

# CHAMPAIGN- URBANA URBAN AREA SAFETY PLAN

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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Champaign-Urbana Urban Area Safety Plan (CUUASP) is a guideline for safety stakeholders to identify and implement safety improvements and programs in the effort to reduce fatalities and serious injuries on roadways. Champaign-Urbana follows the state goal set forth in the Illinois Strategic Highway Safety Plan 2017 (ILSHSP)<sup>1</sup> to reduce roadway crash fatalities to zero.

The Champaign-Urbana urban area being analyzed in the CUUASP corresponds with the Champaign-Urbana Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA). Map 1 presents the boundaries of the study area.

The CUUASP presents analysis of crash trends, identifies emphasis areas based on a data-driven approach, and outlines effective strategies and approaches for each of the emphasis areas. The strategies are a compilation of the 4Es (Education, Enforcement, Emergency Medical Services, and Engineering).

In the Champaign-Urbana urban area, comparing the five-year average crashes between the 2007-2011 study period and the 2012-2016 study period, there was a 12 percent decrease in the total number of crashes, a 10 percent decrease in fatalities and a 22 percent decrease in A-injuries. In the 2012-2016 study period, a high of 12 fatalities occurred in 2016, three more fatalities than in 2015. Overall, there is an increasing trend of A-injuries with peak of 182 in 2012 and a low of 120 in 2013.

A high percentage of crashes in five years occurred at intersections (71 percent). Rear end, turning, and angle types of collision crashes are common intersection crash types. In addition, fixed object and parked motor vehicle collision crashes were also prevalent in the study area.

More male drivers than female drivers were involved in crashes, by a difference of 7 percentage points. Eighteen percent of drivers involved in crashes were between the ages of 20 and 24 years. Two percent of drivers involved in crashes were impaired at the time of the crash. Even though this number is relatively small, impaired driver related crashes tended to be more severe than crashes not related to driver impairment.

There were two percent each of pedestrian and bicyclist crashes. Thirty-one percent of pedestrian crashes were high severity crashes and 16 percent of bicycle crashes involved a fatality or severe injury.

The Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) required all the Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) to set targets for five safety performance measures<sup>2</sup> by February 2018. The MPO area corresponds to the Champaign-Urbana Metropolitan Planning Area, which is the urban area considered in this study. The safety performance measures for the Champaign-Urbana MPA are shown in Table 1. On December 2017, the Champaign-Urbana MPO safety performance targets

were adopted from the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) 2040, presented in Table 1.<sup>3</sup> In 2019, as part of the development of the LRTP 2045, the Champaign-Urbana MPO set new safety performance targets as shown in Table 1.

Source: <https://lrtp.cuuats.org/documents/>

**Table 1** LRTP 2040 Reduction Targets

Safety Performance Measures	*LRTP 2040 Targets	**LRTP 2045 Targets
Fatalities	20% reduction	2% reduction
Fatalities rates	20% reduction	5% reduction
Serious Injuries	15% reduction	5% reduction
Serious Injuries rates	15% reduction	5% reduction
Pedestrian Fatalities	15% reduction	5% reduction
Pedestrian Serious Injuries	15% reduction	2% reduction
Bicyclist Fatalities	15% reduction	5% reduction
Bicyclist Serious Injuries	15% reduction	5% reduction

\*LRTP 2040 targets were set for 2016-2020 with base year of 2011-2015

\*\*LRTP 2045 targets were set for each year's five-year rolling average until 2025 with 2017 base year

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This study presents the trends of different targets for the five safety performance measures in the Champaign-Urbana urban area. This study is based on a data-driven approach to identify emphasis areas and high-priority locations. The next step will be to develop a systemic approach to safety. This systemic approach will identify potential risk factors and locations with high crash potential. Future improvements will be implemented by understanding the correlation between high-risk roadway features with specific severe crash types. This approach provides a more comprehensive method for safety planning and implementation that supplements and complements traditional site analysis. This approach also helps agencies to broaden their traffic safety efforts and consider risk as well as crash history when identifying where to make low-cost safety improvements.<sup>4</sup>

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# 1 INTRODUCTION



Motor vehicle crashes are one of the leading causes of death in the United States.<sup>5</sup> There were 37,461 motor vehicle fatalities in 2016; 47 percent of these fatalities occurred in urban areas. Of the urban fatalities, 26 percent were speeding-related and 13 percent were alcohol impairment-related. These numbers are of concern to transportation practitioners. In Champaign County, the number of fatal and injury crashes occurring in the Champaign-Urbana urban area is approximately five times greater than fatal and injury crashes occurring in rural areas.

In October 2016, the National Safety Council, in partnership with the U.S. Department of Transportation, launched the Road to Zero initiative with the goal of eliminating road traffic deaths in the United States by 2050.<sup>6</sup> The State of Illinois is also committed to the nationwide goal of “Zero Fatalities” on Illinois roadways.<sup>1</sup> The Illinois Strategic Highway Safety Plan 2017 (ILSHSP) identifies emphasis areas by understanding the statewide crash numbers. Champaign County is also working toward the statewide

safety goal of zero roadway fatalities. Local staff understand the disparity of urban and rural characteristics. The safety stakeholders from rural Champaign County and from the Champaign-Urbana urban area will work together to achieve the long-term goal of zero fatalities.

This safety plan focuses on the Champaign-Urbana urban area, which is the area within the Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) boundary (Map 1). The most recent five-year crash data available for this study was from the 2012-2016 study period. This data was acquired from the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). The following are the vision, mission, and goal of the Champaign-Urbana Urban Area Safety Plan (CUUASP).

**CUUASP Vision – Zero Fatalities**

Champaign County has a long term vision of zero fatalities due to roadway crashes. The safety stakeholders in Champaign County are committed to taking immediate actions to reduce fatalities and injury severities due to crashes on Champaign County roadways. The safety stakeholders from the Champaign-Urbana urban area are working toward achieving “Zero Fatalities” goal.

**CUUASP Mission**

The CUUASP mission is to develop a data-driven practice for multiple stakeholders to improve vehicle performance, road characteristics, and roadway users’ behavior to reduce fatalities and injury severities due to crashes on roadways in the Champaign-Urbana urban area.

**CUUASP Goal**




The CUUASP goal is to consistently reduce the number of fatalities and injury severities using a data-driven, strategic approach that includes education, enforcement, engineering, and emergency response.

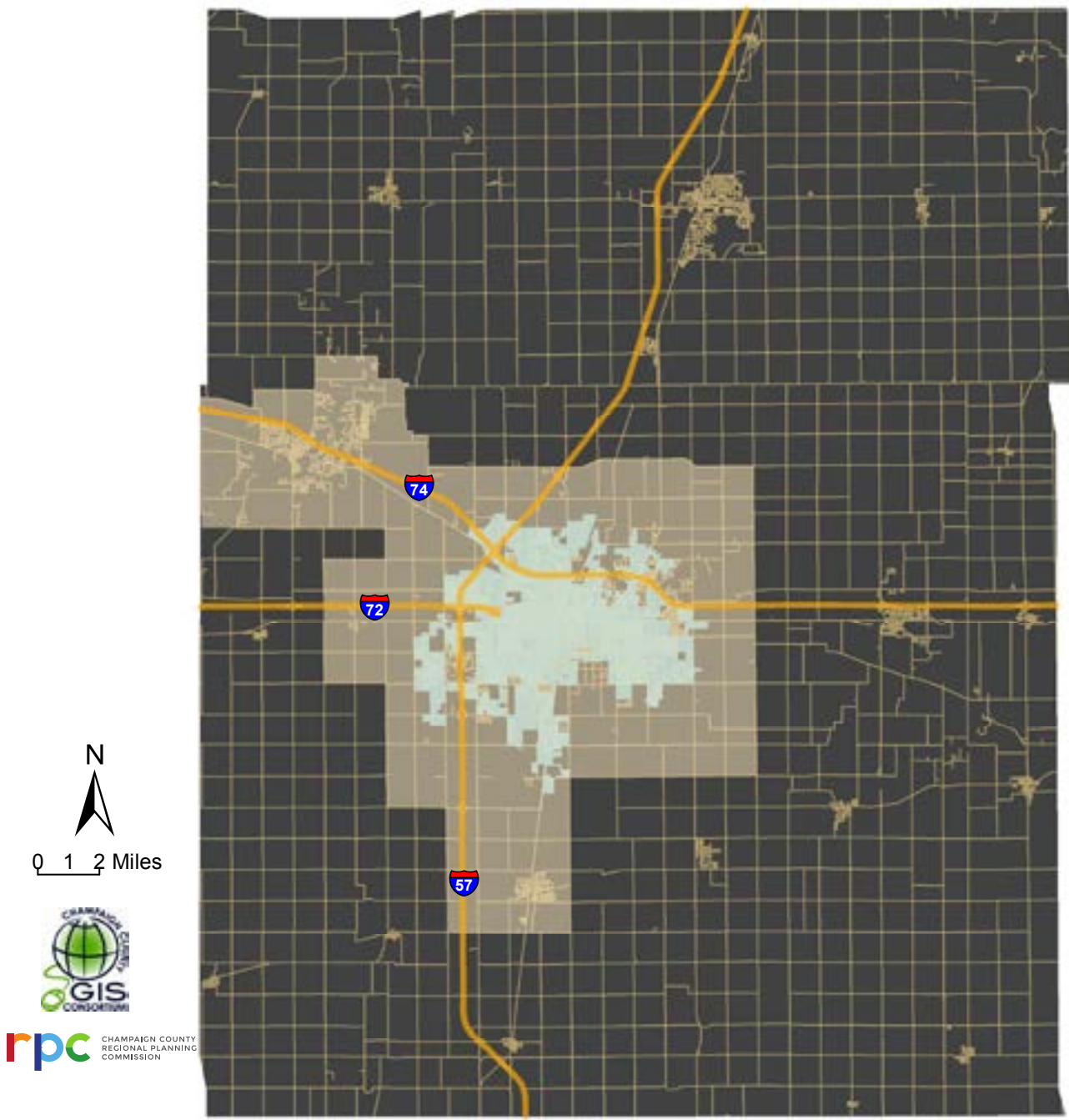
**CUUASP Objectives**

The CUUASP objectives were set based on the LRTP 2045<sup>3</sup> targets for the safety performance measures.

- Reduce the five-year rolling average of number of fatalities by 2 percent (from 9 to less than 8) by 2025 based on 2017 in the Champaign-Urbana urban area.
- Reduce the five-year rolling average of fatality rate (per 100 million DVMT) by 5 percent (from 1 to less than 1) by 2025 based on 2017 in the Champaign-Urbana urban area.
- Reduce the five-year rolling average of number of A-injuries by 5 percent (from 136 to 90) by 2025 based on 2017 in the Champaign-Urbana urban area.

Legend

-  CUUATS MPA
-  SCIL Jurisdiction
-  Champaign County



**Map 1** Location and extent of the Champaign-Urbana urban area

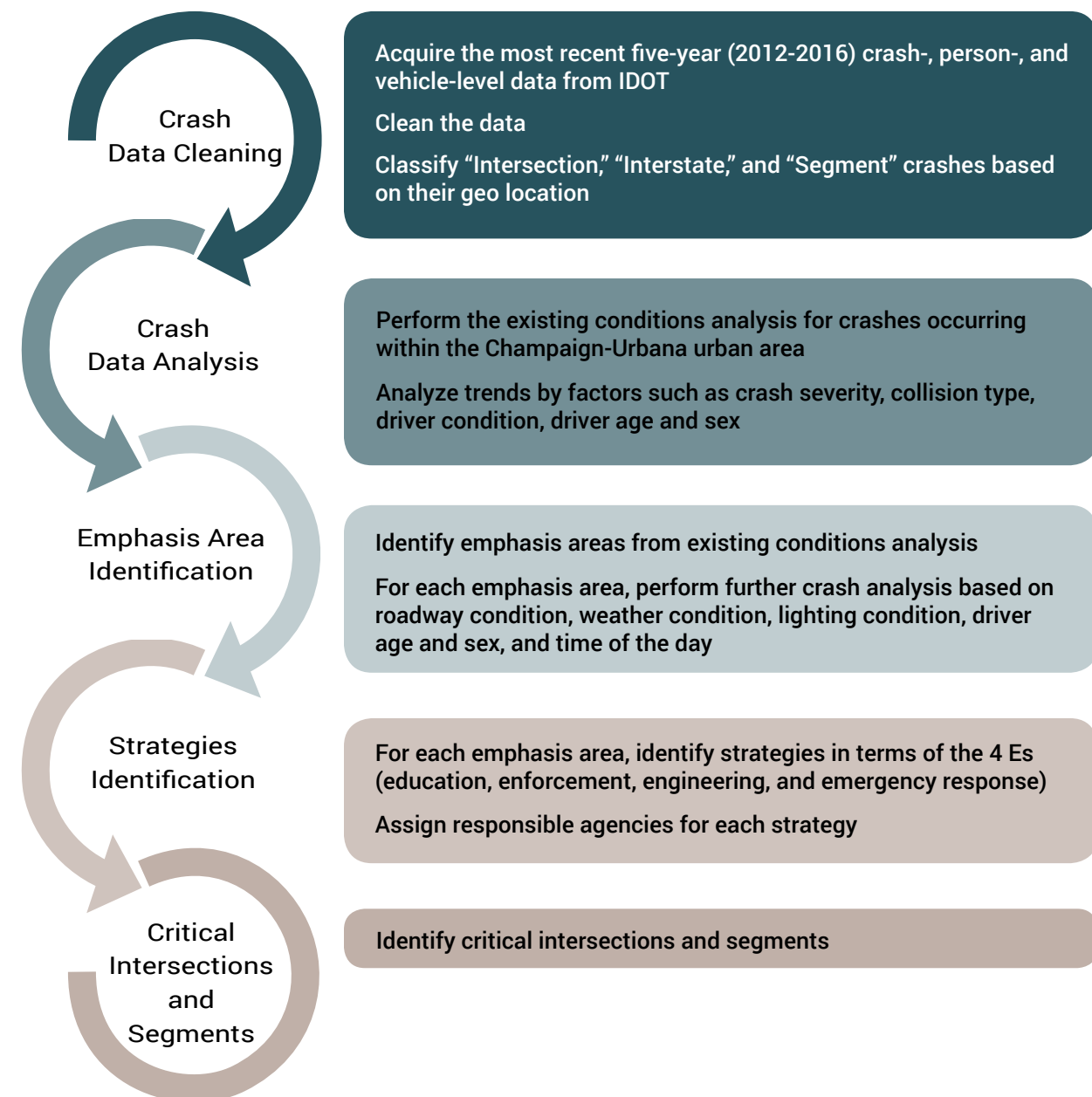
- Reduce the five-year rolling average of serious injury rates (A-injuries per 100 million DVMT) by 5 percent (from 12 to 8) by 2025 based on 2017 in the Champaign-Urbana urban area.
- Reduce the five-year rolling average of number of pedestrian/bike fatalities and A-injuries by 5 percent (from 21 to 14) by 2025 based on 2017 in the Champaign-Urbana urban area.

## URBAN AREA SAFETY ANALYSIS STEPS

The CUUASP's data-driven approach is based on five years of geolocated crash data. The most recent crash data from 2012-2016 was obtained from IDOT\*. This crash data also includes person- and vehicle-level information. The crash data was cleaned to be uniform across the crash-, person- and vehicle-level information. Crashes occurring at intersections were identified as "Intersection" crashes, while "Interstates" and "Segment" crashes were also identified by location type.

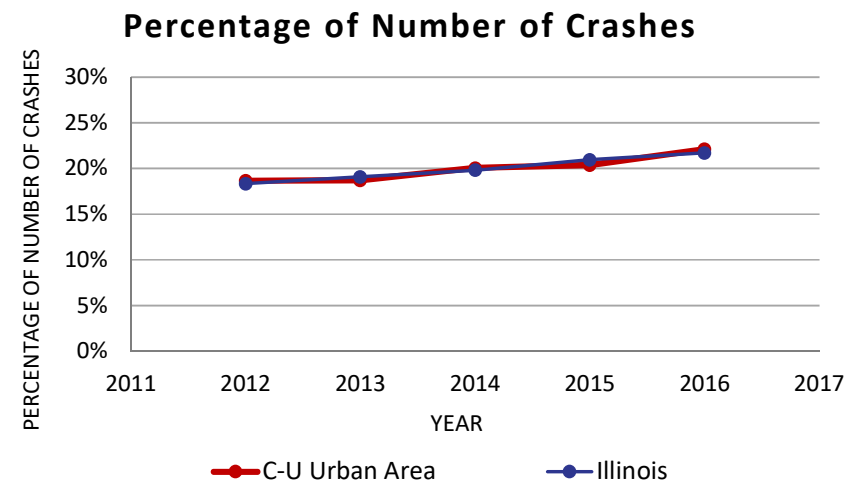
Crashes from 2012-2016 that occurred within the Champaign-Urbana MPA boundary area were considered in this study. The crash data analysis includes trend analysis that compares crashes in Illinois with crashes in the Champaign-Urbana urban study area. In addition, crash severities and other crash factors, including but not limited to collision type and driver condition, were studied. This analysis was further extended to identify emphasis areas, which were analyzed based on roadway condition, weather condition, lighting condition, driver age, and time of day. Staff identified strategies for each of these emphasis areas. Strategies were based on four categories: Education, Enforcement, Engineering, and Emergency Medical Services. High-priority intersections and segments were also identified. Figure 1 presents this multi-step approach.

**\*DISCLAIMER:** The motor vehicle crash data referenced herein was provided by the Illinois Department of Transportation. Any conclusions drawn from analysis of the aforementioned data are the sole responsibility of the data recipient(s). Additionally, for coding years 2015 to present, the Bureau of Data Collection uses the exact latitude/longitude supplied by the investigating law enforcement agency to locate crashes. Therefore, location data may vary in previous years since data prior to 2015 was physically located by bureau personnel.



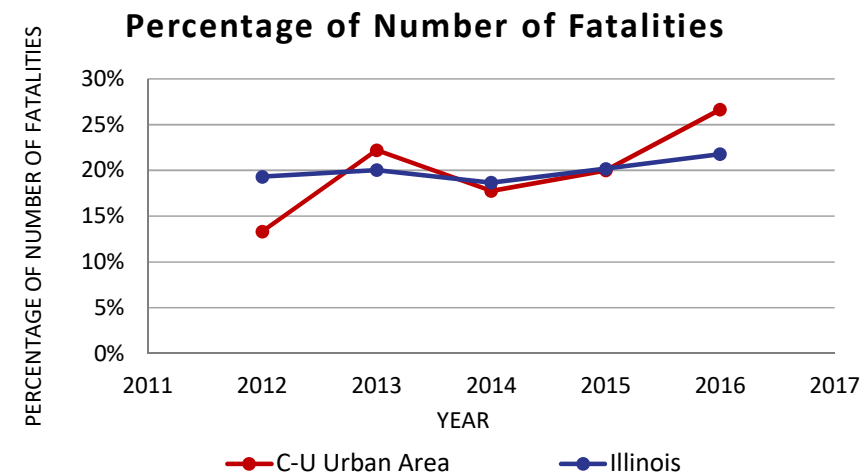
**Figure 1** Multi-step approach to the urban area safety analysis

## 2 TREND ANALYSIS OF CRASHES, FATALITIES AND A-INJURIES



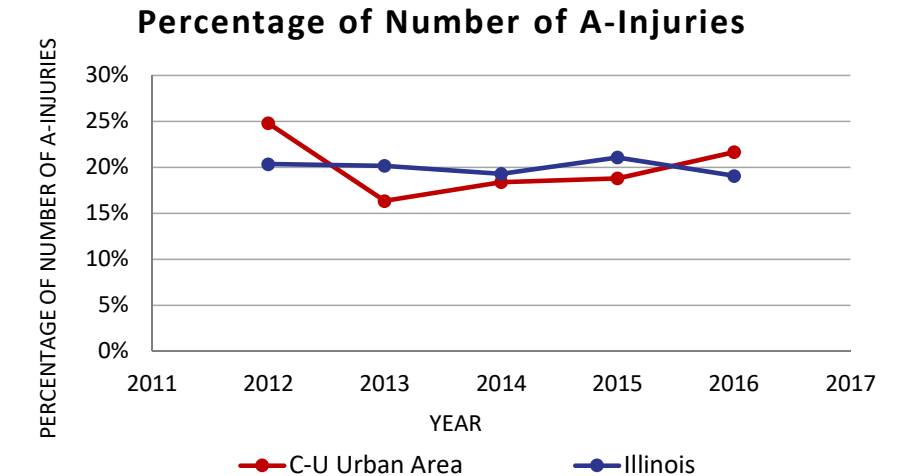
**Figure 2** Comparison of percentage of number of crashes in the Champaign-Urbana urban area and Illinois

- The number of crashes in Illinois increased every year between 2012 and 2016.
- Similar to Illinois, the number of crashes in the Champaign-Urbana urban area increased from 2012 to 2016.



**Figure 3** Comparison of percentage of number of fatalities in the Champaign-Urbana urban area and Illinois

- The percentage of fatalities in Illinois in 2016 was lower than the percentage of fatalities in the Champaign-Urbana urban area in the same year.
- The percentage of fatalities in Illinois increased in 2013, decreased in 2014, then increased in both 2015 and 2016.
- The percentage of fatalities in the Champaign-Urbana urban area increased in 2013, decreased in 2014, and then again increased in both 2015 and 2016.



**Figure 4** Comparison of percentage of number of A-injuries (serious injuries) in the Champaign-Urbana urban area and Illinois

- A-injuries are injuries where a person is incapacitated due to a crash.
- The percentage of A-injuries in Illinois stayed relatively stable in the 2012-2016 study period, while in the Champaign-Urbana urban area it dropped sharply in 2013, then increased in 2014, 2015, and 2016.

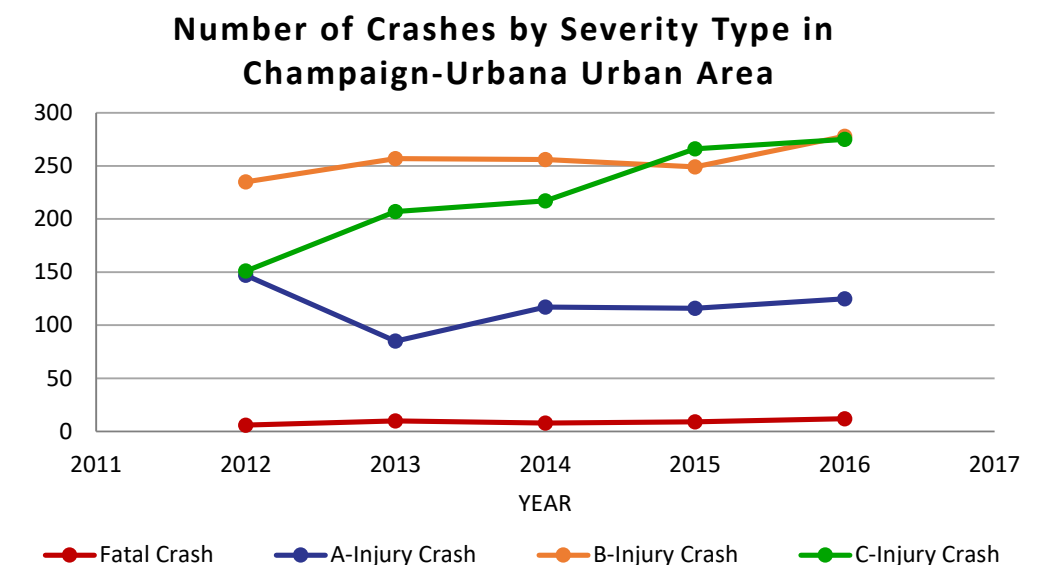
# 3 CRASH SEVERITY ANALYSIS

The severity of a crash is determined by the type of the most severe injury of a person in that crash. The crashes are classified in KABCO scale<sup>7,8</sup>: 'K' represents a fatal crash; 'A' represents a crash that caused an incapacitating injury, also referred as a serious injury; 'B' represents a crash that caused a non-incapacitating injury; 'C' represents a crash that caused a reported/not evident injury; and 'O' represents a crash with no indication of injury and that just resulted in property damage (PDO).

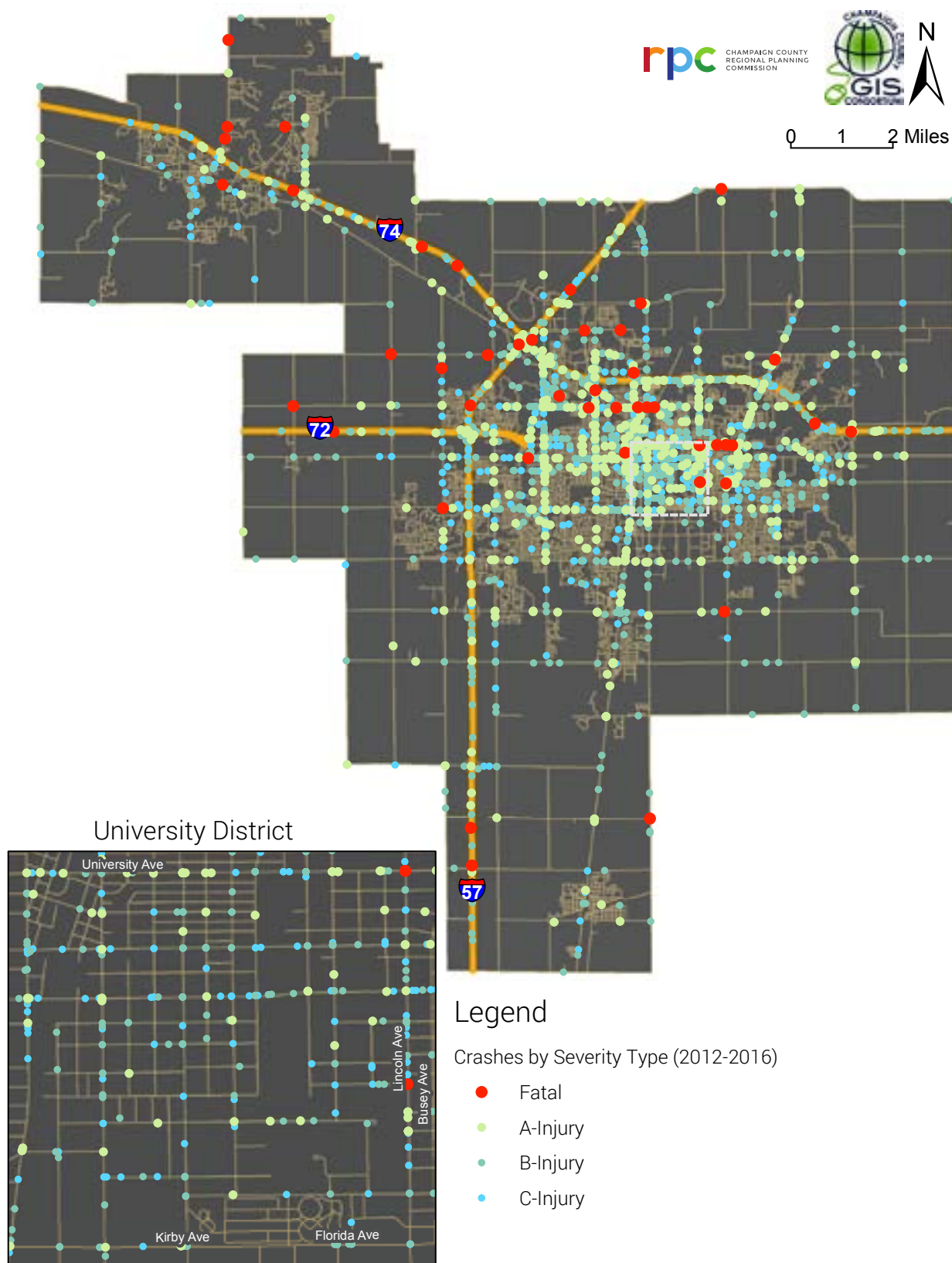
- There were three more fatal crashes in the Champaign-Urbana urban area in 2016 than there were in 2015; fatal crashes accounted for 0.3 percent of all crashes in the Champaign-Urbana urban area during the study period.
- The number of A-injury crashes increased from 116 in 2015 to 125 in 2016. These crashes accounted for 4.4 percent of all crashes in the Champaign-Urbana urban area during the study period.
- The number of B-injury and C-injury crashes increased in 2016. They accounted for 9.6 percent and 8.4 percent, of all crashes in the Champaign-Urbana urban area during the study period, respectively.

**Table 2** Number of crashes by severity type in the five-year study period (2012-2016) in the Champaign-Urbana urban area

Crash Severity	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Total	%
Fatal	6	10	8	9	12	45	0.3%
A-Injury	147	85	117	116	125	590	4.4%
B-Injury	235	257	256	249	278	1,275	9.6%
C-Injury	151	207	217	266	275	1,116	8.4%
No Injury	1,951	1,938	2,080	2,083	2,261	10,313	77.3%
Total Crashes	2,490	2,497	2,678	2,723	2,951	13,339	100.0%



**Figure 5** Number of crashes by severity type in the five-year study period (2012-2016) in the Champaign-Urbana urban area



**Map 2** Location of crashes by severity type in the five-year study period (2012-2016) in the Champaign-Urbana urban area

# 4 FATAL CRASH ANALYSIS

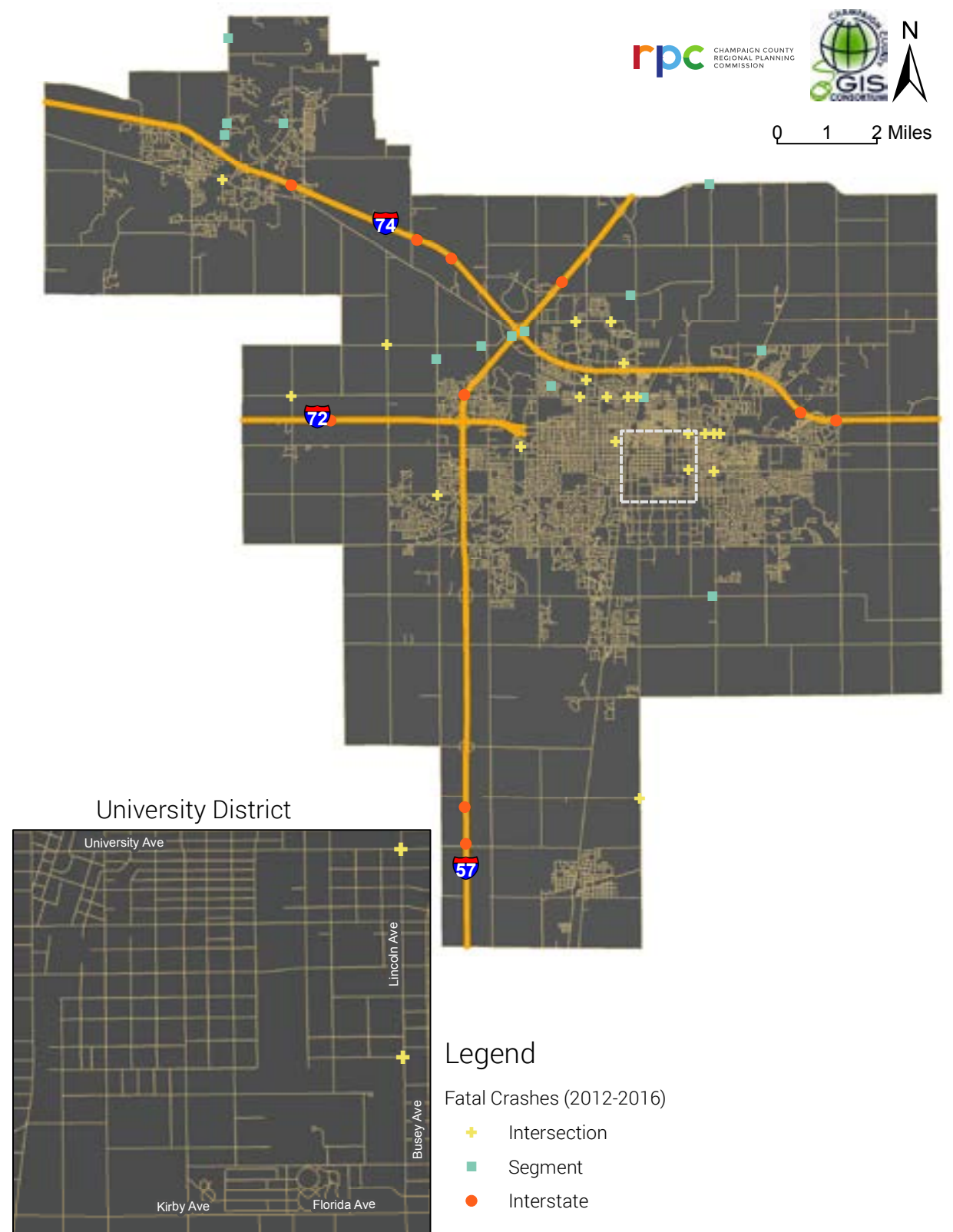
Fatal crashes are defined as crashes in which there is at least one fatality. Currently, there is an increasing trend in the number of fatalities in the Champaign-Urbana urban area. Number of fatalities and fatality rates are safety performance measures. The targets for these measures are presented below:

## Champaign-Urbana Urban Area Safety Performance Target

- Reduce the five-year rolling average of number of fatalities by 2 percent (from 9 to less than 8) by 2025 based on 2017 in the Champaign-Urbana urban area.
- Reduce the five-year rolling average of fatality rates (per 100 million DVMT) by 5 percent (from 1 to less than 1) by 2025 based on 2017 in the Champaign-Urbana urban area.

## IDOT Safety Performance Target for Illinois

- IDOT identified a safety performance goal of a two-percent reduction per year for 2018 and 2019 over the 2013-2017 baseline.



**Map 3** Location of fatal crashes in the five-year study period (2012-2016) in the Champaign-Urbana urban area

# Comparison of Fatality and Fatality Rate Trends

Figure 6 shows the number of fatalities in the Champaign-Urbana urban area between 2005 and 2016, and possible trend projections for 2017 to 2035. Similarly, Figure 7 shows the fatality rate in the Champaign-Urbana urban area between 2005 and 2016, as well as possible trend projections for 2017 to 2035.

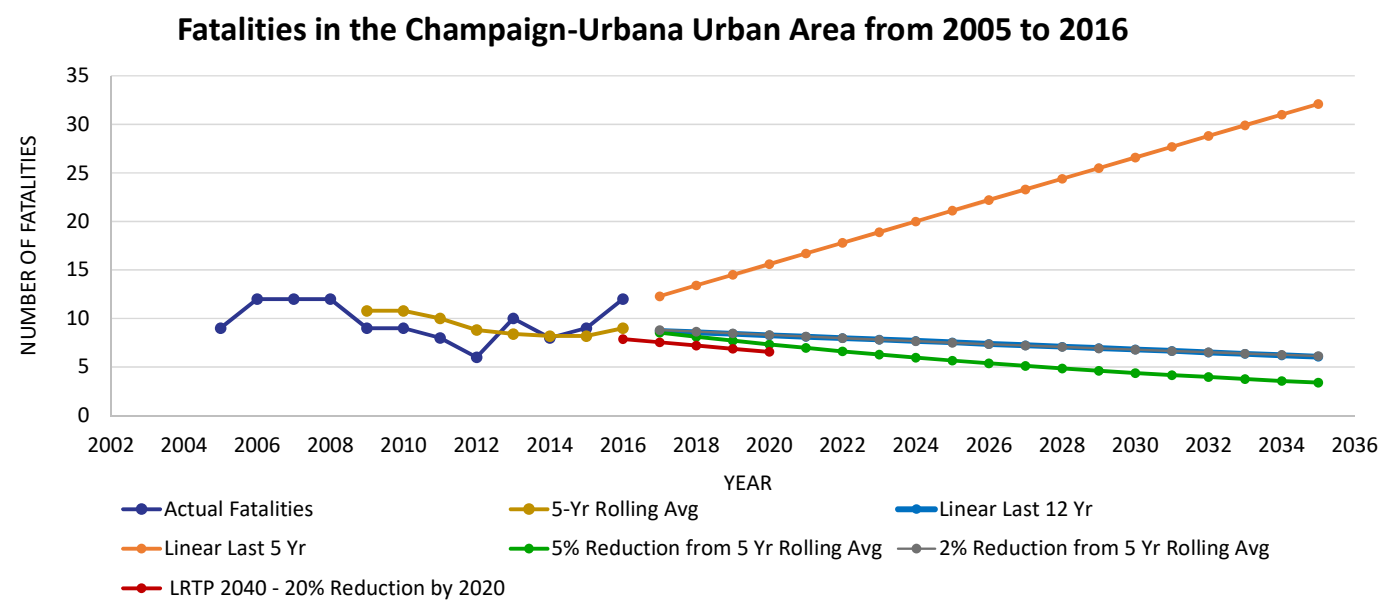


Figure 6 Fatalities in the Champaign-Urbana urban area from 2005 to 2016

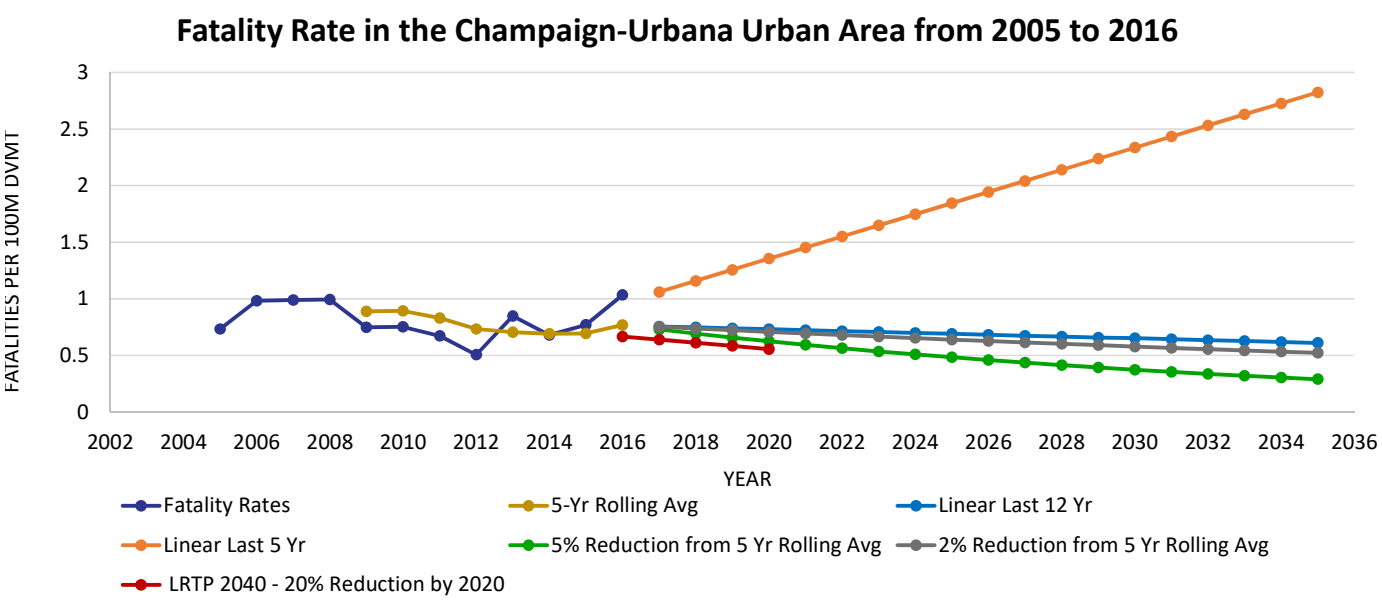


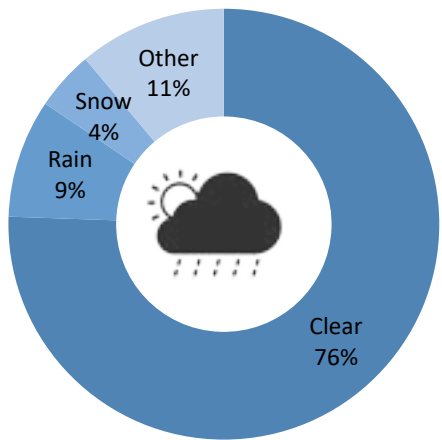
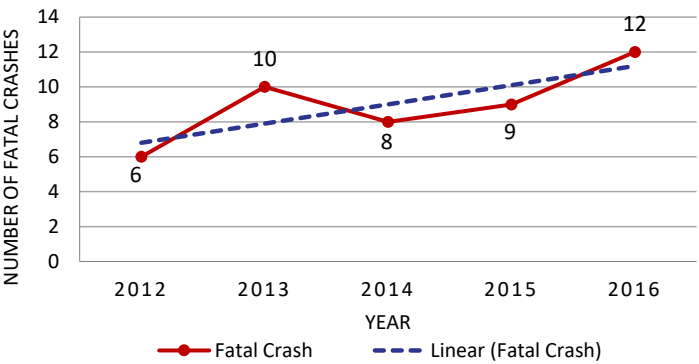
Figure 7 Fatality rate in the Champaign-Urbana urban area from 2005 to 2016



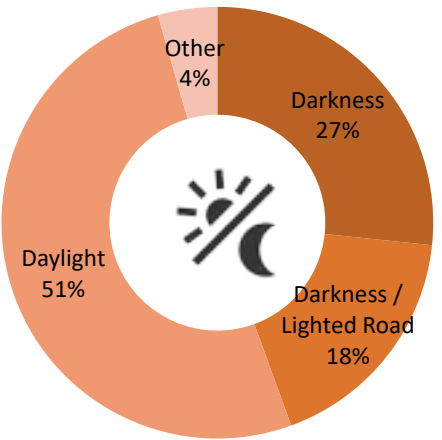
# FATAL CRASHES

The 2012-2016 crash data in the Champaign-Urbana urban area was considered in this study.

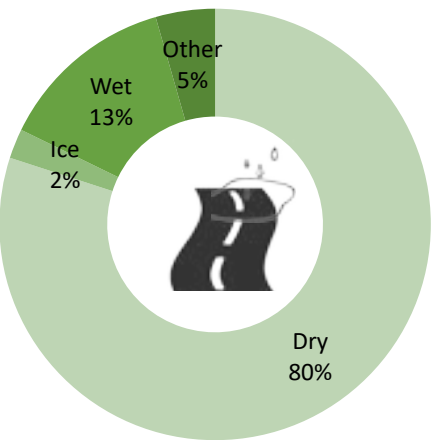
Fatal crashes are defined as crashes in which there is at least one fatality. The five-year average of fatalities was 10 percent lower in 2012-2016 than in 2007-2011. Currently, there is an increasing trend in the number of fatalities in the Champaign-Urbana urban area.



Weather Condition



Lighting Condition

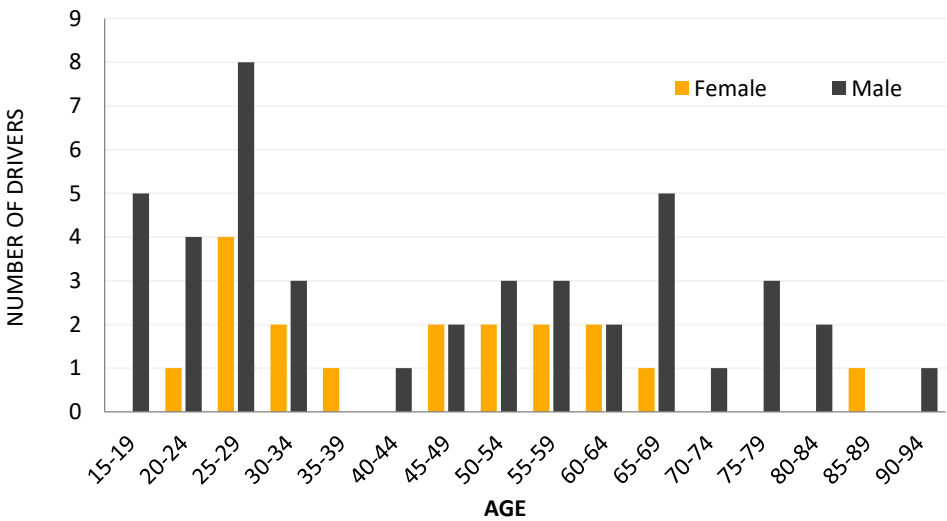


Road Surface Condition

Nine percent of fatal crashes between 2012 and 2016 occurred in rainy conditions, while four percent occurred in snowy conditions.

More than one quarter of fatal crashes (27 percent) occurred in dark conditions, while another 18 percent occurred in dark conditions with roadway lighting.

Thirteen percent of fatal crashes took place on a wet road surface, and another two percent took place on icy road condition.



**7 out of 10**  
drivers involved in fatal  
crashes were **Male**

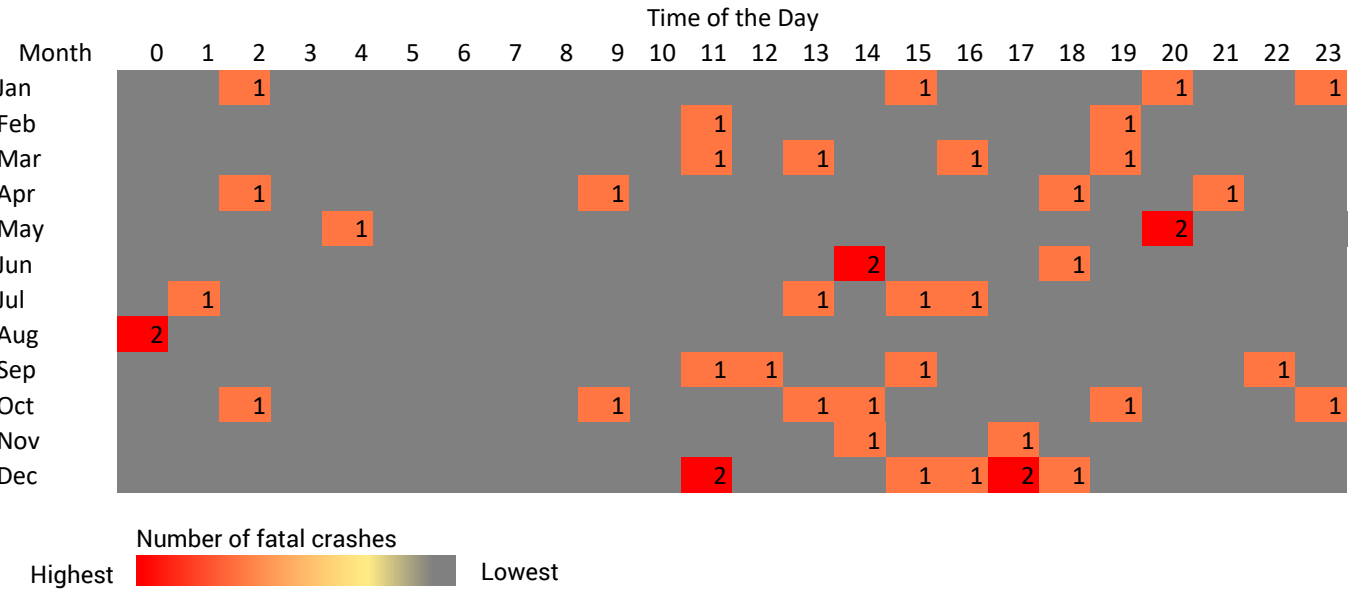


Twelve drivers between the ages of 25 and 29 were involved in fatal crashes in the Champaign-Urbana urban area between 2012 and 2016, the largest number of drivers from any age cohort.

Six drivers aged 65-69, five drivers aged 15-19, and five drivers aged 20-24 were involved in fatal crashes. Of the 64 total drivers who were involved in a fatal crash in the Champaign-Urbana urban area during the study period, 44 (69 percent) were male, 18 (28 percent) were female and 3 percent were drivers of unknown sex.

## OBJECTIVE

Reduce the five-year rolling average of number of fatalities by 2 percent by 2025 based on 2017 in the Champaign-Urbana urban area.



During the 2012-2016 study period, there were five fatal crashes in the Champaign-Urbana urban area that occurred between 11 a.m. and 12 p.m., the most in any one-hour period.

Other than the identified peak period, fatal crashes were evenly distributed through the afternoon and evening hours, while there were low number of fatal crashes in the morning.

Seven and six fatal crashes occurred in December and October, respectively, in the Champaign-Urbana urban area during the study period.

# 5 A-INJURY CRASH ANALYSIS

A-injuries are injuries where a person is incapacitated due to a crash, and A-injury crashes are crashes where the highest level of injury that occurred was an incapacitating injury. In the 2012-2016 study period, a decreasing trend of A-injury crashes was observed. A-injuries are also referred to as serious injuries. The number of A-injuries and A-injury rates are safety performance measures. The targets for these measures are presented below:

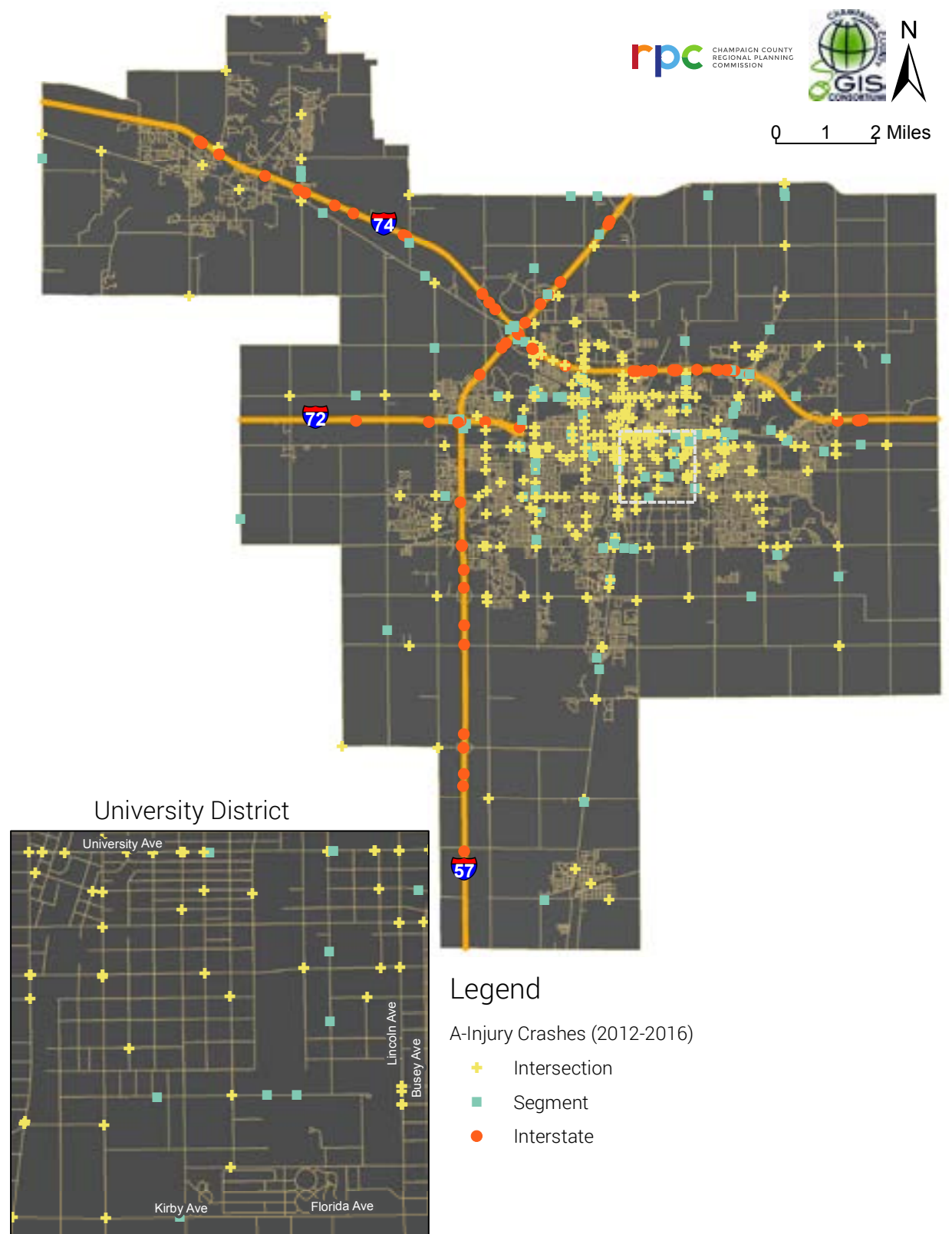
## Champaign-Urbana Urban Area Safety Performance Target

The LRTP 2045 (under development) identified two safety performance targets related to A-injury crashes in the near-term:

- Reduce the five-year rolling average of number of A-injuries by 5 percent (from 136 to 90) by 2025 based on 2017 in the Champaign-Urbana urban area.
- Reduce the five-year rolling average of serious injury rates (A-injuries per 100 million DVMT) by 5 percent (from 12 to 8) by 2025 based on 2017 in the Champaign-Urbana urban area.

## IDOT Safety Performance Target for Illinois

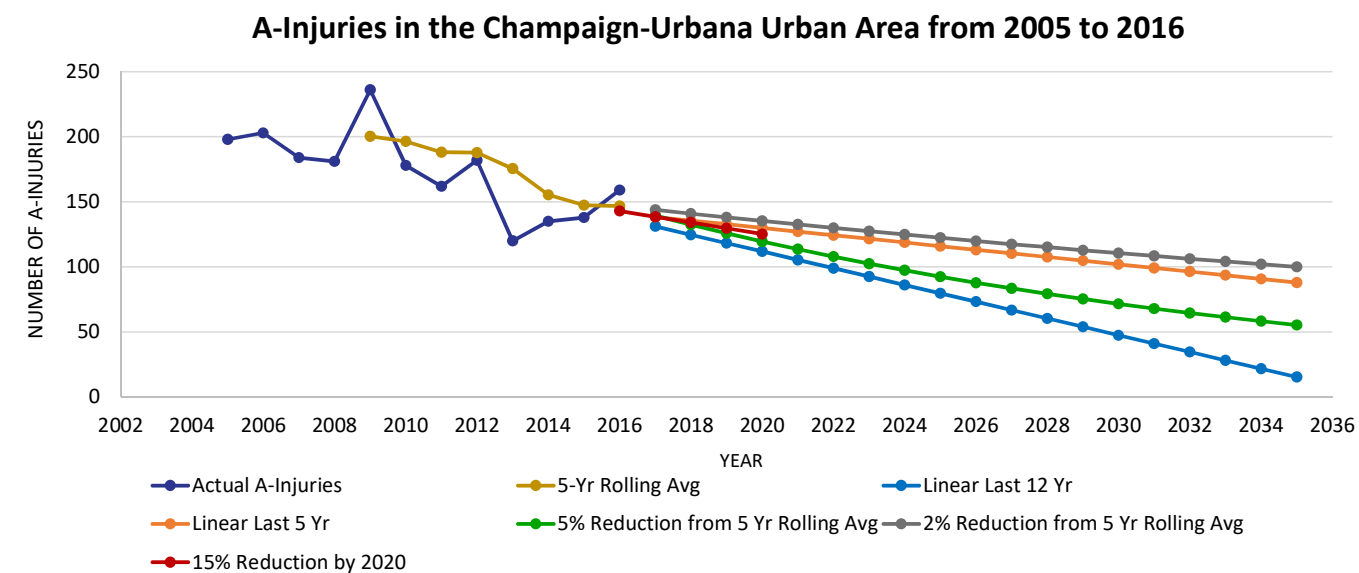
- IDOT identified a safety performance goal of a two-percent reduction per year for 2018 and 2019 over the 2013-2017 baseline.



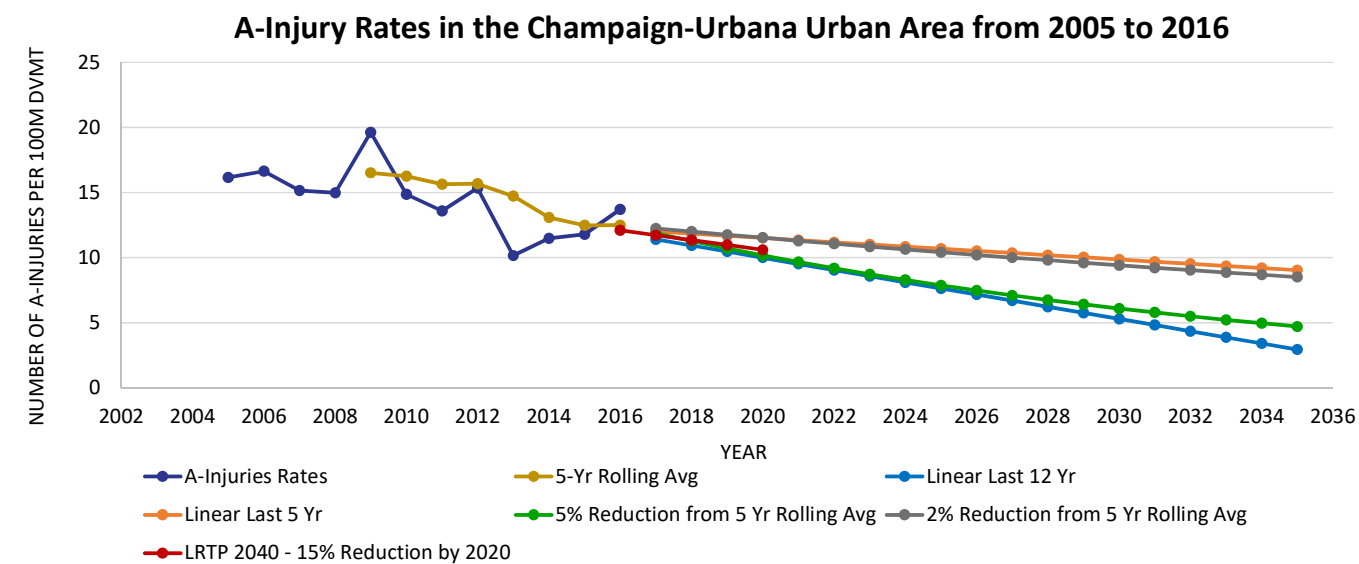
**Map 4** Location of A-injury crashes in the five-year study period (2012-2016) in the Champaign-Urbana urban area

## Comparison of Fatality and Fatality Rate Trends

Figure 8 shows the number of A-injuries in the Champaign-Urbana urban area between 2005 and 2016, as well as possible trend projections for 2017 to 2035. Figure 9 shows the A-injury rate in the Champaign-Urbana urban area between 2005 and 2016, as well as possible trend projections for 2017 to 2035.



**Figure 8** A-injuries in the Champaign-Urbana urban area from 2005 to 2016



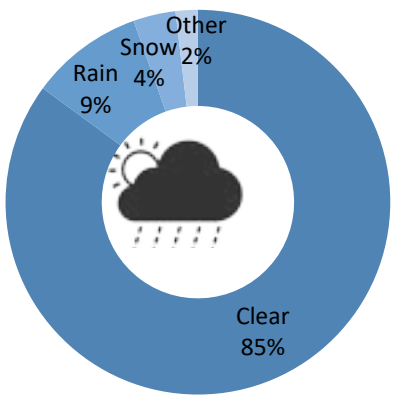
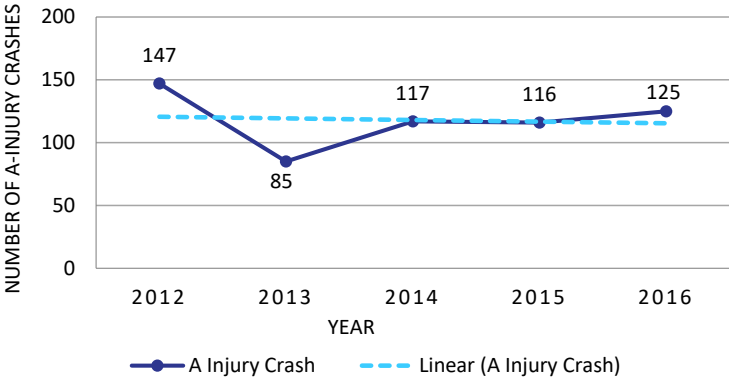
**Figure 9** A-injury rates in the Champaign-Urbana urban area from 2005 to 2016



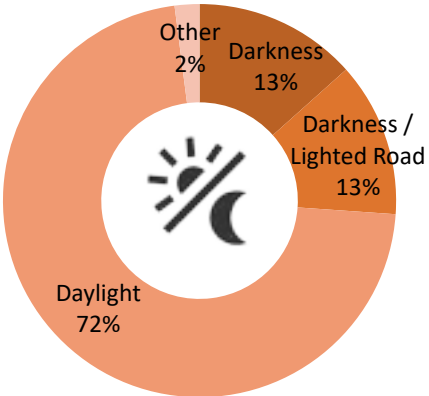
A-INJURY CRASHES

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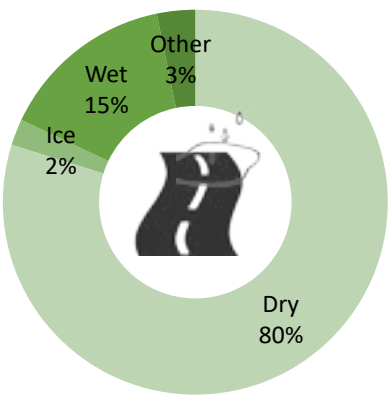
A-injuries are injuries where a person is incapacitated due to a crash, and A-injury crashes are crashes where the highest level of injury is an incapacitating injury. A-injuries are also referred to serious injuries.



Weather Condition



Lighting Condition

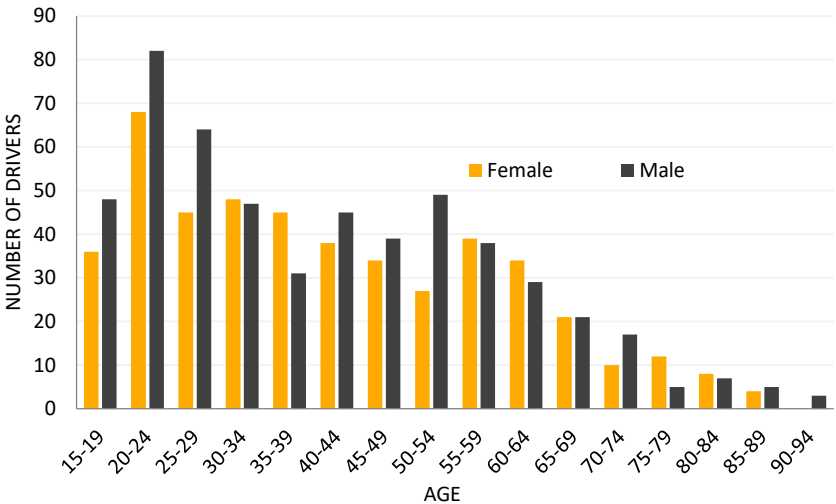


Road Surface Condition

Nine percent of A-injury crashes in the study area took place in rainy conditions, and four percent took place in snowy conditions

Thirteen percent of A-injury crashes took place in dark conditions, and another 13 percent in dark conditions with roadway lighting.

Fifteen percent of A-injury crashes took place on a wet road surface, while two percent took place on an icy road surface.



5 out of 10 drivers involved in A-injury crashes were Male

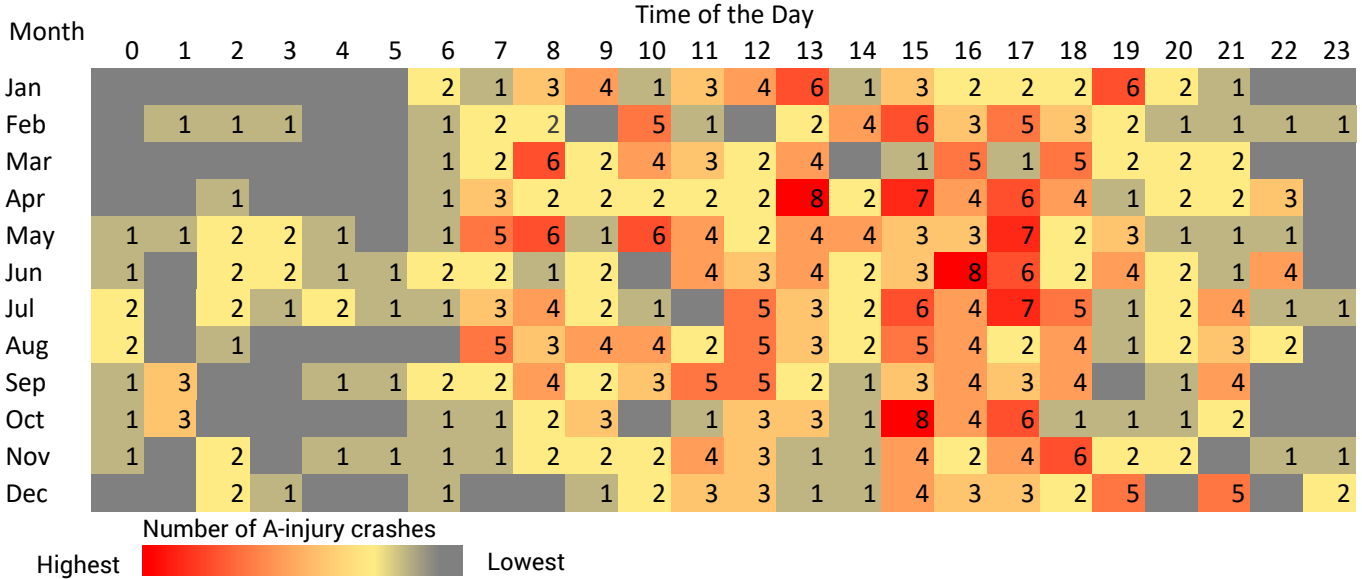


One hundred and fifty drivers who were involved in A-injury crashes were between the ages of 20 and 24 years old, the largest number of drivers from any age cohort.

There were 1,019 drivers involved in A-injury crashes in the Champaign-Urbana urban area between 2012 and 2016. Of these, 53 percent were male and 46 percent were female. The sex of remaining one percent drivers were unknown.

OBJECTIVE

Reduce the five-year rolling average number of A-injuries by 5 percent by 2025 based on 2017 in the Champaign-Urbana urban area.



Peak periods for A-injury crashes in the Champaign-Urbana urban area between 2012-2016 were 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., each with more than 50 A-injury crashes. Fewer A-injury crashes took place overnight and into the early morning.

A high number of A-injury crashes were observed in summer, between May and July.

## ⑥ ANALYSIS BY COLLISION TYPE

Crashes were categorized by collision type and are listed in Table 3 by percentage. The five most frequent collision types were rear end crashes (28 percent), turning crashes (19 percent), angle crashes (14 percent), fixed object crashes (12 percent), and parked motor vehicle crashes (9 percent). All these collision type of crashes are more prevalent at intersections than on road segments. Considering only the intersection- and road segment-related crashes, the significant causes of the crashes for the five collision types identified above are listed below:

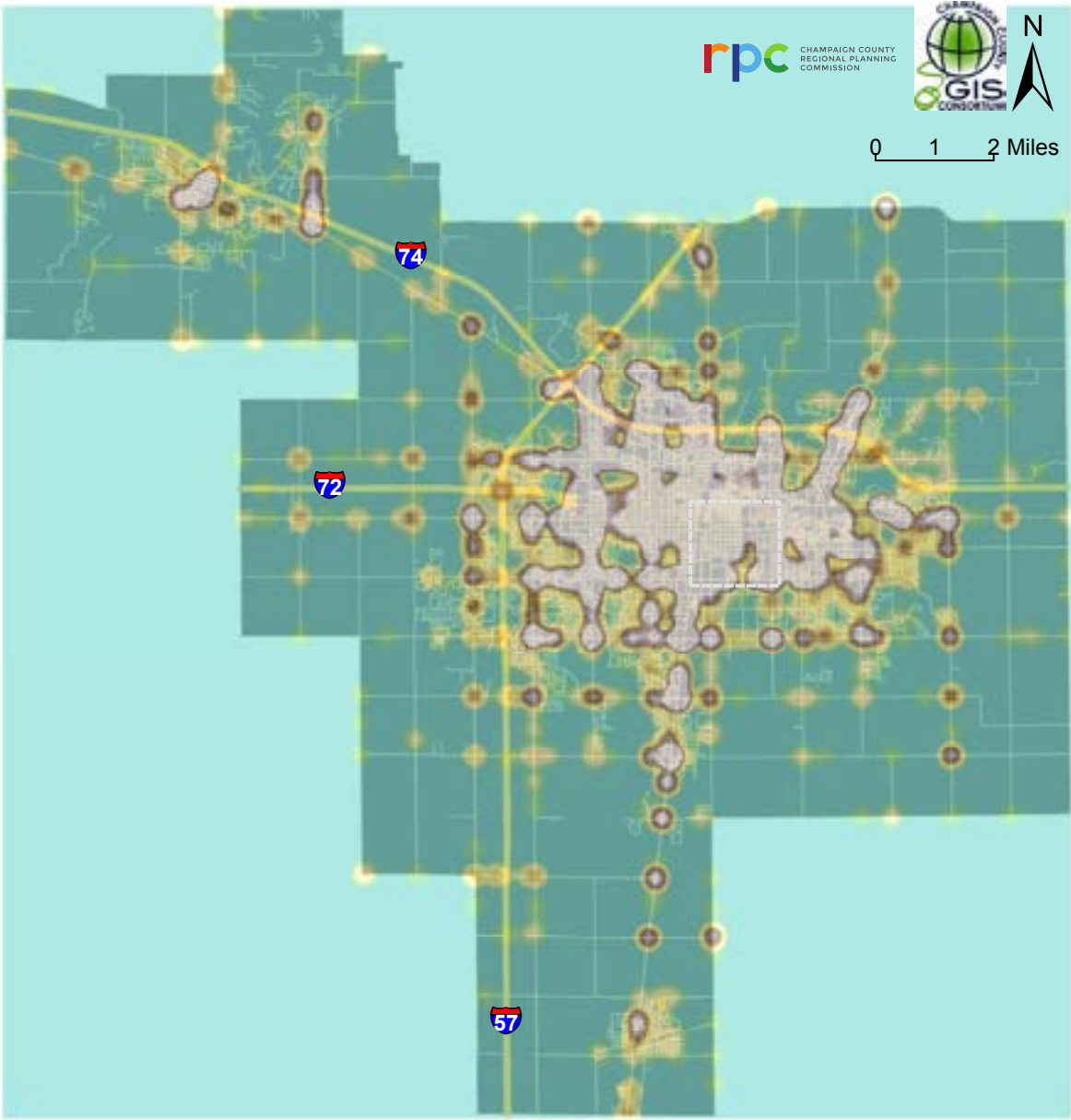
- For rear end crashes were failing to reduce speed and following too closely.
- For turning crashes was failing to yield the right-of-way.
- For angle crashes were failing to yield the right-of-way and disregarding signs and road markings.
- For fixed object crashes were improper lane usage, exceeding speed, and failing to reduce speed to avoid a crash.
- For parking motor vehicle crashes were improper backing and undetermined cause.

Failing to reduce speed and failing to yield were common causes for crashes at intersections and road segments in the Champaign-Urbana urban area between 2012 and 2016.

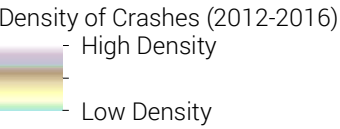


Table 3 Number of crashes by collision type from 2012 to 2016 in the Champaign-Urbana urban area

Number of Crashes occurring at Intersections, Segments, and Interstates by Collision Types in the Champaign-Urbana urban area					
Collision Types	Intersection	Interstate	Segment (Non-Interstate)	Total	Percent
Angle	1,758	11	134	1,903	14%
Animal	56	183	95	334	3%
Fixed Object	700	494	436	1,630	12%
Head On	67	3	29	99	1%
Other Non-Collision	39	42	32	113	1%
Other Object	81	39	44	164	1%
Overtaken	50	63	90	203	2%
Parked Motor Vehicle	692	6	445	1,143	9%
Pedalcyclist	193	0	26	219	2%
Pedestrian	174	3	37	214	2%
Rear End	2,841	273	606	3,720	28%
Sideswipe Opposite Direction	69	3	42	114	1%
Sideswipe Same Direction	563	248	186	997	7%
Train	2	0	3	5	0%
Turning	2,170	21	290	2,481	19%
Grand Total	9,455	1,389	2,495	13,339	100%



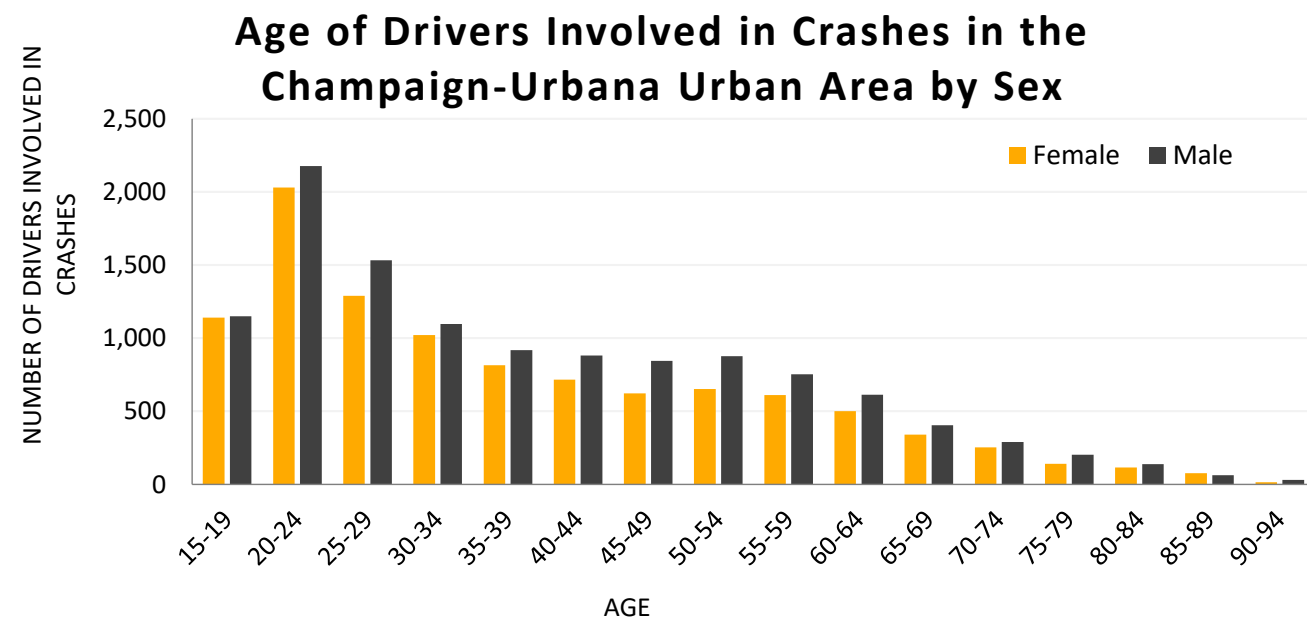
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Note: The crashes are of Fixed Object, Rear End, Turning and Angle Collision Types at Intersections and Road Segments

Map 5 Crash density heat map in the five-year study period (2012-2016) in the Champaign-Urbana urban area

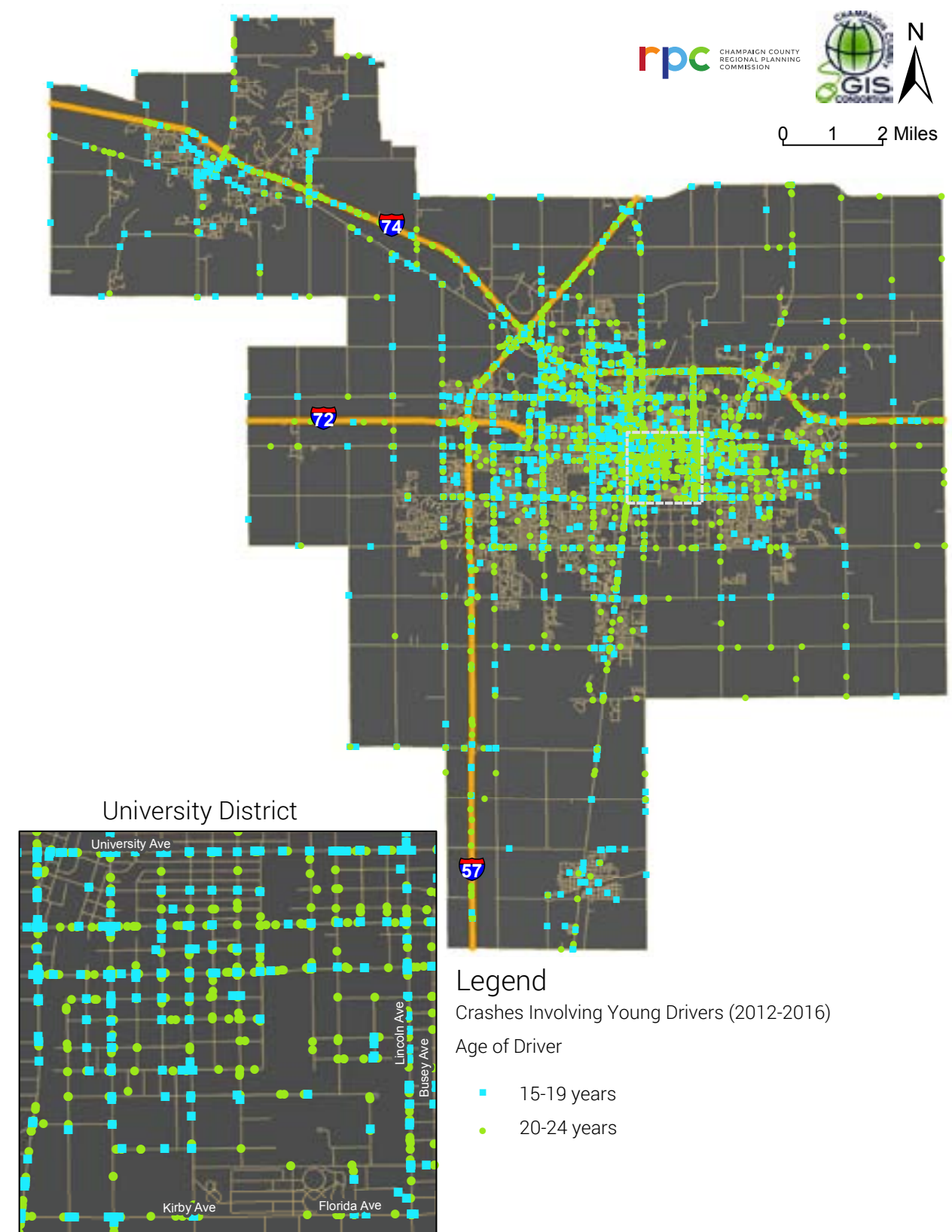
# 7 ANALYSIS BY DRIVER AGE AND SEX



**Figure 10** Age of drivers by sex involved in crashes in the five-year study period (2012-2016) in the Champaign-Urbana urban area

All drivers involved in crashes in the Champaign-Urbana urban area between 2012 and 2016 were categorized by age and sex.

- In all age cohorts except for 85-89 years, more male drivers were involved in crashes than female drivers between 2012 and 2016. Overall, 51 percent of drivers involved in crashes were male, and 44 percent were female. The sex of the remaining percentage of drivers was unknown.
- More than 4,200 drivers aged 20-24 years (17.7 percent) were involved in crashes between 2012 and 2016. More than 2,800 drivers aged 25-29 (11.9 percent) and more than 2,200 drivers aged 15-19 years (9.7 percent) were involved in crashes between 2012 and 2016.



**Map 6** Crash locations by age of drivers in the five-year study period (2012-2016) in the Champaign-Urbana urban area

# 8 ANALYSIS BY DRIVER PHYSICAL CONDITION

**Table 4** Number of drivers by physical condition at the time of the crash in the five-year study period (2012-2016) in the Champaign-Urbana urban area

Number of Drivers by Physical Condition at the Time of the Crash in the Champaign-Urbana urban area				
Driver Physical Condition	A-Injury	Fatal	Total	Percent
Normal	364	12	20,765	87%
<b>Impaired</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>518</b>	<b>2%</b>
Asleep/Fainted/Illness	8	0	72	0%
Medicated	0	0	9	0%
Had Been Drinking	1	0	49	0%
Fatigued	4	0	125	1%
Other/Unknown	29	0	2,070	9%
Emotional (Added in 2013)	1	0	81	0%
Removal by EMS (Added in 2013)	13	0	43	0%
Total	463	26	23,732	100%

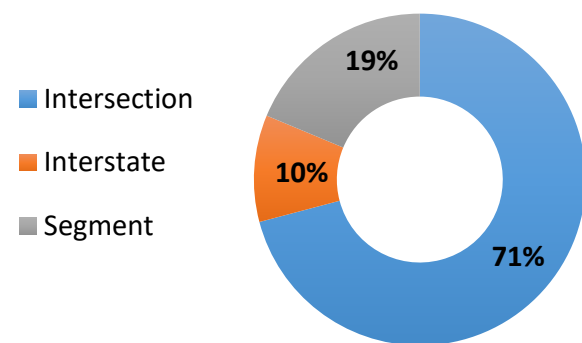
The physical conditions of drivers involved in fatal and A-injury crashes in the Champaign-Urbana urban area between 2012 and 2016 were also considered.

- A large majority (87 percent) of drivers involved in fatal or A-injury crashes in the Champaign-Urbana urban area during the study period had a normal physical condition at the time of the crash.
- Two percent of drivers involved in fatal or A-injury crashes were impaired at the time of the crash, meaning that alcohol or drug use had impacted their physical condition.
- Although impaired drivers make up a small percentage of drivers involved in all crashes, the crashes that they are involved in tend to be more severe. Fifty-four percent of all fatal crashes during the study period involved an impaired driver, and almost nine percent of all A-injury drivers during the study period involved an impaired driver.

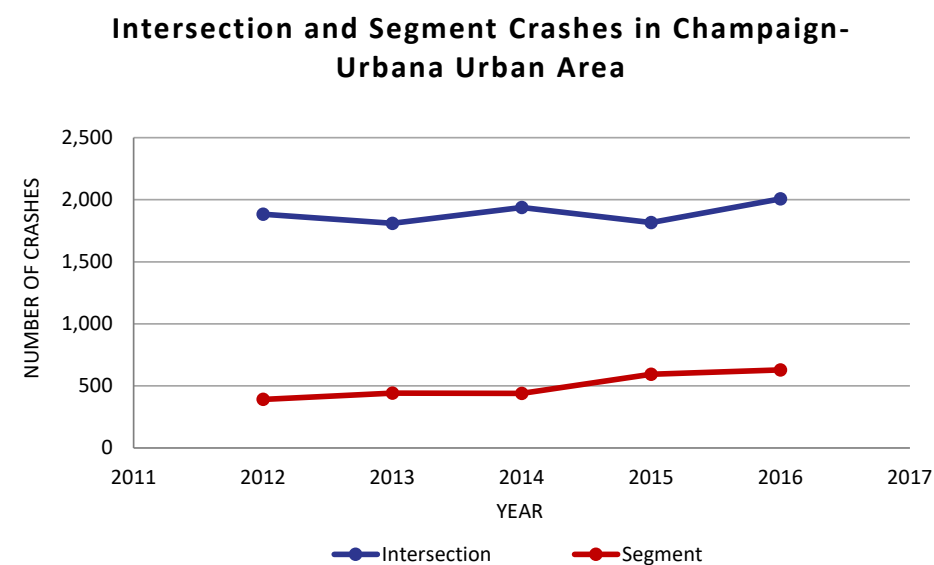


# 9 CRASH DISTRIBUTION

**Percentage of Crashes by Transportation System in Champaign-Urbana Urban Area**



**Figure 11** Distribution of crashes across transportation system types (intersection, road segments, and interstates) in the five-year study period (2012-2016) in the Champaign-Urbana urban area



**Figure 12** Number of intersection and segment crashes in the five-year study period (2012-2016) in the Champaign-Urbana urban area

In the 2012-2016 study period, crashes were not distributed evenly throughout the transportation system in the Champaign-Urbana urban area.

- A majority of crashes (71 percent) in the Champaign-Urbana urban area between 2012 and 2016 took place at an intersection.
- Nineteen percent of crashes took place on a road segment.
- Ten percent of crashes took place on an interstate.
- There were more crashes at both intersections and road segments in 2016 than there were in 2012.

**Table 5** Number of crashes by system in five-year study period (2012-2016) in the Champaign-Urbana urban area

Transportation System	Number of Crashes	Percent
Intersection	9,455	71%
Interstate	1,389	10%
Road Segment	2,495	19%
Grand Total	13,339	100%

Based on the analysis of crash severity, crash distribution, fatal crashes, A-injury crashes, collision types, and driver characteristics, four emphasis areas were identified:

- Intersections
- Pedestrians
- Bicyclists
- Impaired Driving

In addition, crashes on roadway segments were analyzed and high-priority segments were identified.

# 10 ROAD SEGMENT CRASHES



Crashes that were not intersection or interstate crashes were assumed to be roadway segment crashes.

Table 6 presents the summary of the roadway segment crashes: 0.6 percent of the crashes that occurred on road segments were fatal, and 3.9 percent were A-injury crashes.

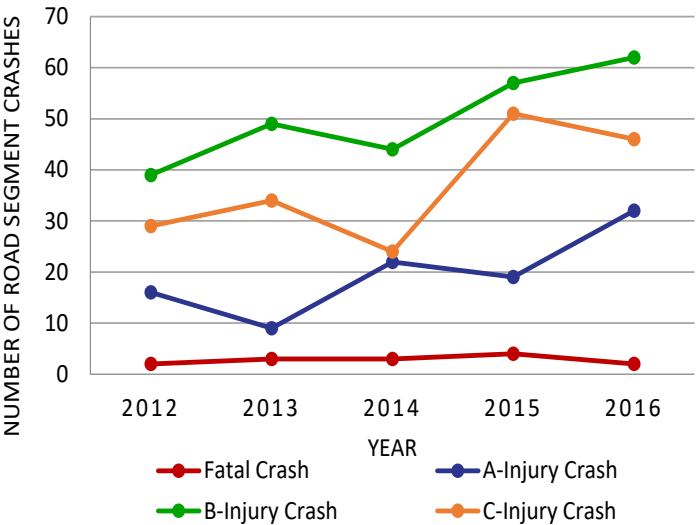
**Table 6** Number of crashes on road segments by severity type in the five-year study period (2012-2016) in the Champaign-Urbana urban area

Number of Crashes at Road Segments by Severity Type in the Champaign-Urbana Urban Area							
Crash Severity	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Total	Percent
Fatal	2	3	3	4	2	14	0.6%
A-Injury	16	9	22	19	32	98	3.9%
B-Injury	39	49	44	57	62	251	10.1%
C-Injury	29	34	24	51	46	184	7.4%
No Injury/ Property Damage Only	305	347	347	462	487	1,948	78.1%
Total	391	442	440	593	629	2,495	100%

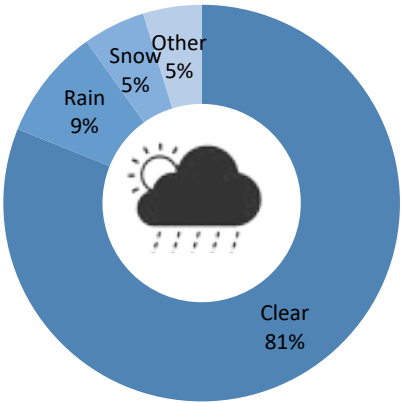
ROAD SEGMENT  
CRASHES

The 2012-2016 crash data in the Champaign-Urbana urban area was considered in this study.

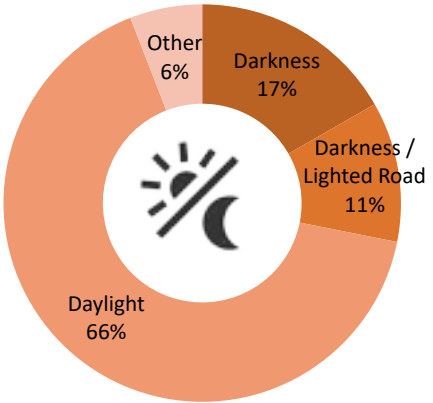
Crashes that were not intersection or interstate crashes were assumed to be roadway segment crashes. Currently, there is an increasing trend in number of road segment crashes in the Champaign-Urbana urban area.



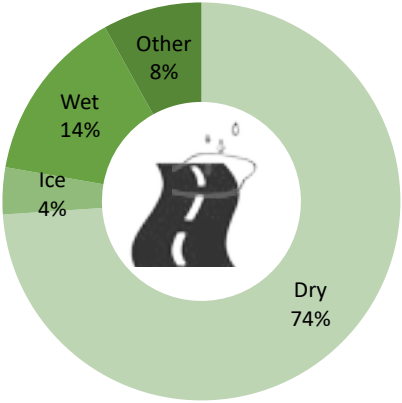
Less than one percent of road segment crashes were **fatal**, while about **4 percent** and 10 percent were **A-injury** and B-injury, respectively.



Weather Condition



Lighting Condition

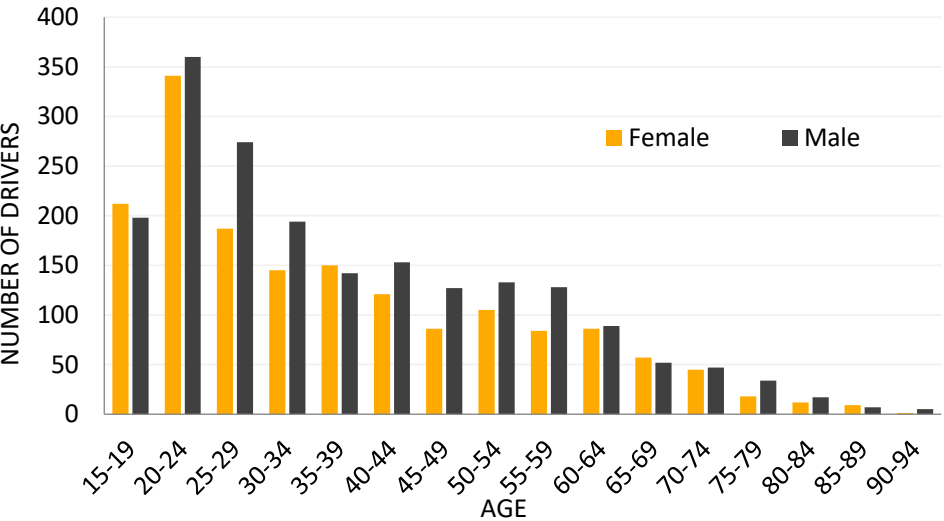


Road Surface Condition

Nine percent of crashes on road segments took place in rainy conditions, and five percent took place in snowy conditions.

Seventeen percent of crashes on road segments took place in dark conditions, and another 11 percent in dark conditions with roadway lighting.

Fourteen percent of crashes on road segments took place on a wet road surface, while four percent took place on an icy road surface.

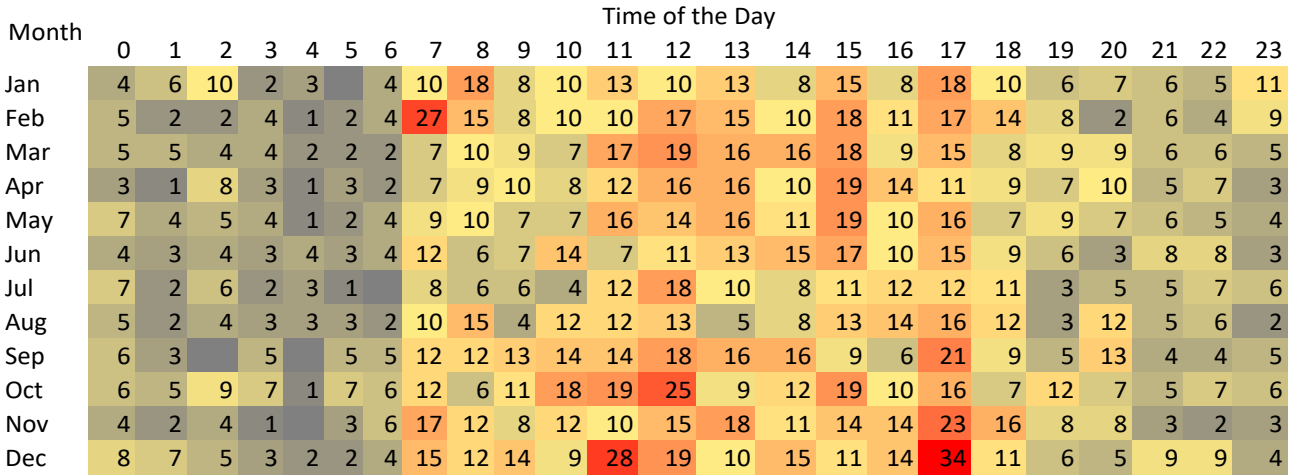


5 out of 10 drivers involved in roadway segment crashes were Male



Seven hundred and two drivers involved in crashes on road segments in the Champaign-Urbana urban area between 2012 and 2016 were between the ages of 20 and 24.

There were 3,955 drivers involved in crashes on road segments in the Champaign-Urbana urban area between 2012 and 2016. Of these 50 percent were male and 42 percent were female. The sex of remaining 8 percent were unknown.



Number of crashes  
Highest Lowest

Peak periods for crashes on road segments in the Champaign-Urbana urban area between 2012 and 2016 were 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., each with more than 190 crashes over the course of the study period. Fewer crashes took place overnight and into the early morning.

A high number of road segment crashes occurred in winter months, with a peak of 256 road segment crashes in December.

10.1 High-Priority Segments

High-priority segments were identified based on equivalent crashes, crash frequency, and crash frequency per mile. Equivalent crashes were calculated based on crash severity: more severe crashes (e.g., fatal crashes) were weighted more heavily than less severe crashes (e.g., C-injury crashes). Crash frequency is the average number of crashes over the five-year study period, and crash frequency per mile is the average crashes per mile of the segment. These measures were combined to produce a Priority Index, which is used to identify high-priority road segments in the Champaign-Urbana urban area.

**Equivalent Crashes** = 
$$\frac{(25*Fatal\ Crashes + 10*A-Injury\ Crashes + B-Injury\ Crashes + C-Injury\ Crashes)}{5}$$

**Crash Frequency** = 
$$\frac{Total\ Number\ of\ Crashes}{5}$$

**Crash Frequency Per Mile** = 
$$\frac{Total\ Number\ of\ Crashes}{5*Length\ of\ Segment}$$

Methodology to Identify High-Priority Segments:

High-priority segments were identified based on three factors: Equivalent Crashes, Crash Frequency, and Crash Frequency per Mile.

- Equivalent Crashes, Crash Frequency, and Crash Frequency per Mile were calculated for each segment based on the equations presented.
- Considering all the segments, a mean and standard deviation for the three factors were calculated.
- For each segment, based on the equivalent crashes, crash frequency and crash frequency per length values from its mean, an index was assigned.
- The three index values were combined to give a priority index value.
- The higher the priority index value, the higher the priority given to the segment was.
- A list of high-priority segments was identified.

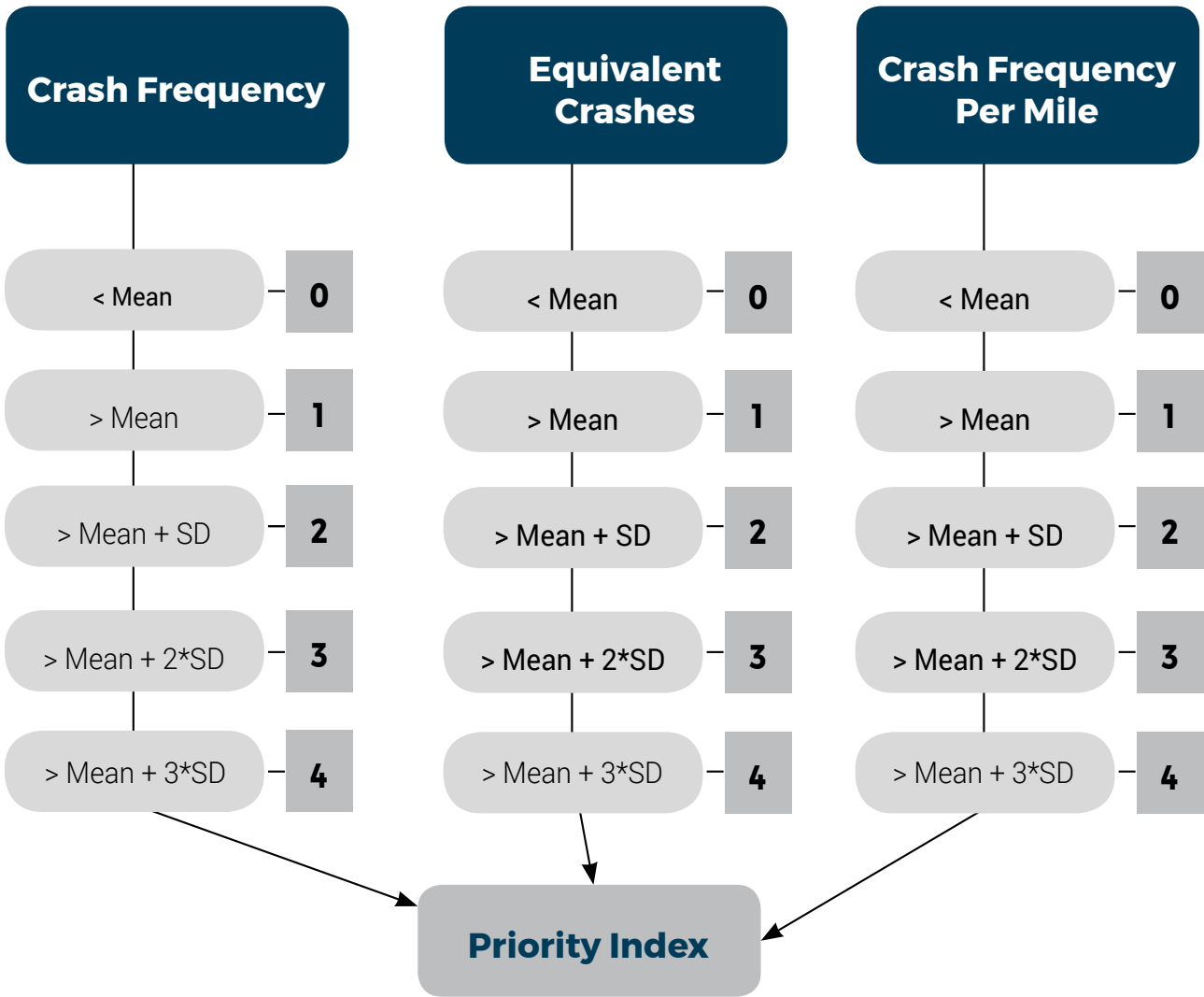
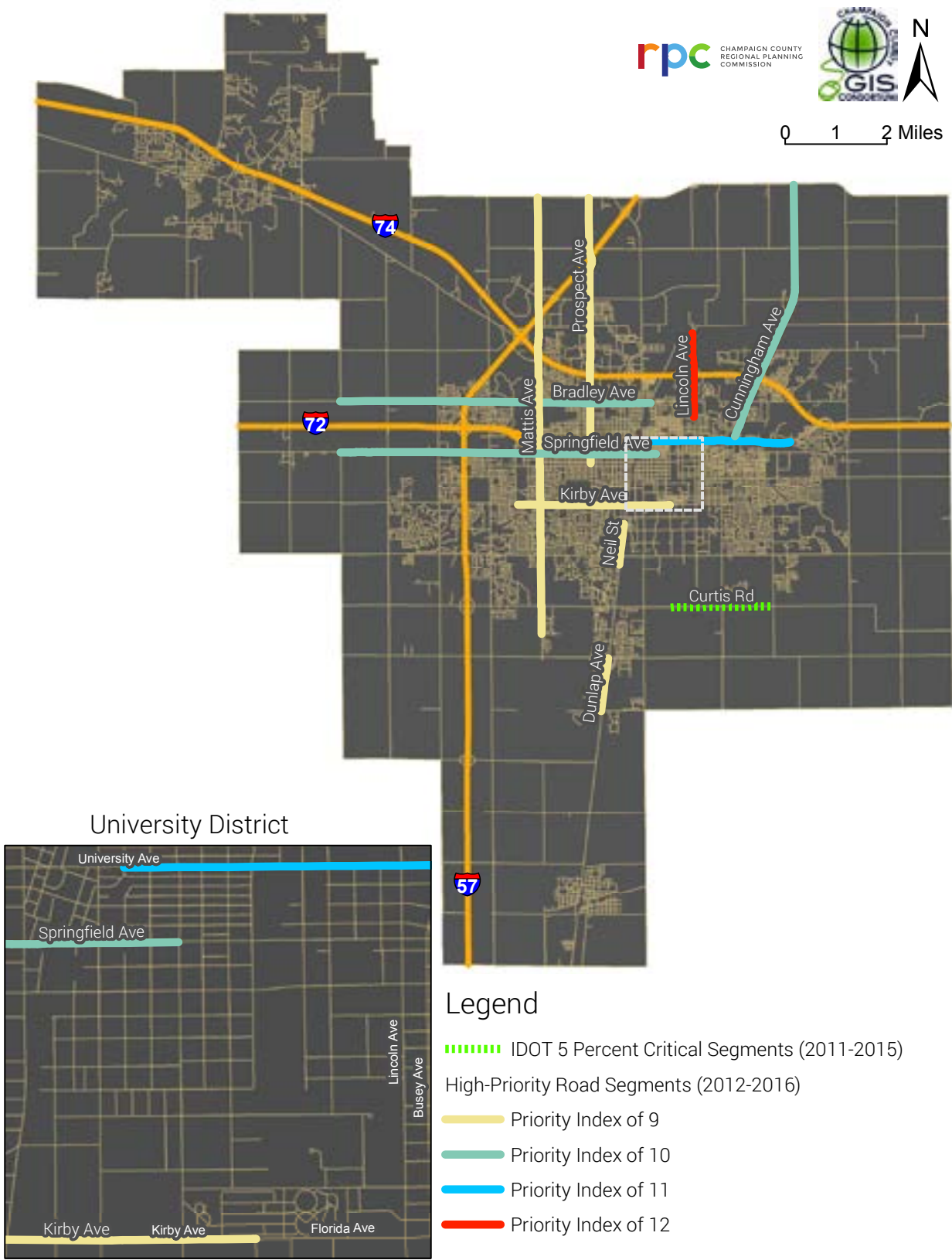


Figure 13 Methodology to identify high-priority segments

Map 7 presents the high-priority segments considering all roadway types except for interstates in the Champaign-Urbana urban area. These segments were identified using the methodology explained above (Figure 13). Map 7 also presents IDOT five percent critical segments, which were identified using the crashes from 2011-2015.

Map 7 presents high-priority roadway segments. There are different agencies responsible for different roadway types; thus, a separate analysis was done to identify high-priority county highways, in which only crashes occurring on county highways in Champaign County were considered. High-priority interstate segments were also identified. The lists of high-priority county highways, US and state routes, and interstates are presented in the appendices. The most recent safety improvement projects from different agencies are listed in Appendix B.



**Map 7** High-priority road segments identified in the five-year study period (2012-2016) in the Champaign-Urbana urban area



## EMPHASIS AREAS

- **Intersections**
- **Pedestrians**
- **Bicyclists**
- **Impaired Driving**



# EMPHASIS AREA: INTERSECTIONS

In the Champaign-Urbana urban area, the highest number of crashes (71 percent) occurred at intersections. Angle, rear end, and turning collisions are more prone to occur at intersections. Significant causes of these collision types at intersections were failing to reduce speed, following too closely, failing to yield the right-of-way and disregarding signs and road markings. In this study, intersection crashes are defined as crashes that took place within a 150-foot radius of an intersection that lies outside the Champaign-Urbana urban area, and within a 100-foot of an intersection that lies within the Champaign-Urbana urban area. Table 7 presents the number of intersection crashes by severity type. Among intersection crashes, 0.2 percent were fatal and 4.5 percent were A-injury crashes.

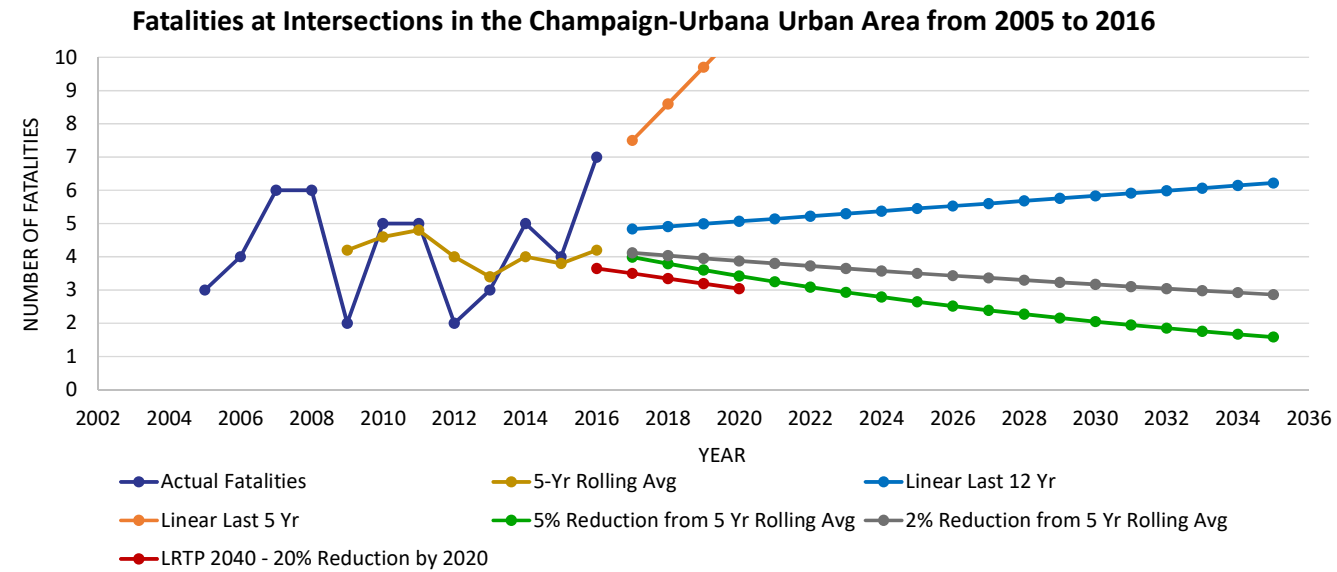
## OBJECTIVE

- Reduce the five-year rolling average of number of fatalities at intersections by 5 percent (from 4 to 3) by 2025 based on 2017 in the Champaign-Urbana urban area.
- Reduce the five-year rolling average of number of A-injuries at intersections by 2 percent (from 105 to 88) by 2025 based on 2017 in the Champaign-Urbana urban area.

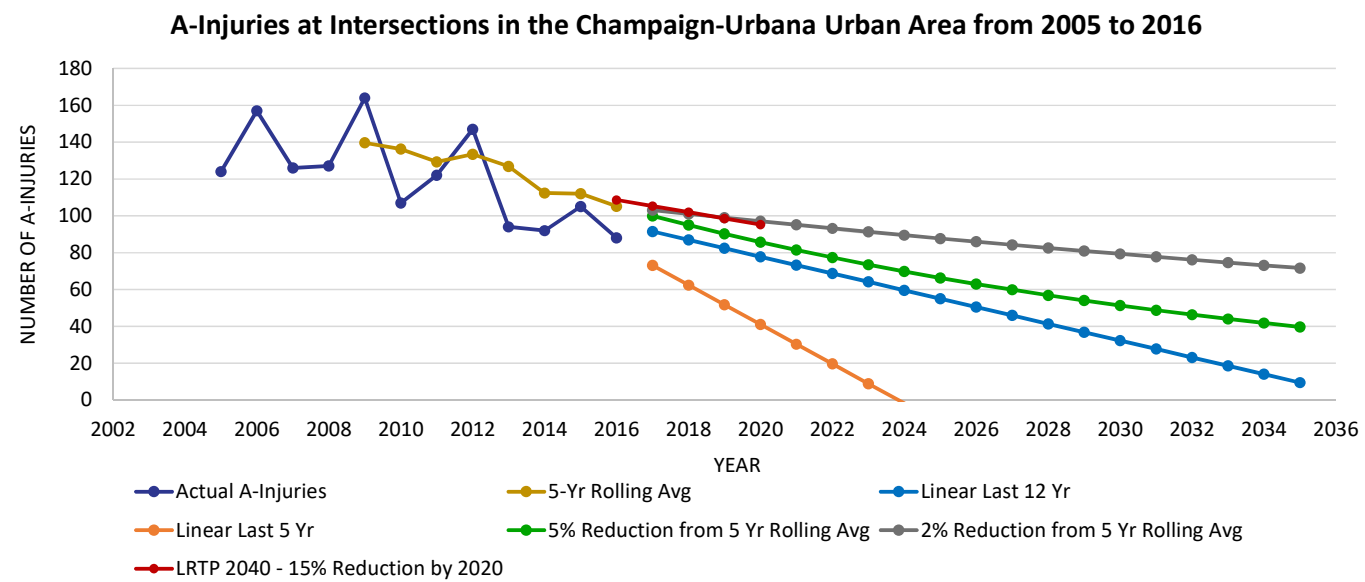
**Table 7** Number of crashes at intersections by severity type in the five-year study period (2012-2016) in the Champaign-Urbana urban area

Number of Crashes at Intersections by Severity Type							
Crash Severity	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Total	Percent
Fatal	2	3	5	4	7	21	0.2%
A-Injury	118	67	83	86	69	423	4.5%
B-Injury	171	179	183	152	192	877	9.3%
C-Injury	113	162	180	197	212	864	9.1%
No Injury/ Property Damage Only	1,480	1,399	1,486	1,378	1,527	7,270	76.9%
Total	1,884	1,810	1,937	1,817	2,007	9,455	100.0%

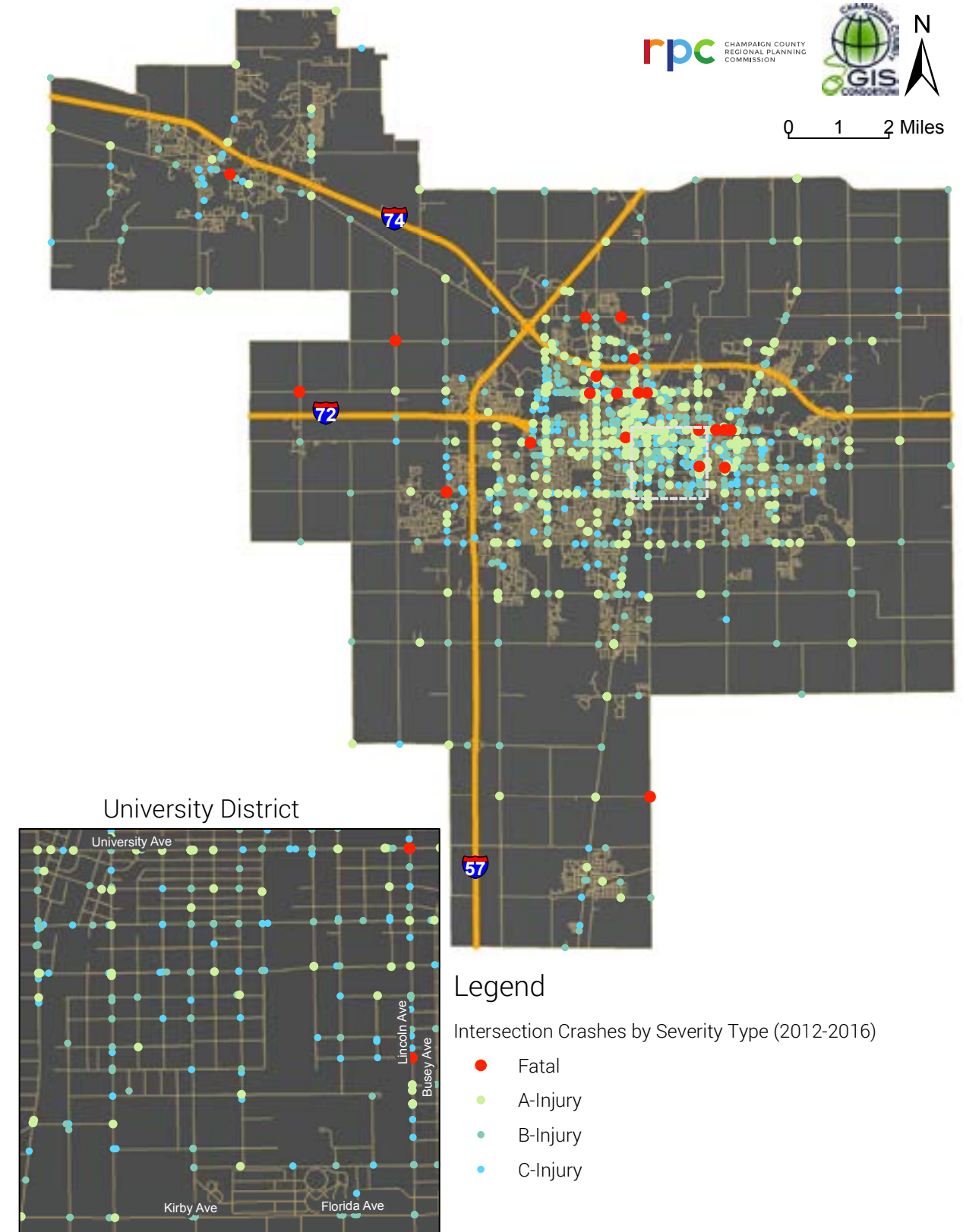




**Figure 14** Trend for the number of fatalities due to intersection crashes in the Champaign-Urbana urban area between 2005 and 2016, as well as possible trend projections for 2017 to 2035

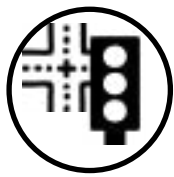


**Figure 15** Trend for the number of A-injuries due to intersection crashes in the Champaign-Urbana urban area between 2005 and 2016, as well as possible trend projections for 2017 to 2035



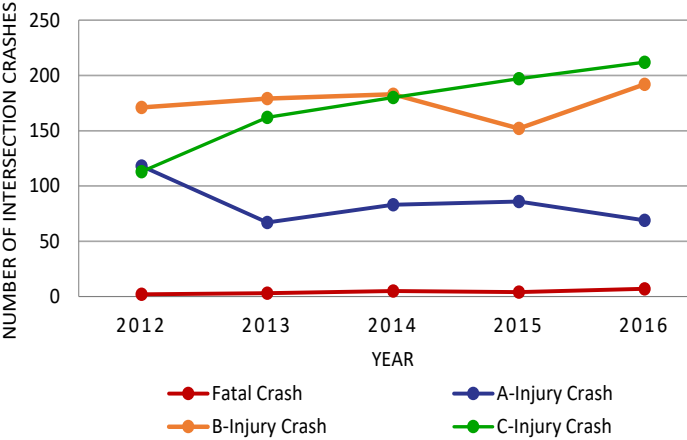
**Map 8** Location of intersection crashes by severity type in the five-year study period (2012-2016) in the Champaign-Urbana urban area

EMPHASIS AREA:  
INTERSECTIONS

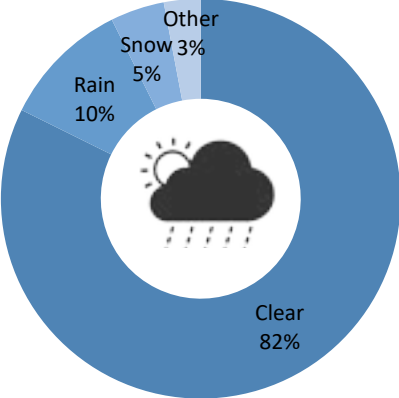


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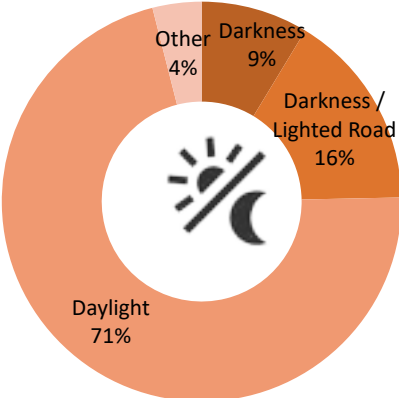
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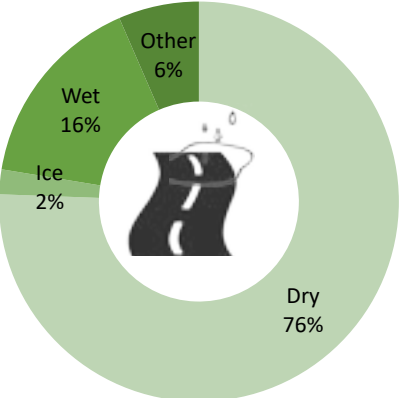
**Less than one percent** of intersection crashes were **fatal**, while **4.5 percent** and **9.3 percent** were **A-injury** and **B-injury**, respectively.



Weather Condition



Lighting Condition

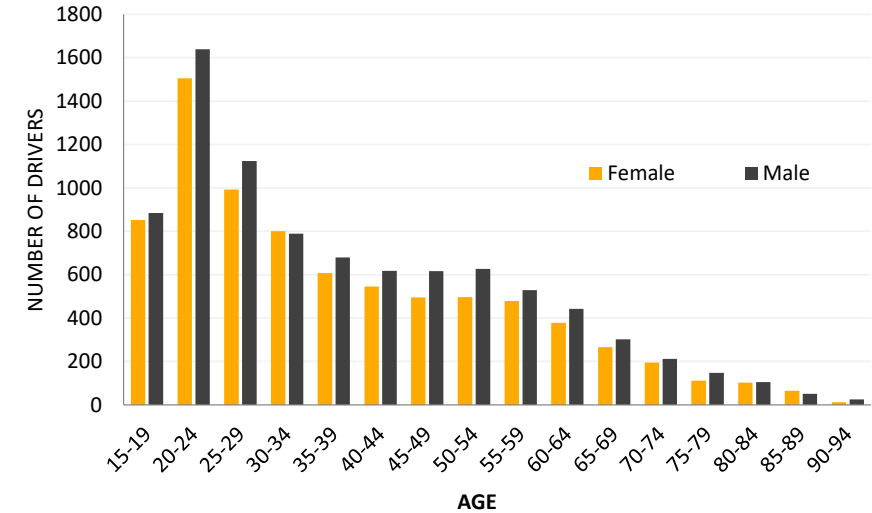


Road Surface Condition

Ten percent of intersection crashes took place in rainy conditions, and five percent took place in snowy conditions.

Nine percent of intersection crashes occurred in dark conditions, and another 16 percent occurred in dark conditions with roadway lighting.

Sixteen percent of intersection crashes occurred on a wet road surface, and two percent occurred on an icy road surface.

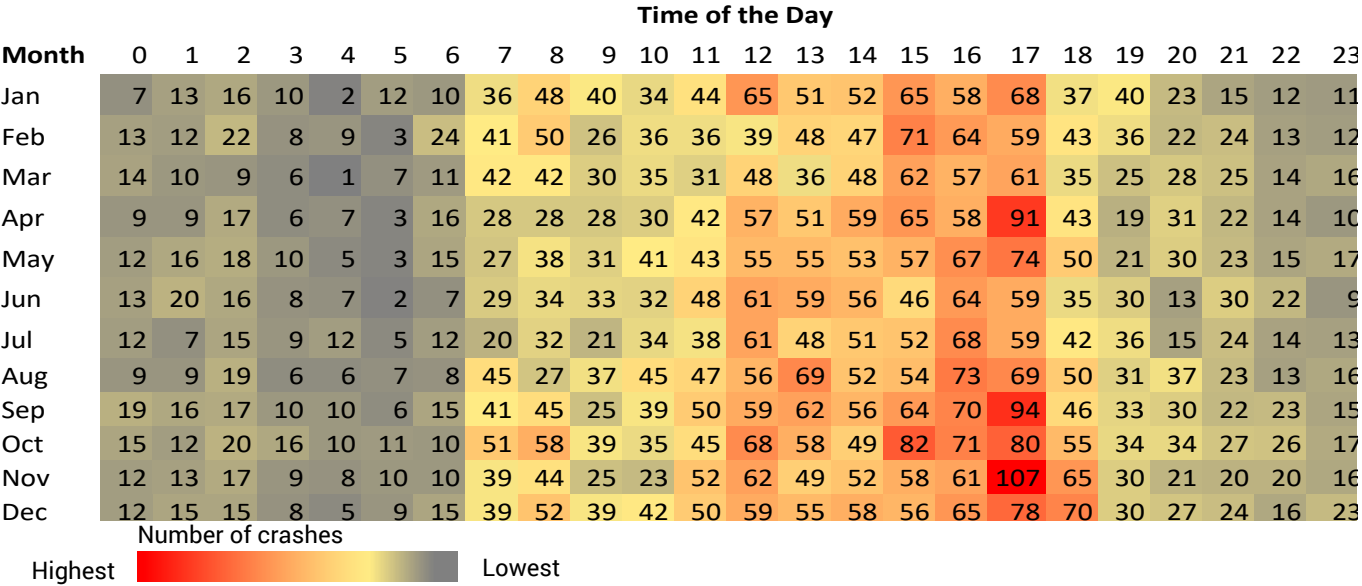


**5 out of 10** drivers involved in intersection crashes were **Male**



Significantly more drivers involved in intersection crashes in the Champaign-Urbana urban area between 2012 and 2016 were in the 20-24 age cohort than in any other age cohort. The age cohort 25-29 had the second-largest number of drivers involved in intersection crashes during the study period.

More male drivers (51 percent) than female drivers (45 percent) were involved in intersection crashes in the Champaign-Urbana urban area during the study period. The sex of the remaining four percent was unknown.



The greatest number of crashes during the study period in any single hour of the day occurred between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m., followed by 4-5 p.m. and 3-4 p.m.

Overnight until 7 a.m., there was a low number of crashes at intersections, after which the number of crashes increases until 6 p.m., then decreases into the evening.

Nine hundred and twenty-three intersection-related crashes occurred in October in the study period, which is more than in any other month. September had the second-highest number of intersection-related crashes at 867.

## High-Priority Intersections

High-priority intersections were identified based on equivalent crashes and crash frequency. Equivalent crashes were calculated based on crash severity: more severe crashes (e.g., fatal crashes) were weighted more heavily than less severe crashes (e.g., C-injury crashes). Crash frequency is the average number of crashes over the five-year study period. These measures were combined to produce a Priority Index, which is used to identify high-priority intersections in the Champaign-Urbana urban area.

**Equivalent Crashes** = 
$$\frac{(25 \times \text{Fatal Crashes} + 10 \times \text{A-Injury Crashes} + \text{B-Injury Crashes} + \text{C-Injury Crashes})}{5}$$

**Crash Frequency** = 
$$\frac{\text{Total Number of Crashes}}{5}$$

### Methodology to Identify High-Priority Intersections:

High-priority intersections were identified based on two factors: Equivalent Crashes and Crash Frequency.

- Equivalent Crashes and Crash Frequency were calculated for each intersection based on the equations presented.
- Considering all the intersections, a mean and standard deviation for the two factors were calculated.
- For each intersection, based on the equivalent crashes and crash frequency values from its mean, an index was assigned.
- The two index values were combined to give a priority index value.
- The higher the priority index value, the higher the priority given to the intersection was.
- A list of high-priority intersections were identified.

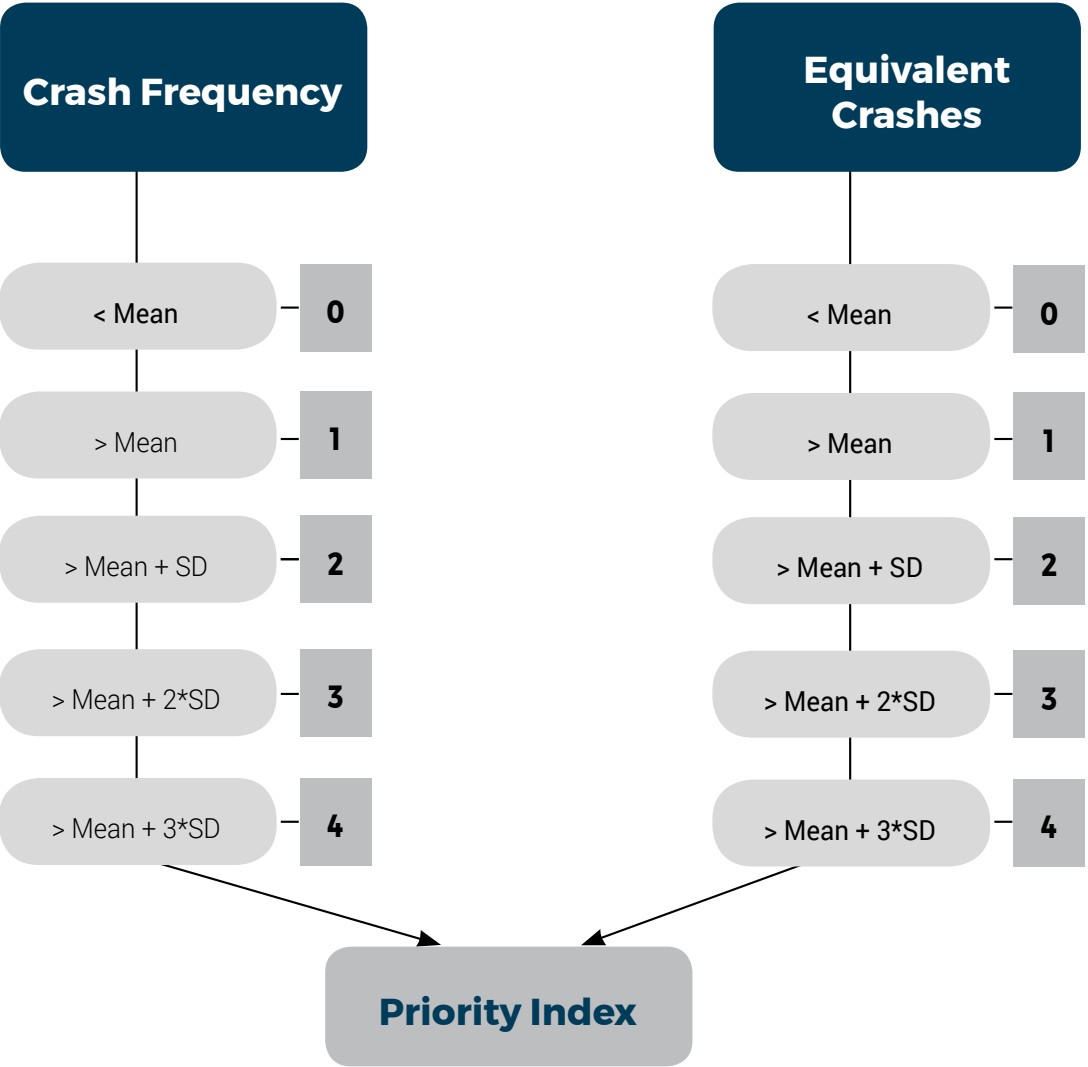
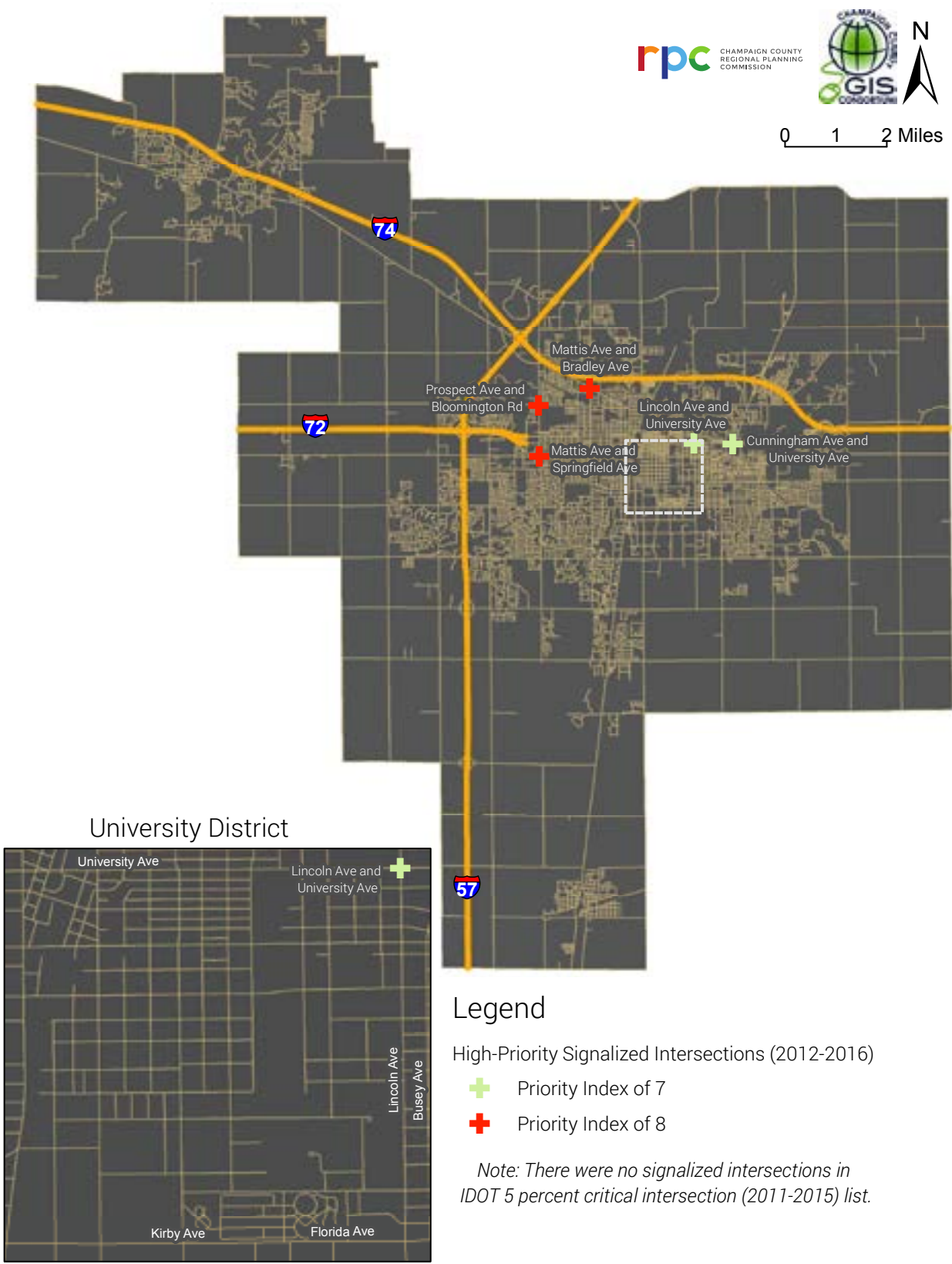


Figure 16 Methodology to identify high-priority intersections

Table 8 High-priority signalized intersections in the Champaign-Urbana urban area

High-Priority Signalized Intersections in the Champaign-Urbana Urban Area									
No.	N-S Roadway	E-W Roadway	Control Type	Fatal Crashes	A-Injury Crashes	Total Crashes	Crash Frequency Index	Equivalent Crash Index	Priority Index
1	Prospect Ave	Bloomington Rd	Signal	1	5	131	4	4	8
2	Mattis Ave	Bradley Ave	Signal	0	6	98	4	4	8
3	Mattis Ave	Springfield Ave	Signal	0	5	84	4	4	8
4	Lincoln Ave	University Ave	Signal	1	2	99	4	3	7
5	Cunningham Ave	University Ave	Signal	0	4	91	4	3	7

The most recent safety improvement projects from different agencies are listed in Appendix B.

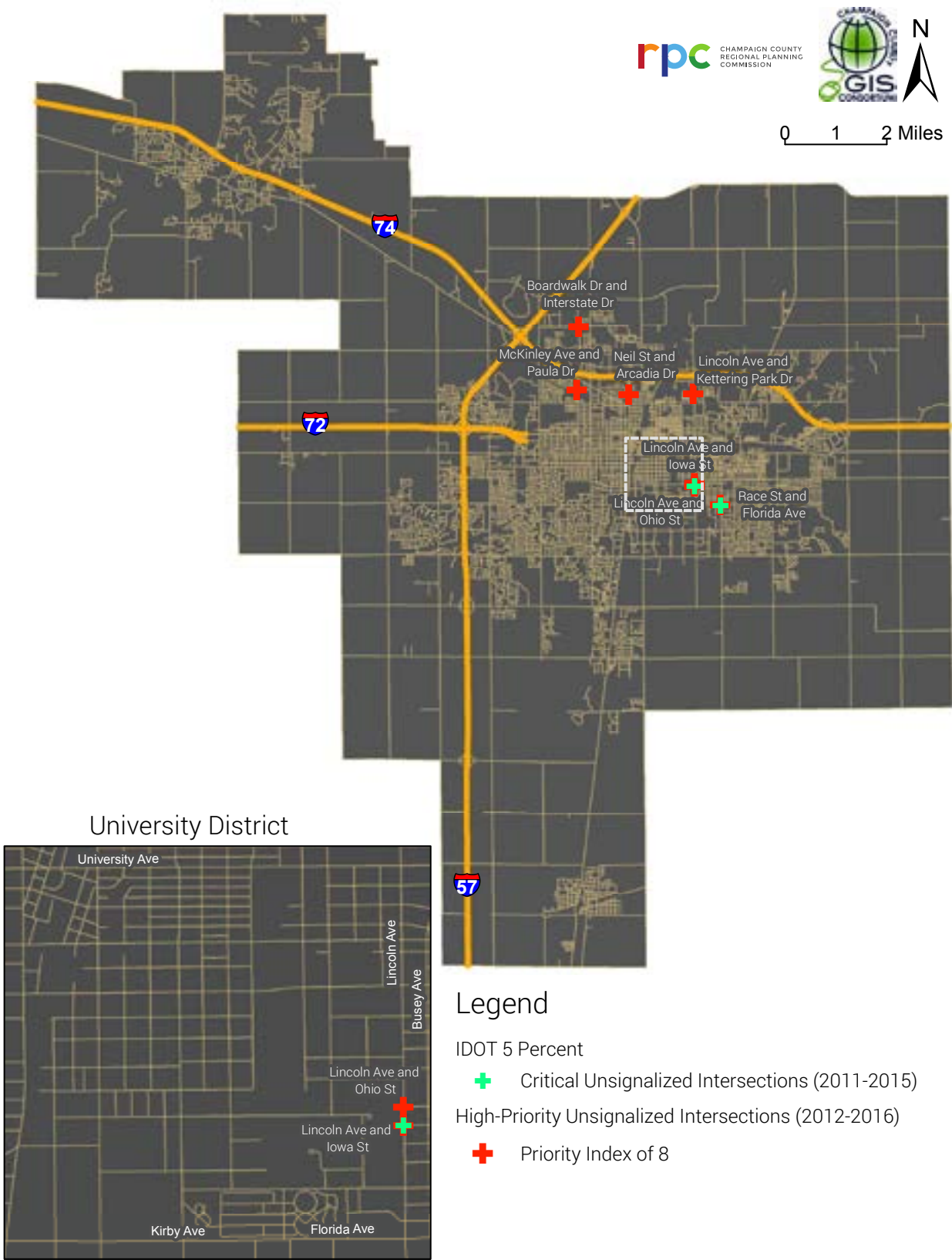


Map 9 High-priority signalized intersections identified in the five-year study period (2012-2016) in the Champaign-Urbana urban area

Table 9 High-priority unsignalized intersections in the Champaign-Urbana urban area









High-Priority Unsignalized Intersections in the Champaign-Urbana Urban Area									
No.	N-S Roadway	E-W Roadway	Control Type	Fatal Crashes	A-Injury Crashes	Total Crashes	Crash Frequency Index	Equivalent Crash Index	Priority Index
1	Boardwalk Dr	Interstate Dr	1WSC (N)	1	2	24	4	4	8
2	Lincoln Ave	Ohio St	1WSC (W)	0	5	30	4	4	8
3	Lincoln Ave	Iowa St	1WSC (W)	0	3	24	4	4	8
4	McKinley Ave	Paula Dr	2WSC (E-W)	0	2	19	4	4	8
5	Neil St	Arcadia Dr	2WSC (E-W)	0	2	17	4	4	8
6	Lincoln Ave	Kettering Park Dr	1WSC (W)	0	2	17	4	4	8
7	Race St	Florida Ave	AWSC	0	2	27	4	4	8

The most recent safety improvement projects from different agencies are listed in Appendix B.












Map 10 High-priority unsignalized intersections identified in the five-year study period (2012-2016) in the Champaign-Urbana urban area





Table 10 Strategies to reduce intersection crashes

Objectives	Strategies	Implementation Area(s)	Sources	Responsible Agencies
1. Enhance intersection safety performance	1.1 Apply network screening data to identify the crash types (angle and turning) contributing most to fatalities and injuries, and apply systematic low-cost improvements such as protected turns and signal progression to decrease the number of these crashes.		ILSHSP	CUUATS staff, IDOT, Champaign County, local cities, villages and townships (Public Works)
	1.2 Evaluate intersection user lines of sight to traffic control devices and approaching motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists.		ILSHSP	CUUATS staff, IDOT, Champaign County, local cities, villages and townships (Public Works), C-U SRTS Program
	1.3 Revise design of intersection geometry and road skew.		ILSHSP	CUUATS staff, IDOT, Champaign County, local cities, villages and townships (Public Works)
	1.4 Provide/improve left- and right-turn channelization and storage.		ILSHSP	IDOT, Champaign County, local cities, villages and townships (Public Works)
	1.5 Evaluate pavement design for intersection friction value and consider high-friction surface treatment where appropriate.		ILSHSP	IDOT, Champaign County, local cities, villages and townships (Public Works)
	1.6 Evaluate existing intersection locations with high crash trends.		ILSHSP	CUUATS staff, IDOT, Champaign County, local cities, villages and townships (Public Works)
	1.7 Incorporate access management techniques, including median construction, driveway closures or consolidations, and/or imposing left-turning restrictions.		ILSHSP	IDOT, Champaign County, local cities, villages and townships (Public Works)
	1.8 Evaluate and implement pedestrian and bicyclist accommodations.		ILSHSP	CUUATS staff, IDOT, Champaign County, local cities, villages and townships (Public Works), C-U SRTS Program

Implementation Areas:  Engineering  Enforcement  Education  Emergency Services

Objectives	Strategies	Implementation Area(s)	Sources	Responsible Agencies
<b>1. Enhance intersection safety performance (continued)</b>	<b>1.9</b> Consider nontraditional intersection types where appropriate, such as roundabouts, J-turns, median U-turn intersections, jughandles, displaced left turn intersections, offset T-intersections, and continuous flow intersections.		ILSHSP	IDOT, Champaign County, local cities, villages and townships (Public Works)
	<b>1.10</b> Improve conspicuity of the intersection and its users through a variety of approaches, such as lighting, advance warning devices, and upgrading of intersection signal head placement.		ILSHSP	IDOT, Champaign County, local cities, villages and townships (Public Works)
	<b>1.11</b> Improve availability of gaps in traffic and assist drivers in judging gap sizes at unsignalized intersections.		Systemic Safety Improvements	IDOT, Champaign County, local cities, villages and townships (Public Works)
	<b>1.12</b> Provide traffic calming on intersection approaches through a combination of geometrics and traffic control devices.		Systemic Safety Improvements	IDOT, Champaign County, local cities, villages and townships (Public Works), C-U SRTS Program
	<b>1.13</b> Improve driver awareness of intersection as viewed from the intersection: for example, providing supplementary messages, such as STOP AHEAD, installing flashing beacons at stop-controlled intersections, etc.		Systemic Safety Improvements	IDOT, Champaign County, local cities, villages and townships (Public Works), C-U SRTS Program
	<b>1.14</b> Consider intersection signing improvements to improve safety.		ILSHSP	CUUATS staff, IDOT, Champaign County, local cities, villages and townships (Public Works)
<b>2. Increase traffic law compliance near intersections</b>	<b>2.1</b> Increase law enforcement presence and enforcement at known high-crash intersections.		ILSHSP	ISP, Champaign County Sheriff and local cities (Police Departments), C-U SRTS Program
	<b>2.2</b> Develop a procedure for law enforcement officers to request engineering assessments of crash sites.	 	ILSHSP	IDOT, ISP, Champaign County, local cities, villages and townships (Public Works and Police Departments)

Implementation Areas:  Engineering  Enforcement  Education  Emergency Services

Objectives	Strategies	Implementation Area(s)	Sources	Responsible Agencies
3. Increase awareness and education	3.1 Establish education campaign for intersection safety.		ILSHSP	IDOT, schools, Secretary of State (DMV), C-U SRTS Program
	3.2 Increase intersection information in the Rules of the Road.		ILSHSP	Secretary of State (DMV), C-U SRTS Program
	3.3 Improve content and testing of driver education regarding intersection safety.		ILSHSP	Secretary of State (DMV)
	3.4 Implement training and education for innovative intersection configurations.		ILSHSP	Secretary of State (DMV), schools

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Systemic Safety Improvements: Analysis, Guidelines and Procedures (Link: <http://www.idot.illinois.gov/Assets/uploads/files/Transportation-System/Manuals-Guides-&-Handbooks/Safety/Systemic%20Safety%20Improvements%20Analysis,%20Guidelines%20and%20Procedures.pdf>)

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Implementation Areas:  Engineering  Enforcement  Education  Emergency Services



# EMPHASIS AREA: PEDESTRIANS

As the Champaign-Urbana urban area is highly populated, there are many pedestrians, especially in the University of Illinois District. Pedestrians were selected as an emphasis area because they are one of the most vulnerable types of road users; unlike drivers, they are unprotected in a crash.

Between 2012 and 2016, there were 214 pedestrian crashes in the Champaign-Urbana urban area. The largest percentage, 41 percent, were B-injury crashes; A-injury and C-injury crashes were almost equally represented, at 28 percent and 26 percent, respectively, while three percent of all pedestrian crashes during the study period were fatal.

## OBJECTIVE

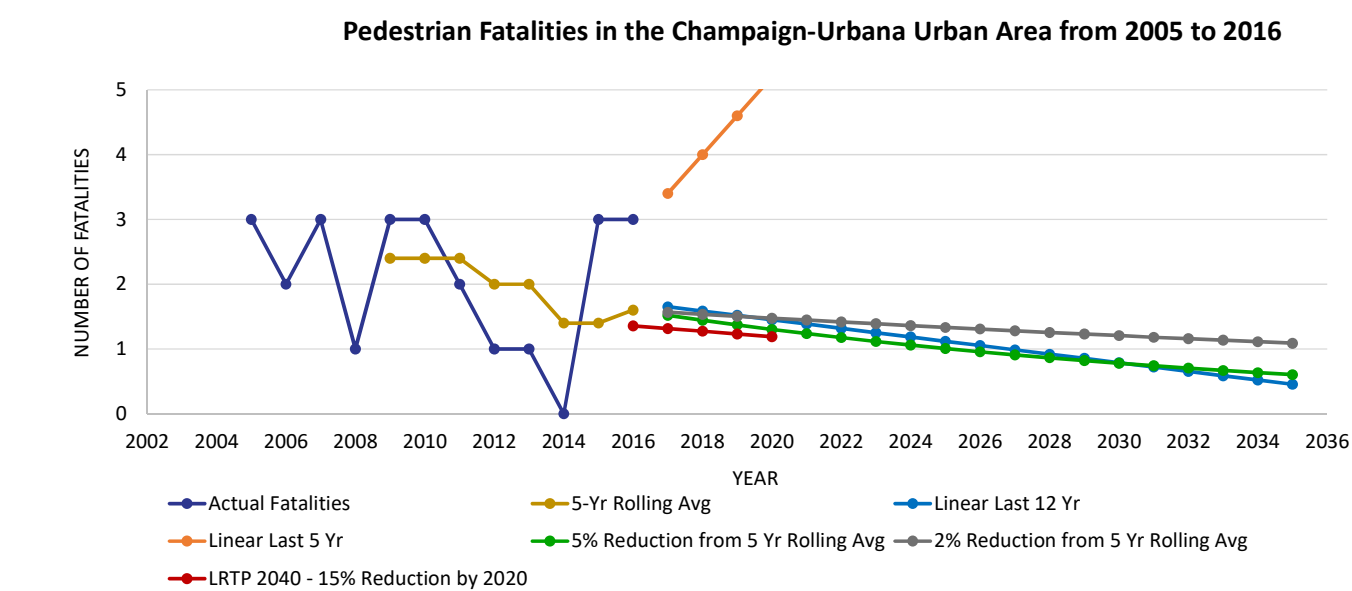
- Reduce the five-year rolling average of number of pedestrian fatalities by 5 percent (from 2 to 1) by 2025 based on 2017 in the Champaign-Urbana urban area.
- Reduce the five-year rolling average of number of pedestrian A-injuries by 2 percent (from 13 to 11) in the Champaign-Urbana urban area.

**Table 11** Number of pedestrian crashes by severity type in the five-year study period (2012-2016) in the Champaign-Urbana urban area

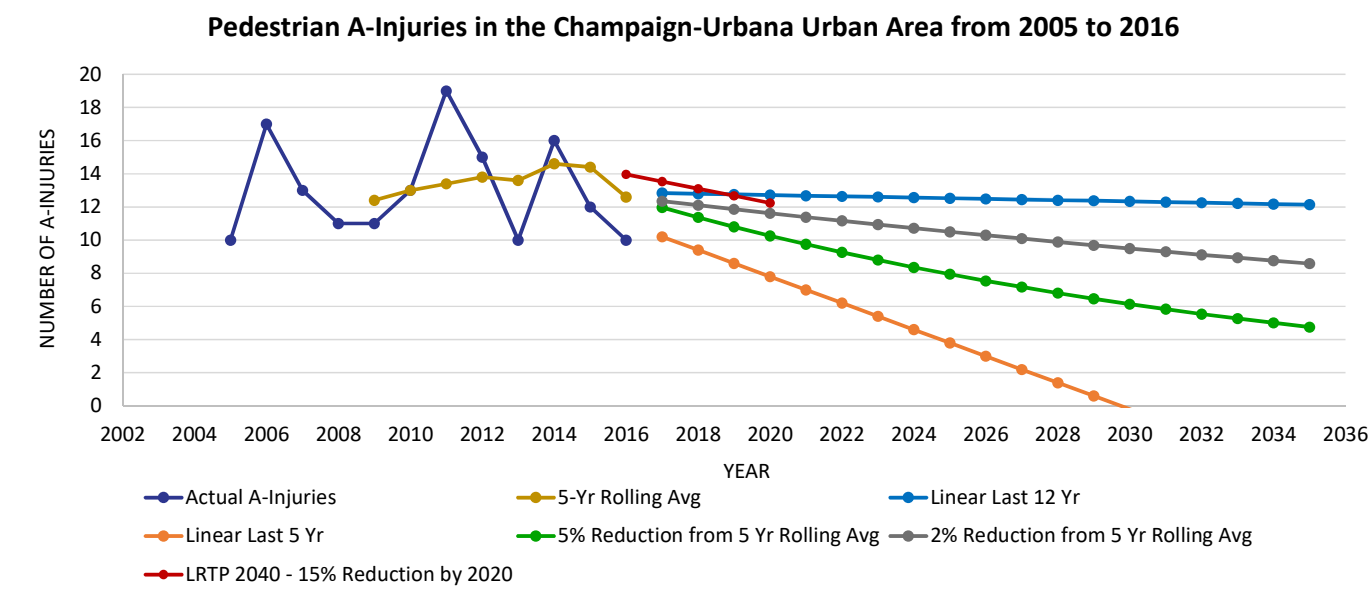
Number of Pedestrian Crashes by Severity Type in the Champaign-Urbana Urban Area							
Crash Severity	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Total	Percent
Fatal	1	1	0	3	3	8	4%
A-Injury	14	9	15	12	9	59	28%
B-Injury	17	23	12	17	19	88	41%
C-Injury	11	12	6	9	18	56	26%
No Injury/ Property Damage Only	1	0	1	0	1	3	1%
Total	44	45	34	41	50	214	100%



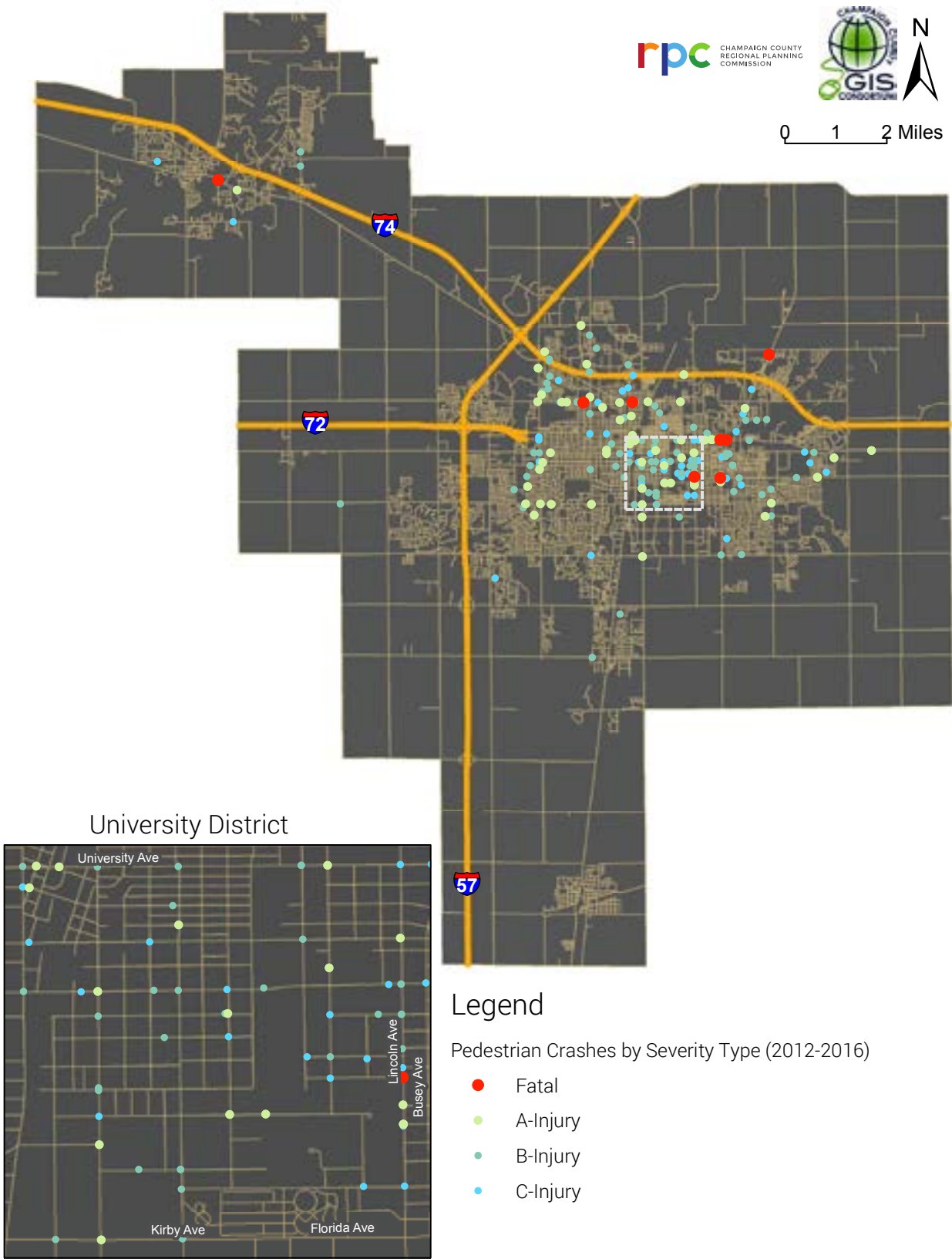
Map 11 presents the pedestrian crashes located in the study area. The majority of pedestrian crashes in the Champaign-Urbana Urban Area between 2012 and 2016 that resulted in fatalities or injuries were concentrated within the City of Champaign and City of Urbana. There was one fatal pedestrian crash in the University District (City of Urbana) and one fatal crash in the Village of Mahomet.



**Figure 17** Trend for the number pedestrian fatalities in the Champaign-Urbana urban area between 2005 and 2016, as well as possible trend projections for 2017 to 2035



**Figure 18** Trend for the number of pedestrian A-injuries in the Champaign-Urbana urban area between 2005 and 2016, as well as possible trend projections for 2017 to 2035

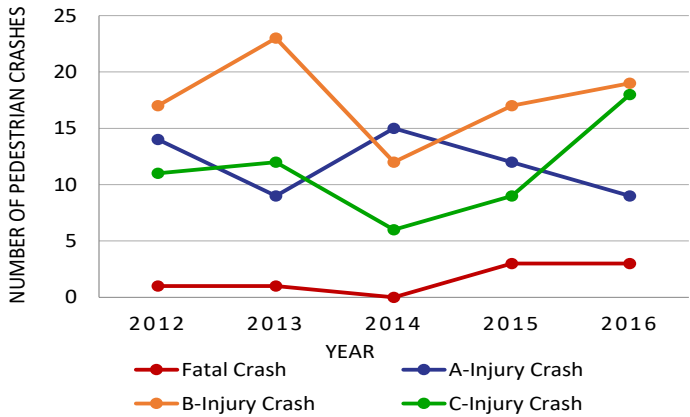


EMPHASIS AREA:  
PEDESTRIANS

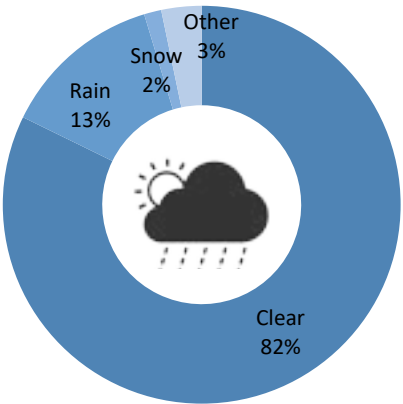


The 2012-2016 crash data in the Champaign-Urbana urban area was considered in this study.

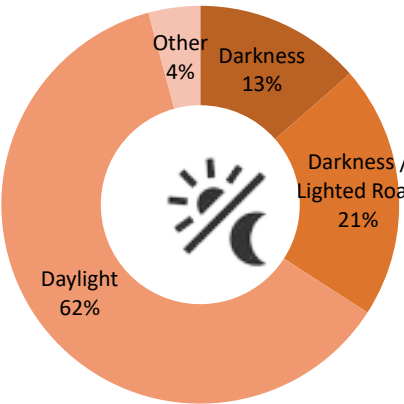
Pedestrians are some of the most vulnerable road users. A crash involving at least one pedestrian is considered as pedestrian crash. There were 214 pedestrian crashes in Champaign-Urbana urban area between 2012-2016.



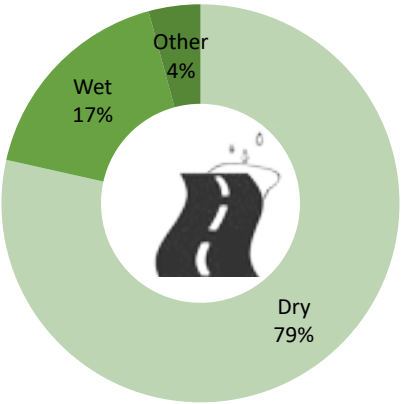
Four percent of pedestrian crashes were fatal, while 28 percent and 41 percent were A-injury and B-injury, respectively.



Weather Condition



Lighting Condition

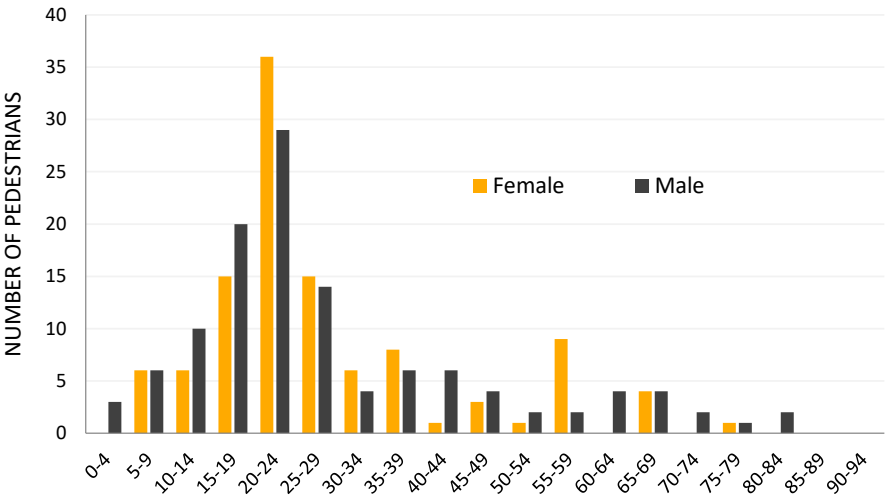


Road Surface Condition

Thirteen percent of pedestrian crashes took place in rainy conditions, and two percent took place in snowy conditions.

Thirteen percent of pedestrian crashes took place in dark conditions, and another 21 percent took place in dark conditions with roadway lighting.

Seventeen percent of pedestrian crashes took place on a wet road surface.

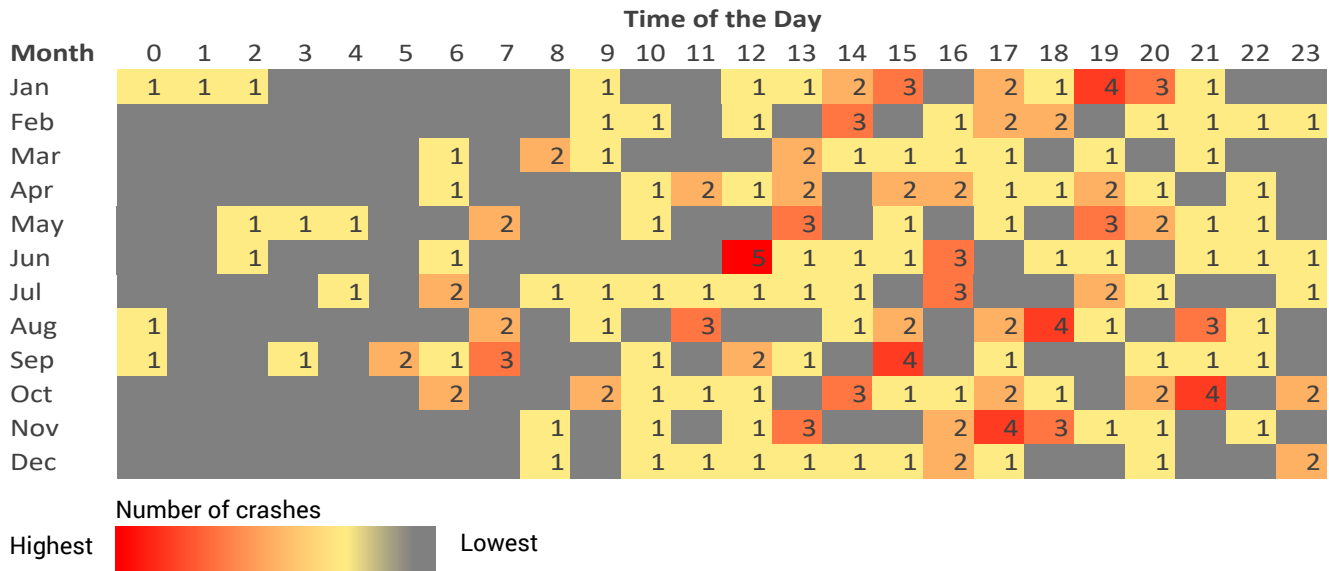


5 out of 10 pedestrians involved in pedestrian crashes were Male



The age cohort with the largest number of pedestrians involved in crashes in the Champaign-Urbana urban area between 2012 and 2016 was 20-24. In this age cohort, there were more females involved in crashes than males.











Overall, there was not much difference in the percentage of female and male pedestrians involved in crashes.



Pedestrian crashes in the Champaign-Urbana urban area between 2012 and 2016 were relatively evenly distributed throughout the afternoon and evening while the fewest pedestrian crashes took place through the early morning.

Twenty-three pedestrian crashes occurred in October, the largest number of crashes per month during the 2012-2016 study period. Twenty-two pedestrian crashes occurred in January.

Table 12 Strategies to reduce pedestrian crashes

Objectives	Strategies	Implementation Area(s)	Sources	Responsible Agencies
1. Reduce vehicle speed	1.1 Implement more lane narrowing and road diet measures.		ILSHSP	IDOT, Champaign County, local cities, villages and townships (Public Works)
	1.2 Install traffic calming measures along road segments and at intersections.		ILSHSP	IDOT, Champaign County, local cities, villages and townships (Public Works), C-U SRTS Program
	1.3 Increase enforcement for speeding and aggressive driving.		ILSHSP	ISP, Champaign County Sheriff and local cities (Police Departments), C-U SRTS Program
	1.4 Consider opportunities to reduce speeds through automated enforcement.		ILSHSP	CUUATS staff, IDOT, Champaign County, local cities, villages and townships (Public Works and Police Departments)
2. Reduce pedestrian exposure to vehicular traffic	2.1 Provide and upgrade sidewalks/walkways with curb ramps according to ADA standards.		ILSHSP	Champaign County, local cities, villages and townships (Public Works)
	2.2 Install or upgrade traffic and pedestrian signals, such as pedestrian countdown timers, pedestrian scrambles, and pedestrian detectors.		ILSHSP	IDOT, Champaign County, local cities, and villages (Public Works)
	2.3 Construct pedestrian corners and median refuge islands.		ILSHSP	IDOT, Champaign County, local cities, and villages (Public Works)
	2.4 Evaluate and consider opportunities for access management or diverting vehicular traffic to nearby routes to avoid high pedestrian travel areas.		ILSHSP	CUUATS staff, IDOT, Champaign County, local cities, and villages (Public Works)
	2.5 Provide grade separated facilities where appropriate.		ILSHSP	IDOT, Champaign County, local cities, and villages (Public Works)
	2.6 Provide school route improvements.		ILSHSP	IDOT, Champaign County, local cities, and villages (Public Works), C-U SRTS Program

Implementation Areas:  Engineering  Enforcement  Education  Emergency Services

Objectives	Strategies	Implementation Area(s)	Sources	Responsible Agencies
<b>3. Improve visibility between motor vehicles and pedestrians</b>	<b>3.1</b> Enhance crosswalks and sight lines to improve visibility of pedestrians (e.g. bump-outs).		ILSHSP	IDOT, Champaign County, local cities, and villages (Public Works), C-U SRTS Program
	<b>3.2</b> Implement lighting/crosswalk illumination measures.		ILSHSP	IDOT, Champaign County, local cities, and villages (Public Works)
	<b>3.3</b> Provide signs, signals and/or flashing beacons to alert motorists that pedestrians are crossing.		ILSHSP	IDOT, Champaign County, local cities, and villages (Public Works), C-U SRTS Program
<b>4. Improve pedestrian and motorist safety awareness and behavior</b>	<b>4.1</b> Promote awareness and increase enforcement of existing laws regarding pedestrians' right-of-way.		ILSHSP	IDOT, ISP, Champaign County, local cities, villages and townships (Public Works and Police Departments), C-U SRTS Program
	<b>4.2</b> Increase equitable enforcement of existing laws that promote pedestrian safety for pedestrians and other roadway users.		ILSHSP	ISP, Champaign County Sheriff and local cities (Police Departments)
	<b>4.3</b> Implement pedestrian programs and include outreach to schools, churches, and senior centers.		ILSHSP	CUUATS Staff, C-U SRTS Program, schools, local cities and villages,
	<b>4.4</b> Encourage increases in state and local contributions for pedestrian facilities.		ILSHSP	IDOT, Champaign County, local cities, and villages (Public Works), C-U SRTS Program
	<b>4.5</b> Continue to improve driver education by incorporating additional components into licensure, including for CDLs.		ILSHSP	Secretary of State (DMV)
<b>5. Provide guidance to planners and designers to address pedestrian safety issues</b>	<b>5.1</b> Provide guidance and criteria to assist state and local agencies in identifying effective countermeasures for application under specific roadway, traffic volume, and traffic speed conditions.		ILSHSP	CUUATS Staff, IDOT, C-U SRTS Program

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Implementation Areas:  Engineering  Enforcement  Education  Emergency Services



# EMPHASIS AREA: BICYCLISTS

As the Champaign-Urbana urban area is highly populated, there are many bicyclists, especially in the University of Illinois District. Bicyclists were selected as an emphasis area because they are one of the most vulnerable types of road users; unlike drivers, they are unprotected in a crash.

Between 2012 and 2016, there were 218 bicyclist crashes in the Champaign-Urbana urban area. The largest percentage, 51 percent, were B-injury crashes; 28 percent were C-injury crashes and 15 percent were A-injury crashes, while one percent of bicyclist crashes were fatal.

## OBJECTIVE

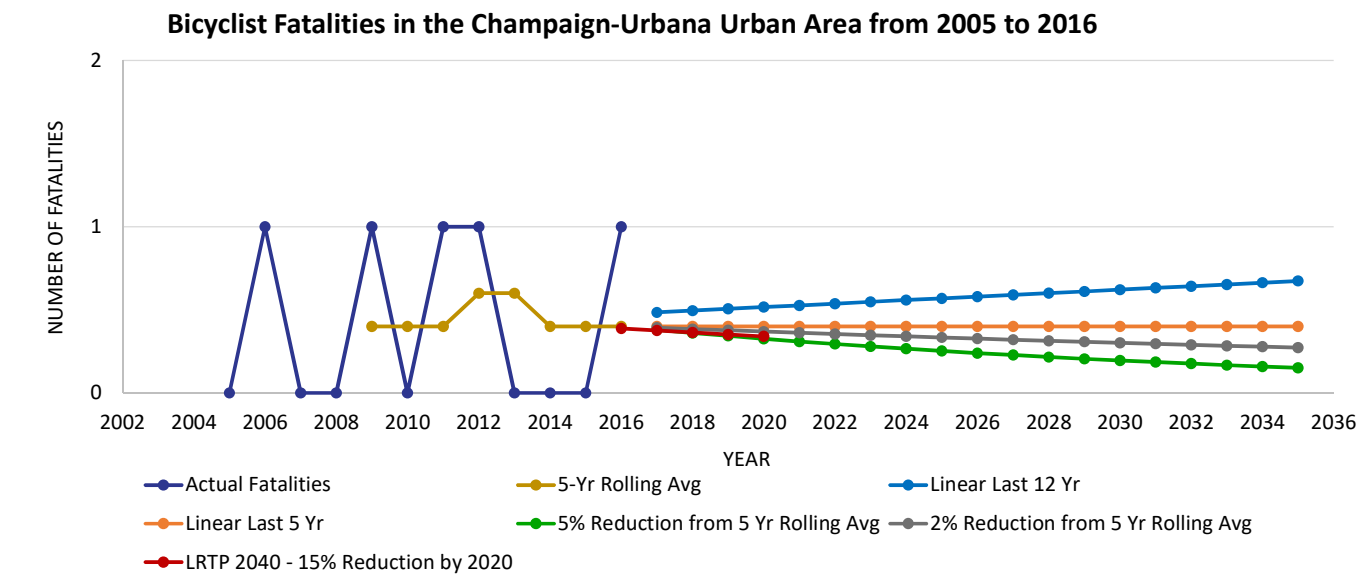
- Reduce the five-year rolling average of number of bicyclist fatalities by 5 percent to 0 by 2025 based on 2017 in the Champaign-Urbana urban area.
- Reduce the five-year rolling average of number of bicyclist A-injuries by 5 percent (from 6 to 4) by 2025 based on 2017 in the Champaign-Urbana urban area.

**Table 13** Number of bicyclist crashes by severity type in the five-year study period (2012-2016) in the Champaign-Urbana urban area

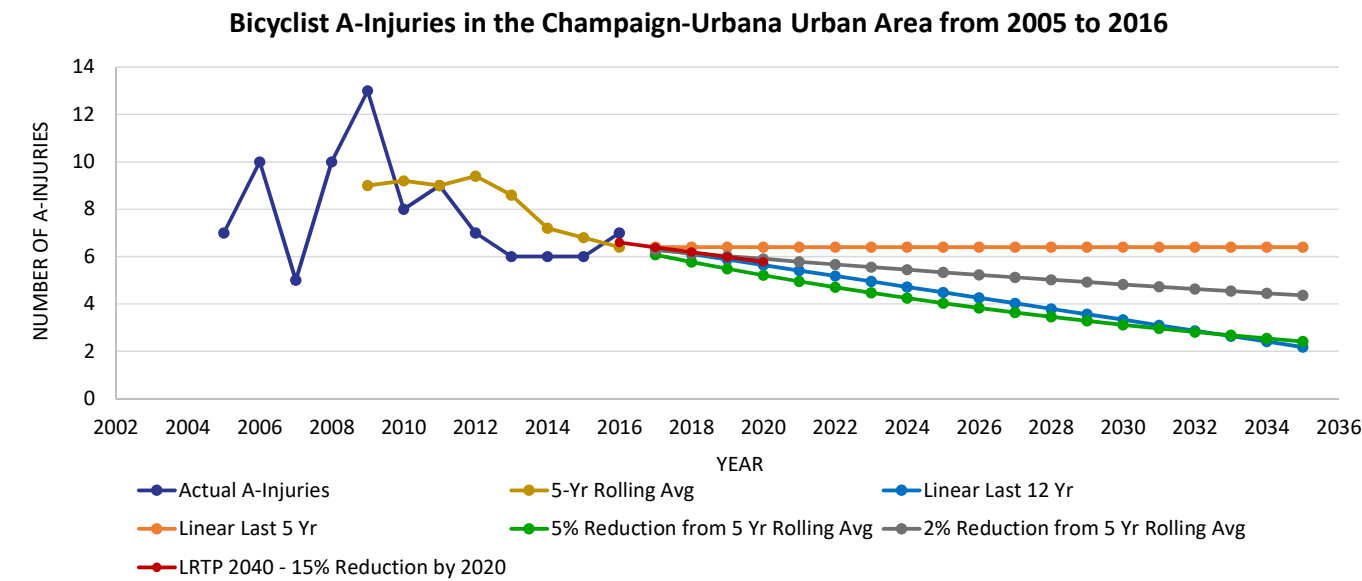
Number of Bicyclist Crashes by Severity Type in the Champaign-Urbana Urban Area							
Crash Severity	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Total	Percent
Fatal	1	0	0	0	1	2	1%
A-Injury	7	6	6	6	7	32	15%
B-Injury	18	30	20	23	21	112	51%
C-Injury	10	15	9	13	14	61	28%
No Injury/ Property Damage Only	1	3	2	1	5	12	5%
Total	37	54	37	43	48	219	100%



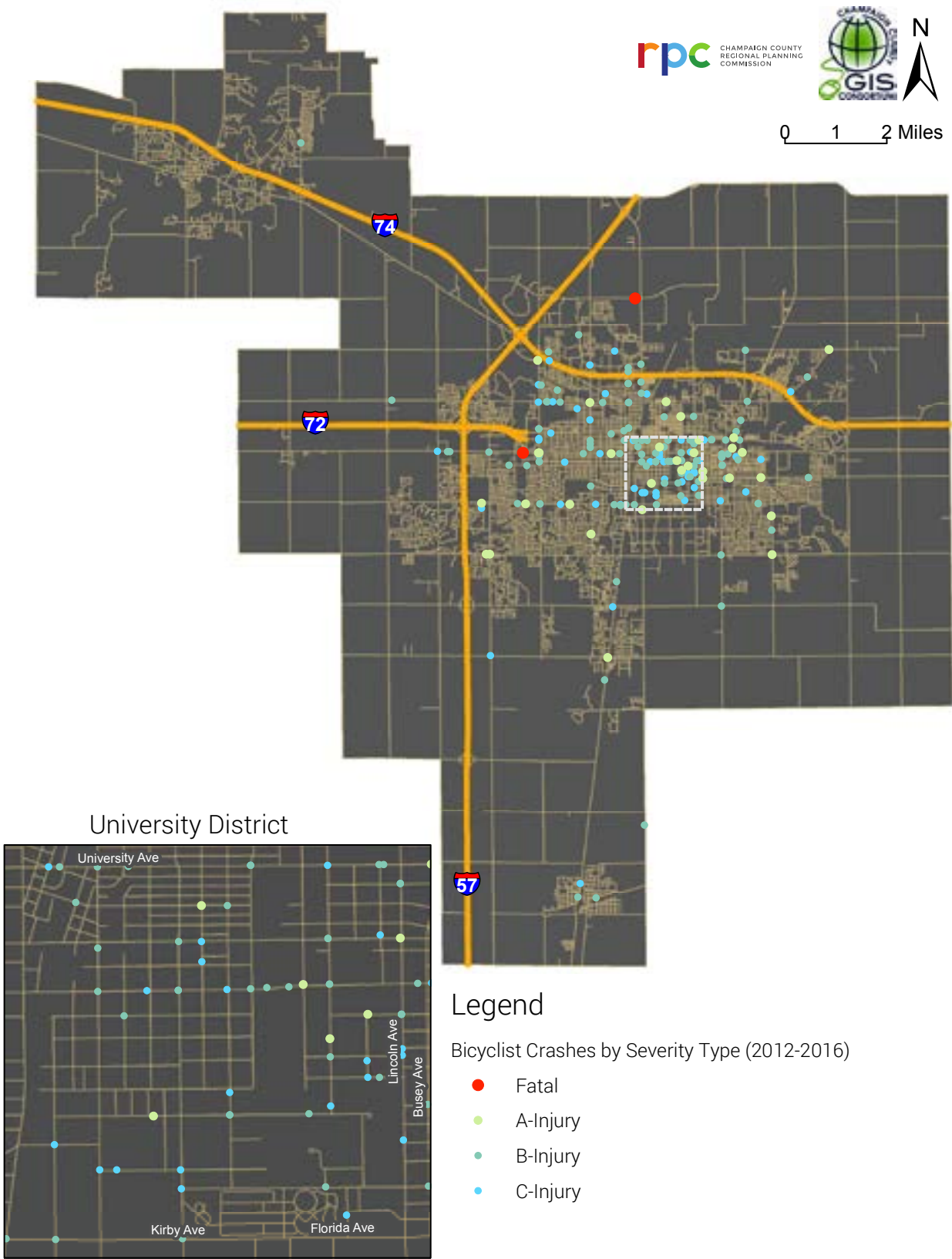
Map 12 presents the location of bicyclist crashes in the study area. Bicyclist crashes in the Champaign-Urbana urban area between 2012 and 2016 were largely concentrated within the municipal boundaries of the City of Champaign, City of Urbana, and Village of Savoy.



**Figure 19** Trend for the number of bicyclist fatalities in the Champaign-Urbana urban area between 2005 and 2016, as well as possible trend projections for 2017 to 2035



**Figure 20** Trend for the number of bicyclist A-injuries in the Champaign-Urbana urban area between 2005 and 2016, as well as possible trend projections for 2017 to 2035



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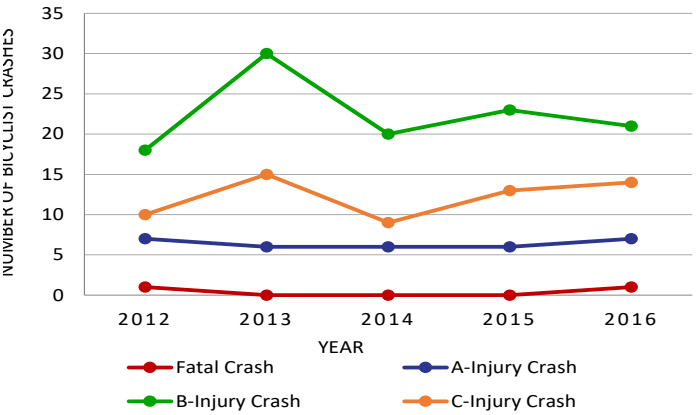
EMPHASIS AREA:  
BICYCLISTS



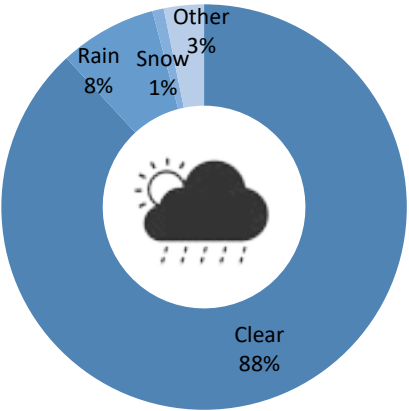
The 2012-2016 crash data in the Champaign-Urbana urban area was considered in this study.

Bicyclists are some of most vulnerable road users. A crash involving at least one bicyclist is considered as bicyclist crash.

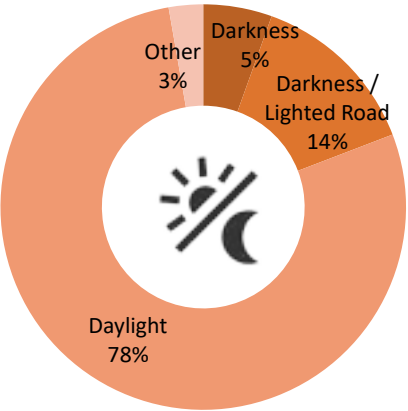
There were 218 bicyclist crashes in Champaign-Urbana urban area between 2012-2016.



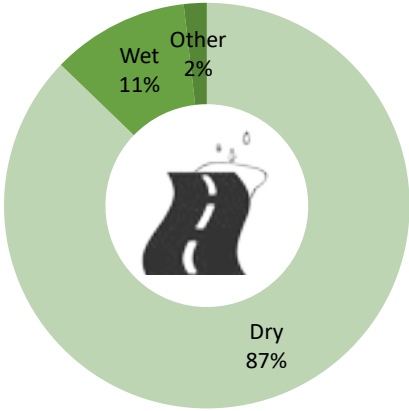
**One percent** of crashes involving bicyclists were **fatal**, while 15 percent and **51 percent** were A-injury and **B-injury**, respectively.



Weather Condition



Lighting Condition

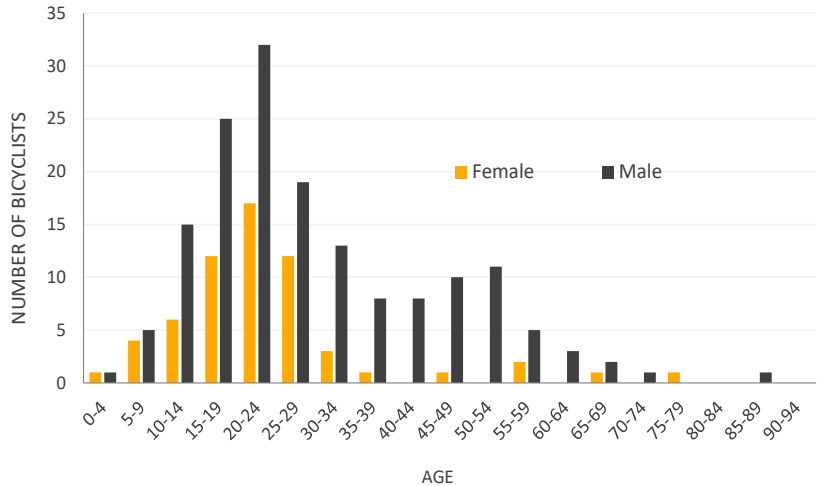


Road Surface Condition

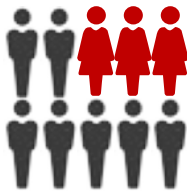
Eight percent of bicyclist crashes occurred in rainy conditions, and one percent occurred in snowy conditions

Five percent of bicyclist crashes occurred in dark conditions, while another 14 percent occurred in dark conditions with road lighting.

Eleven percent of bicyclist crashes took place on a wet road surface.

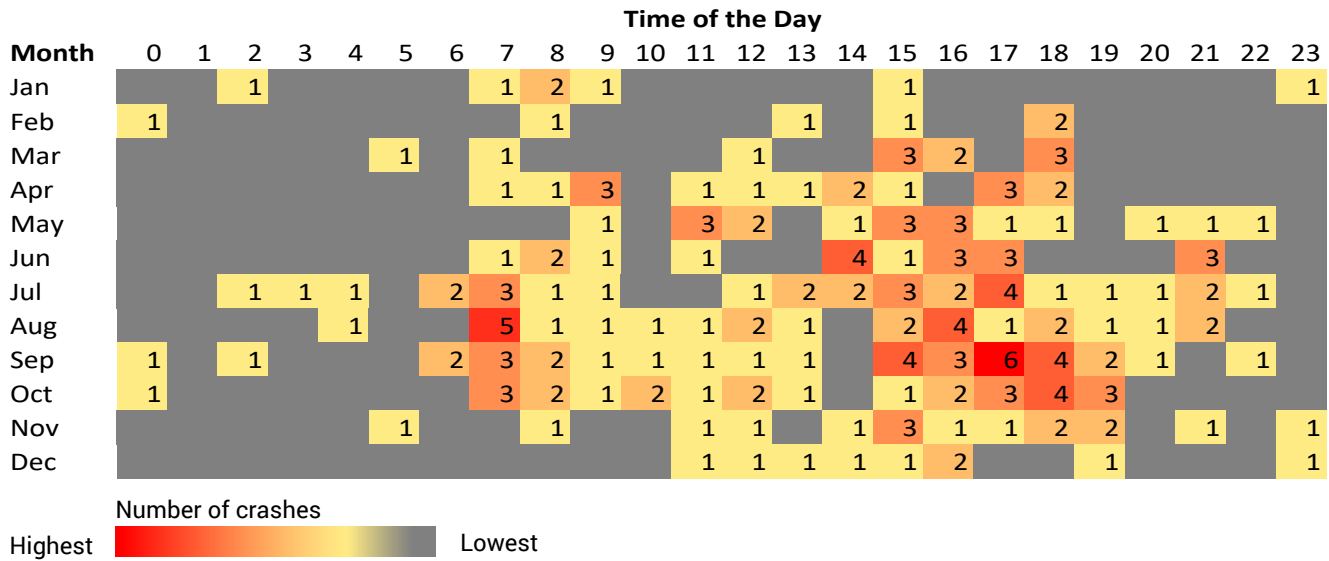


**7 out of 10**  
bicyclists involved in  
bicyclist crashes were **Male**



The age cohort with the largest number of bicyclists involved in crashes in the Champaign-Urbana urban area between 2012 and 2016 was 20-24 . In this age cohort, there were more males than females involved in crashes.

Among all bicyclists involved in crashes, 28 percent were female and 72 percent were male.



















Mid afternoon and evening was a peak period for bicyclist crashes in the Champaign-Urbana urban area between 2012 and 2016. The most crashes in any hour-long period occurred between 3 p.m. and 4 p.m.







Relatively few bicyclist crashes happened overnight during the study period.

Thirty-five bicyclist crashes occurred in September, the largest number of crashes per month during the 2012-2016 study period. Thirty bicyclist crashes occurred in July.

Table 14 Strategies to reduce bicyclist crashes

Objectives	Strategies	Implementation Area(s)	Sources	Responsible Agencies
1. Partner with local, state, and federal agencies, and organizations on bicyclist safety	1.1 Continue involvement with bicycle safety committees/groups.	   	ILSHSP	CUUATS Staff, C-U SRTS Program, schools, local ciities and villages
	1.2 More fully utilize existing funding and seek to support safety programs to improve bicycle safety.	 	ILSHSP	CUUATS Staff, C-U SRTS Program, schools, local ciities and villages
	1.3 Promote and fund state and local agencies and organizations to create projects with proper bicycle-motor vehicle interaction and bicyclist initiatives.	 	ILSHSP	IDOT, C-U SRTS Program
2. Improve education of roadway users to improve interactions in traffic	2.1 Improve public awareness and enhance training to promote safer behavior by all roadway users relative to bicycle traffic.		ILSHSP	CUUATS Staff, C-U SRTS Program, Champaign County bikes, schools, local ciities and villages
	2.2 Increase and enhance training programs and events for state and local planners, engineers, safety practitioners, and officials, which focus on best practices in bicycle facility design.		ILSHSP	CUUATS Staff, IDOT
	2.3 Emphasize the presence and vulnerability of bicyclists to all roadway users.	 	ILSHSP	IDOT, ISP, Champaign County, local cities, villages and townships (Public Works and Police Departments), C-U SRTS Program
3. Research , identify, and implement effective policies to improve bicyclist safety at the state, local, and government levels	3.1 Pilot and conduct equitable enforcement programs for all roadway users relative to bicycle traffic.		ILSHSP	ISP, Champaign County Sheriff and local cities (Police Departments), C-U SRTS Program
	3.2 Increase driver and bicycle compliance with traffic laws.		ILSHSP	ISP, Champaign County Sheriff and local cities (Police Departments), C-U SRTS Program
	3.3 Promote research and identify effective policies to improve bicycle safety that can be implemented by state and local governments.	 	ILSHSP	CUUATS Staff, IDOT

Implementation Areas:  Engineering  Enforcement  Education  Emergency Services

Objectives	Strategies	Implementation Area(s)	Sources	Responsible Agencies
<b>4. Improve infrastructure features to help reduce the number and severity of pedalcyclist crashes using a context sensitive approach to design</b>	<b>4.1</b> Evaluate and implement innovative best practices to improve bicycle accommodations and safety.		ILSHSP	CUUATS staff, IDOT, Champaign County, local cities, villages (Public Works)
	<b>4.2</b> Implement strategies and improvements that provide safer shared spaces along arterial and collector roadways, especially at intersections.		ILSHSP	IDOT, Champaign County, local cities, villages (Public Works)
	<b>4.3</b> Consider diverse options for bicycle travel, including along through routes with lower traffic volumes, while seeking to fill network gaps.		ILSHSP	IDOT, Champaign County, local cities, villages (Public Works)
	<b>4.4</b> Promote and conduct training for local agencies on innovative strategies and techniques for bicycle accommodation.	 	ILSHSP	FHWA, IDOT and CUUATS staff
	<b>4.5</b> Use bicycle traffic signals and signal equipment that effectively detect and safely accommodates bicyclists.		ILSHSP	IDOT, Champaign County, local cities, villages (Public Works)

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Implementation Areas:  Engineering  Enforcement  Education  Emergency Services



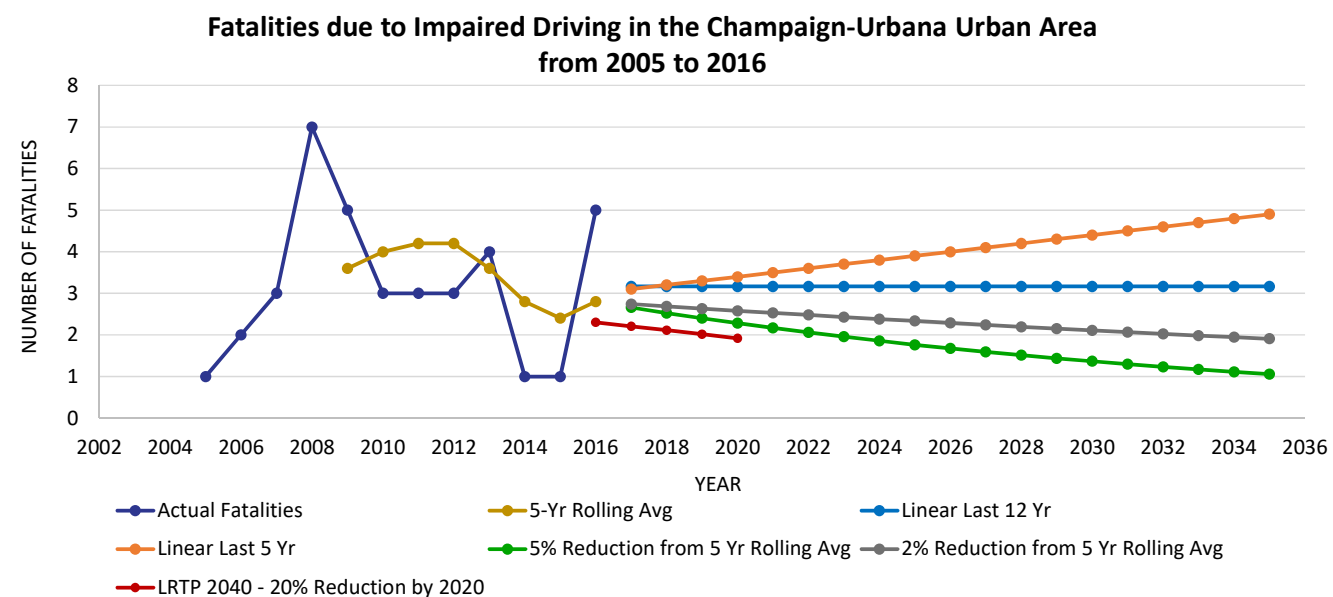
# EMPHASIS AREA: IMPAIRED DRIVING

Impaired driving crashes are crashes where one or more of the involved drivers is considered impaired by drug use or alcohol consumption. Impaired drivers make up a relatively small percentage of drivers involved in all crashes (4 percent); however, the crashes that they are involved in tend to be more severe.

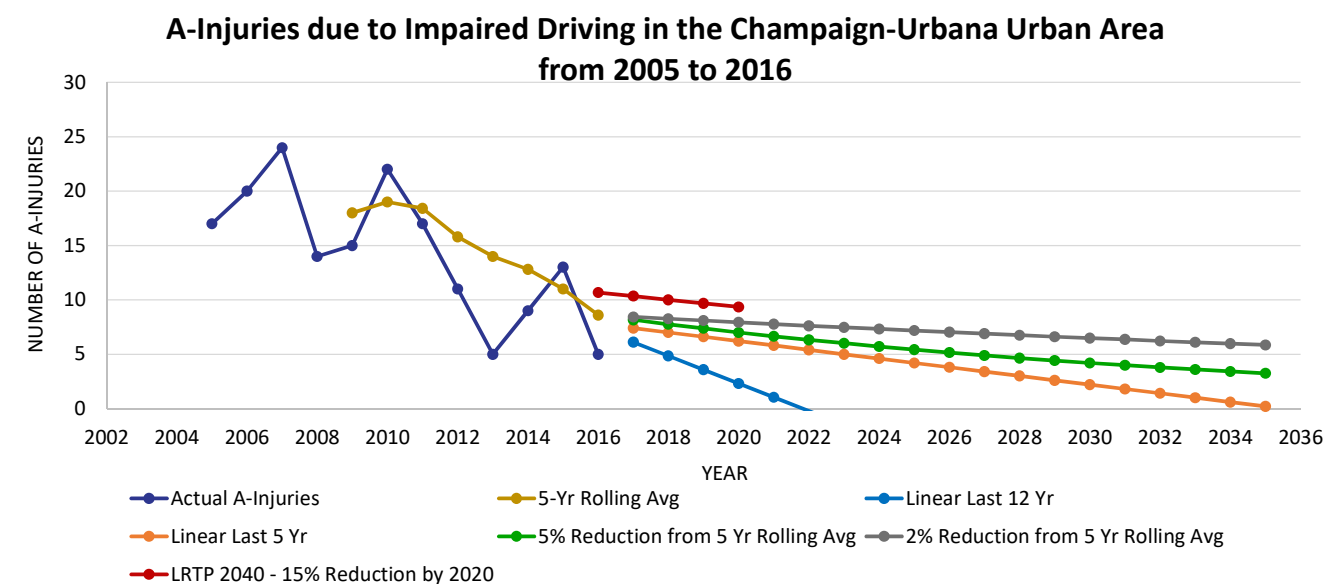
## OBJECTIVES

- Reduce the five-year rolling average of number of impaired driving fatalities by 5 percent (from 3 to less than 2) by 2025 based on 2017 in the Champaign-Urbana urban area.
- Reduce the five-year rolling average of number of impaired driving A-injuries by 2 percent (from 9 to less than 7) by 2025 based on 2017 in the Champaign-Urbana urban area.

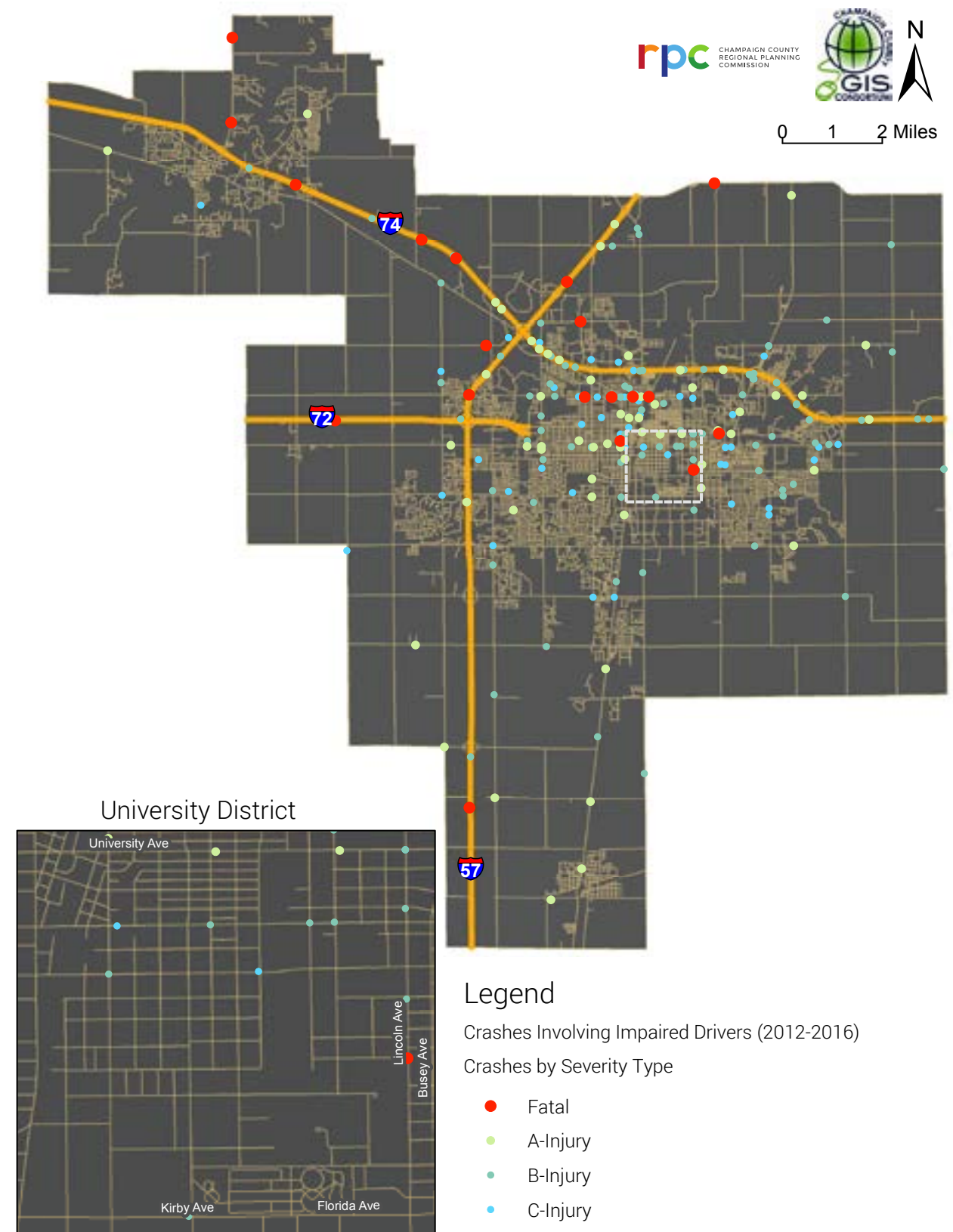




**Figure 21** Trend for the number of impaired driver fatalities in the Champaign-Urbana urban area between 2005 and 2016, as well as possible trend projections for 2017 to 2035.



**Figure 22** Trend for the number of impaired driver A-injuries in the Champaign-Urbana urban area between 2005 and 2016, as well as possible trend projections for 2017 to 2035



**Map 13** Location of crashes involving impaired drivers by severity in the five-year study period (2012-2016) in the Champaign-Urbana urban area

**Table 15** Number of crashes by severity type due to impaired driving in the Champaign-Urbana urban area

Number of Crashes due to Impaired Driving by Severity Type in the Champaign-Urbana Urban Area							
Crash Severity	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Total	Percent
Fatal	4	6	1	2	6	19	4%
A-Injury	16	8	12	17	7	60	12%
B-Injury	13	23	18	21	21	96	19%
C-Injury	5	6	13	15	13	52	10%
No Injury	52	49	67	72	49	289	56%
Total	86	86	110	125	90	516	100%

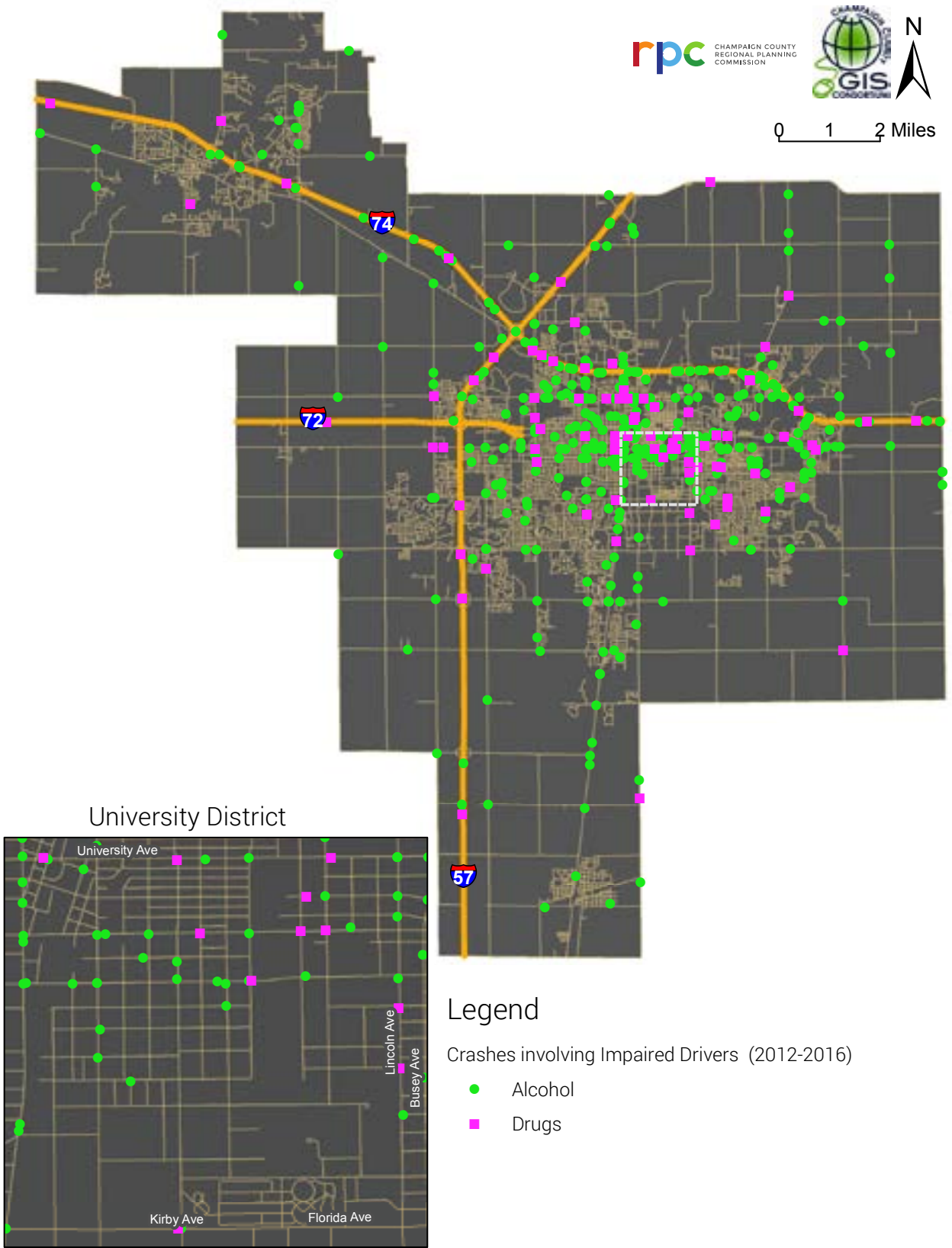
**Table 16** Number of crashes by type of impaired drivers by year in the Champaign-Urbana urban area

Number of Crashes by Type of Impaired Drivers by Year in the Champaign-Urbana Urban Area		
Year	Alcohol	Drugs
2012	81	9
2013	76	16
2014	93	18
2015	108	19
2016	72	24
Total	430	86

**Table 17** Number of people by severity type due to impaired driving in the Champaign-Urbana urban area

Number of Crashes by Type of Impaired Drivers by Severity Type in the Champaign-Urbana Urban Area			
Severity Type	Alcohol	Drugs	Total
Fatalities	5	14	19
A-injuries	57	18	75
B-injuries	117	27	144
C-injuries	76	15	91
Total	255	74	329

- Between 2012 and 2016, there were 516 impaired driver crashes in the Champaign-Urbana urban area. Four percent of impaired driver-related crashes between 2012 and 2016 in the Champaign-Urbana urban area were fatal, while 12 percent, 19 percent, and 10 percent were A-injury, B-injury, and C-injury crashes, respectively.
- During the five-year study period, there were 430 impaired driver crashes in which one or more drivers were impaired due to alcohol consumption in the Champaign-Urbana urban area. There were 86 crashes in which one or more drivers were impaired due to drug consumption. The number of drug impaired driver crashes has increased each year. Three hundred and ten injuries and 19 fatalities were due to impaired driver crashes during the study period.



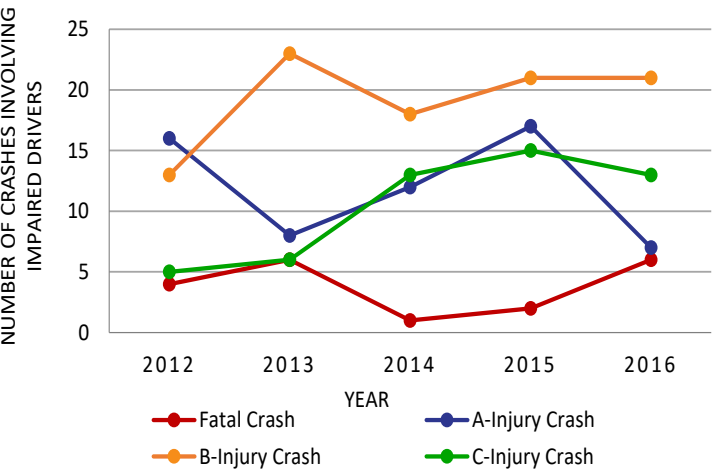
**Map 14** Location of crashes involving impaired drivers by type in the five-year study period (2012-2016) in the Champaign-Urbana urban area

EMPHASIS AREA:  
IMPAIRED DRIVING



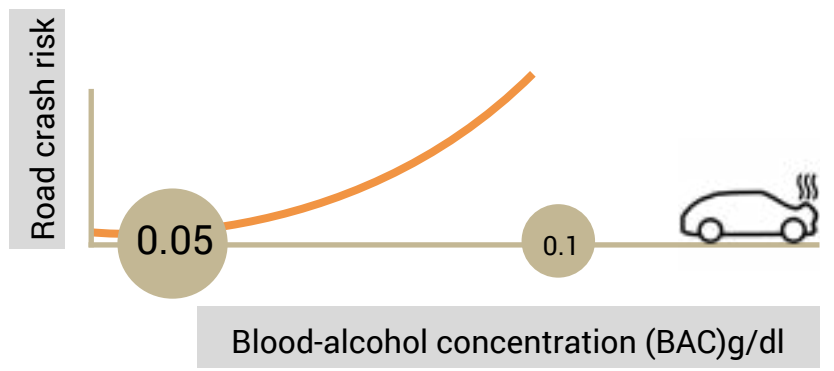
The 2012-2016 crash data in the Champaign-Urbana urban area was considered in this study.

Impaired driving crashes are crashes where one or more involved driver is considered impaired by drug use or alcohol consumption.



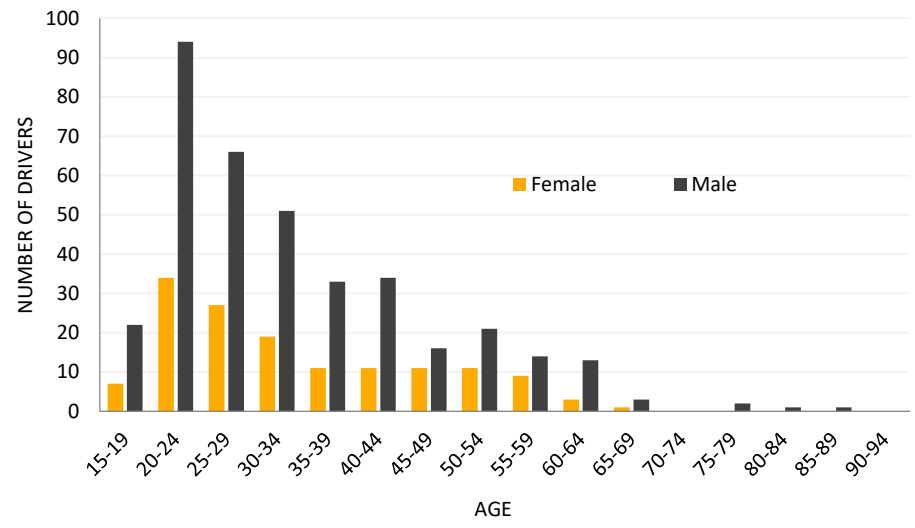
**Four percent** of the crashes involving impaired drivers were **fatal**, while **12 percent** and 19 percent were **A-injury** and **B-injury**, respectively.

Drinking alcohol and driving increases the risk of a road traffic crash. Above a blood-alcohol concentration (BAC) of 0.05g/dl, the risk of road traffic crashes increases dramatically (WHO).<sup>10</sup>



Source: WHO, Global status report on road safety 2013

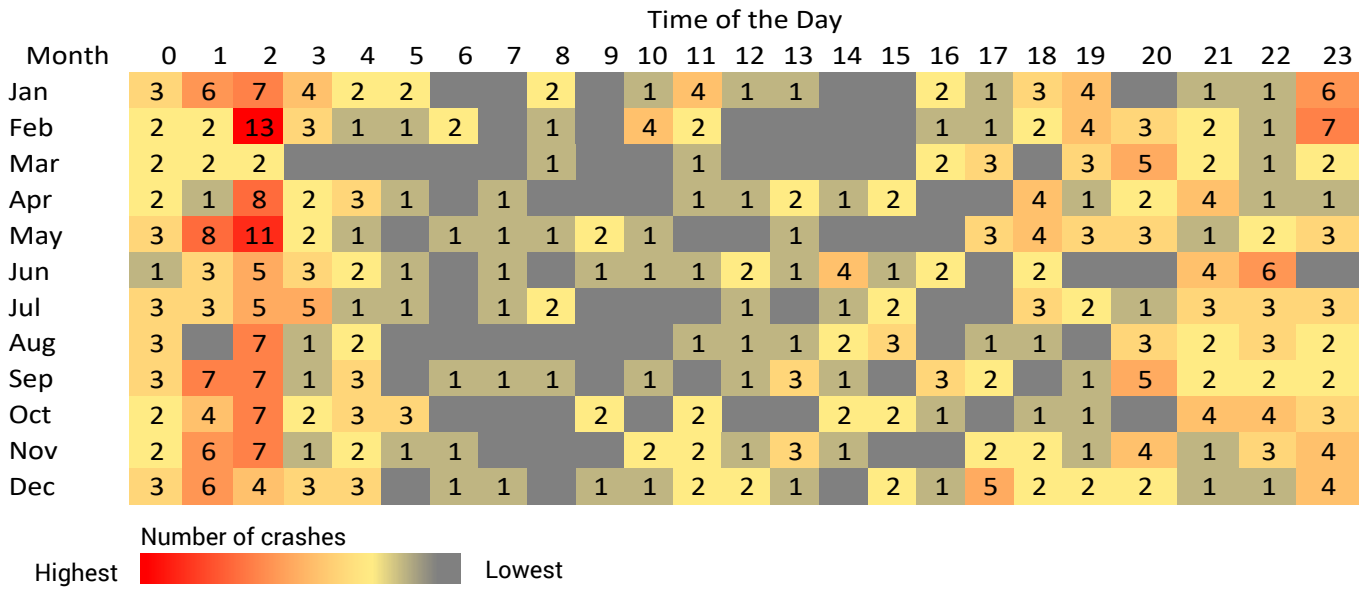
In Illinois, drivers are legally considered to be under the influence if they have a blood-alcohol content (BAC) of .08 or greater, have a tetrahydrocannabinol (cannabis) concentration (THC) of either 5 nanograms or more per milliliter of whole blood or 10 nanograms or more per milliliter of other bodily substance, have used any other controlled substance, or are impaired by medication.<sup>9</sup>



**7 out of 10** drivers involved in impaired driving crashes were **Male**













The age cohort with the largest number of drivers involved in impaired driver crashes in the Champaign-Urbana urban area between 2012 and 2016 was ages 20-24 (25 percent), followed by ages 25-29 (18 percent).












More driver impairment crashes occurred on Saturdays than on any other day of the week, followed closely by Sundays. Both days saw over 100 driver impairment crashes between 2012 and 2016

Fifty-two impaired driver crashes occurred in February, the largest number of crashes per month during the study period. Fifty-one impaired driver crashes occurred in January.

Table 18 Strategies







Objectives	Strategies	Implementation Area(s)	Sources	Responsible Agencies
1. Prevent excessive and underage drinking and driving	1.1 Enforce responsible beverage service policies and check compliance for alcohol servers and retailers.		ILSHSP	ISP, Champaign County Sheriff and local cities (Police Departments)
	1.2 Conduct public outreach on the mandatory use of ignition interlock for all DUI offenders to deter drinking and driving.		ILSHSP	ISP, Champaign County Sheriff and local cities (Police Departments) and schools
	1.3 Employ screening and brief interventions in health care settings.	 	ILSHSP	Local EMS and hospitals
	1.4 Control hours, locations, and promotion of alcohol sales.		ILSHSP	Local police departments
	1.5 Provide a variety of initiatives to reduce excessive alcohol use and impaired driving within high school and collegiate settings.	 	ILSHSP	ISP, Champaign County Sheriff and local cities (Police Departments) and schools
	1.6 Expand or improve education on the consequences of underage drinking.		ILSHSP	ISP, Champaign County Sheriff and local cities (Police Departments) and schools
	1.7 Consider emerging technologies that will continue to reduce impaired driving.	 	ILSHSP	CUUATS staff, IDOT, Champaign County, local cities, villages and townships (Public Works)

Implementation Areas:  Engineering  Enforcement  Education  Emergency Services

Objectives	Strategies	Implementation Area(s)	Sources	Responsible Agencies
<b>2. Enforce DUI laws</b>	<b>2.1</b> Expand high-visibility DUI enforcement saturations including roadside safety checks.		ILSHSP	ISP, Champaign County Sheriff and local cities (Police Departments)
	<b>2.2</b> Strengthen and expand law enforcement training to promote effective alcohol and/or drug impairment driving detection and arrest.		ILSHSP	ISP, Champaign County Sheriff and local cities (Police Departments)
	<b>2.3</b> Expand training and technical assistance for law enforcement and prosecutors to implement DUI No-Refusal search warrant programs and processes in their communities.		ILSHSP	ISP, Champaign County Sheriff and local cities (Police Departments) and Judiciary system
	<b>2.4</b> Expand night time seat belt enforcement to detect unbelted drinking drivers.		ILSHSP	ISP, Champaign County Sheriff and local cities (Police Departments)
	<b>2.5</b> Publicize and enforce zero tolerance laws for drivers under age 25 (in ILSHSP, age 21 was provided).	 	ILSHSP	ISP, Champaign County Sheriff and local cities (Police Departments)
<b>3. Prosecute, impose sanctions on, and treat DUI offenders</b>	<b>3.1</b> Continue to suspend driver's license administratively upon arrest or refusal of blood-alcohol concentration (BAC) test.		ILSHSP	ISP, Champaign County Sheriff and local cities (Police Departments)
	<b>3.2</b> Expand judicial education and outreach to promote the use of alcohol ignition interlock as well as highly supervised DUI and Drug Courts to monitor offenders.		ILSHSP	Judiciary system
	<b>3.3</b> Provide training, technical assistance, and support to those who prosecute DUI offenses.		ILSHSP	Judiciary system

Source: ILSHSP (Link: [http://www.idot.illinois.gov/Assets/uploads/files/Transportation-System/Reports/Safety/SHSP/SHSP\\_2017.pdf](http://www.idot.illinois.gov/Assets/uploads/files/Transportation-System/Reports/Safety/SHSP/SHSP_2017.pdf))

Implementation Areas:  Engineering  Enforcement  Education  Emergency Services

Objectives	Strategies	Implementation Area(s)	Sources	Responsible Agencies
<b>3. Prosecute, impose sanctions on, and treat DUI offenders (continued)</b>	<b>3.4</b> Explore ways to reduce the total number of Statutory Summary Suspension rescissions.		ILSHSP	Judiciary system
	<b>3.5</b> Eliminate diversion programs and plea bargains to nonalcoholic offenses.		ILSHSP	Judiciary system
	<b>3.6</b> Continue to screen all convicted DUI offenders for alcohol problems and require treatment when appropriate.		ILSHSP	ISP, Champaign County Sheriff and local cities (Police Departments) and Judiciary System
<b>4. Control high-BAC (0.16 or greater) and repeat offenders</b>	<b>4.1</b> Seize vehicles or vehicle license plates administratively upon arrest.		ILSHSP	ISP, Champaign County Sheriff and local cities (Police Departments) and Judiciary System
<b>5. Increase educational efforts and policies and expand/continue paid media exposure for public outreach regarding the consequences of and alternatives to impaired driving</b>	<b>5.1</b> Partner with other agencies and employers to suggest policies and procedures aimed at reducing impaired driving by their employees.		ILSHSP	IDOT, CUUATS staff, ISP
	<b>5.2</b> Improve public awareness of and access to alternate forms of transportation.		ILSHSP	IDOT, Schools,ISP, Champaign County Sheriff and local cities (Police Departments)
	<b>5.3</b> Continue and expand comprehensive paid and earned media efforts in support of law enforcement.		ILSHSP	ISP, Champaign County Sheriff and local cities (Police Departments)

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# 11 EQUITY ANALYSIS



## Introduction

Based on the data analysis completed and published in 2019, the focus on completing an equity analysis was determined to be imperative for the most vulnerable roadway users: bicyclists and pedestrians. These users were noted as being the most important for the equity analysis because of their overrepresentation in severe crashes compared to the total for the Champaign-Urbana Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) and the determination of “Pedestrians” and “Bicyclists” as Emphasis Areas in the Champaign-Urbana Urban Safety Plan 2019. The following section, completed as part of the 2022 update, provides an introductory safety analysis that looks at the features of these crashes. It then uses data from 2015-2020 to show more in-depth statistics regarding bike and pedestrian crash characteristics and compares the most severe and fatal crashes to population demographic information including age, race, ethnicity, household disability, Limited English Proficiency (LEP), and socioeconomic status. An initial speed analysis was also completed. Not all categories showed a significant correlation, but the findings offer insight into the relative safety of bicycle and pedestrian users on our streets.

11.1 2015-2020 Bicycle & Pedestrian Crashes

When encountering a vehicle, cyclists and pedestrians are at a disadvantage in safety protections. From the 2012-2016 data presented from the original analysis, 22.2% (10 of 45) of total fatalities in the area were cyclists or pedestrians.

The Emphasis Areas note that 2 fatalities were cyclists and 8 were pedestrians while 32 were bike A-injuries and 59 were pedestrian A-injuries from 2012-2016. The 2015-2020 data (Figure 24) show 4 bike fatalities and 10 pedestrian fatalities, then 44 bike A-Injuries and 73 pedestrian A-injuries. This notes a general increase in these types of severe and fatal injuries over the total eight years of study.

Figures 24 and 25 provide other details on the bicycle and pedestrian crashes that occurred from 2015-2020. Overall, these crashes made up a disproportionate number of crashes of all types in the 2015-2020 time period as well. Roughly 87 crashes per year occurred for both types in those six years.

Pedestrian crashes were more likely to experience severe injury, with nearly a third being fatal or A-injury crashes. For bike crashes, severe and fatal crashes constituted slightly less than 19% of those reported. B-injury crashes were the most likely to occur for either type: 52% for bikes; 41% for pedestrians. Compared to motor vehicle crash-related injuries, severe and fatal injuries appear to be much more likely for these users when crashes occur.

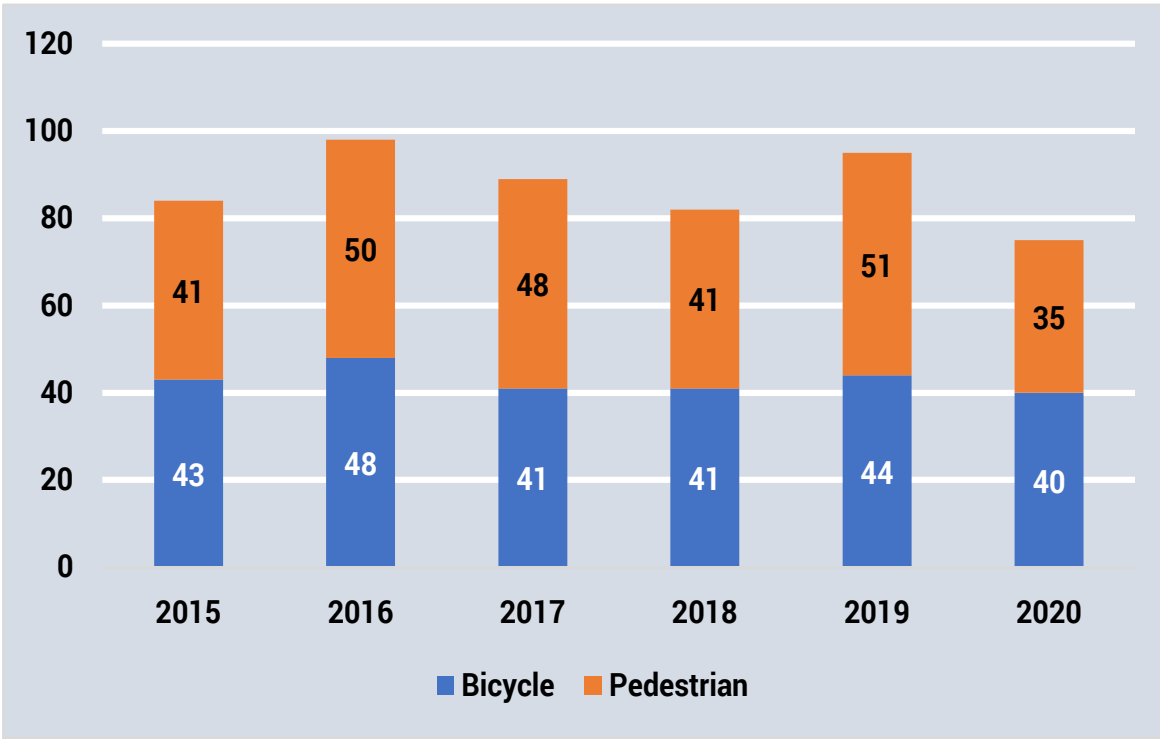


Figure 23 Bicycle and Pedestrian Crash Totals Each Year from 2015-2020

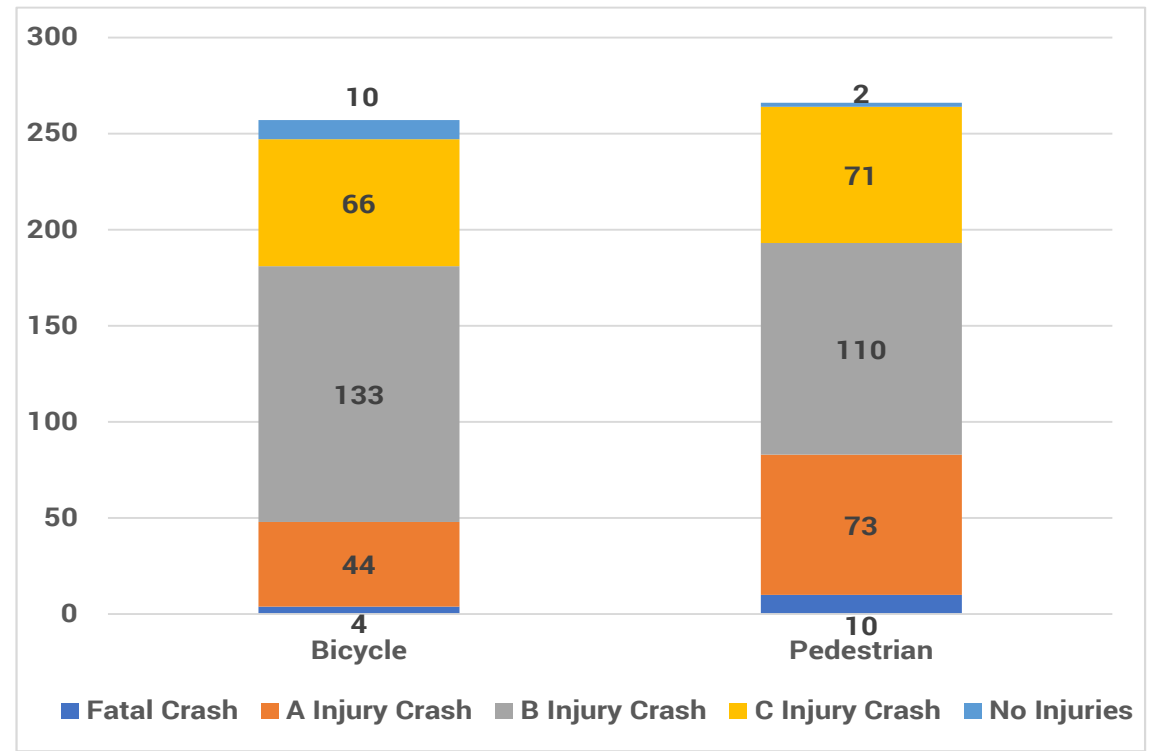
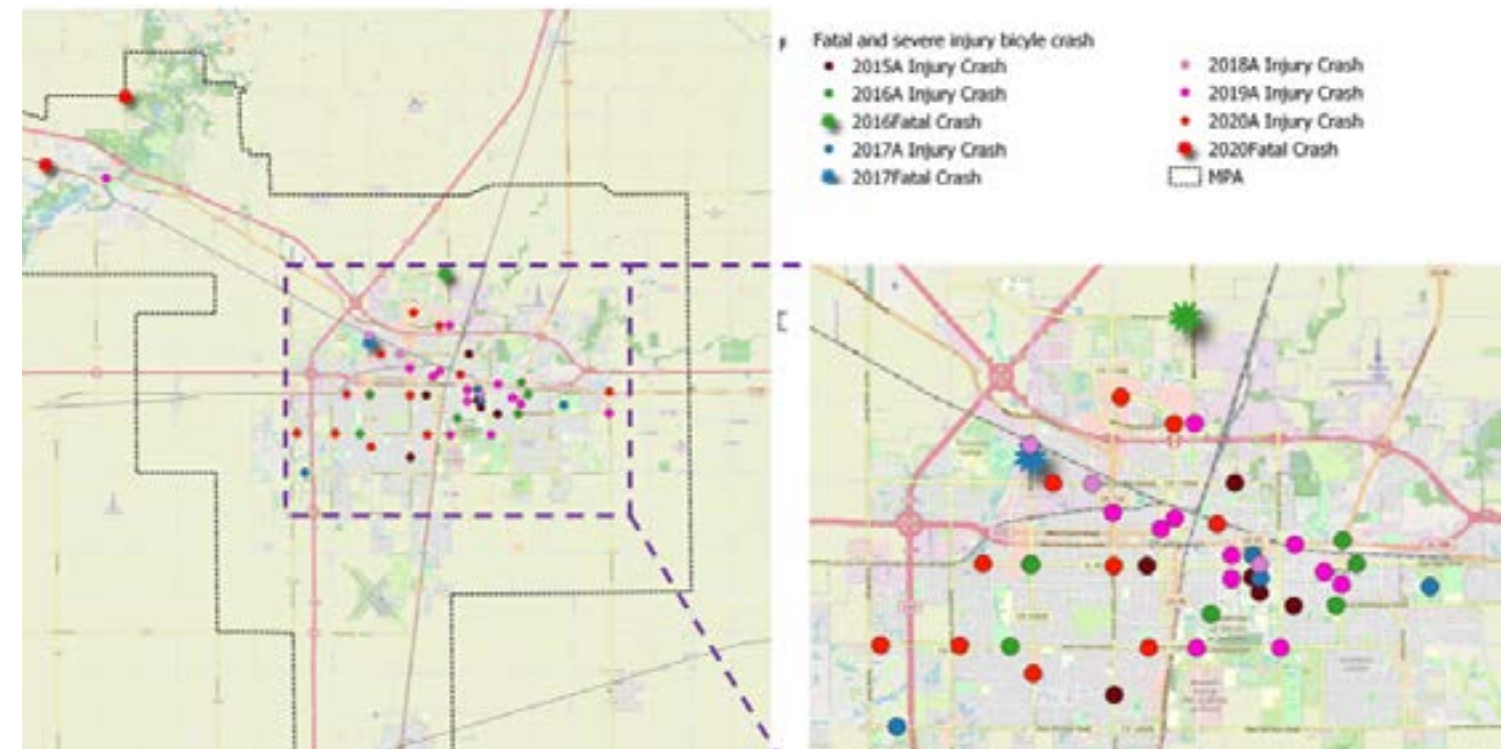


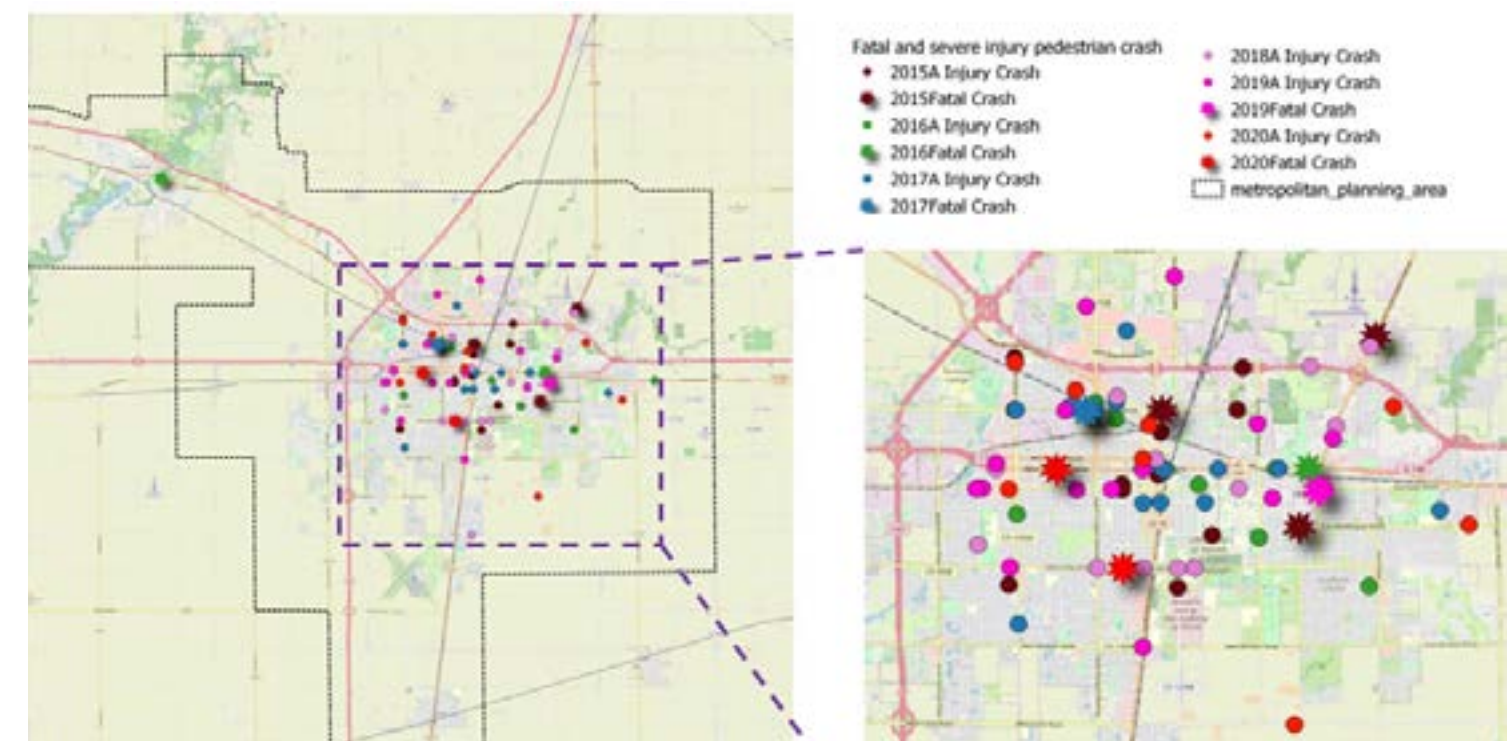
Figure 24 Bike and Pedestrian Crash Totals by Injury Type

For cyclists, the data averages to one bicycle crash every week for the past six years. Comparably, for severe and fatal injuries, 2 crashes would have occurred every 3 months. The top map to the right shows the locations of each fatal or A-injury bicycle crash occurring over the 2015-2020 period, coded by injury-type. There is a cluster within the University campus area, which has the highest population density in the urbanized area. While there appear to be no other clusters, other areas with higher densities of severe crashes appear to be south of the railroad tracks and north of University Avenue in Champaign as well as south of University Avenue and north of Washington Street in Urbana.

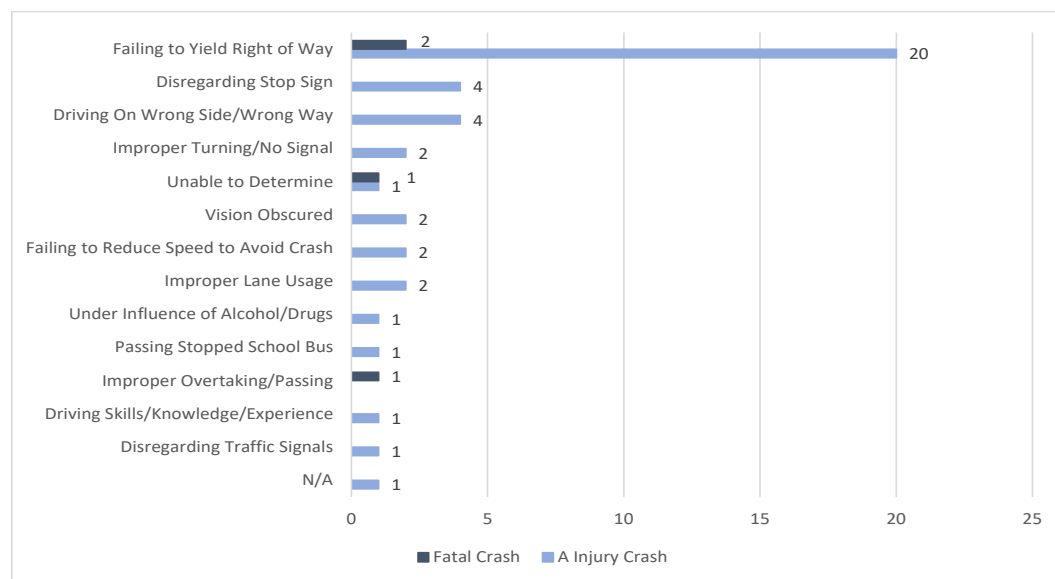
For pedestrian crashes, the average number of crashes over the 2015-2020 period would be equivalent to approximately one crash every week. For severe and fatal injury pedestrian crashes, the average would be about one every month. The crashes are mapped in Figure 26. Clusters can be seen around Downtown Champaign, surrounding Bradley Avenue and Prospect Avenue, and Cunningham Avenue from just north of I-74 to University Avenue (particularly for pedestrian fatalities).



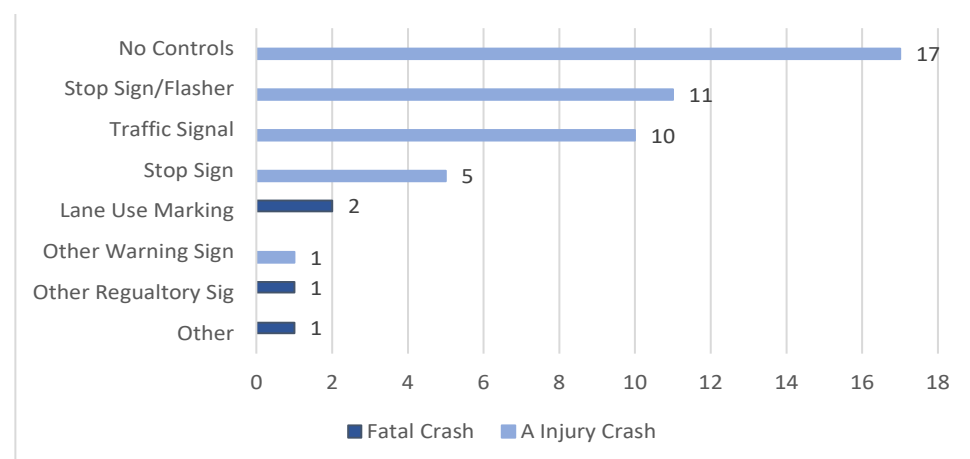
**Figure 25** Map of Bicycle A-Injury and Fatal Crashes by Year from 2015-2020



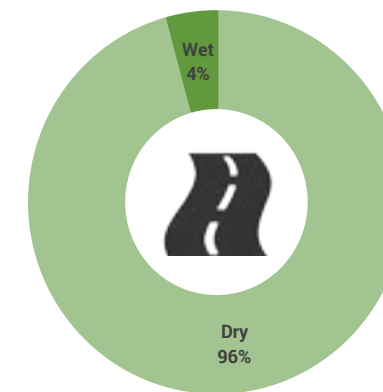
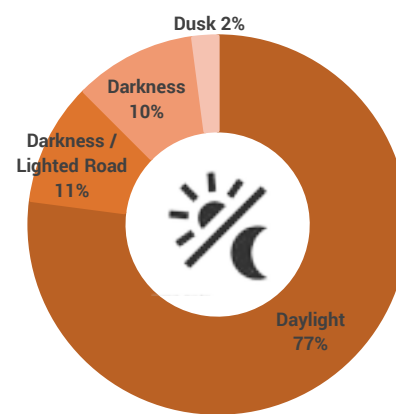
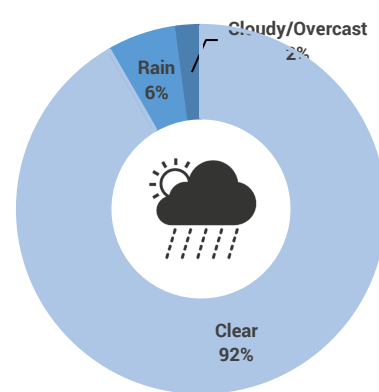
**Figure 26** Map of Pedestrian A-Injury and Fatal Crashes by Year from 2015-2020



**Figure 27** Reported Causes of Severe and Fatal Crashes with Cyclists from 2015-2020



**Figure 28** Warnings at Locations of Reported Severe and Fatal Crashes with Cyclists from 2015-2020



**Figure 29** Weather (left), Lighting (middle), and Road Surface Conditions (right) Reported for Severe and Fatal Cyclist Crashes 2015-2020

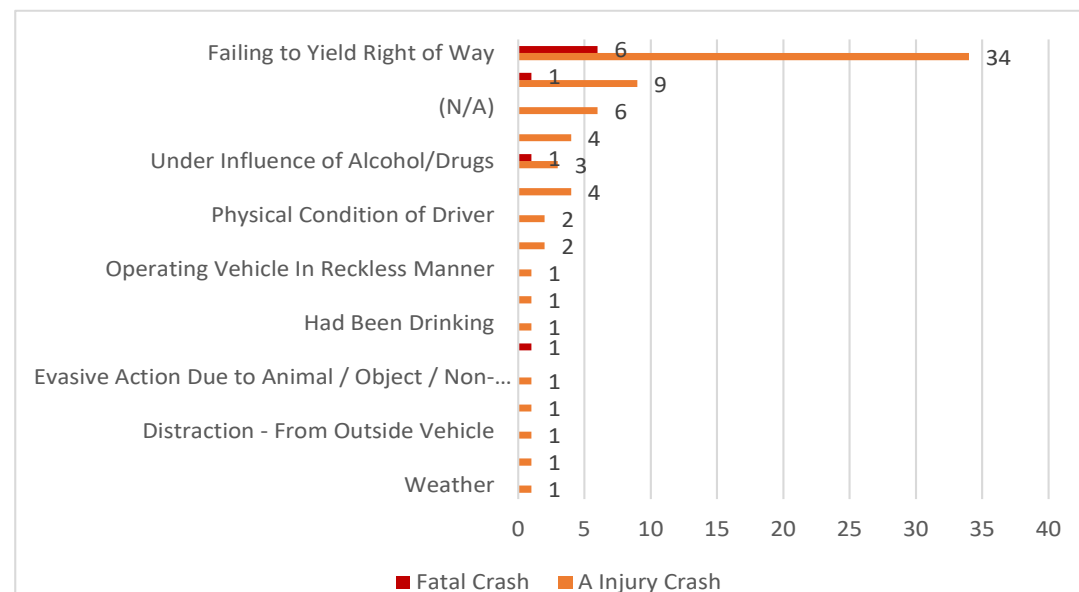
## 11.2 Initial Safety Assessments

### Bicyclists

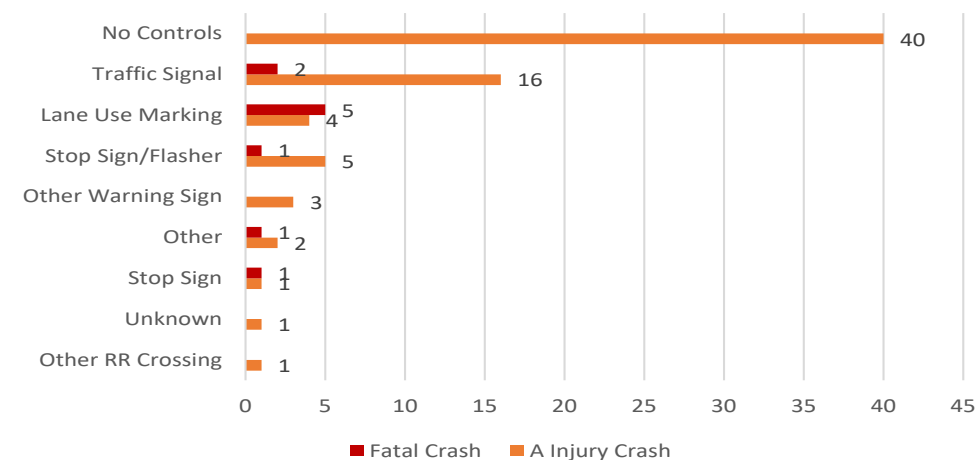
The various characteristics of reported bike crash causes are in Figure 27. The most common element of severe injury crashes was not yielding right of way by far. Other concerning causes included driving on the wrong side or going the wrong way or disregarding a stop sign. Most severe injury crashes took place where there were no controls on the roadway or where there was a stop sign/flasher or traffic signal. Two deaths occurred at a land use marking (Figure 28).

Systemic characteristics for crashes involving road surface, light, and weather conditions (Figure 29) will be difficult to pinpoint as poorer conditions for all three were less common. It seems likely that cyclists are going to be cognizant of conditions that will make their travel more difficult and/or less safe and, thus, avoid traveling in it. This could be a large cause of why there are fewer crashes in the poorer conditions for all three types. Both the 2012-2016 and the 2015-2020 data show similar statistics suggesting a larger trend

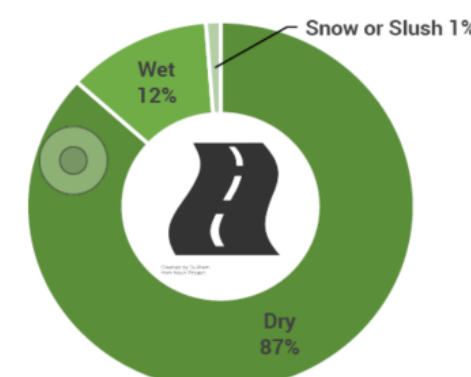
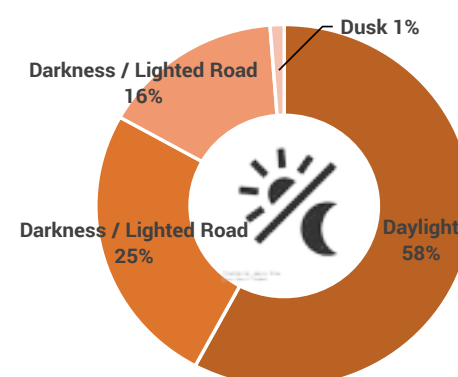
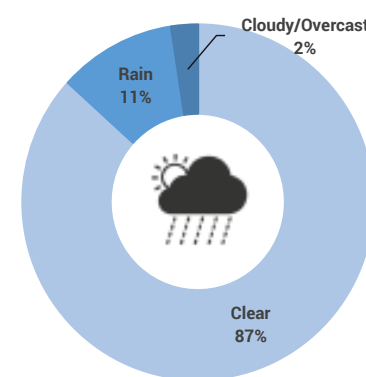
As part of assessing these safety elements, it is important to note the causes listed in reports aid in determining better systemic safety countermeasures that will reduce both severe and overall crash types. Examples of this include better establishing interactions between cars and bicycles through educating the public and making citizens more knowledgeable about bike and car safety. Additionally, creating safer road elements to deter bike/car interactions and improving bike user visibility will also be critical in implementing effective strategies along the road network. We recommend reviewing the Emphasis Area for Bicyclists section of the Urban Safety Plan to find implementation strategies and improvements that provide safer shared spaces along arterial and collector roadways, especially at intersections, using best practices.



**Figure 30** Reported Causes of Severe and Fatal Crashes with Pedestrians from 2015-2020



**Figure 31** Warnings at Locations of Reported Severe and Fatal Crashes with Pedestrians from 2015-2020



**Figure 32** Weather (left), Lighting (middle), and Road Surface Conditions (right) Reported for Severe and Fatal Cyclist Crashes 2015-2020

## Pedestrians

In Figure 30, like cyclists, failing to yield the right of way was the most common reason for pedestrian crashes. Another nine crashes had no determinable reason. Because of the gap in data, it would be good to review crash reporting requirements to get more clarity in assessments of crash causes. Missing data can lead to missed opportunities to improve safety for all modes of travel. Figure 31 shows that most crashes also occurred where no controls were present which was much more common than for bikes. Traffic signals were a distant second for controls present. Mitigation methods need to consider planning and design elements that can decrease potential for vehicle interactions with pedestrians

With weather conditions, 87% were also during clear conditions, 11% in rain, and 2% in overcast conditions (Figure 32). Fifty-seven percent were in daylight, 25% were in darkness on lit roads, 16% in darkness, and 1% at dusk. Eighty-seven percent were in dry conditions, 12% in wet, and 1% in snow or slush. From these statistics, there are a couple of differences from bicycle characteristics. It is slightly more common for pedestrian crashes to happen in wet conditions and in non-daylight hours both on lit and unlit roads. This could mean that pedestrians are less likely to be seen in these conditions compared to other modes when visual obscurities are present and that pedestrians may be more likely to travel in wet conditions than cyclists.

Noticeably, the inability to determine the cause and crashes occurring with no controls account for a significant number of crashes. Determining measures for guiding pedestrians through safe areas to cross is imperative. While the Champaign-Urbana Urbanized Area Transportation Study (CUUATS) can provide data on pedestrian infrastructure, more direct measures of pedestrian activity would also be useful to understand these observed disparities and target interventions at locations with more pedestrian activity and any deficiencies in safe infrastructure. Hence, in addition to our strategies and project areas provided in the Emphasis Area section of the Urban Safety Plan on pedestrians, increasing capabilities in direct data collection would provide remarkable improvements in assessing network safety issues and effectively addressing them. However, these capabilities are usually cost prohibitive.

### 11.3 Introduction to Equity Analysis

The initial mapped observations and descriptive statistics provide background to the further analysis needed to determine potential systemic problem and/or inequities with the current multimodal transportation network in the Champaign-Urbana MPA. For this portion of the safety plan, the question asked was, “What characteristics of crashes or neighborhoods might indicate inequities along the network for multimodal users in the MPA?” The equity analyses review the types of crashes noted in reports and compares various demographic features and accessibility ratings of neighborhoods to four crash variables within the MPA: (1) total bike and pedestrian crashes, (2) bike and pedestrian crashes per 1,000 residents, (3) bike and pedestrian severe (A-Injury) and fatal crashes, and (4) the bike and pedestrian severe and fatal crash rate. An initial speed analysis was also completed to show (1) whether speed is related to crash rates, and (2) what speed limits were the most common for crashes. These comparisons will assist in documenting high priority neighborhoods for safety countermeasures by informing the safety stakeholders in the MPA on what characteristics of neighborhoods may be correlated with total crashes and crash rates.

### Methodology

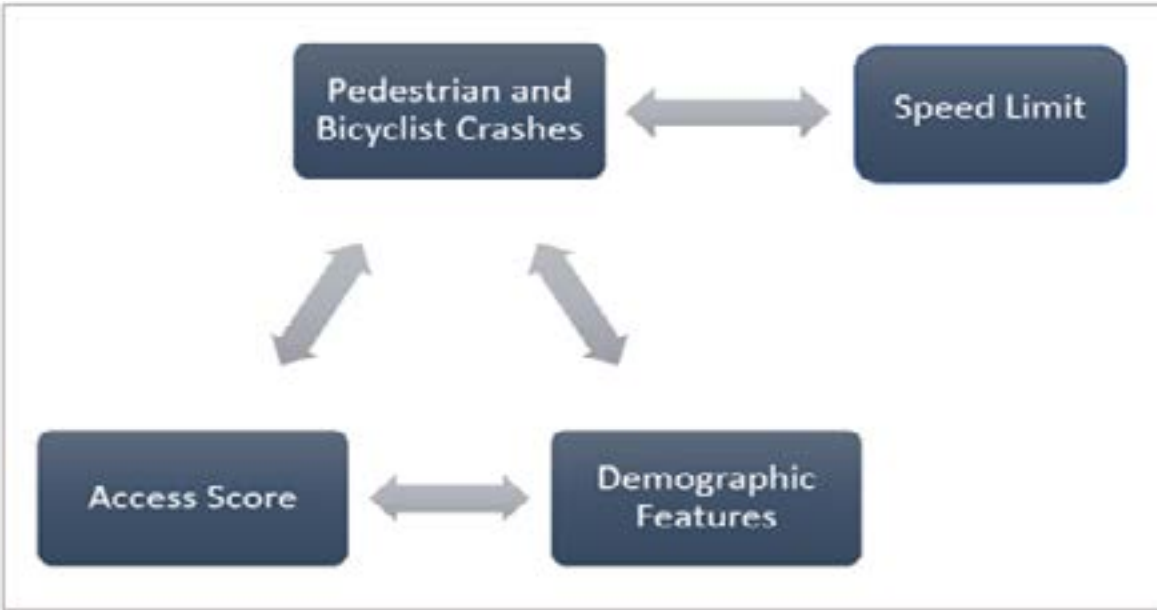
In preparing the demographic analysis, the staff looked at census block-group level data (also referred to as ‘neighborhoods’) from 2015-2020, segmented by decile to determine correlations between crashes and each of the groups. The analysis used the Spearman correlation to compare variables to demographic features, accessibility score, total crashes, and crash rates (see Figure 33). Accessibility is scored on a 0-100 scale that uses a network analysis library to calculate the least cost, or most easily accessible, path from each intersection in the area to a destination or destinations. These analyses show overall comparisons of neighborhood populations and the significant findings from each category. From the significant findings, further categorization of the data results pinpointed optimal areas to pursue potential safety projects with greater equity in mind; these are defined as High Priority Neighborhoods.

Additionally, the team conducted a preliminary speed analysis to determine any correlations between posted speed limits and crash severity within the MPA as part of understanding equity along the network.

### Limitations

The crash report data does not include all demographic information about the involved parties in the reported crashes including race and ethnicity. While it is not relevant to the information needed in a crash reported to police, it can help planners and engineers inform their understanding on whether there is inequitable distribution of crashes. As such, this was a limitation of the analysis completed.

It is important to note that the reasons for these findings could be a combination of factors that were not studied for this analysis. This analysis simply focuses on correlations between access and crashes within the Champaign Urbana MPA. Further assessments are needed to determine what about these areas may be less safe than others.



**Figure 33** Equity Analysis Diagram. Access Scores and Demographic Features both have effects on bicycle/pedestrian crashes as well as effects on each other. The speed analysis showed no correlation with crashes and was not assessed for impact at this

11.4 Analyses Findings

Initial Pearson Correlation Analysis

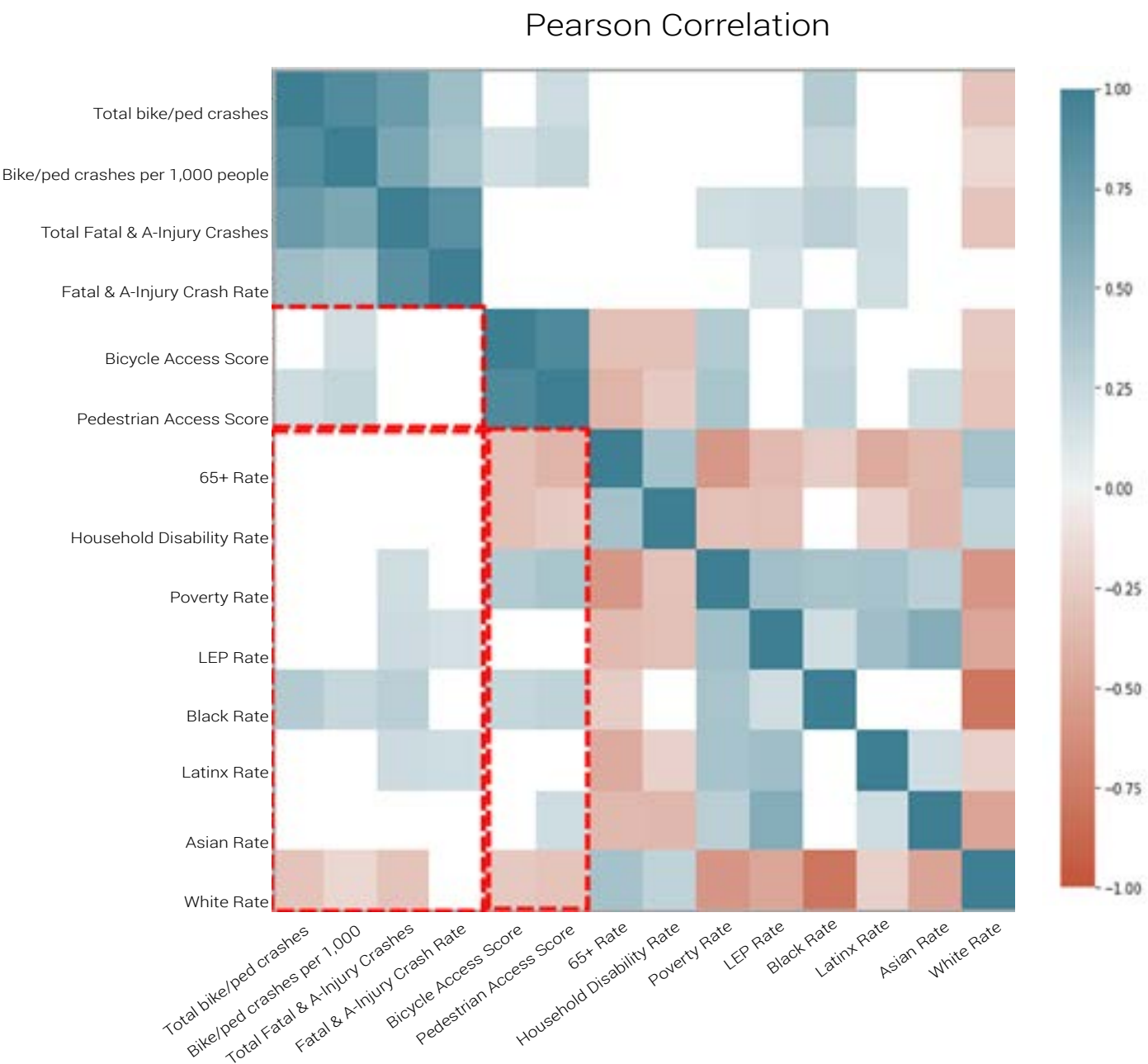
The preliminary analysis looked at the number of crashes using Pearson correlation, which measures the continuous variables’ relationship. This means the raw data of the independent variable is compared to the raw data of the dependent variable.

From Figure 34, race showed a weak but noticeable correlation; areas with increased Black populations had a greater number of crashes, and areas with higher White populations correlated with fewer. Neighborhood accessibility also showed positive correlation to the rate of total crashes. Other findings from the analysis showed that increased poverty levels correlate to increased severe and fatal crash occurrences, and household disability rates were negatively correlated with both access and crashes.

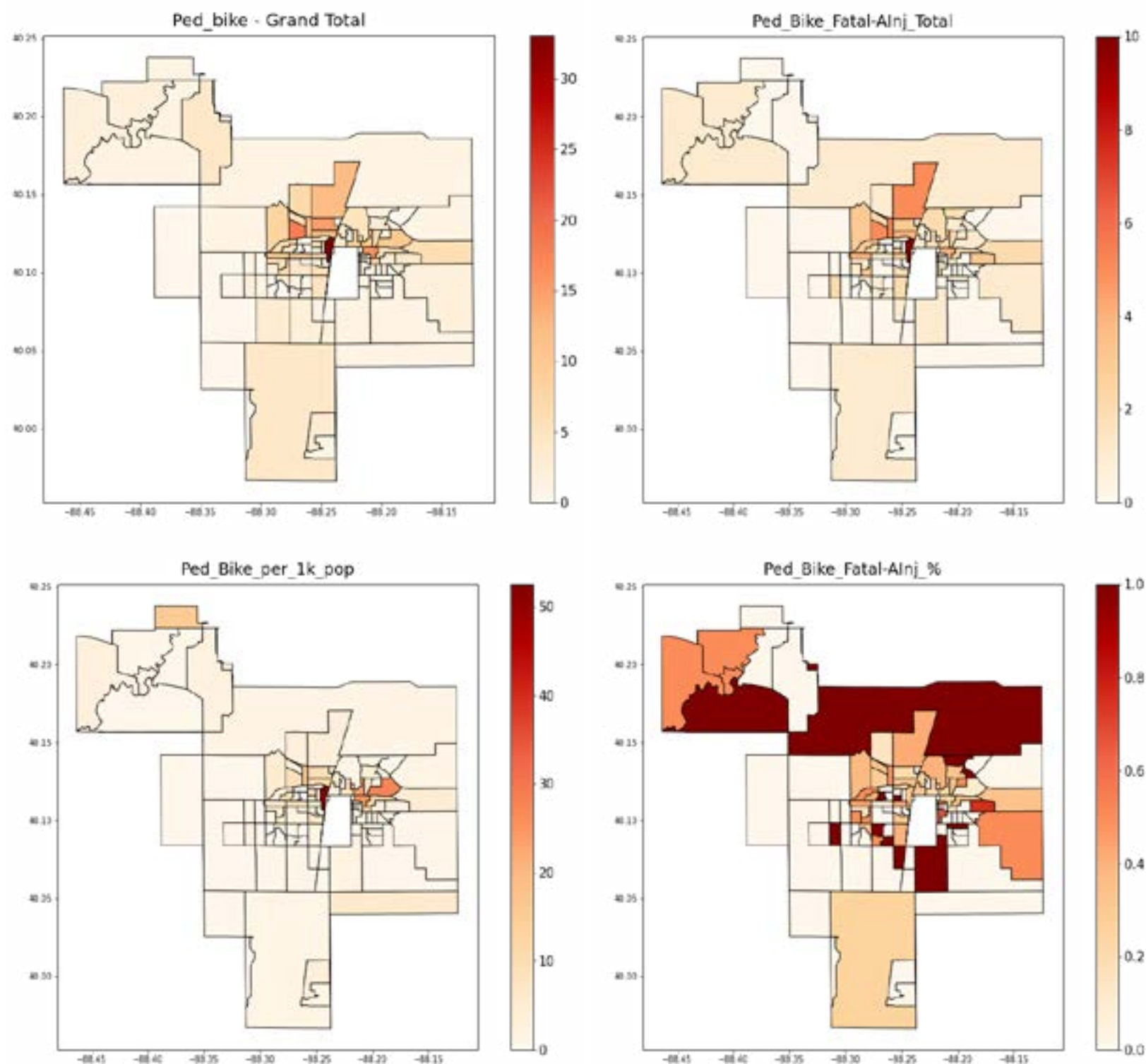
Because these correlations contained significant outliers, and could thus make the correlations less reliable, providing less value for comparison purposes, CUUATS staff decided to use the Spearman correlation method as it markedly improves the ability to see the significance of correlations based on ordinal variables like the accessibility scores. The Spearman method measures the comparability of ranked variables instead of measuring the raw data; this helps to close gaps in outlier data, which will make the comparisons across neighborhoods easier to see for a smaller region like Champaign-Urbana. Lastly, the Spearman method can better compare non-linear relationships as we simply want to know whether there is a generally increasing or decreasing relationship between the neighborhood characteristics, crashes, and accessibility.

Additionally, this first method segmented populations purely by overall neighborhood classifications. The proximate analysis combined neighborhoods at 10% intervals for better cross comparisons of neighborhoods with similar characteristics. Combining similar neighborhoods allows for better cross comparisons across smaller populations. As the population of the MPA is relatively small, and its crash numbers are much smaller than that, this population segmentation method will provide greater reliability of findings. Thus, the following, secondary analysis used Spearman correlation as opposed to Pearson.

Lastly, after conducting the initial analysis, it was determined that the University population needed to be separated from the general population of the MPA for three reasons: (1) the University’s population density is much higher than the rest of the MPA, (2) the University’s transportation system already incorporates much more multimodal infrastructure for the area it covers, and (3) University students also tend to be low-income which skews the poverty rate data to that geographic region. These reasons could bias the analysis. Hence, an entirely separate analysis was run for the University District. The separate results are provided in their own section.



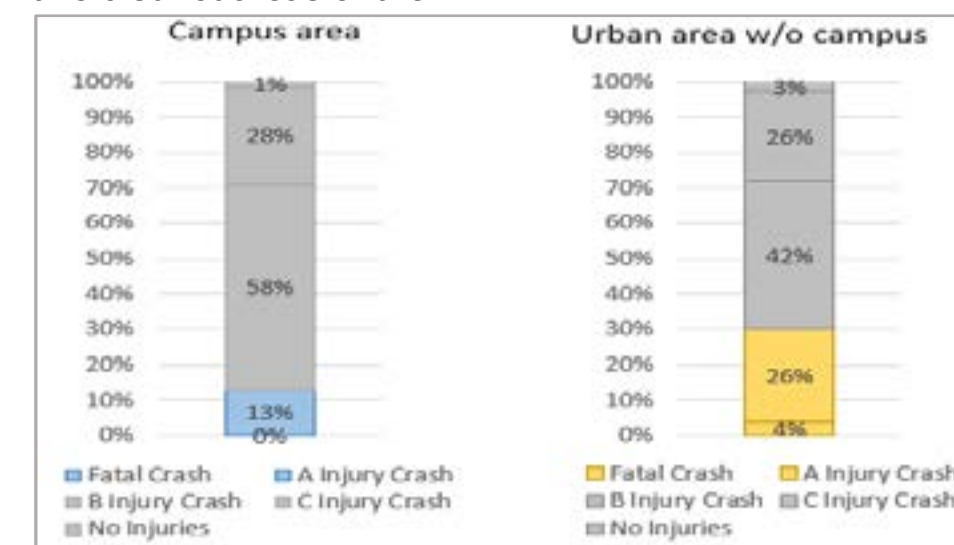
**Figure 34** Pearson Correlation Results. Shows all metrics, boxed in red, including demographics, accessibility scores, and crash measure comparisons. The correlations shown all have a p-value less than .1, indicating the variable is significant.



**Figure 35** Maps of Crashes and Crash Rates in the MPA. (Top-left) Total Bike/Ped Crashes. (Top-right) Total A-Injury and Fatal Crashes. (Bottom-left) Bike/Ped Crashes per 1000 people. (Bottom-Right) A-Injury and Fatal Crash Rate.

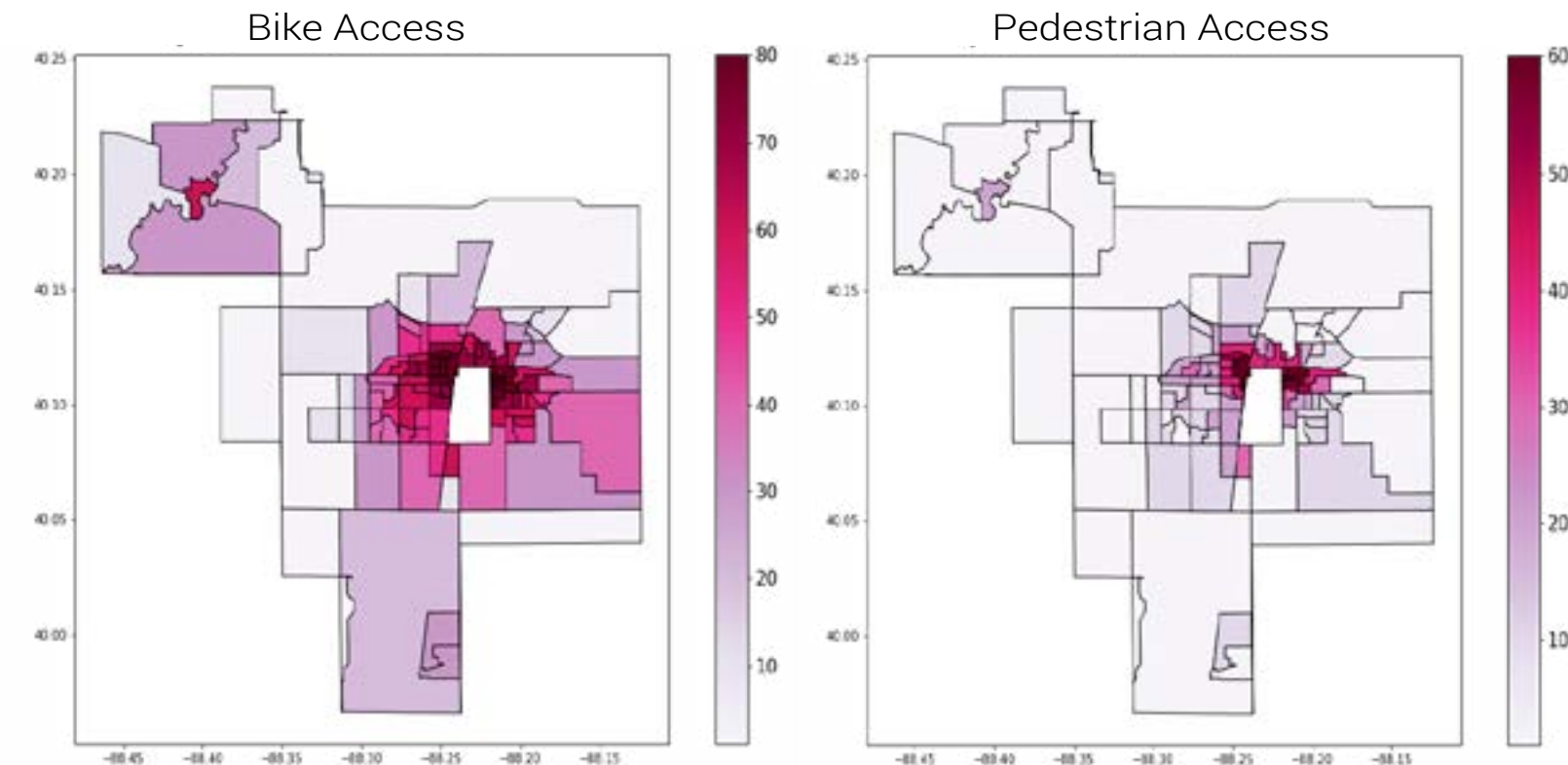
## Findings from the Non-Campus MPA Equity Analysis

As previously mentioned, this analysis separated the University District area from the non-campus urban area. Immediately upon comparing the crash severities between the two areas, a significantly higher rate of fatal and severe crashes can be seen outside of the University District, highlighted in Figure 36. The University experienced no fatalities during the 2015-2020 study period, whereas there was a 4% rate of fatality among bike and pedestrian crashes in the rest of the urban area. The A-injury rate was also twice that of the University District. This would indicate different safety needs between the two distinct areas of the MPA

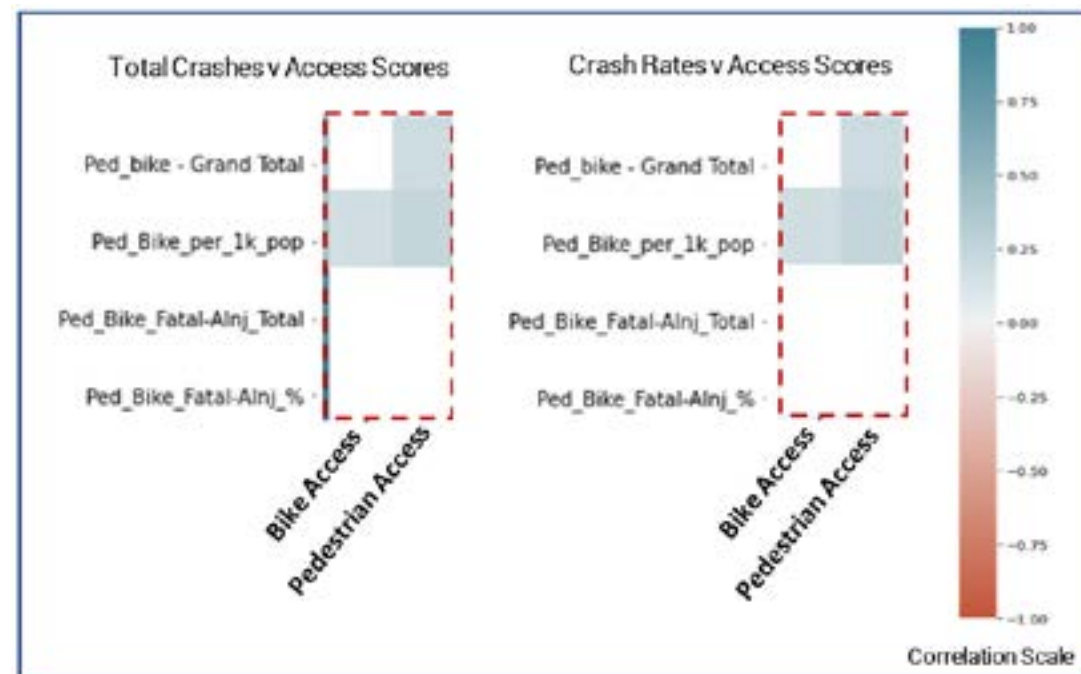


**Figure 36** Percent of Severity Crash Types in the Campus and Non-Campus Areas of the MPA from 2015-2020

The maps in Figure 35 convey the total crashes and crash rates by neighborhood (census block group). The top-left shows the total crashes; top-right, the bike and pedestrian severe injury crash totals; bottom-left, the total bike/ped crash rate per 1,000 people; and finally, bottom-right, the bike/ped severe crash injury rate. The darker the block group on the map, the higher the number/rate is.



**Figure 37** Accessibility Scoring Map for Bikes (left) and Pedestrians (right). Darker colors indicate greater accessibility. Accessibility scores vary from 0-100.



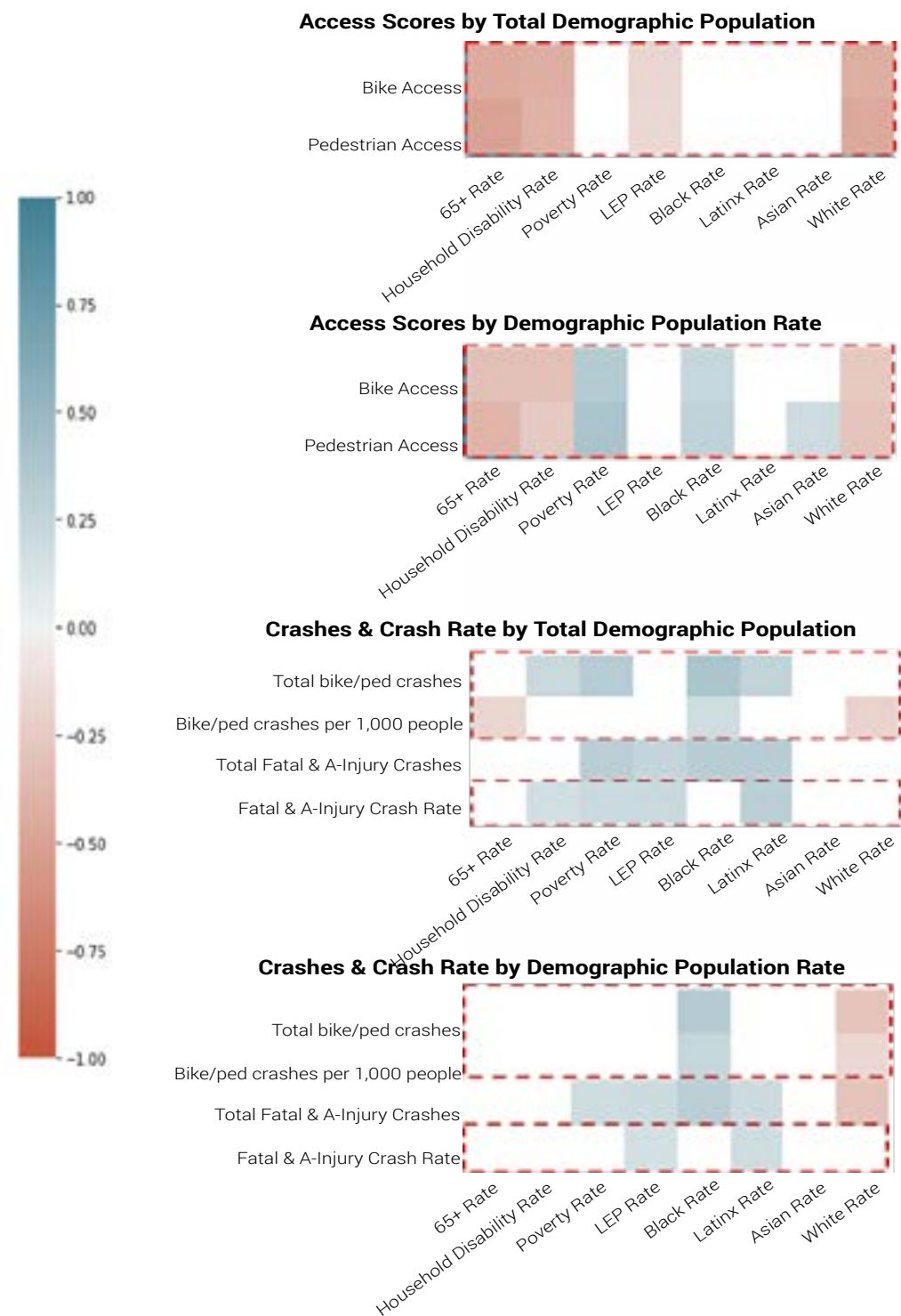
**Figure 38** Spearman Correlation Results for Crash Measures versus Access Scores for the MPA. The correlations shown all have a p-value less than .1, indicating the variable is significant.

## Pedestrian & Bike Access Scores v. Crash Rates

The maps to the left show access scores by neighborhood within the MPA. Generally, the closer to the center of each community (Champaign, Urbana, Tolono, Savoy, and Mahomet), the higher the overall score is for both bicycle and pedestrian scores. It is also clear that biking access has a wider reach than pedestrian access, and this has implications in the equity analysis results.

Comparing crashes with overall access in Figure 38, the analysis shows that neighborhoods with higher pedestrian and bike access scores had higher crash rates, but the data could not confirm that it would correlate with increased severity levels. The correlations shown all have a p-value less than .1, indicating the variable is significant

The lack of significance in the findings for severe and fatal injuries could be due to a few reasons. One might be that there is a smaller sample size (absolute number) of severe and fatal crashes to find a significant conclusion. This result also suggests that the relationship between access and crashes is not strictly linear because the number of crashes increases, but not severe and fatal crashes, and this is promising. However, in the future, data should be reviewed over a longer period of study to confirm this as it will provide larger sample sizes for comparison and provide for the capabilities in comparing between areas with medium and high accessibility levels, of which there is not currently enough data to do so.



**Figure 39** Spearman Correlation Results for Access Scores and Crash Measures Compared to Demographic Characteristics. The correlations show all have a p-value less than .1, indicating the variable is significant.

## Pedestrian and Bike Access Scores and Neighborhood Characteristics

When comparing access scores of neighborhoods with various demographic population rates, the analysis provided unexpected insights. First, in total population comparisons, areas with higher White, 65+, and household disability residents had lower bike and pedestrian access scores, and an increased number of Limited English Proficiency (LEP) residents had lower bike and pedestrian access too. The correlation tables in Figure 17 show the intensity of the correlations for each category.

In comparing demographic rates by neighborhood, areas with higher Black population rates and higher poverty rates had higher bike and pedestrian access scores. Secondly, areas with higher White, 65+, and household disability population rates had lower bike and pedestrian access scores (similar to total population results). A higher Asian population rate correlated with greater pedestrian access only.

While the results of the access scoring show some promise that the MPA's transportation network successfully strives toward accessibility for all, crash prevalence can provide further insight about the current effectiveness of the level of accessibility.

## Crash & Crash Rate Analysis and Demographic Features

This section discusses demographic populations' correlative risks for bike and pedestrian crashes. The Spearman analysis assessed that areas with larger Black and Latinx populations, more households with disabilities, and larger populations of people in poverty showed positive correlations with total crashes. Neighborhoods with more Black residents also were positively correlated with higher crash rates while neighborhoods with higher White and 65+ populations showed a negative correlation with bike/ped crash rates. Correlations with severe and fatal crashes and/or crash rates were also positive for many demographics: household disability (rate), Black (total), poverty (total and rate), LEP (total and rate), and Latinx (total and rate).

When correlating to demographic rates, neighborhoods with higher rates of Black residents showed positive correlations with total crashes, crash rates, and total severe/fatal crashes; it was the exact opposite for White population rates. Higher proportions of Latinx and LEP residents had a positive and significant correlation to severe and fatal crashes and crash rates. Increased rates of poverty only correlated with severe and fatal crash totals. Based on this analysis, areas where increased risk of severe injuries might be expected should be further investigated, and strategies should be strongly considered and/or implemented.

## Conclusions

From the equity analysis, the takeaways include:

- Increased accessibility is related to increased crashes and crash rates overall, but there is no noticeable correlation between access and severity of crashes. This may be a promising finding that accessibility inputs into the system ultimately reduce chances of severe and fatal injuries, but it should be revisited in the future to confirm with larger sample sizes.
- White, 65+, household disability, and LEP populations have less-accessible networks. This may be partially due to higher White populations also correlating with lower poverty rates, and as Wu (2020) noted, areas with higher incomes tend not to choose multimodal options. However, further analysis may need to be done to understand housing choices by these demographics and why they choose areas that are less accessible, and what type of accessibility options suit these neighborhoods best.<sup>11</sup>
- While Black populations and those living below the poverty threshold tend to live in areas with greater bike/ped access, there is also an increased risk of both total crashes AND severe crashes. There were also correlations to higher severe injury risks for increased Latinx, LEP, and household disability populations; this correlation also existed for severe crashes and crash rates for neighborhoods with higher rates of Latinx and LEP residents. This could indicate a wide variety of problems with safety that require greater research and public engagement to be conducted to ensure the strategies chosen to address safety concerns will be effective.

11.5 Speed Limit Analysis

The CUUATS team analyzed the correlation between speed and the severity levels of crashes within the MPA. No significant correlation was found. Crashes of all severities mostly occurred on roads at a posted speed of 30 or 35 mph. It is important to mention that posted speed does not indicate the operational speed of the driver(s) involved in crashes. CUUATS does not currently have access to or the capabilities to attain data on the operational speeds of drivers on the Champaign-Urbana MPA roadways for this type of analysis. It may be pursued in the future if equipment can be attained. This would be beneficial to safety assessments along the transportation network.

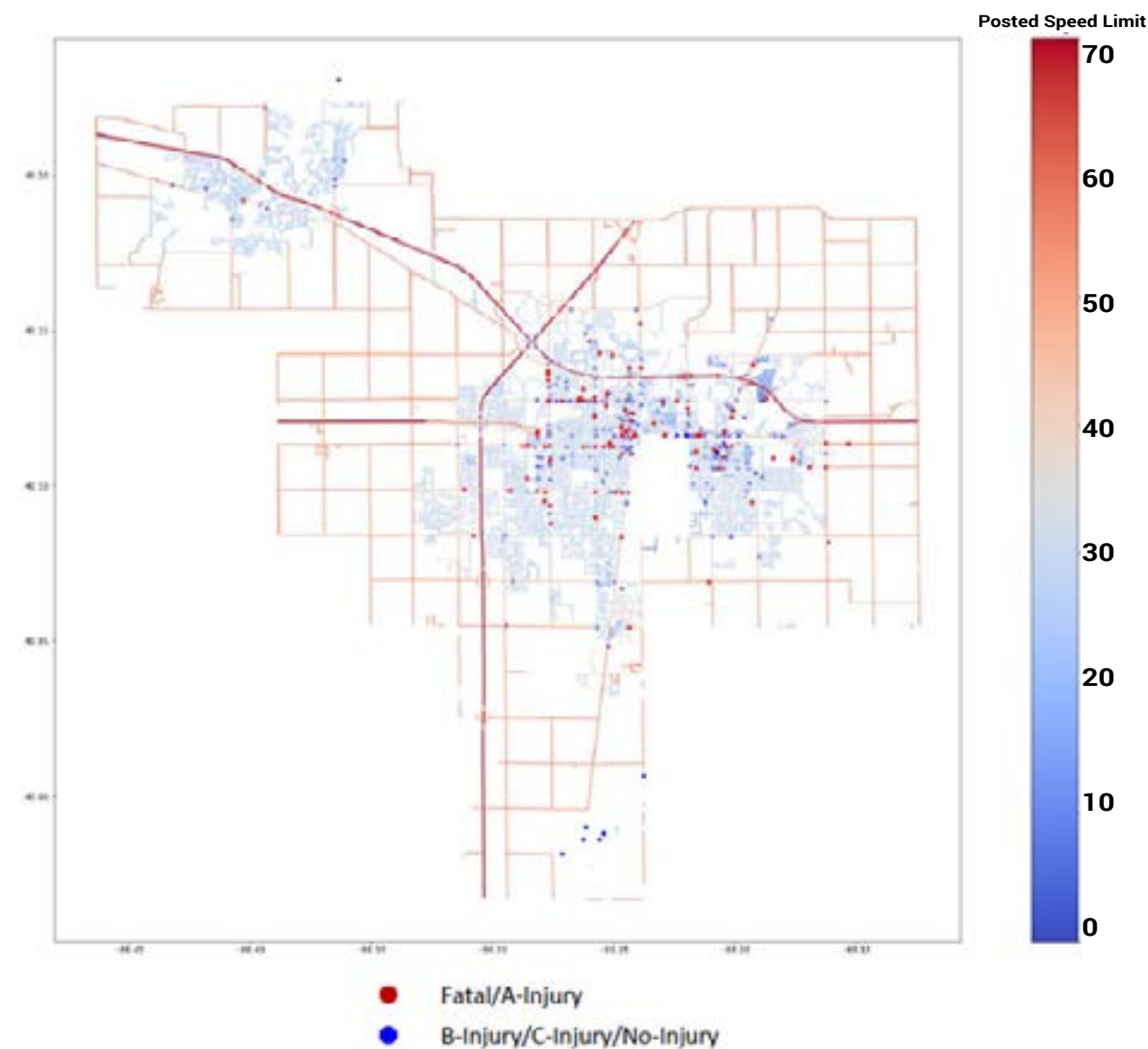


Figure 40 Map of the 2014-2020 Crashes and Posted Speed Limits within the MPA.

Table 19 Severity of Crashes by Posted Speed Limit on MPA Roads

Crash Injuries Severity	Fatal	A-Injury	B-Injury	C-Injury	No Injuries
Posted Speed Limit					
20.0	0	2	2	2	0
25.0	0	1	0	2	0
30.0	3	37	67	37	1
35.0	5	37	54	35	6
40.0	2	8	15	11	1
45.0	1	4	4	6	2
55.0	2	4	1	1	0
70.0	0	2	0	1	0

Table 20 Rate of Severity of Crash by Posted Speed Limit on MPA Roads

Crash Injuries Severity	Fatal	A-Injury	B-Injury	C-Injury	No Injuries
Posted Speed Limit					
20.0	0%	2%	1%	2%	0%
25.0	0%	1%	0%	2%	0%
30.0	23%	39%	47%	39%	10%
35.0	38%	39%	38%	37%	60%
40.0	15%	8%	10%	12%	10%
45.0	8%	4%	3%	6%	20%
55.0	15%	4%	1%	1%	0%
70.0	0%	2%	0%	1%	0%

11.6 High Priority Neighborhodd - Urbanized Area Non-Campus

Based on the equity analysis which compared the relative demographic characteristics of neighborhoods to crashes and crash rates, the next portion of the analysis ranked the 4 crash measures to determine areas with the worst overall crash-related issues to locate areas of need in terms of safety improvements. The four criteria represented were:

- 1. Total (Sum) of Bicycle and Pedestrian Crashes
- 2. Bicycle and Pedestrian Crash Rate per 1,000 People
- 3. Total (Sum) of Fatal and A-Injury Bicycle and Pedestrian Crashes Ranks
- 4. Bicycle and Pedestrian Fatal and Severe Injury Crash Rate

Additionally, for this ranking, crash areas were sorted for having greater than 10 total crashes over the study period to reduce the potential for outlier data to bias the results. And, after determining the neighborhoods with the highest comparable rates for each measure, the demographic characteristics were also reviewed. The results align with the equity analysis results, which are provided in the rest of this section.

Table 21 Statistics for Identified High Priority Neighborhood Bike and Pedestrian Crashes

Census Block Group	Total Crashes	Crashes/1000 Residents	Severe and Fatal Crashes	Severe and Fatal Crash %
1	33	52.5	10	0.3
2	18	8.5	5	0.3
3	16	25.4	4	0.2
4	15	9.5	3	0.2
5	12	3.5	5	0.4
6	12	11.7	4	0.3
7	11	13.8	5	0.5

Table 22 Overall Rankings for Identified High Priority Neighborhood Bike and Pedestrian Crashes

Census Block Group	Total Crashes	Crashes/1000 Residents	Severe and Fatal Crashes	Severe and Fatal Crash %
1	1	1	1	4
2	2	6	3	5
3	3	2	6	6
4	4	5	7	7
5	5	7	2	2
6	6	4	5	3
7	7	3	4	1

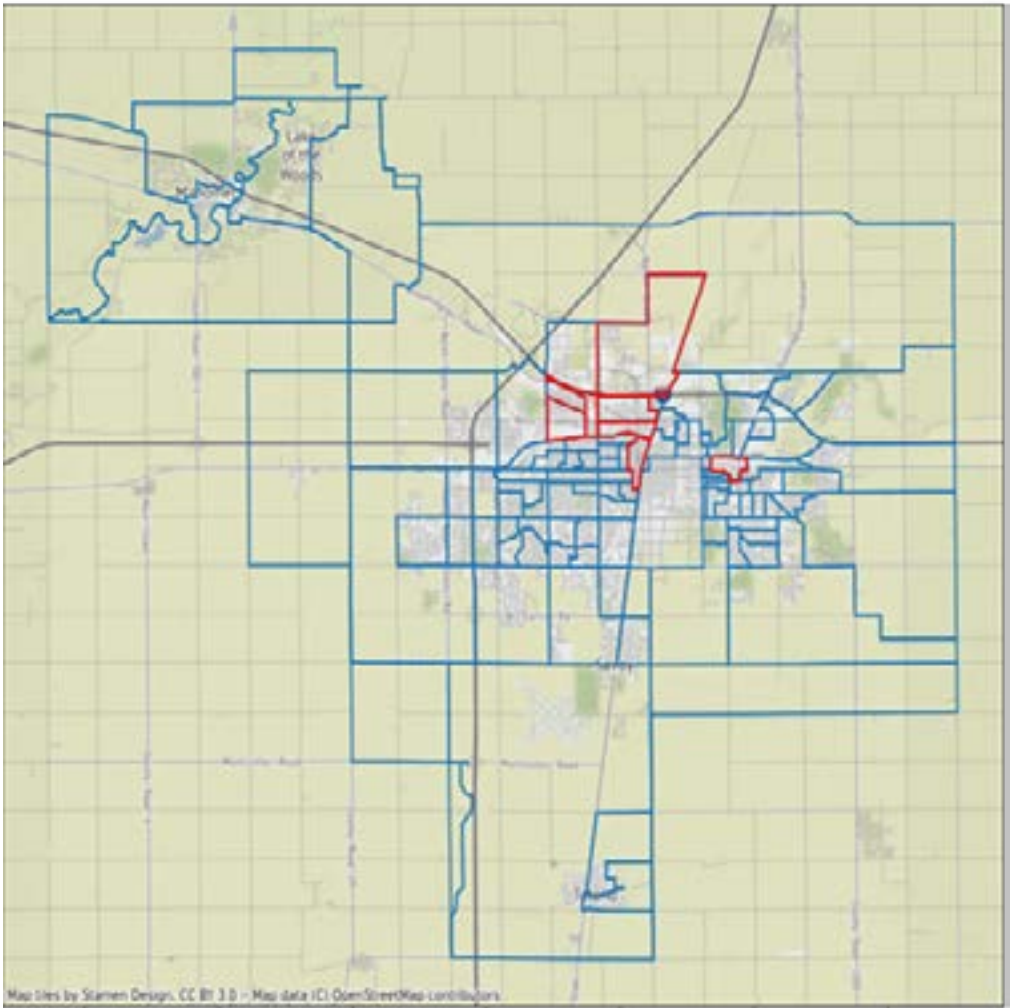
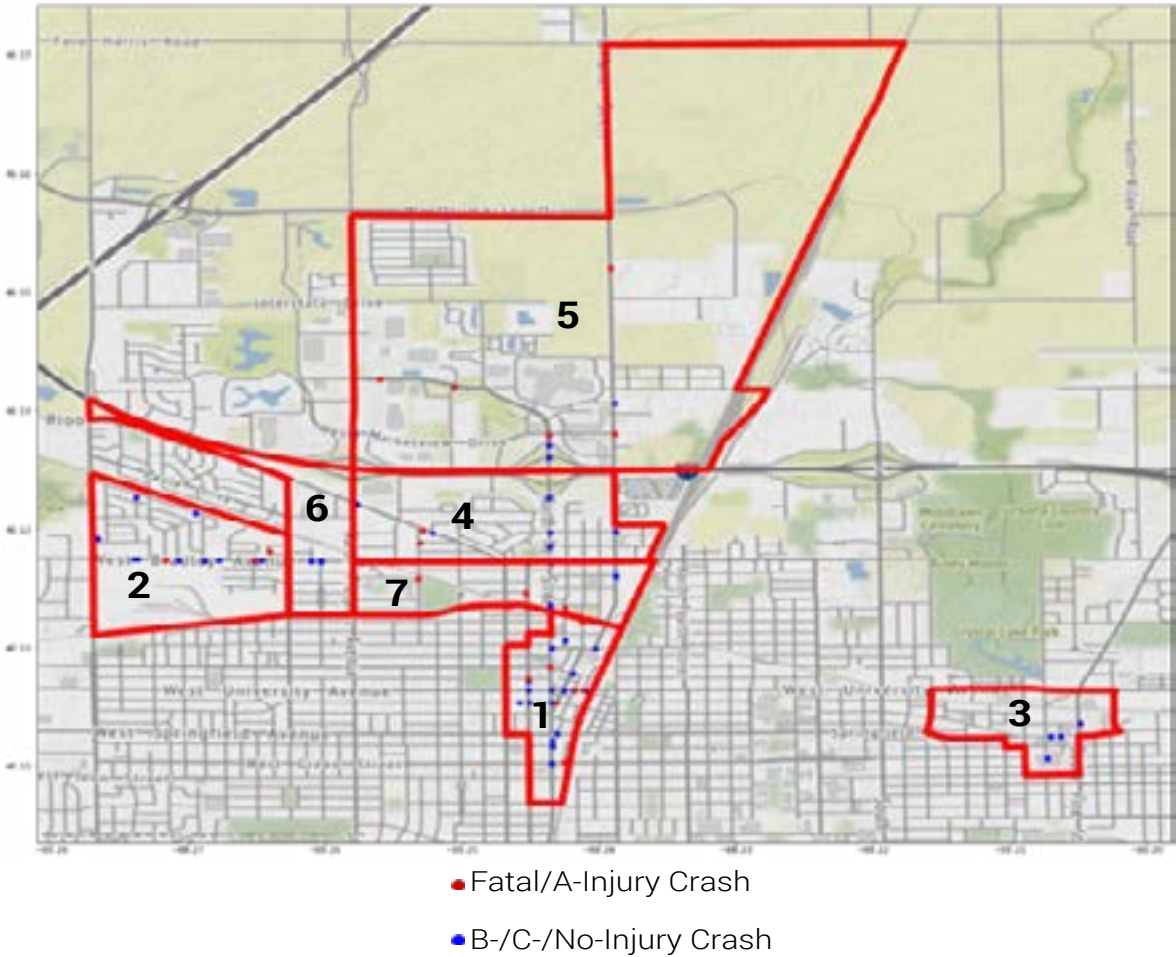


Figure 41 Champaign-Urbana MPA Census Block Groups. Block groups highlighted in red indicated the high priority neighborhoods identified in the analysis.

The map in Figure 42 shows the top seven areas returned by the sorted criteria, highlighted in red, that represent the high priority neighborhoods for severe, fatal, and overall crash levels in the Champaign-Urbana MPA. Looking at the highlighted neighborhoods, it is apparent that the most critical neighborhoods in the MPA area are located in north Champaign. The southern-most areas highlighted are the downtown areas of Champaign (on the left) and Urbana (on the right). These areas are not entirely surprising as these are either direct destinations or pass-through destinations for food, shopping, education, and other high traffic activities located in higher density areas. A number of these areas are also bordered by heavier residential areas in the south and are close to Interstate 74. The bottom table on the previous page shows the ranks, sorted by total crashes first. Many of these neighborhoods are also located within two Justice40-cited Historically Disadvantaged Communities.<sup>12</sup>

The demographics of these neighborhoods, shown in the Table 23, reveals that there is room for improvement in equitable safety for all bike and pedestrian users. Each of the neighborhoods represented as high priority neighborhoods have higher rates (above the median) of marginalized populations for the MPA in at least four or more categories compared to the rest of the urbanized area. Five of seven of these neighborhoods also have relatively low pedestrian access (40 or below on the scale), and one has low bike access. All the neighborhoods have Black population rates and poverty rates higher than the area median, and seven of eight have populations with higher LEP population rates.

These findings are in line with the Spearman equity analysis that showed the positive correlation between these groups and various crash measures. While many of these neighborhoods are accessible, they are experiencing overrepresented rates of crashes, and this needs to be addressed. Creating an equitable transportation network requires the Champaign-Urbana Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and its partner agencies review these neighborhoods for systemic improvements and potential safety projects and strategies (identified earlier in the Safety Plan) for merit



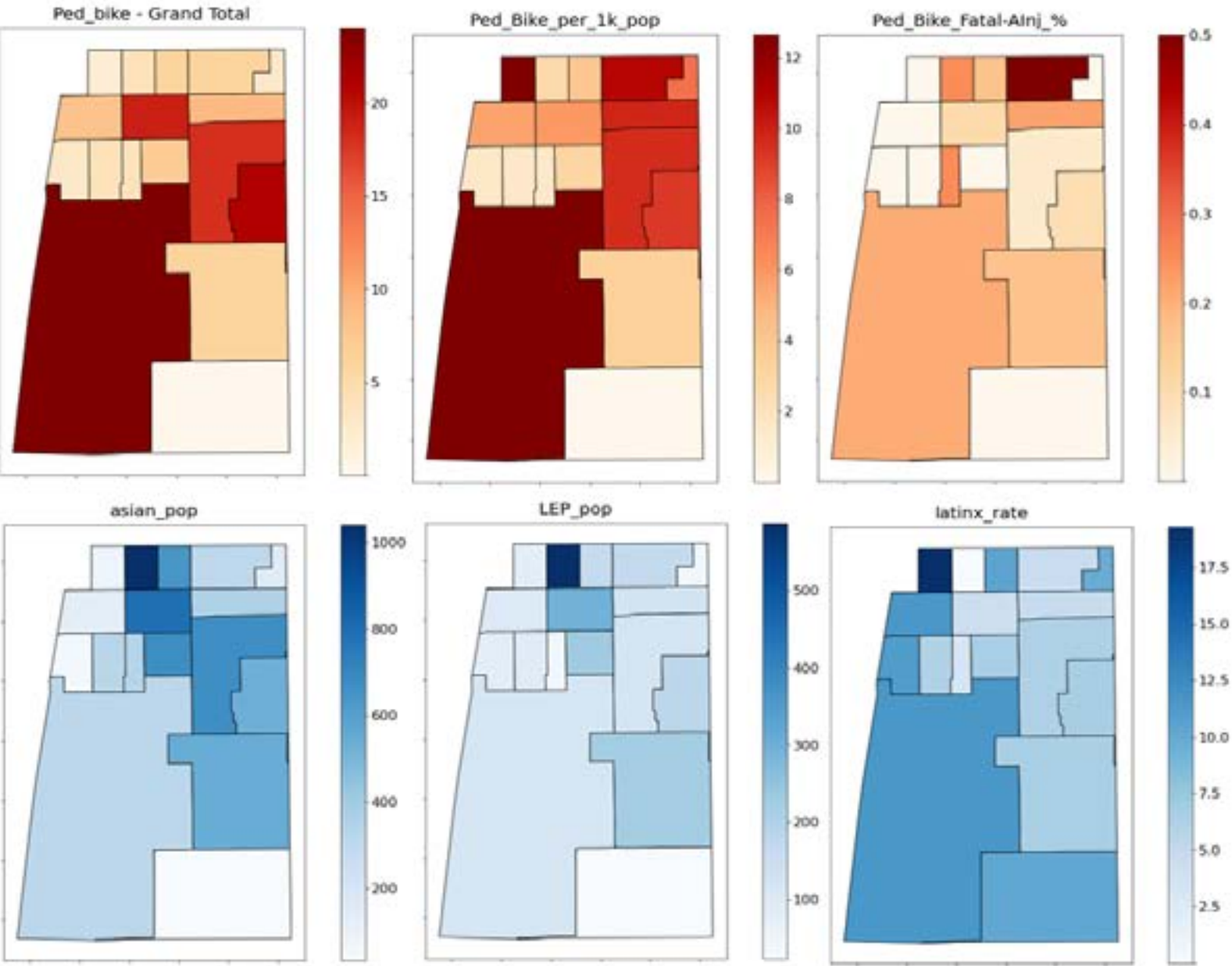
**Figure 42** Map of High Priority Neighborhoods and the Severe and Fatal Injury Crashes within Each Neighborhood

**Table 23** Overall Rankings for Identified High Priority Neighborhood Bike and Pedestrian Crashes - MPA Non-Campus

	Black Rate	Latinx Rate	Asian Rate	White Rate	LEP Rate	65+ Rate	Female Rate	Poverty Rate	Household Disability Rate	Bike Access Score	Pedestrian Access Score
1	16	0.3	23.4	59	22.2	5.2	31	21.2	12.6	80	80
2	50	15.7	1.3	41	8.7	9.2	51	44.6	19.6	50	10
3	12	10.6	18.2	66	10	1.7	42	29.7	0	80	60
4	33	13.6	8.1	48	11	7.2	47	33.4	25.2	50	20
5	35	22.3	22.3	40	14.1	4.2	58	18.4	12.6	20	10
6	56	7.3	2	34	9.8	6	51	26.1	22.5	70	40
7	23	2.3	12.3	62	3.9	1.8	47	15.8	17.9	50	20

## University District Equity Analysis

The separated University District analysis used the same methodology as the non-campus analysis. However, there was no comparison done to access scores as the access around the University is relatively high and very similar. Additionally, the University District maps are much clearer to review than the maps provided for the Champaign-Urbana MPA, so this section includes the major findings, which are more readily seen in the maps. Maps for the MPA are provided in the Appendix. The University District is bordered by University Avenue to the north, the Canadian National rail line east, Lincoln Avenue to the west, and Windsor Road to the south.



In the crash measure maps in Figure 43, the areas with the most crashes and the highest crash rates per 1,000 people are fairly similar. The number of severe and fatal injuries are so low within the University District that the rates (the top-right map shown below) would likely need to be compared over a longer period of time to determine correlations with the demographic groups, but it has been provided for transparency.

Within the University District, areas with higher Latinx, Asian, White, Limited English Proficiency (LEP), and household disability populations correlated with having more bike and pedestrian total crashes. Fatal and A-Injury crashes were also more likely in areas with higher Asian and LEP populations and areas with higher Latinx population rates. The maps in Figure 21 show the density of each measured population related to fatal and severe injuries. However, it was hard to draw conclusions about equity regarding these factors. The determination of high priority neighborhoods looked again to ranking the crash measures against each other to see where the most apparent inequities may be in the area.

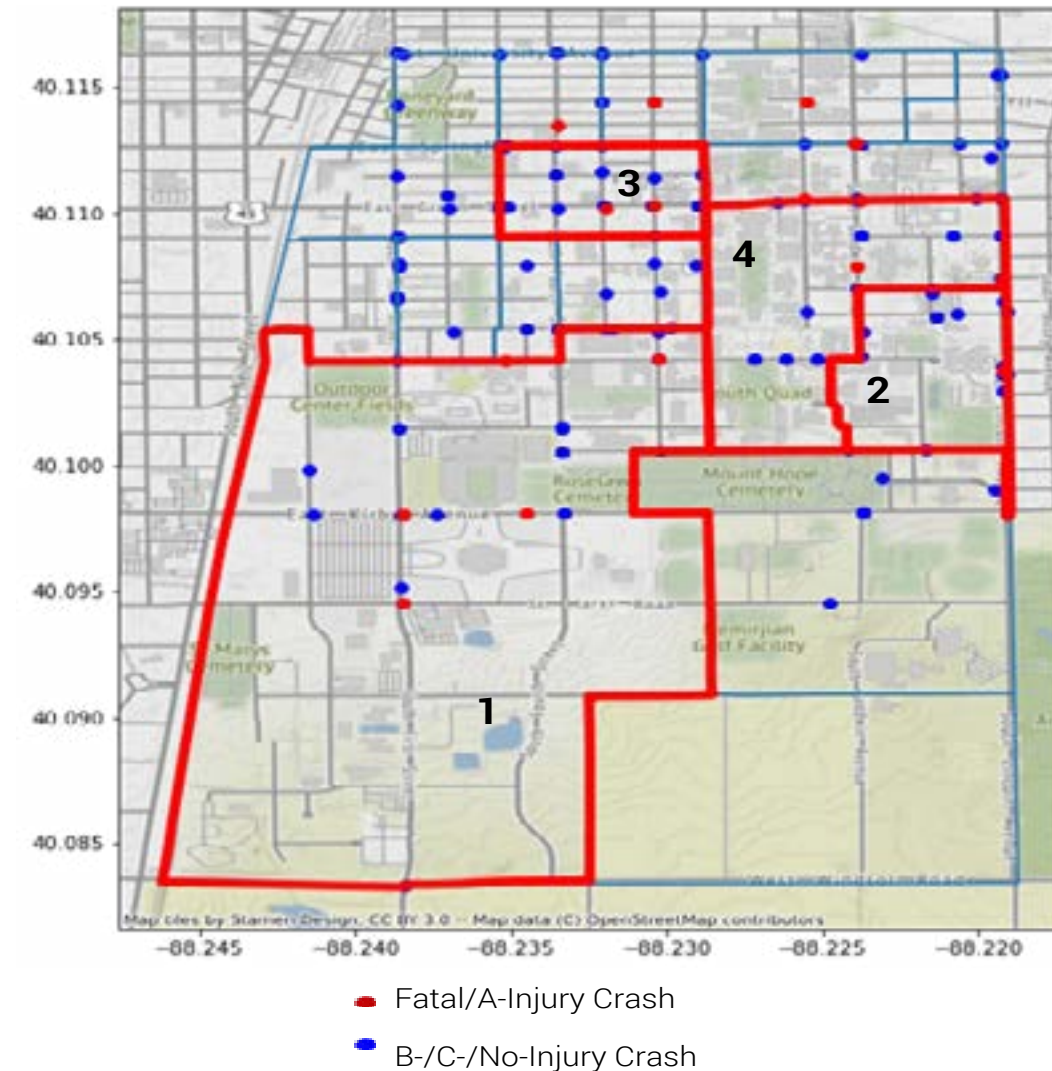
**Figure 43** Select Crash and Demographic Maps of the University District: Bike and Pedestrian Crash Totals (top left), Bike and Pedestrian Crashes per 1000 Residents (top-middle), Bike and Pedestrian Severe and Fatal Injury Rates (top-right), Asian Total Population (bottom-left), LEP Total Population (bottom-middle), and Latinx Population Rate (bottom-right).

## University District High Priority Neighborhoods

Based on this equity analysis, four neighborhoods were identified, based on the same criteria as the MPA, to determine the high priority neighborhoods in the University District for reducing crashes. The map in Figure 44 shows the bike and pedestrian crash locations and identifies the four high priority areas. Of these, neighborhood 1 ranks the highest in each of the categories; it also ranks the lowest of the four for bike and pedestrian accessibility. Review for safety projects in this area would be recommended for the University's to consider in future planning.

It is also clear to see from the demographic data of the University District that there are aspects that make it unique to the MPA. In general, these areas have higher rates of Limited English Proficiency, poverty, and Asian populations. Additionally, there are generally lower rates of 65+ populations, and households with disabilities. Lastly, the overall increased scores for accessibility makes clear that the area is more like a city within the cities. This makes sense as the student body of the University brings in many international students and is generally made up of younger people.

Overall, the equity of the University District looks more well-distributed, which is good, though safety can be improved overall. These recommendations are based in assuring safety needs are continually met for the area. Other metrics may need to be based on comparing the area with other places that have similar population densities as this also makes the University District distinct from the other areas of the MPA.



**Figure 44** Map of High Priority Neighborhoods and the Severe and Fatal Injury Crashes within Each Neighborhood

**Table 25** Statistics for High Priority Neighborhood Bike and Pedestrian Crashes

Census Block Group	Total Crashes	Crashes/1000 Residents	Severe and Fatal Crashes	Severe and Fatal Crash %
1	24	12.6	5	0.2
2	21	9.2	2	0.1
3	19	5.9	2	0.1
4	18	9.6	1	0.1

**Table 24** Overall Rankings for Identified High Priority Neighborhood Bike and Pedestrian Crashes - Campus

Neighborhood	Black Rate	Latinx Rate	Asian Rate	White Rate	LEP Rate	65+ Rate	Female Rate	Poverty Rate	Household Disability Rate	Bike Access Score	Pedestrian Access Score
1	6	11.5	16.7	75	6.1	0	47	47.6	14.1	60	30
2	5	6.7	23.3	69	8	0.2	63	92.6	8.6	70	40
3	6	4.1	24.5	64	9.1	3.9	39	90.8	10	80	60
4	9	6.3	35.9	54	6.5	0.1	56	65.1	2.5	70	50

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# APPENDIX A

## A.1 County Highways

Map 15 presents the high-priority county highway segments identified using the methodology outlined in section 10.1. These segments are identified by comparing only the crashes that occurred on county highways. In this analysis, only segment-related crashes were considered; intersection-related crashes were not considered. Table 19 presents the list of high-priority county highway segments.

Table 26 List of high-priority county highway segments in Champaign County

Segment Name	Number of Crashes						Index Values			Priority Index
	Total	Fatal	A-injury	B-injury	C-injury	No injury	Crash Index	EPDO Index	Crash per Mile Index	
S Prairieview Rd	9	0	2	3	0	4	4	4	4	12
Homer Lake Rd	2	1	0	0	0	1	1	4	2	7
900E	5	0	1	2	0	2	3	2	1	6
S Prairieview Rd	4	0	0	1	1	2	2	0	4	6
900E	2	1	0	0	0	1	1	4	0	5
600E	3	0	1	0	0	2	2	2	1	5
200E	3	0	1	2	0	0	2	2	1	5
900N	3	0	1	1	1	0	2	2	1	5
1000N	2	1	0	1	0	0	1	4	0	5
1050N	4	0	1	2	0	1	2	2	1	5
2700E	2	1	0	0	0	1	1	4	0	5
2500N	3	0	1	0	0	2	2	2	1	5
2200E	3	0	1	1	0	1	2	2	1	5
N Mattis Ave	4	0	1	0	0	3	2	2	1	5

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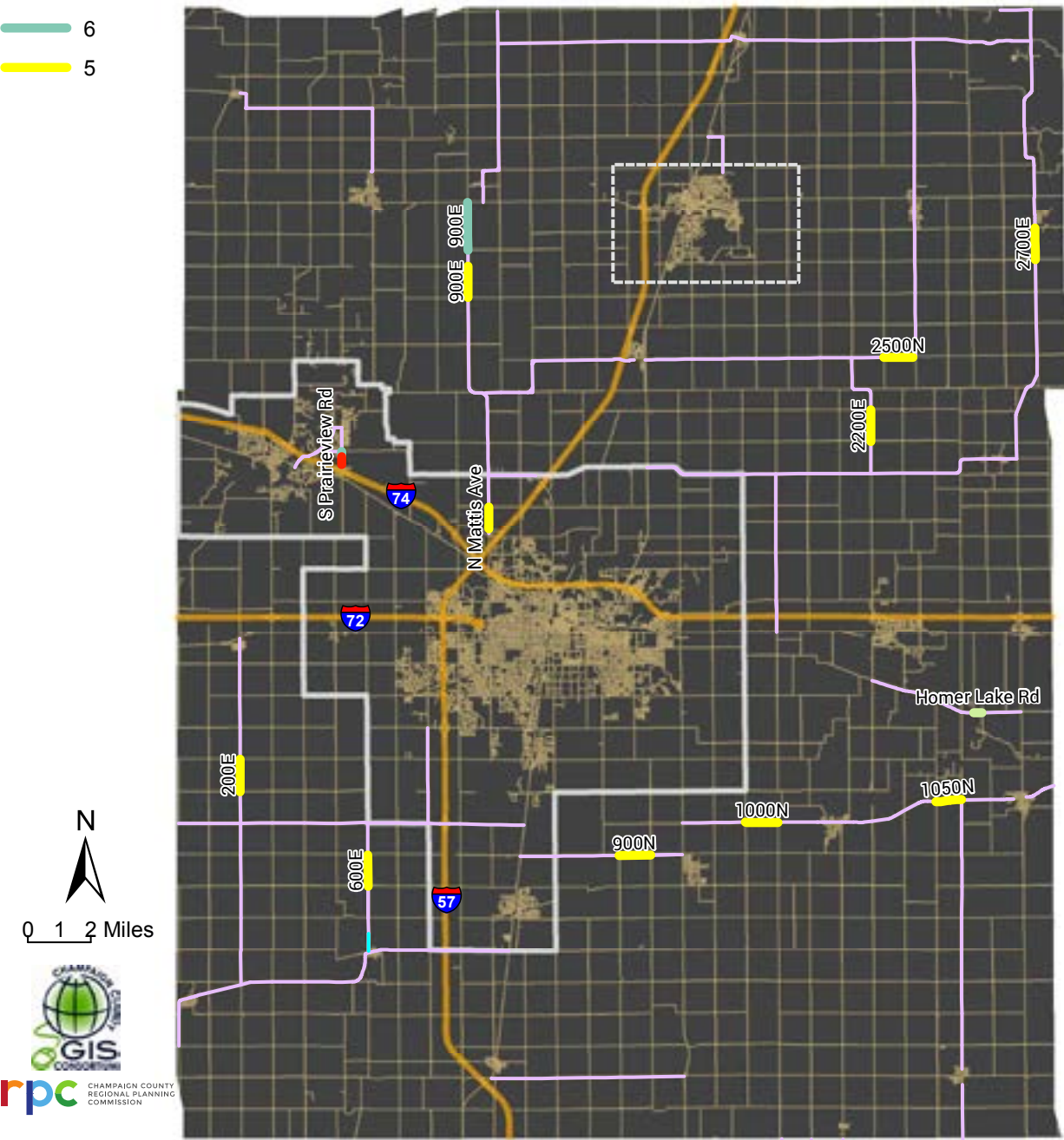
- MPA Boundary
- County Highways

### High-Priority County Highways (2012-2016)

#### Priority Index Value

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- 5

Note: Only segment-related crashes were considered. Intersection-related crashes were not considered



Map 15 Location of the high-priority county highways in the five-year study period (2012-2016) in Champaign County

# A.2 U.S. and State Routes

Map 16 presents the high-priority U.S. and state route segments using the methodology outlined in section 10.1. These segments are identified by comparing only the crashes that occurred on U.S. and state routes. In this analysis, only segment-related crashes were considered; intersection-related crashes were not considered. Table 20 presents the list of high-priority U.S. and state route segments.

**Table 27** List of high-priority U.S. and state route segments in Champaign County

Segment Name	Number of Crashes						Index Values			Priority Index
	Total	Fatal	A-injury	B-injury	C-injury	No injury	Crash Index	EPDO Index	Crash per Mile Index	
Bloomington Rd	19	0	1	1	1	16	4	2	4	10
Cunningham Ave	10	0	1	0	1	8	3	2	4	9
W University Ave	7	0	2	0	0	5	2	3	3	8
W Springfield Ave	11	0	2	1	0	8	3	3	2	8
S Dunlap Ave	24	0	1	2	4	17	4	3	1	8
S Neil St	17	0	0	0	2	15	4	0	4	8
IL 47	8	0	3	2	0	3	2	4	0	6
W University Ave	10	0	0	0	0	10	3	0	4	7
Cunningham Ave	10	0	2	1	1	6	3	3	0	6
W Springfield Ave	5	0	1	1	0	3	1	2	3	6
Cunningham Ave	11	0	0	1	1	9	3	0	3	6

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MPA Boundary

US and State Routes

### High-Priority US and State Routes

#### Priority Index Value

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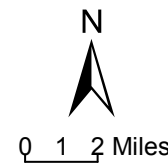
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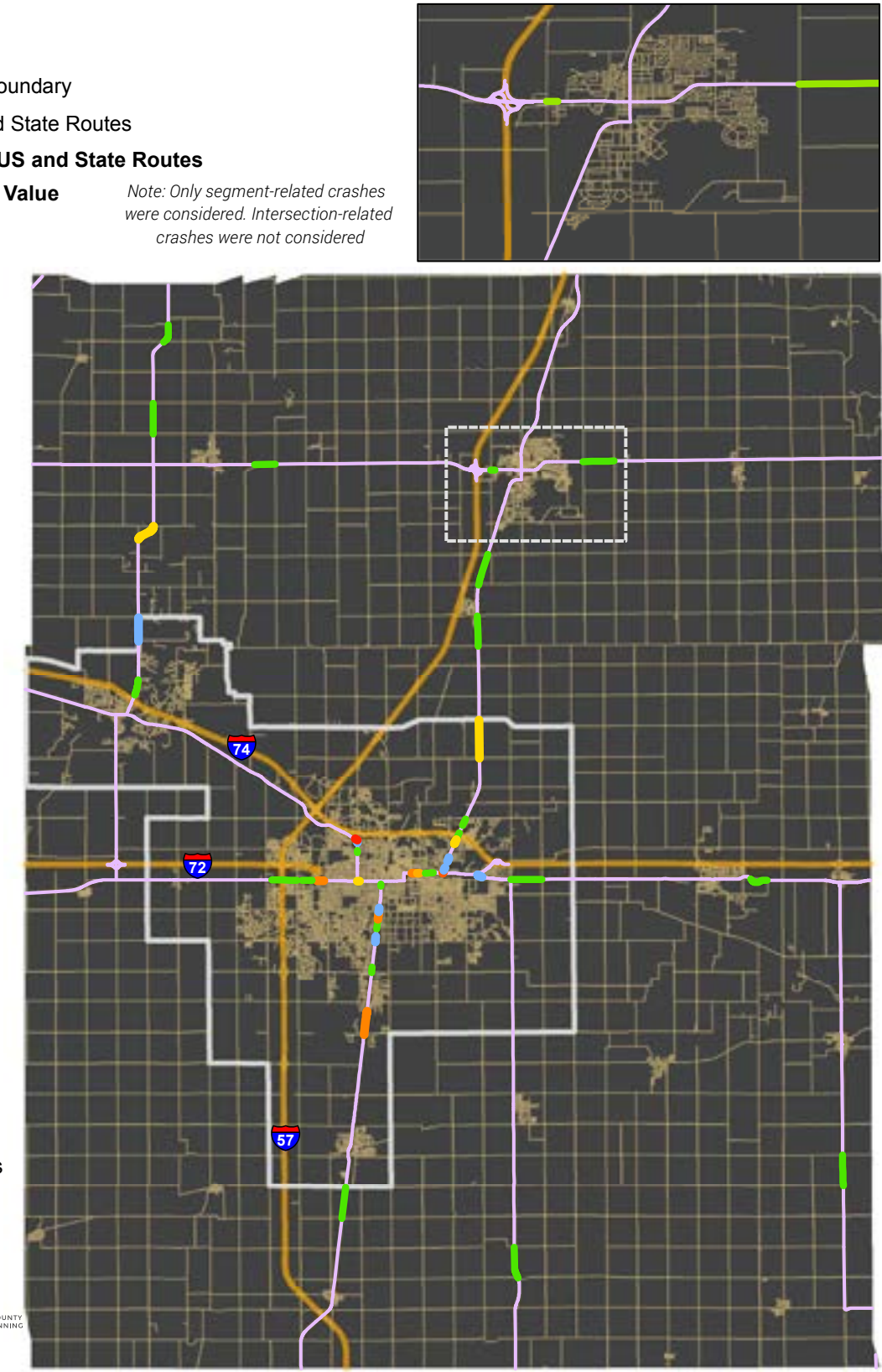
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Note: Only segment-related crashes were considered. Intersection-related crashes were not considered



**Map 16** Location of the high-priority US and state routes in the five-year study period (2012-2016) in Champaign County



### A.3 Interstates

Map 17 presents the high-priority interstate segments identified using the methodology outlined in section 10.1. These segments are identified by comparing only the crashes that occurred on interstates. In this analysis, only interstate-related crashes were considered. Table 21 presents the list of high-priority interstate segments.

**Table 28** List of high-priority interstate segments in Champaign County

Segment Name	Number of Crashes						Index Values			Priority Index
	Total	Fatal	A-injury	B-injury	C-injury	No injury	Crash Index	EPDO Index	Crash per Mile Index	
I-74 W	42	0	4	4	1	33	4	4	3	11
I-74 E	40	0	2	6	4	28	4	3	3	10
I-57 N	48	1	3	9	2	33	4	4	0	8
I-74 E	31	1	2	7	0	21	3	4	1	8
I-74 W	51	0	3	1	5	42	4	3	1	8
I-74 E	49	1	1	4	2	41	4	3	1	8
I-74 W	48	0	3	4	2	39	4	3	1	8
I-74 E	36	1	2	1	0	32	3	4	1	8
I-57 S	47	2	5	6	2	32	4	4	0	8
I-57 N	42	1	1	6	1	33	4	4	0	8
I-74 E	48	1	5	6	2	34	4	4	0	8
I-57 N	42	0	3	1	2	36	4	3	1	8
I-74 E	30	0	3	3	6	18	3	3	2	8
I-74 E	36	0	3	6	2	25	3	3	2	8

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MPA Boundary

Interstate and Ramps

#### High-Priority Interstates and Ramps (2012-2016)

Priority Index Value

Note: Only Interstate-related crashes were considered.

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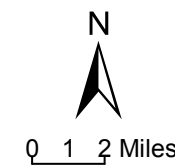
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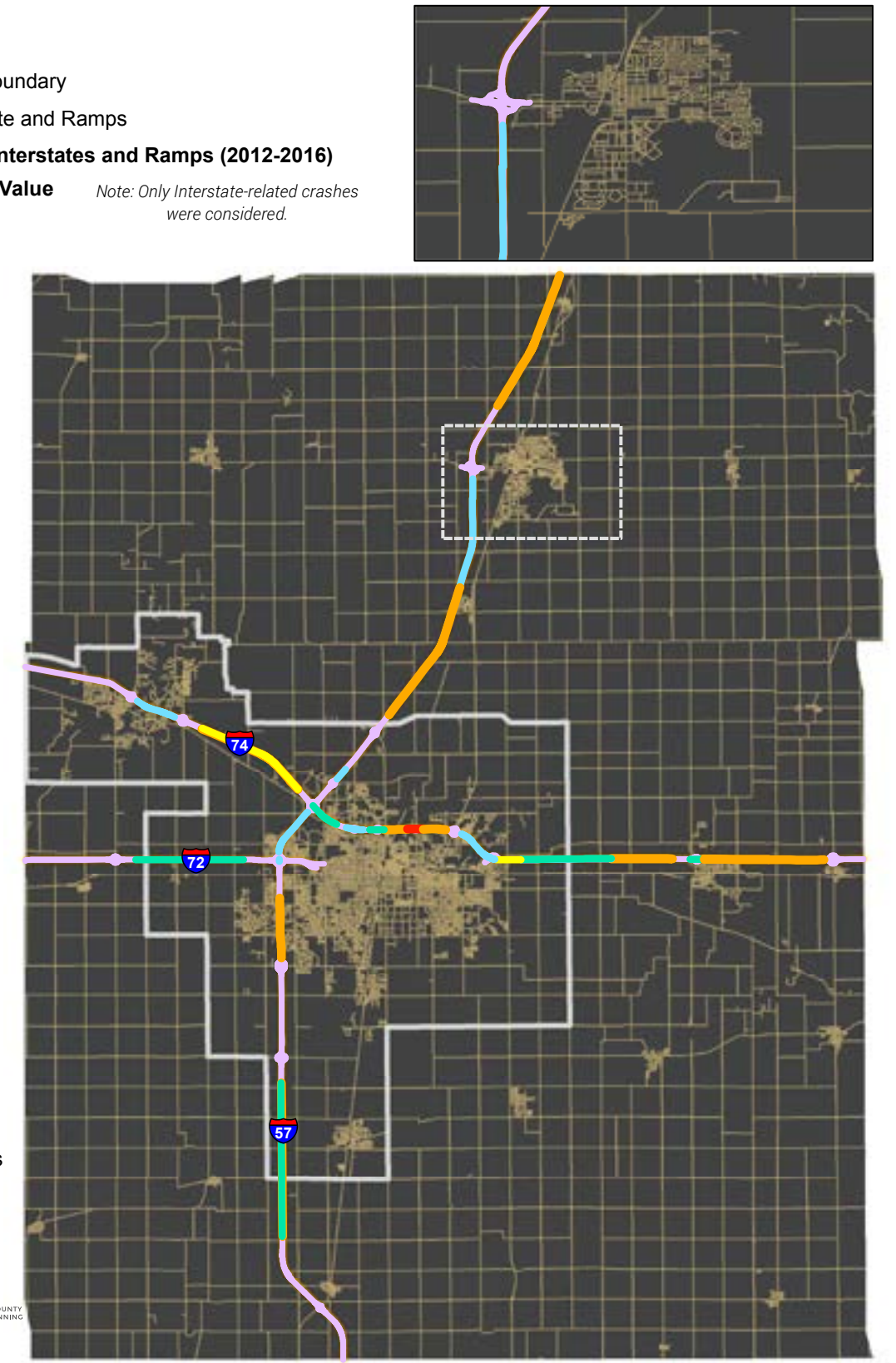
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**Map 17** Location of the high-priority interstates in the five-year study period (2012-2016) in Champaign County



# APPENDIX B

## Agency Project Updates

### Champaign Police Department

The police department gives top priority to school zones. The speed enforcement is also given higher priority at school zones followed by major thoroughfares and neighborhoods. Emphasis is placed on traffic enforcement at city intersections with high crash rates and injuries. Manpower and resources are deployed to address DUIs. Enforcement is provided to impact the safety of pedestrians in the campus area. Additional traffic enforcement details are provided during holiday seasons throughout the year focusing on occupant safety like cell phone usage, car seat and impaired driver enforcement. The department works with AMTRAK to increase safety at rail road crossings.

### City of Champaign

The most recent roadway improvements done in Mahomet in four years are:

- È At the intersection of Boardwalk Drive and Interstate Drive:
  - Advance intersection warning signs were installed on Interstate Drive
  - Cross Traffic Does Not Stop signs were installed on Boardwalk Drive
  - Speed limit signs were added on Interstate Drive
  - Police speed trailer was set up on Interstate Drive
- È At the intersection of McKinley Avenue and Paula Drive, a speed trailer is occasionally set up at the intersection.

### City of Urbana

- È The intersection of Orchard Street and Pennsylvania Avenue is considered a watch and monitor location.
- È The intersection of Smith Road and Main Street became a multi-way stop in September 2017. Currently, it is considered a watch and monitor location.

### IDOT

The recent improvements completed by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) includes updating the guardrails at various locations in the Champaign-Urbana urban area. Table 22 presents recent improvements done by IDOT in four years.

**Table 29** *List of IDOT improvements in the Champaign-Urbana urban area from 2015 to 2019*

Year	Route	Location	Improvement Type
2019	US 150	Wright Street to Cunningham Avenue in Urbana	Lighting, ADA Improvements, Traffic Signal Modernization
2019	US 150	Mattis Avenue to Prospect Avenue in Champaign	Standard Overlay, ADA Improvements
2019	I-57	Bradley Avenue overpass	Bridge Replacement Includes Bike Lanes and Sidewalk
2018	US 45	North of I-74 to University Avenue in Urbana	Standard Overlay, ADA Improvements
2018	I-74	East of IL 47 in Mahomet	Skid Proofing
2018	US 150	Near the rail road track in St Joseph	Skid Proofing
2018	I-74	East of Neil Street	Skid Proofing
2018	I-74 and US 45	Ramps of the Interchange	Skid Proofing
2017	US 45	Saline Branch Ditch S or Thomasboro to N of I-74 at Urbana	Standard Overlay, ADA Improvements
2017	US 45 & US 136 / IL 47 & US 150	Various Locations in Rantoul and Mahomet	Surveillance
2016	I-74	0.5 mile West of IL 47 in Mahomet to 0.5 mile West of I-57	Surveillance, Resurfacing, Safety Improvements
2016	US 150	Water Street to Fifth Street in Champaign & Sycamore St to Beringer Circle in Urbana	ADA Improvements
2015	IL 47	Mahomet to IL 10	Milled Rumble Strips
2015	US 150	Sangamon River in Mahomet to Mattis Avenue in Champaign	Resurfacing (Smart) Guardrail

## **Mahomet**

The most recent roadway improvements done in Mahomet in four years are:

- È Sunny Acres road replacement from US 150 to South Mahomet Road. The shoulders on Sunny Acres Road was seal coated with 4' aggregate shoulders from 2' earth shoulders.
- È Converted two-way stop controlled intersections of Sunny Acres Road at Oak Creek Road and Deer Run drive at Country Ridge drive to four-way stop control intersections.
- È Paving was done at Walnut Street from IL-47 to railroad track, Washington Street from IL-47 to Walnut Street, Jackson Street from IL-47 to Walnut Street and Braicliff drive.
- È Installed sidewalk on east side of IL-47 from South Mahomet road to the river bridge.

## **University of Illinois**

The most recent roadway improvements done in the University of Illinois jurisdiction in four years are:

- È Road diet and on-street bike lanes were provided for (1) First Street from Kirby Avenue to Armory Avenue; (2) Fourth Street from St. Mary's Road to Armory Avenue.
- È Sharrows were added to Pennsylvania Avenue from Fourth Street to the city limit (east of Sixth Street).
- È Semi-annual "lighting walks" was conducted to monitor campus areas for sufficient lighting.
- È Evaluate high multi-modal conflict areas for safety features such as a "pedestrian scramble", advance walk signals, curb bump-outs, etc. when improvements are being done to a street, sidewalk or other pavement section.
- È Worked with other local bike agencies & advocacy groups to improve safety materials for bicyclist and drivers that interact.
- È Lane striping, crosswalk striping and signage were added to the segment of Stoughton just north of University High School between Mathews Avenue and Goodwin Avenue for better traffic control during student drop-off and pick-up.

# APPENDIX C

## Public Comments Received on Champaign-Urbana Urban Area Safety Plan

È I like the risk approach based on high-risk roadway features (page 3). It always bothered me that you need to have serious accidents to justify something when those accidents could have been prevented. I don't see much in the rest of the plan, and nothing in the strategies for bicycle and pedestrian areas, about how to do that though.

When describing the goal of reducing 5-year rolling average by 2%, shouldn't you say "by 2% per year"?

It's really hard to understand what the percent scale in the graphs on page 6 refer to - why not just use numbers? Not percent of all crashes that resulted in X - surely 25% of crashes don't result in fatalities! Captions on those seem redundant, just describing the chart. I think it is percent of the 5-year total that was in each year, but it would look the same if you just used numbers and be a whole lot less confusing.

On page 7 the chart adds in "No Injury" to the "Total Injuries"

The graphs on page 10, 13, 26 and 35 do not show the "trend... between 2005 and 2016" as described in the caption. They show actual numbers, not trends. A trend would be a straight line through the blue dots (like on page 11). Also, the projection (grey line) seems to only be based on the last 5 years (at least for the fatalities) - that should at least be documented, and preferably there would be a standard deviation cone drawn in.

The middle row on page 36 talks about pedestrian numbers in the caption, but in the chart it says drivers - which is it, drivers involved or pedestrians

involved?

The headline at the bottom-left on page 36 "Twenty-eight percent of pedestrian crashes were fatal, while 41 percent and 26 percent were A-injury and B-injury, respectively." is NOT correct!! The line graph is wrong too.

The middle row on page 41 talks about cyclist numbers in the caption, but in the chart and stick-model it says drivers - which is it, drivers involved or cyclists involved?

I'm curious why lower speed isn't an objective under Cyclists, though I suppose they will benefit from it being a pedestrian objective. Does the data show speed isn't significant in cyclist injuries? Speed limits aren't specifically mentioned, though presumably some of the road diet and narrowing should occur in areas where speed limits are probably too high. Is that an intentional way to say speed limits don't help without infrastructure changes?

I would have liked to see figures broken out for impaired driving by pedestrian and bicyclist - both as victim and as the one impaired. Also the type of drug impairment would be useful, especially with cannabis legalization pending.

In Appendix B "agency updates", does Urbana have something about Lincoln & Main or other Lincoln avenue locations, like the lower speed limit? Also maybe Vine & Washington and Vine & Florida. They also have a new multiuse sidepath on north Cunningham and along Broadway by the park.

È Under the Executive Summary, the middle column, second paragraph states that “two percent of drivers involved in fatal or A-injury crashes were impaired at the time of the crash. Even though this number is relatively small, impaired driver related crashes tended to be more severe than crashes not related to driver impairment. There were two percent each of pedestrian and bicyclist crashes. Even though these numbers are small, more than 98 percent of these crashes are of a high severity type, making pedestrians and bicyclists the most vulnerable road users.”

This paragraph fails to put the importance of pedestrian, bicyclist, and impaired drivers in the context of the overall crash injuries. The same figures should be given and discussed for the two categories in parallel, given that you have set them up in a parallel construction. The figure that “98 percent of these crashes are of a high severity type” does not agree with the figures presented on pages 36 and 39, which indicate that K+A crashes are 31% of pedestrian crashes and 16% of bicycle crashes. Even adding in B-injuries does not arrive at 98%.

You should add the information that impaired driver crashes have a 16% serious or fatal injury rate because you discussed the 98% serious or fatality injury rate [sic] for pedestrians and cyclists. [I compute 23% of pedestrian and bicyclist crashes result serious (K+A) injuries.]

Who is injured in impaired driver crashes? What percent of crashes result in injury to the driver only? What percent of impaired driver crashes are of the fixed object collision type? This information is needed to compare with the fact that the pedestrian/cyclist is virtually always the injured victim in a crash. I compute that 42% (19/45) of fatal crashes involve impaired drivers. This does not agree with p. 18, which states that 52% of fatal crashes involve impaired drivers. Who did the impaired drivers kill—themselves, their passengers, or others? This information could be shown on page 47 instead of the generic graph (missing y-axis) from the World Health Organization (2013).

Why are the characteristics (age, gender) of only the bicyclist/pedestrian discussed in the bicycle/pedestrian crash discussions? Why are the drivers

characteristics in this type of crash covered nowhere in this report? The exclusive coverage of pedestrian or cyclist characteristics appears to indicate that the pedestrian/bicyclist is responsible for the crash.

On page 5, Analysis by Collision Type, “the five most significant collision types” lists rear-end, turning, angle, fixed object, and parked motor vehicles. Pedestrian crashes are not considered “significant” despite accounting for nearly 22% of fatalities and 16% of serious injuries. I suggest a different word such as “most frequent” be used rather than “significant.” The section goes on to describe the “significant causes” (failure to yield, speeding etc.) of these identified significant crashes but again pedestrian crashes have been left out of consideration. The causes are not discussed under the pedestrian emphasis area (p. 34), in fact, nowhere in the Plan. How can pedestrian deaths be reduced without knowing anything about the driver characteristics and driving behaviors? We also know that vehicle type is very significant for pedestrian injuries and fatalities.

In the Emphasis Area: Pedestrians (p. 34) why is the type of crash (turning/rear end/angle etc.) and causes (failure to yield, speeding etc.) not discussed for pedestrian crashes? The fact that cyclists/pedestrians (almost all pedestrians) make up 22% of all fatalities in this report is not highlighted. This number is even more shocking considering that large and significant parts of the region (rural areas, interstates) have little or no pedestrian/cyclist traffic. The Champaign and Urbana rates of pedestrian fatalities need to be computed and discussed in comparison with state and national figures. This is because these types of injuries depend largely on local city responses. The text on page 35 should be more specific by city.

What percent of the total fatal and serious injuries are impaired driver or pedestrian/bicyclist respectively? As it turns out, 12.4 % of all serious or fatal crashes for your period are impaired driver [p. 18 has “almost 10%”]. 16% of all serious injury or fatal crashes are pedestrian/cyclist. Wouldn't studying the type of collision and driver characteristics be just as important for pedestrian/cyclists injuries as for parked car crashes (p. 15)? Yet this is missing from this report. There are detailed recommendations aimed at changing impaired driving behavior. Deterrence of pedestrian injury and death needs increased emphasis, starting with analyses of driver

characteristics and behavior.

Why does the Plan cover only absolute crash numbers and crashes per 100 million VMT, but not per 100,000? For example, the statement that “In Champaign County, the number of fatal and injury crashes occurring in the Champaign-Urbana urban area is approximately five times greater than fatal and injury crashes occurring in rural areas” is meaningless without providing relative populations or a per capita rate. (p. 3)

Similarly, it is not meaningful to state that 18% of drivers involved in crashes are between 20 and 24 without percent of either licensed drivers or population in that age group. (Executive Summary)

On page 42, Champaign County Bikes should be included as a responsible agency to “improve public awareness and enhance training to promote safer behavior by all roadway users relative to bicycle traffic” (in addition to C-U SRTS).

### Online Comments

- È I am so happy to see that Rt. 47 made your list of high-priority segments. As a cyclist that lives in Thornewood Subdivision I fear for my safety as I try to reach Lake of the Woods and downtown Mahomet by bicycle. In the winter or when visibility is otherwise low I won't even try. I look forward to having safe access by bike and on foot!!!
- È The area on Route 47 in Mahomet north of Lake of the Woods is unsafe. Children walk and ride bikes from the Thornewood Subdivision to the Lake of the Woods Preserve and this two-lane highway has trucks and other vehicles coming in at 55 miles per hour down to 45 miles per hour over this stretch. there is no sidewalk, no shoulder, and no safe place to walk or ride a bicycle into the park. A sidewalk that continues north from the BriarCliff subdivision would make this much safer. Such a sidewalk would enable children in Thornewood to ride their bicycles to school, by crossing through the park to the high school.
- È The portion of Illinois Rt. 47 north of Mahomet, Between Briarcliff subdivision and Thornwood subdivision, needs to be addressed for walkers and bike riders. There are many children and adults whom ride their bikes to Lake of the Woods on this route, not to mention some desire to ride to school etc. There is a sidewalk out of the thornwood subdivision and then it stops and doesn't begin again until briarcliff subdivision. With Rt 47 becoming an increased traffic area, especially in this stretch of it, this is a large safety concern for everyone involved.
- È I am soon moving to Thornwood subdivision in Mahomet and as an avid runner I really need a way to get safely from Thornwood down to Briarcliff along 47 to reach the Lake of the Woods trail. My family would also use this to reach LOTW park as well for hiking and playing. As it is there isn't a safe way to get there except by car.
- È A trail or bike path along Route 47 North of Mahomet, IL would benefit not only the Village of Mahomet, IL but all bike riders, walkers, and runners in the area. It would also alleviate additional traffic on Route 47, and would connect

several neighbors throughout Mahomet, IL. As a parent of a cross country runner, this trail would permit the runners to fully utilize the park without having to run along 47 and in the ditches along 47. Please consider revisiting this project.

È Having lived in Mahomet for many years, I believe you will find numerous accidents near the Briarcliff subdivision and 47 even prior to the establishment of the Thornewood subdivision. There have been 3 fatalities that come to mind over the years. So the issue is not really not only about a walking path from one subdivision to the Lake of the woods park but about the speed of traffic coming into the community. Another traffic light or stop sign to slow traffic from North 47 would add some safety.

È I would like for there to be a sidewalk along 47 to connect Thornewood to Briarcliff and then Lake of the Woods. I feel this would make it much safer for walkers, runners and bicyclists to connect to Lake of the Woods and the rest of Mahomet. I feel this sidewalk would be utilized frequently, and it would cut down on additional road traffic. I know as a driver on 47, I have been concerned about the pedestrians (sometimes high school kids) who use the roadside to get to Lake of the Woods. As a runner and walker, I personally would use the sidewalk several times a week. Please consider a sidewalk along 47. Thanks so much for considering this project.

È The stretch of road between the Briarcliff and Thornewood subdivisions is currently not safe. Young children and families ride their bikes from the Thornewood subdivision to the Lake of the Woods park. While I think drivers try to be careful, it often creates a very unsafe situation where cars have to come to near stops to avoid hitting the families or oncoming traffic. The gravel shoulder of the road is extremely narrow for even walkers and joggers. It places walkers within just a few feet of oncoming traffic and semi trucks. I strongly believe it is in the best interest of walkers, joggers, bikers, and drivers to build a sidewalk from the Briarcliff subdivision to the Thornewood subdivision.

È Please, look at the safety of RT 47 just north of Mahomet and Lake of the Woods as traffic continues to increase each year it seems. As more and more drivers are distracted, I'm concern about turning into our subdivision,

Thronewood. We had moved into this neighbor with high hopes living within a small rural community, that we would have safe options to enjoy The trails of The Lake of the Woods and the local businesses, by riding our bikes. Unfortunately, RT 47 is not safe for walkers or bikers for us to enjoy this opportunity. Having access along RT 47, would increase access to recreation, local organizations, businesses, increase community involvement, and health and wellness for the 150 plus homes that are within the village limits, but not connected to the village at all. I'm hopeful there are resources to make a change and I'm hopeful there is not an accident in the future along this route that calls for this change. Let's do it now, so there is an opportunity for a safe place for our kids and families to ride to make memories for generations to come.

È No design is complete with funded staff to implement especially during high volume times. From class change at the UI to emerging impromptu concert venues like Luke Wilson in Pesotum. The latter of which had an estimated public cost of six figures, when OT and other compensation is factured in.

We need traffic directors, registrators and instructors for bike/scooter drivers. Pedestrian / bike swag that is neon & reflective. And phone free zones for traffic labeled. Yes an entire generation thinks looking at their phone wearing earbuds is acceptable. We need to expand the UI "Safewalks" program and create dozens like it, to the give the appearance of cross walk guards. We need to expand parking enforcement another branch to be able to direct trained volunteers, and work with our never ending construction project sites, currently without site supervision in regards to safe traffic practices.

All of this will create low level partime temporay jobs. How is that a bad or expensive thing?

È I'm disappointed that Green Street isn't included in the high priority areas. The data collected and analyzed is from 2012 to 2015 in part during closures for the MCore project. Even with those closures, Green Street stands out as a high incident corridor. There's also little evidence that the MCore changes on Green street have created a safe corridor for cycling due to the lack of connection through campustown and the lack of connection to downtown

Urbana and downtown Champaign. Until Green street is redesigned in a manner that prevents pedestrians and cyclist injuries it should be included in every single high priority list due to the immense volume of traffic along the corridor.

È In both reports, I do not see much info about current or future efforts to reduce the need for some car trips, or even the ownership of cars at all! More emphasis needs to be placed on ALL transport modes, in particular expanding Zipcar; expanding frequencies on rural transit routes (ie, at least hourly memory schedules for Rantoul-Urbana/Hospitals/Univ/Champaign; and as others have noted, that IL-47 N of Lake of the Woods.

No word was mentioned at all about how raising the prices of parking can reduce demand to drive. The book “The High Cost of Free Parking” is an excellent resource that should be looked at.

Way too much of the impaired driving is focused on liquor, and the restrictions in sales. The 21 drinking age and bar restrictions have not one single whit of impact on driving while impaired on illegal (or soon to be legal) drugs, nor especially legal pharmaceuticals!

Particularly in a college town where so many people do not even own a car, they will never ever drive drunk. Let them drink or smoke as much as they want, I don,t care as long as they are walking or riding a bus, taking a taxi, having food delivered to their home or couch, pass out at a friend, or even pass out in someone’s yard!

The penalties and the emphasis should be on the DRIVING part, not the usage of the substance part.

DUI enforcement must be increased...but the laws must be increasing the penalties as well for the driving part. I mean, mandatory jail time for driving under ANY impairment no matter the substance or device (phone). Do anything if you are walking, but throw the book at the driving the car part of the equation.

Everyone – especially pedestrians – but bicyclists as well – take those damn

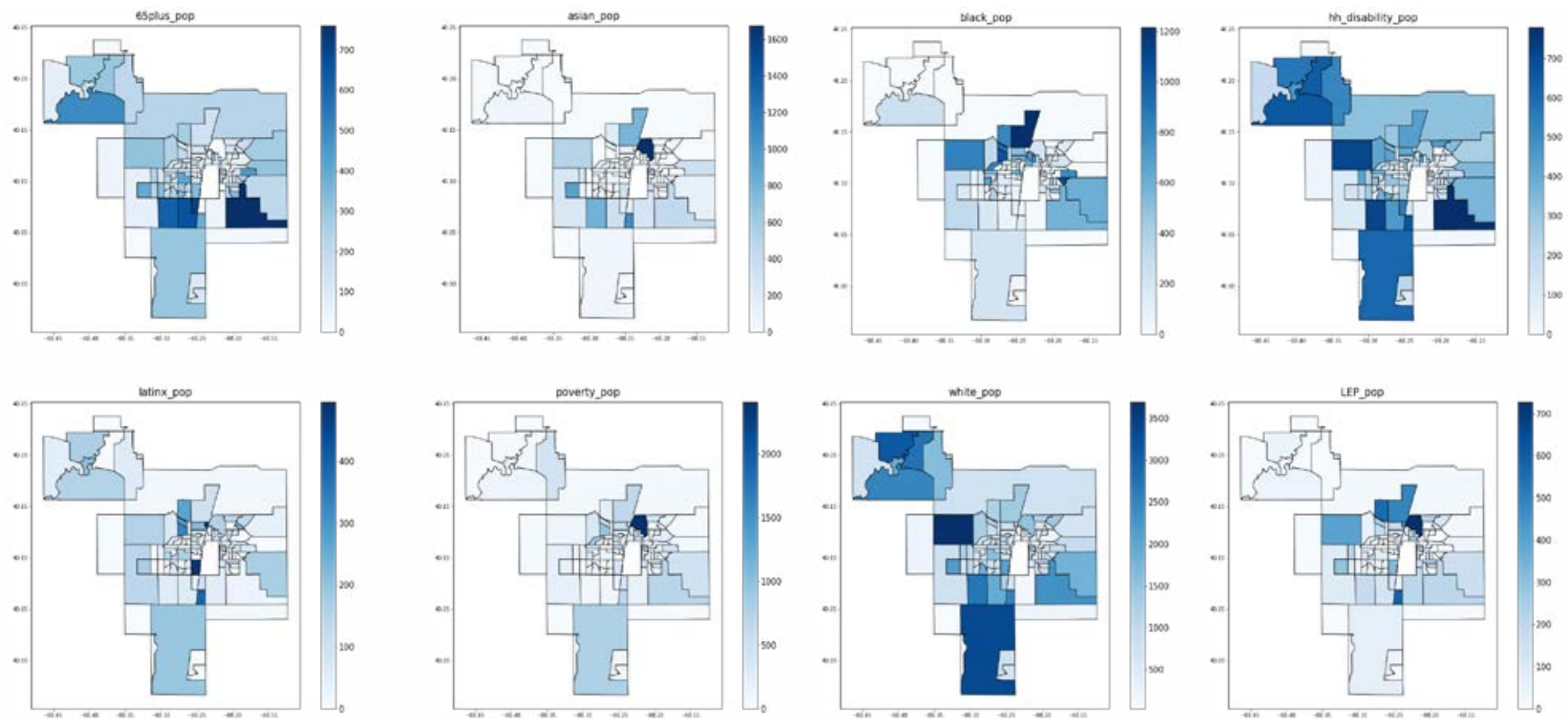
earbuds/headphones off your ears, y’all can’t hear!!! Transport planning needs to emphasize that more people need to pay attention, no matter whether they are using feet or wheels to move about.

Continue making infrastructure improvements! A lot of “misbehavior” is actually due to poor engineering or maintenance of all types of pavements, signage, and lighting. But as we see in MCore, infrastructure is expensive!

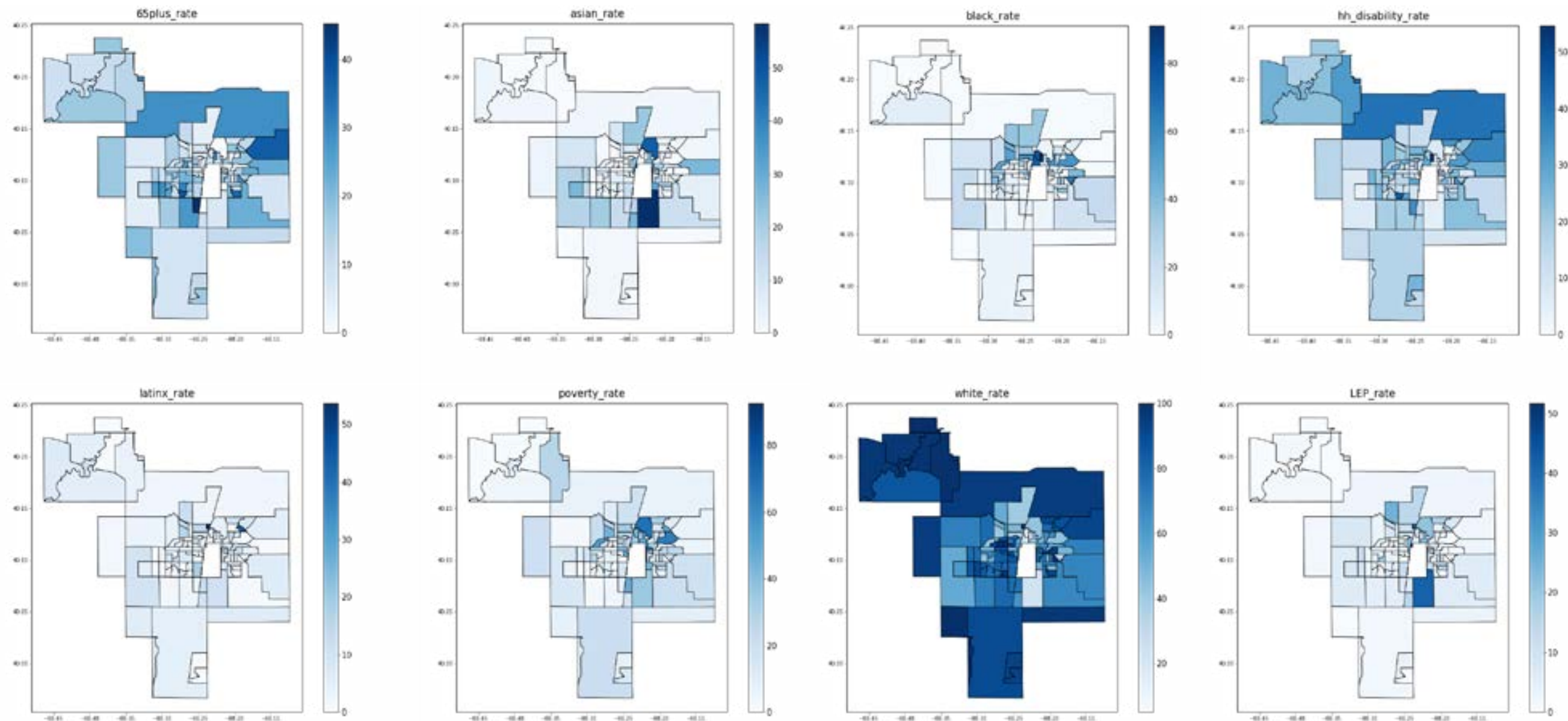
È Please choose to aim for zero fatalities instead of merely aiming to reduce crashes. Choices to prioritize car travel over cyclist and pedestrian safety are choices to sacrifice family members, friends, and neighbors. Unless drivers can point to someone and say “I’m willing to sacrifice them,” they almost certainly do not understand the massive recklessness of the current status quo. Please up-end the status quo and adopt Vision Zero.

# APPENDIX D

## Maps of Champaign-Urbana MPA Total Populations



## Maps of Champaign Urbana MPA Demographic Population Rates



# APPENDIX E

## *Vision Zero Resolution: Approved by the CUUATS Technical and Policy committees on September 7, 2022*



### RESOLUTION TO APPROVE

VISION ZERO POLICY TO ELIMINATE FATALITIES AND SERIOUS INJURIES THAT ARE A RESULT OF CRASHES ON STREETS WITHIN CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BY 2035.

FOR THE  
CHAMPAIGN-URBANA URBANIZED AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (CUUATS)

**WHEREAS**, the Champaign-Urbana Urbanized Area Transportation Study, in cooperation with the Illinois Department of Transportation, has a continuing, comprehensive, and cooperative (3C) planning process for transportation planning in compliance with Federal regulations for the urbanized area and the metropolitan planning area; and,

**WHEREAS**, a single death on our roads is one too many; and,

**WHEREAS**, crashes that result in death or serious injury are not inevitable but largely preventable, and great steps can be taken by using a proactive approach that prioritizes traffic safety and treats severe crashes as a public health issue; and,

**WHEREAS**, a commitment to Vision Zero is a commitment to life and equitable opportunity for the residents and visitors of the Champaign-Urbana Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA); and,

**WHEREAS**, it is the role of government to do its part to serve and protect the populace; and,

**WHEREAS**, in 2019, the State of Illinois ranked 12<sup>th</sup> in the nation for lowest vehicle fatality rate (NHTSA and Census Bureau data), and, as stated in the Illinois Strategic Highway Safety Plan (ILSHSP), the State has a Vision Zero goal to reduce roadway crash fatalities to zero; and,



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**WHEREAS**, the Champaign Urbana MPA is recognized and strives to be continually acknowledged nationally and internationally as a healthy, attractive, desirable and safe place to live; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Champaign-Urbana Urbanized Area Transportation Study (CUUATS) has a strong commitment to prioritizing safety and recently completed its Urban and Rural Safety Plans and has made demonstrable progress to improve safety for walking and biking by making systemic changes in the way the transportation network is planned, programmed, designed, constructed and operated, as evidenced by the sidewalk inventory database, access score tool, access management, roundabouts and complete streets guidelines, safety forecasting tool; and continued work on analyzing specific project areas for safety needs; and,

**WHEREAS**, 11 people walking and in wheelchairs, 5 people riding a bicycle, and 55 people driving or riding in a vehicle have died on streets in the Champaign-Urbana between 2006 and 2015; and,

**WHEREAS**, 47% of all crashes in the MPA occurred at 6,450 intersections, and 4.5% of the intersection crashes were fatal and A-injury crashes; and,

**WHEREAS**, the number of people dying and suffering serious injuries on our streets is a serious public health problem which necessitates public action; and,

**WHEREAS**, crashes on all streets necessitate a comprehensive and specific approach to street planning, design, policy, enforcement, legal processes, education and communication in order to provide the most powerful solution to solve the problem; and,

**WHEREAS**, Vision Zero aligns with the CUUATS' Complete Streets Policy by prioritizing our most vulnerable roadway users and encouraging balance among all users of the Champaign-Urbana MPA's transportation network; and,



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**WHEREAS**, urban roadways that improve safety also enrich the lives of all community members, and safety countermeasures will contribute to overall improved population health; and,

**WHEREAS**, the local Safe Routes to School program works to ensure that thousands of school children are able to walk and bike to school safely; and,

**WHEREAS**, the principles of a Vision Zero commitment are supported in existing Urban and Rural Safety Plans, the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), the LRTP: Sustainable Choices 2040 Plan, the Champaign County Greenways & Trails Plan, and the Champaign County Strategic Highway Safety Plan; and,

**WHEREAS**, implementing a Vision Zero commitment requires the contributions of the CUUATS member agencies' Communications Departments, Champaign-Urbana Health Department, Police Departments, Community Planning and Economic Development Departments, Civil Rights Departments, Intergovernmental Relations Departments, Neighborhood and Community Relations Offices, and Public Works Departments, all of which have demonstrated through past actions and future intentions the willingness to support and implement the commitment for all road users through their collective capabilities; and,

**WHEREAS**, implementing a Vision Zero commitment requires the continued support of residents, business owners, students, and visitors to the Champaign Urbana MPA, acting as individuals and collectively through neighborhood or advocacy organizations, to improve the safety, comfort, and usability of streets for all user types; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Champaign Urbana MPA will join other jurisdictions across the nation in their commitment to eliminate traffic deaths and serious injuries on our roads; work which has demonstrated success when coupled with adequate funding and staffing levels for its implementation.



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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Technical and Policy Committees of the Champaign-Urbana Urbanized Area Transportation Study:

*Champaign County commits to a goal of zero deaths and serious injuries that are a result of crashes on county roads by 2035; and*

CUUATS Technical and Policy Committees acknowledge that achieving this goal requires significant effort and resources, and will develop a Vision Zero Pledge following the passage of this resolution; and,

The Urban and Rural Safety Plans has put effort into considering equity, striving to impact the most vulnerable and dependent users of the most dangerous parts of the transportation network to improve the health and wellbeing of those traveling on our roads, and the Plan has begun using this data to develop strategies that aim to end death and serious injuries in an equitable manner; and,

The continued work toward Vision Zero for the Champaign-Urbana MPA will draw heavily from those who use the roads, including those who live in areas that experience high crash rates, those who advocate for safer streets for all modes, and the general public, through a diverse range of outreach activities designed to understand both concerns and opportunities with advancing this vision, and by using their input and refined data to determine appropriate and effective steps to achieve it; and,

The continued work beyond the Urban Safety Plan will use data and best practices to outline concrete steps in planning, engineering, policy, enforcement and education to reach interim steps toward zero deaths; and,

CUUATS Technical and Policy Committees will work with partners in the region who own and manage streets to influence the street planning, design, maintenance, operations, and law enforcement, including the State of Illinois, the City of Champaign, the City of Urbana, the Village of Savoy, the University of Illinois, CUMTD, the Champaign County Board, and all



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municipalities within its jurisdiction to combine similar efforts and leverage individual work efforts to contribute to improvements in safety region-wide; and,

The Chair of CUUATS Policy Committee and the Chair of CUUATS Technical Committee, or their designees, will look to the CUUATS Safety Committee, comprised of area leaders in Public Works, Transportation, Public Health, Law Enforcement, Neighborhood and Community Relations, and other critical representatives to advance the Vision Zero commitment and guide the work of the Urban and Rural Safety Plan; and,

CUUATS Technical and Policy Committees acknowledge and accept that the Safety Plans may result in changes to each participating agency or municipality's approach to the planning and design of streets, education and communication techniques, enforcement policies and procedures, and legal and legislative frameworks including the potential to advocate for reduced speed limits; and,

CUUATS Technical and Policy Committees are dedicated to measuring the progress, challenges, and successes of the Vision Zero commitment and will do so with tangible, reportable metrics that will be reported upon on an annual basis through the Safety Scorecards already being prepared by CUUATS staff. Other metrics of progress will also be pursued and reviewed periodically to ensure accountability and achievement toward eliminating serious injuries on our roadways.

Passed and approved this 7<sup>th</sup> day of September 2022.

ATTEST:

Bradley Diel, MTD  
Chair, CUUATS Policy Committee



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