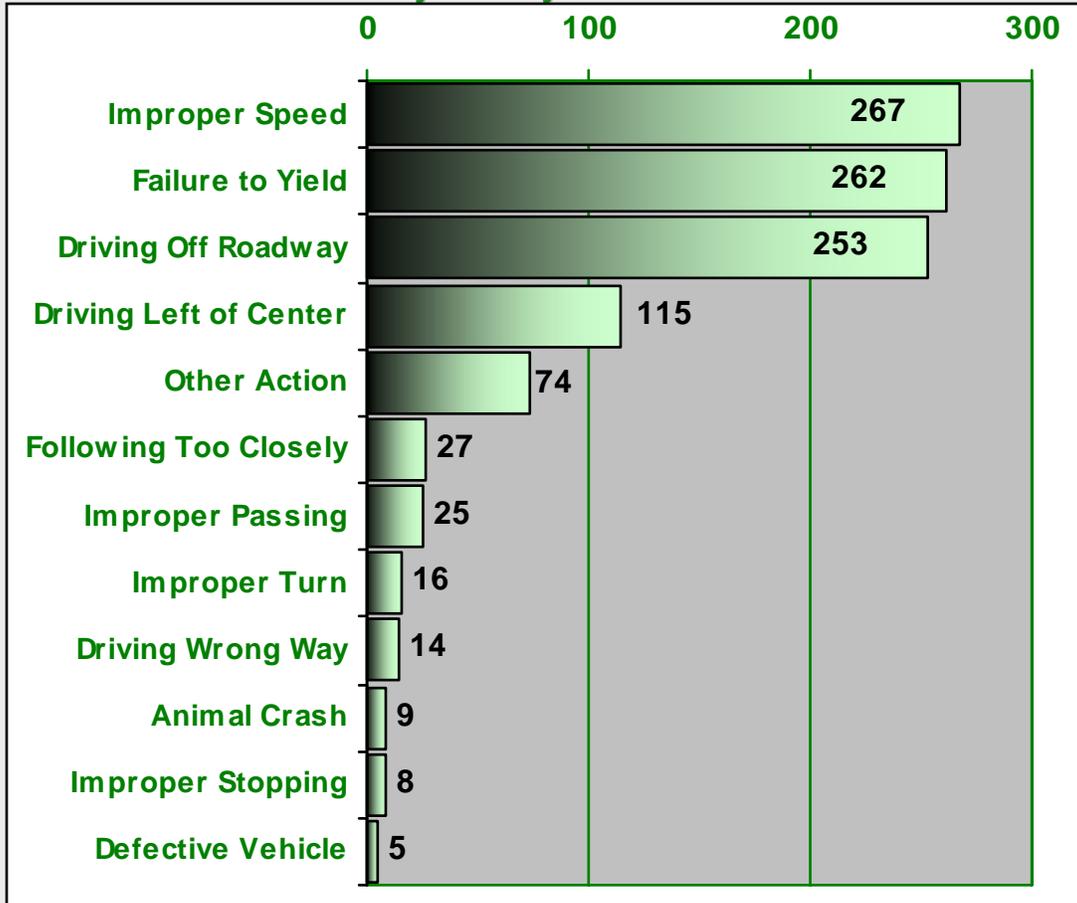




## YTD 2005 Fatal Crashes by Primary Cause Codes



### WEEKLY FOCUS: CRASH CAUSES, YTD 2005

- Together, “improper speed” (25%), “failure to yield” (24%), and “driving off roadway” (24%) have accounted for nearly 75% of fatal crashes YTD in 2005.
- Fifty-eight percent of “failure to yield” fatal crashes occurred at 4-way intersections (19% at T-intersections and 14% at driveways).
- Drivers 16- to 25-years old were at fault in 44% percent of fatal crashes attributed to “unsafe speed” and 24% of “failure to yield” fatal crashes.
- Drivers 65 years of age and older were responsible for 31% of fatal crashes resulting from “failure to yield.” The 65 and older age group is the fastest growing segment of the U.S. population: by 2020, there will be over 40 million licensed drivers (54% increase) in that age group\*.
- Of fatal crashes in which the at-fault driver failed to yield, 89% were “angle” impacts.
- 88% of fatal crashes caused by an at-fault driver’s unsafe speed - and 76% of those caused by driving off the roadway - were single-car crashes.



\*Source: Dellinger et al. (2002). “Fatal Crashes Among Older Drivers.” *American Journal of Epidemiology*. 155(3): 234-241.