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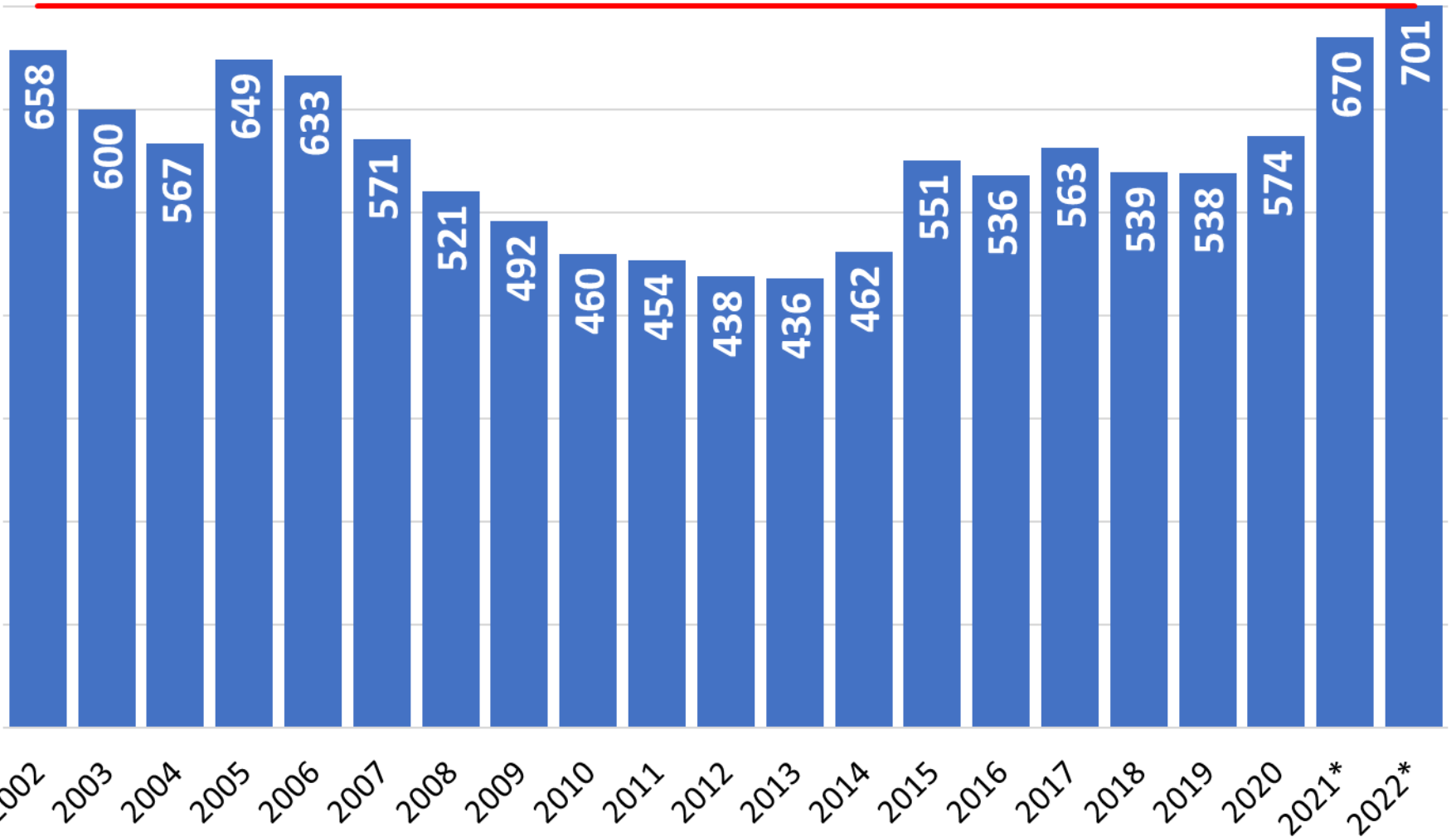
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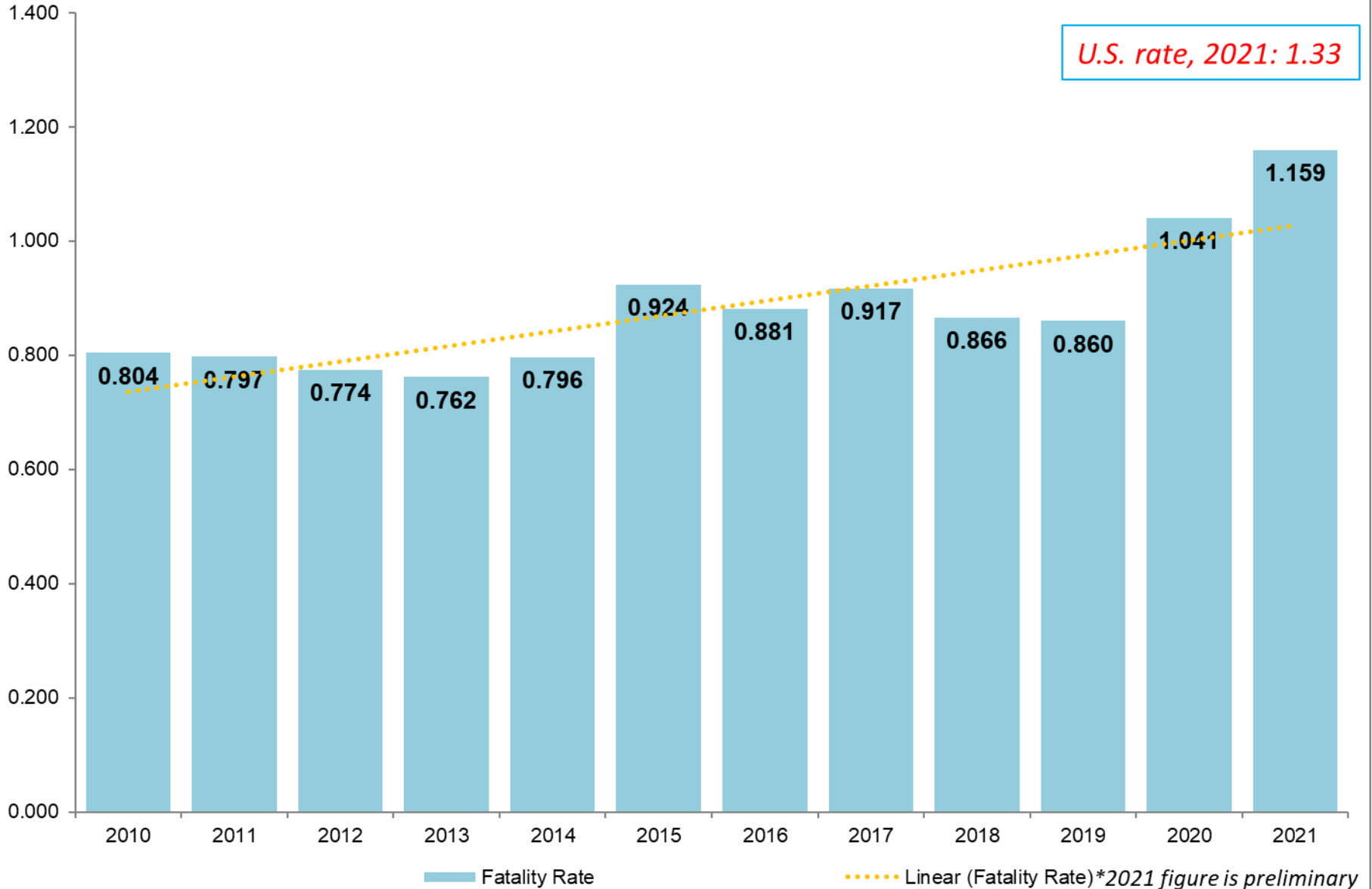
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Washington Traffic Fatalities

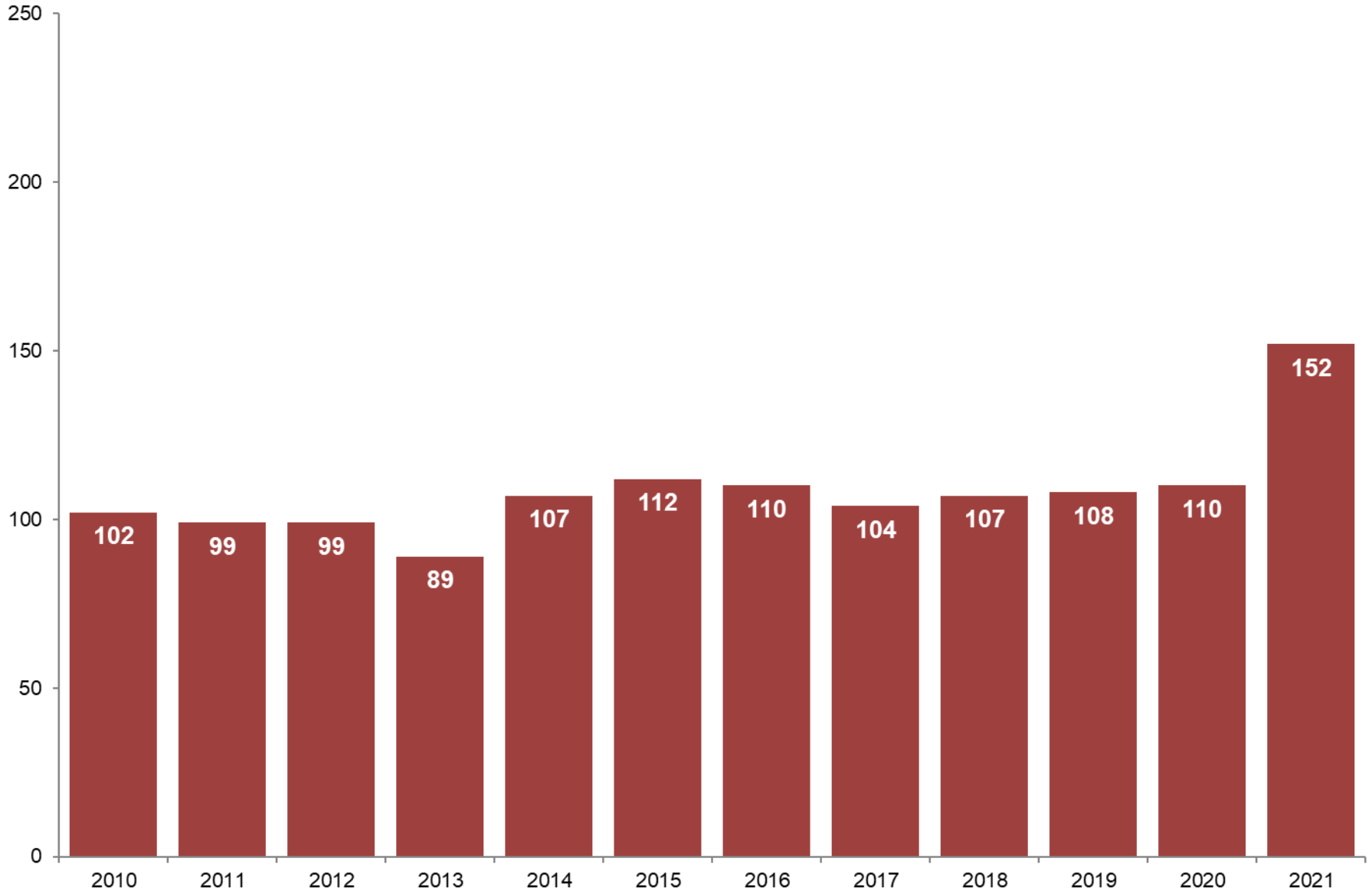
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Washington Traffic Fatality Rate per 100M Vehicle Miles Travelled, 2010-2021*



Washington Unrestrained Passenger Vehicle Occupant Fatalities 2010-2021*

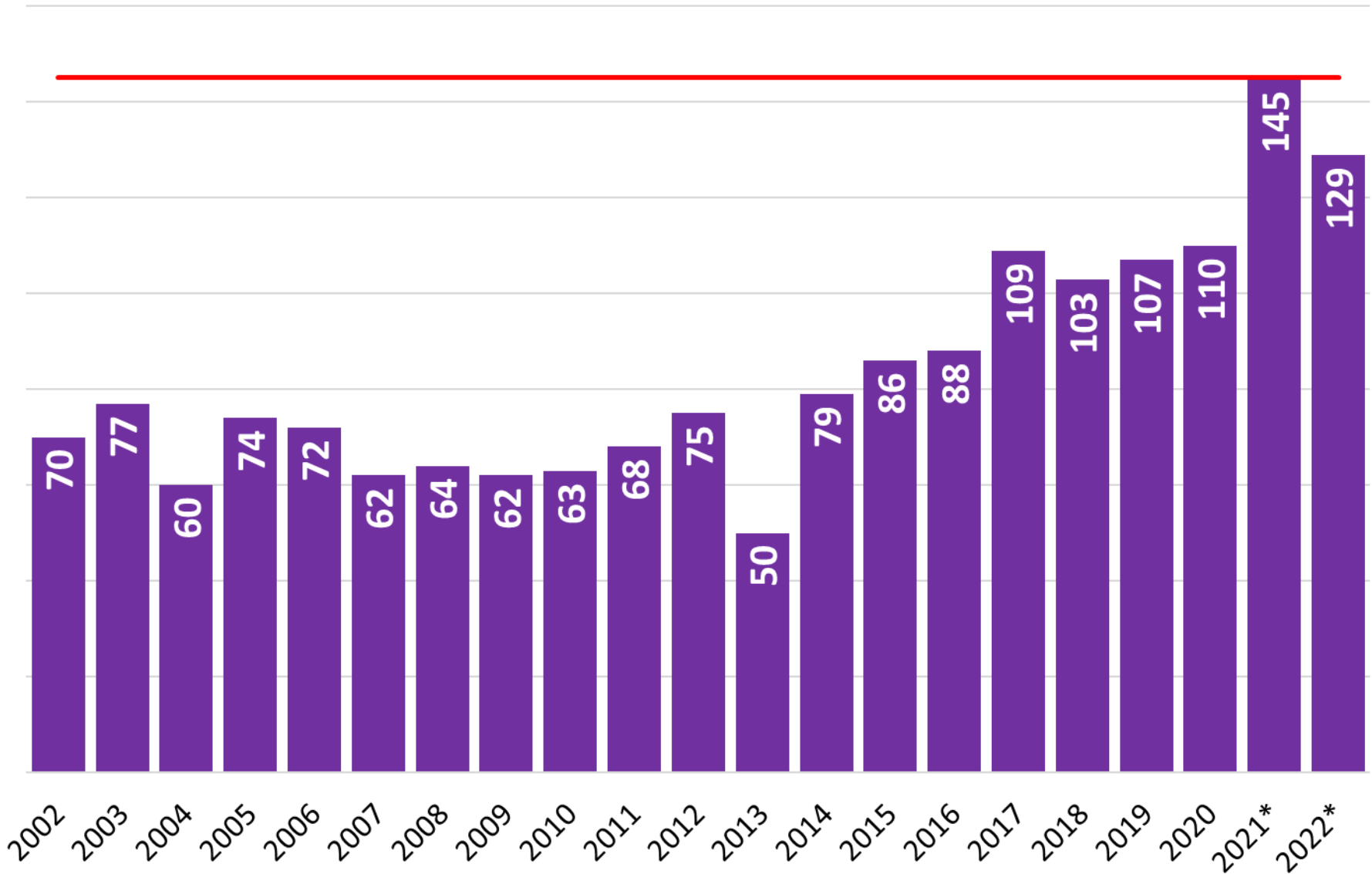


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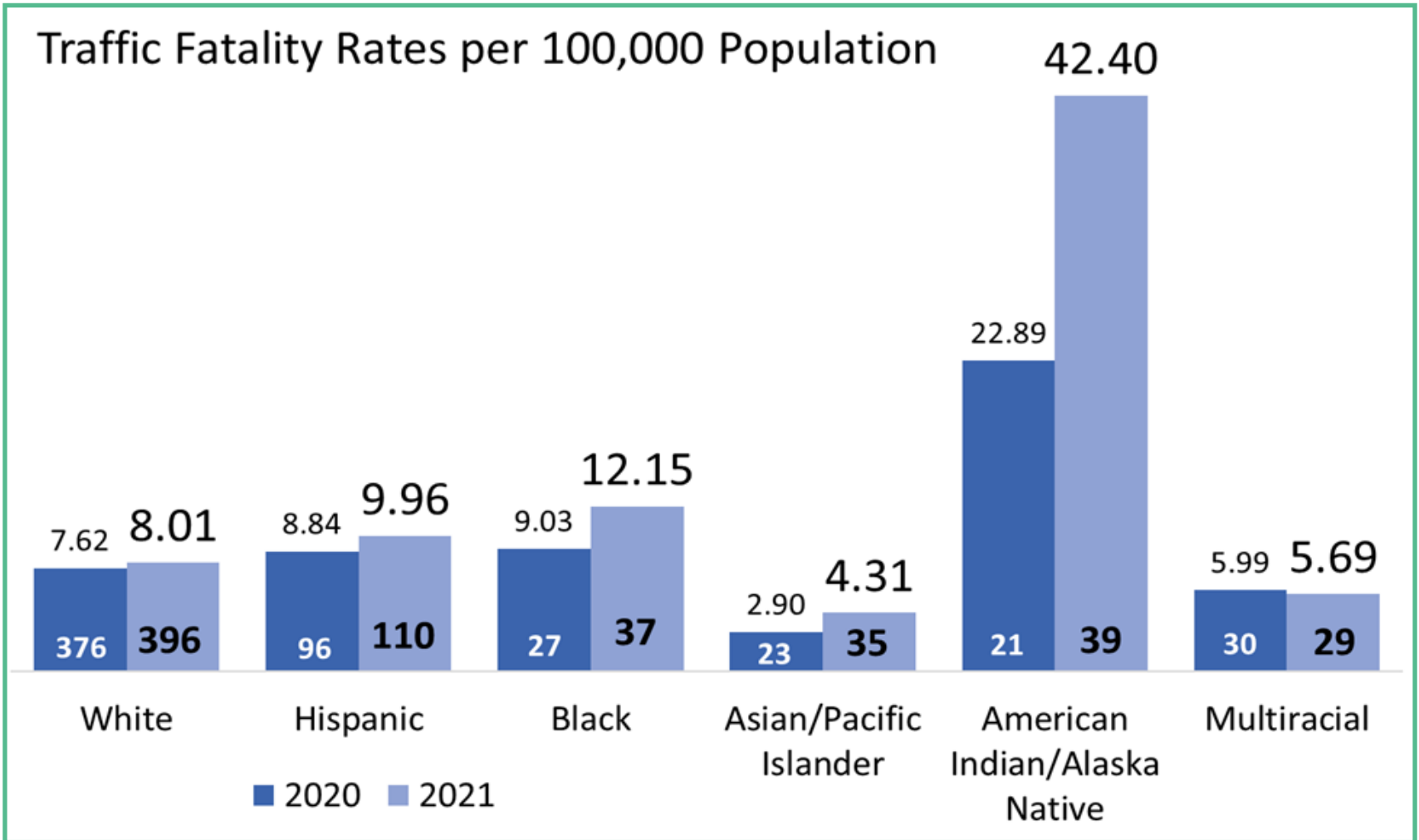
■ Fatalities

Washington Pedestrian Fatalities

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INCREASES IN FATALITIES HAVE BEEN DISPROPORTIONATE

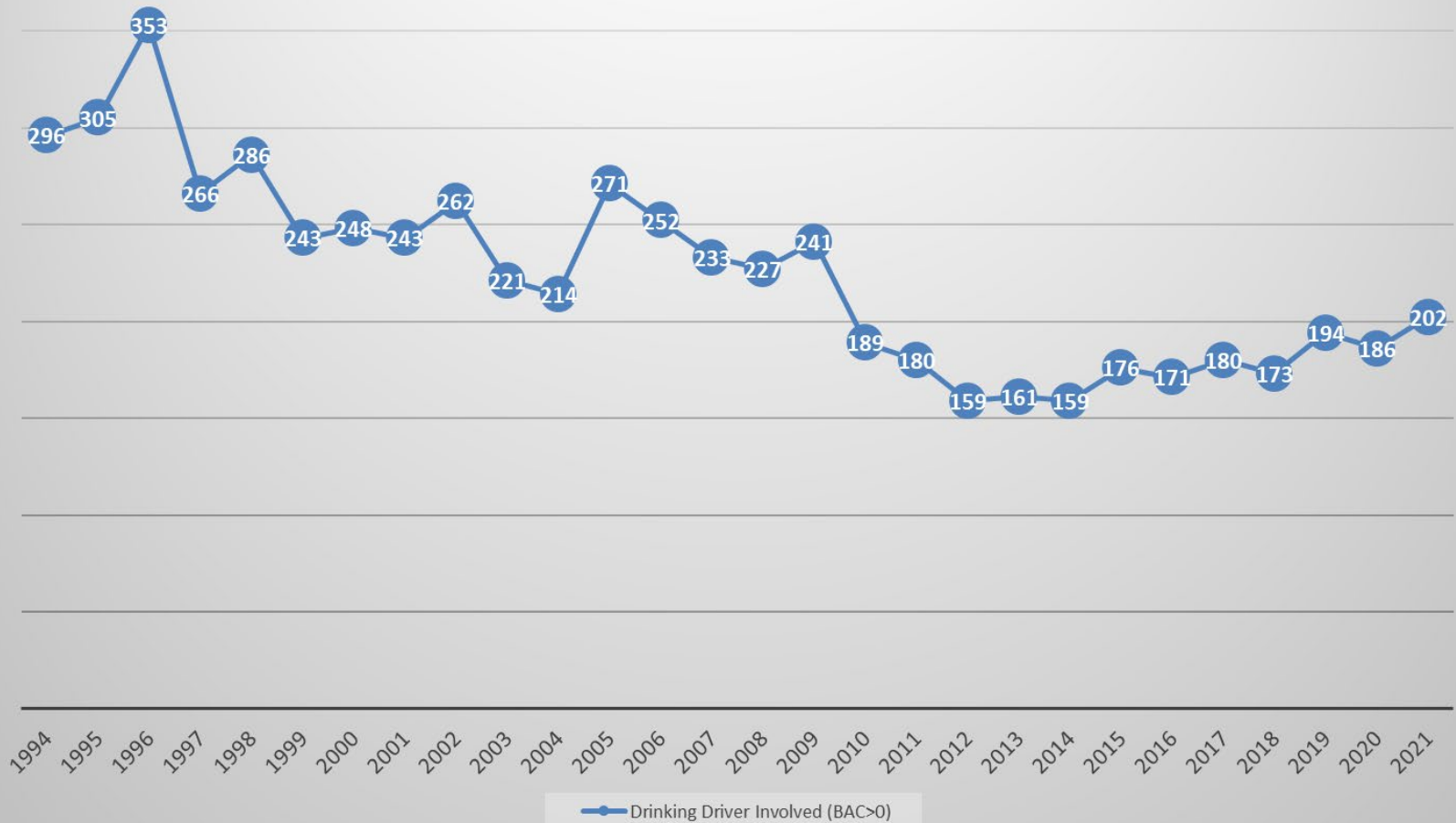


ALCOHOL IMPAIRMENT



Alcohol Impairment in WA Traffic Fatalities

Traffic Fatalities Involving an Alcohol-Positive Driver in Washington, 1994-2021

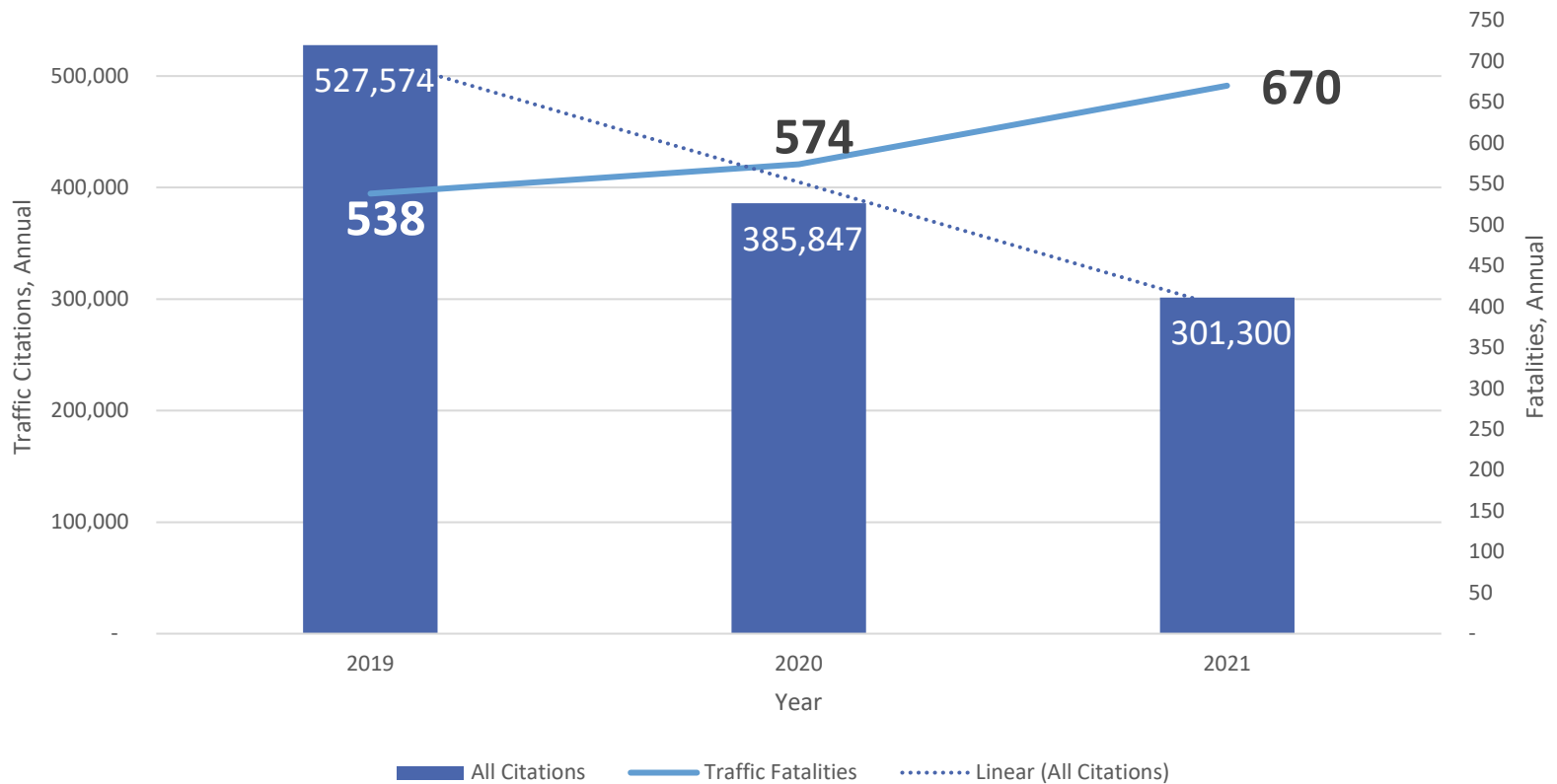


ENFORCEMENT



COMPARING FATALITIES AND TRAFFIC CITATION TRENDS BY YEAR, 2019-21

Changes in Traffic Citations Issued and Traffic Fatalities, Washington, 2019-2021



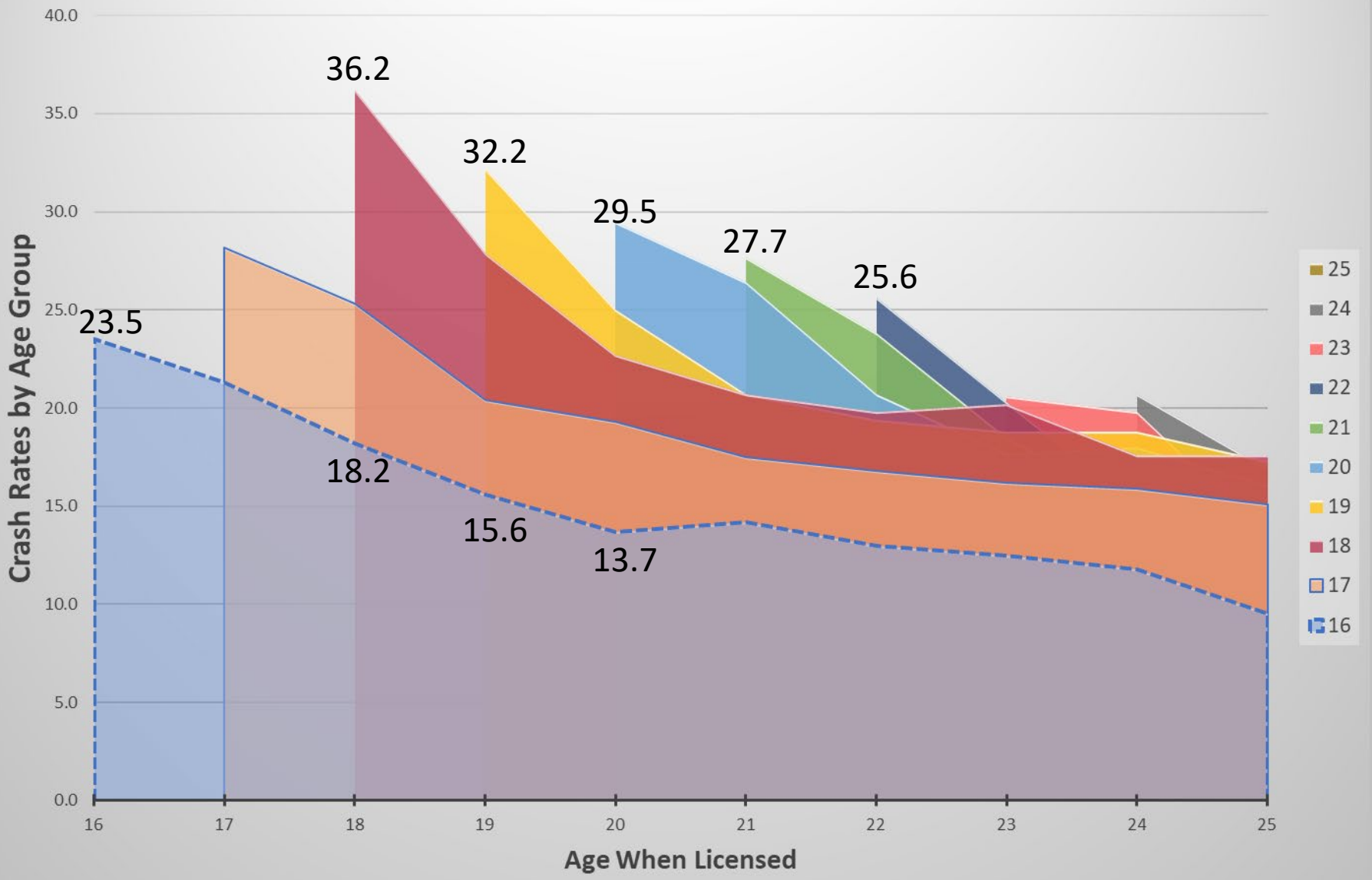
YOUNG DRIVERS



DRIVER EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

- 18–25-year-old drivers who have not had driver education had 70% higher injury and fatal crash rates
- More than half wait or plan to wait until 18+ to avoid the driver training requirement due to cost
- Consequently, only 45% of drivers 16-25 have completed driver education (DOL, 2016-21)

Crash Rates per 1,000 Licensed Drivers, 2016-2020 (Drivers Licensed at 16-17 required to complete driver training course)



A PERFECT STORM

- Our current system does not require driver education or structured supervision (Intermediate License) past the age of 17
- Due to the added expense, many young drivers have to wait or choose to wait to obtain a license (disproportionately low income, Black, and Hispanic drivers)
- Consequently, new drivers at ages 18-21 experience the highest rates of injury and fatal crash involvement

SAFE SYSTEM APPROACH





**TOGETHER
WE GET
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Questions

THANK YOU

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