



Roadway Departure Safety Workshop

Northwest California Counties

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Focus on Northwest Counties





Northwest Counties Counties (Stats)

County	Population	Road Miles (Thousand)	VMT (100 Million)	Caltrans District	CHP Division
Del Norte	27,301	807	2.74	1	1
Humboldt	135,383	2,572	13.41	1	1
Mendocino	87,353	1,587	12.37	1	1
Trinity	13,068	1,340	1.79	2	1
Siskiyou	43,483	3,310	9.50	2	1
Total	306,588	9,617	39.80		
California	38,993,940	195,883	3,398.43		

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Road Way Departure FHWA Definition

Movement Preceding Crash

- ☐ Leave roadway left or right
- ☐ Cross over the center line

****and / or****

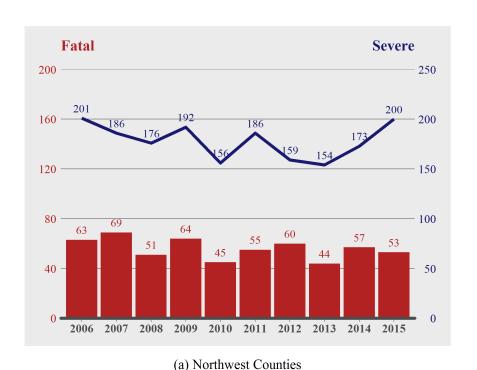
Outcome (If any of these happen its assumed vehicle left roadway)

- ☐ Hit object
- ☐ Roll over
- ☐ Head on

Fatal & Severe Injury Trends (Roadway Departure)

Fatal

3,500



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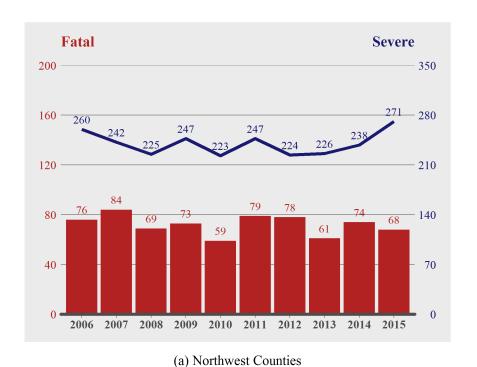
Severe

7,500

(b) Rest of the State

Source: SWITRS 2006 – 2015

All Fatal & Severe Injury Trends (Northwest Counties vs. California)

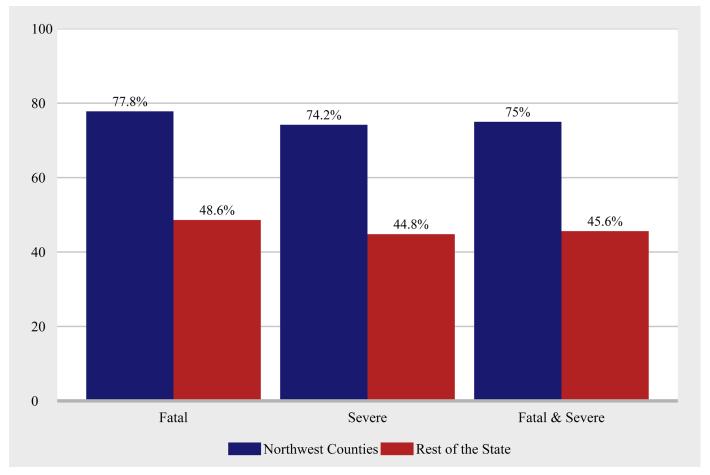


Severe **Fatal** 8,000 15,000 13,089 13,133 12,000 6,400 10,423 10,607 10,864 10,664 10,995 4,800 9,000 4,197 3,967 2,995 3,104 3,126 3,200 2,739 2,835 6,000 1,600 3,000 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015

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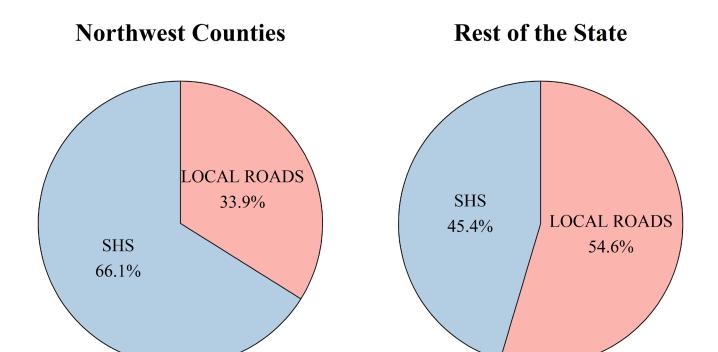
Source: SWITRS 2006 – 2015

% Fatal and Severe Injuries (Roadway Departure)



Source: SWITRS 2006 – 2015

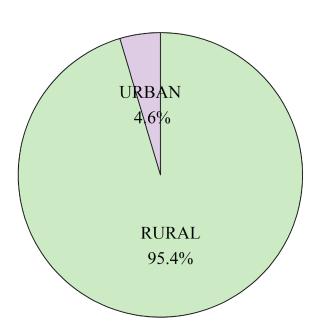
% Fatal & Severe Injuries (Lane Departures) on State Highway System (SHS) vs. Local Roads



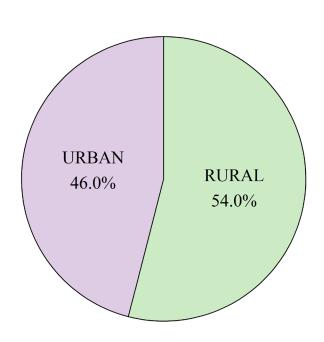
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% Fatal & Severe Injuries (Lane Departures) and Urbanicity

Northwest Counties

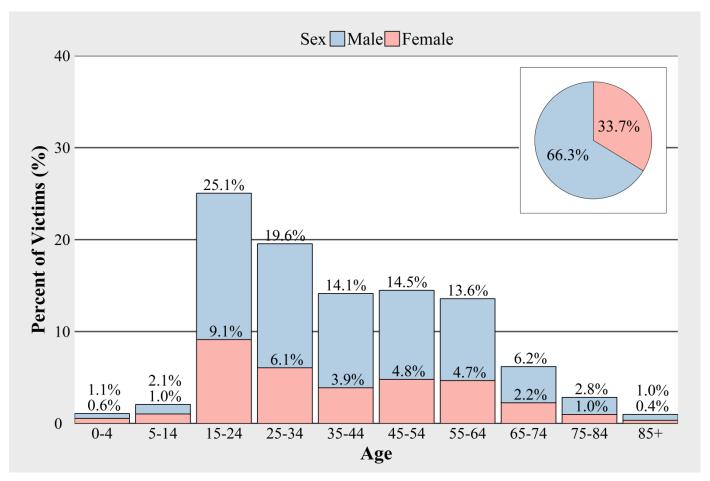


Rest of the State



Source: SWITRS 2006 - 2015

Fatal & Severe Injuries (Lane Departures) by Sex and Age (Northwest Counties)



Source: SWITRS 2006 - 2015

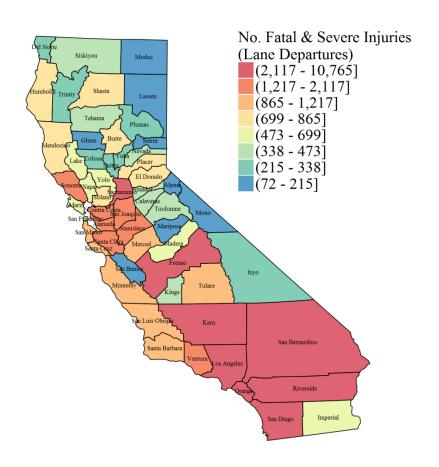
Northwest Counties and Rest of State (Summary)

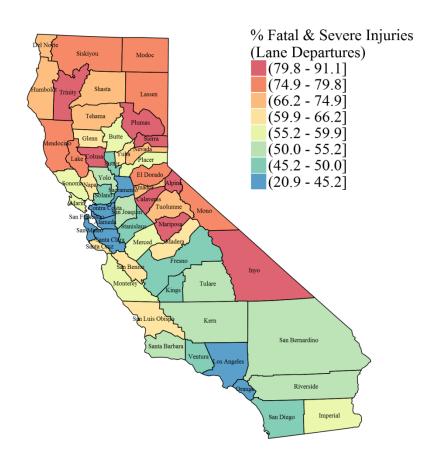
- From 2006-2015 trends downward to about 2010 <u>and then shift</u> <u>upward</u>, for <u>both</u> total and roadway departure injuries (for Northwest Counties and for the rest of the state)
- Percent of roadway departure injuries <u>higher</u> in Northwest Counties compared to rest of the state.
- Population-based roadway departure injuries <u>higher</u> in Northwest Counties compared to rest of the state.
- State Highway and rural involvement for roadway departure injuries <u>higher</u> in Northwest Counties compared to rest of the state.

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Fatal and Severe Land Departure Injuries Number (Left) and Percent of Total (Right) by County

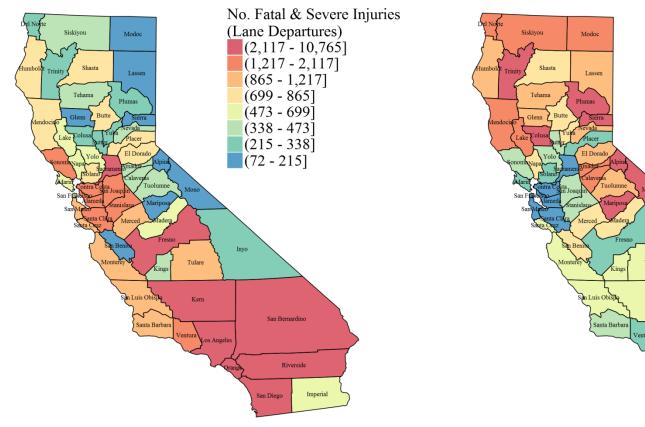


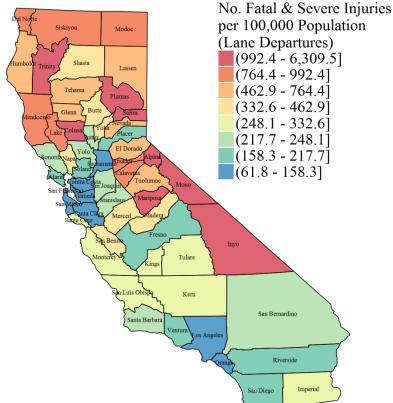


(a) Number of Fatal and Severe Injuries

(b) Percent of Fatal and Severe Injuries

Fatal and Severe Lane Departure Injuries Number (Left) and Population-Based Rate (Right) by County





(a) Number of Fatal and Severe Injuries

(b) Ratio of Fatal and Severe Injuries per 100,000 Population

Roadway Departure – Percent of Total by County

	Leave-L	ane FSI	Injuries	Total FSI Injuries		Percentage (%)			
		Severe			Severe			Severe	
County	Fatal	Injuries	FSI	Fatal	Injuries	FSI	Fatal	Injuries	FSI
Del Norte	38	79	117	53	104	157	71.7	76.0	74.5
Humbold t	103	294	397	145	433	578	71.0	67.9	68.7
Mendoci no	61	257	318	84	375	459	72.6	68.5	69.3
Siskiyou	46	144	190	56	184	240	82.1	78.3	79.2
Trinity	21	98	119	22	110	132	95.5	89.1	90.2
Total	269	872	1,141	360	1,206	1,566	74.7	72.3	72.9
California	7,187	24,337	31,524	15,487	55,072	70,559	46.4	44.2	44.7



Roadway Departure Fatal and Severe Injuries Population Based Rates Per Year (2011-2015)

County	RwD Fatal / Severe Injuries	Population	Number / 100,000 Population / Year
Del Norte	117	27,301	85.7
Humboldt	397	135,383	58.6
Mendocino	318	87,353	72.8
Trinity	119	13,068	182.1
Siskiyou	190	43,483	87.4
Total	1,141	306,588	74.4
California	31,521	38,993,940	16.2



Roadway Departure Fatal and Severe Injuries VMT Based Rates Per Year (2011-2015)

County	RwD Fatal / Severe Injuries	VMT	Number per 100 Million VMT / Year
Del Norte	117	2.74	8.5
Humboldt	397	13.41	5.9
Mendocino	318	12.37	5.1
Trinity	119	1.79	13.3
Siskiyou	190	9.50	4.0
Total	1,141	39.80	5.7
California	31,521	3,398.43	1.9

^{*}Rate = number per 100 million miles



Roadway Departure Fatal and Severe Injuries Road Miles Based Rates Per Year (2011-2015)

County	RwD Fatal / Severe Injuries	Road Miles	Number per 1000 Road Miles/Year
Del Norte	117	807	29.0
Humboldt	397	2,572	30.9
Mendocino	318	1,587	40.1
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Siskiyou	190	3,310	11.5
Total	1,141	9,617	23.7
California	31,521	195,883	32.2

Comparison Among Counties (Summary)

- The percent of fatal and severe injury roadway departure numbers vary by county among Northwest Counties
- Population-based rates vary among Northwest Counties.
- VMT-based rates vary among counties and are <u>substantially</u> <u>higher</u> in Northwest Counties
- Road mile-based rates vary among counties and are <u>somewhat lower</u> in Northwest Counties (implications for systemic approach)

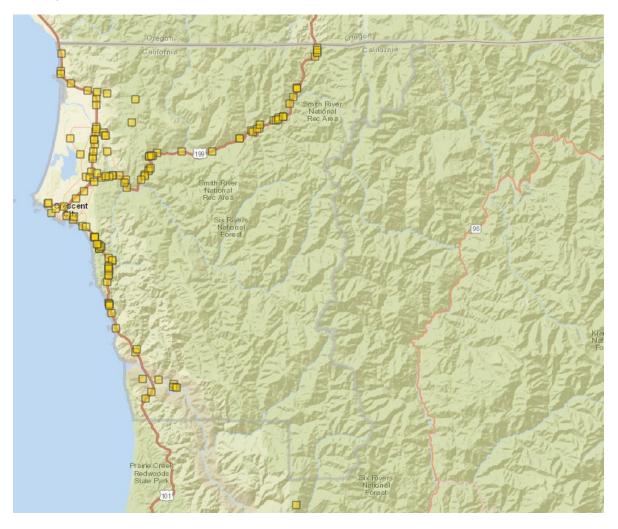
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Del Norte County Road Departure Collisions

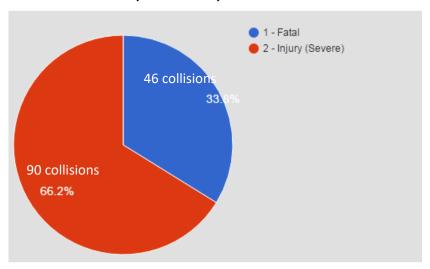
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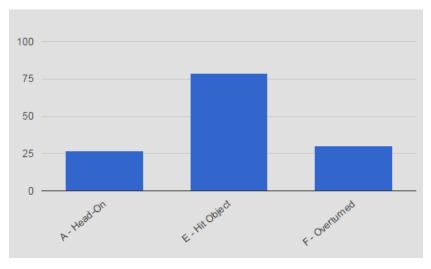
Del Norte County Road Departure collisions, from 2006-2015



136 fatal or severe road departure collisions (head on, hit object and overturned collision factors) from 2006 to 2015 in all of Del Norte County

Del Norte County Summary Statistics



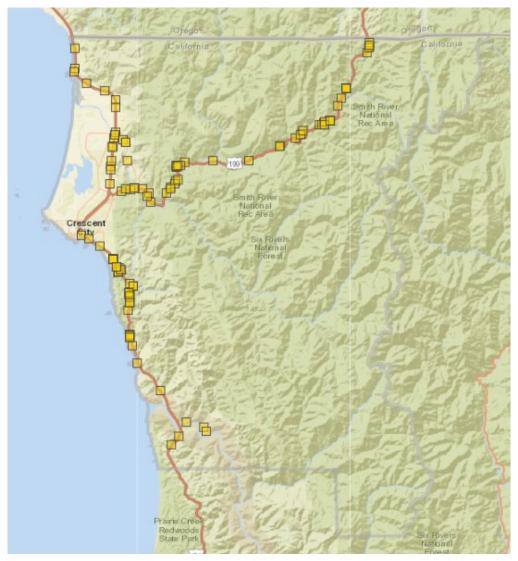


• Summary statistics for 136 collisions.

Primary Collision Factor	Collisions	Percentage
Improper Turning	51	37.5%
Driving or Bicycling Under the Influence of Alcohol or Drug	35	25.7%
Unsafe Speed	33	24.3%
Wrong Side of Road	5	3.7%
Other Than Driver (or Pedestrian)	4	2.9%
Not Stated	3	2.2%
Other Improper Driving	2	1.5%
Unknown	1	0.7%
Automobile Right of Way	1	0.7%
Other Equipment	1	0.7%

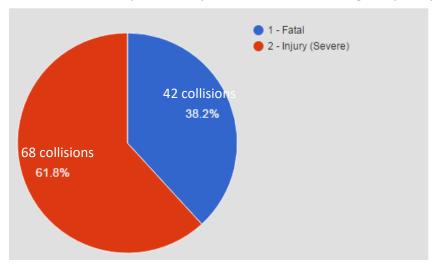
Motor Vehicle Involved With	Collisions	Percentage
Fixed Object	81	59.6%
Other Motor Vehicle	26	19.1%
Non-Collision	25	18.4%
Other Object	3	2.2%
Motor Vehicle on Other Roadway	1	0.7%

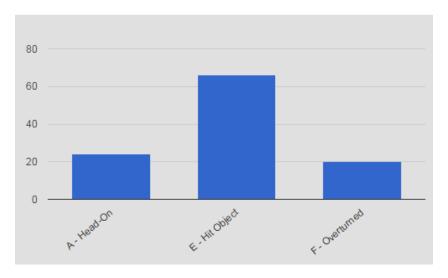
Del Norte County State Highway Only Road Departure Collisions



110 fatal or severe road departure collisions (head on, hit object and overturned collision factors) from 2006 to 2015

Del Norte County Summary Statistics for State Highway Only Road Departure Collisions

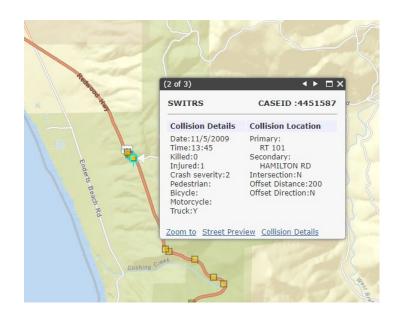




• Summary statistics for 110 collisions.

Primary Collision Factor	Collisions	Percentage
Improper Turning	44	40%
Unsafe Speed	31	28.2%
Driving or Bicycling Under the Influence of Alcohol or Drug	23	20.9%
Wrong Side of Road	5	4.5%
Other Than Driver (or Pedestrian)	3	2.7%
Not Stated	2	1.8%
Unknown	1	0.9%
Other Equipment	1	0.9%

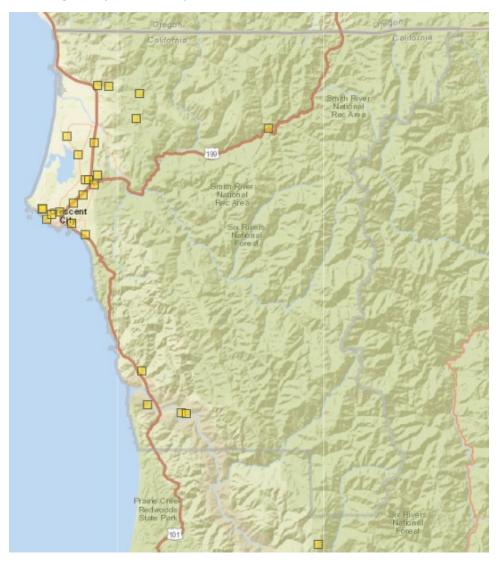
Motor Vehicle Involved With	Collisions	Percentage
Fixed Object	66	60%
Other Motor Vehicle	23	20.9%
Non-Collision	17	15.5%
Other Object	3	2.7%
Motor Vehicle on Other Roadway	1	0.9%



Example of Road Departure Collision on Highway-101

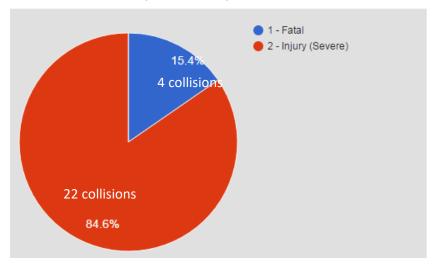


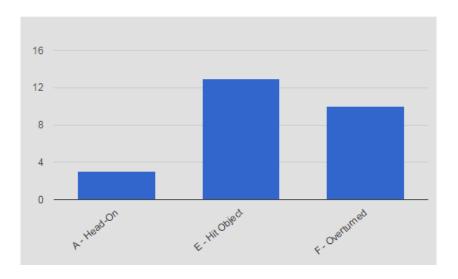
Del Norte County Non-State Highway Road Departure Collisions



26 fatal or severe road departure collisions (head on, hit object and overturned collision factors) from 2006 to 2015

Del Norte County Summary Statistics for Non-State Highway Road Departure Collisions





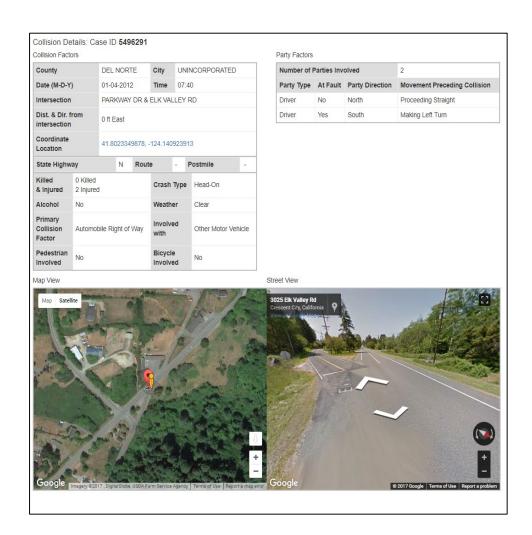
• Summary statistics for 26 collisions.

Primary Collision Factor	Collisions	Percentage
Driving or Bicycling Under the Influence of Alcohol or Drug	12	46.2%
Improper Turning	7	26.9%
Unsafe Speed	2	7.7%
Other Improper Driving	2	7.7%
Not Stated	1	3.8%
Automobile Right of Way	1	3.8%
Other Than Driver (or Pedestrian)	1	3.8%

Motor Vehicle Involved With	Collisions	Percentage
Fixed Object	15	57.7%
Non-Collision	8	30.8%
Other Motor Vehicle	3	11.5%



Example of Road Departure collision on non-state highway road



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Potential Countermeasures (To be discussed later in the program)

- Start smart program,
- Age wise, Drive smart program
- DUI checkpoints and roving enforcement
- Radar trailer deployment
- High Friction Surface Treatment
- Rumble strips
- Safety Edge

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- Road mile-based rates vary among counties and are <u>somewhat lower</u> in Northwest Counties (implications for systemic approach)
- Effective Roadway Departure countermeasures are available and will be discussed later

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Humboldt County Road Departure Collisions

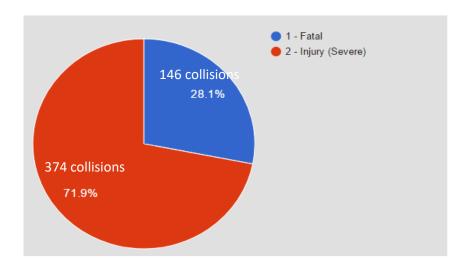
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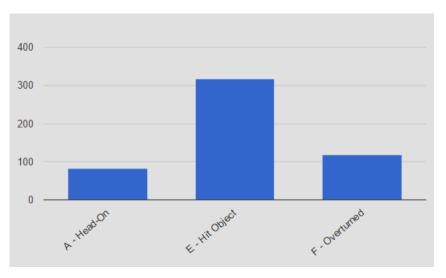
Humboldt County Road Departure collisions, from 2006-2015



520 fatal or severe road departure collisions (head on, hit object and overturned collision factors) from 2006 to 2015 in all of Humboldt County

Humboldt County Summary Statistics



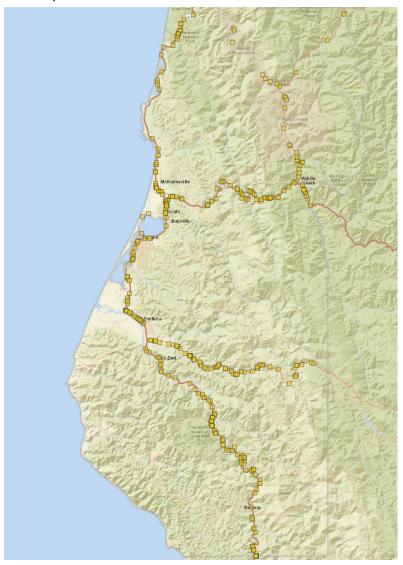


• Summary statistics for 520 collisions.

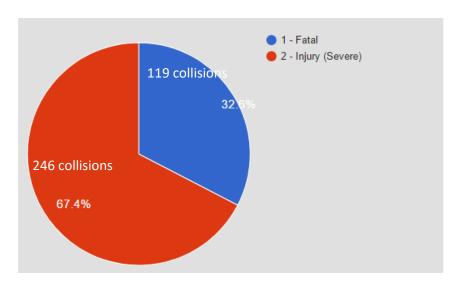
Primary Collision Factor	Collisions	Percentage
Improper Turning	190	36.5%
Driving or Bicycling Under the Influence of Alcohol or Drug	185	35.6%
Unsafe Speed	81	15.6%
Wrong Side of Road	23	4.4%
Other Than Driver (or Pedestrian)	14	2.7%
Automobile Right of Way	6	1.2%
Other Hazardous Violation	6	1.2%
Not Stated	4	0.8%
Unknown	2	0.4%
Other Improper Driving	2	0.4%
Improper Passing	1	0.2%
Unsafe Lane Change	1	0.2%
Traffic Signals and Signs	1	0.2%
Hazardous Parking	1	0.2%
Brakes	1	0.2%
Other Equipment	1	0.2%
Unsafe Starting or Backing	1	0.2%

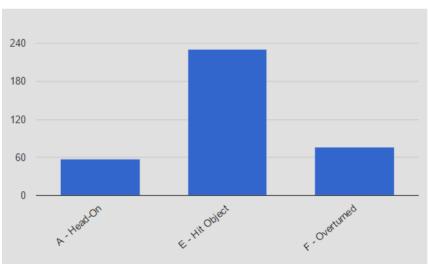
Motor Vehicle Involved With	Collisions	Percentage
Fixed Object	309	59.4%
Non-Collision	109	21%
Other Motor Vehicle	78	15%
Other Object	14	2.7%
Animal	4	0.8%
Bicycle	3	0.6%
Not Stated	2	0.4%
Pedestrian	1	0.2%

Humboldt County State Highway Only Road Departure Collisions



Humboldt County Summary Statistics for State Highway Only Road Departure Collisions



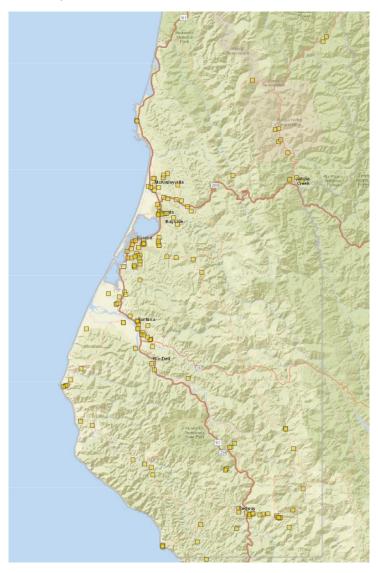


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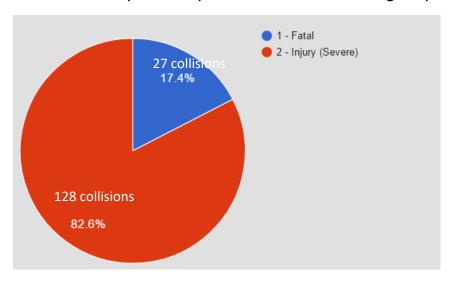
Primary Collision Factor	Collisions	Percentage
Improper Turning	150	41.1%
Driving or Bicycling Under the Influence of Alcohol or Drug	128	35.1%
Unsafe Speed	49	13.4%
Wrong Side of Road	14	3.8%
Other Than Driver (or Pedestrian)	11	3%
Automobile Right of Way	3	0.8%
Not Stated	2	0.5%
Unknown	2	0.5%
Other Hazardous Violation	2	0.5%
Improper Passing	1	0.3%
Unsafe Lane Change	1	0.3%
Other Equipment	1	0.3%
Unsafe Starting or Backing	1	0.3%

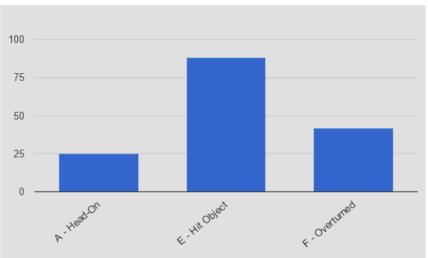
Motor Vehicle Involved With	Collisions	Percentage
Fixed Object	230	63%
Non-Collision	70	19.2%
Other Motor Vehicle	55	15.1%
Other Object	6	1.6%
Animal	2	0.5%
Not Stated	1	0.3%
Bicycle	1	0.3%

Humboldt County Non-State Highway Road Departure Collisions



Humboldt County Summary Statistics for Non-State Highway Road Departure Collisions





Summary statistics for 155 collisions.

Primary Collision Factor	Collisions	Percentage
Driving or Bicycling Under the Influence of Alcohol or Drug	57	36.8%
Improper Turning	40	25.8%
Unsafe Speed	32	20.6%
Wrong Side of Road	9	5.8%
Other Hazardous Violation	4	2.6%
Automobile Right of Way	3	1.9%
Other Than Driver (or Pedestrian)	3	1.9%
Not Stated	2	1.3%
Other Improper Driving	2	1.3%
Traffic Signals and Signs	1	0.6%
Hazardous Parking	1	0.6%
Brakes	1	0.6%

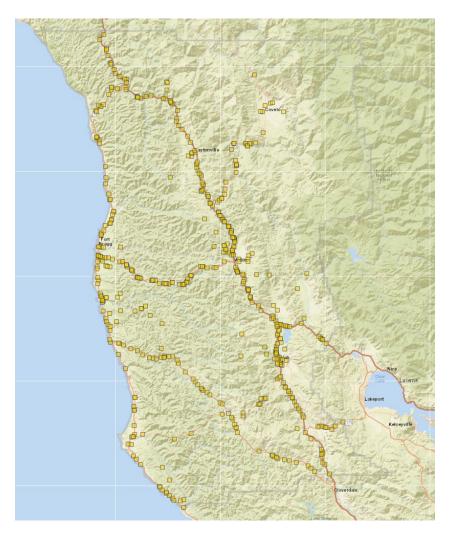
Motor Vehicle Involved With	Collisions	Percentage
Fixed Object	79	51%
Non-Collision	39	25.2%
Other Motor Vehicle	23	14.8%
Other Object	8	5.2%
Bicycle	2	1.3%
Animal	2	1.3%
Not Stated	1	0.6%
Pedestrian	1	0.6%

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Mendocino County Road Departure Collisions

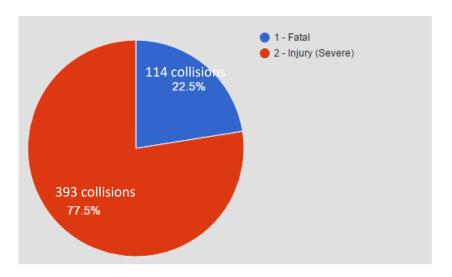
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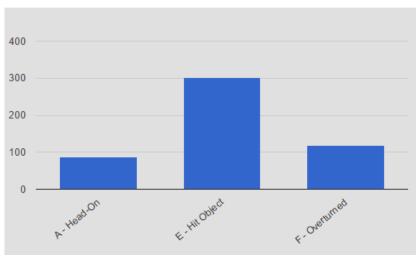
Mendocino County Road Departure collisions, from 2006-2015



507 fatal or severe road departure collisions (head on, hit object and overturned collision factors) from 2006 to 2015 in all of Mendocino County

Mendocino County Summary Statistics for Road Departure Collisions



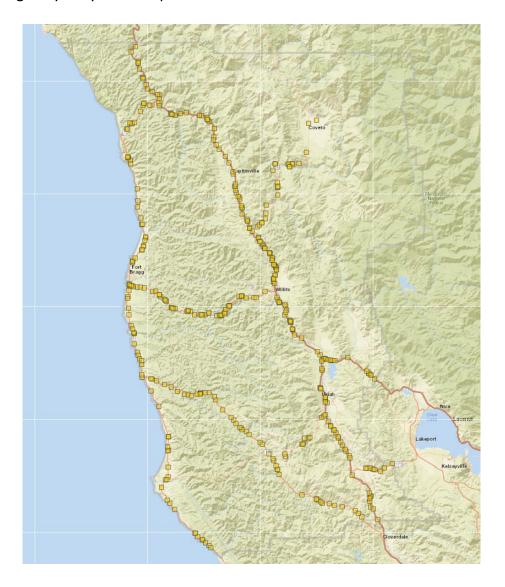


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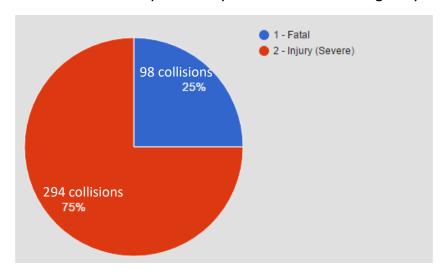
Primary Collision Factor	Collisions	Percentage
Improper Turning	181	35.7%
Driving or Bicycling Under the Influence of Alcohol or Drug	142	28%
Unsafe Speed	107	21.1%
Wrong Side of Road	39	7.7%
Other Than Driver (or Pedestrian)	13	2.6%
Not Stated	8	1.6%
Unknown	4	0.8%
Automobile Right of Way	4	0.8%
Other Hazardous Violation	3	0.6%
Unsafe Lane Change	2	0.4%
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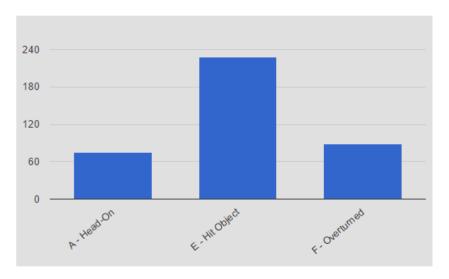
Motor Vehicle Involved With	Collisions	Percentage
Fixed Object	298	58.8%
Non-Collision	112	22.1%
Other Motor Vehicle	82	16.2%
Animal	6	1.2%
Pedestrian	2	0.4%
Motor Vehicle on Other Roadway	2	0.4%
Parked Motor Vehicle	2	0.4%
Not Stated	1	0.2%
Bicycle	1	0.2%
Other Object	1	0.2%

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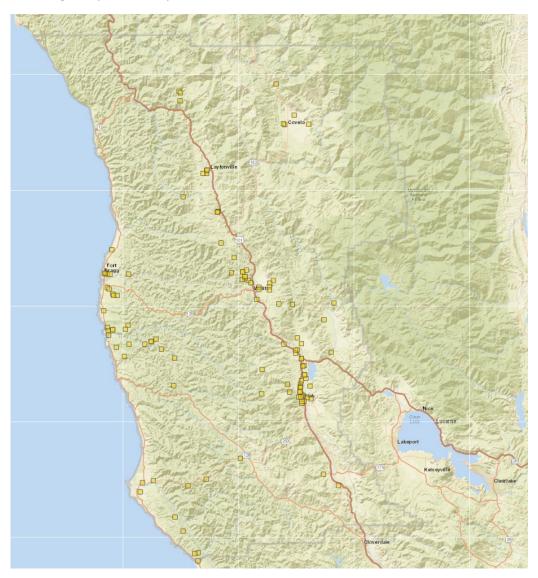


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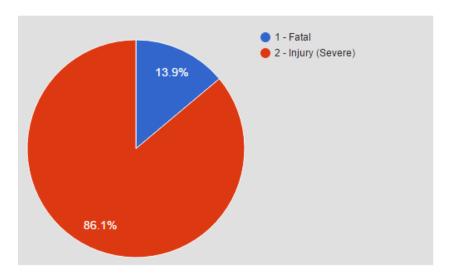
Primary Collision Factor	Collisions	Percentage
Improper Turning	145	37%
Driving or Bicycling Under the Influence of Alcohol or Drug	100	25.5%
Unsafe Speed	85	21.7%
Wrong Side of Road	36	9.2%
Other Than Driver (or Pedestrian)	9	2.3%
Not Stated	7	1.8%
Automobile Right of Way	4	1%
Unsafe Lane Change	2	0.5%
Unknown	1	0.3%
Improper Passing	1	0.3%
Hazardous Parking	1	0.3%
Other Hazardous Violation	1	0.3%

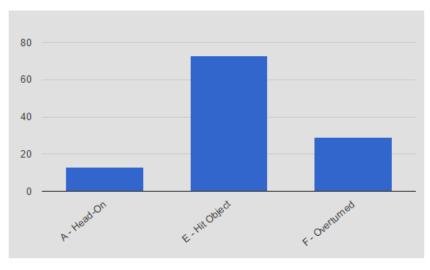
Motor Vehicle Involved With	Collisions	Percentage
Fixed Object	225	57.4%
Non-Collision	84	21.4%
Other Motor Vehicle	73	18.6%
Animal	6	1.5%
Motor Vehicle on Other Roadway	2	0.5%
Parked Motor Vehicle	1	0.3%
Other Object	1	0.3%

Mendocino County Non-State Highway Road Departure Collisions



Mendocino County Summary Statistics for Non-State Highway Road Departure Collisions





• Summary statistics for 115 collisions.

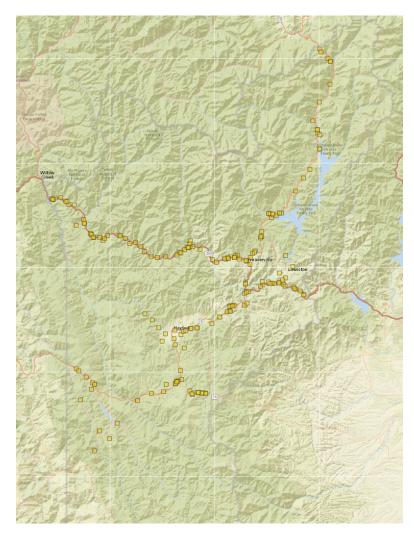
Primary Collision Factor	Collisions	Percentage
Driving or Bicycling Under the Influence of Alcohol or Drug	42	36.5%
Improper Turning	36	31.3%
Unsafe Speed	22	19.1%
Other Than Driver (or Pedestrian)	4	3.5%
Unknown	3	2.6%
Wrong Side of Road	3	2.6%
Other Hazardous Violation	2	1.7%
Not Stated	1	0.9%
Hazardous Parking	1	0.9%
Other Improper Driving	1	0.9%

Motor Vehicle Involved With	Collisions	Percentage
Fixed Object	73	63.5%
Non-Collision	28	24.3%
Other Motor Vehicle	9	7.8%
Pedestrian	2	1.7%
Not Stated	1	0.9%
Parked Motor Vehicle	1	0.9%
Bicycle	1	0.9%

Trinity County Road Departure Collisions

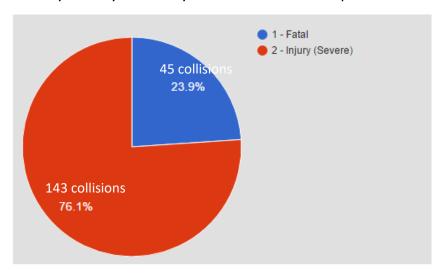
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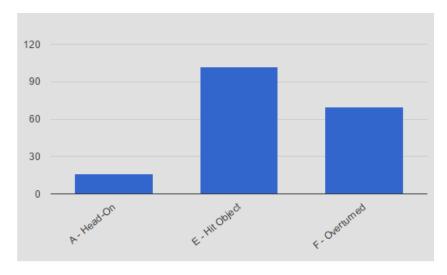
Trinity County Road Departure collisions, from 2006-2015



188 fatal or severe road departure collisions (head on, hit object and overturned collision factors) from 2006 to 2015 in all of Trinity County

Trinity County Summary Statistics for Road Departure Collisions



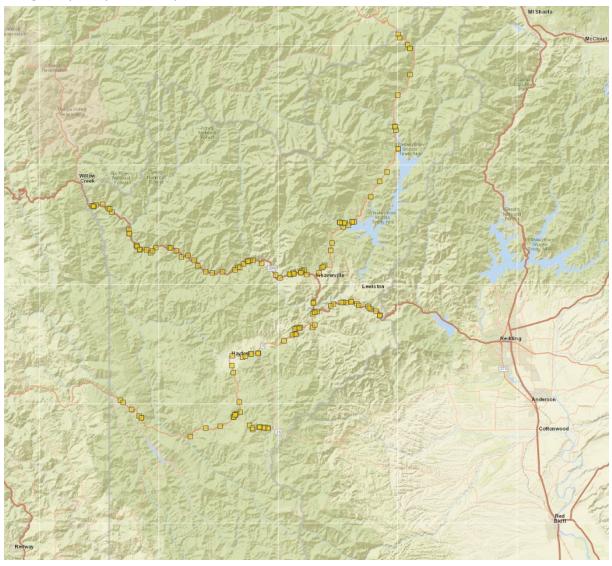


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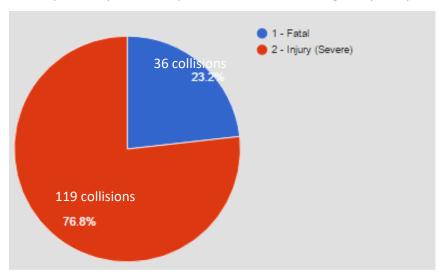
Primary Collision Factor	Collisions	Percentage
Improper Turning	72	38.3%
Driving or Bicycling Under the Influence of Alcohol or Drug	47	25%
Unsafe Speed	37	19.7%
Wrong Side of Road	10	5.3%
Other Hazardous Violation	9	4.8%
Other Than Driver (or Pedestrian)	7	3.7%
Not Stated	2	1.1%
Automobile Right of Way	2	1.1%
Unknown	1	0.5%
Traffic Signals and Signs	1	0.5%

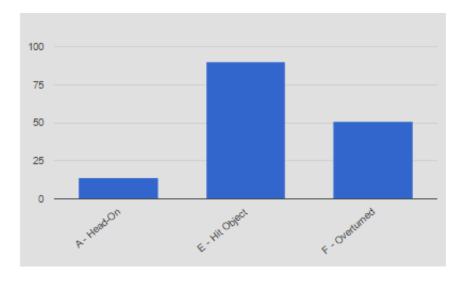
Motor Vehicle Involved With	Collision s	Percentage
Fixed Object	102	54.3%
Non-Collision	65	34.6%
Other Motor Vehicle	15	8%
Other Object	4	2.1%
Animal	2	1.1%

Trinity County State Highway Only Road Departure Collisions



Trinity County Summary Statistics for State Highway Only Road Departure Collisions



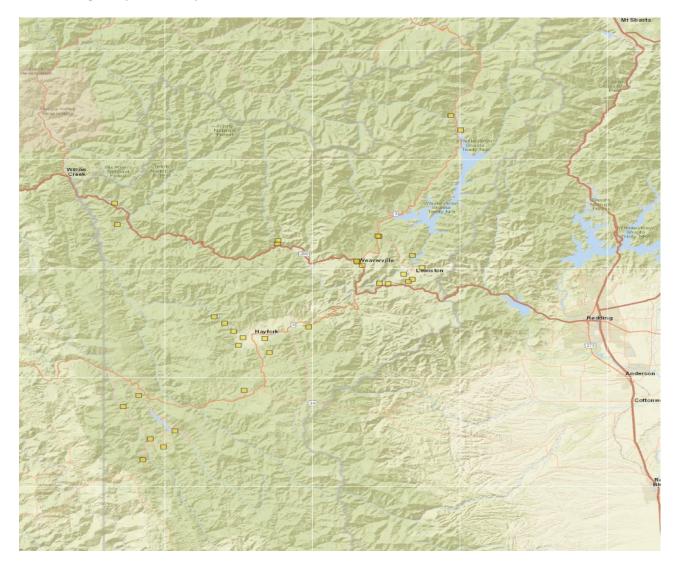


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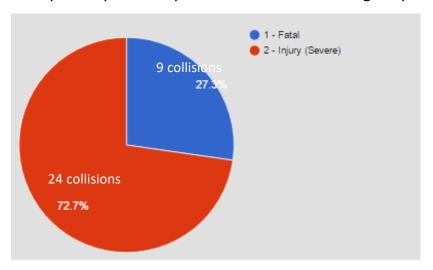
Primary Collision Factor	Collisions	Percentage
Improper Turning	68	43.9%
Driving or Bicycling Under the Influence of Alcohol or Drug	33	21.3%
Unsafe Speed	29	18.7%
Wrong Side of Road	10	6.5%
Other Hazardous Violation	5	3.2%
Other Than Driver (or Pedestrian)	5	3.2%
Not Stated	2	1.3%
Unknown	1	0.6%
Automobile Right of Way	1	0.6%
Traffic Signals and Signs	1	0.6%

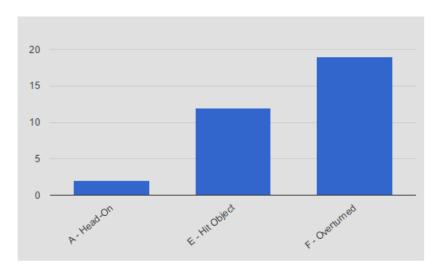
Motor Vehicle Involved With	Collisions	Percentage
Fixed Object	88	56.8%
Non-Collision	49	31.6%
Other Motor Vehicle	13	8.4%
Other Object	4	2.6%
Animal	1	0.6%

Trinity County Non-State Highway Road Departure Collisions



Trinity County Summary Statistics for Non-State Highway Road Departure Collisions





• Summary statistics for 33 collisions.

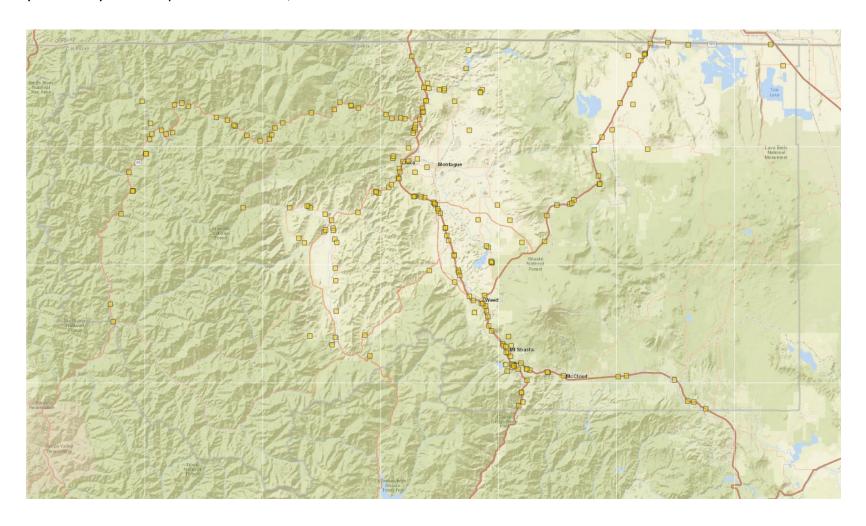
Primary Collision Factor	Collisions	Percentage
Driving or Bicycling Under the Influence of Alcohol or Drug	14	42.4%
Unsafe Speed	8	24.2%
Improper Turning	4	12.1%
Other Hazardous Violation	4	12.1%
Other Than Driver (or Pedestrian)	2	6.1%
Automobile Right of Way	1	3%

Motor Vehicle Involved With	Collisions	Percentage
Non-Collision	16	48.5%
Fixed Object	14	42.4%
Other Motor Vehicle	2	6.1%
Animal	1	3%

Siskiyou County Road Departure Collisions

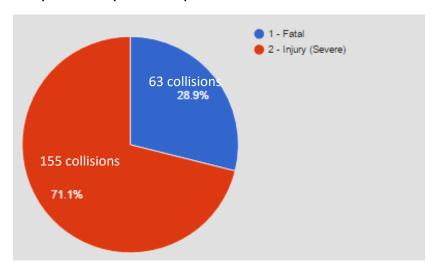
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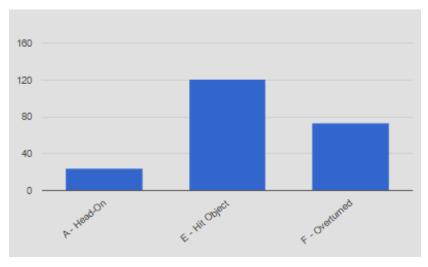
Siskiyou County Road Departure collisions, from 2006-2015



218 fatal or severe road departure collisions (head on, hit object and overturned collision factors) from 2006 to 2015 in all of Siskiyou County

Siskiyou County Summary Statistics



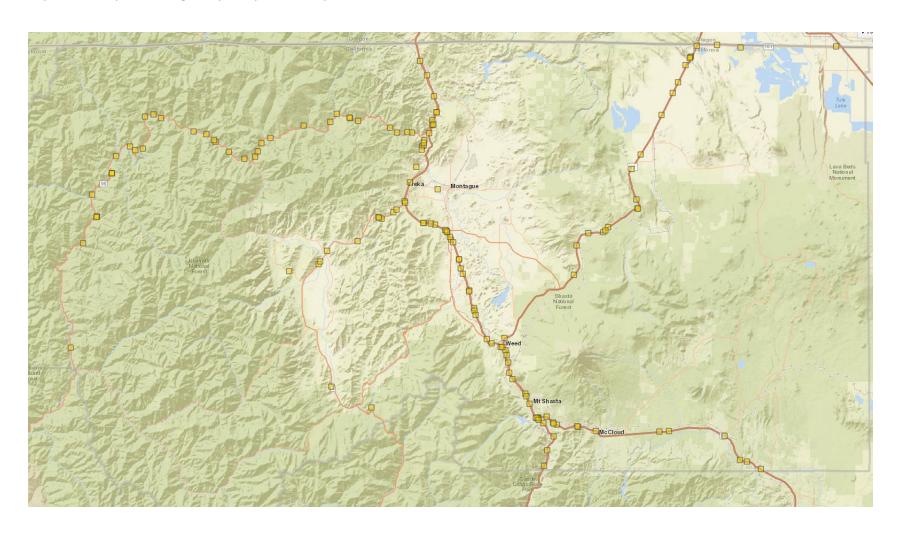


• Summary statistics for 218 collisions.

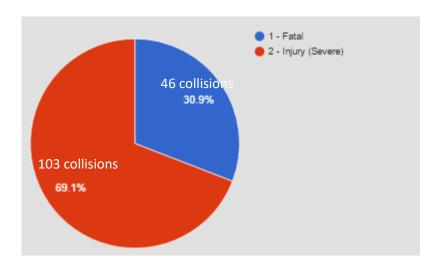
Primary Collision Factor	Collisions	Percentage
Improper Turning	91	41.7%
Driving or Bicycling Under the Influence of Alcohol or Drug	62	28.4%
Unsafe Speed	30	13.8%
Other Than Driver (or Pedestrian)	11	5%
Wrong Side of Road	10	4.6%
Other Hazardous Violation	4	1.8%
Unknown	3	1.4%
Improper Passing	2	0.9%
Unsafe Lane Change	2	0.9%
Automobile Right of Way	2	0.9%
Not Stated	1	0.5%

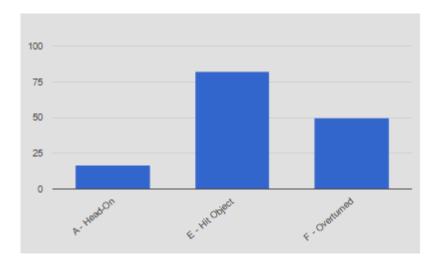
Motor Vehicle Involved With	Collisions	Percentage
Fixed Object	118	54.1%
Non-Collision	70	32.1%
Other Motor Vehicle	21	9.6%
Other Object	7	3.2%
Parked Motor Vehicle	1	0.5%
Animal	1	0.5%

Siskiyou County State Highway Only Road Departure Collisions



Siskiyou County Summary Statistics for State Highway Only Road Departure Collisions



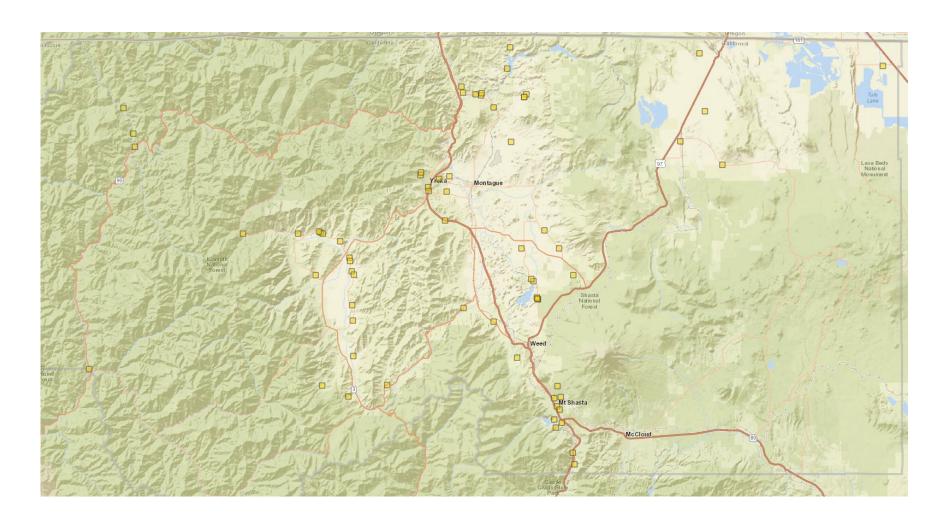


• Summary statistics for 149 collisions.

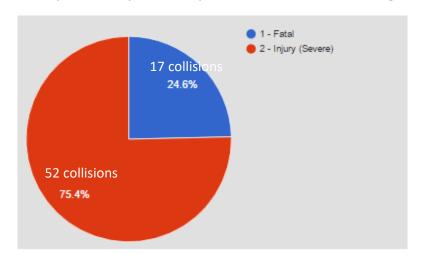
Primary Collision Factor	Collisions	Percentage
Improper Turning	67	45%
Driving or Bicycling Under the Influence of Alcohol or Drug	31	20.8%
Unsafe Speed	23	15.4%
Other Than Driver (or Pedestrian)	11	7.4%
Wrong Side of Road	6	4%
Other Hazardous Violation	4	2.7%
Unknown	2	1.3%
Improper Passing	2	1.3%
Not Stated	1	0.7%
Unsafe Lane Change	1	0.7%
Automobile Right of Way	1	0.7%

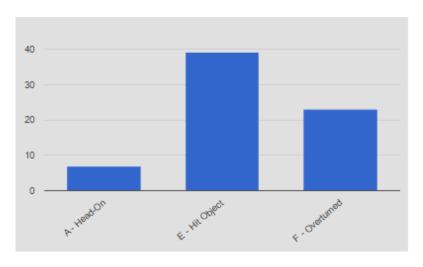
Motor Vehicle Involved With	Collisions	Percentage
Fixed Object	81	54.4%
Non-Collision	47	31.5%
Other Motor Vehicle	15	10.1%
Other Object	6	4%

Siskiyou County Non-State Highway Road Departure Collisions



Siskiyou County Summary Statistics for Non-State Highway Road Departure Collisions





• Summary statistics for 69 collisions.

Primary Collision Factor	Collisions	Percentage
Driving or Bicycling Under the Influence of Alcohol or Drug	31	44.9%
Improper Turning	24	34.8%
Unsafe Speed	7	10.1%
Wrong Side of Road	4	5.8%
Unknown	1	1.4%
Unsafe Lane Change	1	1.4%
Automobile Right of Way	1	1.4%

Motor Vehicle Involved With	Collisions	Percentage
Fixed Object	37	53.6%
Non-Collision	23	33.3%
Other Motor Vehicle	6	8.7%
Parked Motor Vehicle	1	1.4%
Animal	1	1.4%
Other Object	1	1.4%