

**Utility Task Vehicle (UTV)
All Terrain Vehicle (ATV)
Off Road Vehicle (ORV)
Safety Data**



2025 Iowa Traffic Fatality Count for Monday, 12/29/2025

A fatality is considered "crash-related" when death occurs within 30 days (720 hours) of a crash. Because fatal crashes can involve complex investigations, this can delay the official report of fatalities. The numbers for the most recent months are preliminary and can change considerably.

<https://iowadot.gov/mvd/stats/daily.pdf>

Number of fatalities reported on this day by year

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2021	348	Decrease from 5 Year Average	-88 -25.36%
2020	333	Average fatalities year to date for this day (2020-2024)	347

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May	24	29	34	38	44	21
June	26	32	38	21	33	24
July	28	39	42	41	34	44
August	36	44	47	33	41	53
September	24	39	28	33	38	41
October	25	40	28	33	34	25
November	16	21	30	26	29	26
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By Select Vehicle & Crash Location (2020-2024 are end-of-year totals)

TYPE	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Motorcycle	38	64	64	49	68	65
Bicycle	4	4	5	4	11	10
Pedestrian	29	31	30	17	32	30
ATV/UTV	10	20	12	12	4	9
Urban	73	128	116	103	113	101
Rural	186	229	263	233	243	242

Fatalities' Seat Belt Usage - Year to Date	Comments	County	Type*
<i>Belt usage may change as additional information is received</i>	2 New Fatalities	*Clayton	MV
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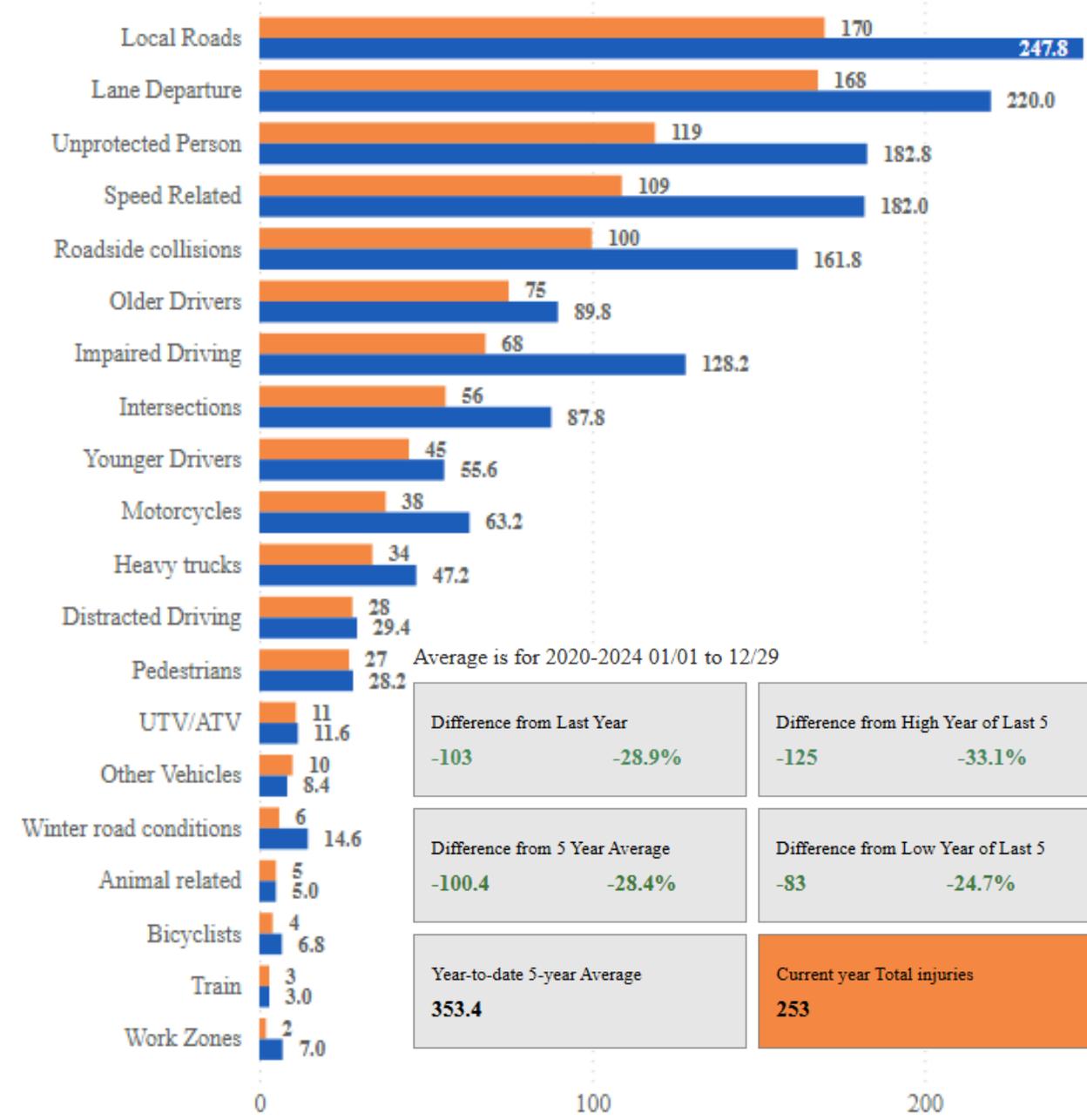
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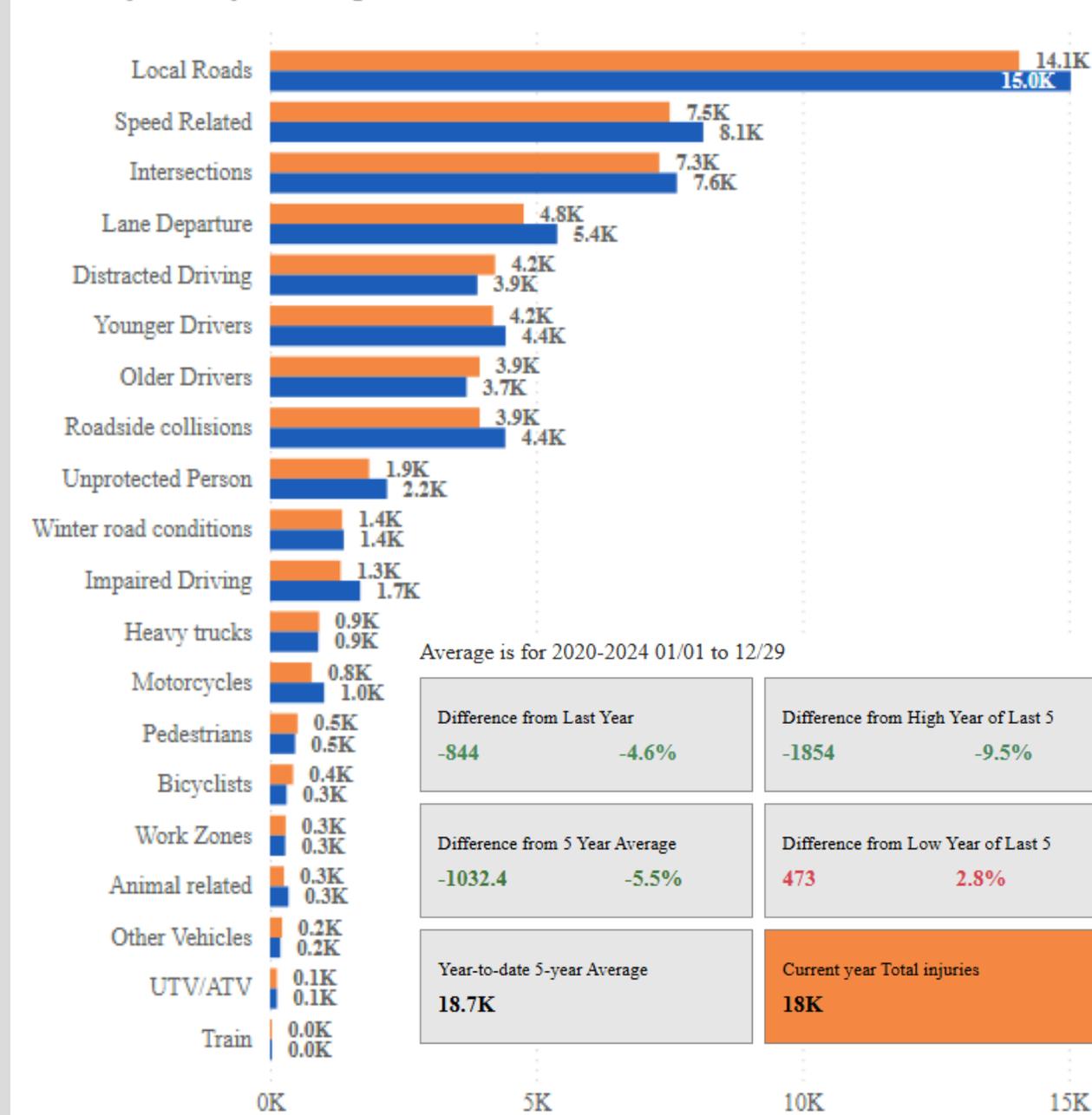
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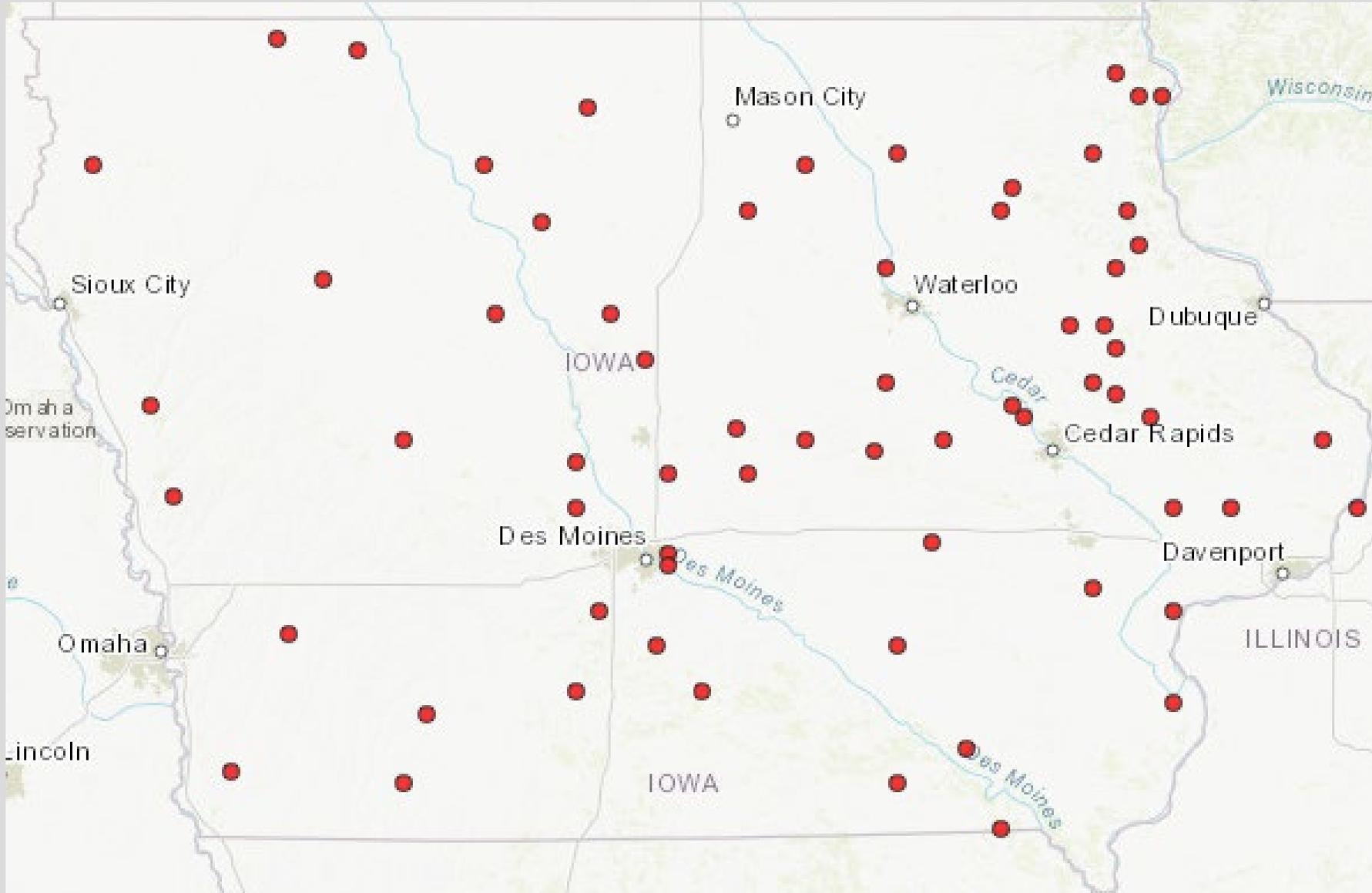


Year-to-date Fatal, Major, Minor, Possible, Unknown injuries compared with 5-year Average

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2020-2025 UTV/ATV Fatal Injury



Total Crashes	Total Occupants	Total Vehicles	Fatalities	Serious Injuries	Minor Injuries	Possible Injuries	Unknown Injuries
704	1,434	989	69	237	351	119	7

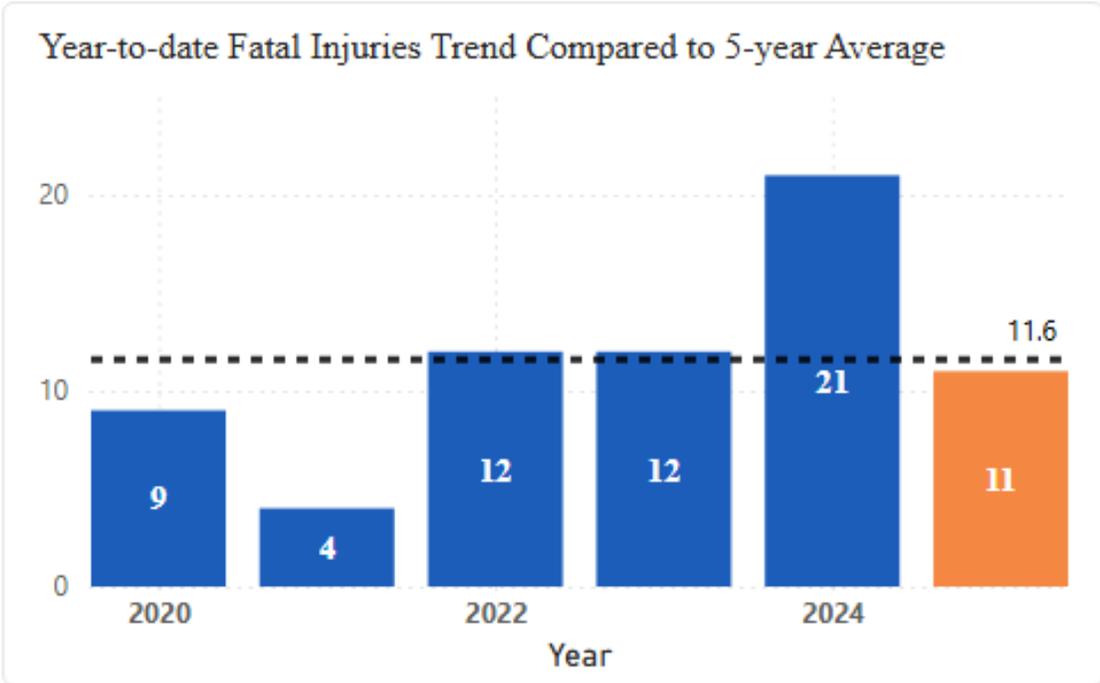
UTV/ATV Fatal Injury

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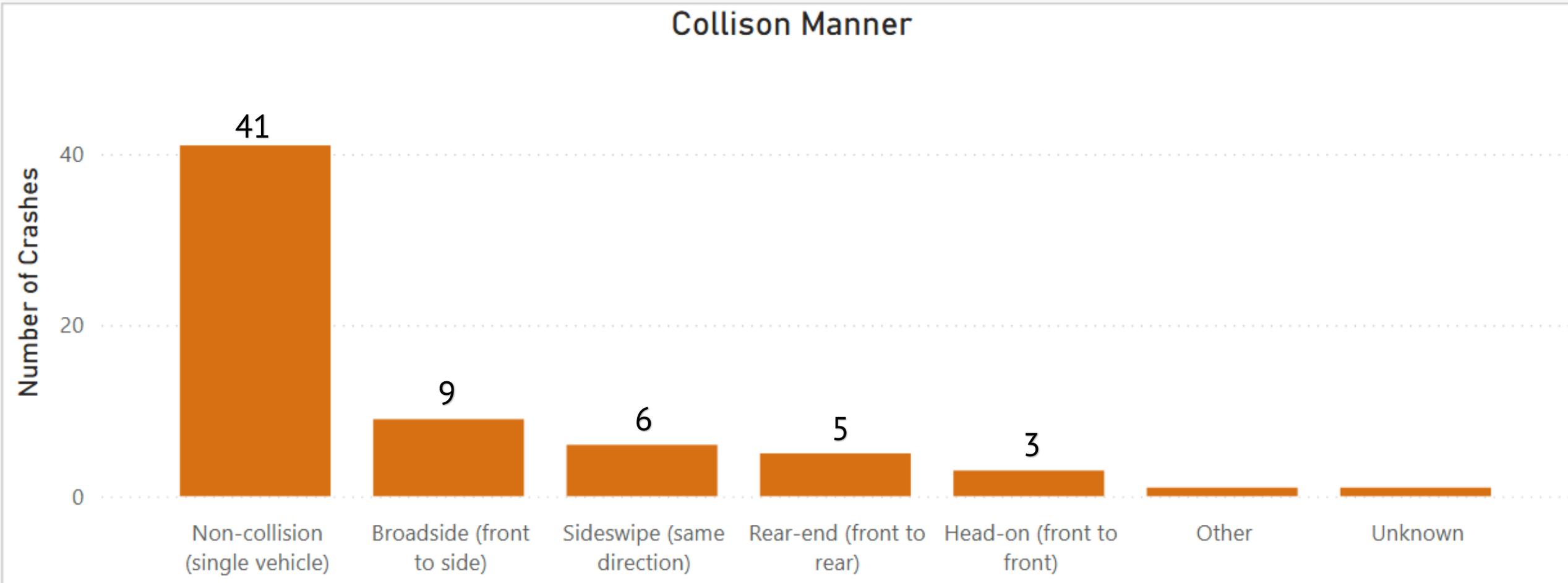
Iowa Traffic Injuries Count for Monday, 12/29/2025

Average is for 2020-2024 01/01 to 12/29

Difference from Last Year -10 -47.6%	Difference from High Year of Last 5 -10 -47.6%
Difference from 5 Year Average -0.6 -5.2%	Difference from Low Year of Last 5 7 175.0%
Year-to-date 5-year Average 11.6	Current year Total injuries 11



2020-2025 Fatal UTV/ATV Crashes



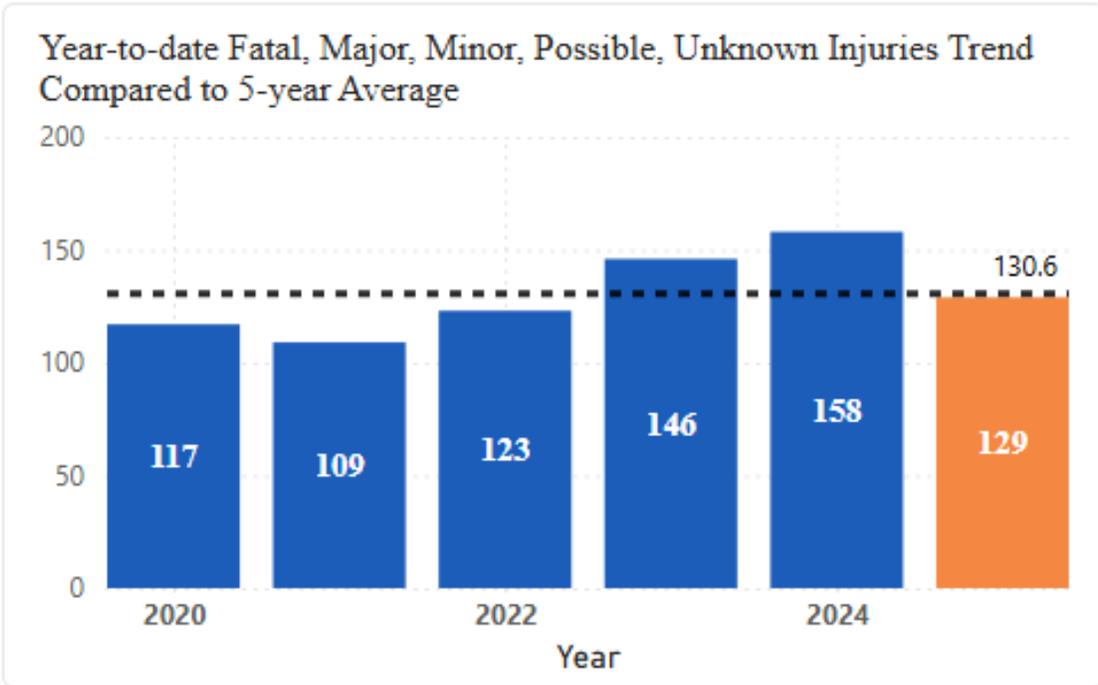
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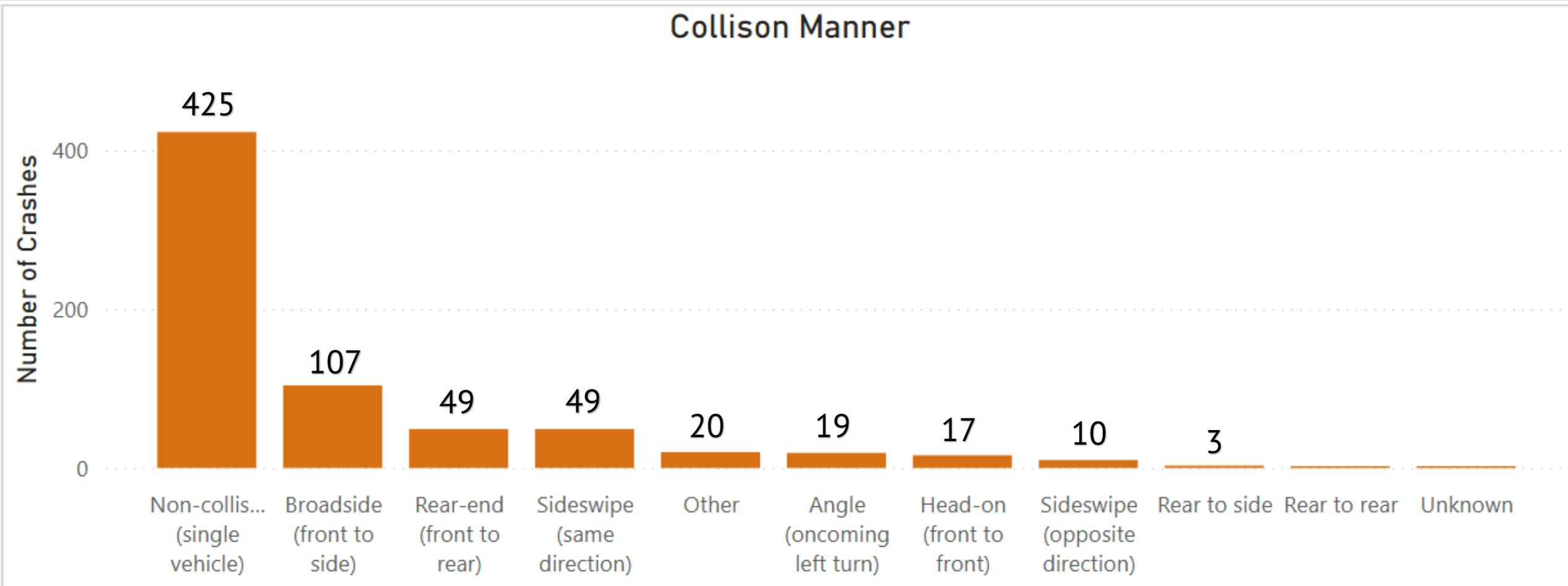
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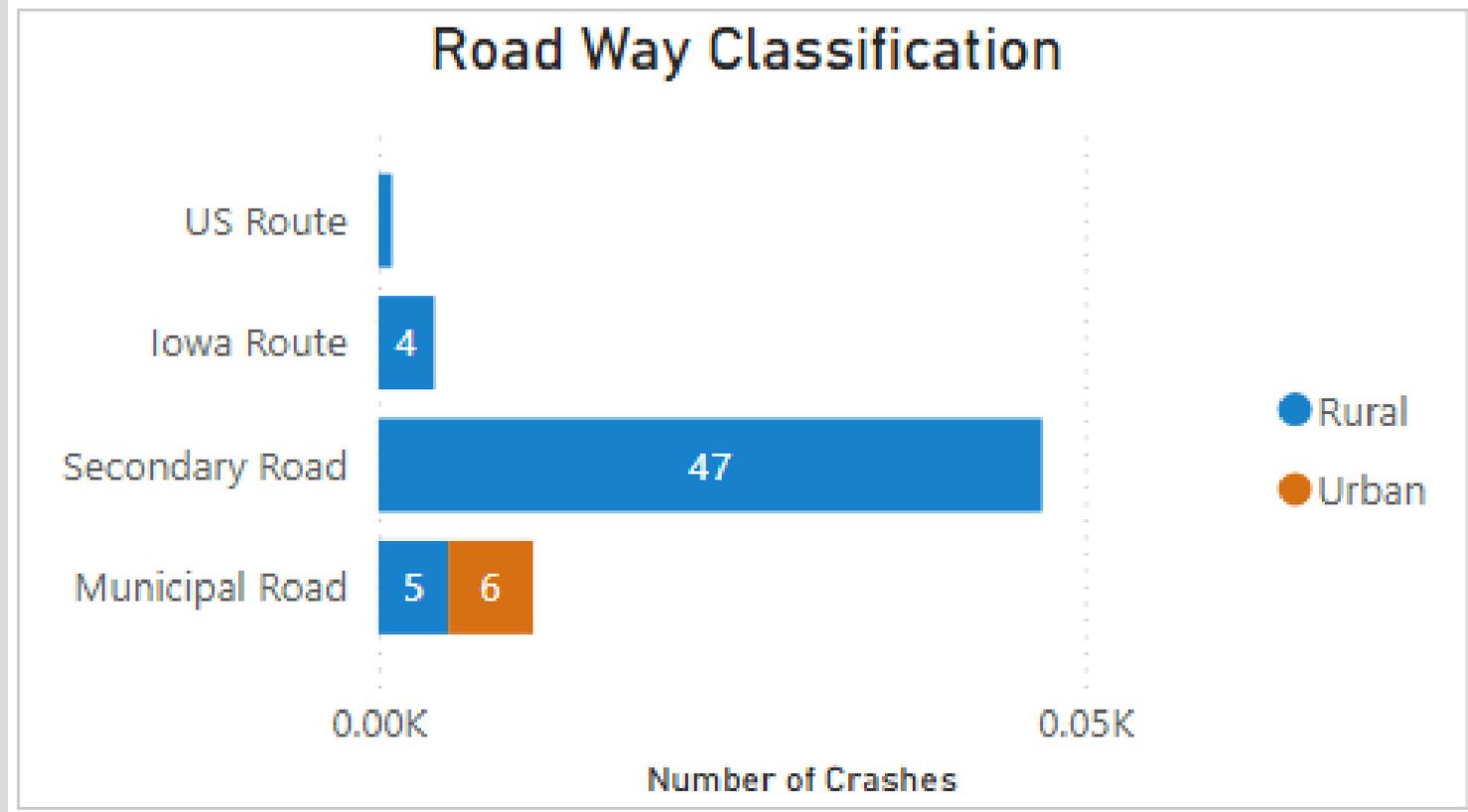
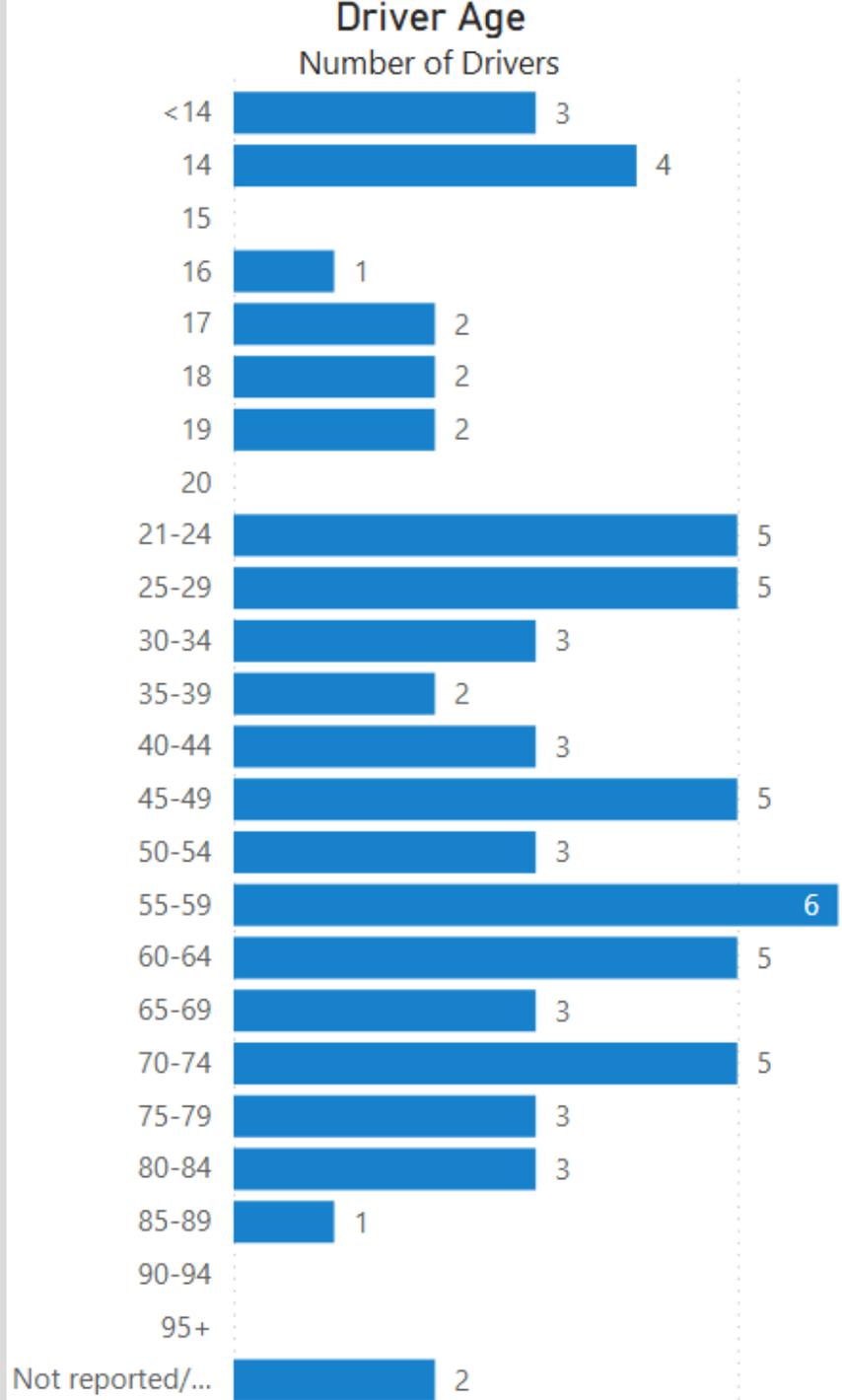
Difference from Last Year -29 -18.4%	Difference from High Year of Last 5 -29 -18.4%
Difference from 5 Year Average -1.6 -1.2%	Difference from Low Year of Last 5 20 18.3%
Year-to-date 5-year Average 130.6	Current year Total injuries 129



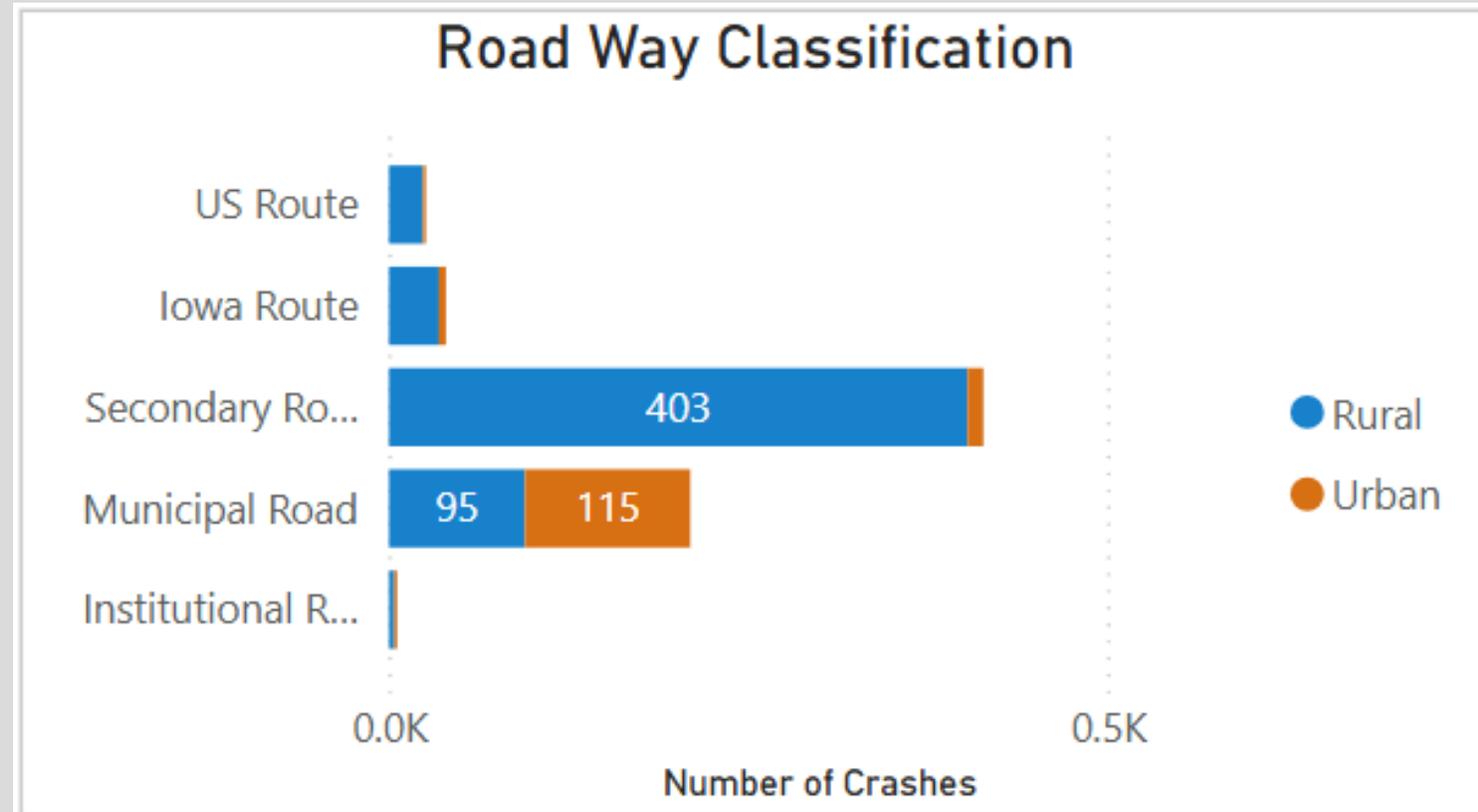
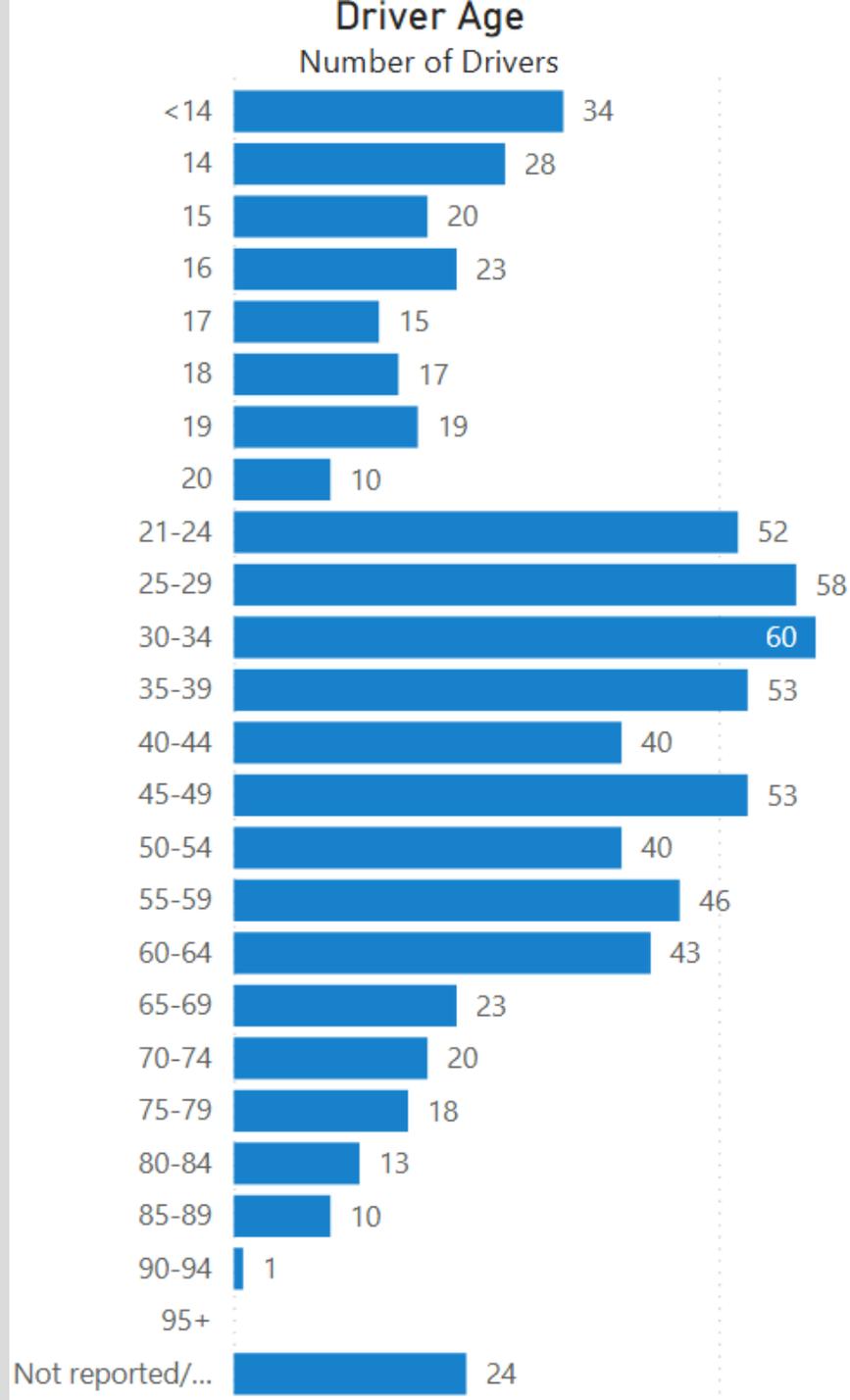
2020-2025 All UTV/ATV Crashes



2020-2025 UTV/ATV Fatal Crashes



2020-2025 UTV/ATV All Crashes



Registered by DNR

Type	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
ATV	27,131	29,059	21,319	27,042	28,517	29,090
Off-Road Vehicle	36,660	44,778	38,982	52,421	69,641	71,935
Off-Road Motorcycle	6,790	7,652	4,530	7,390	9,005	9,055
Total	70,581	81,489	64,831	86,853	107,163	110,080

Operators are required to fill out an Operator's Incident Report Form if they crash on land under the jurisdiction of the DNR. For calendar year 2025, to date, DNR had twelve incidents recorded. Of the twelve, eleven were personal injury incidents, no fatalities, and one property damage.



DRIVING YOUR ATV OR UTV/ORV ON IOWA PUBLIC ROADS AND STREETS

Know the Law. Ride Responsibly.

How to Drive on Public Roads

- Do not exceed 35 MPH.
- Driver must be age 18 or older with a valid driver's license.
- Do not drive while impaired or with open alcohol container.
- Headlight(s) must be on at all times.

What is Required for the Vehicle

Slow-Moving Vehicle Sign



Reflective sign with an orange triangle and dark red border that **must be displayed on rear of vehicle for ag or personal use.** (Iowa Code 321.383)

- Proof of insurance.
- Registered with Iowa DNR and sticker displayed on rear of vehicle.
- Out-of-state vehicle must have an Iowa DNR nonresident user permit sticker.
- Functioning required equipment, including but not limited to: horn, mirrors, headlight(s), tail lights, and brake lights.
- Display slow-moving vehicle sign.

When and Where You Can Ride

- Operation allowed day or night.
- Roadway use allowed (except interstates and four-lane roads).
- Use state two-lane or county highways only on the most direct, accessible route to: an ATV/UTV/ORV park or trail, the nearest county road, an authorized city street, or your residence.
- Crossing multi-lane highways allowed only at intersections from authorized roads.

ATVs/UTVs and Iowa Law

ATVs/UTVs are regulated for use on roadways by Iowa code sections 321I and 321.234A.

Always refer to the most current version of the Iowa Code for legal guidance.



[321I](#)



[321.234A](#)

ATV vs. UTV/ORV: Key Differences

ATV

(All-Terrain Vehicle)



Handlebars

1-2 riders
straddle seat

3,4, or 6 wheels

UTV/ORV

(Utility Task Vehicle)
(Off-Road Utility Vehicle)



Steering wheel

2-6 riders sit
inside bench or
bucket seat

4 or 6 wheels

Exemptions for Ag Use on Public Roads

(Implements of Husbandry)

- No DNR registration required.
- No license needed if within 2 miles of farm. Class C license required if beyond 2 miles.
- Operation allowed only between sunrise and sunset.

Prioritize Your Safety



Wear a helmet.



Use a safety harness, if available.



Drive sober.

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IOWA CODE REFERENCES

I. Non-Ag Operation Requirements

A. General Requirements:

- **Driver's License:** Valid license required – (Iowa Code 321.234A(2))
- **Insurance:** Valid liability insurance – (321.234A(2))
- **Minimum Age:** 18 years old – (321.234A(2))
- **Registration Decal:** Shall be affixed on rear of vehicle – (IA Admin Code 571-46.7; 321.234A(4))
- **Required Equipment:** As specified in Iowa Code Chapter 321 – (321.234A(3))

B. Lighting and Safety Equipment:

- **Headlamp(s):** Must be illuminated at all times – (321.384, 321.386)
- **Horn:** Required – (321.432)
- **Mirror:** Required – (321.437)
- **Rear Lamp:** Required – (321.387)
- **Signal Lamps:** Required – (321.404)
- **Slow-Moving Vehicle Sign:** Displayed on rear – (321.383(2))
- **Windows:** Frontside windows and windshield shall not be excessively dark – (321.438)

C. Operational Guidelines:

- **Direct Crossing:** Allowed on highways not part of the interstate – (321.234A(f); 321I.10)
- **Paved County Secondary Roads:** Permitted if authorized by county or for direct access – (321.234A(f); 321I.10(2-4))
- **Road Use - State Highways:** Only on undivided, two-lane roads for direct access – (321.234A(f); 321I.10(2-4))
- **Road Use - City Streets:** Permitted if authorized by city or for direct access – (321.234A(f); (321I.10(5))
- **Road Use - Unpaved County Roads:** Operation allowed – (321.234A(f); 321I.10(2-4))
- **Speed Limit:** Must not exceed 35 MPH – (321.234A(2))

II. Ag Operation Exemptions

A. License Requirement Exemption:

- **Not required if used for farm purposes** – (321.176)
(Note: Cannot operate if license is suspended, barred, or revoked.)
- **2-mile limitation for ag operations** – (IA Admin Code 761-605.3; 321.176)

B. Operation Hours:

- **Only between sunrise and sunset** – (321.234A(1))

C. Registration Exemption:

- **Not required if used as an implement of husbandry** – (321.234A)

D. Speed Limit:

- **Must not exceed 35 MPH** – (321.234A(2))

Questions?

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