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## 2004 - 2006 Massachusetts Crash Statistics

	2004	2005	2006
Fatal Crashes	447	417	NA
Crashes Involving an Incapacitating Injury	4,142	4,174	NA
Total Fatal and Incapacitating Injury Crashes	4,589	4,591	NA
Total Crashes	138,465	158,082	NA

Traffic Crash Victims	Killed	Incapacitating Injury	Killed	Incapacitating Injury	Killed	Incapacitating Injury
<b>Occupants</b>						
Drivers	234	3,145	232	3,193	234	NA
Passengers	88	1,132	70	1,140	76	NA
Motorcyclists	58	354	54	374	49	NA
Other/Unknown	1	0	1	0	0	NA
<b>Non-Motorists</b>						
Pedestrians	82	268	79	241	61	NA
Pedalcyclists	11	94	5	74	6	NA
Other/Unknown	2	36	0	30	4	NA
<b>Total Traffic Crash Victims</b>	<b>476</b>	<b>5,029</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>5,052</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>NA</b>

Other Relevant Statistics	2004	2005	2006
Vehicle Miles Traveled (100 million)	547.71	551.25	NA
Resident Population (100 Thousand)	64.17	63.98	NA
Registered Vehicles (100 Thousand)	55.93	NA	NA

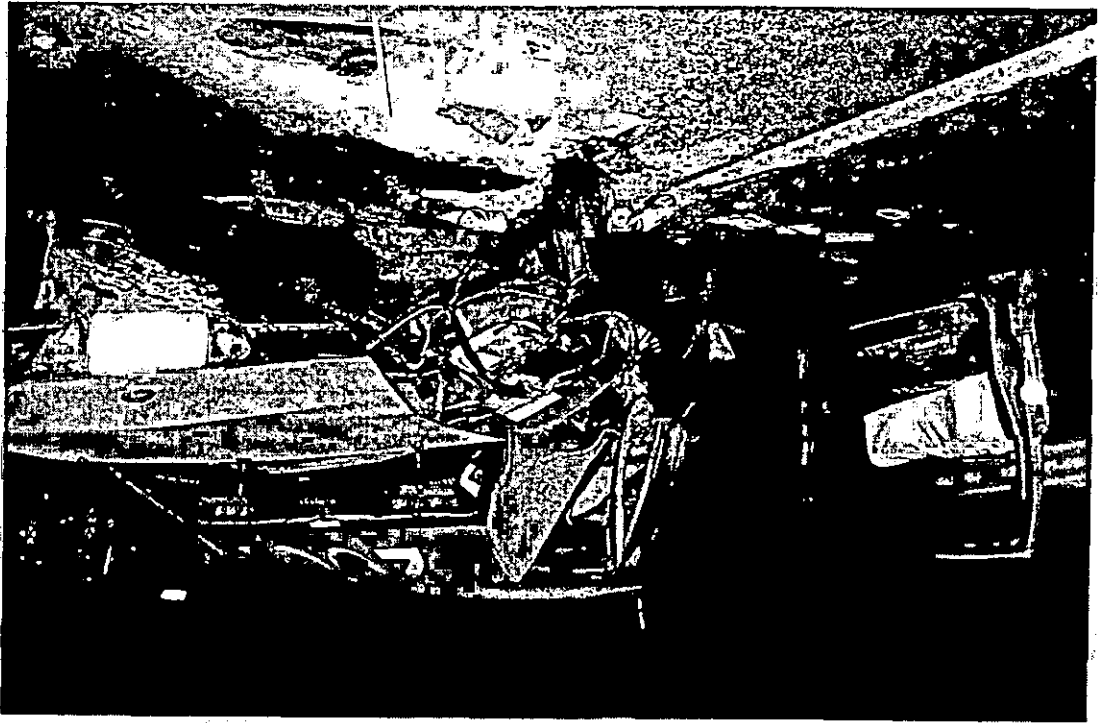
Licensed Drivers (100 Thousand)	46.46	46.12	NA
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Fatality Rates	2004	2005	2006
Fatalities per 100 Million Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)	0.87	0.80	NA
Fatalities per 100,00 Population	7.42	6.89	NA
Fatalities per 100,000 Registered Vehicles	8.51	NA	NA
Fatalities per 100,000 Licensed Drivers	10.25	9.56	NA

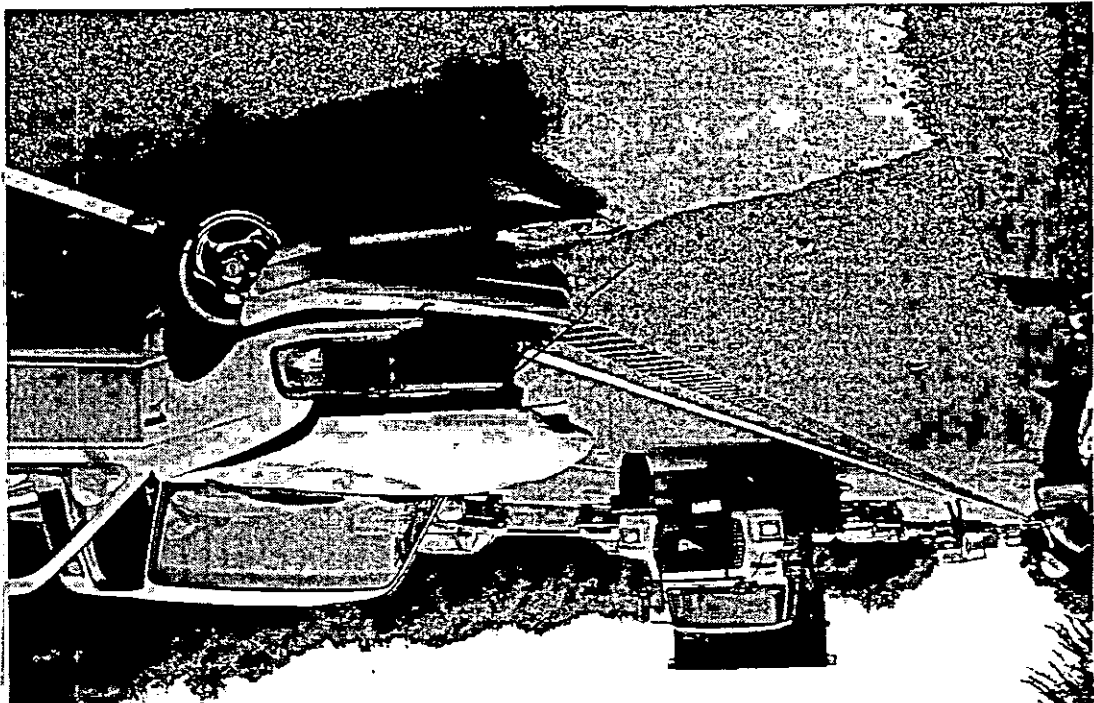
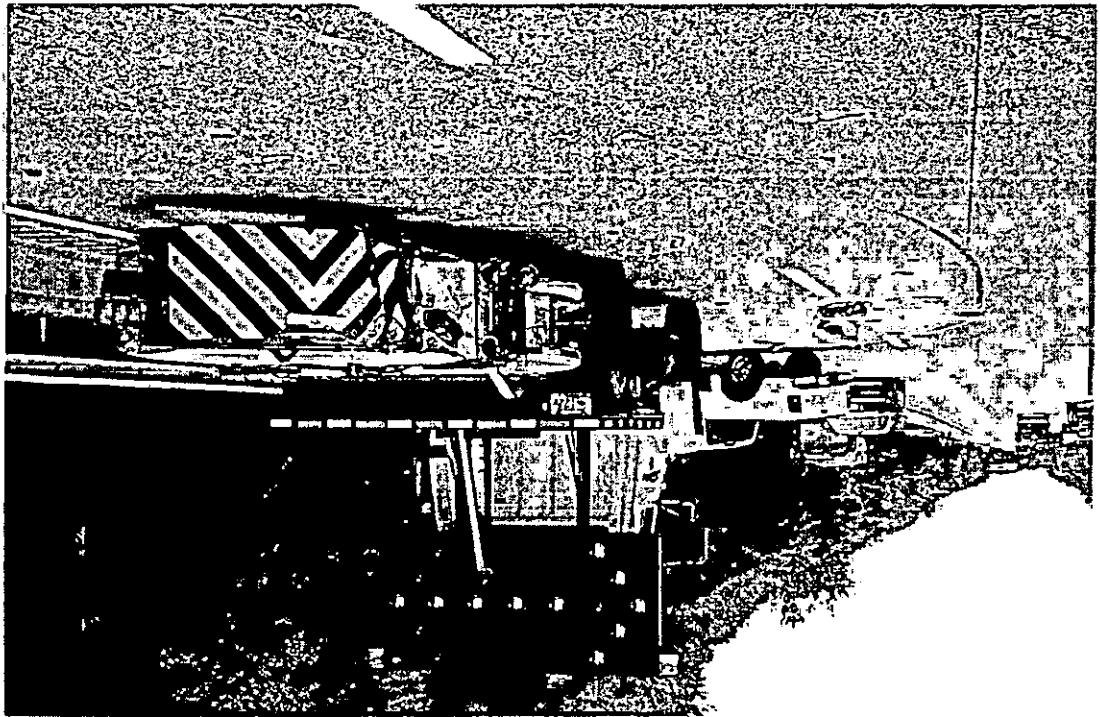
Incapacitating Injury Rates	2004	2005	2006
Incapacitating Injuries per 100 Million VMT	9.18	9.16	NA
Incapacitating Injuries per 100,000 Population	78.37	78.96	NA
Incapacitating Injuries per 100,000 Registered Vehicles	89.92	NA	NA
Incapacitating Injuries per 100,000 Licensed Drivers	108.24	109.54	NA

**Sources:**

- Fatality data compiled from the Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS)
- Injury data compiled from data obtained from the Registry of Motor Vehicles
- "Other Relevant Statistics" reported by National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) in 2004 Traffic Safety Facts Annual Report and 2005 Preliminary Annual Report
- NA = Not Available at this time









## Fact Sheet

- Move-over laws require motorists traveling on multi-lane roadways to, when practical, merge away from a vehicle working on the side of the highway to provide an empty travel lane of safety for the worker. If not practical (either due to traffic volume or road design), the motorist must slow significantly below the posted speed limit while passing the roadside worker.
- In 2005, 390 workers were killed in struck-by incidents, according to the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), accounting for seven percent of all fatal occupational injuries.
- According to FBI statistics, law enforcement officers being struck and killed is a major cause of law enforcement deaths.
- ResponderSafety.com reports an average of two emergency responders are struck each day.
- A recent Ohio State Highway Patrol study found 55 percent of officer-involved struck-by incidents involved serious injury or fatalities and 60 percent occurred on high-speed, high volume interstate highways.
- In 2005 and 2006, 11 AAA roadside problem solvers were killed in roadside accidents.
- 41 states currently have some form of move-over laws.
- Only 25 states include roadside service vehicles (tow trucks) in their move-over laws.
- AAA roadside problem solvers respond to 29 million calls for assistance each year.
- AAA and emergency responders want to encourage all motorists to engage in safe driving behavior—slowing down and/or moving over—whether or not it's required by law.