

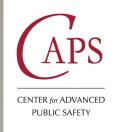
ADECA Special Study Report

ANALYSIS OF FATAL CRASHES IN CY2016 AS COMPARED TO CY2014

August 2017, Updated September 2018

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Summary of Recommendations

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Detailed Recommendations follow this slide

Speed Reduction*

- ✓ Increase in patrol officers both at the ALEA and local levels
- ✓ Comprehensive demonstration speed reduction projects
- ✓ Legislative action to recognize problem and increase funding to ALEA specifically for field officers
- ✓ Continue hot-spot selective enforcement targeting and assure compliance to it
- Roadway improvements: trees, rollovers, utility poles, culverts, ditches, embankments

Seatbelt (Restraint) Use Target Groups*

- ✓ PI&E targeting the worst offenders = DUI, high risk takers, young males
- ✓ Target their friends and relatives people of influence over them
- ✓ Need to draw from intensive psychological studies

Multi-Fatality Crash Target Groups

- ✓ Age 16-21
- ✓ State/Federal Roads as Opposed to County
- Severest of Violations
 - Cross centerline, wrong way, aggressive driving
 - DUI (same as for single fatality crashes & seatbelts)
- Collisions with other Vehicles as opposed to roadside objects
- ✓ Countermeasures must target worst offenders

Pedestrian Fatalities: Develop Countermeasures*

- ✓ Impaired walking and walking while intoxicated
- ✓ Target: "Not Visible" and Other pedestrian violations
- ✓ Combine impaired and distracted walking with driving

Impaired* and Distracted Driving* – Intensify Current Efforts

* Special studies exist for these subjects (see SHA home page)





Detailed Recommended Countermeasures



Speed Reduction

Analysis: Fatal Crash AND Speed vs Fatal and NOT Speeding

- Rural roadways about 77% of speed fatalities
- County roads almost 50% of speed fatalities
- Younger Drivers 16-35 (60% speed vs 37% non-speed)
- Potential Immediate Actions:
 - Increase in patrol officers ALEA and local
 - Demonstration speed reduction project (comprehensive)
 - Legislative action to recognize problem
 - ✓ Assure compliance with selective enforcement targeting
 - Roadway improvements: trees, rollovers, utility poles, culverts, ditches, embankments (Most Harmful Event)



Seatbelt Use Target Groups

Analysis: Fatal NOT Restrained vs N-F Properly Restrained

- DUI (5 times the expected)
- Other Severe Violations
 - ✓ Speed (8.3); Aggressive (5.4)
- Age 16-20 (risk); 21-37 (correlation with DUI)
- Single Vehicle Crashes (3.3 times expected)
- Potential Immediate Actions
 - ✓ Get "Budweiser" to promote seatbelt use ("save our customers")
 - ✓ PI&E targeting the worst offenders
 - Their friends and relatives people of influence over them
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Multi-Fatality Crash Target Groups

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- Collisions with other Vehicles
 - As opposed to roadside objects (e.g., trees)
- Countermeasures Must Target Worst Offenders

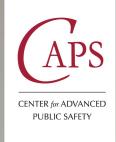
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Pedestrian Fatality Target Groups

Analysis: Pedestrian Fatalities vs. Pedestrian Non-Fatal

- All Roadway Types O-R other than Municipal
- Impaired Walking (ID = DUI > IW = WUI)
 - ✓ 4 times the drug use indicators (including prescription)
 - ✓ 2 times the alcohol use indicators
- Time of Day Validates Drug/Alcohol Use
- "Not Visible" and Other Pedestrian Violations
 - Validates lack of concern
 - ✓ No good data on <u>distractions</u> but ample anecdotal evidence
- CMs: Target IW/DW Same as for ID/DD
 - ✓ Combined Impaired DUI/WUI = ID/IW PI&E efforts
 - ✓ Combined Distracted DD/DW PI&E efforts

Introduction: PPT Organization

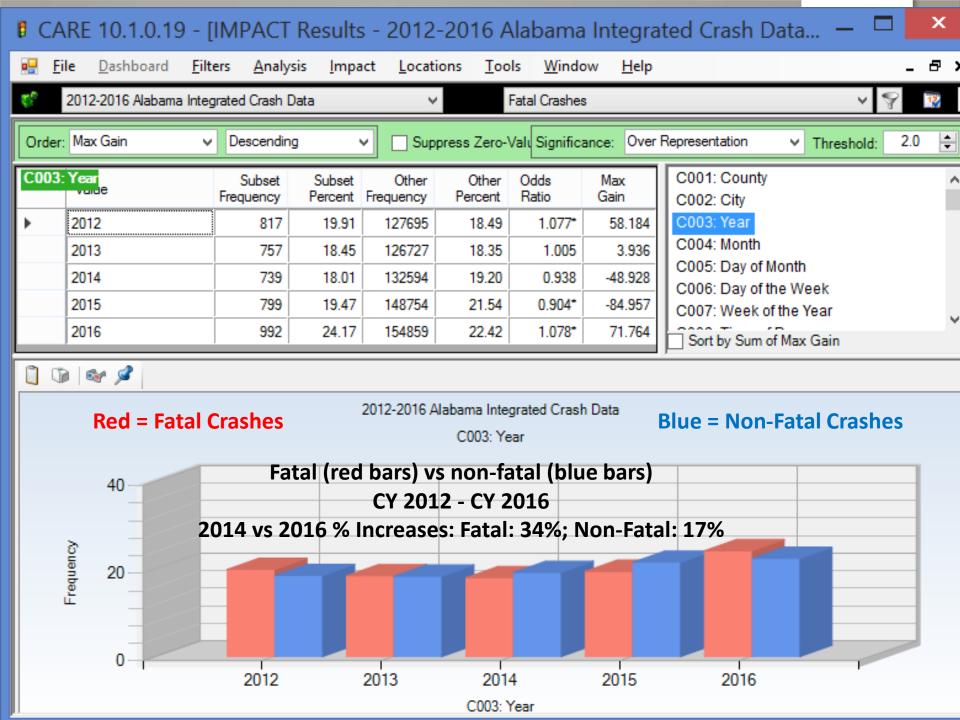


- Motivation
 - Unprecedented fatality increase in CY2016
 - ✓ Objective: to determine causes
- Rationale for Comparing 2016 to 2014
 - Overall trends crashes and fatalities
- PCC Differences Fatal and Injury Crashes
- IMPACT and Frequency Comparison Results
 - ✓ 2016 vs 2014 for fatal and overall crashes
 - ✓ Straight Numerical Comparison 2016/2014
- Presentation Approach
 - Conclusion summaries given first for each section
 - Analytical support for conclusions presented next

Introductory Analyses



- Fatal and Non-Fatal Crashes 2012-2016
 - ✓ Why compare 2016 with 2014?
 - ✓ Some general increase in crashes seen in 2015
 - Accelerated increase in fatal crashes in 2016
- PCC Codes Showing the Greatest Increases
 - In fatal crashes
 - ✓ In fatal plus severe injury crashes
 - ✓ Note: Reason for looking at percentage INCREASES:
 Searching for what caused the fatality increases



2014-2016 Crash Per Cent Increase by PCC **Per Cent Crash Increase Pri Cntrb Circumstances Sev Injury Fatal** 20% 7%

0%

0%

14%

5%

Speed Ran off Road 17%

Ran Stop Sign

Unseen Item

Fatigued/Asleep

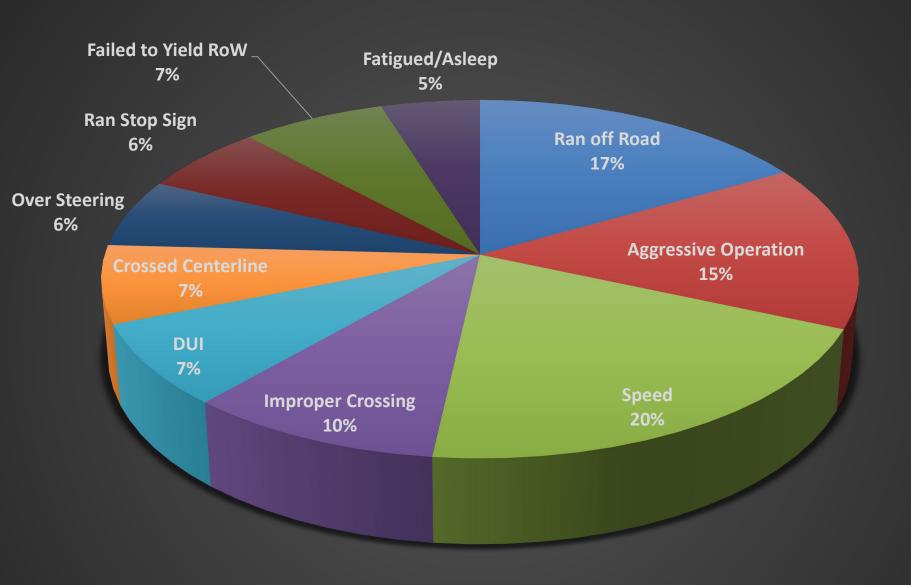
Aggressive Operation 15% 18% **Improper Crossing** 10% 8% DUI 13% 7% **Crossed Centerline** 7% 8% Failed to Yield RoW 7% 21% **Over Steering** 6% 7%

6%

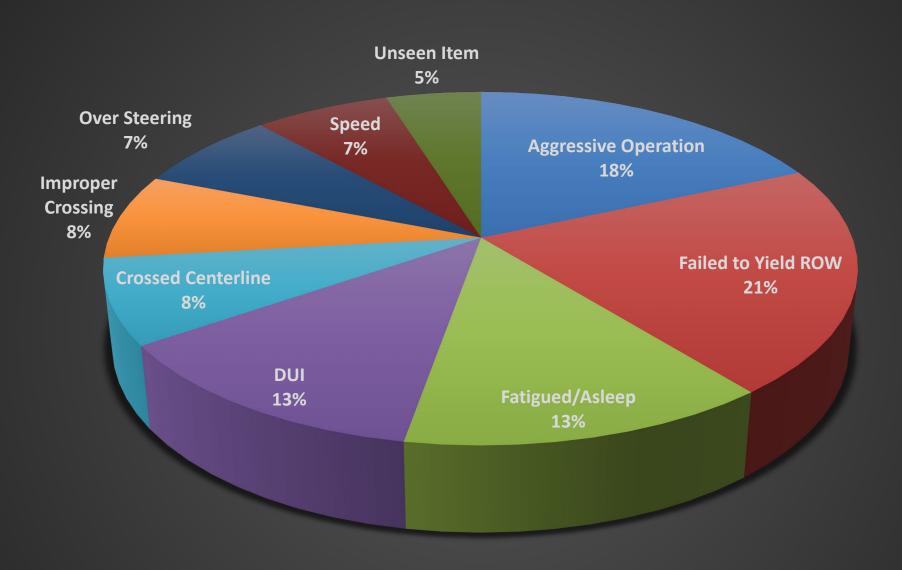
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2014 vs 2016 % Increase in Fatal Crashes



2014 vs 2016 % Increase in Fatal or Serious Injury Crashes



IMPACT Analysis Organization

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- Crash Severity Causes
 - Restraints and Helmets, Weather, EMS Delays
- Driver Behavior
 - PCC, DUI, Speed
- Driver Demographics Age and Gender
- Time Considerations Time of Day, Day of Week, Month
- Geographical Characteristics
 - ✓ County, City, Rural/Urban, Locale
- Roadway Characteristics
- Crash Characteristics
- Pedestrian Characteristics
- Vehicle Characteristics
- Recommended Countermeasures





Overall

- Over 22,000 more crashes in 2016
- ✓ Equals 60+ more crashes per day
- ✓ Increases are not just in fatalities

Fatal Crashes

- ✓ Increased by 253 crashes
- ✓ Greater than 34% increase (more than one-third)

2014 vs. 2016 Crashes by Severity

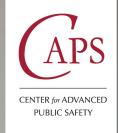


CARE Crosstab Results - 2014-2016 Crash Data					
2014 vs 2016 Year vs. Crash Severity					
All changes statistically significant					
	Complete Year				
	2014	2016			

Complete Year		
2014	2016	
739	992	
0.55%	0.64%	
6,009	6,096	
4.51%	3.91%	
10,015	11,567	
7.51%	7.42%	
12,026	14,898	
9.02%	9.56%	
100,426	118,268	
75.32%	75.89%	
4,118	4,030	
3.09%	2.59%	
133,333	155,851	
46.11%	53.89%	
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Yellow indicates the cells with the greater proportions (%); 2016 had relatively fewer severe injury crashes.

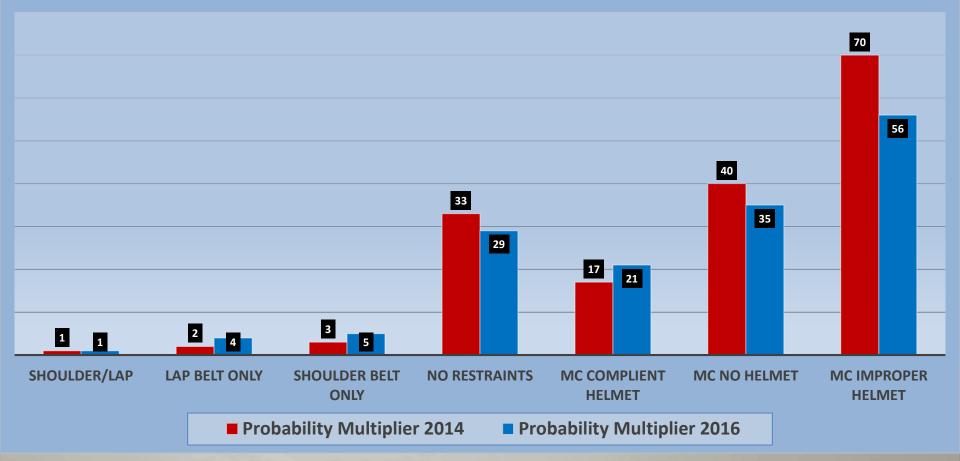
Restraints and Helmets



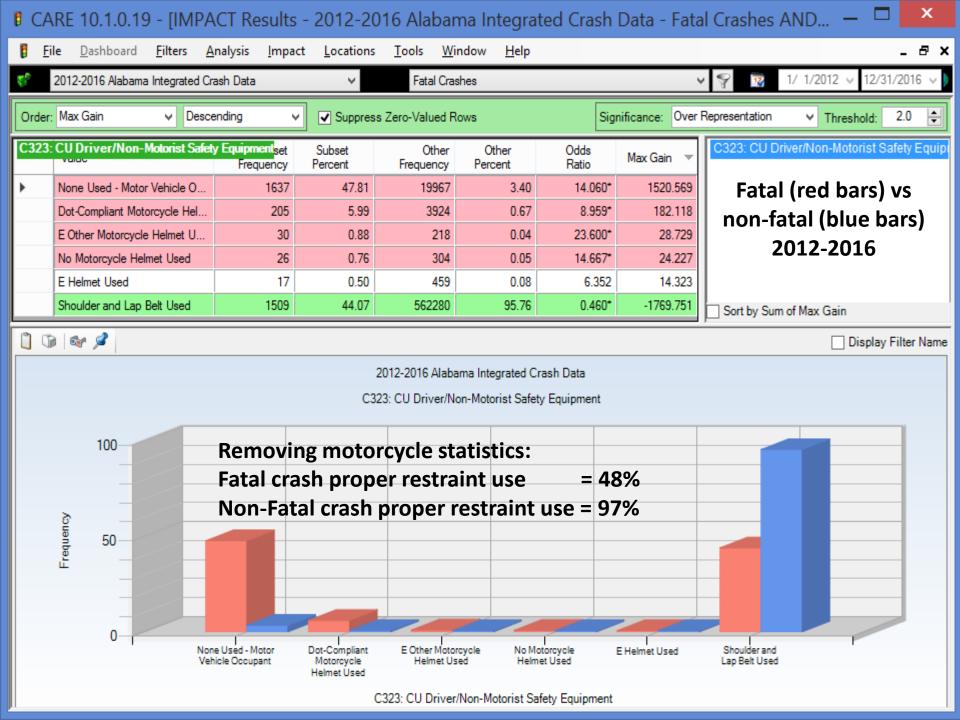
Effects on Crash Severity

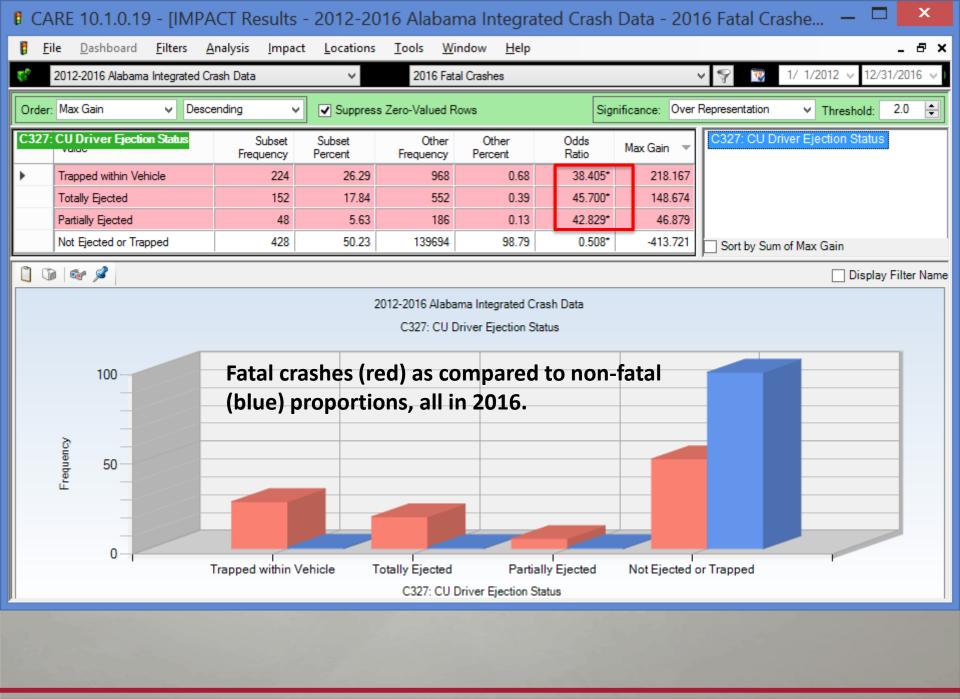
- Probability of Death Multipliers in 2016
 - Increases about 30 times when not restrained
 - ✓ Increases about 35 times for no MC helmet
 - ✓ Increases over 56 times for improper MC helmet
 - ✓ Increases over 42 times if thrown from vehicle

Safety Equipment Comparisons Fatality Probability Multipliers



Best case motorcycle is 17-21 times worse than the best case passenger car, i.e., with restraints used.



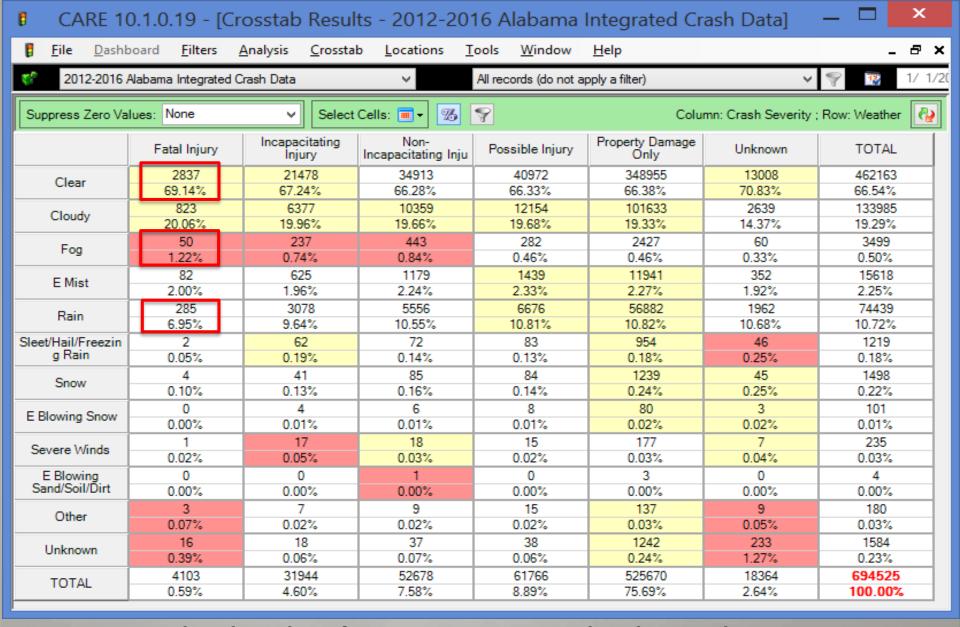


Weather



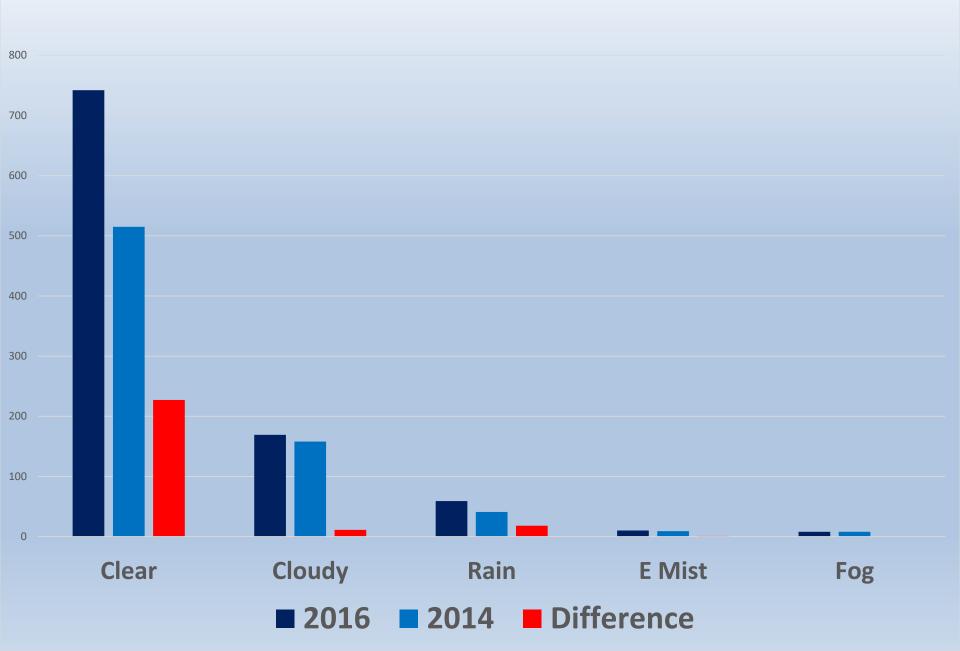


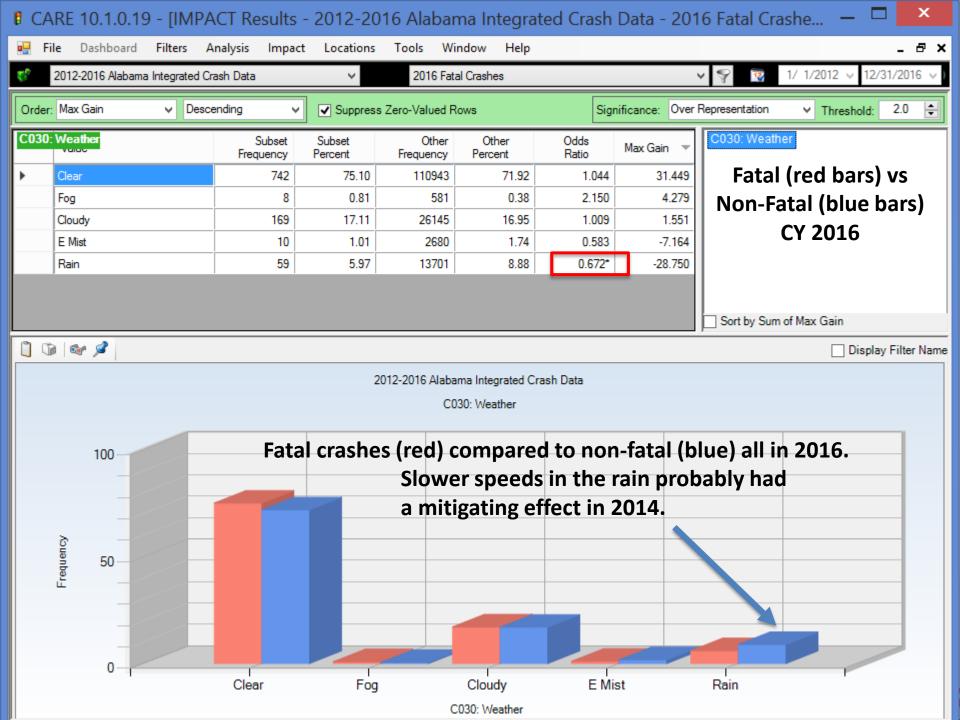
- Reduced Speeds = Reduce Fatalities (all data)
 - ✓ Fatalities in rain = 64% of those in other conditions
 - ✓ 2016 Increase of over 200 fatal crashes in clear weather
 - ✓ Clear weather caused 14 of the increase in fatal crashes
 - ✓ Increases = 244% in the fog (over twice the expected)



Weather baseline for 2012-2016: Weather by Crash Severity Fatal Over-Representations: Clear and Fog; Rain was Under-Represented

2016 to 2014 Fatal Crashes by Weather (C030)



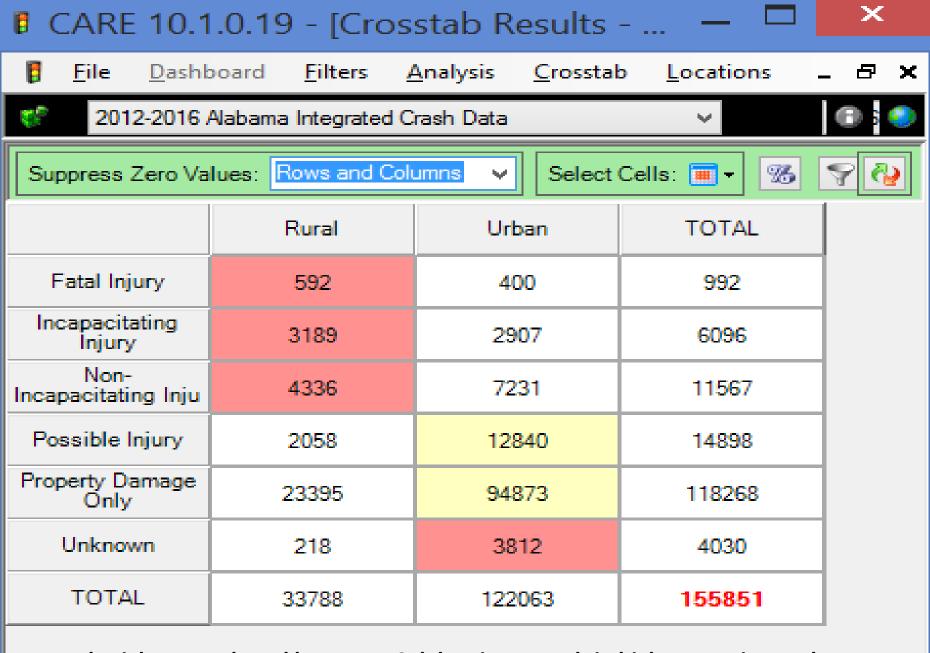


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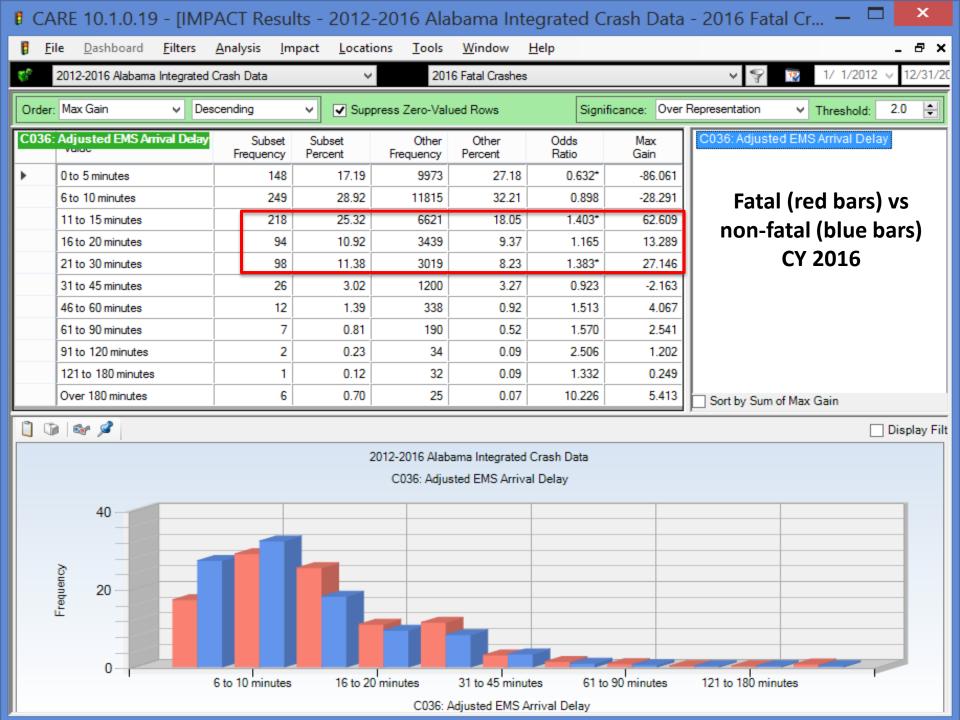
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Effects on Crash Severity

- Rural High Speeds and Remote Locations
 - ✓ Fatal probability:
 - 1.7% rural; 0.3% urban
 - Increase in rural area more than a factor of 5
 - See relationship with speed under Driver Behavior
- Delay times
 - ✓ All above 11 minutes overrepresented
 - ✓ Larger overrepresentations above 46 minutes



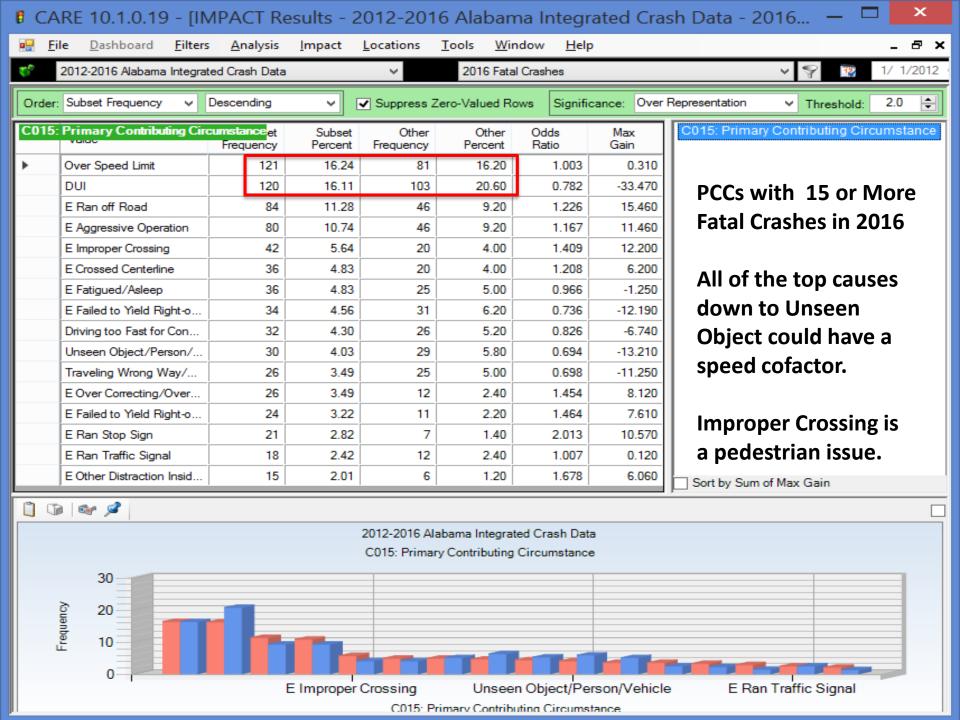
Rural: Higher speeds and longer EMS delay times result in higher severity crashes.



Driver Behavior



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C015: Primary Contributing Circumstance Fatal Crashes in 2016 > 35

<u>Value</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>Difference</u>	
Speeding	121	81	40	
ID/DUI	120	103	17	
Road Depart	84	46	38	
Aggressive	80	46	34	
Imp Crsng	42	20	22	
Crsd Cntrln	36	20	16	

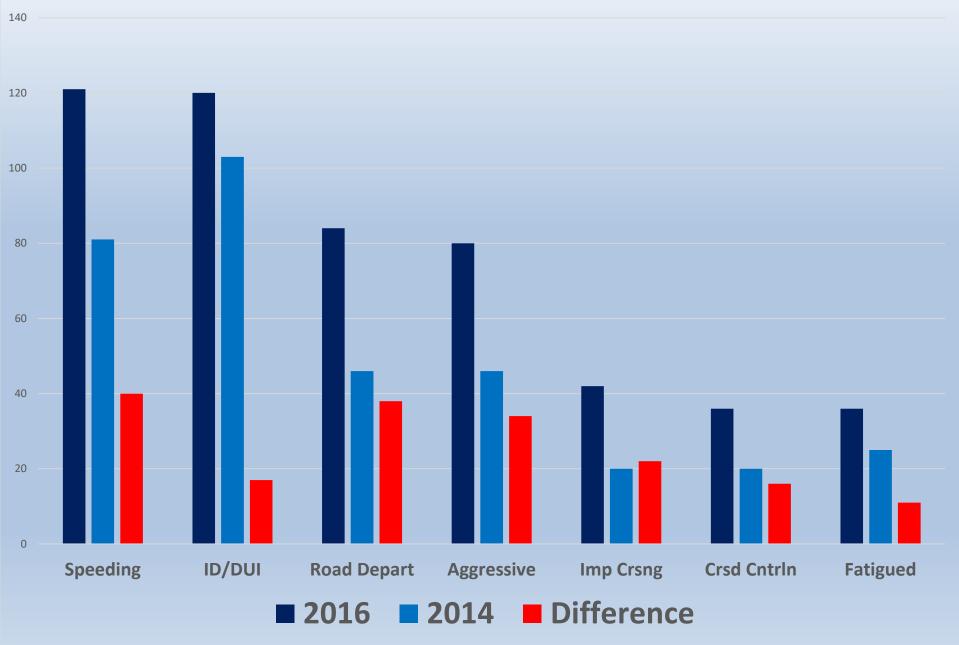
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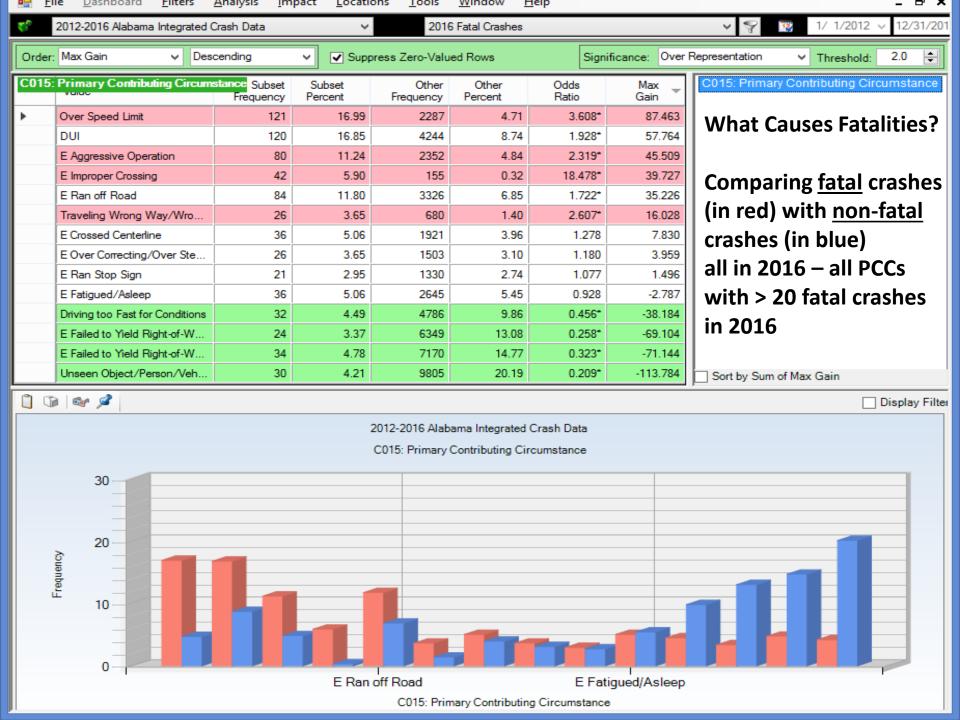
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Fatigued

2016 to 2015 Fatal Crash Differential by PCC

Primary Contributing Circumstance Values with >35 Fatal Crashes in 2016

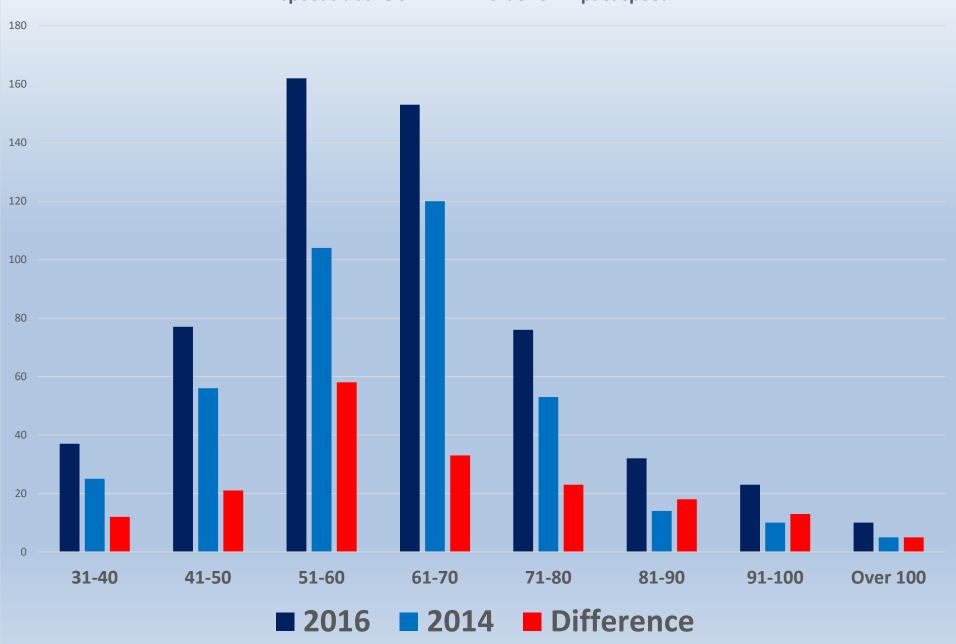


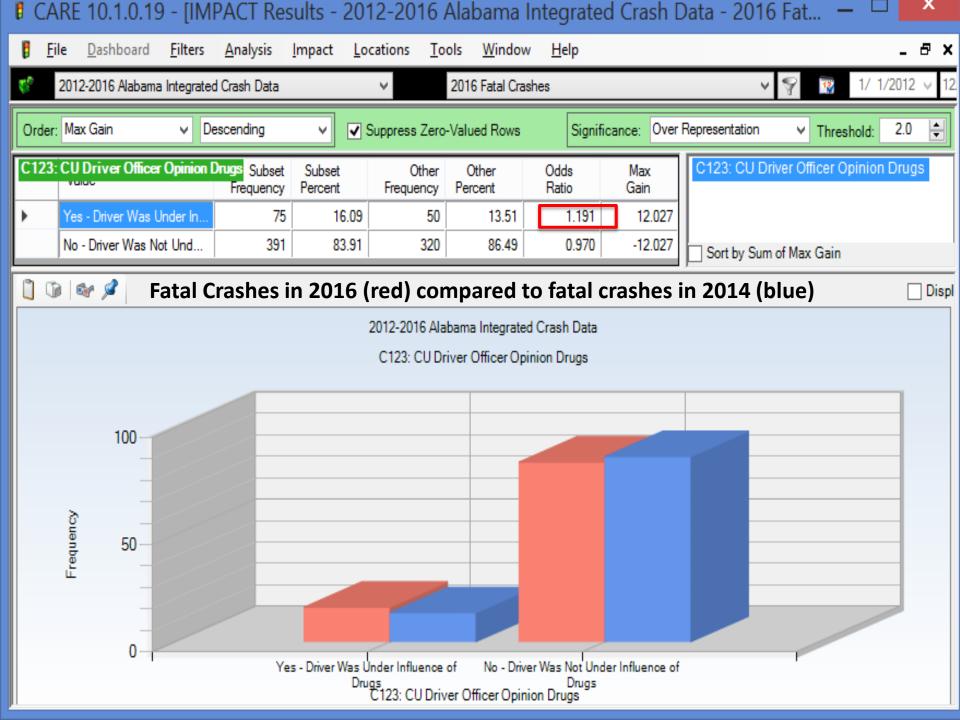


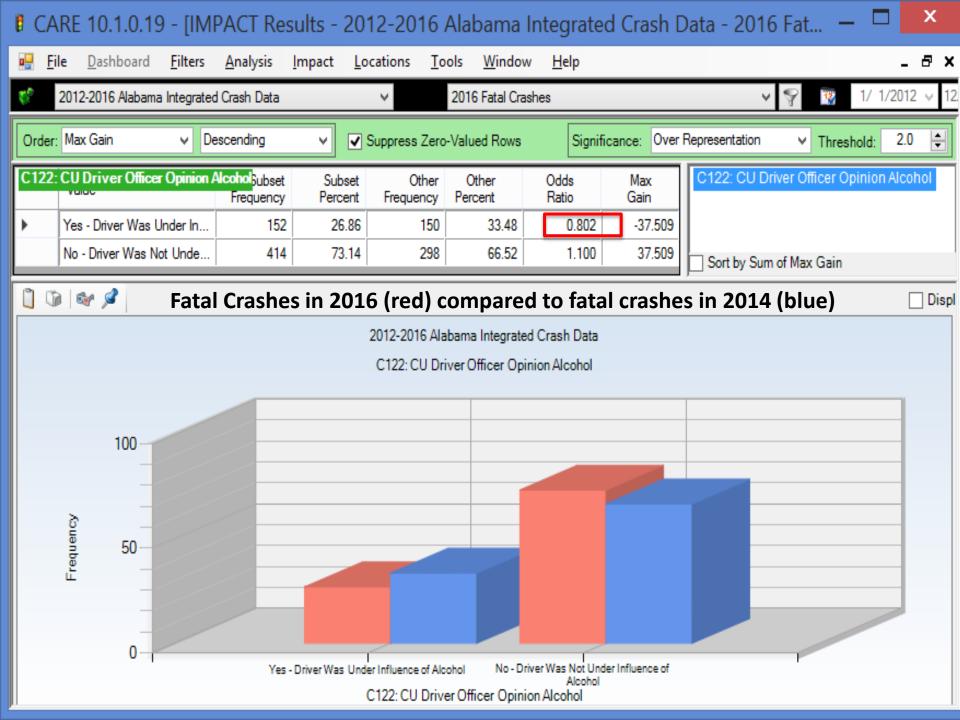
C224 Impact S	peeds			
Value (MPH)	<u>2016</u>	<u>2014</u>	Difference	
31-40	37	25	12	
41-50	77	56	21	
51-60	162	104	58	
61-70	153	120	33	
71-80	76	53	23	
81-90	32	14	18	
91-100	23	10	13	
Over 100	10	5	5	

2016 to 2014 Fatal Differential by Impact Speed

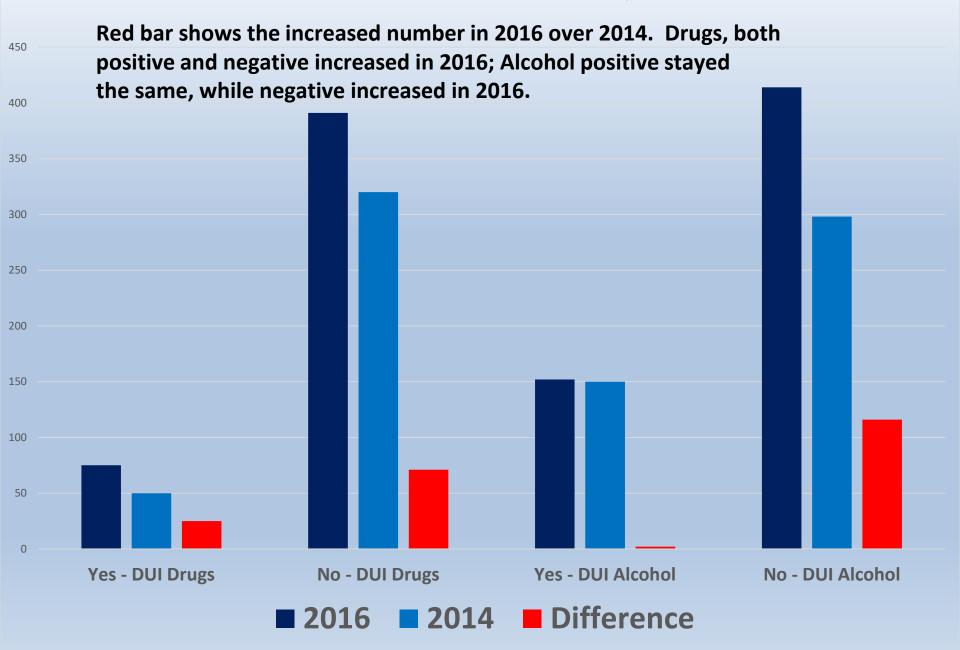
All speeds above 31 MPH in order of impact speed

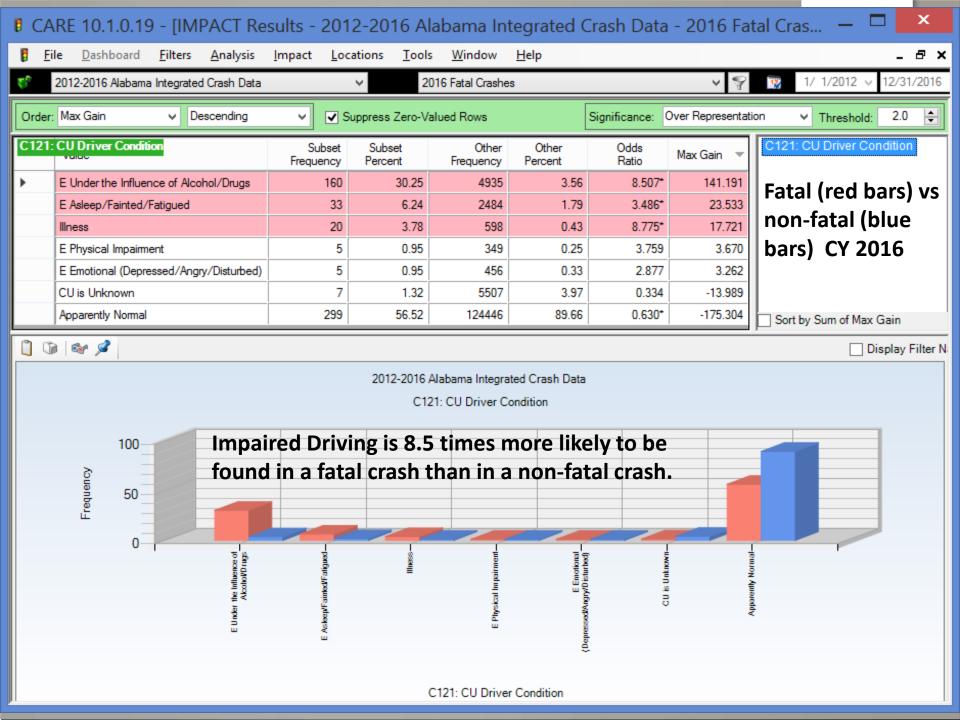


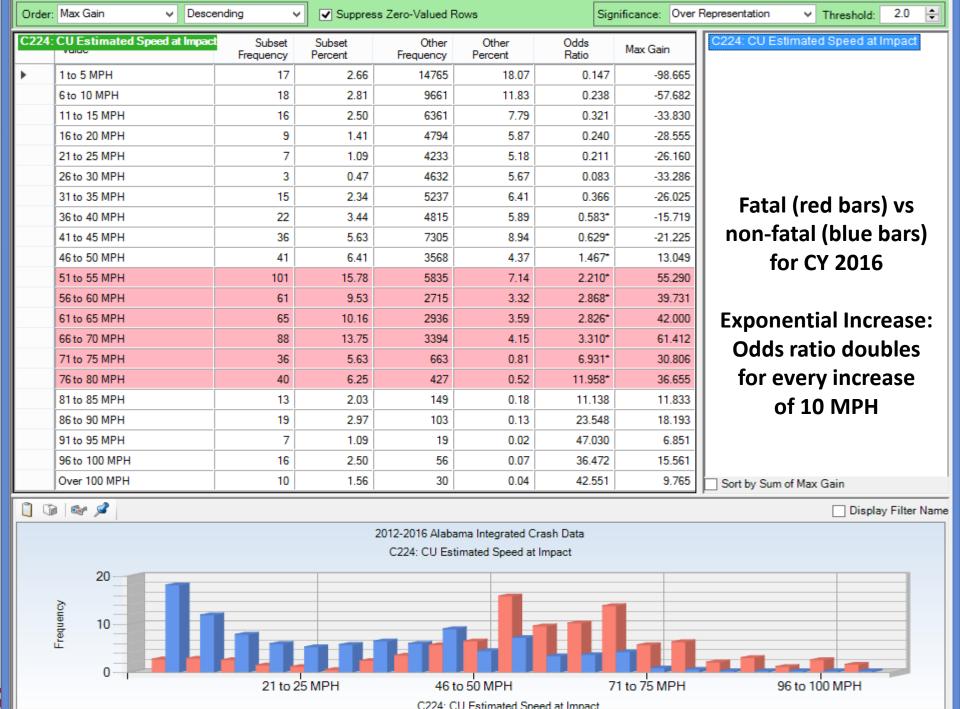


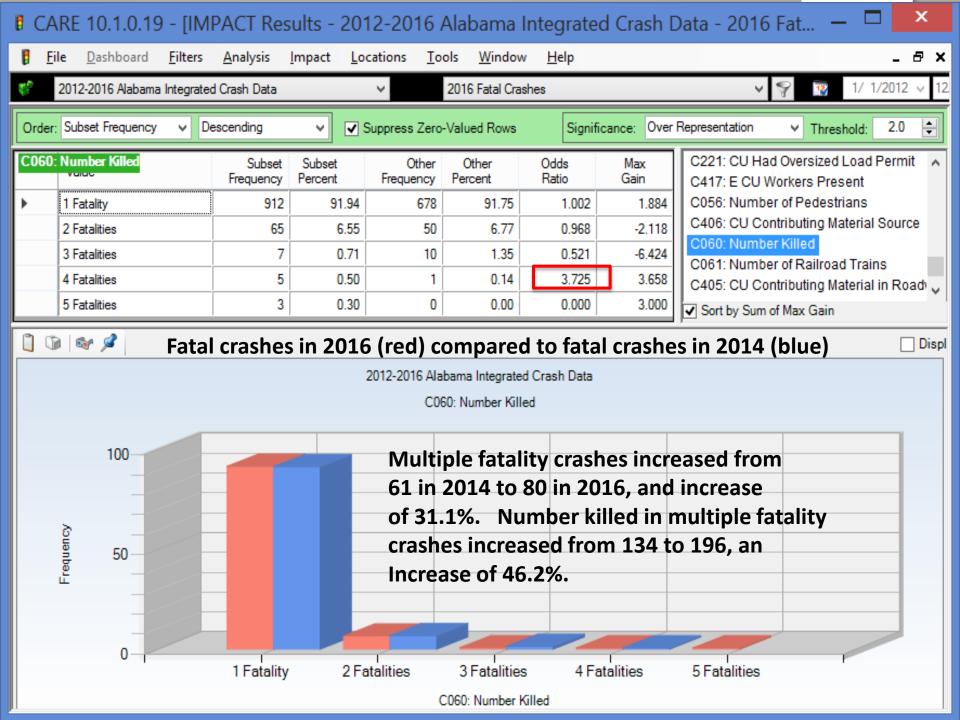


2016 to 2014 C122-3 Officer's Opinion Drug and Alcohol Use 2016 Fatal vs 2014 Fatal Crashes Comparisons









Driver Demographics



AGE

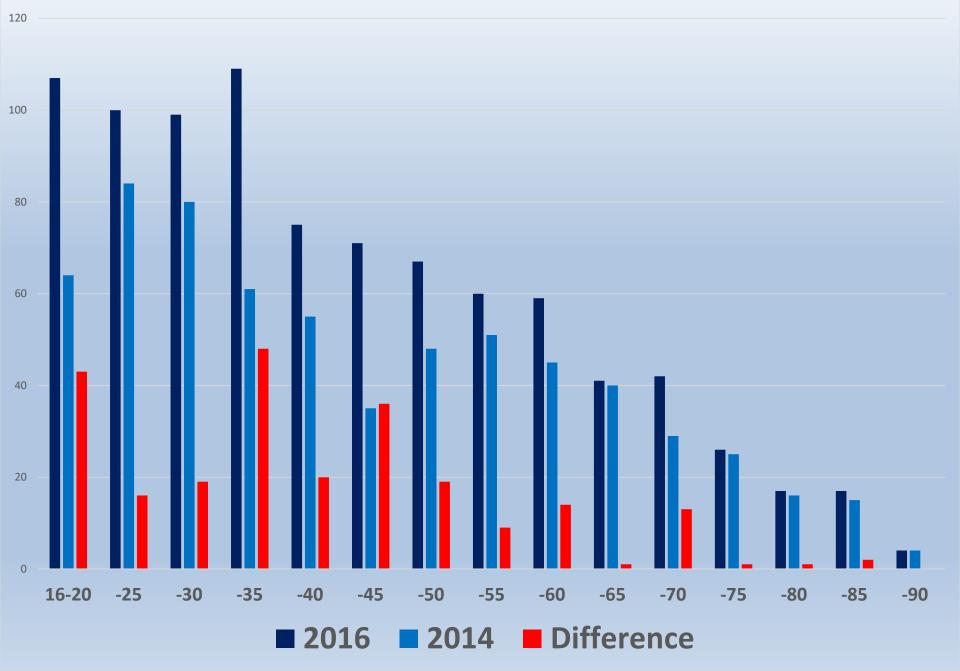
- Critical Ages 31-35; 16-20 and 41-45
- Ages 16-20 Have High Number but Under-Represented
- Ranking on Next Page by Increase of 2016 over 2014
- Potential Problem Addicts:
 - 21-30 are typical social drinkers, numbers consistently high
 - 31-35 alarming for the increase: potential problems
 - 41-45 getting to a point beyond rehabilitation

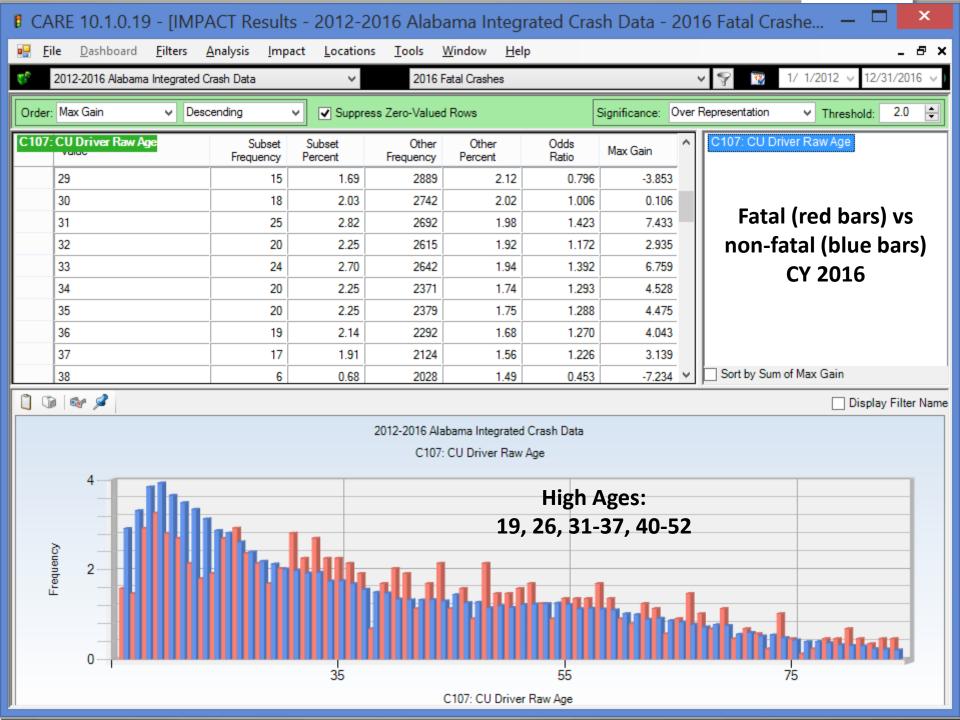
GENDER

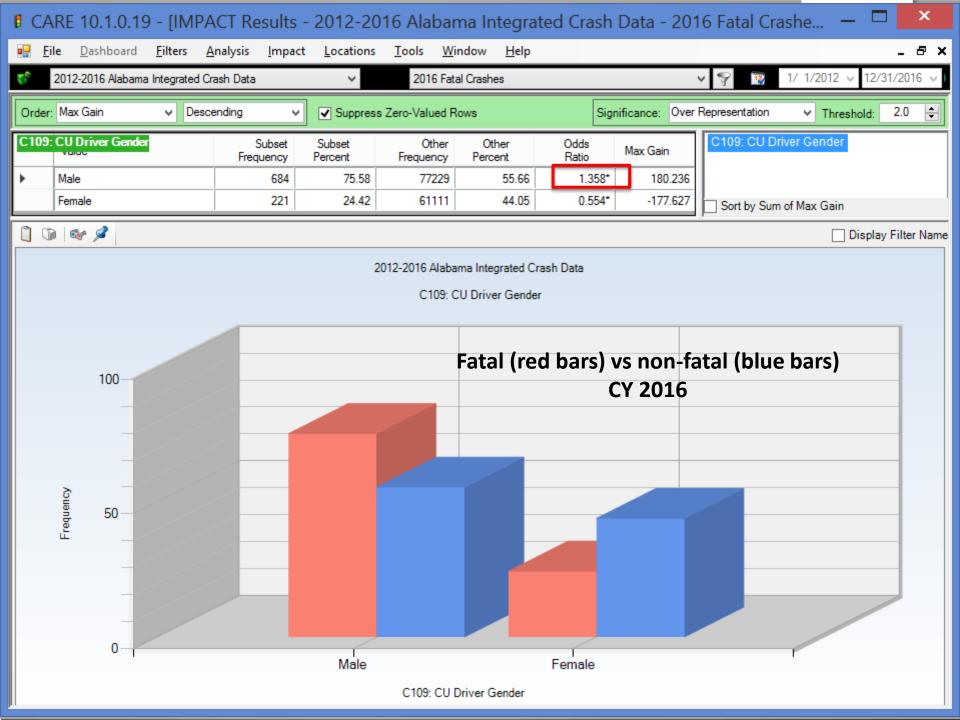
Males 36% higher than expected

C106: CU Driver Age (5-year intervals)					
Value	2016	2014	Difference	Rank	
11 to 15 Years	9	2	7		
16 to 20 Years	107	64	43	В	
21 to 25 Years	100	84	16		
26 to 30 Years	99	80	19	D	
31 to 35 Years	109	61	48	A	
36 to 40 Years	75	55	20	D	
41 to 45 Years	71	35	36	C	
46 to 50 Years	67	48	19	D	
51 to 55 Years	60	51	9		
56 to 60 Years	59	45	14		
61 to 65 Years	41	40	1		
66 to 70 Years	42	29	13		
71 to 75 Years	26	25	1		
76 to 80 Years	17	16	1		
81 to 85 Years	17	15	2		
86 to 90 Years	4	4	0		

2016 to 2015 Fatal Crash Differential by Age



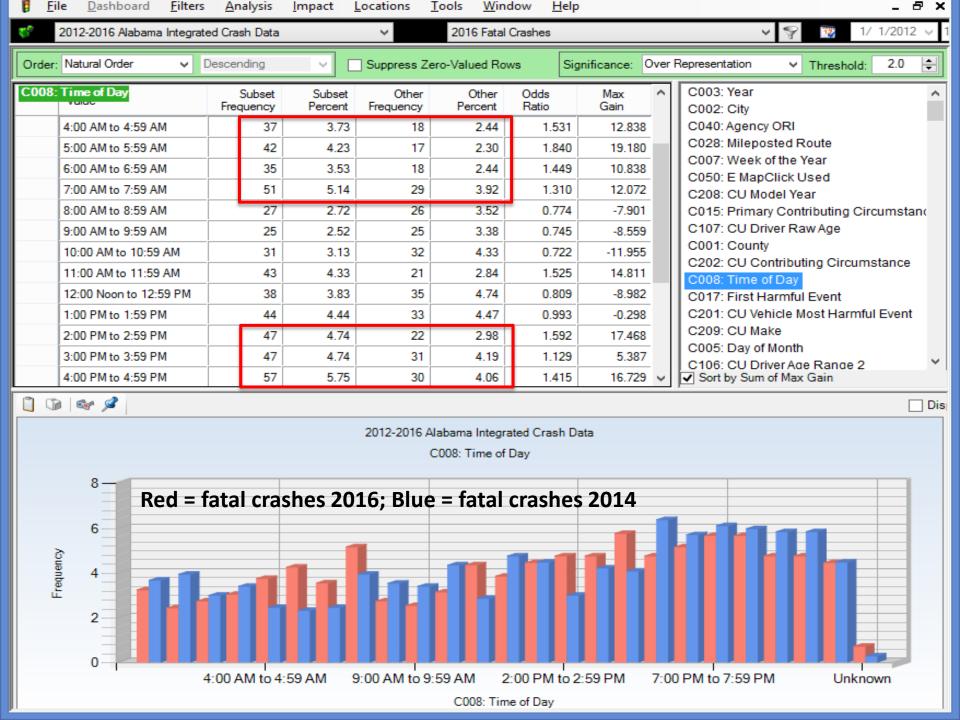


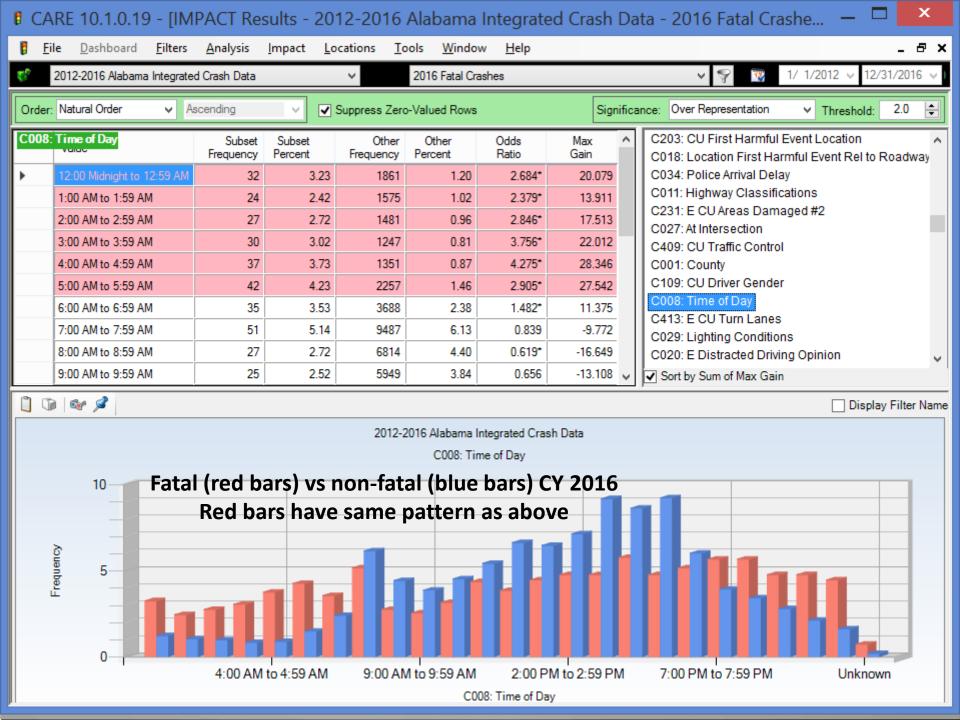


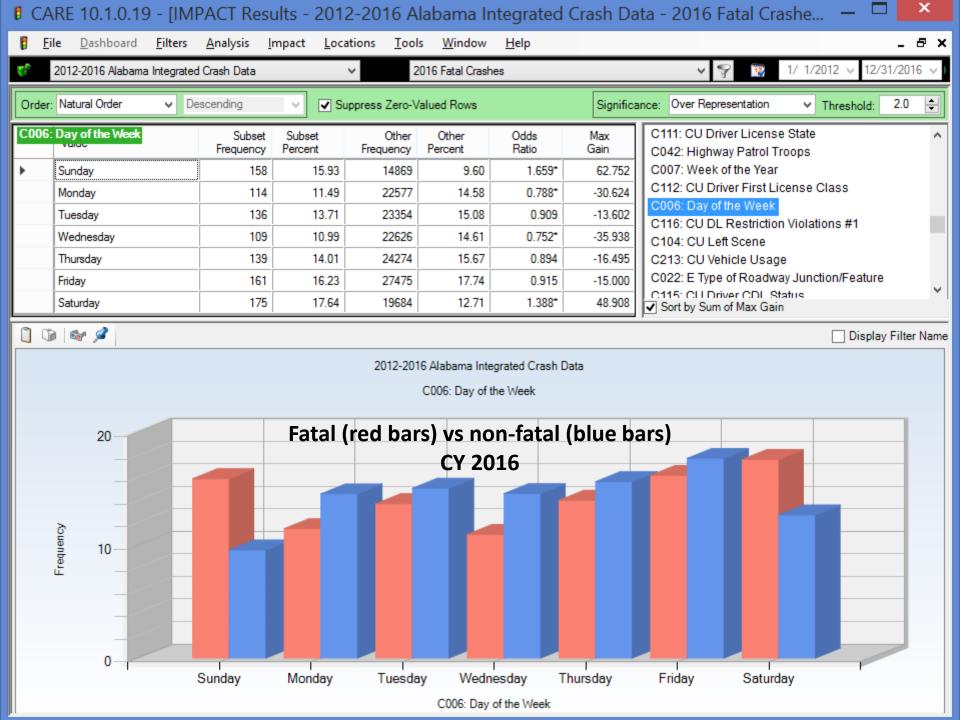
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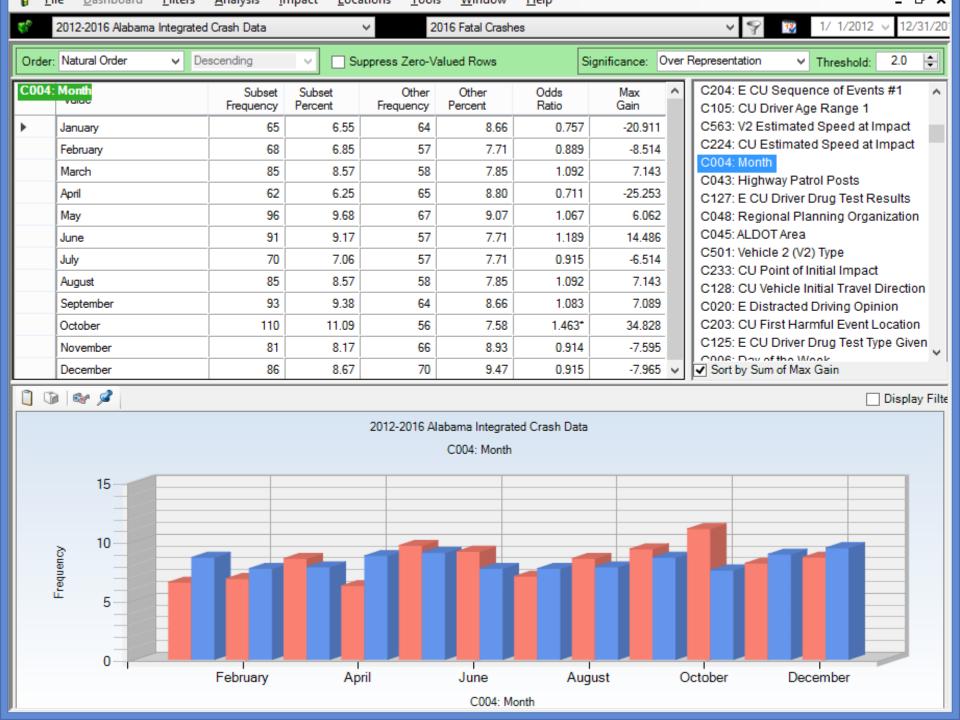


- In 2016 Times of Fatal Crashes Shifted toward:
 - ✓ Morning: 4:00 AM to 8:00 AM
 - ✓ Early afternoon: 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM
- Comparing Fatal with Non-Fatal
 - Fatal crashes reflect DUI pattern
 - ✓ Tend to exaggerate it
- Day-of-the-Week also Reflects Typical DUI Pattern
- Shift in Months
 - ✓ Toward August through October
 - Away from colder months of November through February

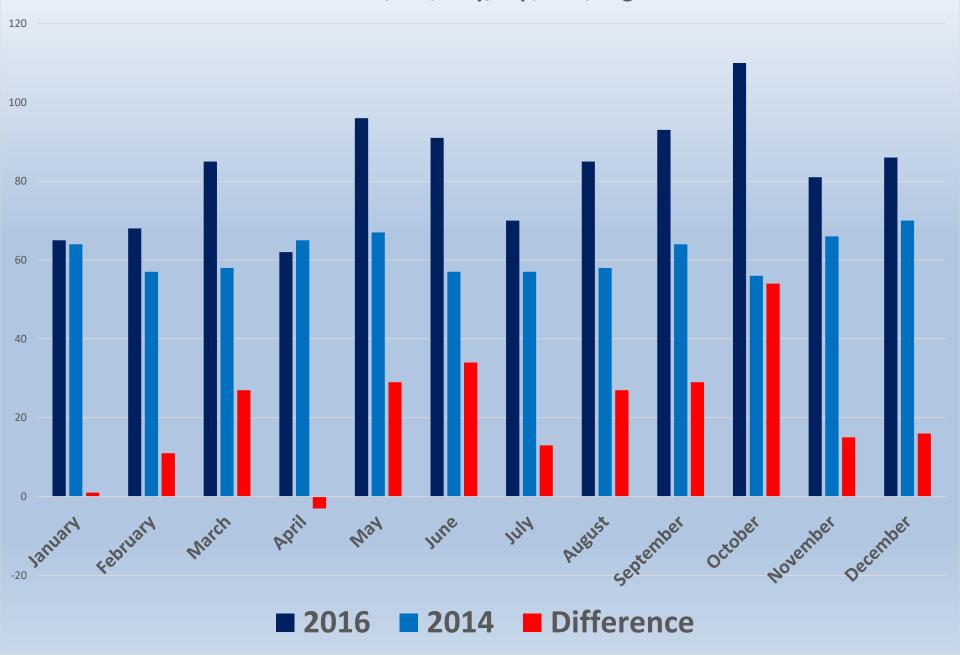








2016 to 2014 Fatal Differentials by C004 Month Greatest increases: Oct, Jun, May/Sep, Mar/Aug

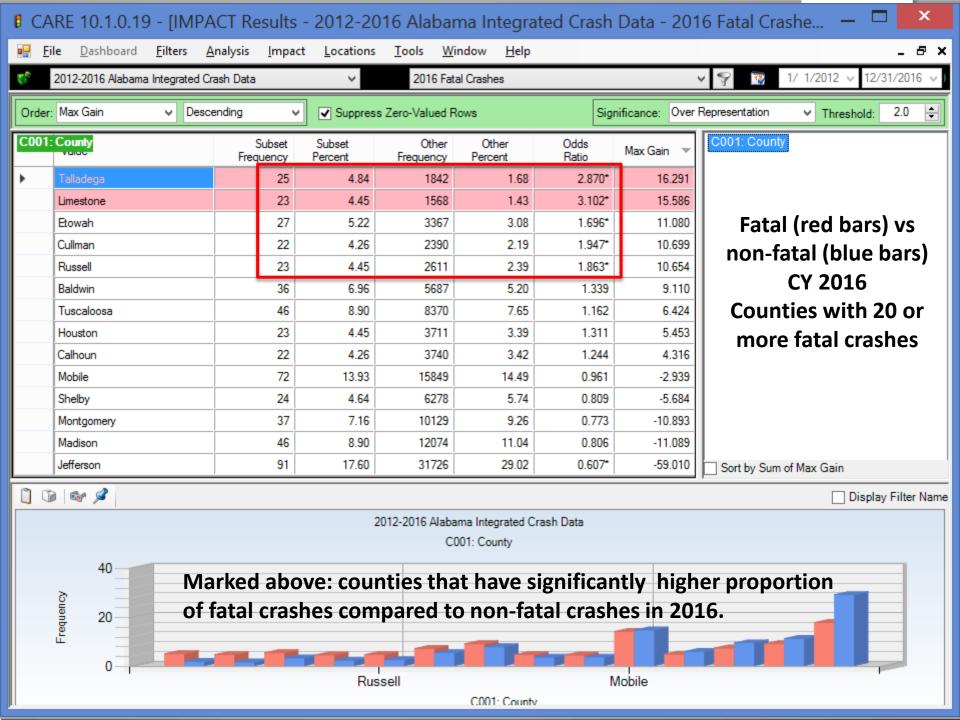


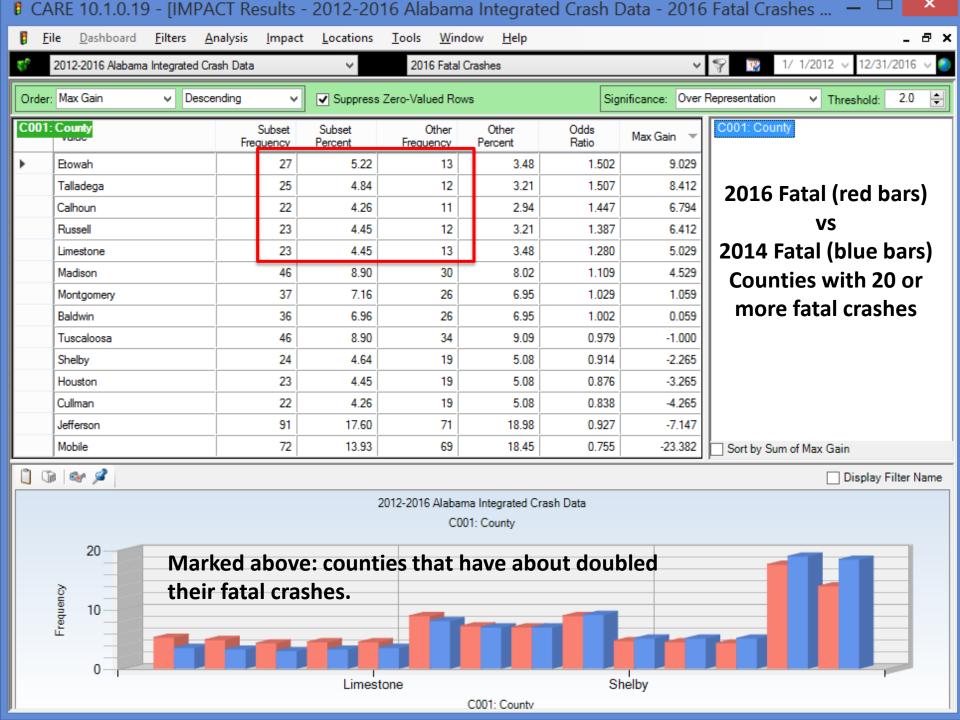
Geographical Features



Geographical Characteristics

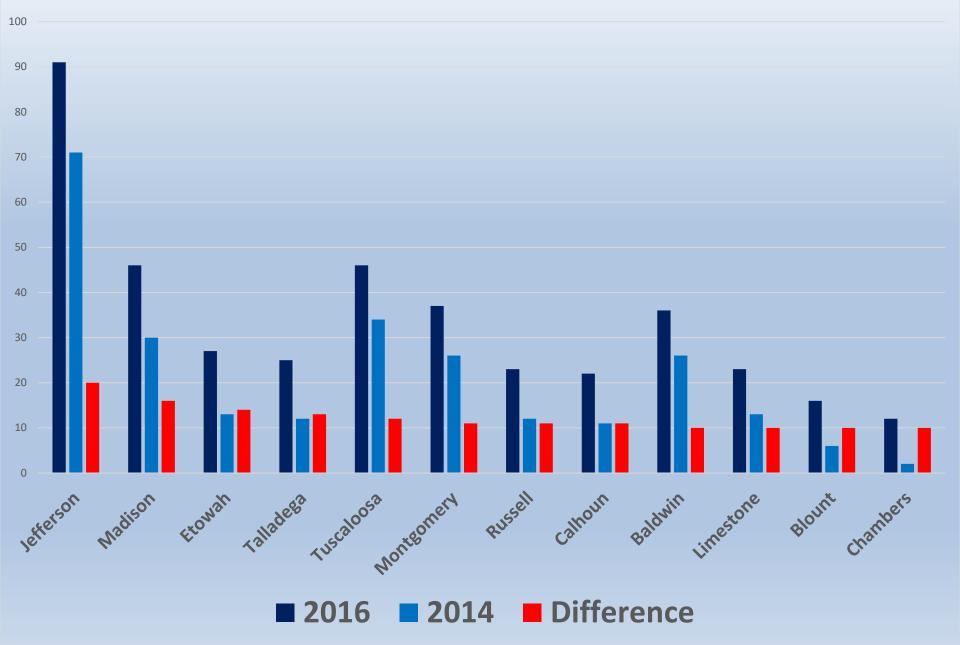
- Counties with significantly higher proportions:
 - ✓ <u>Talladega</u>, <u>Limestone</u>, <u>Etowah</u>, <u>Russell</u> and Baldwin
- Counties that have about doubled their fatal crashes
 - Etowah, Talladega, Calhoun, Russell and Limestone
- Rural Areas of Counties Have More Fatal Crash Issues
 - Confirmed by comparing rural increases for each county
 - Confirmed by general rural-urban fatal crash comparison
 - Confirmed by Locale = Open Country over-representation





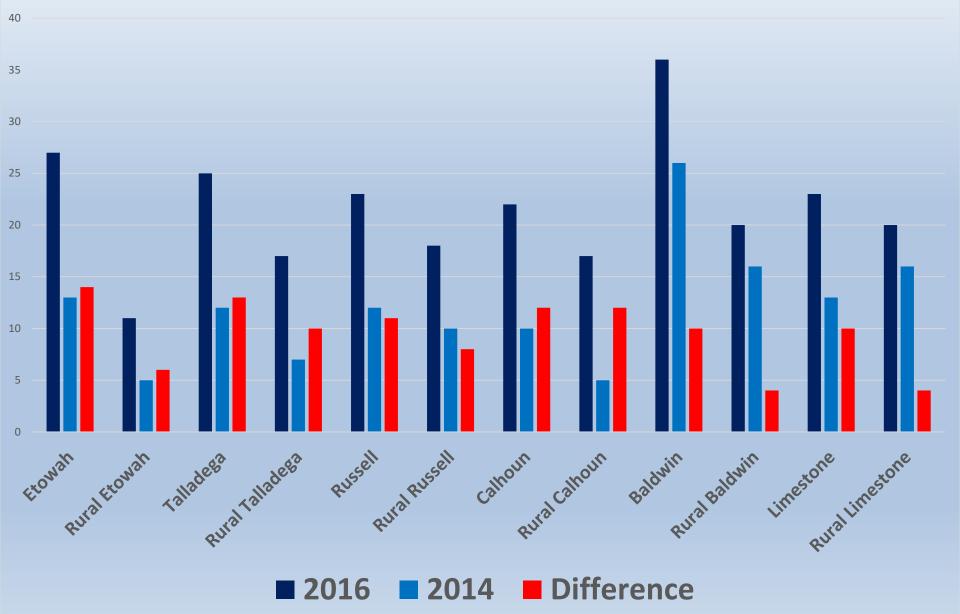
2016 to 2014 Fatal Crash Differential by County

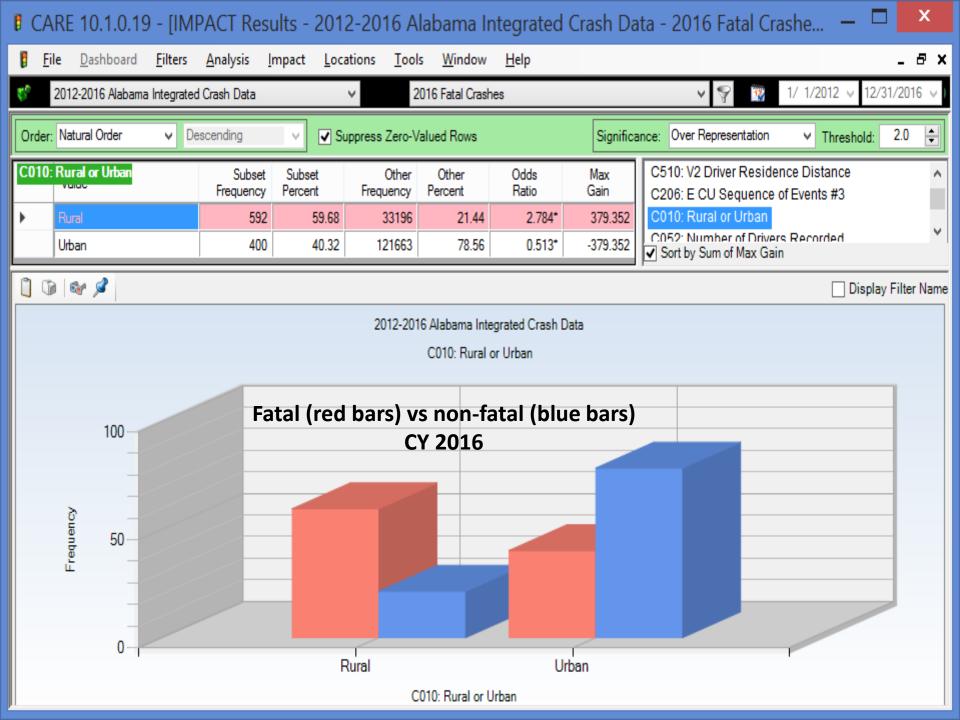
Counties with an Increase of at Least 10 Fatal Crashes in 2016

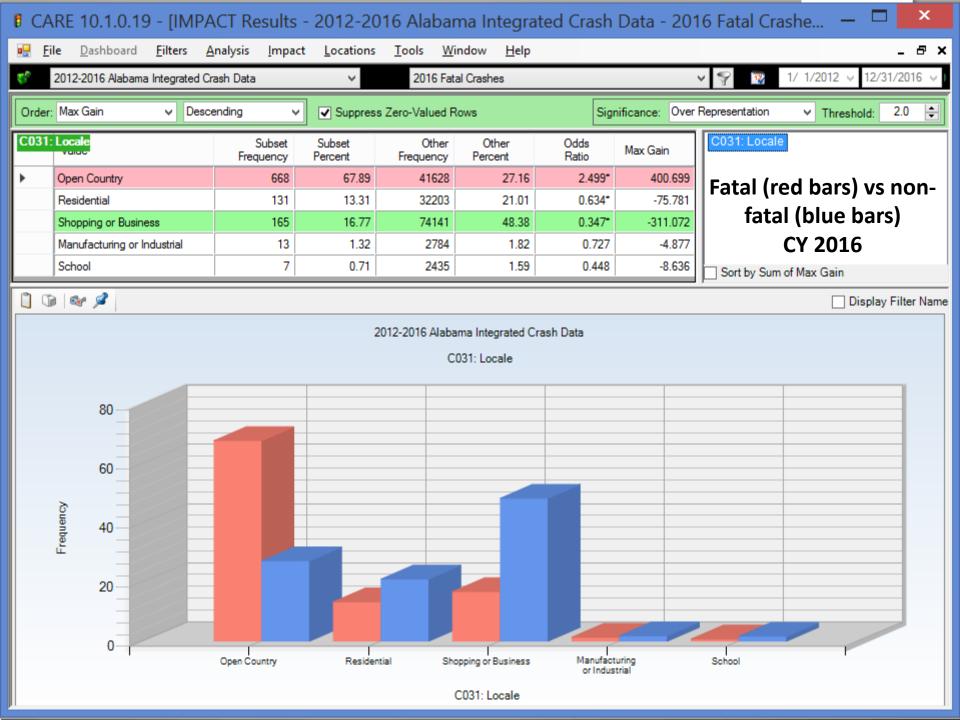


2016 to 2014 Fatal Crash by County & Rural Areas

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Ordered by County Increase in 2016 over 2014

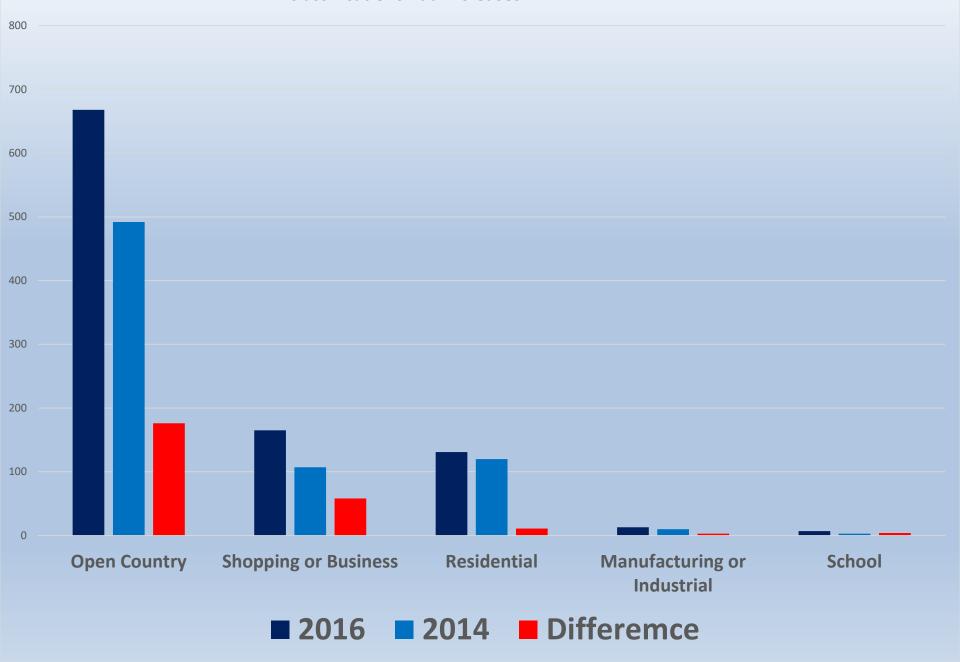






2016 to 2014 Fatal Differentials by C031 Locale

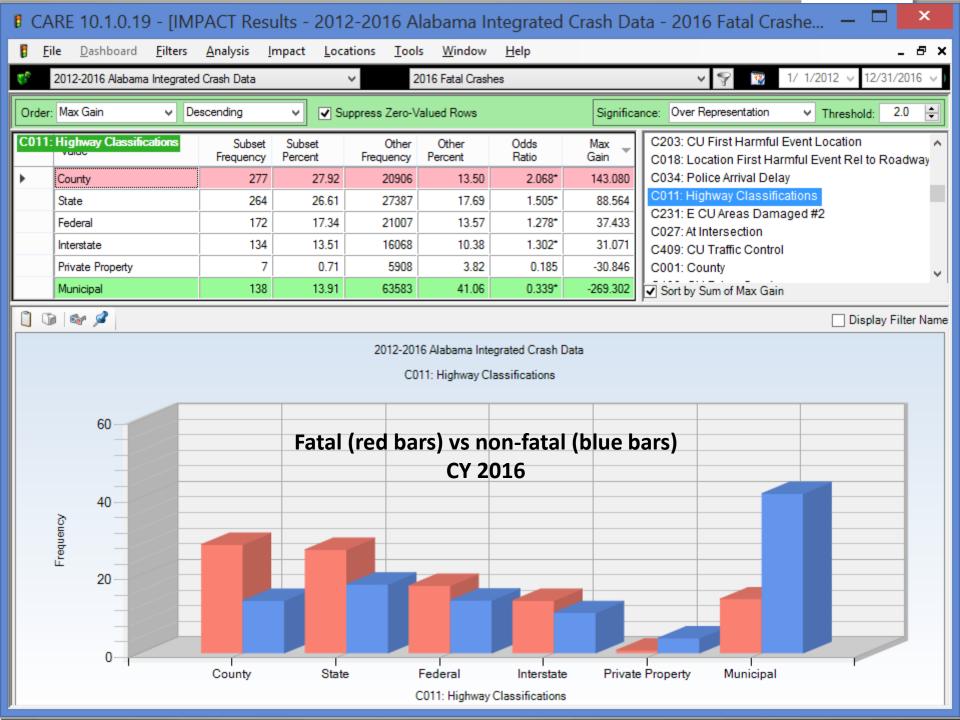
All classifications had increases



Roadway Features

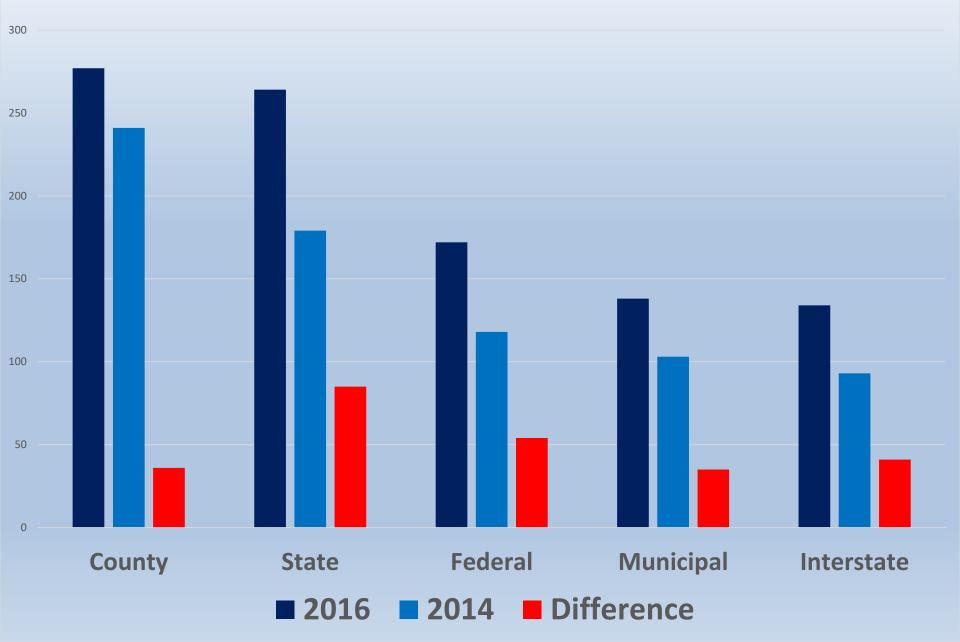


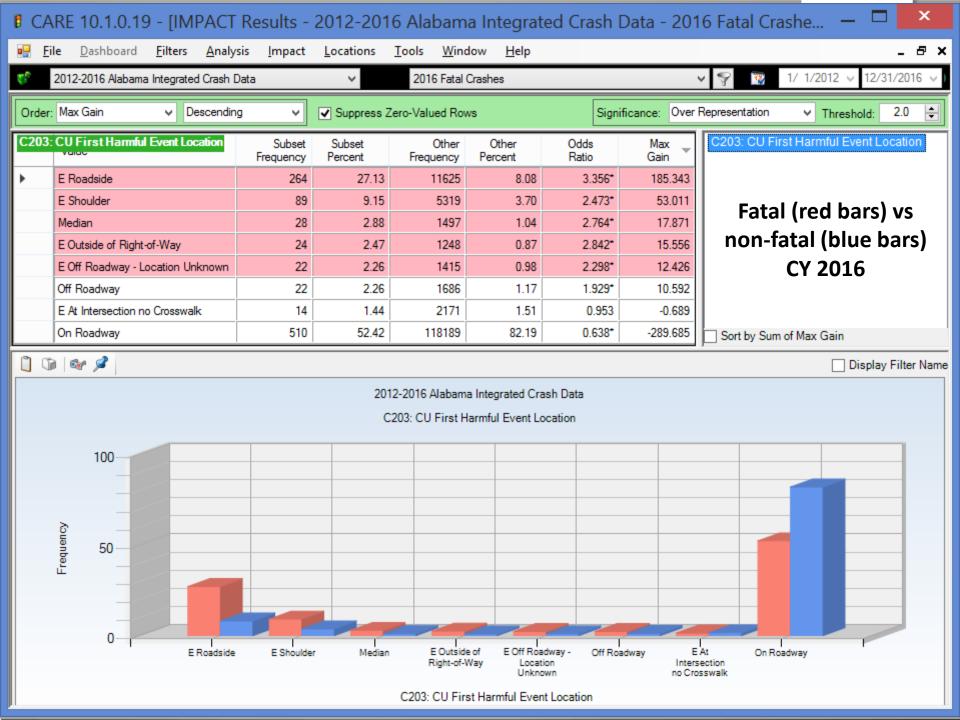
- Fatality Over-Represented Hiway Classes
 - ✓ County, state, federal, Interstate
- Most Increased in 2016: State and Federal
- Over-Represented:
 - Event Location: Off Roadway and Shoulder
 - ✓ Traffic Control: No-Passing and Lane Control
 - Curves, especially on down-grades
 - Non-intersection crashes
- Most Increased Routes
 - ✓ I-65; S006, S008; S002

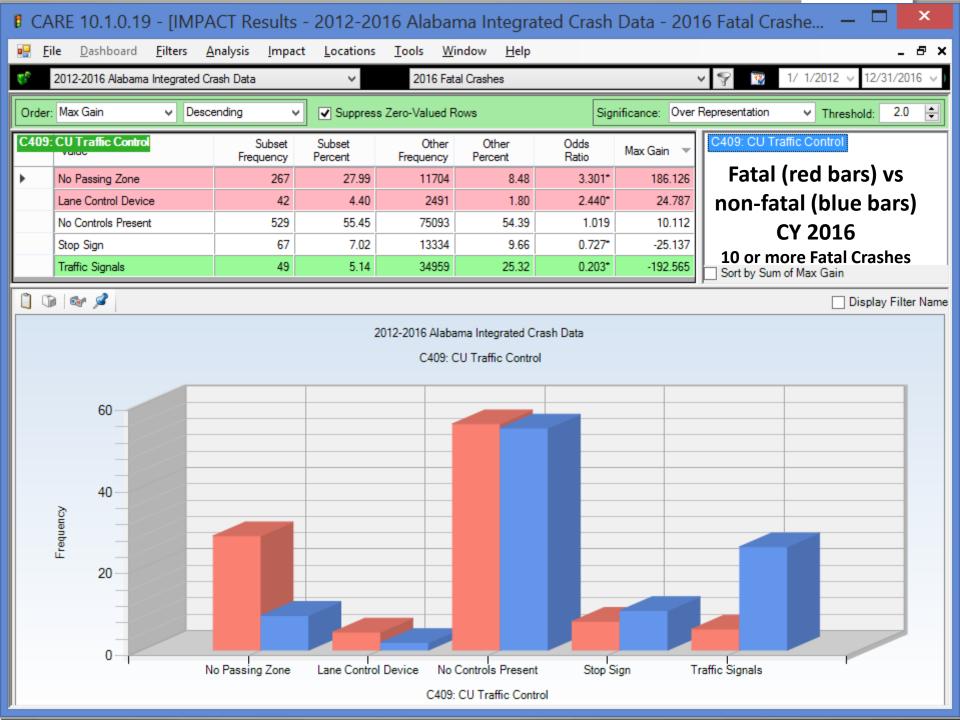


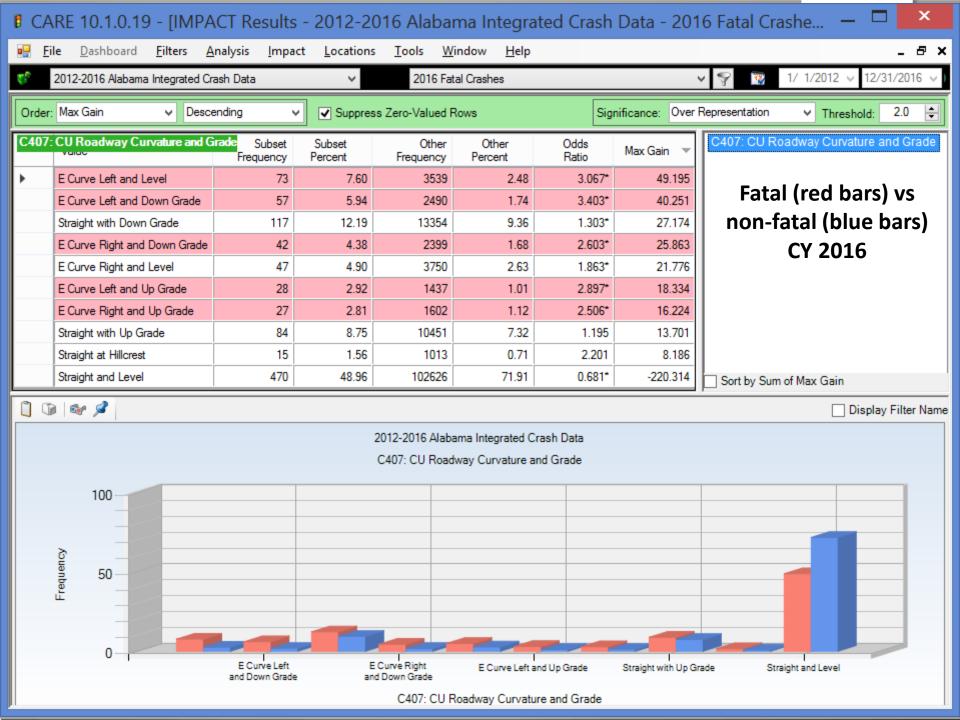
2016 to 2014 Fatal Crashes C011 Hiway Class

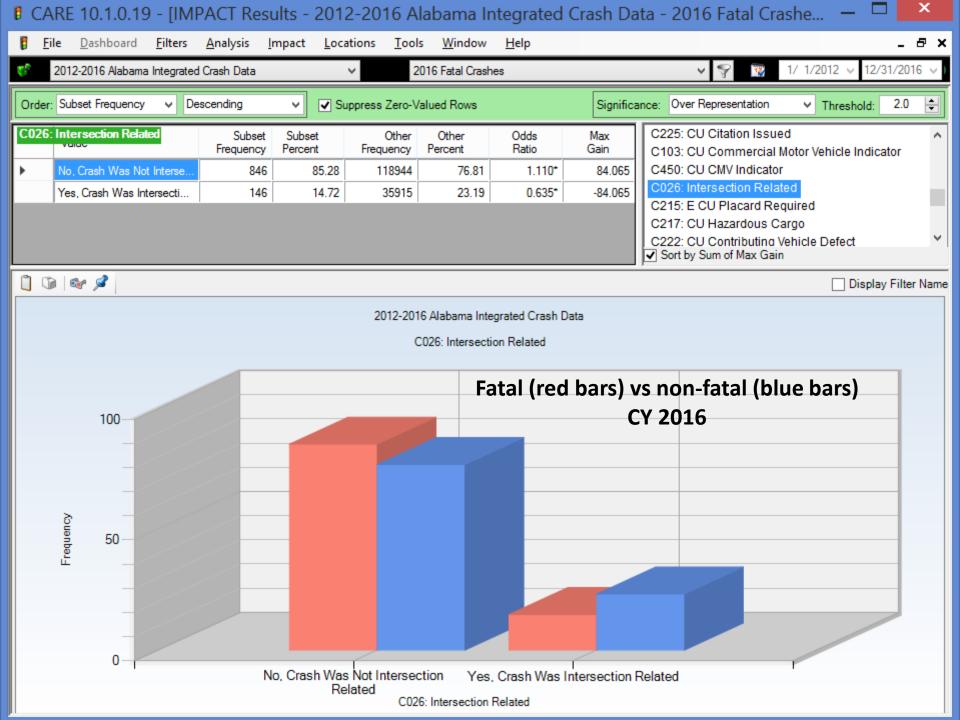
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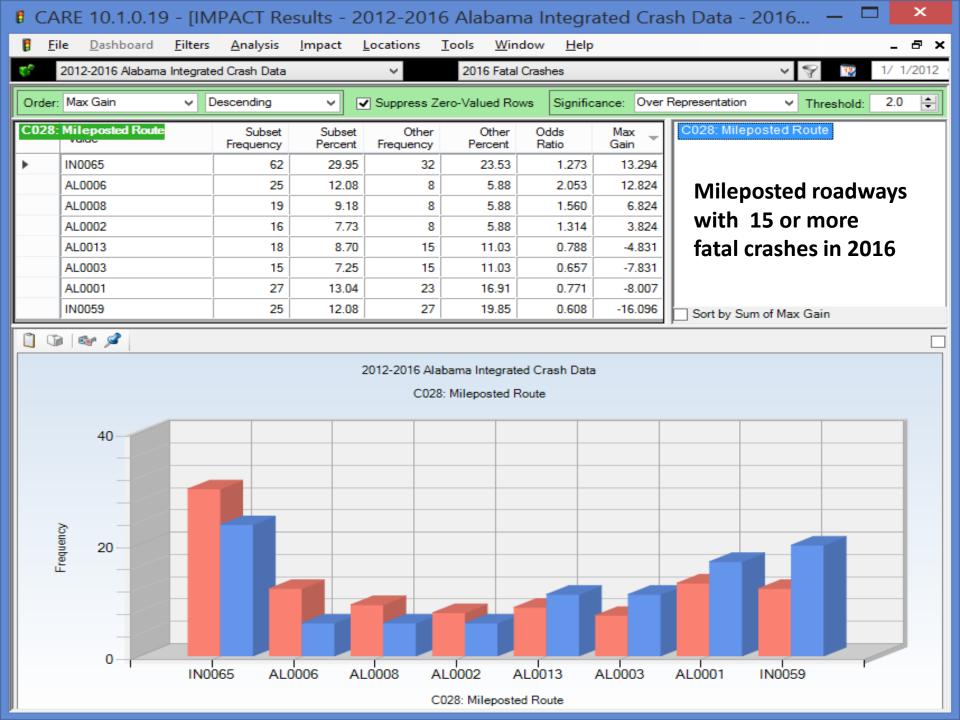












Crash Characteristics



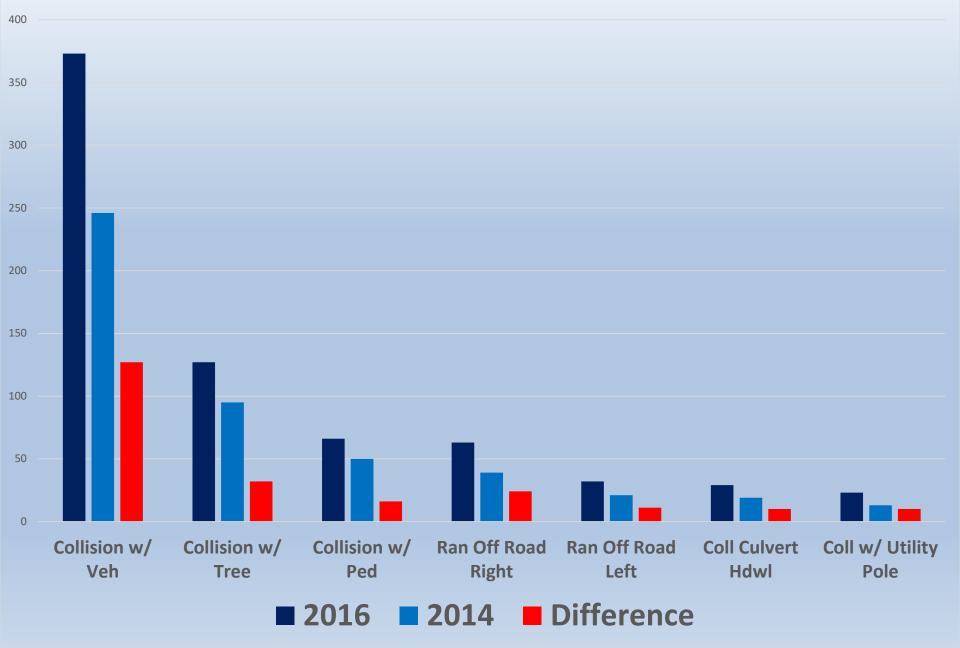
- Largest Increases in 2016
 - ✓ Collision w/ vehicle (373), tree (127), pedestrian (66)
- Over-Represented 2016 Fatal Crashes vs Nonfatal
 - Single-vehicle crashes (3 times expected)
 - ✓ Ran-off-the road left and right (> 3 times expected)
 - Head-on (5 times expected)
 - Negotiating a curve (4 times expected)
 - Overtaking/passing (2 times expected)

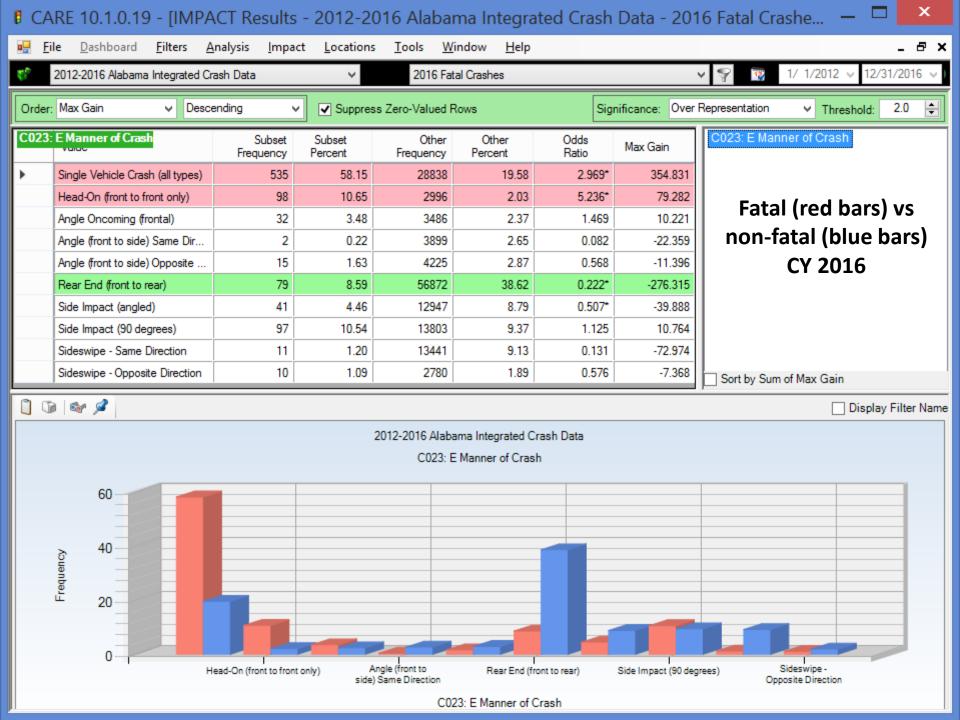
C017: First Harmful Event Value **Difference** Collide w/ Vehicle Collide w/ Tree **Collide Pedestrian** Ran Off Road Right Ran Off Road Left **Coll Culvert Hdwl**

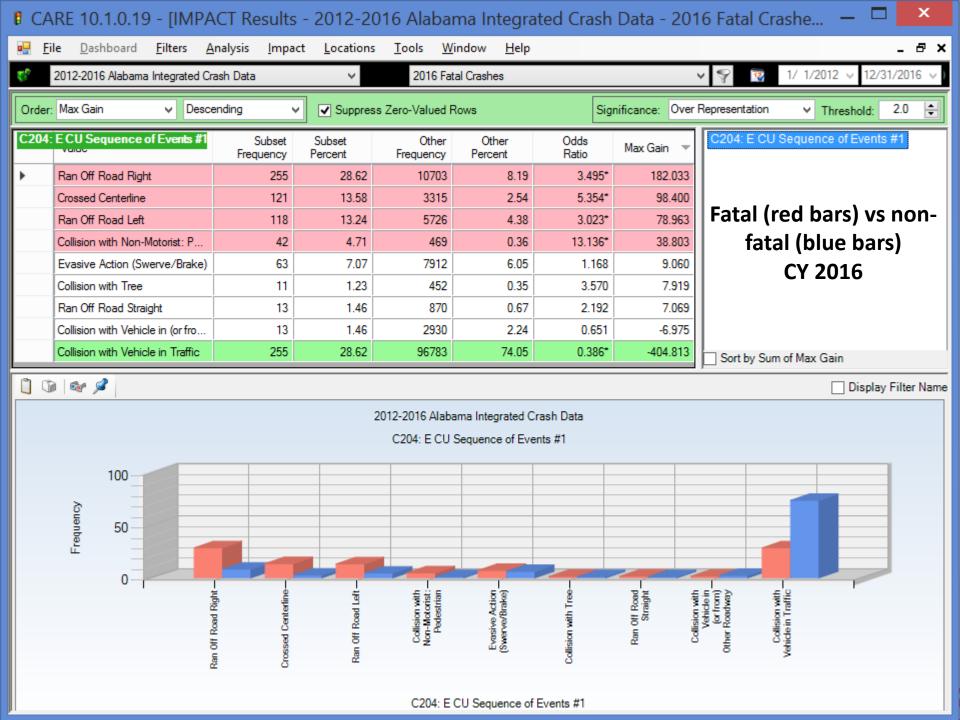
Coll w/ Utility Pole

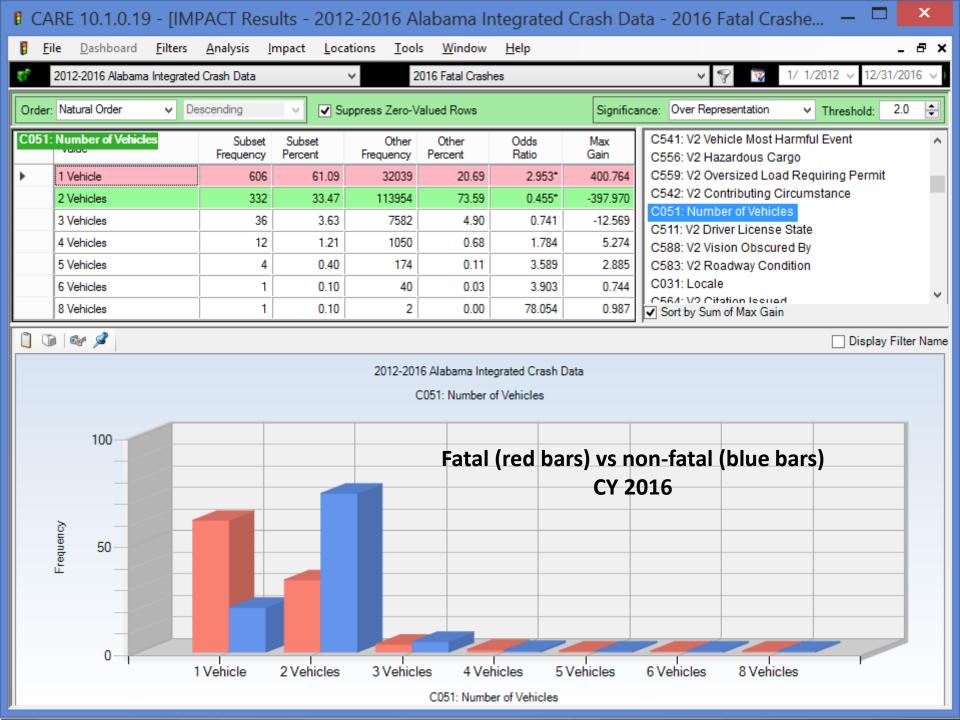
2016-2015 Fatal Differential by 1st Harmful Event

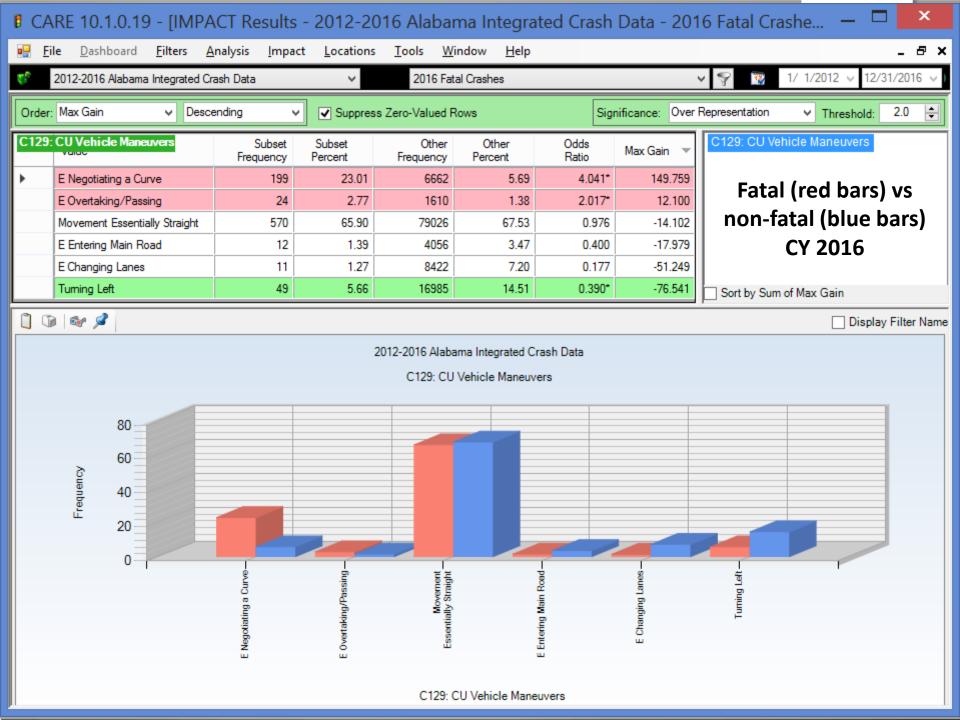
Values with Incrase of at least 10 Fatal Crashes in 2016







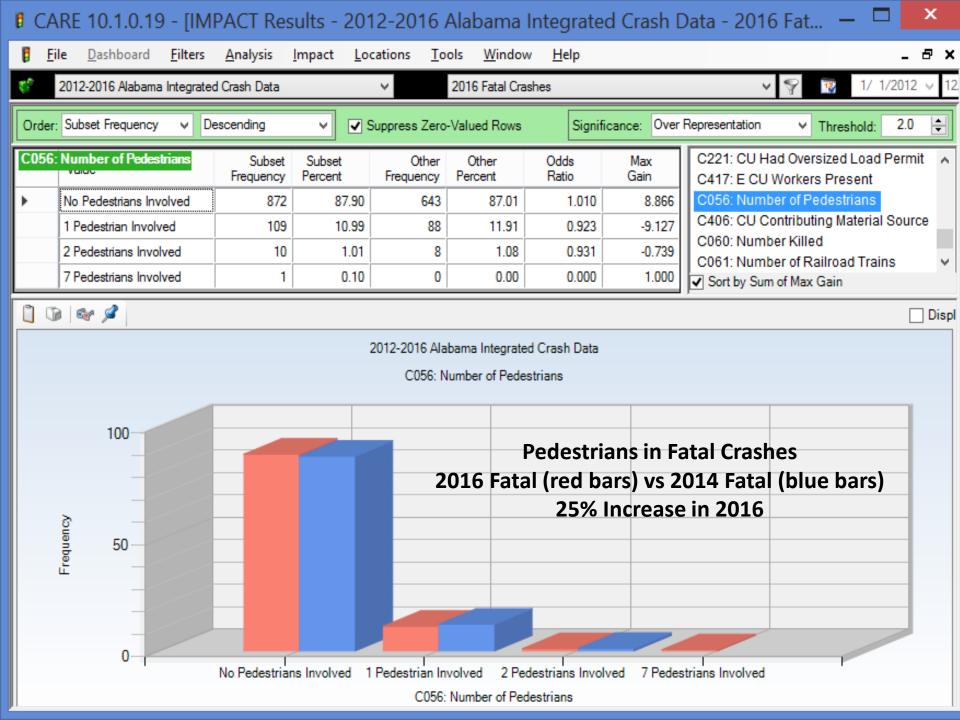


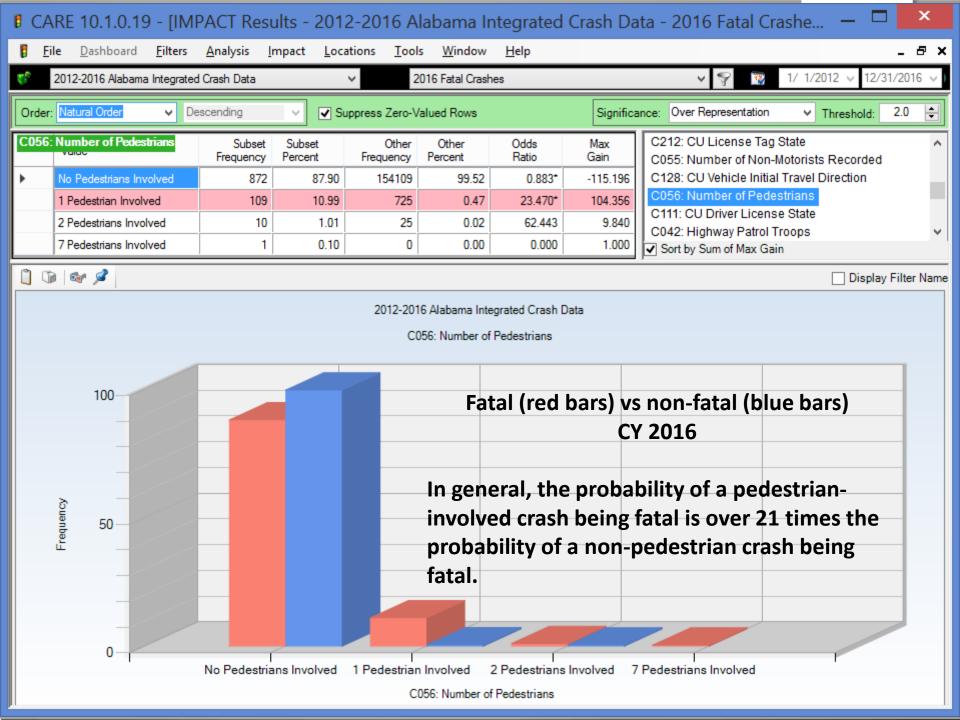


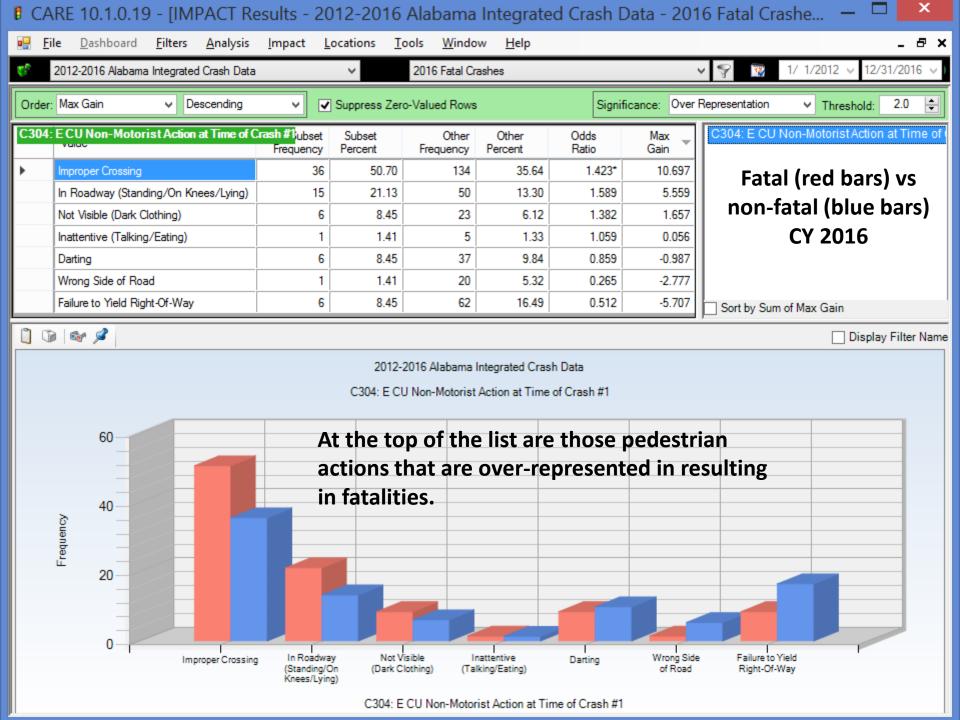




- Increased Ped Fatal Crashes from 96 to 120
- # Ped Involved in fatal crash from 96 to 136
- Over-Rep Ped Behavior in Fatal Crashes:
 - Improper crossing (36)
 - ✓ In roadway (15)
 - ✓ Not visible (6)





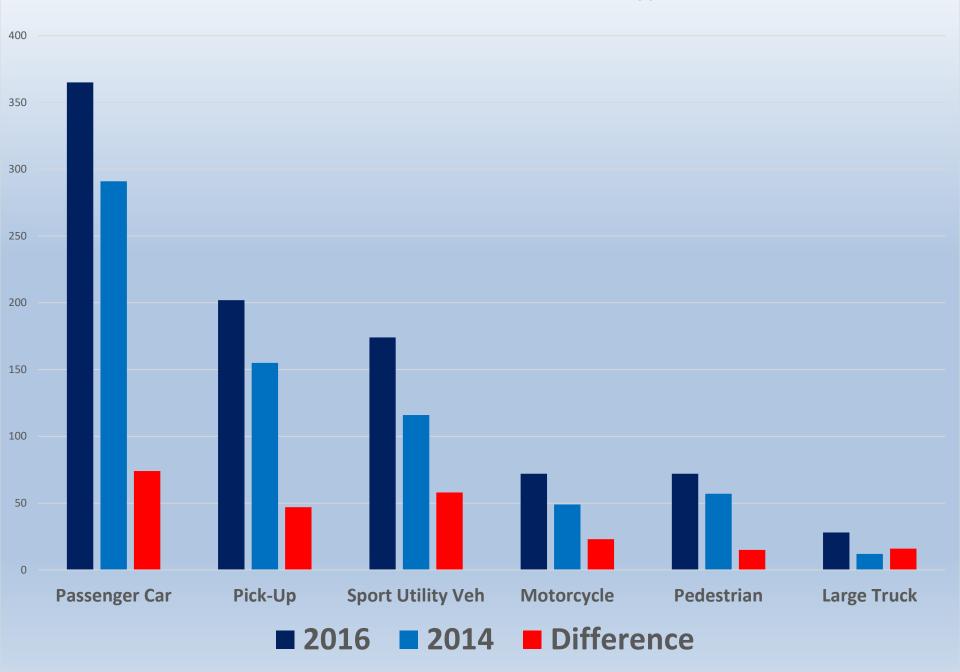


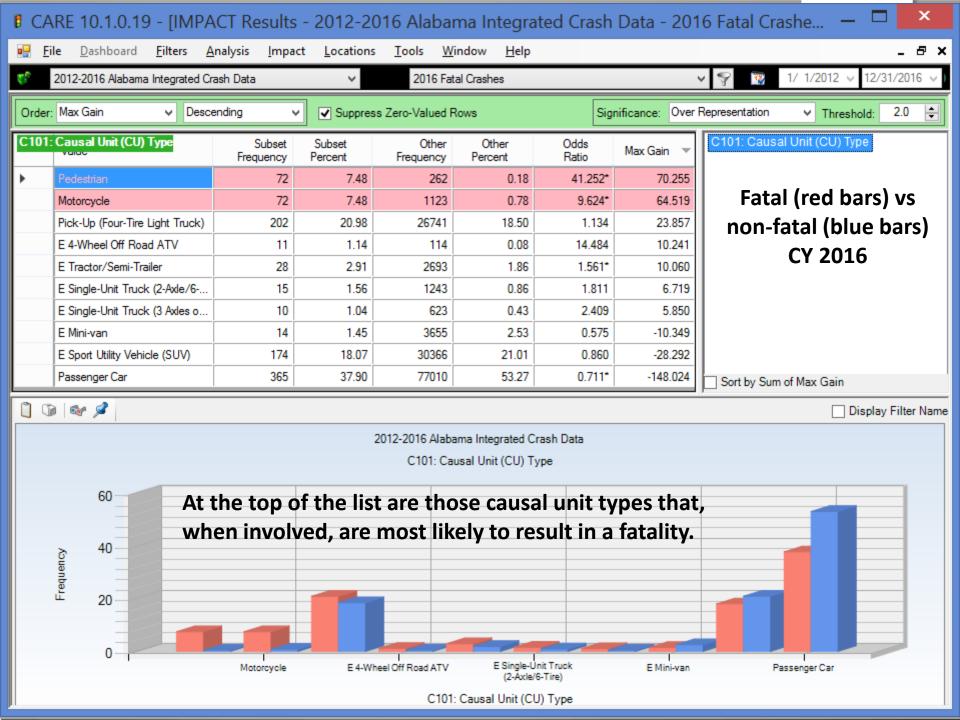


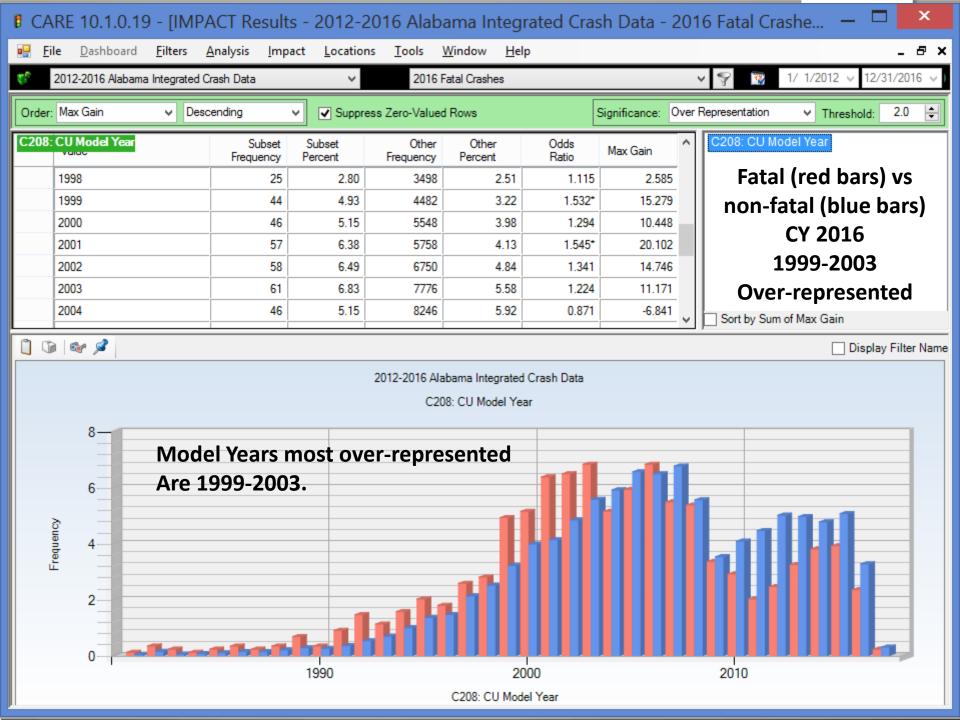


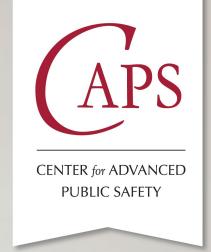
- Passenger Car: Largest Number and Increase
- Most Vulnerable to Involved in Fatality
 - Pedestrian (41 time expected)
 - Motorcycle (10 times expected)
 - ✓ ATV off road (14 times expected)
- Over-Represented Model Years
 - All model years before 2004
 - Highly over-represented (22-55%): 1999-2003

2016 to 2014 C101 Causal Unit Type









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