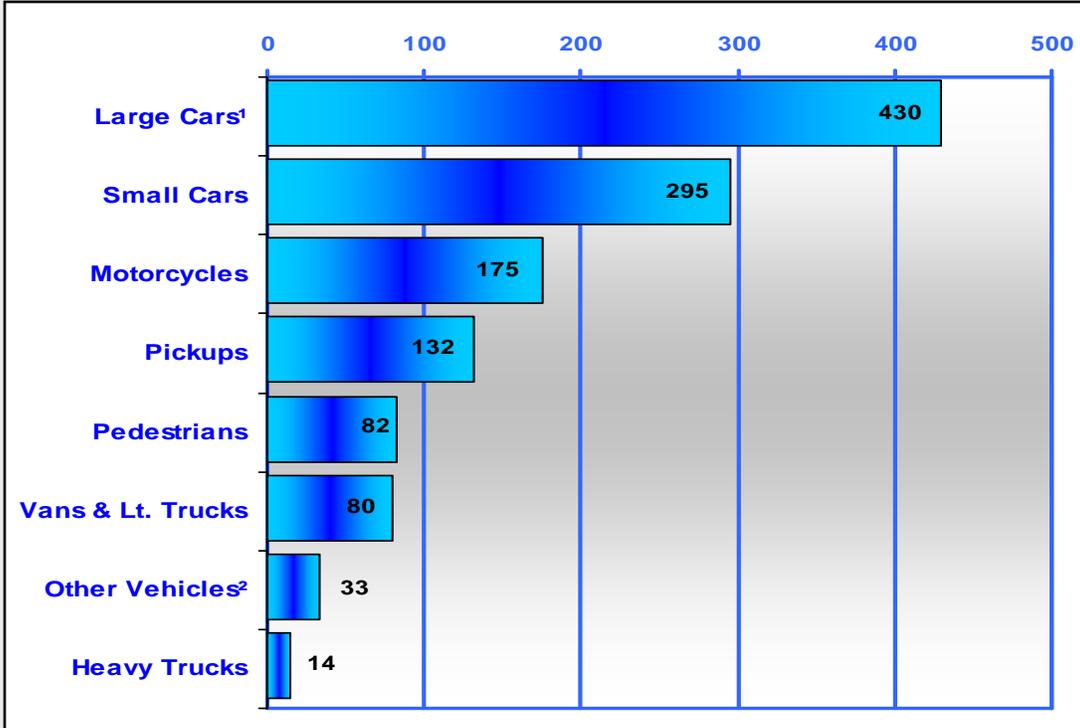




2005 FATALITIES BY UNIT TYPE



WEEKLY FOCUS: UNIT TYPE

- Thirty-nine percent of 2005 fatal crashes involving passenger vehicles resulted from “angle” collisions (33% were single-car crashes, and 17% head-on crashes).
- Seventy-four percent of 2005 passenger vehicle fatal crashes (76% of commercial and 46% of motorcycle) occurred on State Routes, U.S. Routes, or Interstate Routes.
- Nearly ¾ of passenger car fatalities were drivers, while 18% were right-front passengers.
- Nearly half (49%) of passenger vehicle fatalities were unbelted (42% were belted and 9% were unknown). Sixty-six percent of 2005 occupant deaths in pickup trucks were unbelted (27% were belted and 7% were unknown).
- To date in 2005, Ohio has had 175 motorcycle fatalities. This is 45 more (25% increase) than the average number of motorcycle fatalities per year from 2000-2004.
- Compared to other U.S. states in 2004, Ohio ranked 18th in pickup and SUV occupant deaths, 14th in pedestrian deaths, 11th in large truck occupant deaths, 8th in passenger car occupant deaths, and 7th in motorcyclist deaths.³
- The coming weekend is IACP’s National Holiday Lifesaver Weekend, when agencies nationwide focus on identifying and apprehending drunk and drugged drivers. Each year, approximately 15-18 people die on Ohio roadways over the weekend preceding Christmas.



¹Vehicles coded as “intermediate” or “full size” were categorized as *large cars*; those coded as “compact” or “subcompact” were categorized as *small cars*.

²Vehicles categorized as “other” include: bicycles, mopeds, buses, motor homes, farm equipment, and trains.

³Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. 2004 Fatality Facts Online: http://www.iihs.org/research/fatality_facts/default.html.