



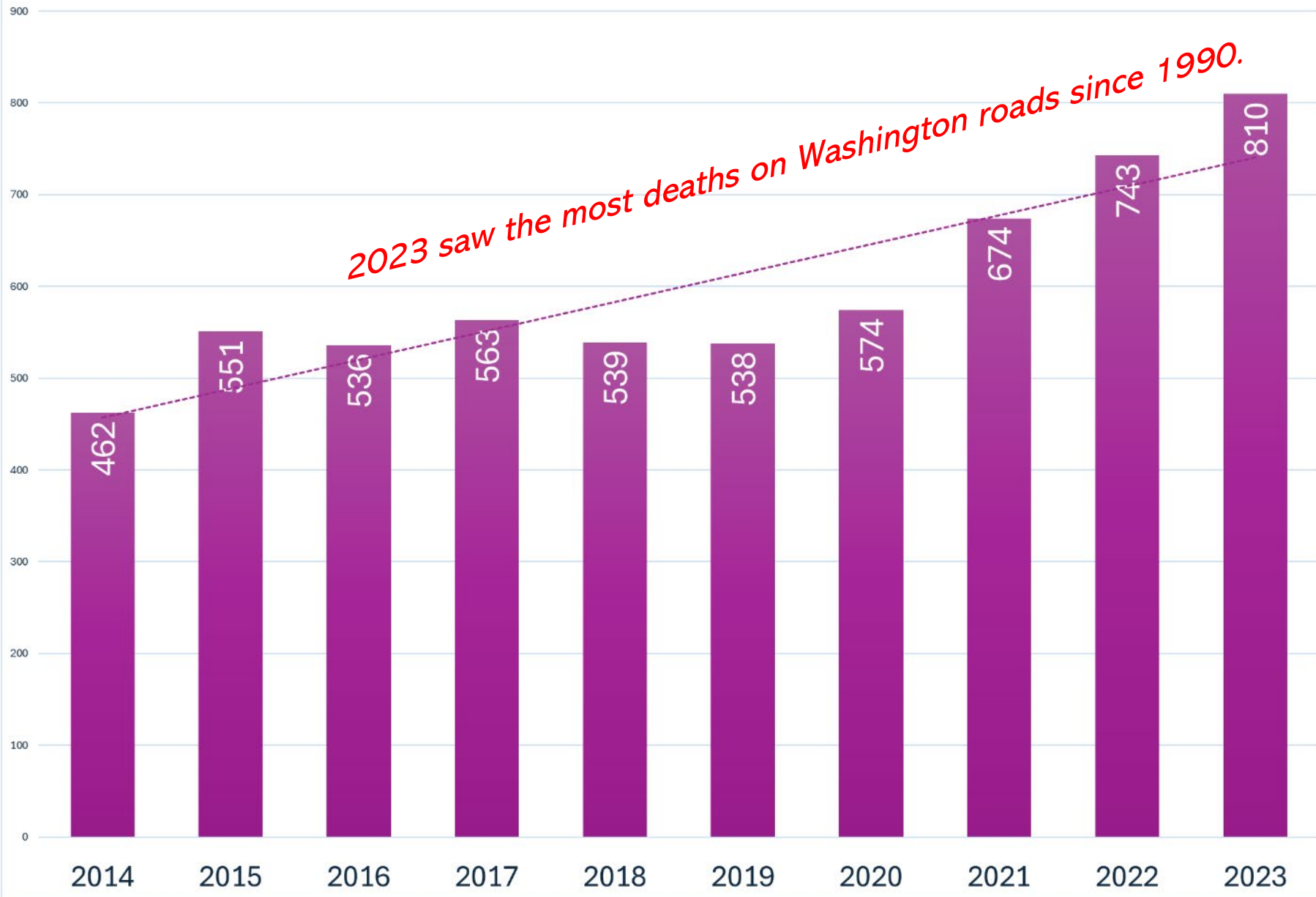
TRAFFIC FATALITIES, RISK FACTORS, ENFORCEMENT & STATEWIDE SURVEY

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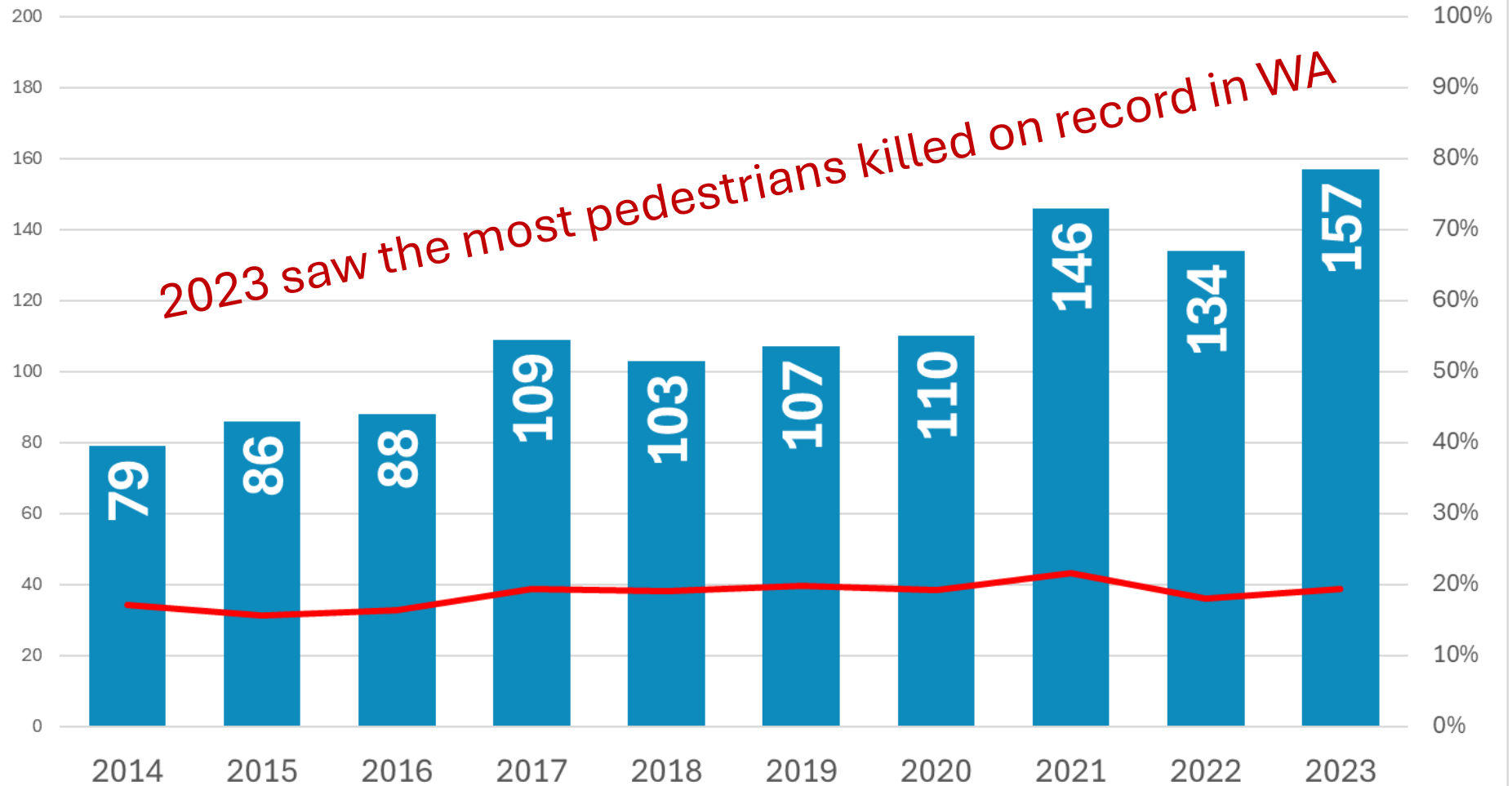
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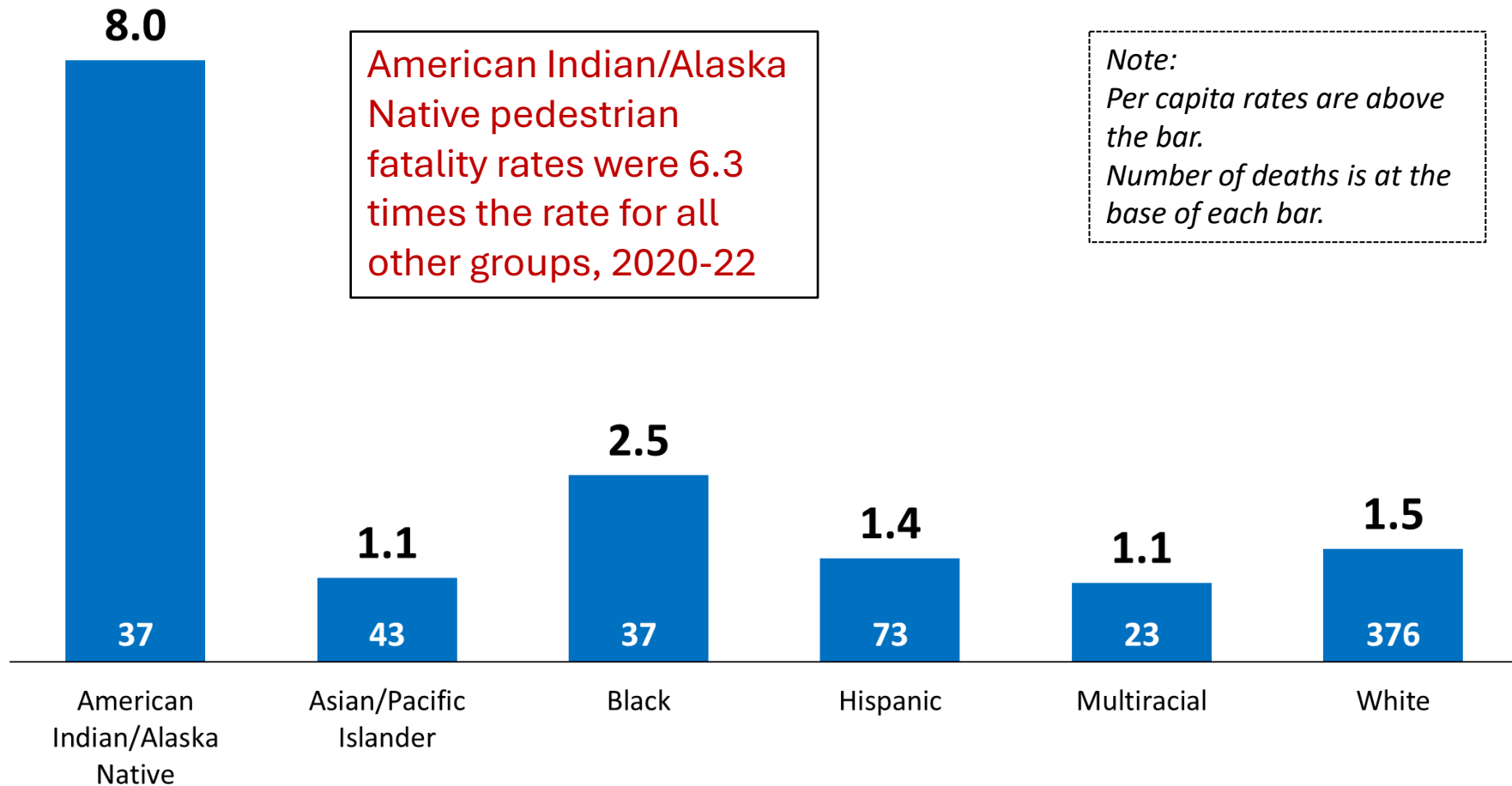
Washington Traffic Fatalities, 2014-2023 (2023 is preliminary)



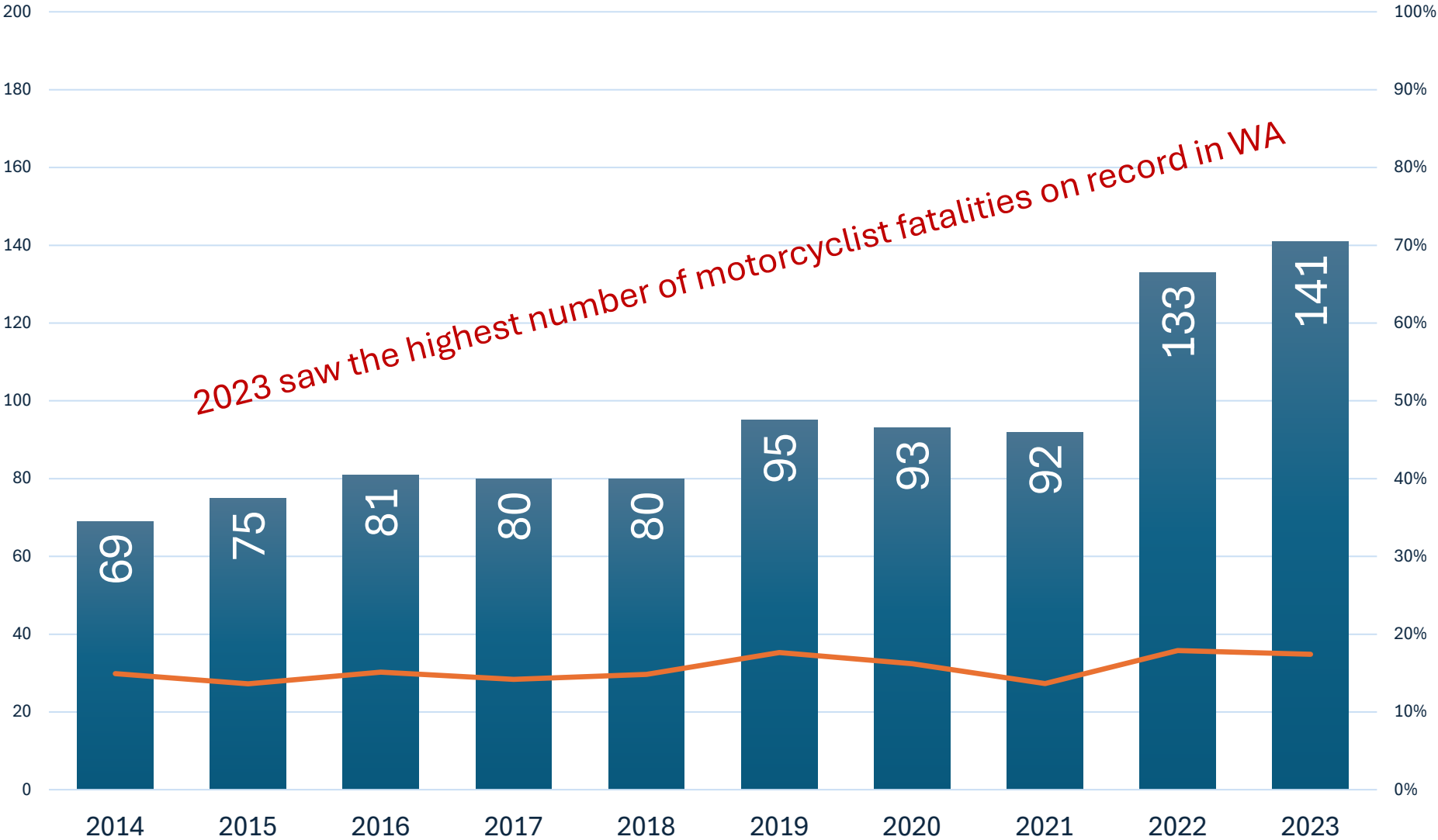
Washington Pedestrian Fatalities and percentage of total, 2014-2023 (2023 is preliminary)



Pedestrian Fatality Rates per 100,000 Population and Total Pedestrian Fatalities in Washington by Race/Ethnicity, 2018-2022

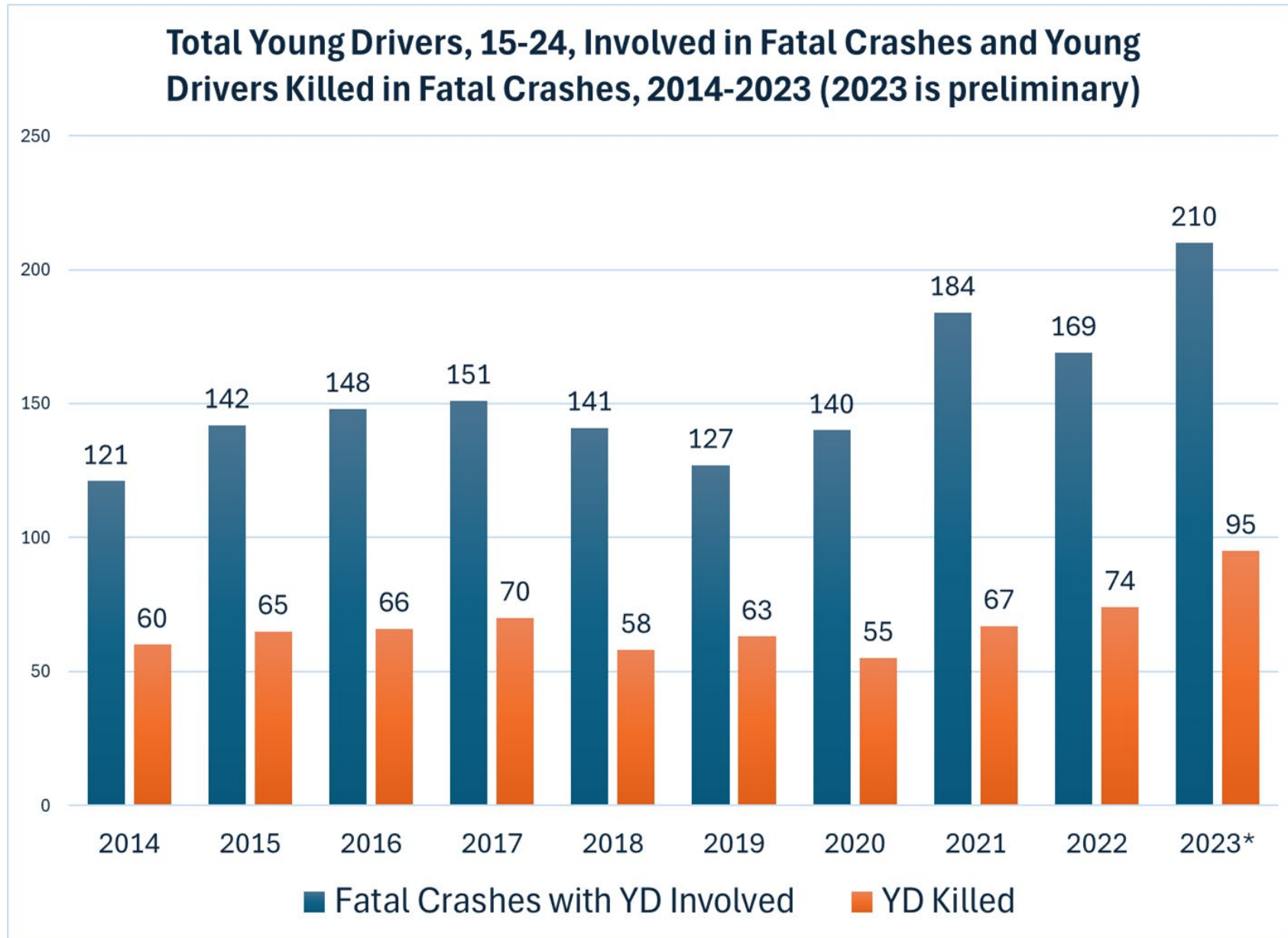


Motorcyclist Fatalities in Washington, 2014-2023* (2023 is preliminary)



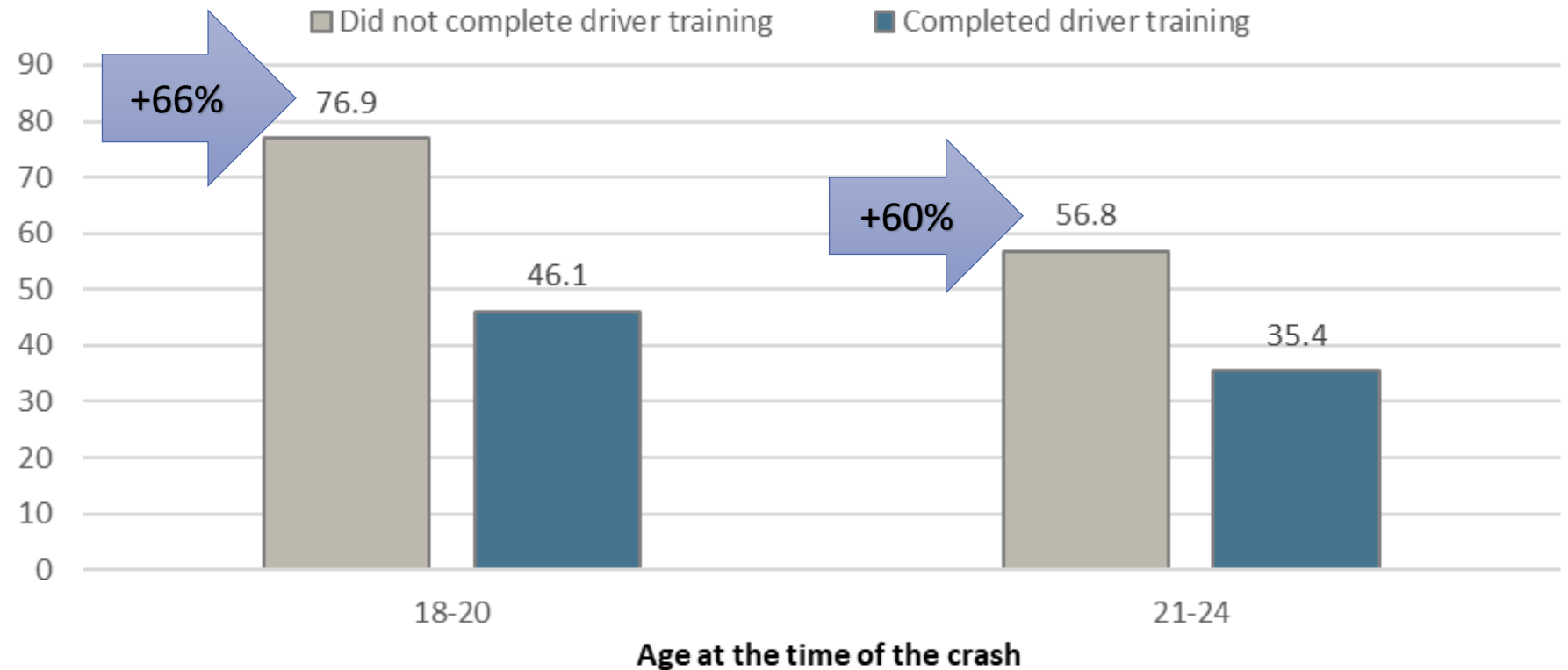
2023 saw the highest number of motorcyclist fatalities on record in WA

YOUNG DRIVERS



DRIVER EDUCATION & CRASH RISK

Young driver crash involvement rates for 18-24 year olds involved in crashes in Washington State by driver training completion status
Crash rates are young drivers involved in crashes per 1,000 licensed drivers for 2020-2022



Notes: Only young drivers who were likely first licensed in Washington State prior to the date of the crash are included. Crash rates are calculated using average annual crashes and licensed driver counts for 2020 through 2022. This chart includes all crashes (including non-injury, injury, unknown injury, and fatal crashes).

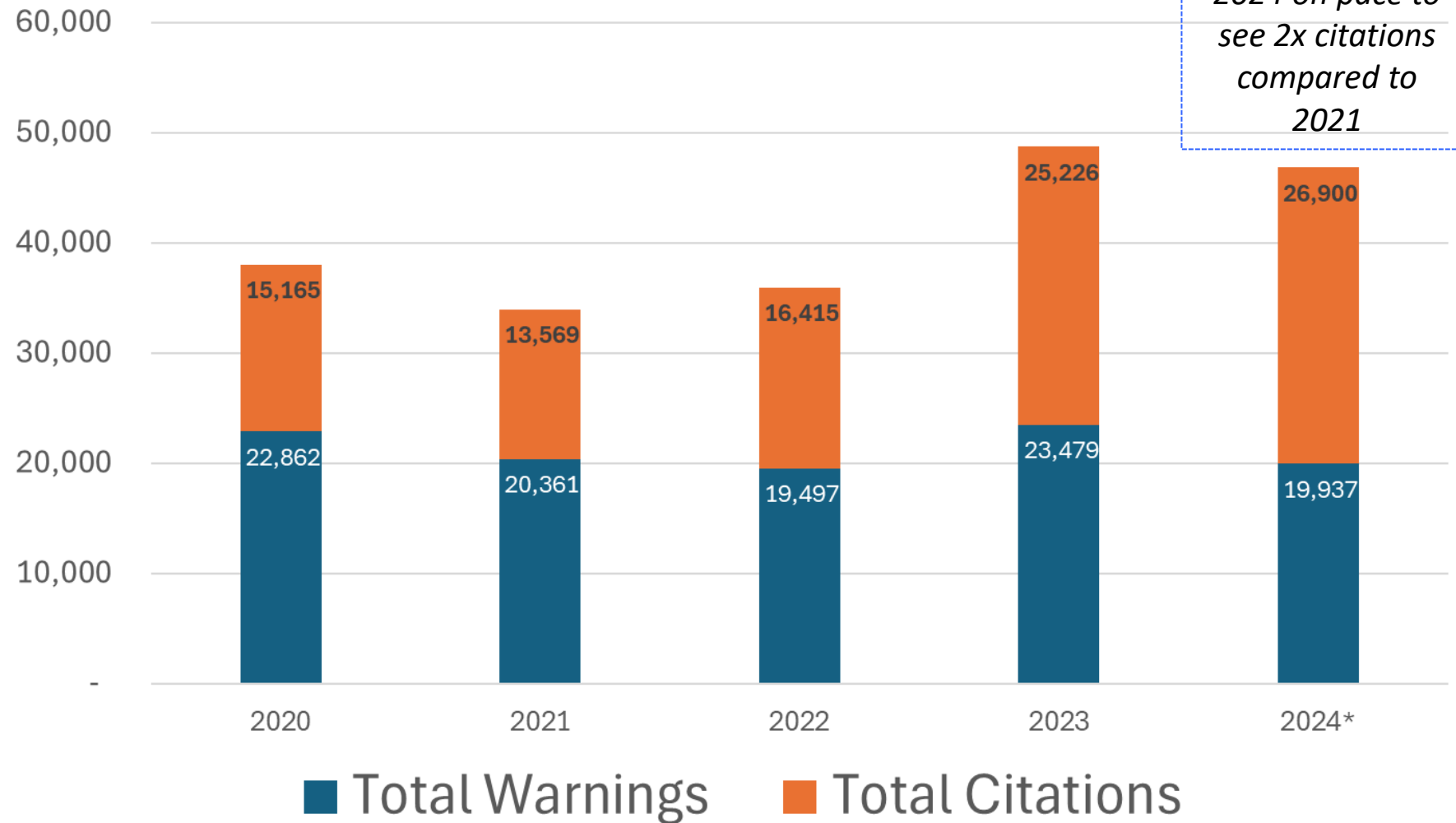
HIGH-VISIBILITY ENFORCEMENT GOAL: PREVENT/DETER HIGH-RISK BEHAVIOR

- Dedicated campaigns focused on one or more high-risk driving behaviors: impairment, speeding, distraction, and/or lack of seatbelt use.
- Time limited: one day, one weekend, one week, one month.
- Law enforcement highly visible, supported by public information through press releases to traditional media, social media posts, PSAs, etc.
- Often multi-jurisdictional; may be local, regional, or statewide.
- May be timed with national campaigns, local events, or in response to trends in crashes or violations observed.



HIGH-VISIBILITY ENFORCEMENT INCREASING

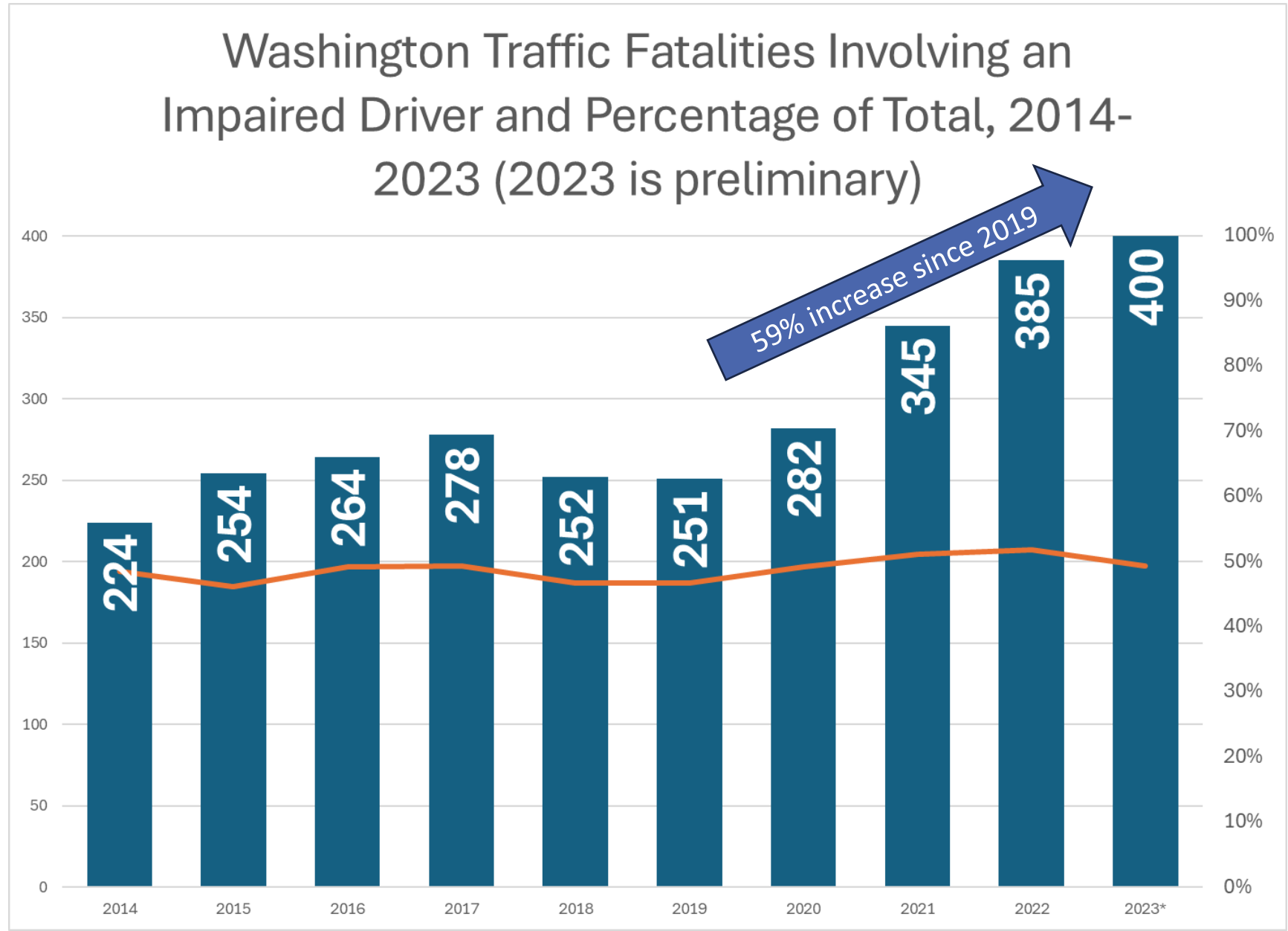
WTSC-funded High Visibility Enforcement Patrols by State and Local Law Enforcement: All Warnings and Citations, 2020 - September 2024



Source: Officer patrol logs submitted to WTSC. 2024 data are preliminary through 9/30/24.

IMPAIRED DRIVING

Washington Traffic Fatalities Involving an Impaired Driver and Percentage of Total, 2014-2023 (2023 is preliminary)



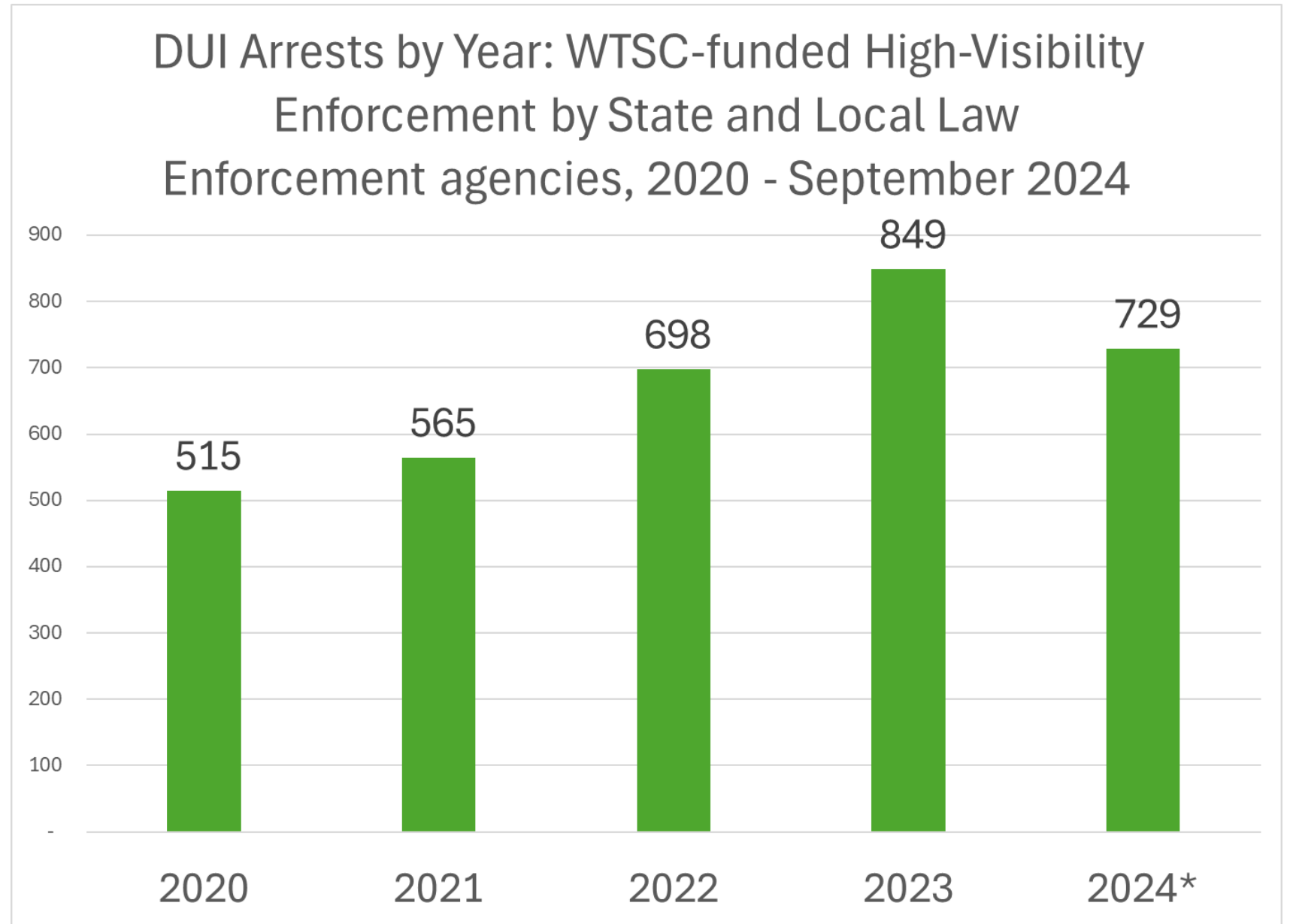
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2023-2024 Statewide Traffic Safety Survey Results (N=21,523)	Percent of respondents
Report driving under the influence of alcohol: Last 12 months	5.3%
Percent who believe it is dangerous to drive within an hour of consuming 2+ drinks of alcohol.	98%
Support for enforcement of alcohol-impaired DUI laws.	84%

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2023-2024 Statewide Traffic Safety Survey Results (N=21,523)	Percent of respondents
Report driving under the influence of cannabis: Last 12 months.	5.2%
Believe that it is dangerous to drive within one hour of consuming cannabis.	97%
Support for enforcement of cannabis-impaired driving laws.	78%

DUI ARRESTS DURING WTSC-FUNDED HVE CAMPAIGNS



Source: officer patrol logs submitted to WTSC. 2024 data are preliminary through 9/30/24.

WASHINGTON STATE FAIR: PIERCE COUNTY TASKFORCE EMPHASIS PATROLS

Organized by Pierce County Law Enforcement Liaison and Taskforce Coordinator,
Sgt. David Obermiller, Puyallup PD

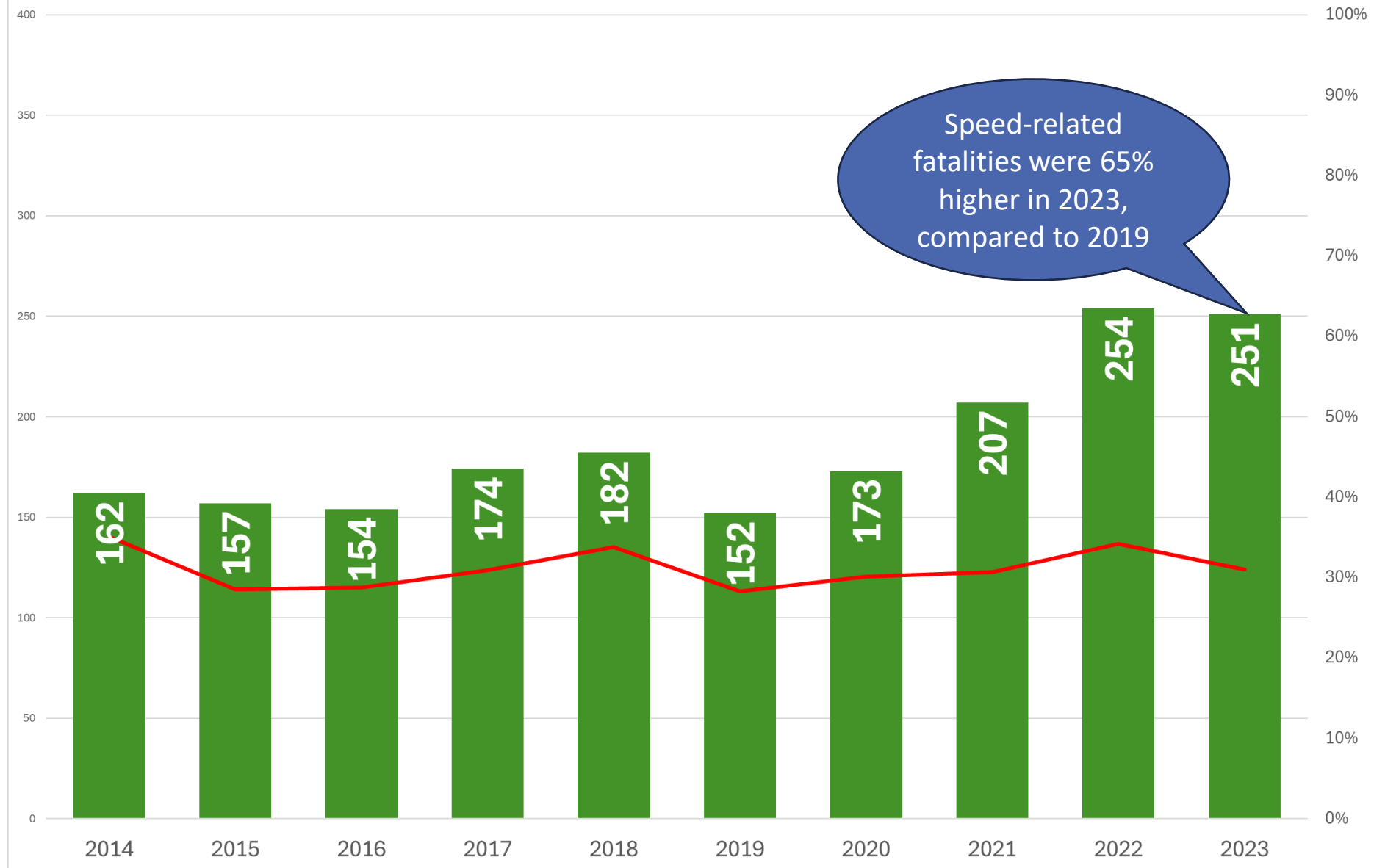
- 806 Total Contacts, 672 Total Citations, 252 Total Warnings
- 90 DUI Arrests by Taskforce Participants
- 52% impaired by alcohol, 42% other drugs, 6% alcohol and drugs

Also:

- 308 speeding citations
- 48 using electronic device citations
- 31 seatbelt citations

EXCESSIVE SPEED

Washington Traffic Fatalities involving a Speeding Driver and percentage of total, 2014-2023 (2023 numbers are preliminary)



Speed-related fatalities were 65% higher in 2023, compared to 2019

SPEED RESPONSES: STATEWIDE SURVEY, 2023-2024 (N= 21,523)

Self Report: Behavior

Drove 10+ mph over posted speeds within last 30 days?	
Usually/Always	13%
Sometimes/Seldom	58%
Never	29%

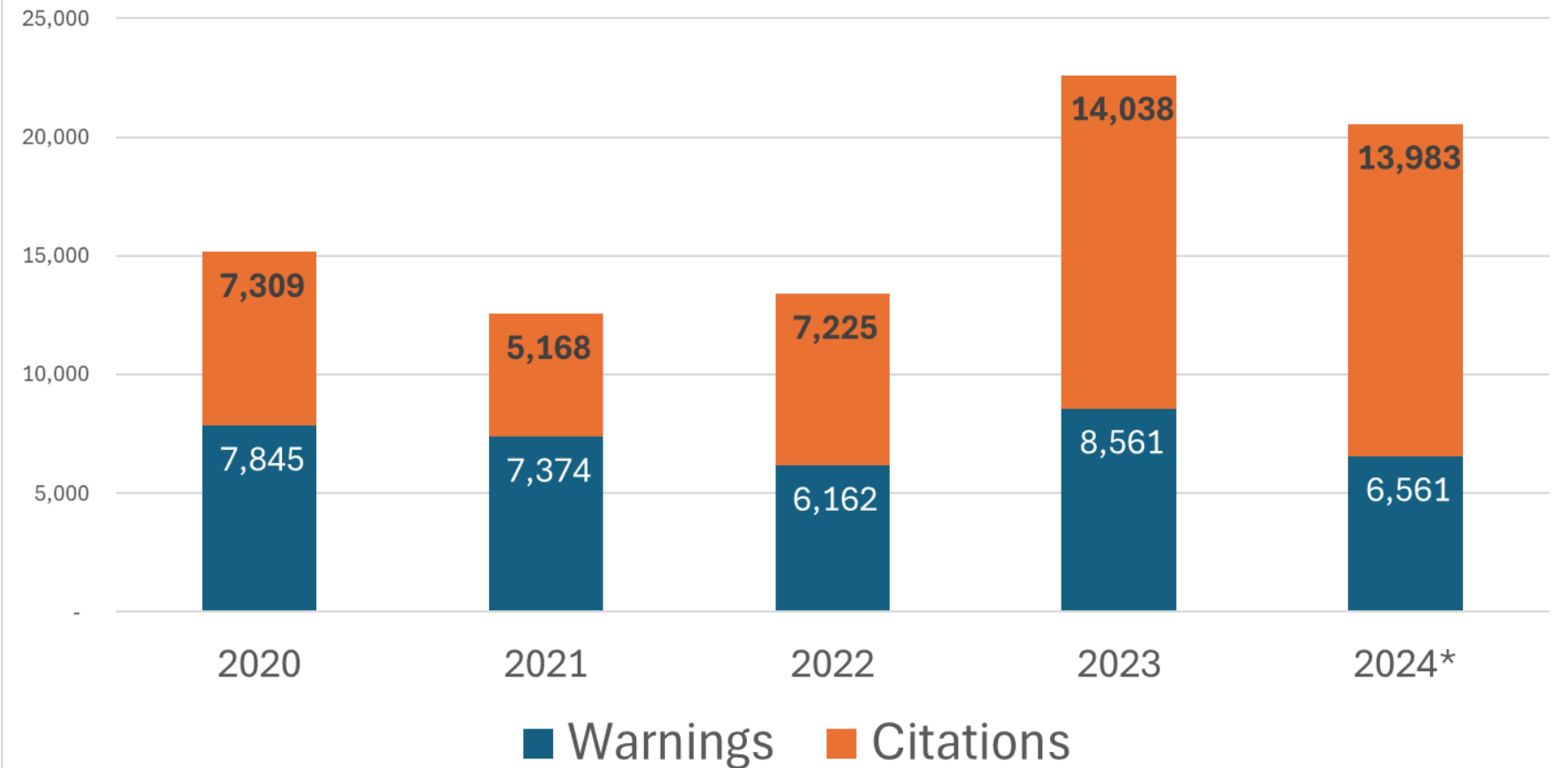
Attitudes: Risk

How dangerous to drive 10+ mph over limit?	
Very/extremely	38%
Slightly/moderately	58%
Not at all	4%

63% of respondents support speed enforcement

WTSC- FUNDED HVE: SPEEDING CITATIONS AND WARNINGS

Speeding: Infractions and Warnings, WTSC-funded High-Visibility Enforcement by State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies, 2020 - September 2024



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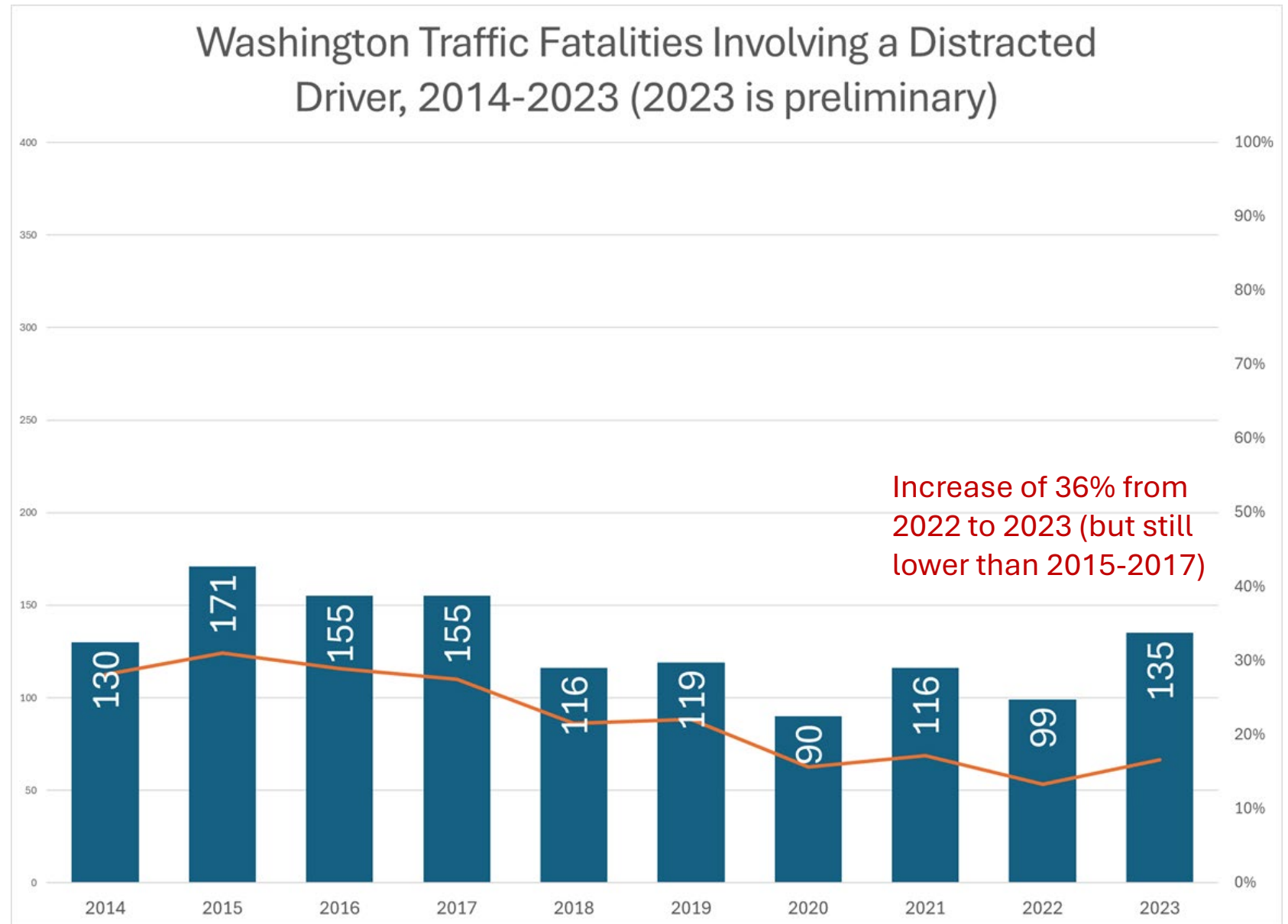
ONE LAST STOP HVE, IN HONOR OF WSP TROOPER GADD, BADGE #927

September 27-28, 2024, HVE involving law enforcement agencies across Washington, Oregon, and Idaho.

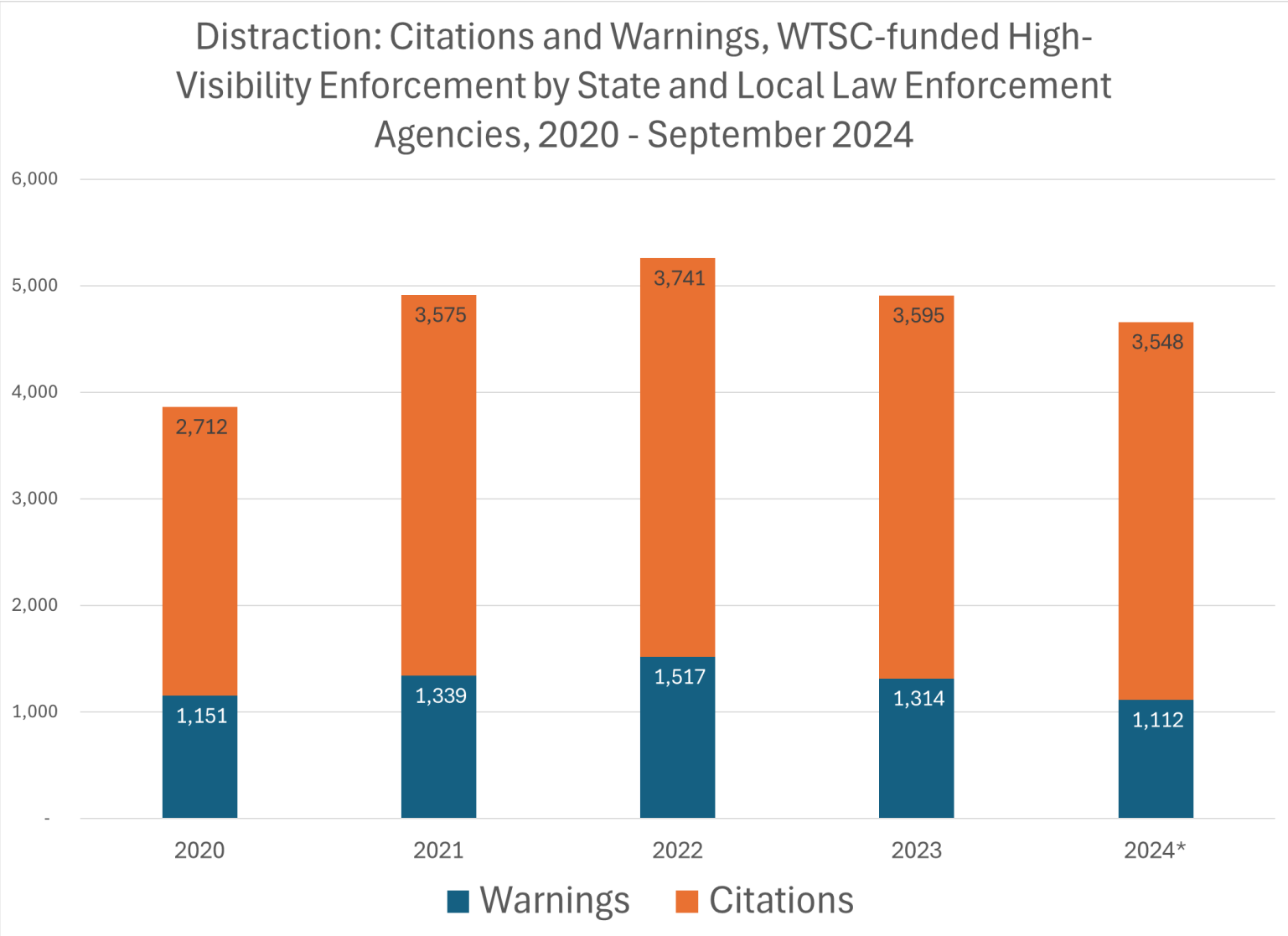
EXAMPLE -- Log notes from Sgt. Tyson Luce, Auburn Police Department:

- *22 Speed infractions (out of 36 total infractions).*
- *Fastest: 67 in a 35 mph zone.*
- *Average Speed: 20.1 mph over the speed limit*
- *2 Cellphone Distraction.*
- *1 Driving with License Suspended (DWLS), 3rd degree.*
- *1 Ignition Interlock Device violation arrest.*

DISTRACTED DRIVING



WTSC-FUNDED HVE: DISTRACTION CITATIONS AND WARNINGS



Source: officer patrol logs submitted to WTSC. 2024 data are preliminary through 9/30/24.

DISTRACTION RESPONSES: STATEWIDE SURVEY, 2023-2024 (N= 21,523)

- Self Report: Behavior

Driven within the last 12 months while manually interacting with cell phone	
Usually/Always	4%
Sometimes/Seldom	35%
Never	71%

- Attitudes: Risk

How dangerous to drive while manually interacting with cell phone?	
Very/extremely	85%
Slightly/moderately	14%
Not at all	<1%

Most (78%) respondents support enforcement of driving while using cell phone.

Questions?

Thank You

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