

# Expanding the Definition of Nonoccupants: Results of the First Year of NiTS

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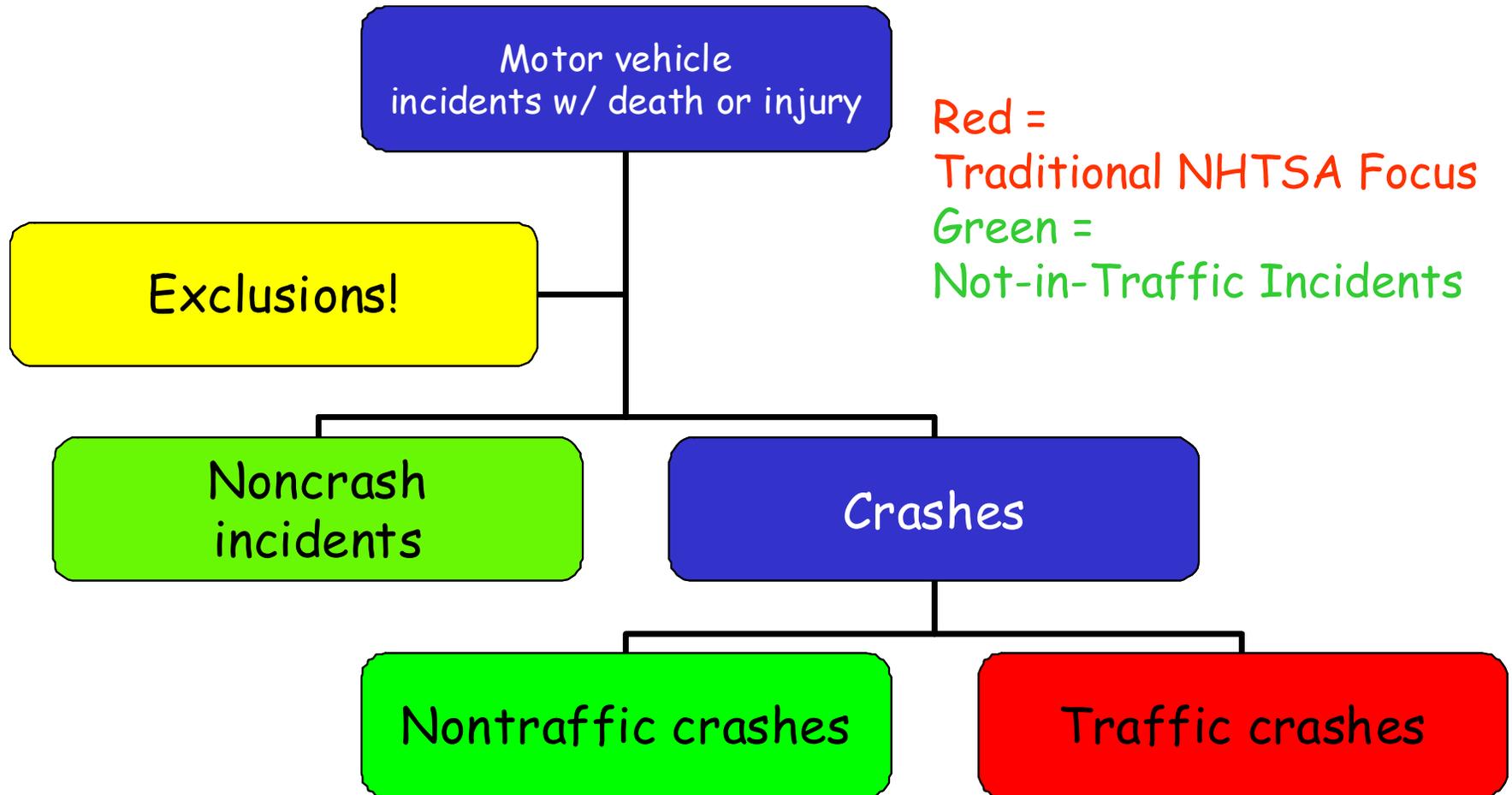
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# Not-in-Traffic Overview

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# Traffic Versus Nontraffic Crashes

ANSI D.16 “Manual on Classification of Motor Vehicle Traffic Accidents”

Motor vehicle accidents traffic or nontraffic

- ≡ Nontraffic same as traffic except for location
- ≡ Nontraffic accidents occur OFF of right of way customarily open to the public
  - ▶ Driveways
  - ▶ Private roads
  - ▶ Most areas of parking lots
  - ▶ Not on any road

# Not-in-Traffic Surveillance (NiTS)

## A virtual system

- ≡ Uses multiple systems from NHTSA and others
- ≡ Provides different types of data for more complete picture

## Four major components

- ≡ **Nontraffic crash database**
- ≡ Noncrash injury database
- ≡ Noncrash fatality database
- ≡ Special Crash Investigations (SCI)

# NiTS 2007 Nontraffic Crashes

Source: NiTS 2007 nontraffic crash file

Data: Predominantly police reports

Person-level file

- ⌘ Fatalities and injuries
- ⌘ Includes uninjured occupants

19 variables describing crashes, vehicles & persons

# NiTS 2007 Nontraffic Crashes

Most police jurisdictions report nontraffic fatal and injury crashes...

But NiTS did not receive all possible reports

Adjustment factors derived for incompleteness

- ≡ Ratio of expected to received
- ≡ Separate adjustments for occupants / nonoccupants

# NiTS 2007 Nontraffic Crashes

<b>Adjustment Factors</b>	<b>Fatalities</b>	<b>Injuries</b>
Occupants	<b>2.9</b>	<b>3.3</b>
Nonoccupants	<b>2.3</b>	<b>2.8</b>
Source for Expected	<b>Death certificates</b>	<b>State files (KY, NC, NE)</b>

# Nontraffic Crashes & Nonoccupants

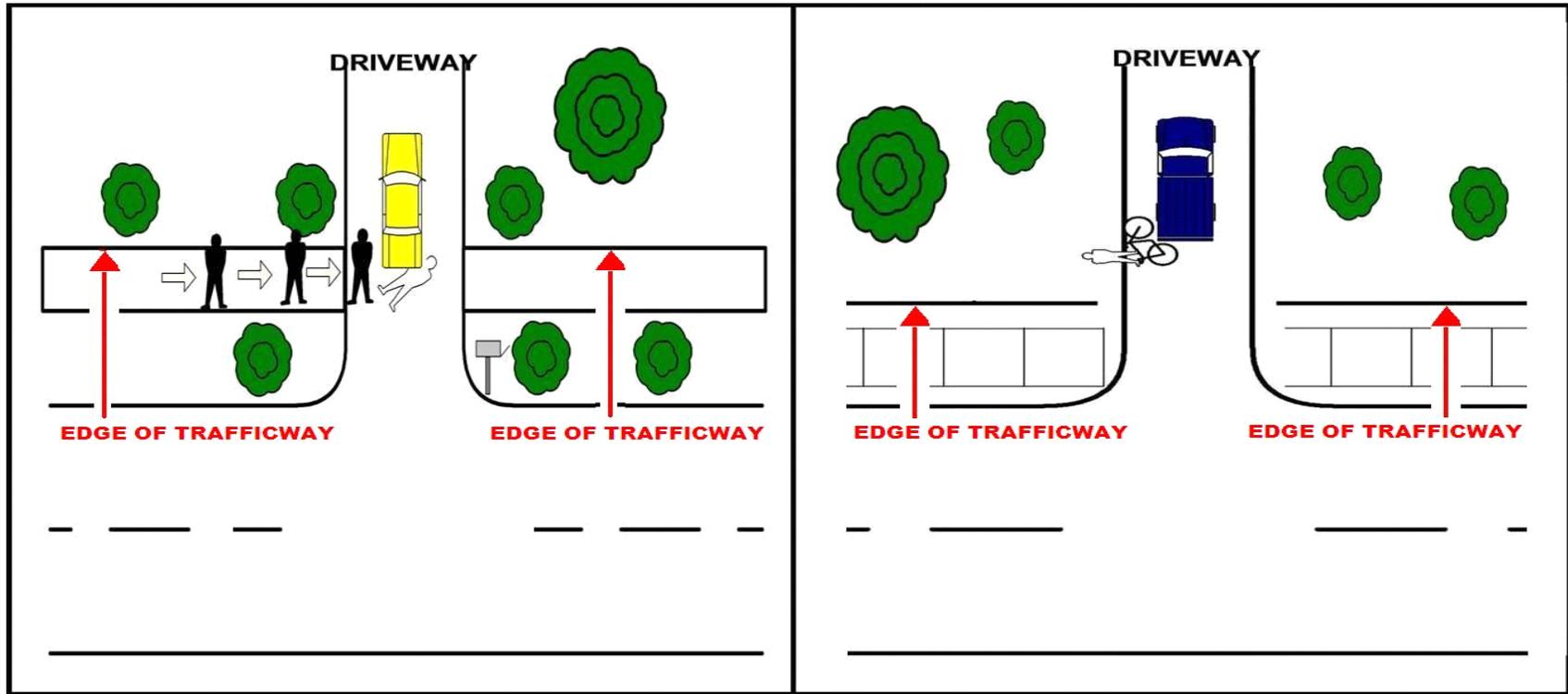
## Traditional nonoccupant fatalities and injuries

- ≡ Not an occupant of a transport device
  - Pedestrians & pedalcyclists
  - Persons on personal conveyances
  - Persons in or on buildings
- ≡ Involved in a traffic crash

## Expanded definition of nonoccupant

- ≡ Involved in a traffic **or nontraffic** crash

# Traffic Versus Nontraffic Backover



**Traffic Crash:** Included in FARS and NASS-GES

**Nontraffic Crash: (private property)**  
Not currently included in FARS or NASS-GES

# Nonoccupant Fatalities

Nonoccupant Type	Traffic Crash	Nontraffic Crash
Pedestrian	4,654	598
Pedalcyclist	698	8
Other	95	7
Total	5,447	614

Source: FARS 2007 (AR file), NiTS 2007



# Nonoccupant Injuries

Nonoccupant Type	Traffic Crash	Nontraffic Crash
Pedestrian	70,000	32,000
Pedalcyclist	43,000	2,000
Other	*	1,000
Total	114,000	35,000

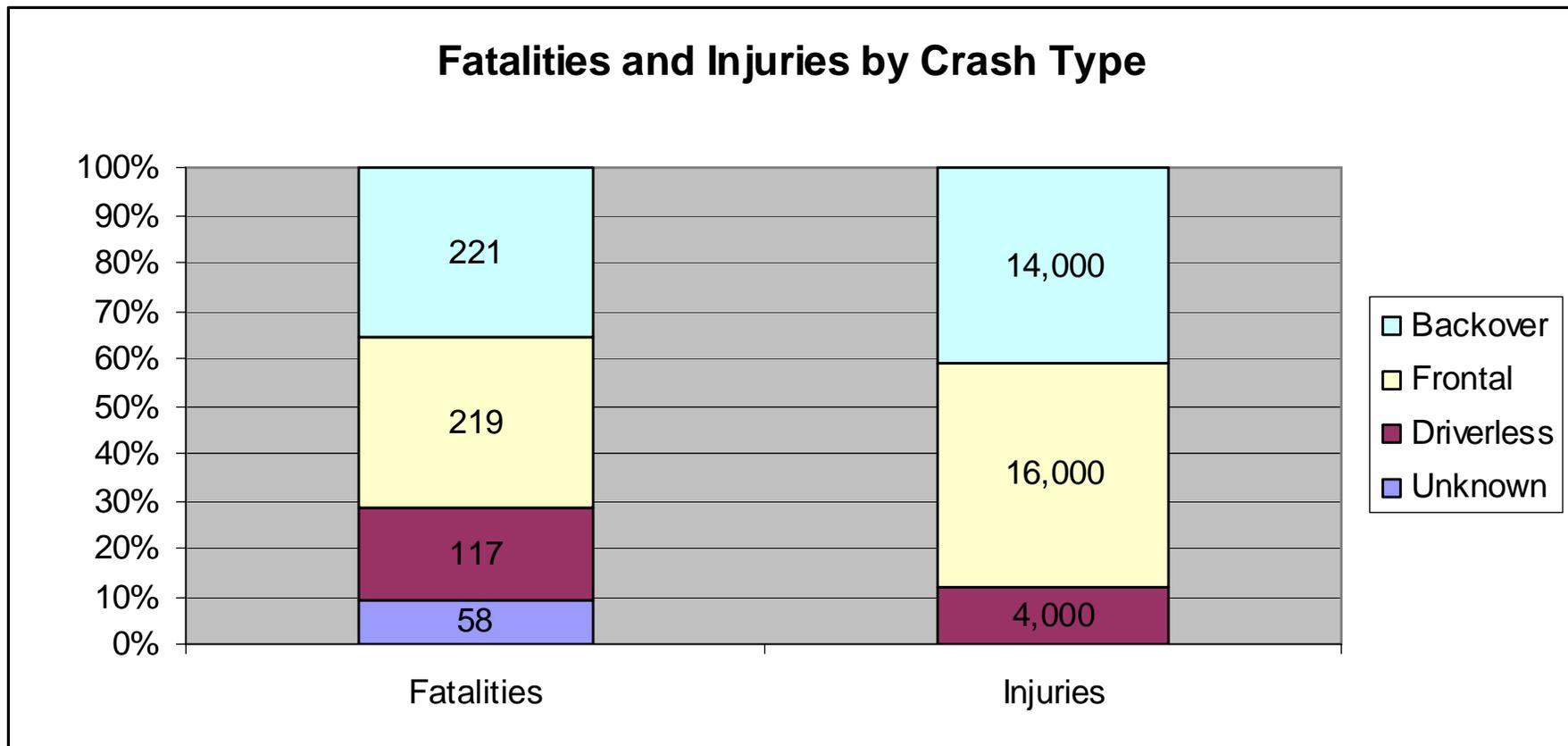
\* Less than 500, Source: NASS-GES 2007, NiTS 2007



# NiTS 2007 Nonoccupants

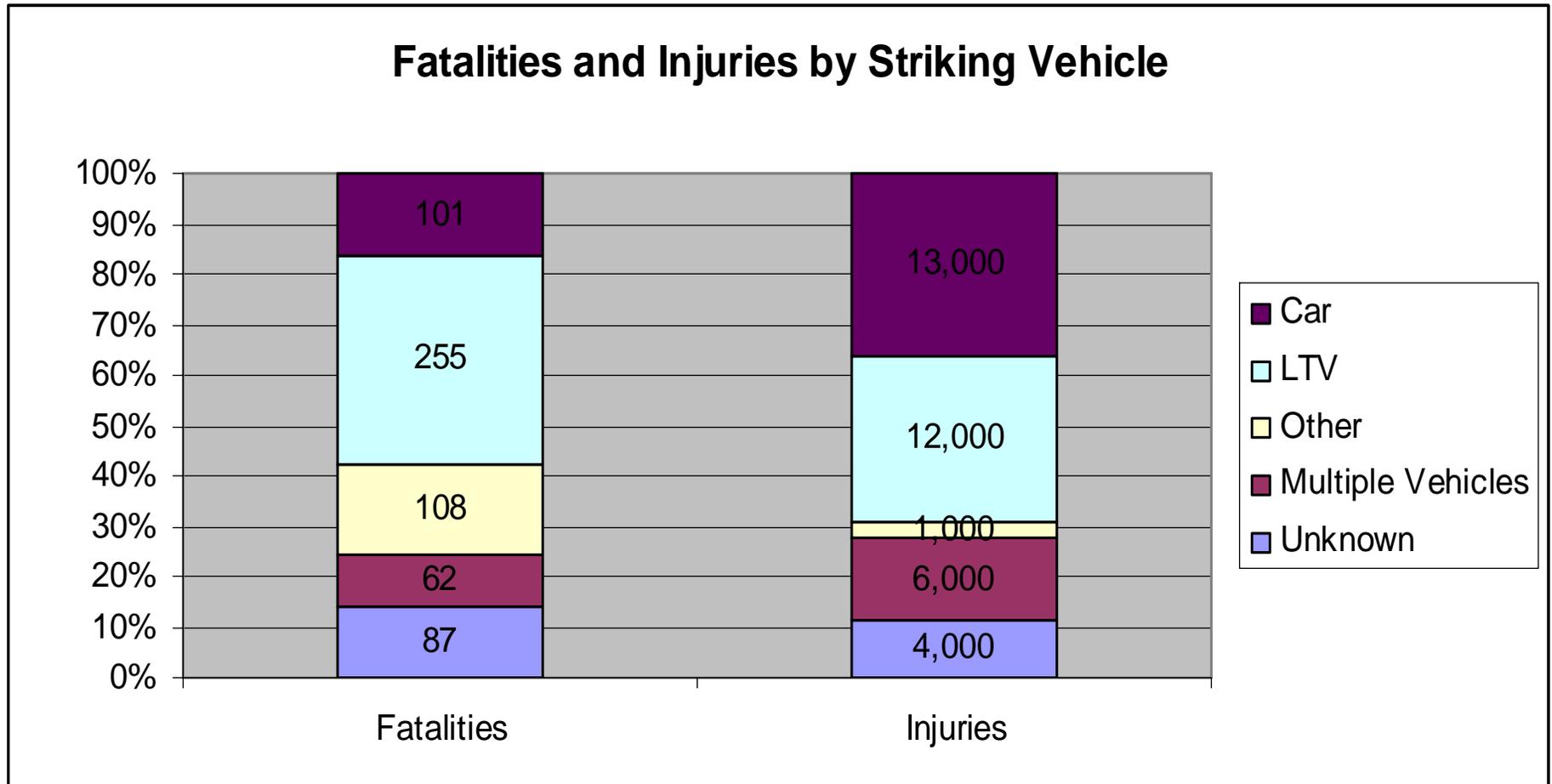
Injury Severity	Nontraffic Estimate
Fatal (K)	614
Incapacitating (A)	8,000
Nonincapacitating (B)	14,000
Minor (C)	13,000
Injured- Severity Unknown	1,000

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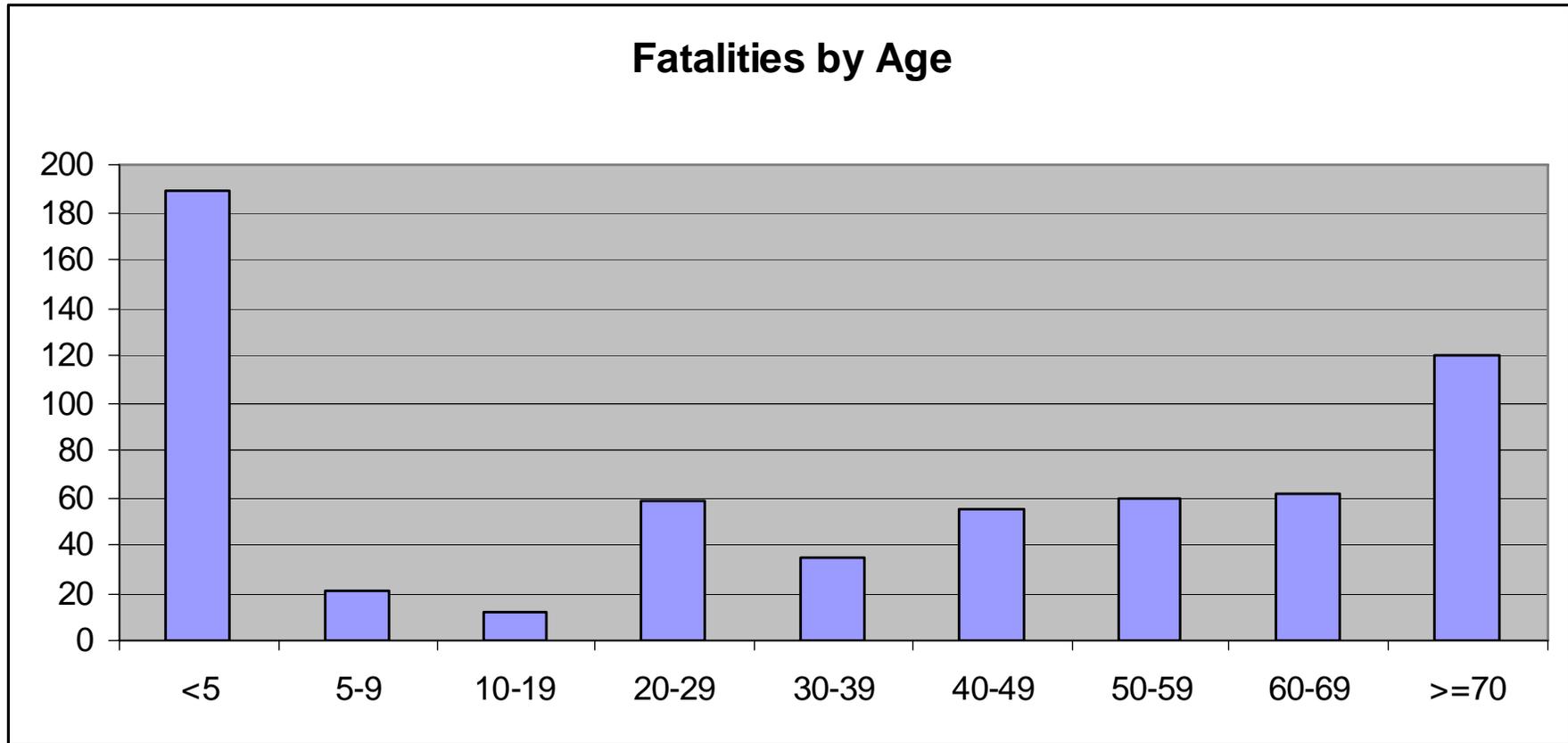


Note: Does not include <500 injuries of unknown crash type

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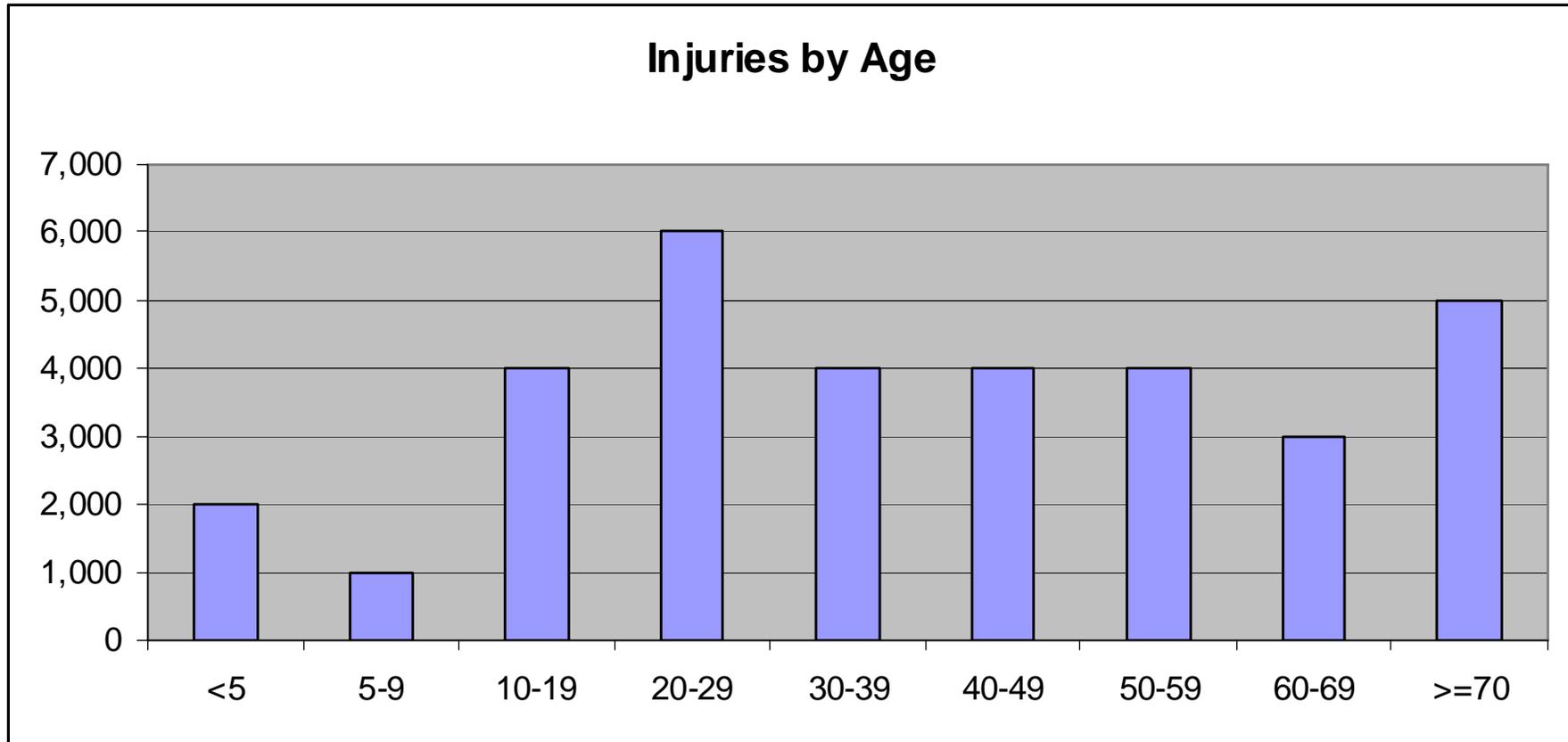


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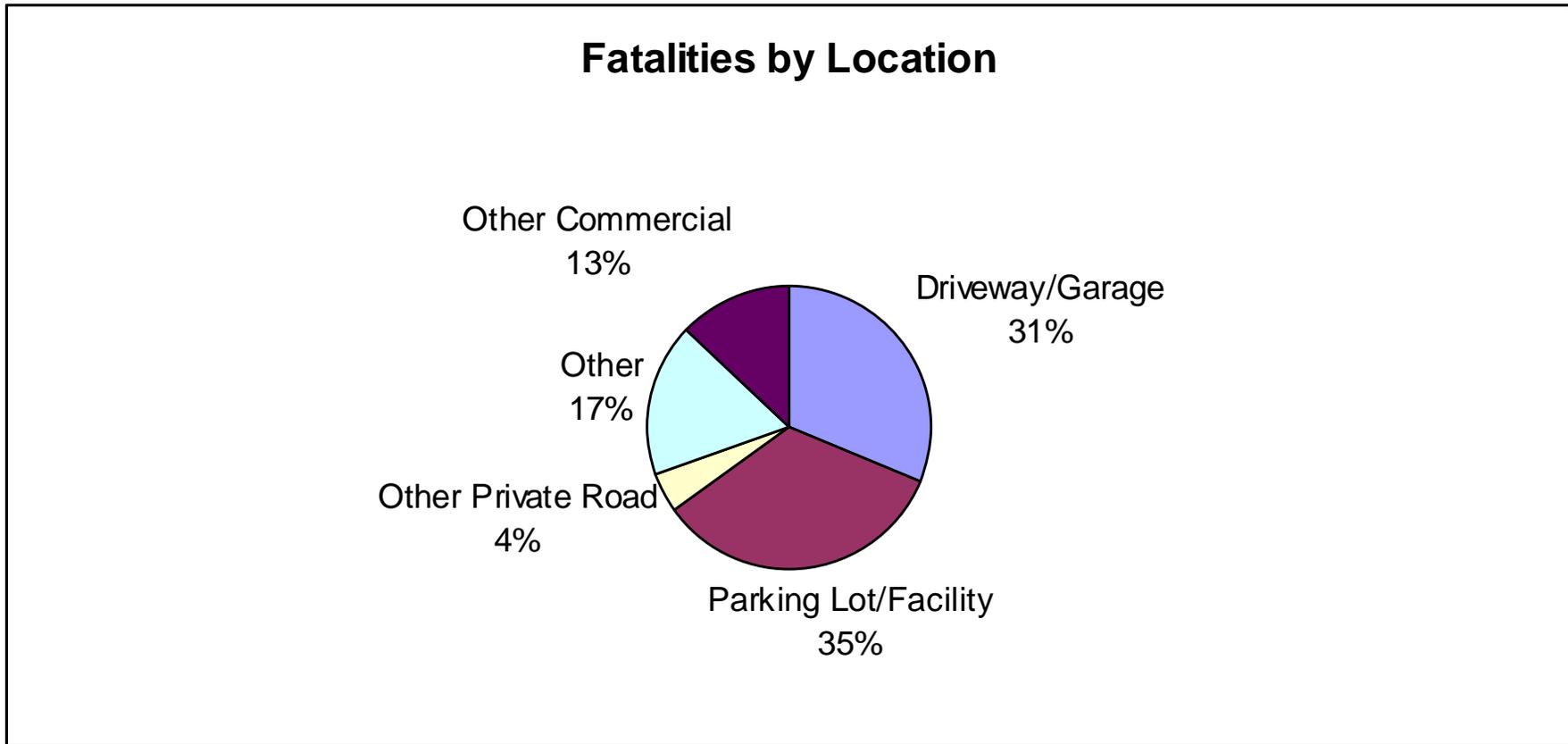
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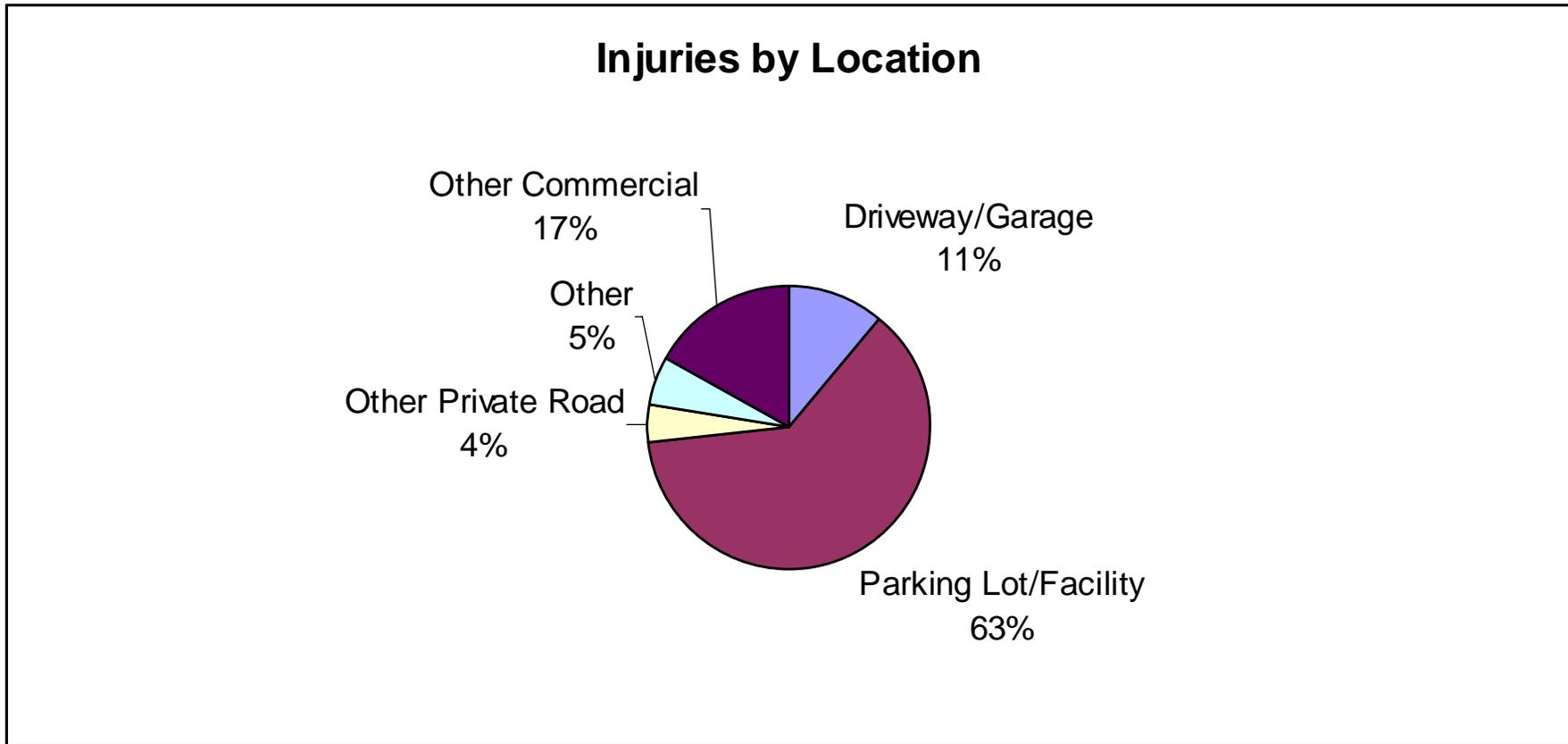
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# NiTS 2007 Nonoccupants



Note: Does not include 44 (of 614) fatalities w/ unknown location

# NiTS 2007 Nonoccupants



Note: Does not include <500 (of 35,000) injuries w/ unknown location

# NiTS 2007 Publications

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NiTS 2007 Highlights

NiTS 2007 User's Manuals

- ≡ Nontraffic Crash Database
- ≡ Noncrash Fatality Database
- ≡ Noncrash Injury Database

All available through NCSA at [www.nhtsa.gov](http://www.nhtsa.gov)

# NiTS Future Plans

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Data collection ongoing

Next release to include additional variables

- Similar to NASS-GES

Expected release in two years