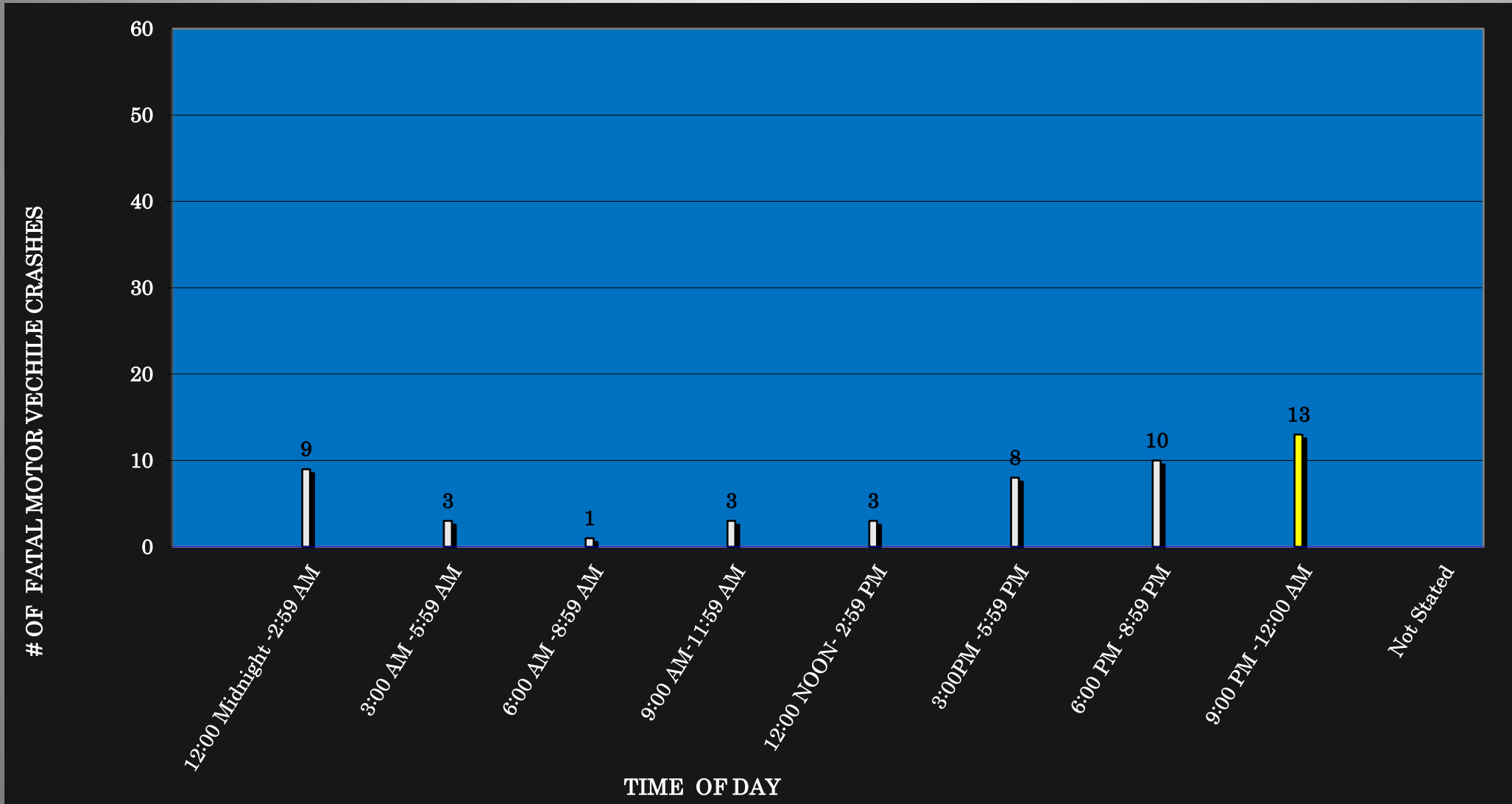


2025 CITY OF MILWAUKEE FATAL MOTOR VEHICLE CRASHES BY DAY OF THE WEEK



- **Saturday** is the highest day of the week for a Fatal Motor Vehicle Crash to occur.

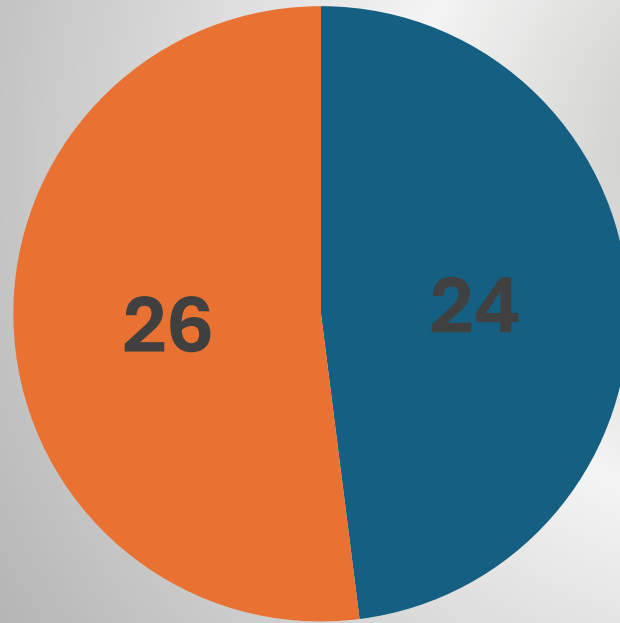
2025 CITY OF MILWAUKEE FATAL MOTOR VEHICLE CRASHES BY TIME OF DAY



- Highest number of Fatal Motor Vehicle Crashes happened between 9:00 PM and 12:00 AM in the City of Milwaukee
- (13)

TRAFFIC FATAL CRASHES AT INTERSECTIONS & NON-INTERSECTIONS

50 FATAL CRASHES AT INTERSECTIONS AND NON INTERSECTIONS



■ Intersections ■ Non-Intersections

- 50 Total Traffic Fatal Crashes
 - 24 Intersections
 - 26 Occurred at Non-Intersections

Fatal Traffic Crashes Summary

| Summary | Police District | Month | Day | Time | Type of Intersection |
|---|---|--|--|--|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 50 Traffic Fatal Crashes• (Majority of Fatal Traffic Crashes occurred in the following Police District, Month, Day, Time and Type of Intersection. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Police District 4 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• August | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Saturday | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9:00 PM - 12:00 AM | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Non-Intersections |



Steady Downward Trend in Total and Injury Crashes

After peaking in 2021 with 15,749 incidents, total traffic crashes in Milwaukee have dropped every single year. Between 2020 and 2025, **overall crashes decreased by 12.9%**, and **injury-causing crashes dropped by 17.4%**.

Fatalities Reaching a 6-Year Low

Fatal crashes peaked in 2022 at 71 incidents. Since the city committed heavily to its **Vision Zero** traffic safety initiatives, fatal crashes have fallen sharply, dropping to a low of 50 in 2025. This represents a **29.5% reduction in fatal crashes** from the 2022 peak.

Context: Why are the numbers dropping?

The steady decline from 2022 to 2025 aligns directly with Milwaukee's aggressive push against reckless driving.

- **Traffic calming measures** (pinned medians, curb extensions, and roundabouts).
- **Road diets** (reducing lanes to force slower, safer driving speeds).
- **Increased law enforcement focus** on reckless driving towing and arrests.
- **City of Milwaukee Common Council and Milwaukee Mayor's** office legislating through an ordinance impounding of vehicle involved in Reckless Driving on Milwaukee streets.

While the 2025 preliminary numbers are still being finalized by state safety analysts, the trajectory indicates that these systemic, safety-over-speed street design overhauls, speed enforcement initiatives, and government legislative authority are having a measurable, life-saving impact.

Summary of Traffic Crashes and Fatalities, Total Injuries (number of deaths and people injured):

- **Steady Decline in Total Crashes:** Total annual traffic crashes dropped by **12.9%** over the analyzed period, falling from a high of 14,499 in 2020 to 12,632 in 2025.
- **Drop in Fatalities:** Traffic deaths remained relatively stagnant, hovering between 66 and 78 from 2020 to 2024, before seeing a significant **28.2% decrease** from 2020 levels.
- **Reduction in Total Injuries:** Overall total number of people injured decreased by **17.4%**, dropping from 5,668 in 2020 to 4,613 in 2025. This was primarily driven by a steady reduction in minor and possible injuries.
- **Fluctuating Serious Injuries:** Unlike minor injuries, serious (major) injuries did not follow a linear decline. They bottomed out in 2023 at 384 but rose again to 434 by 2025.





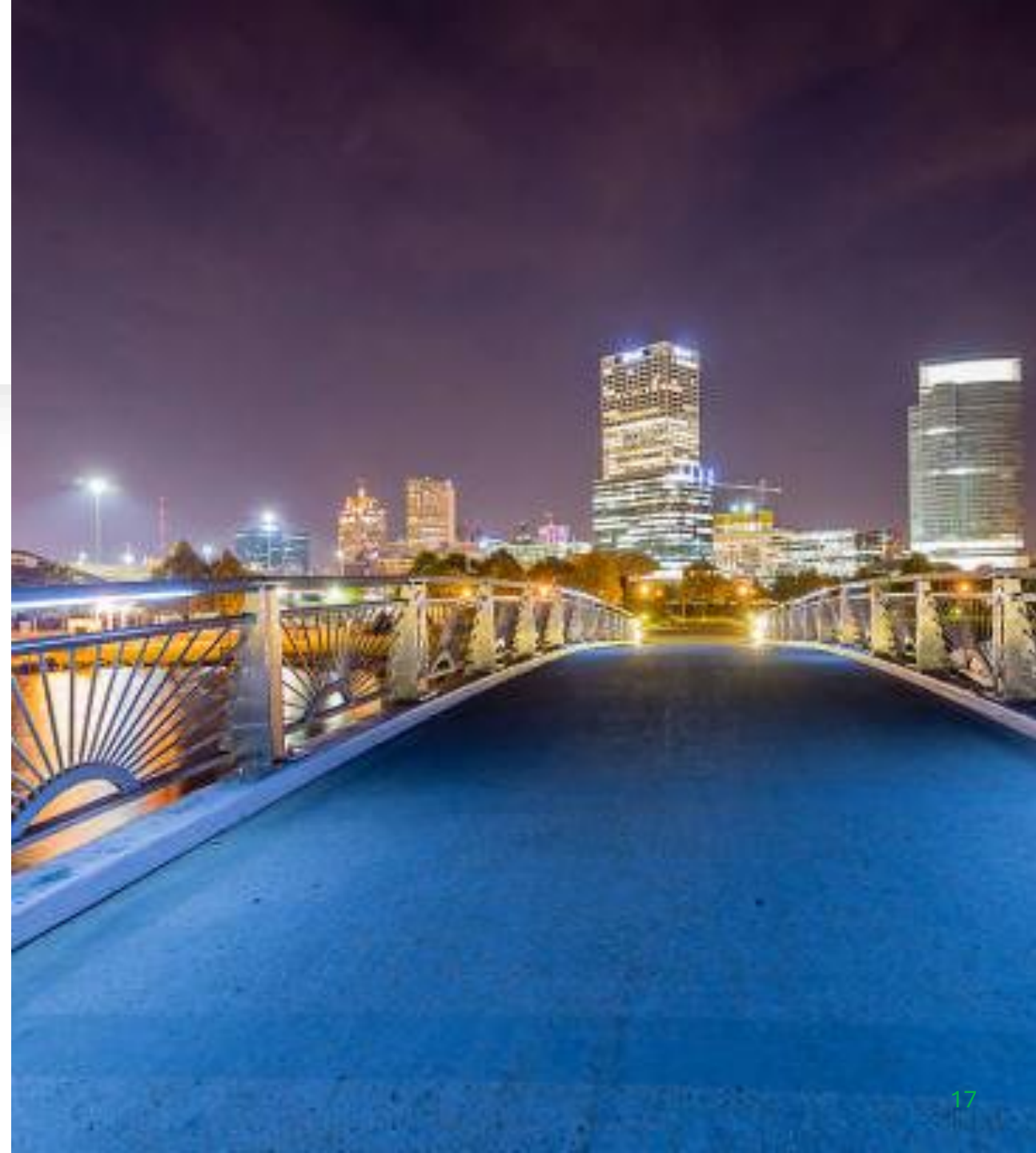
Proactive Traffic Safety Initiatives

- Work with the Milwaukee Police Department on Speed Enforcement Initiatives
- Provide Educational Traffic Safety Programs for Schools
- Provide Traffic Safety information for Local Business, Places of Worship, and Community groups.
- Provide Traffic Slow Down Signs (MPD & AAA of WI)
- Work with MPD Public Information Office- Traffic Safety Initiative Press Conferences
- Continue Working with Department of Public Works Traffic & Engineering and City of Milwaukee Vision Zero Office on Traffic Calming Initiatives.

SOURCES

- Sources:

- Milwaukee Police Department Safety Division
 - Milwaukee Police Department Office of Management Analysis and Planning
 - Milwaukee Police Department Specialized Patrol Division Crash Reconstruction Unit
 - Milwaukee Police Department Traffic Enforcement Unit
 - Milwaukee Police Department Traffic Records
 - City of Milwaukee Department of Public Works Traffic & Engineering
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- ❑ Data Sources: Wisconsin Traffic Operations and Safety (TOPS) Laboratory, University of Madison College of Civil & Engineering, The WisTransPortal System 2025 -2020 Crash data. The WisTransPortal is updated daily from preliminary DT4000 crash data extracts. The DT4000 form elements and attributes have been translated back to match MV4000 definitions.
 - ❑ Note: Crash data obtained from the Wisconsin Transportation Portal (WisTransPortal) database. Crashes include the following location types: Intersections and non-Intersections. Crashes exclude the following location types: Parking lots and private property. Deer related crashes are also excluded. 2025 data preliminary and represents the latest set of available crash records for the current year and generally include crash reports transmitted by law enforcement as recently as the previous day. All preliminary data are subject to ongoing review and editing. All preliminary data are subject to ongoing review and editing.
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Chair Commissioner Byron Marshall, Jr.

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Commissioner Marlow Davis

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Ms. Angela Lang

FOURTH ALDERMANIC DISTRICT

Vacant

FIFTH ALDERMANIC DISTRICT

Commissioner Nicholas Roesler

SIXTH ALDERMANIC DISTRICT

Commissioner Solana Patterson-Ramos

THIRTEENTH ALDERMANIC DISTRICT

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SEVENTH ALDERMANIC DISTRICT

Commissioner Randy Jones

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Commissioner Vi Hawkins

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Commissioner Tara Cavazos

TWELFTH ALDERMANIC DISTRICT

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Former Commissioner Lee Whiting



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