2019 Attleboro Motor Vehicle Accident & Crash Report

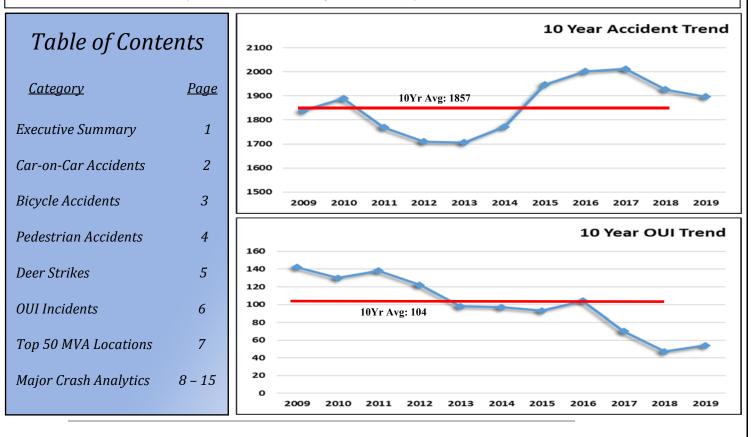


Executive Summary

Overall motor vehicle accident reporting in 2019 declined by 1.5% with just twenty-nine less accidents reported during that year. Total accident volume was on the decline between 2011 and 2013 before starting on an upwards trend through 2016 and reaching its ten-year pinnacle in 2017. While the city experienced a decline in reporting for the last two years (2018 – 2019), the number of accidents reported in 2019 is considered to be within the expected statistical range of such events when compared to accident reporting from the prior ten years and are more than 2% above the ten-year average.

Vehicle-on-vehicle impacts accounted for the majority of accidents last year (86%), a two percent increase from the eighty-four percent reported for 2018. Total accident volume remained consistent throughout the year with an incremental uptick observed during the last quarter of 2019, but with accident numbers below last year's figures during that particular quarter. Accidents involving bicyclists remained steady while strikes involving pedestrians continued to spike with more than twenty reported incidents last year and at their highest point in more than ten years. Additionally, while deer strikes slightly declined last year, such accident events continue to remain highly elevated at some of the highest levels seen in more than a decade. Accidents also continue to be most prevalent between the hours of 2 PM and 7 PM with 56% of reported accidents during that timeframe, which was a similar finding in 2018.

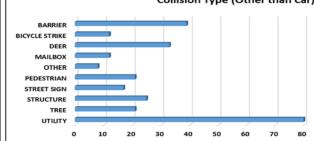
Approximately half of all collisions on public ways occurred at or immediately near an intersection, which was also a similar finding in 2018. Several stretches of public way continued to be problematic in 2019 and include the following areas: Newport Ave. between the State Line and I-95 (8% of accidents); Pleasant St. between the Common and Perry Ave. (5% of accidents); the South Ave Interchange (3.3% of accidents); intersection of Highland & Washington (2.9% of accidents); and Robert F Toner Blvd. between I95 and North Main St. (2.6% of accidents). Increased reporting was also noted at South Ave. & Tiffany St.; Bacon & Washington Sts; County & Read Sts. and Olive & South Main Sts.



Vehicle-on-Vehicle Accidents 2019

Accidents involving two or more vehicles increased slightly in 2019 and accounted for 86% of all the reported car accidents in the city - a 2% increase from the 84% of reported accidents from the previous year. Accident reporting remained consistent throughout the year, but with decreased reporting for four out of the last five months of 2019 when compared to the prior year.

Seventy-seven percent of calls of reported vehicleon-vehicle accidents occurred on a public way; further scrutiny reveals that approximately 48% of the total number of such collisions occurred at or near an intersection. In 2018, that percentage was noted to be similar at 45%. Also in 2018, 47% of accidents were noted between 2 PM and 7 PM - in 2019, an increase to 56% was observed. The remaining 14% of accidents in 2019 accounted for single vehicle impacts often involving a utility (5%), deer (2%), barrier (2.4%) or structure (1.5%).



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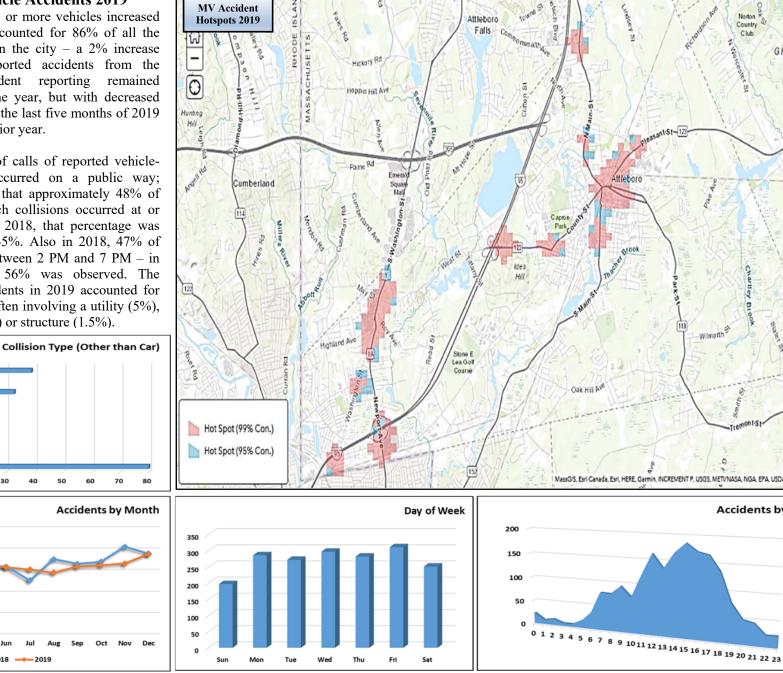
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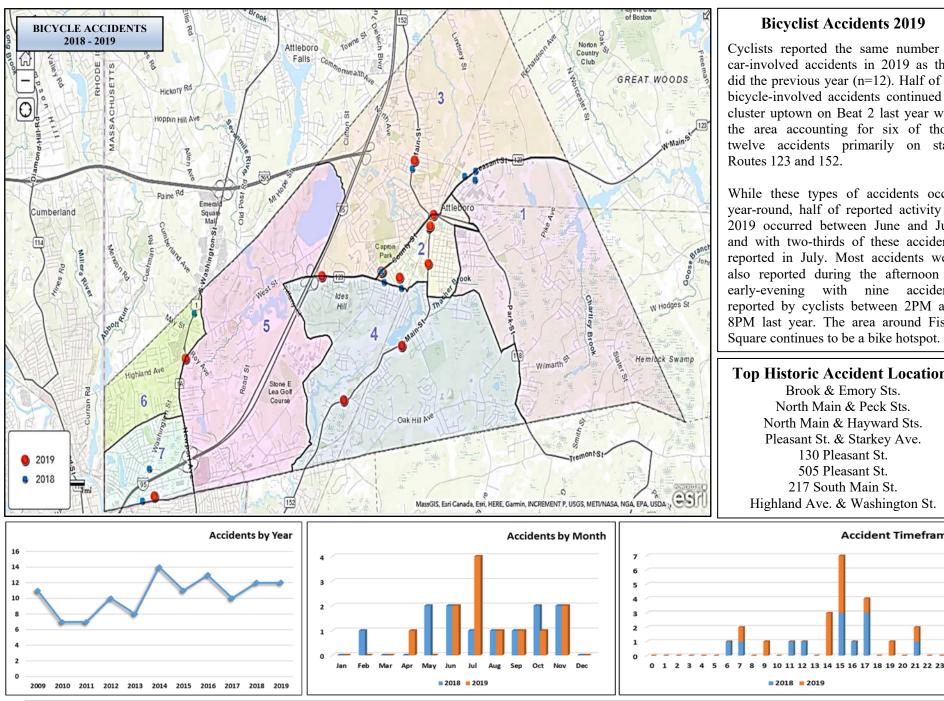
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Bicyclist Accidents 2019

Cyclists reported the same number of car-involved accidents in 2019 as they did the previous year (n=12). Half of all bicycle-involved accidents continued to cluster uptown on Beat 2 last year with the area accounting for six of those twelve accidents primarily on state Routes 123 and 152.

While these types of accidents occur year-round, half of reported activity in 2019 occurred between June and July and with two-thirds of these accidents reported in July. Most accidents were also reported during the afternoon to early-evening with nine accidents reported by cyclists between 2PM and 8PM last year. The area around Fiske Square continues to be a bike hotspot.

Top Historic Accident Locations

Brook & Emory Sts. North Main & Peck Sts. North Main & Hayward Sts. Pleasant St. & Starkey Ave. 130 Pleasant St. 505 Pleasant St. 217 South Main St. Highland Ave. & Washington St.



Accident Timeframe

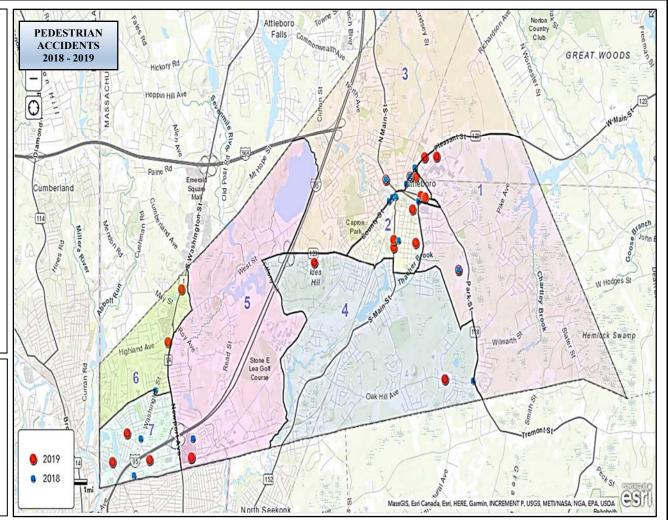
Pedestrian Strikes 2019

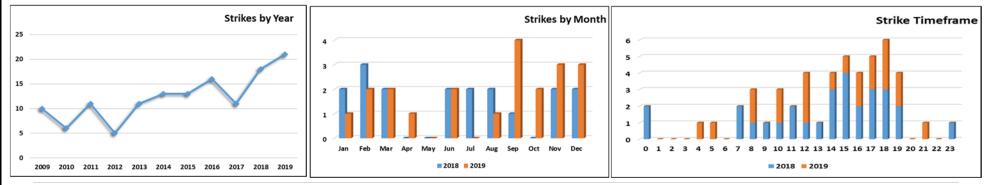
Pedestrian-related accidents in the city continue to climb and are at their highest point in over ten years with twenty-one reported events last year. While such accidents declined significantly in 2017, these event types have been on the general rise since 2013 and have increased by 90% when measured against the previous ten years.

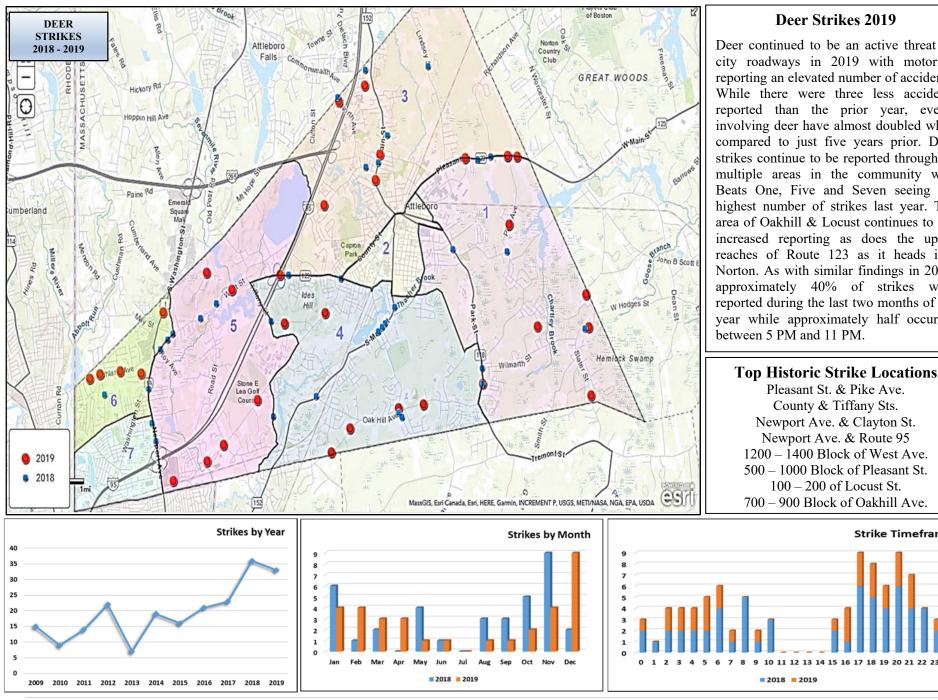
Accidents involving pedestrians follow similar patterns to accidents involving cyclists. More than half of these accidents have occurred in the general uptown area measuring approximately 0.5 mi². The area of North Main & Mechanic Sts., as well as the area around 80 Pleasant St., remain pedestrian hotspots. Over one-half of all accidents occurred during the last four months of the year in 2019 and with the timeframe of 4 PM to 8 PM accounting for almost half of these accidents.

Top Historic Strike Locations Pleasant St. & Starkey Ave.

Pleasant St. & Starkey Ave. Bank & Park Sts. Peck & Pleasant Sts. North Main & Mechanic Sts. North Main & Holden Sts. Newport Ave. & Collins St. Washington & Carleton Sts. 366 Washington St.







Deer Strikes 2019

Deer continued to be an active threat on city roadways in 2019 with motorists reporting an elevated number of accidents. While there were three less accidents reported than the prior year, events involving deer have almost doubled when compared to just five years prior. Deer strikes continue to be reported throughout multiple areas in the community with Beats One, Five and Seven seeing the highest number of strikes last year. The area of Oakhill & Locust continues to see increased reporting as does the upper reaches of Route 123 as it heads into Norton. As with similar findings in 2018, approximately 40% of strikes were reported during the last two months of the year while approximately half occurred between 5 PM and 11 PM.

Top Historic Strike Locations Pleasant St. & Pike Ave. County & Tiffany Sts. Newport Ave. & Clayton St. Newport Ave. & Route 95 1200 - 1400 Block of West Ave. 500 - 1000 Block of Pleasant St. 100 – 200 of Locust St. 700 – 900 Block of Oakhill Ave.

Strike Timeframe

OUI Incidents 2019

The number of OUI events increased by seven additional incidents (n=54) in 2019. OUI-related events have been in a state of decline for more than ten years even though an incremental uptick in incidents was reported this year and in 2016. When compared over the last ten years, OUI incidents declined by 48%.

Such activity remained consistent throughout the year and with all but one quarter in 2019 reporting 15 incidents or more. In 2018, fiftyfive percent of incident occurred between 10 PM and 4 AM; in 2019, that percentage rose to 63%.

It should be noted that 60% of OUI-related events were the consequence on an accident while approximately 70% of all offenders refused a breath test. Motorists were an average distance of 3.4 miles from their domicile at the time of the stop.

Historic OUI Locations

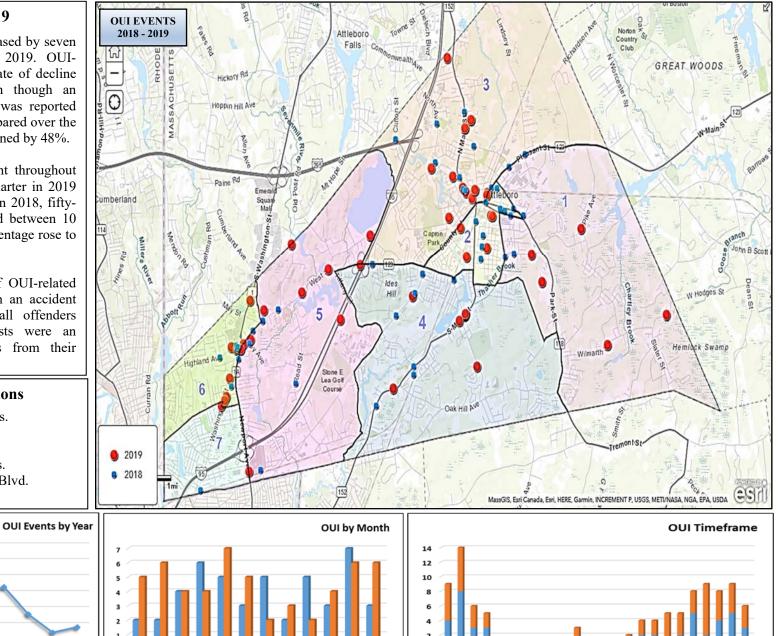
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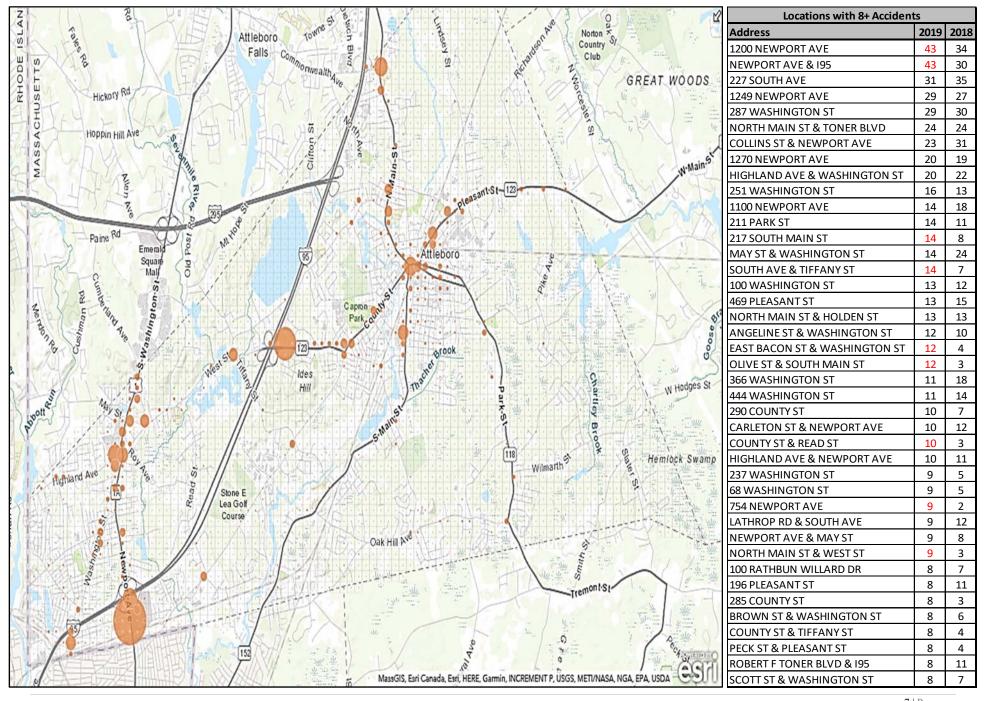
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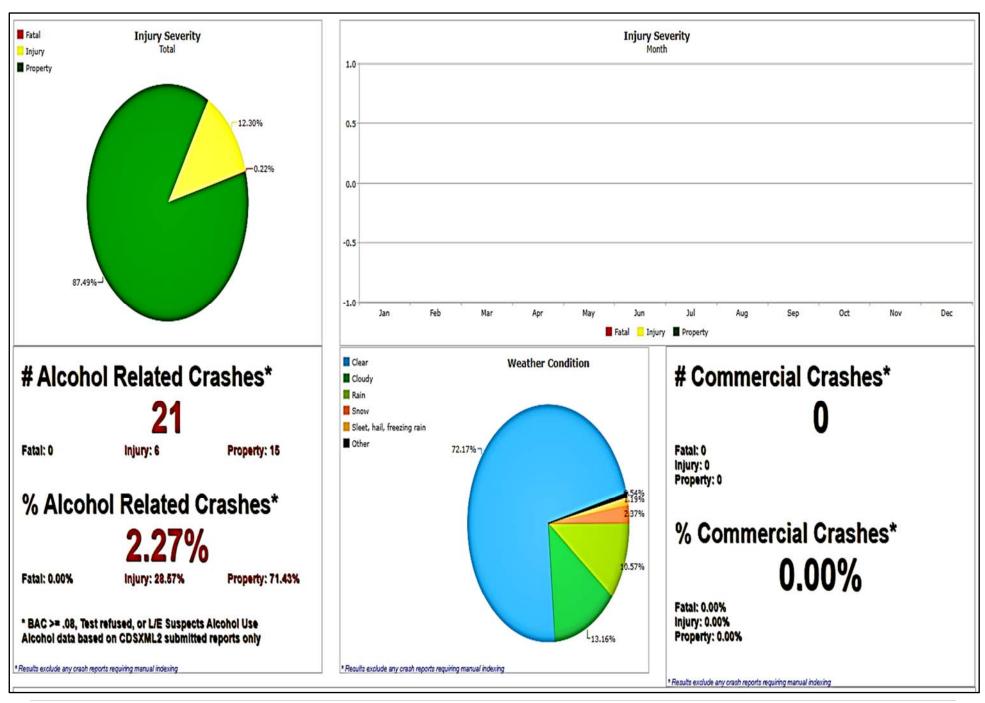
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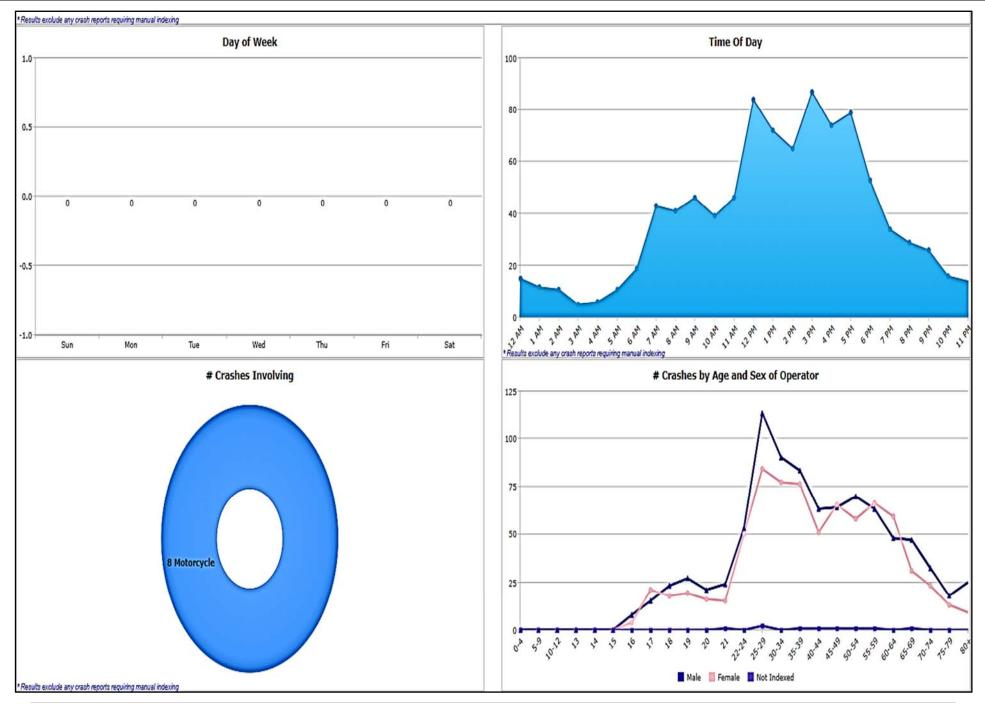
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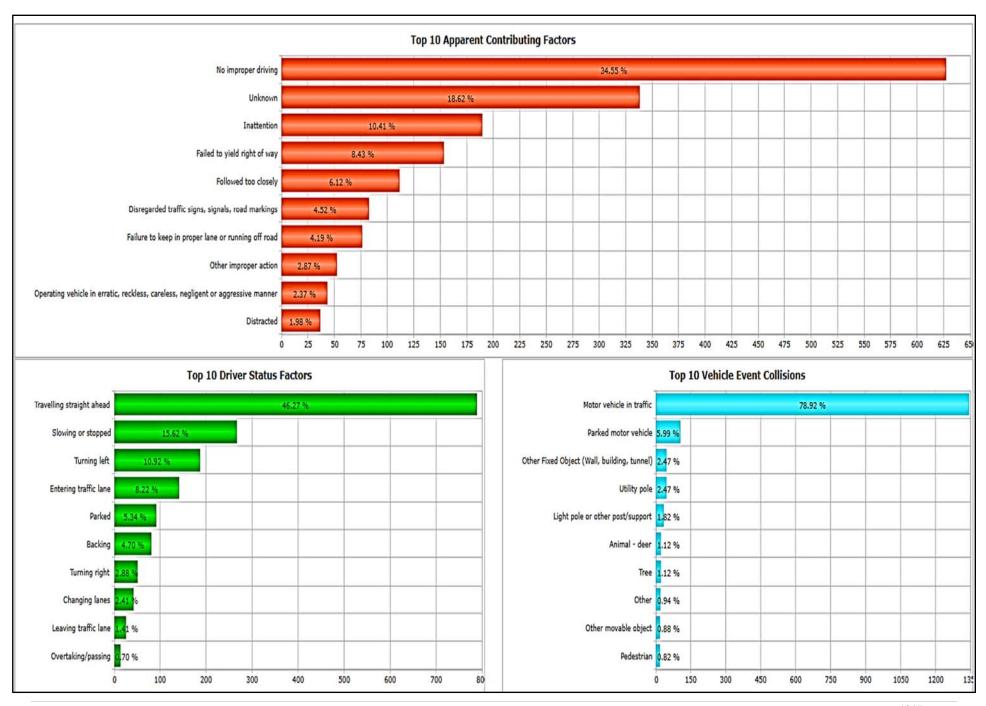








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