

# Large Vehicle and Bus Crashes Emphasis Area

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# Large Vehicles and Buses

- Large Trucks
  - Truck /Tractors
  - Cargo Vans
- Government, Emergency and Service Vehicles
  - Ambulances
  - Fire Trucks
  - Tow Trucks
- Other
  - Motorhomes
  - Work Construction
- Buses
  - Motor Coaches; Transit Vehicles
  - School Buses

# Large Vehicle Configurations

## Vehicle Configuration

**Bus (9-15 Seats, Including Driver)**



**Truck/Trailer (Single-Unit Truck Pulling a Trailer)**



**Bus (16 or More Seats, Including Driver)**



**Truck Tractor (Bobtail)**



**Single-Unit (2 Axles, 6 Tires)**



**Tractor/Semi Trailer (One Trailer)**



**Single-Unit (3 or More Axles)**



**Truck Tractor/Double (Two Trailers)**



**Truck Tractor/Triple (Three Trailers)**

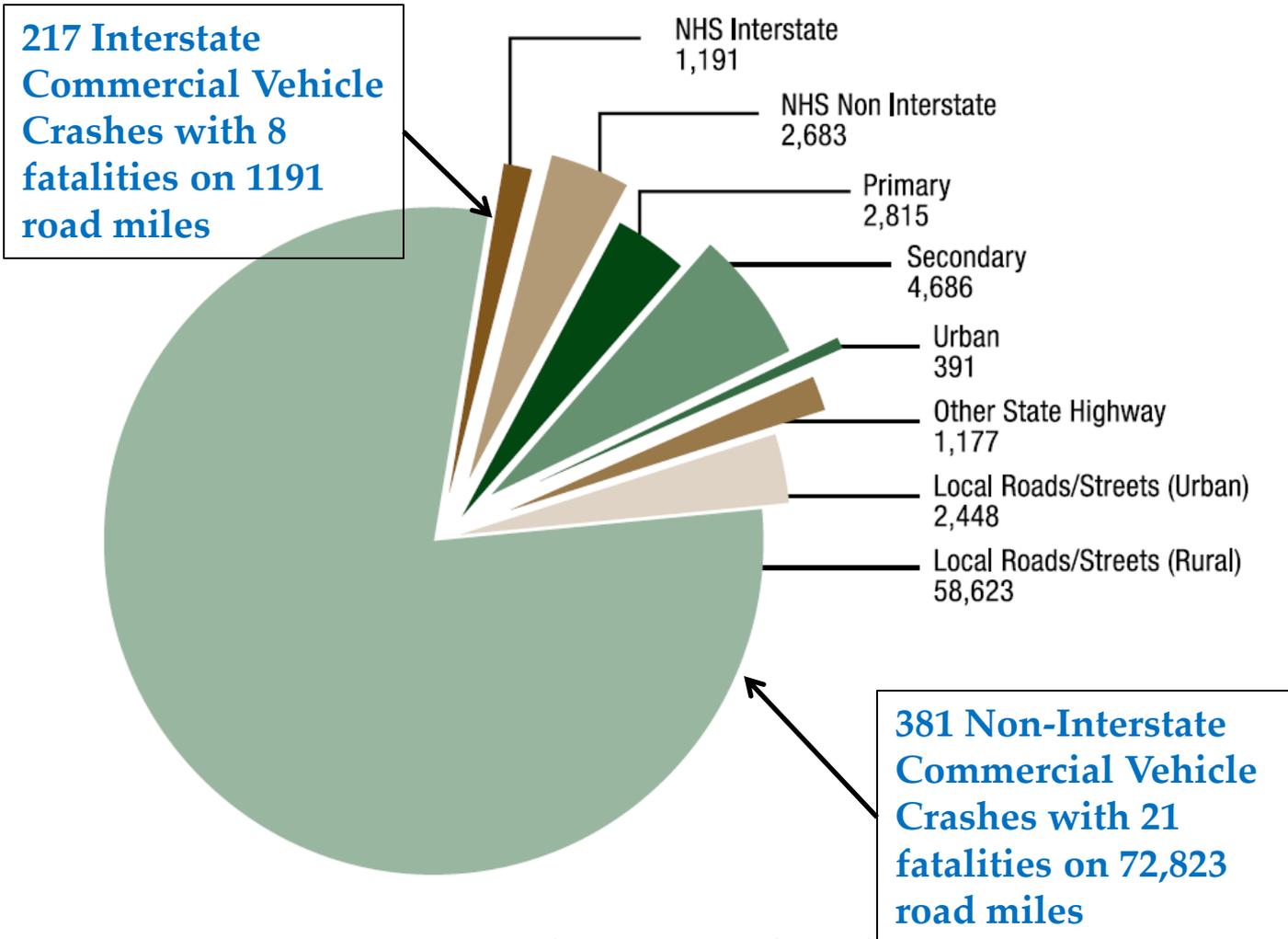


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# MT Commercial Vehicle crashes (10-year Average)

## Centerline Road Mileage 2008



Source: MDT Road Inventory & Mapping Section

**Montana's 1,191 miles of Interstate highways is 17.8% of the 6,689 miles of NHS and Primary system; yet it carries 59.2% of the Commercial Vehicle VMT**

**36.3% of Montana Commercial Vehicle crashes occur on the Interstate, which comprises 1.6% of all road miles**

# 2010 Large Vehicle & Buses Highlights

	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Fatalities	30	<b>21</b>	-30.0%
Injuries	604	<b>646</b>	+7.0%
Severe Injuries	100	<b>96</b>	-4.0%
Fatal Crashes	26	<b>17</b>	-34.6%
Injury Crashes	427	<b>441</b>	+3.3%
Property Damage Only Crashes	1,585	<b>1,643</b>	+3.7%
Alcohol-Related Fatalities	8	<b>10</b>	+25.0%

# All vehicles VMT (Vehicle Miles Travelled) in Montana

Vehicle Miles Travelled in Billions

12  
11.5  
11  
10.5  
10  
9.5



◆ Annual VMT

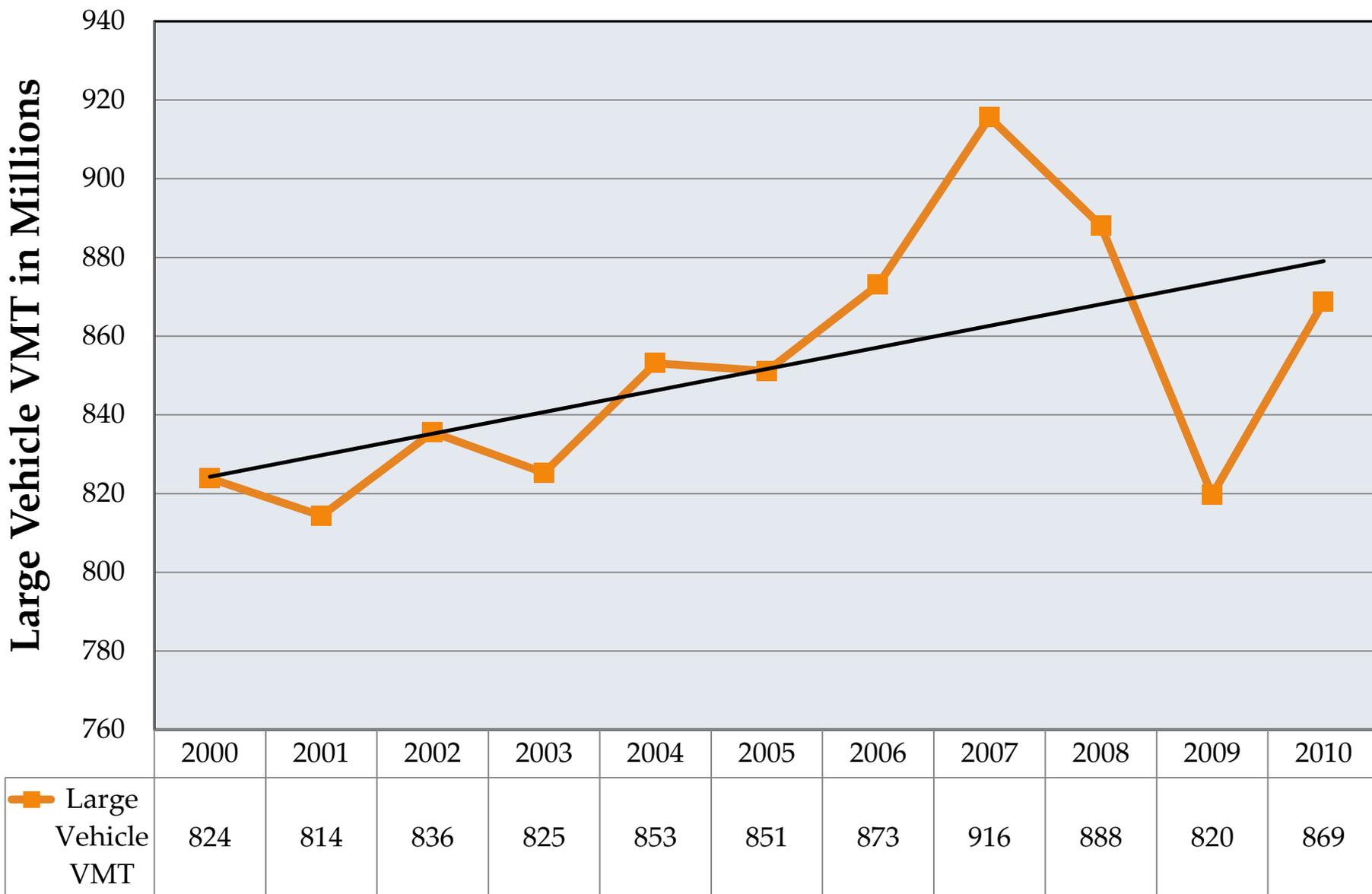
2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
9.855	10.01	10.49	10.9	11.18	11.13	11.27	11.31	10.78	11.01	11.07

# All Reported Crashes in Montana

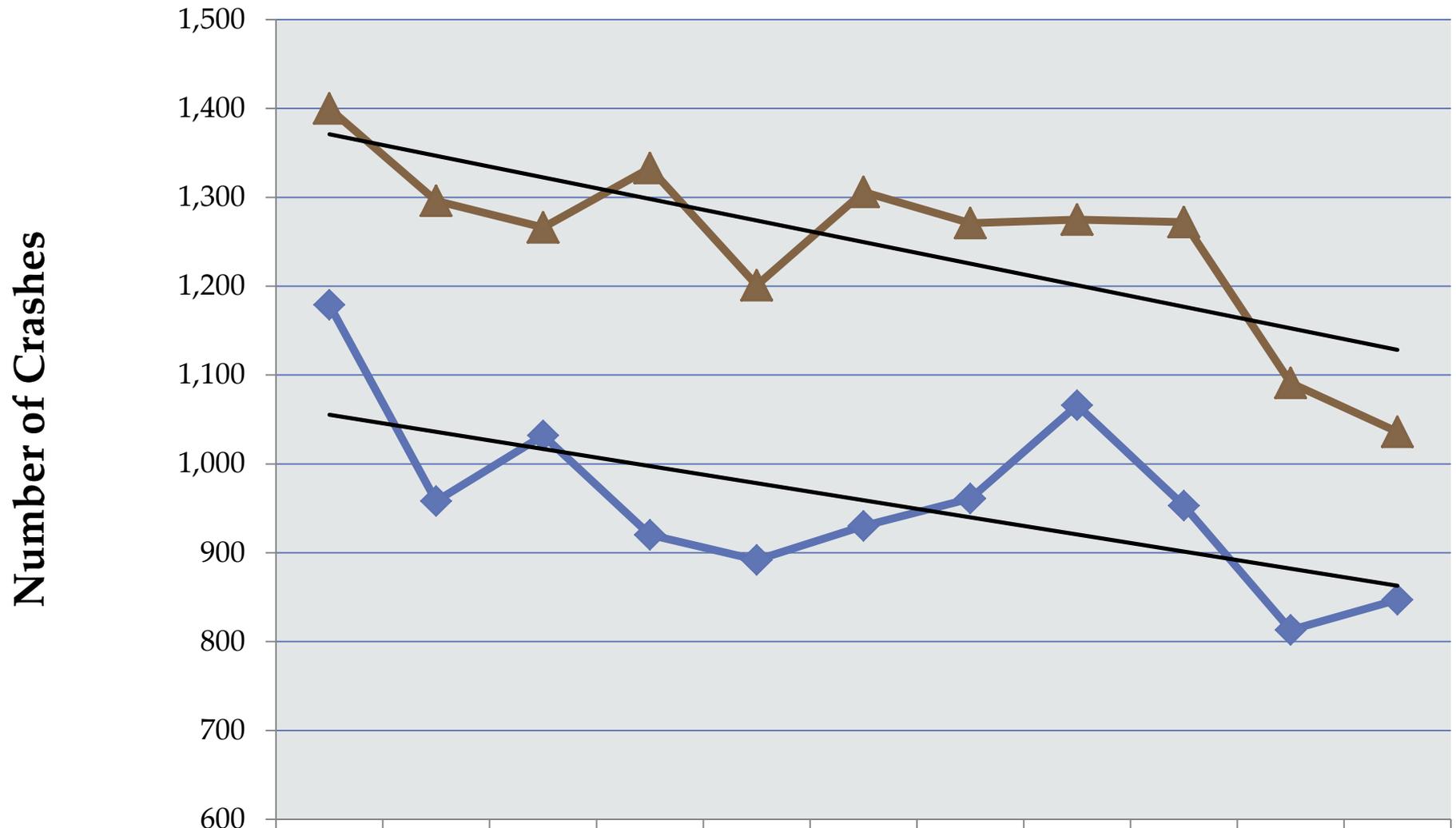


■ Crashes	22,254	21,845	23,527	23,160	21,783	22,376	22,186	21,829	21,975	20,697	20,146
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# Montana Commercial Vehicle VMT



# Large Truck and Cargo Van Involved Crashes



◆ Cargo-Style Van	1,179	958	1,032	920	892	930	961	1,066	953	813	847
▲ Truck/Truck-Tractor	1,400	1,296	1,266	1,333	1,201	1,306	1,271	1,275	1,272	1,091	1,036

# 2010 Commercial Vehicle Safety Program Activities

- 37,806 Commercial Vehicle Inspections
  - 29,376 Driver and Vehicle Inspections
  - 1,900 Traffic Enforcement Driver Inspections
  - 6,500 Border Enforcement Safety Inspections
- 380 Motor Carrier Compliance Reviews
- 169 Motor Carrier New Entrant Safety Audits
- 98 Motor Carrier and Public Education Awareness Training Seminars
- 9 Operation Safe Driver specials
- Data Collection and Reporting

# Commercial and Transit Buses Involved in Crashes



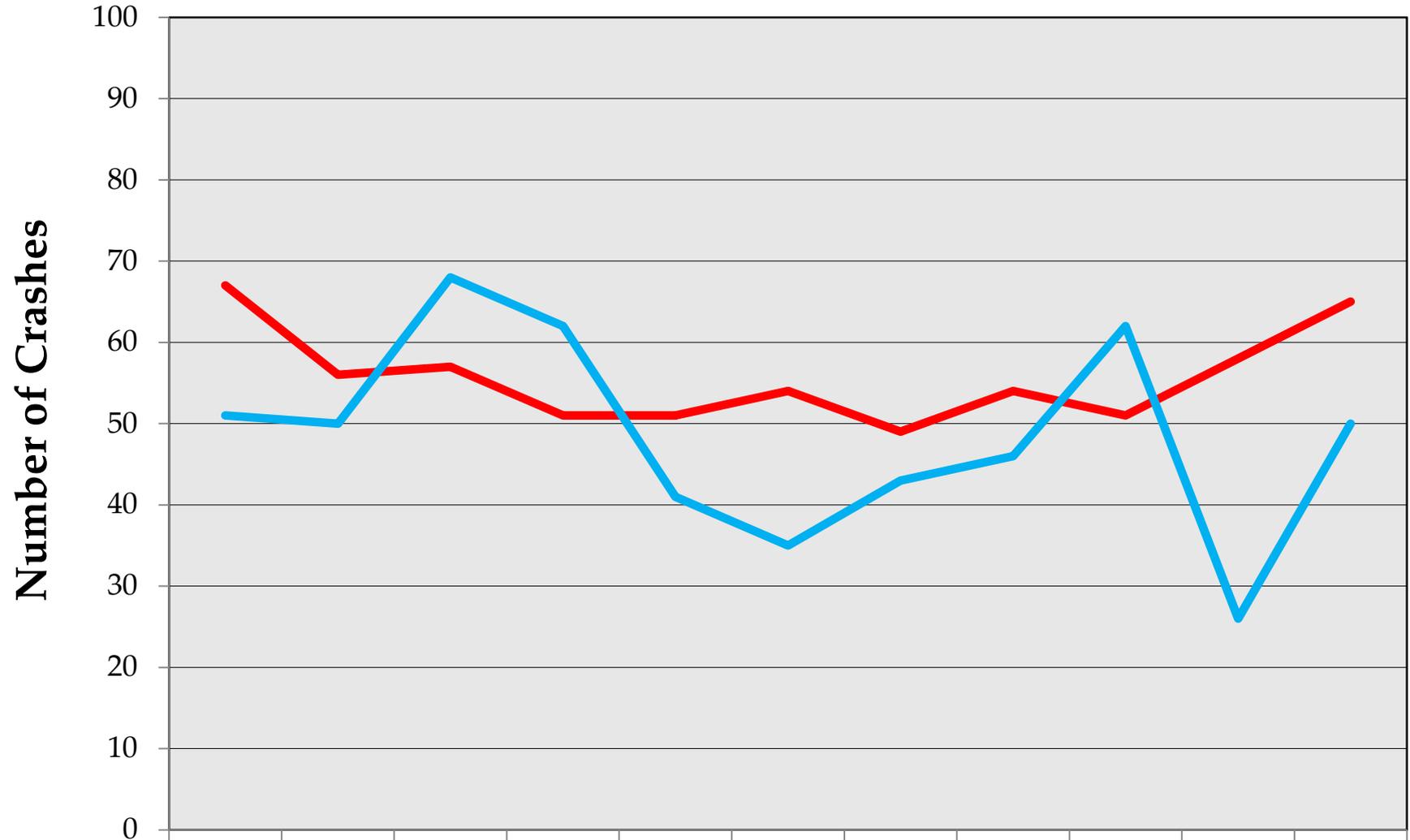
## Commercial and Transit Bus Activities (ongoing)

- 4 Motor Carrier Compliance Reviews
- 180 Roadside driver and vehicle inspections
- 16 In route tour bus inspections
- 4 New Entrant vehicle inspections
- 126 CVSA style vehicle inspections on all Transit Vehicles, statewide

# Commercial and Transit Bus New Strategies?

- Study individual crash reports and determine most common causal factors; develop strategies to address common findings
- Conduct destination terminal vehicle and driver inspections to assure compliance with federal and state CDL and safety regulations and laws
- Any suggestions?

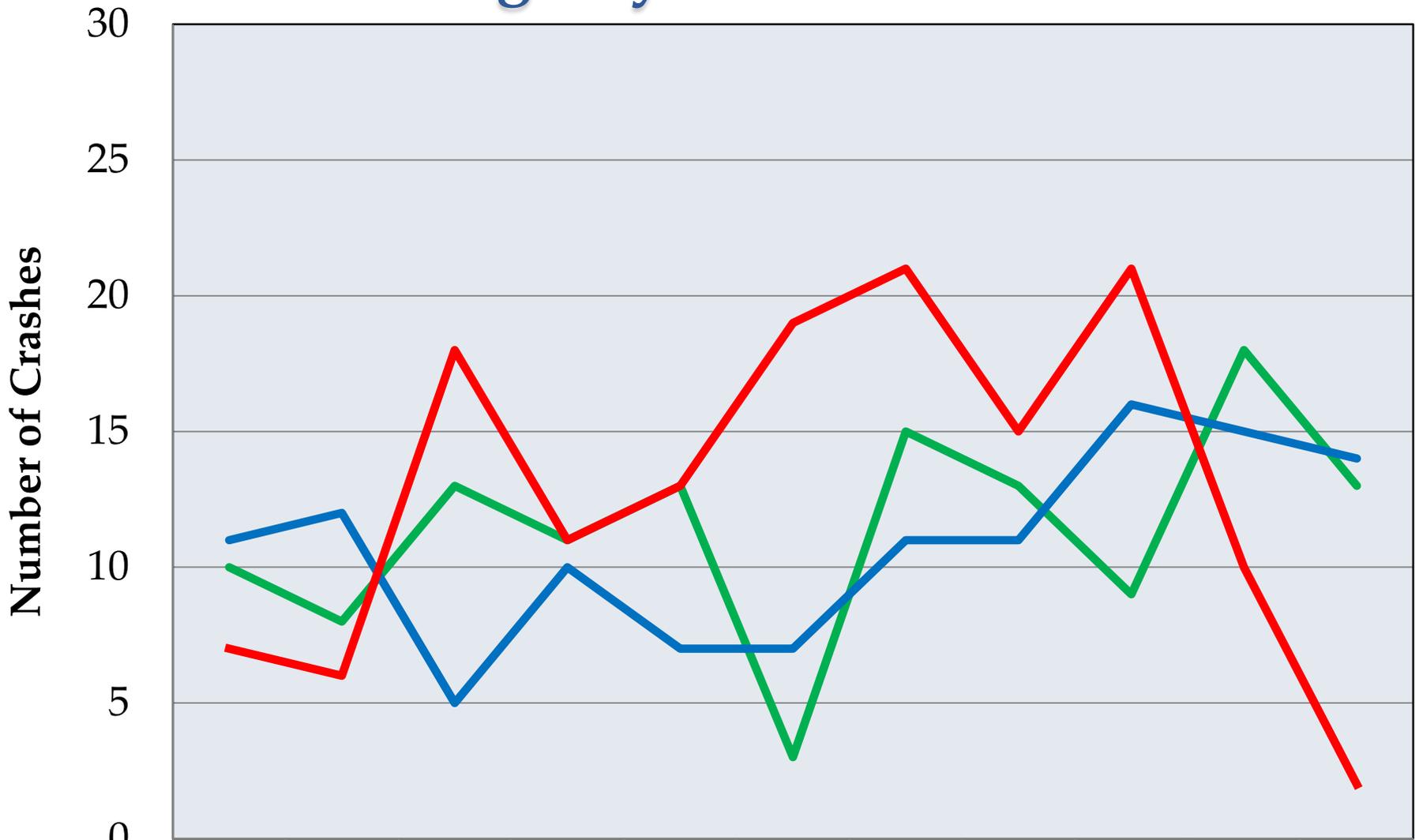
# Other Large Vehicle Types



Motorhome  
Work  
Construction

Year	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Motorhome	67	56	57	51	51	54	49	54	51	58	65
Work Construction	51	50	68	62	41	35	43	46	62	26	50

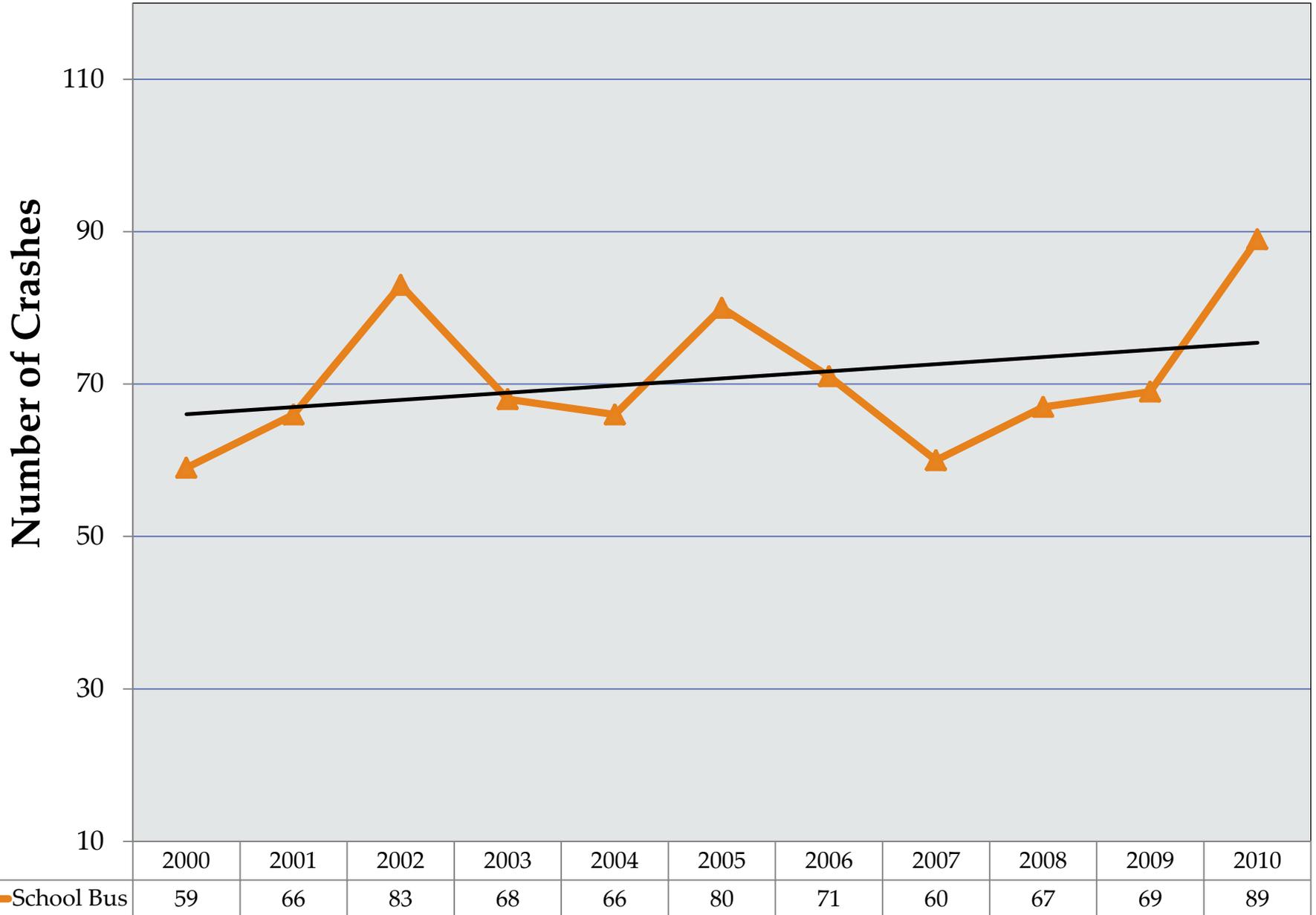
# Emergency/Service Vehicles



	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
<span style="color: green;">—</span> Ambulance	10	8	13	11	13	3	15	13	9	18	13
<span style="color: blue;">—</span> Fire Truck	11	12	5	10	7	7	11	11	16	15	14
<span style="color: red;">—</span> Tow Truck	7	6	18	11	13	19	21	15	21	10	2

How is LVB doing?

# School Buses Involved in Crashes



# School Bus Safety Responsibilities by Agency

- MHP - conducts inspections on all school buses twice a year
- OPI - Oversees pupil transportation
  - Assure all school buses are inspected semi-annually
  - Manage buses contracts between school district transportation
  - Driver Training and Commercial Driver's License

# School Bus Safety Responsibilities by Agency

- MDT – Enforces applicable federal and state safety regulations and laws
  - Confirm driver drug and alcohol testing and CDL compliance
  - Confirm compliance of driver qualification and vehicle maintenance records
  - Hours-of-Service compliance checks during extracurricular events
- MDOJ Motor Vehicle Division
  - Issue CDL's (Commercial Driver Licenses)
  - Track driver citations

# School Bus Crash Strategies

- Develop lines of communications between agencies
- Assemble a working group with member from each of the previously listed agencies
- Work together to identify school bus crash causal factors and strategies to reduce school bus related crashes
- Any suggestions?

