



Texas Traffic Trends

Stops and Accidents from 2010 to 2017

A background image showing a dense grid of teal-colored filing cabinets. Each cabinet has a small white label and a black handle. Several cabinets are open, revealing orange-colored folders inside. A white rectangular box with a black border is centered over the image, containing the text 'The Data' in a large, bold, black serif font.

The Data

Crash Records Information System (C.R.I.S.)

<https://cris.dot.state.tx.us/public/Query/app/public/welcome>

Information on vehicle accidents from 2010-2017

- Injuries/Deaths, Speed Limit, Weather Condition
- Victim Age/Ethnicity/Gender, Seat Position
- Time, Day of Week, Latitude/Longitude

Start building a new Crash Query

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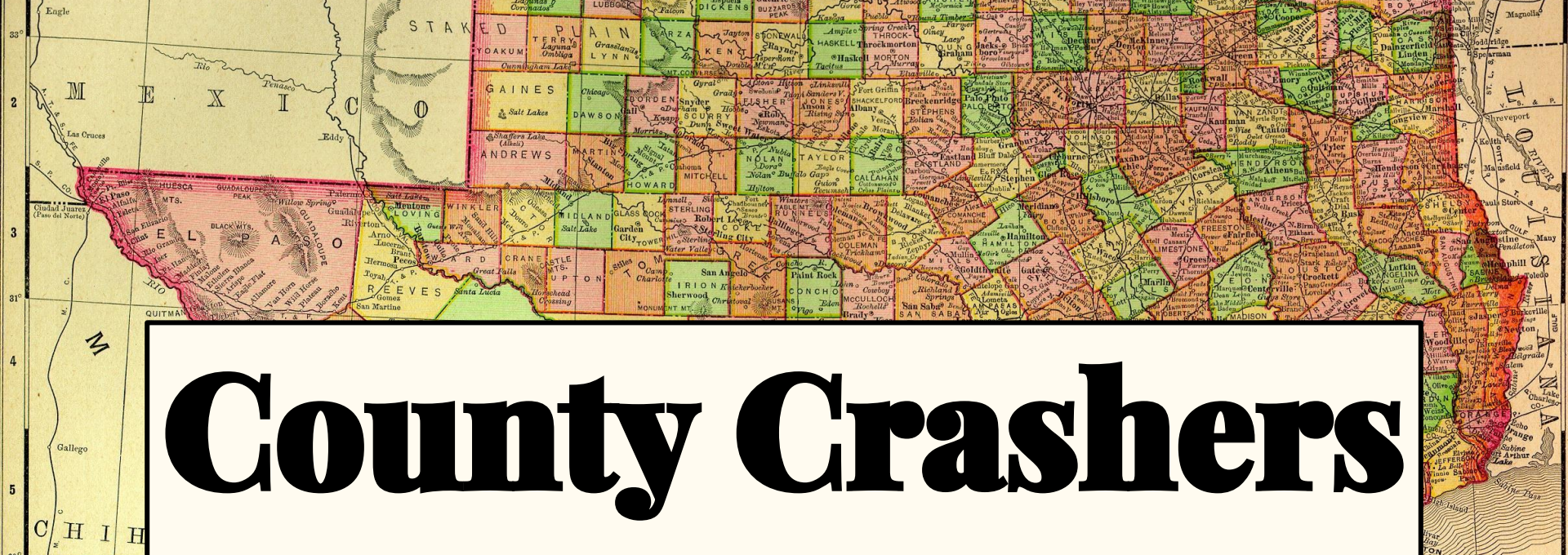
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<https://openpolicing.stanford.edu/data/>

Information on police stops collected from across the country, varying in scope depending on state

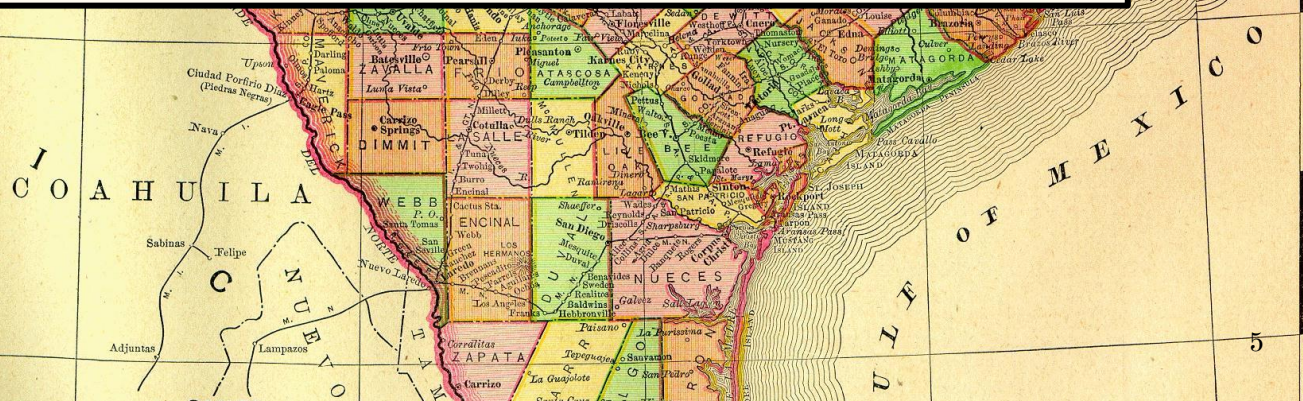
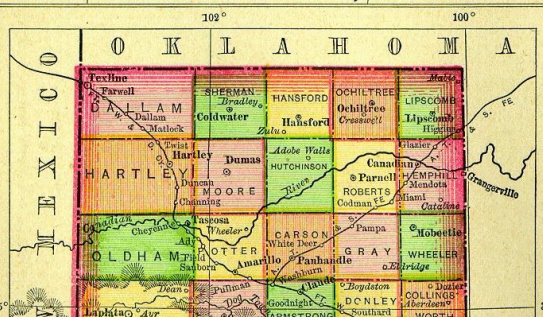
Data available for Texas:

Stops	Time Range	Stop Date	Stop Time	Stop Location	Driver Race	Driver Gender	Driver Age	Stop Reason	Search Conducted	Search Type	Contraband Found	Stop Outcome
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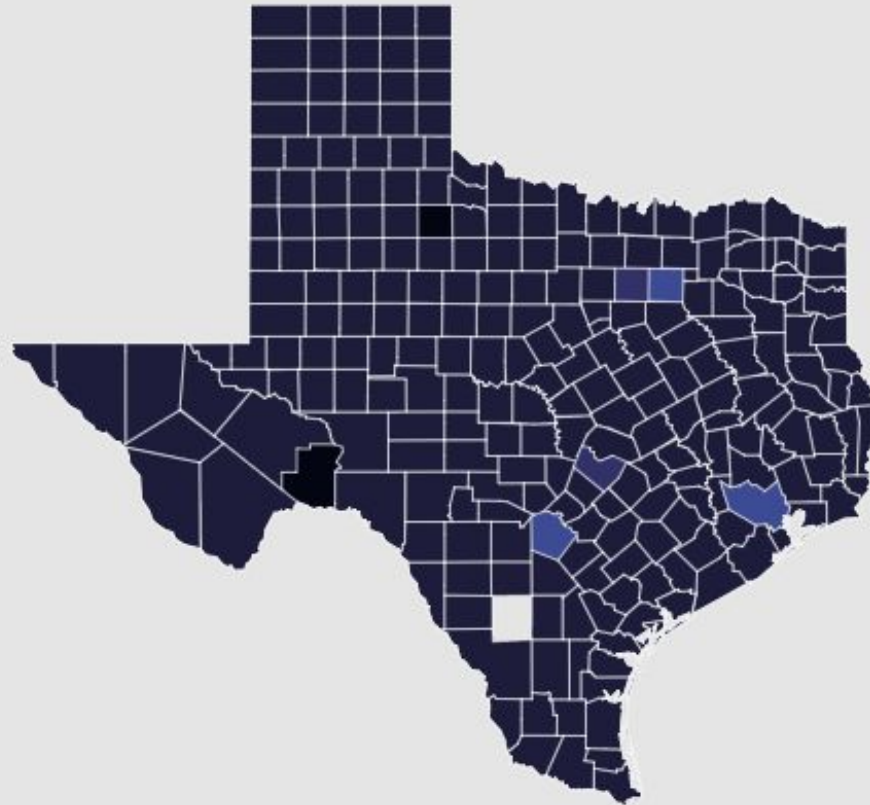


County Crashers

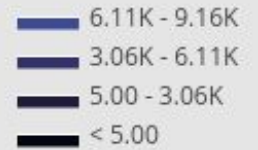
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Total Crash Injury by County from 2010 - 2017

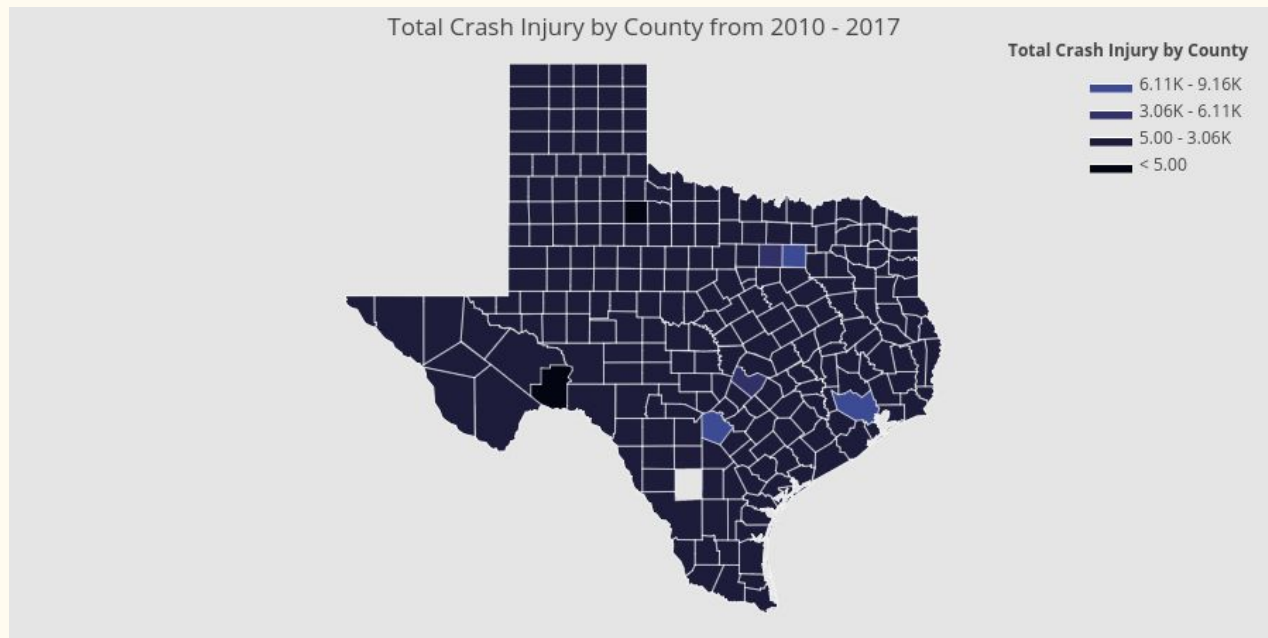


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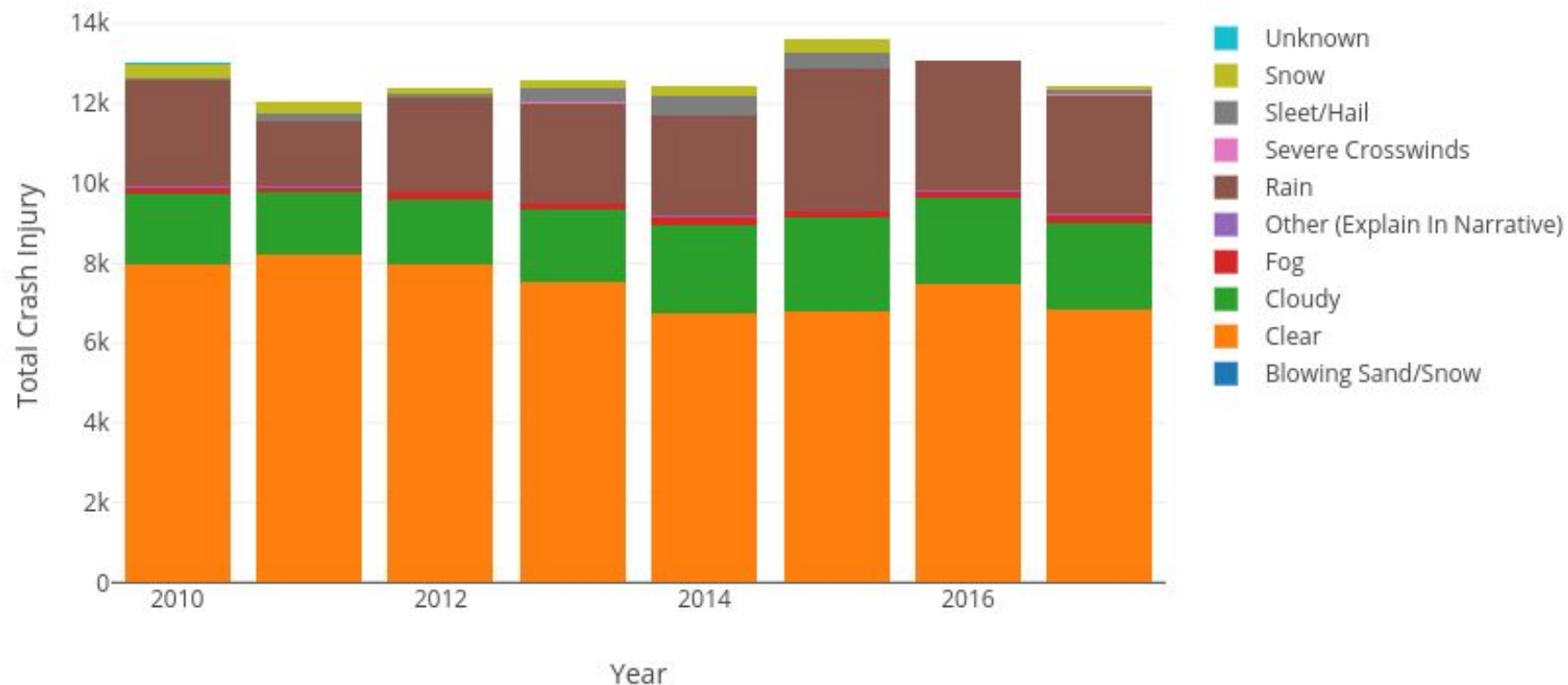
This **heat map** shows that the highest concentration of **injuries from traffic accidents** takes place around the metropolitan areas of **Houston, Dallas, and San Antonio.**



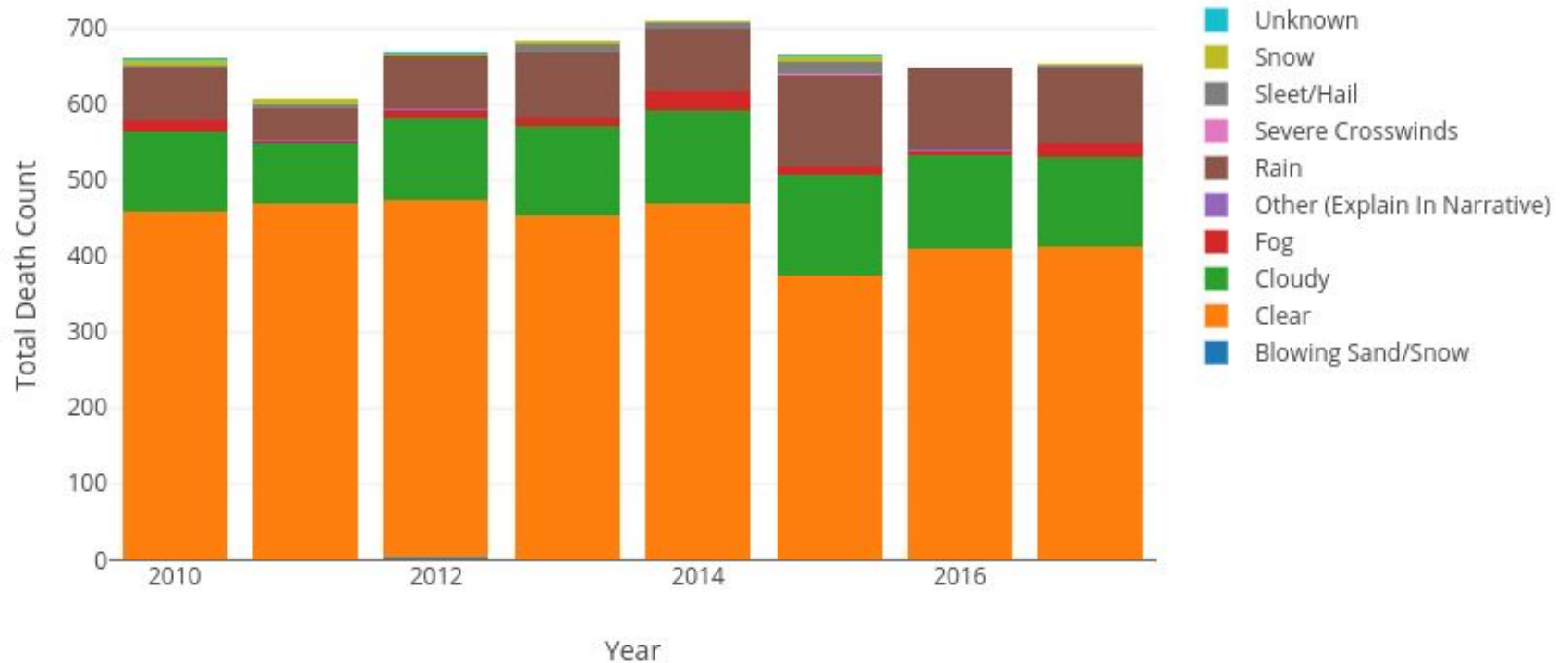


Under the Weather

Total Crash Injury for Each Weather Condition from 2010 - 2017



Total Death Count for Each Weather Condition from 2010 - 2017

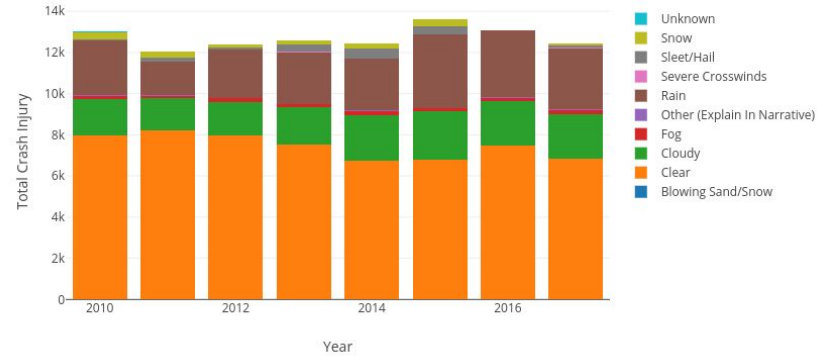


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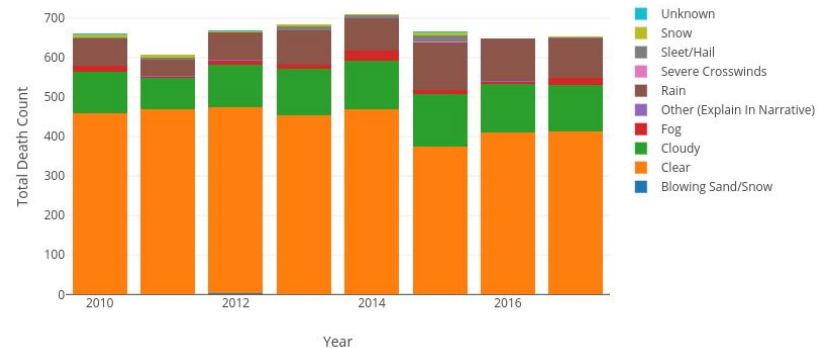
While the **majority** of accident injuries/deaths occur on a **clear day**, there are **more** injuries recorded on **rainy** days than **cloudy**.

Snow injuries are a small but consistent presence from 2010-2015, but see a sharp drop to **nearly nothing** in **2016** and **2017**.

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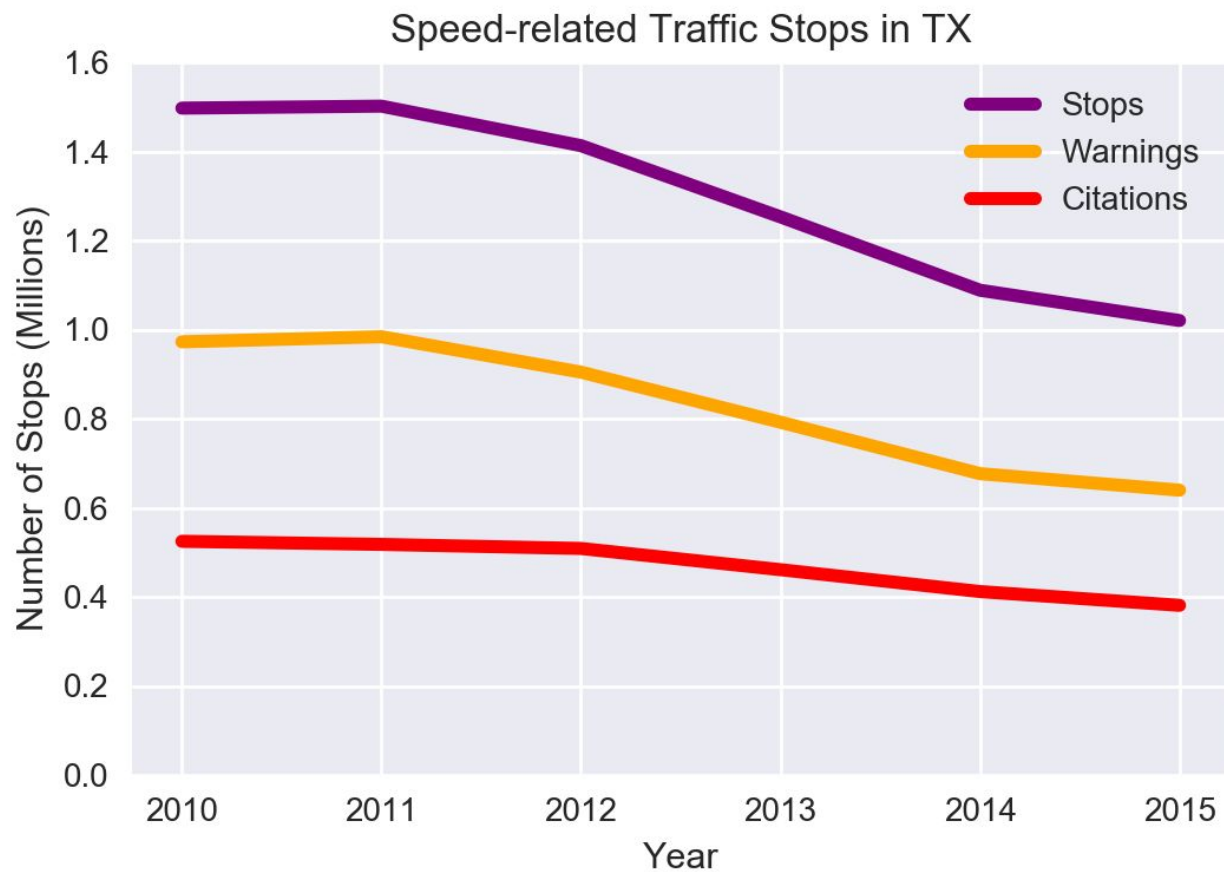


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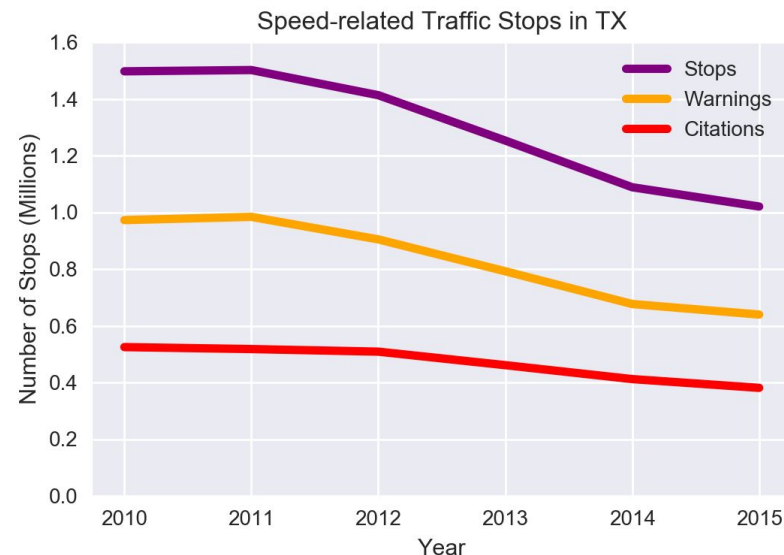
Stopping Speeders

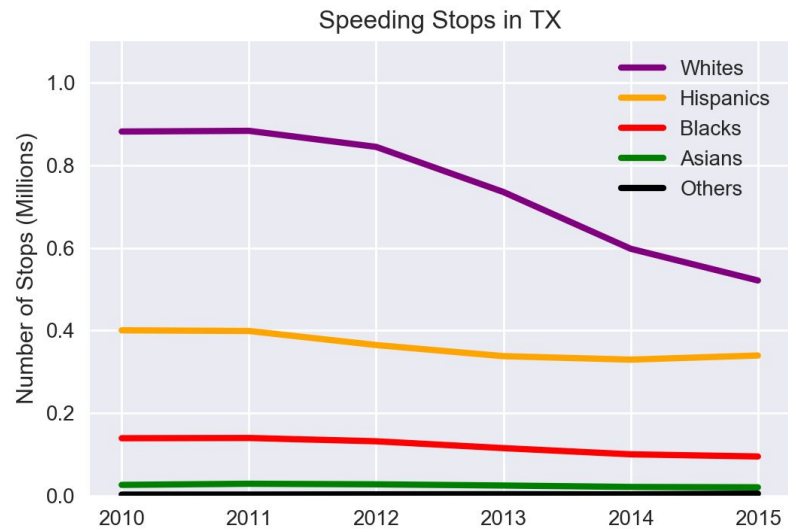
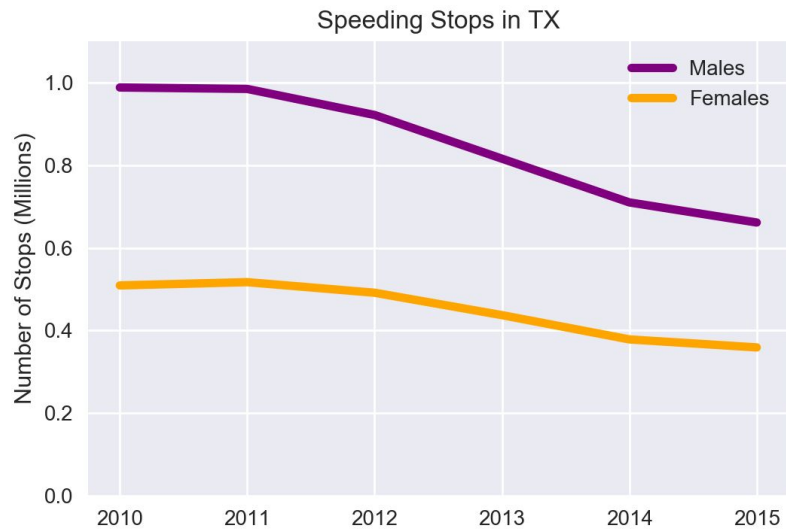


Stopping Speeders

Overall, **traffic stops** citing **speed** as a reason for the stop have decreased by about **30%**

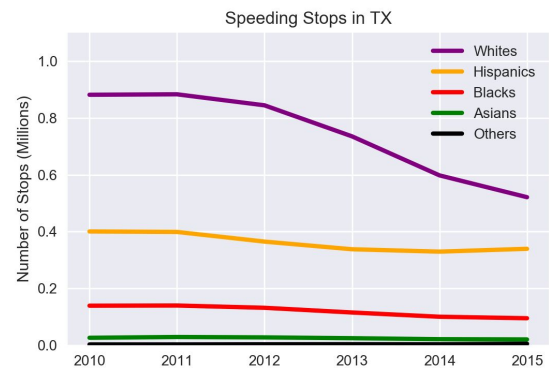
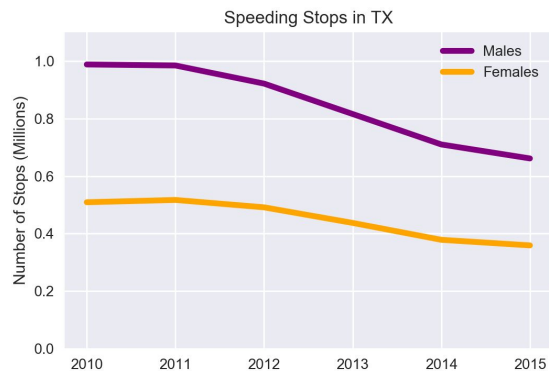
While the number of **warnings** given out as a result has **decreased** at a similar rate (slightly over 30%), the number of **citations** given has seen a much **smaller drop**, by only around 20%



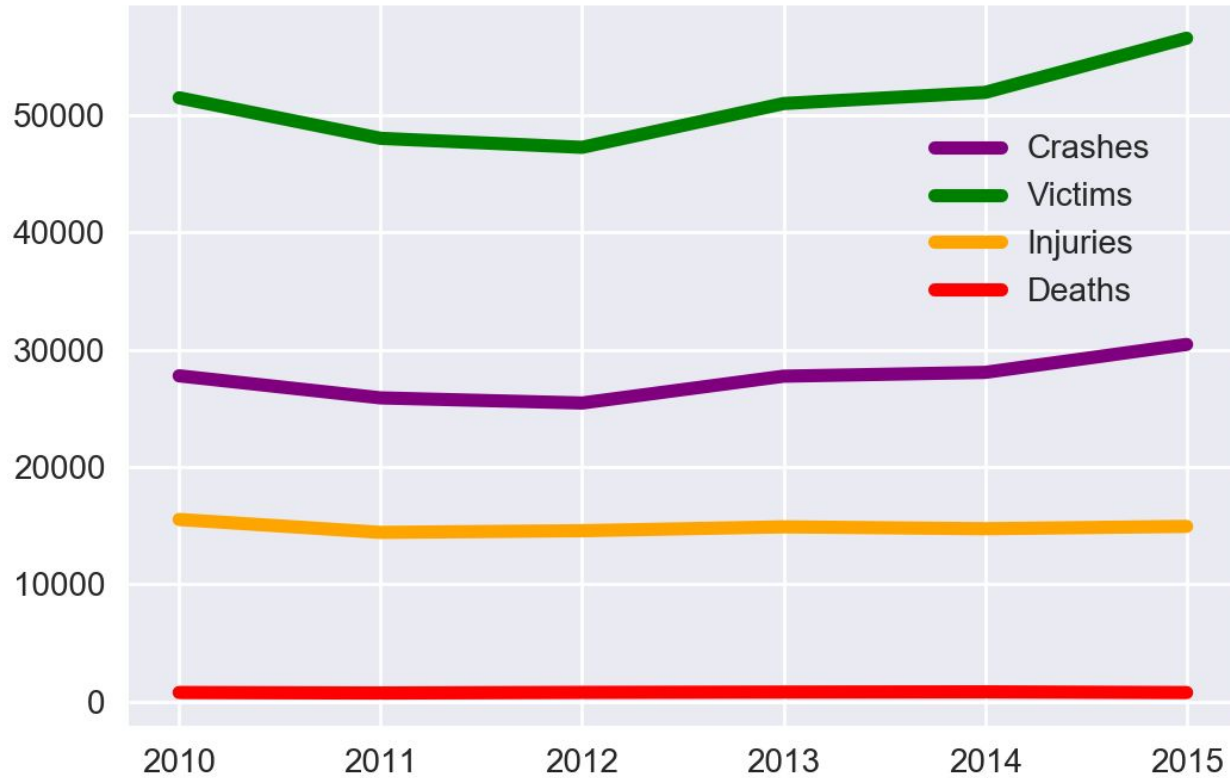


Stopping Speeders

While **men** saw a slightly **larger drop** in number of speeding stops than **women**, the sharpest discrepancy is apparent in the **racial** breakdown, where we can see that **minorities** races remain relatively **consistent** in their number of stops while slightly more than **half** as many **white people** were stopped in 2015 as in 2010.



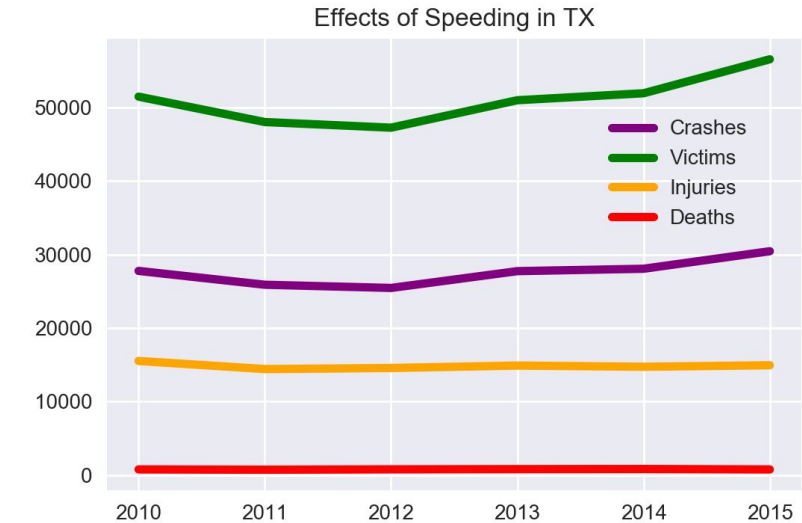
Effects of Speeding in TX



Stopping Speeders

While the number of **injuries and deaths** due to accidents where **speed** was a factor remained relatively **stable**, there is a clear **upwards** trend on the number of **accidents and victims** involved.

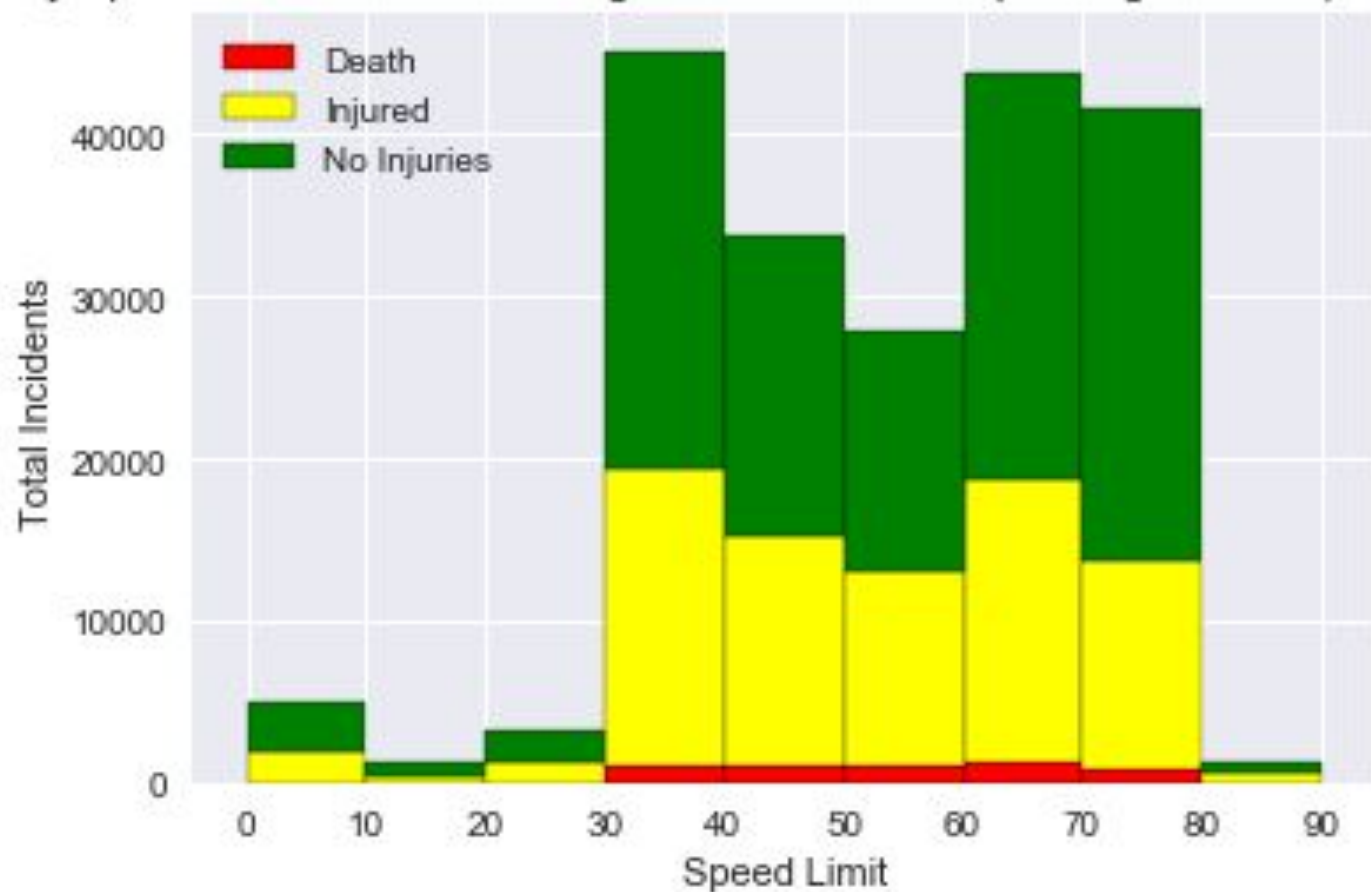
Further research into other states might support or refute an **inverse relationship** between number of **warnings** given out and **minor accidents** (without injury).



A photograph of a road scene with a speed limit sign. The sign is white with a black border and black text that reads 'SPEED LIMIT 55'. It is mounted on a metal pole. In the background, there are green trees and a blue sky with white clouds. A car is blurred in the foreground, suggesting motion. Overlaid on the center of the image is a white rectangular box with a black border containing the text 'Pushing the Limits' in a large, bold, black serif font.

Pushing the Limits

By Speed Limit - Driver/Passenger Condition after Speeding Incident (2010-2017)

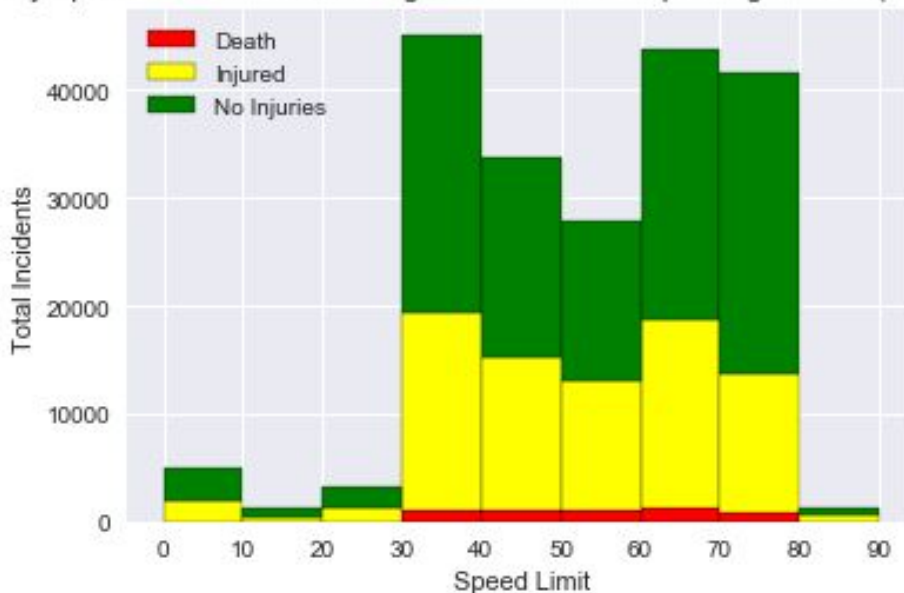


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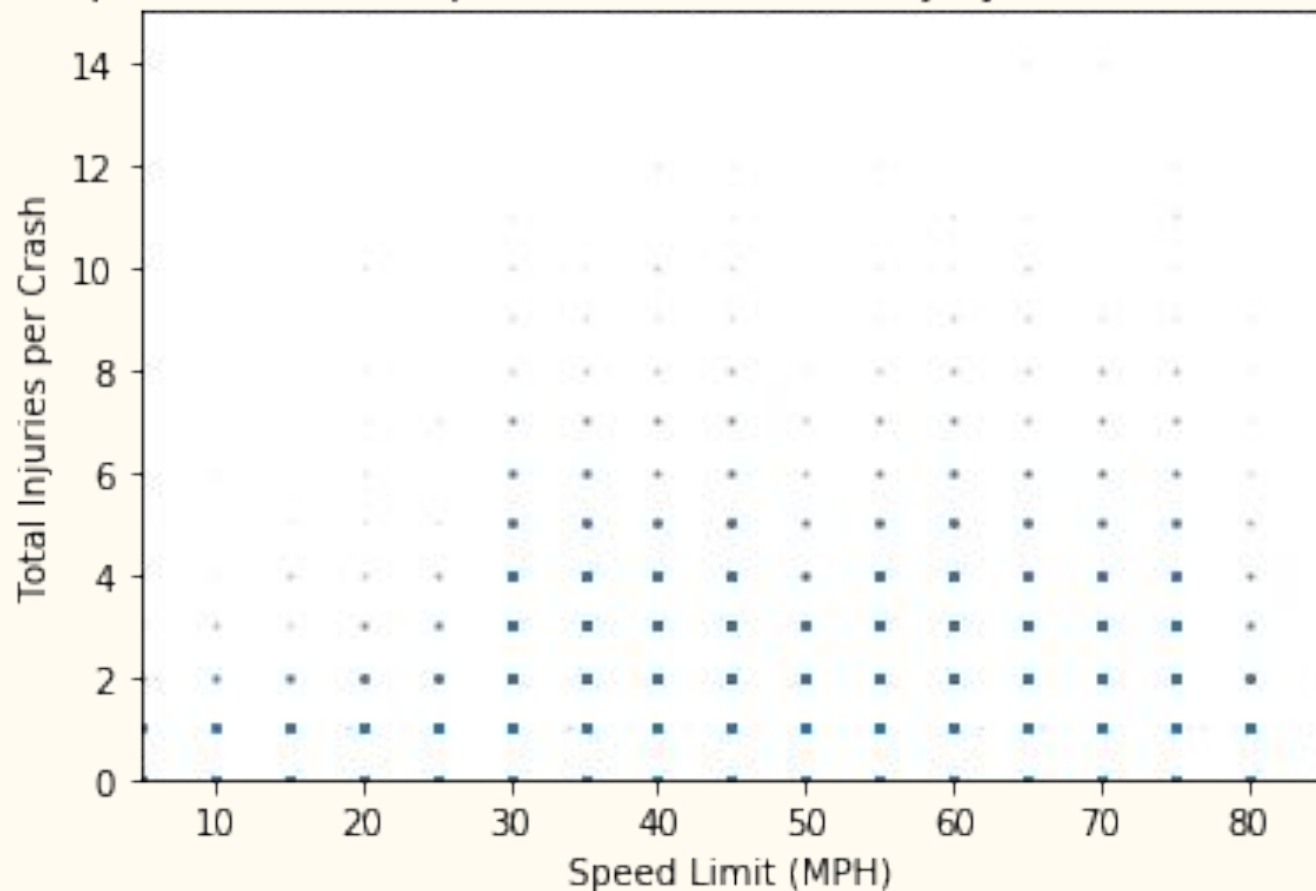
There is a **dramatic increase** in both **accidents** and their **fatality** as soon as the posted speed limit hits **30 MPH**.

Comparing these numbers with each speed limit's **total road miles** within Texas could help identify any **particularly deadly** speed limits.

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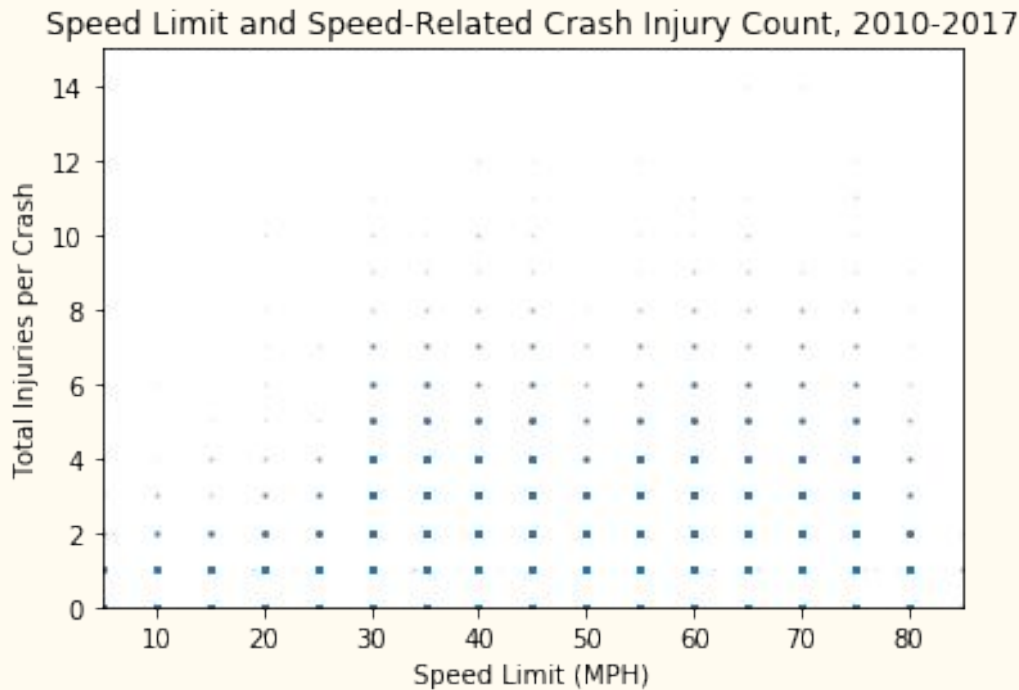


Speed Limit and Speed-Related Crash Injury Count, 2010-2017



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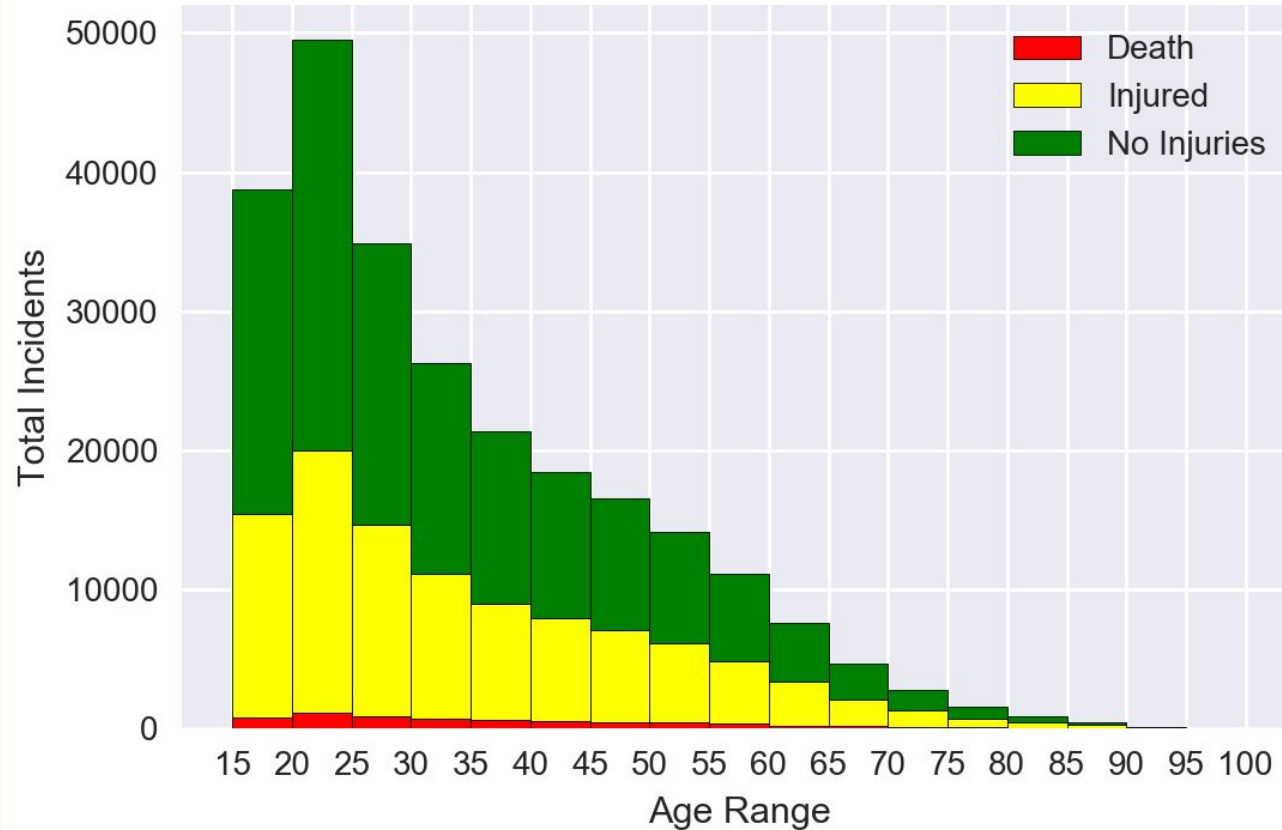
While the **majority** of speed-related crashes **did not** involve injury, areas with a posted speed limit **under 30 MPH** very **rarely** saw accidents with **more than two** injuries, with another dramatic **increase** at limits of **30 or higher**.





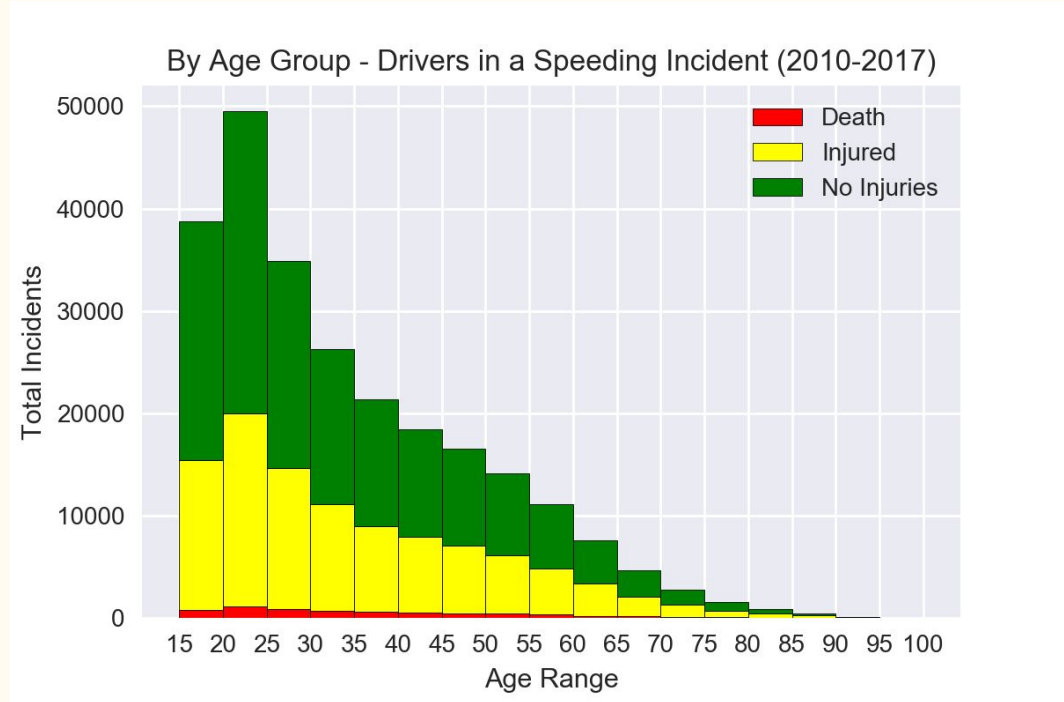
Slowing Down with Age

By Age Group - Drivers in a Speeding Incident (2010-2017)

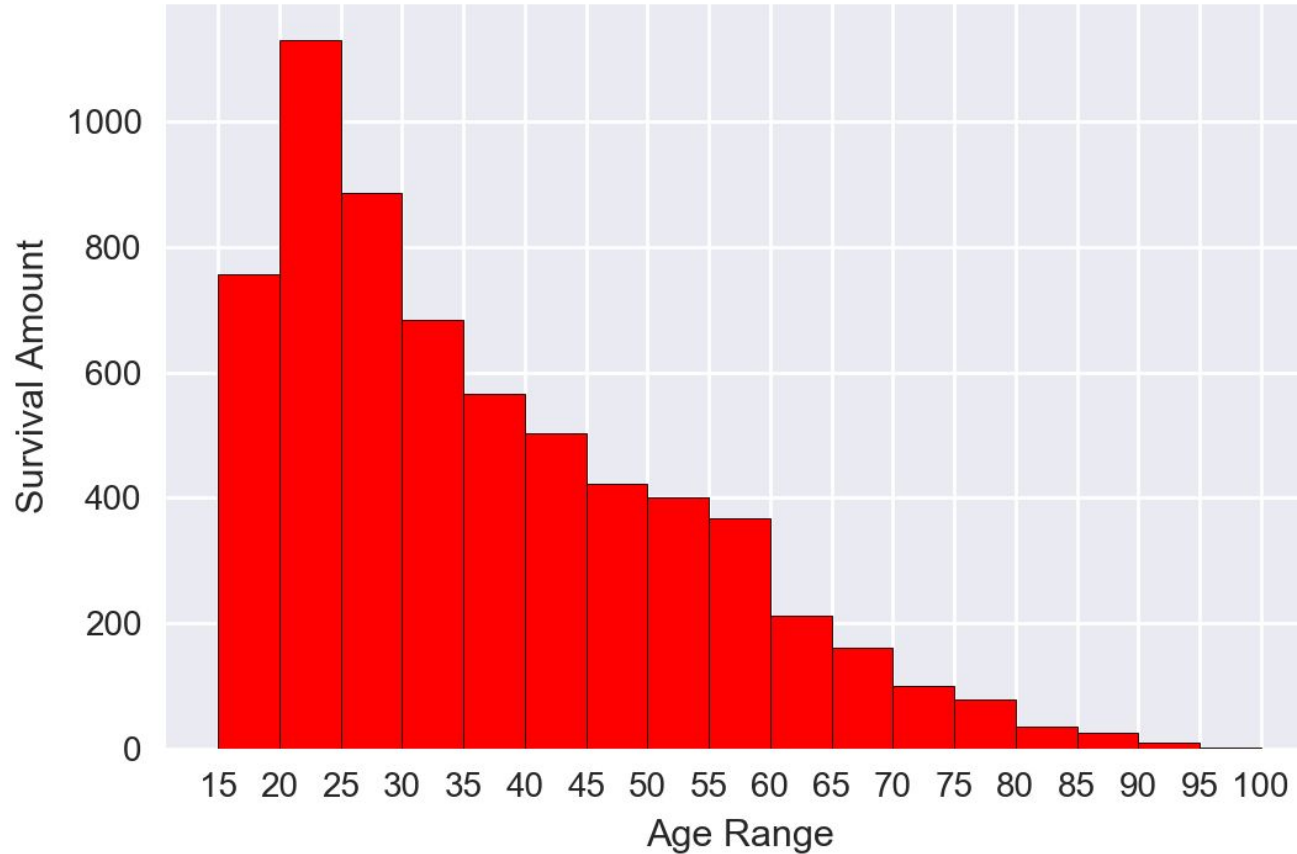


Slowing Down with Age

Drivers involved in speed-related crashes **overwhelmingly** tend to be **under 30**, with the peak range from 20-25 years old.



By Age Group - Speeding Incidents that ended with Driver's death (2010-2017)



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When focused on driver deaths, however, drivers **under 20** seem to be **less likely to lose their life** than other age groups when involved in speed-related accidents

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