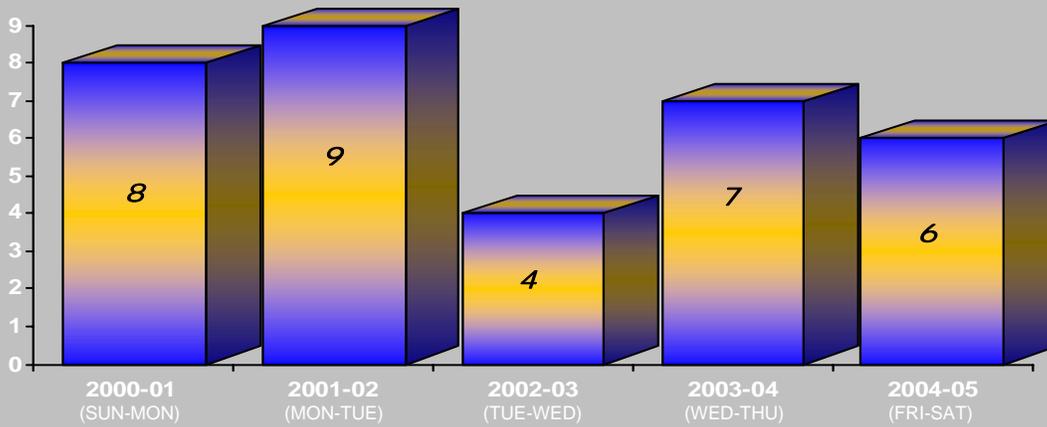
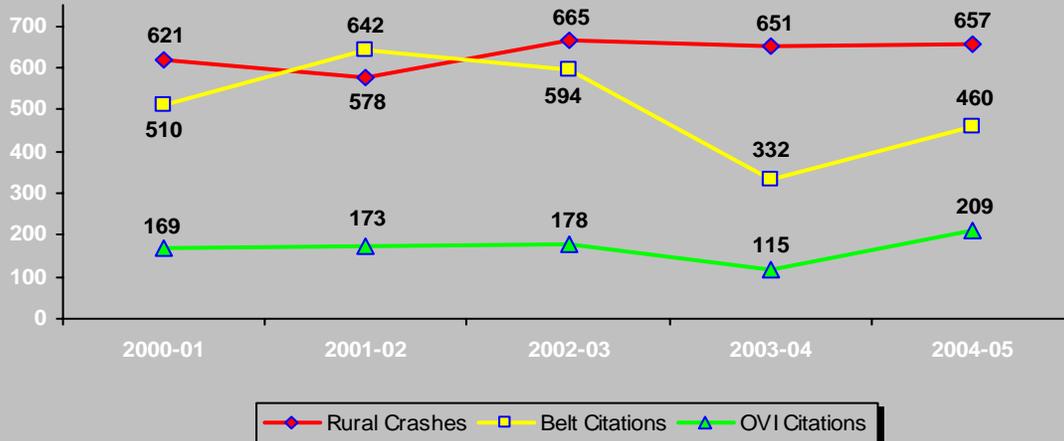




### TRAFFIC FATALITIES DURING THE NEW YEAR HOLIDAY PERIOD\*



### RURAL OHIO CRASHES, SAFETY BELT CITATIONS, AND OVI CITATIONS ISSUED DURING THE NEW YEAR HOLIDAY PERIOD\*



## WEEKLY FOCUS: NEW YEAR HOLIDAY\*



- A total of 34 New Year holiday traffic fatalities have occurred during the past five years. Seventy-four percent of the crashes were caused by males.
- Over two-thirds (68%) of New Year holiday fatal crashes were alcohol-related. Eighty percent of the impaired drivers were males.
- Over two-thirds (68%) of New Year holiday fatalities were not wearing safety belts.
- Thirty-eight percent of New Year holiday fatal crashes during the past five years were speed-related (down to 15% for the past two years). All of those crashes were caused by males.
- All New Year holiday fatal crashes in the past five years resulted in single fatalities.
- There were a total of 209 OVI arrests made by OSHP during the 2004-05 New Year holiday period, a 24% increase when compared to the average of the previous four years.
- Approximately 8% of all OSHP arrest contacts made during New Year holiday periods (over the past 5 years) resulted in an OVI arrest; 16% resulted in at least one safety belt citation.

\*New Year holiday period defined, for each of the years included, as 12:00 a.m. December 31 through 11:59 p.m. January 1.