



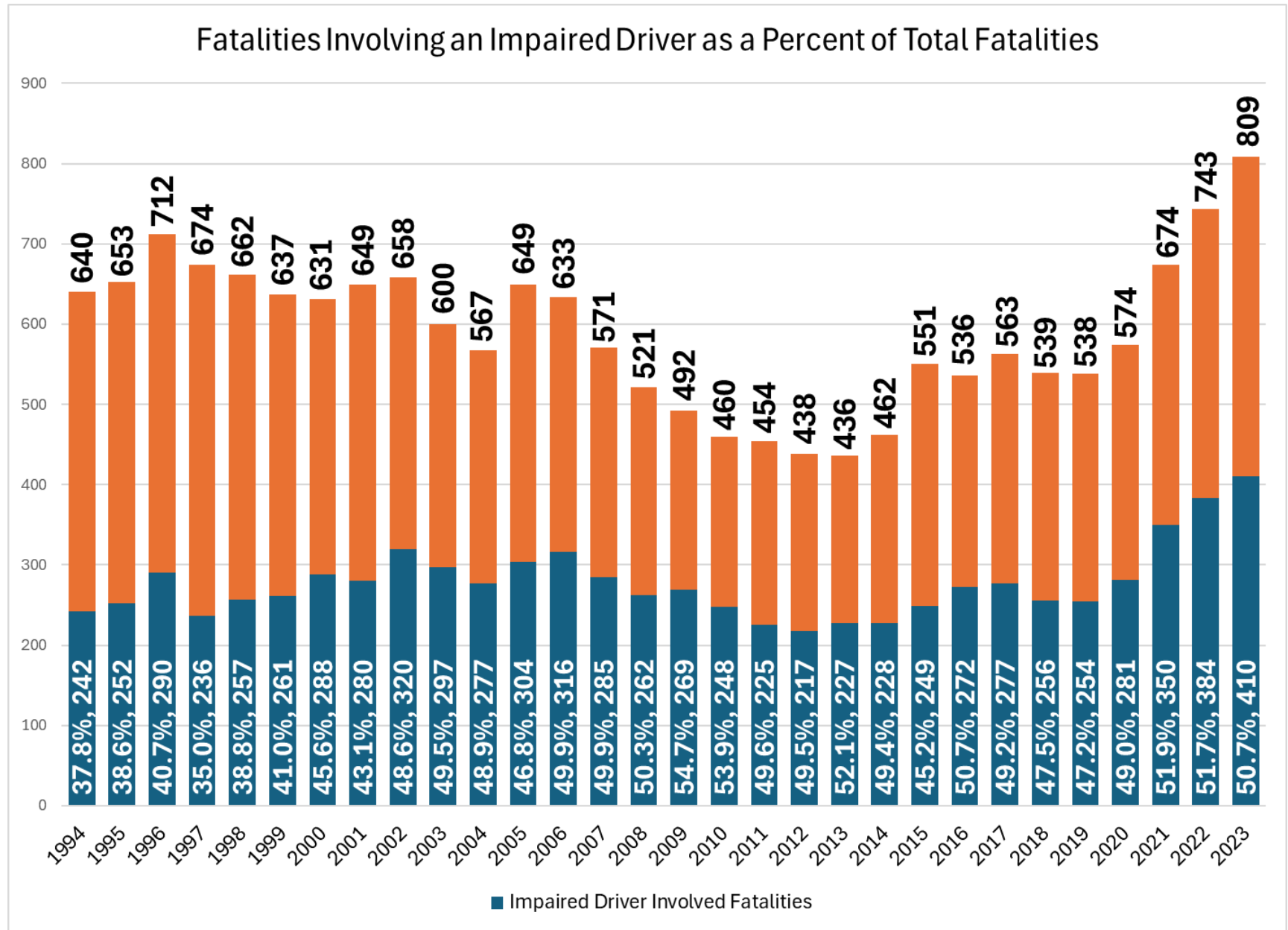
IMPAIRED DRIVING, ALCOHOL, AND TRAFFIC FATALITIES

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TRAFFIC FATALITIES, 1994-2023:

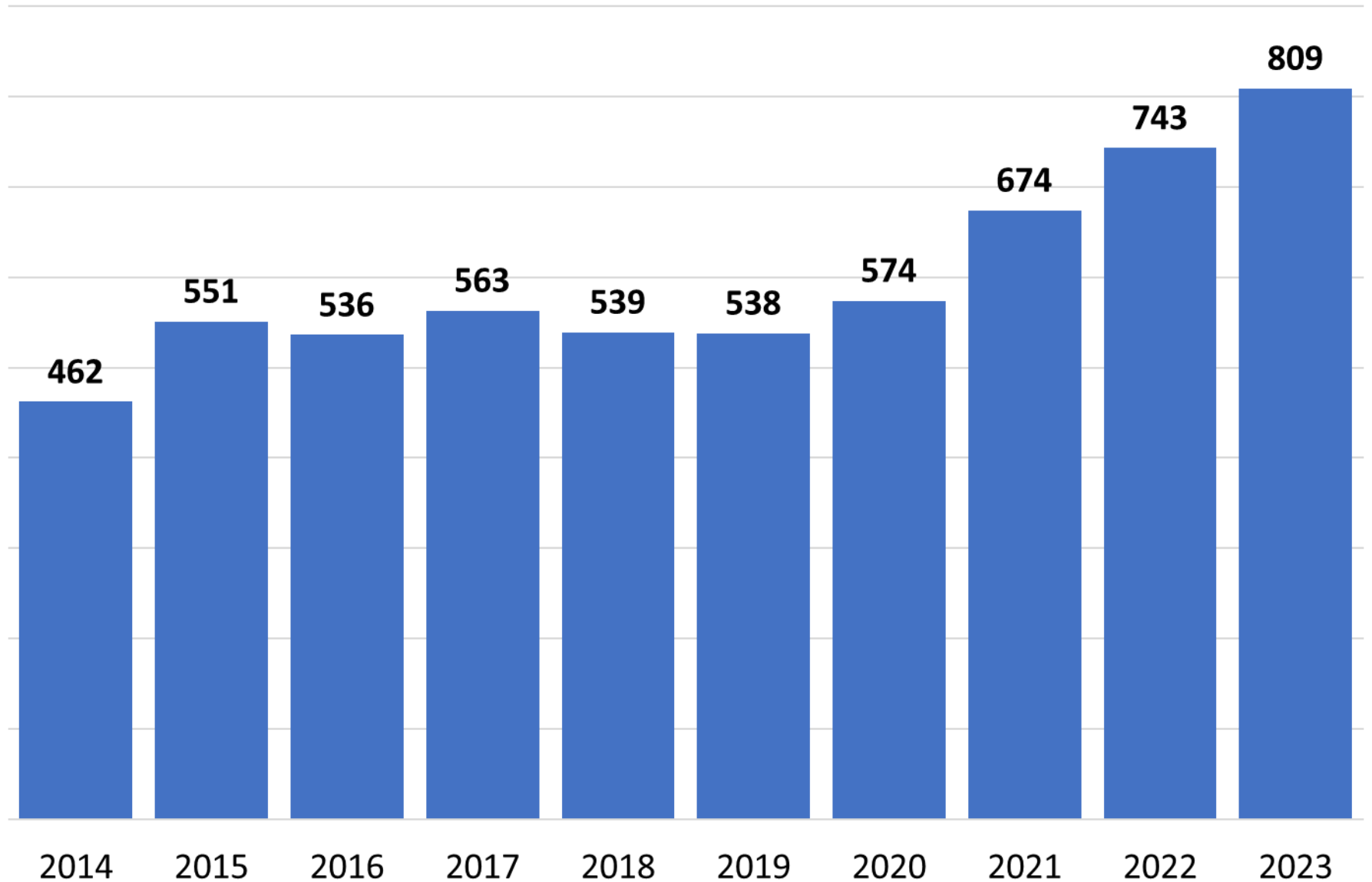
IMPAIRED DRIVER-INVOLVED: 8,314 (47%)

ALL FATALITIES: 17,726



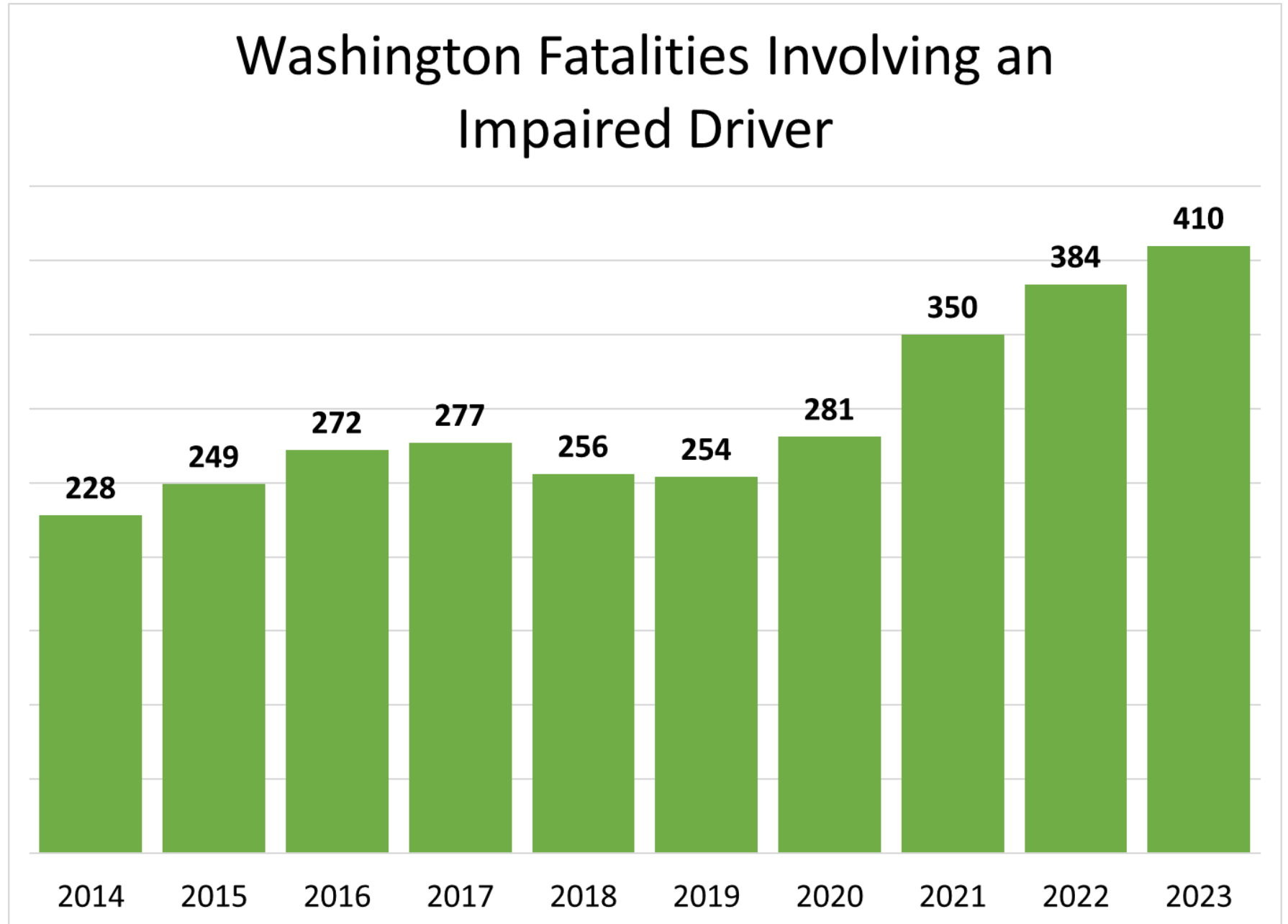
Washington Traffic Fatalities

Traffic fatalities increased by 75% from 2014 to 2023



FATALITIES INVOLVING AN IMPAIRED DRIVER INCREASED 80% FROM 2014 TO 2023

TOTAL: 2,961



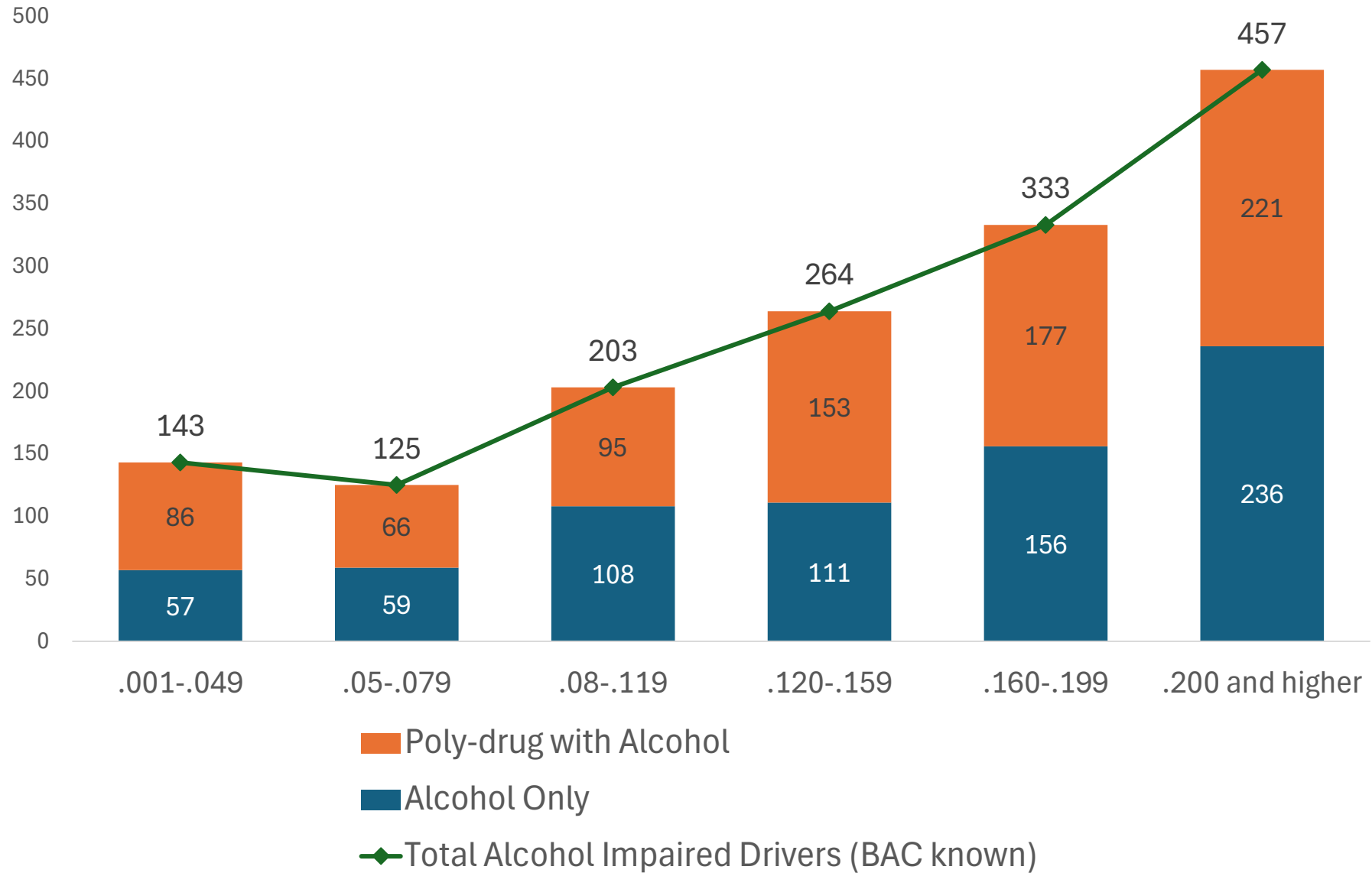
1994-2023:

31% OF ALL DRIVERS
INVOLVED IN A FATAL CRASH
WERE IMPAIRED BY *ALCOHOL*

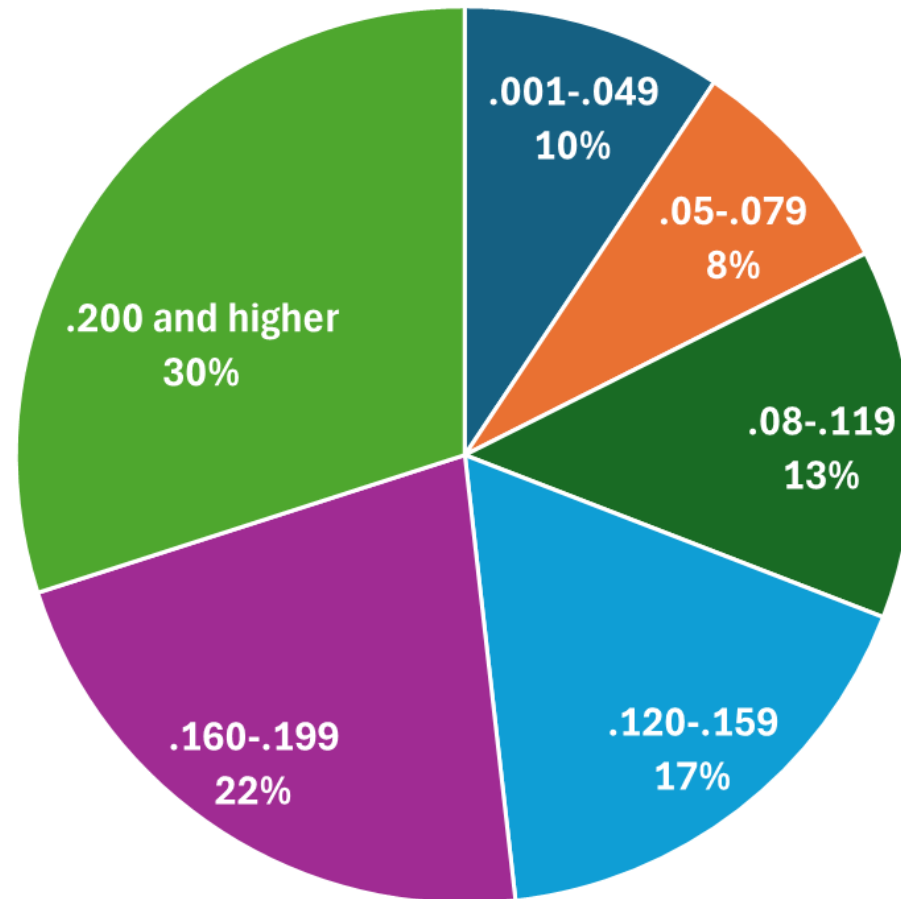
THEY REPRESENTED 65% OF
ALL IMPAIRED DRIVERS



Known Blood Alcohol Concentration of Alcohol-Only or Poly-Drug with Alcohol Impaired Drivers Involved in Fatal Crashes, 2014-2023

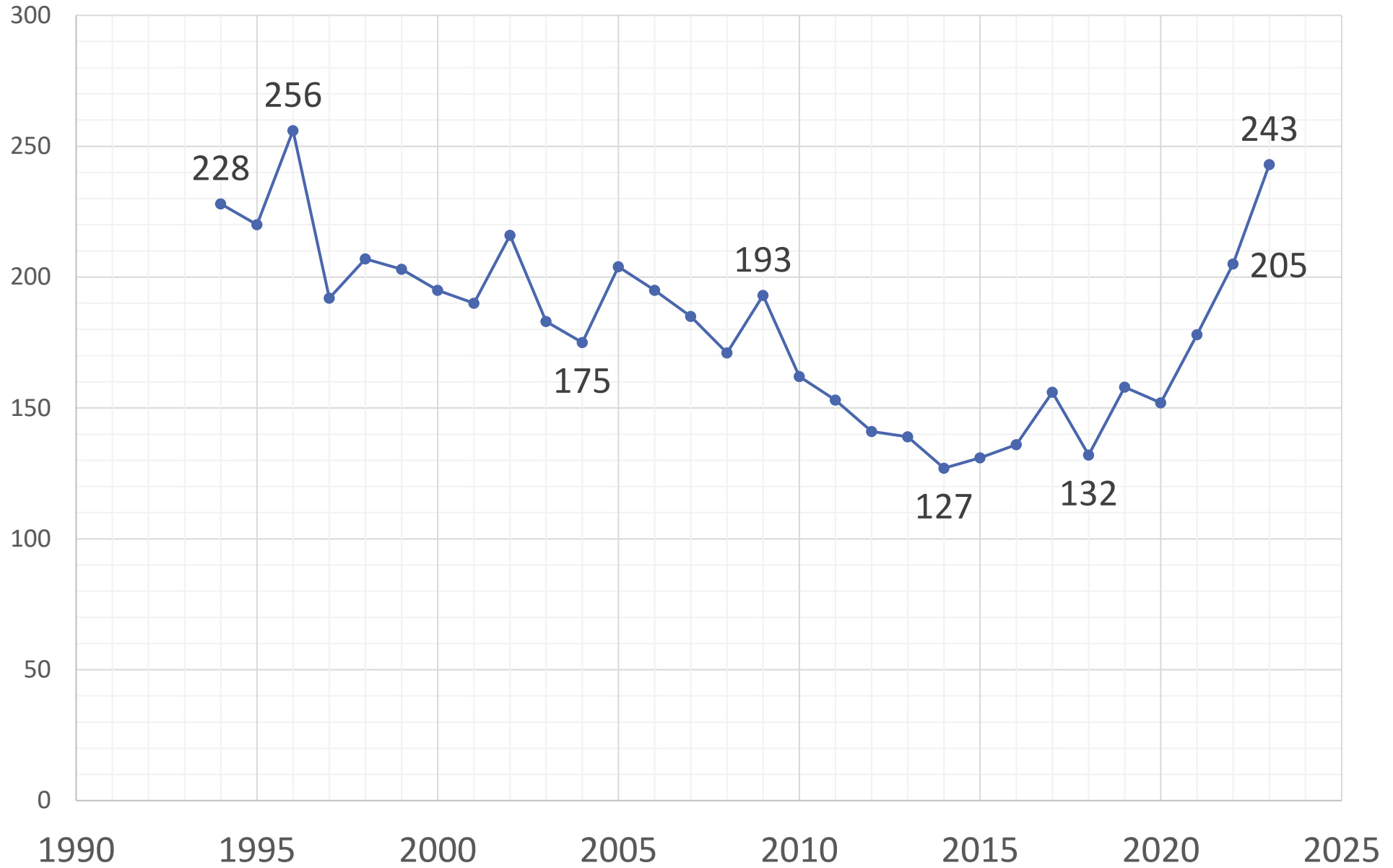


Known Blood Alcohol Concentrations of Impaired Drivers Involved in Fatal
Crashes Who Tested Positive for Alcohol, 2014-2023
Includes Drivers with Alcohol Only or Poly-drug Impairment with Alcohol
(N=1,525)



Source: WTSC Coded Fatal Crash (CFC) files.

WA Fatalities with Alcohol-Impaired Driver, 1994-2023



EVIDENCE-BASED COUNTERMEASURES USED IN WASHINGTON

Legislation and licensing

- Administrative license suspension
- Minimum drinking age 21 law
- Open container laws
- Alcohol measurement devices
- Lower BAC limits* (0.08 since 1999)
- High BAC sanctions
- BAC test refusal penalties

COUNTERMEASURES
USED HERE,
CONTINUED

Enforcement

- High-visibility saturation patrols
- Alcohol measurement devices
- Integrated traffic enforcement
- Alcohol vendor compliance checks
- Zero tolerance under 21 years old (0.02 BAC)

COUNTERMEASURES USED HERE, CONTINUED

Other prevention and interventions

- Alcohol ignition interlocks
- DUI courts (in some jurisdictions)
- DUI offender monitoring, including passive and touch alcohol sensors
- Assessment and brief intervention
- Alternative transportation options
- Mass-media campaigns
- Court monitoring (in some jurisdictions)
- Program evaluation and data

Questions

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