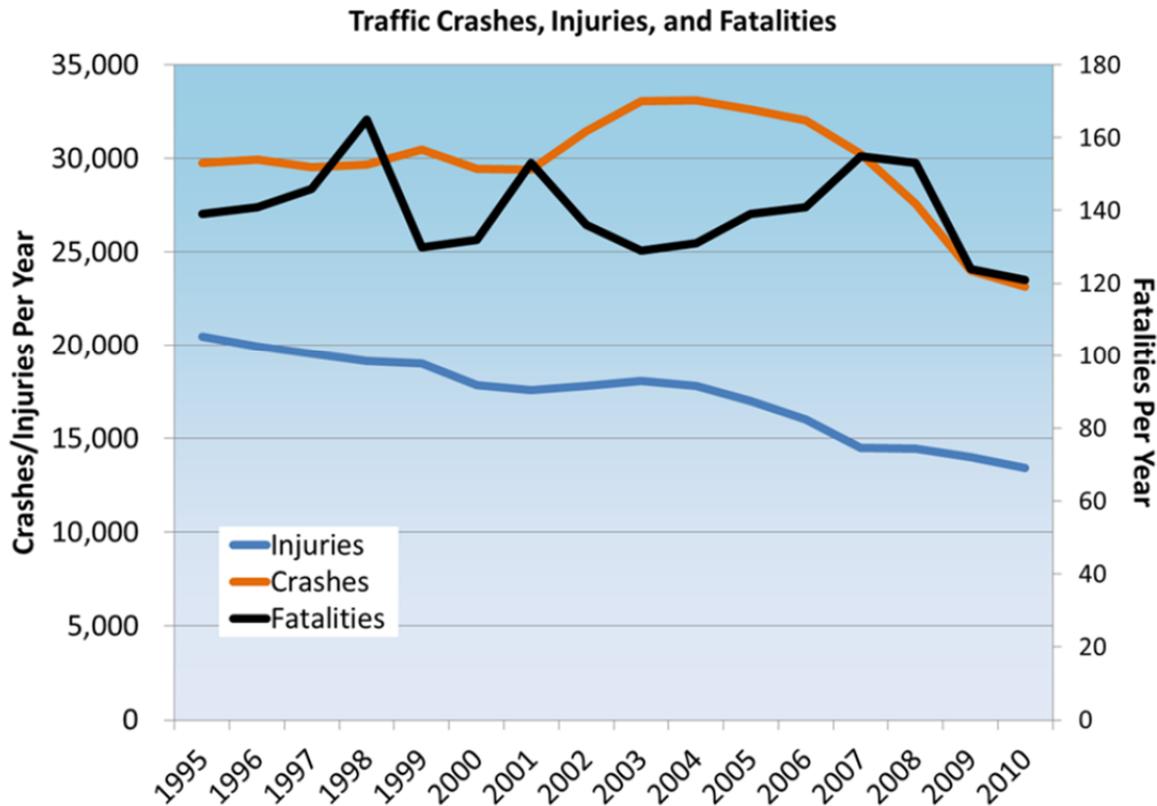


Figure 5.7 Hampton Roads Traffic Crashes



Source: Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles, HRPDC

Why is it important?

Today's society is very dependent on automotive transportation. As automobile use increases, so do traffic safety concerns.

How are we doing?

Fatalities due to traffic crashes in Hampton Roads have averaged 140 per year over the past decade, roughly 8.5 deaths per 100,000 residents. The decrease in the numbers of injuries can be attributed in part to improved safety standards for both roadways and automobiles, as well as reduced alcohol-related crashes.