

Ignition Interlocks in Canada

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Interlock Symposium

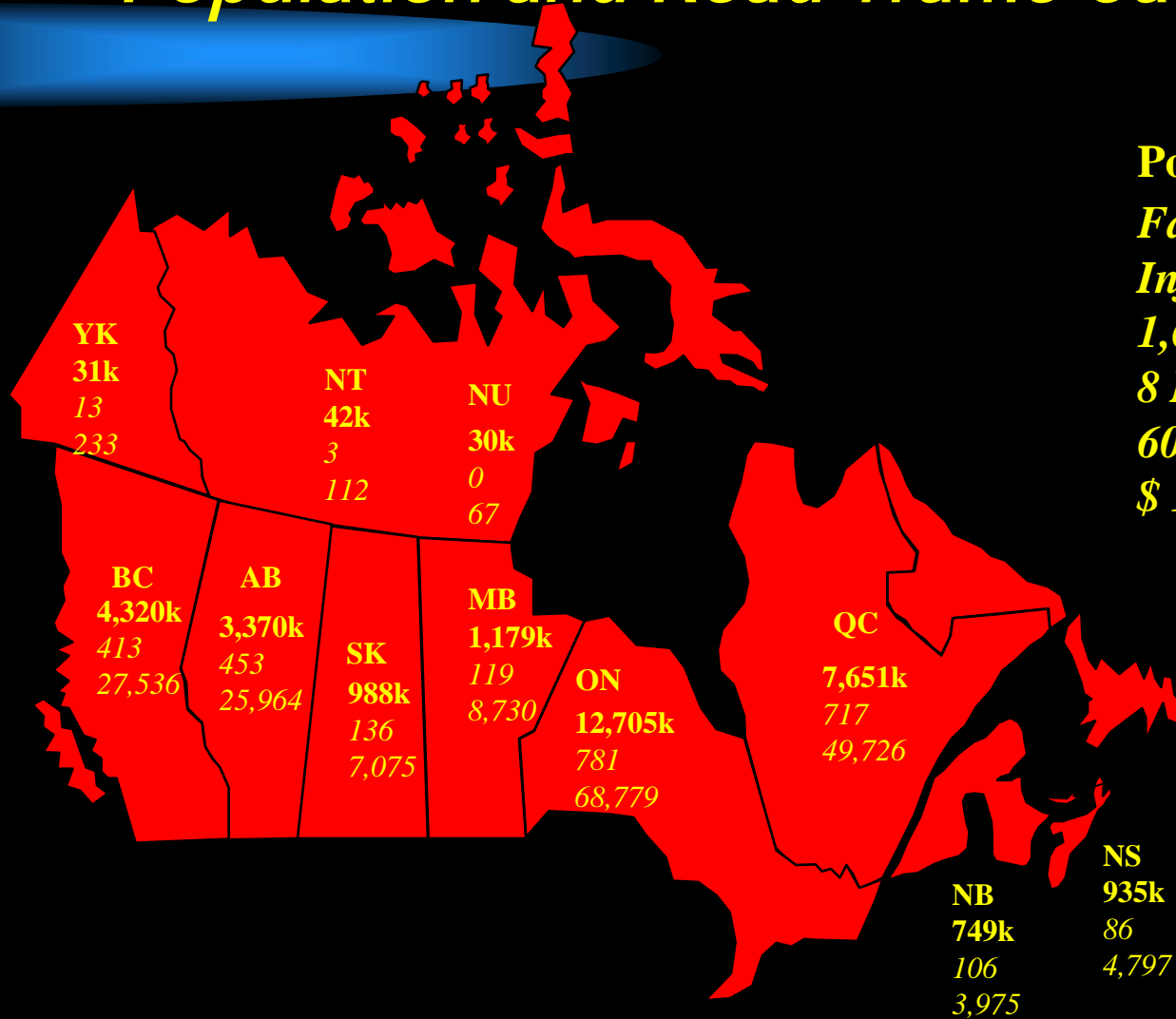
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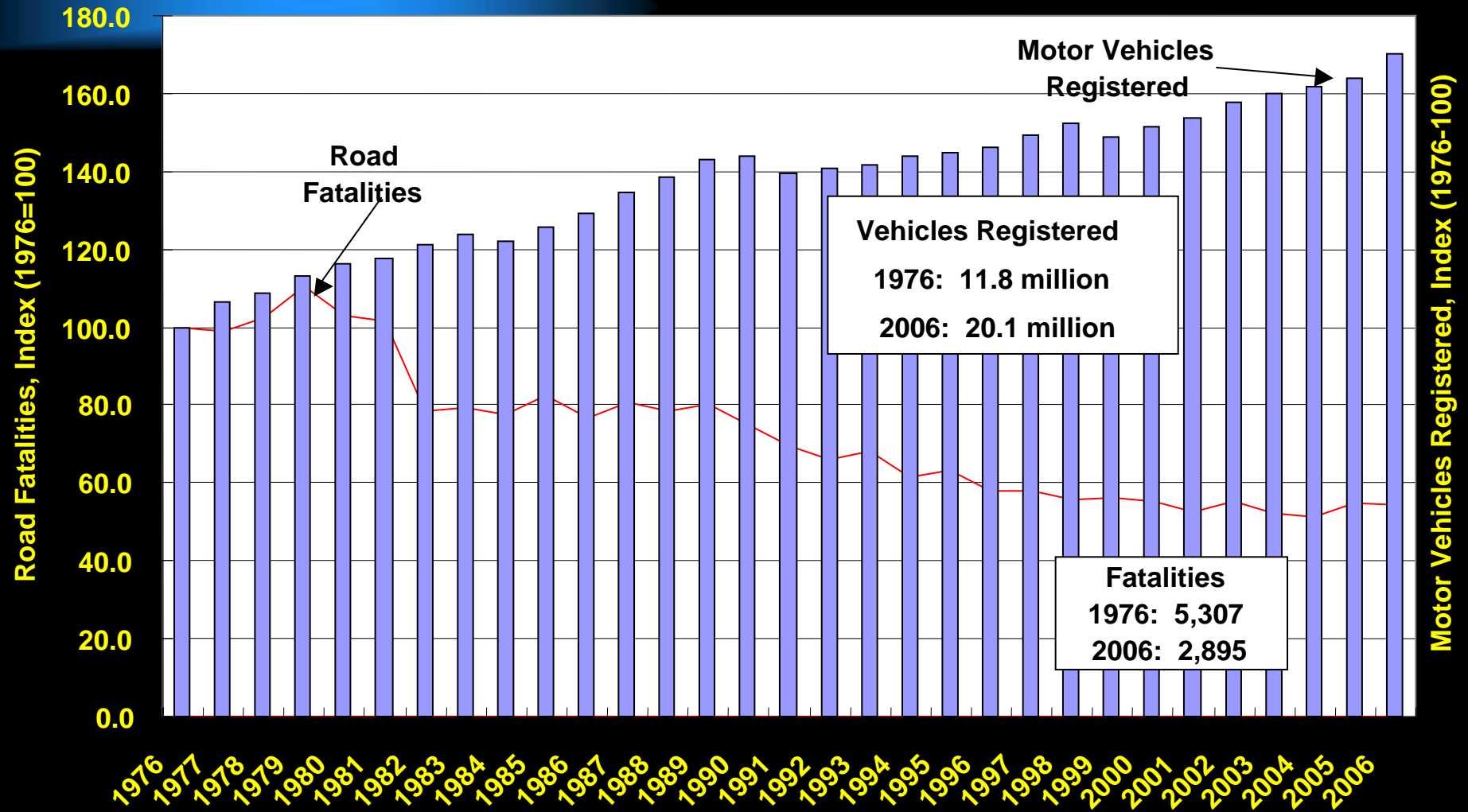
Canada, 2006 in Context

Population and Road Traffic Casualties



Population 32.6M
Fatalities 2,895
Injuries 199,965
 1,600 crashes per day
 8 Deaths per day
 600 injuries per day
 \$ 170 M social cost per day

Progress Over the Past 30 Years



Shared but Complementary Responsibilities

- **Federal**

- New vehicle safety standards
- Extra-provincial truck and bus regulations
- Criminal Code (impaired and dangerous drivers)
- National leadership

- **Provincial/Territorial**

- Driver / vehicle licensing
- Enforcement
- Road Infrastructure
- Data, research, program development & implementation

- **Other Partners**

Canadian Council of Motor Transport Administrators (CCMTA)

- **Non-profit organization established by the provincial, territorial and federal governments**
- **Promote awareness and share and exchange information**
- **Pursue harmonization of road user, motor carrier and driver/vehicle licensing regulations and policies**
- **Develop national models of motor vehicle transportation programs (safety and other)**
- **www.ccmta.ca**

Road Safety Vision 2010

- **Transport Canada provides national leadership on Canada's vision of having the safest roads in the world**

Target 30% reduction in fatalities/serious injuries by 2010

- **Strategic objectives**
 - **Increased public awareness**
 - **Better collaboration and coordination**
 - **Strengthened enforcement**
 - **Better data**

Drinking and Driving

- The Problem:

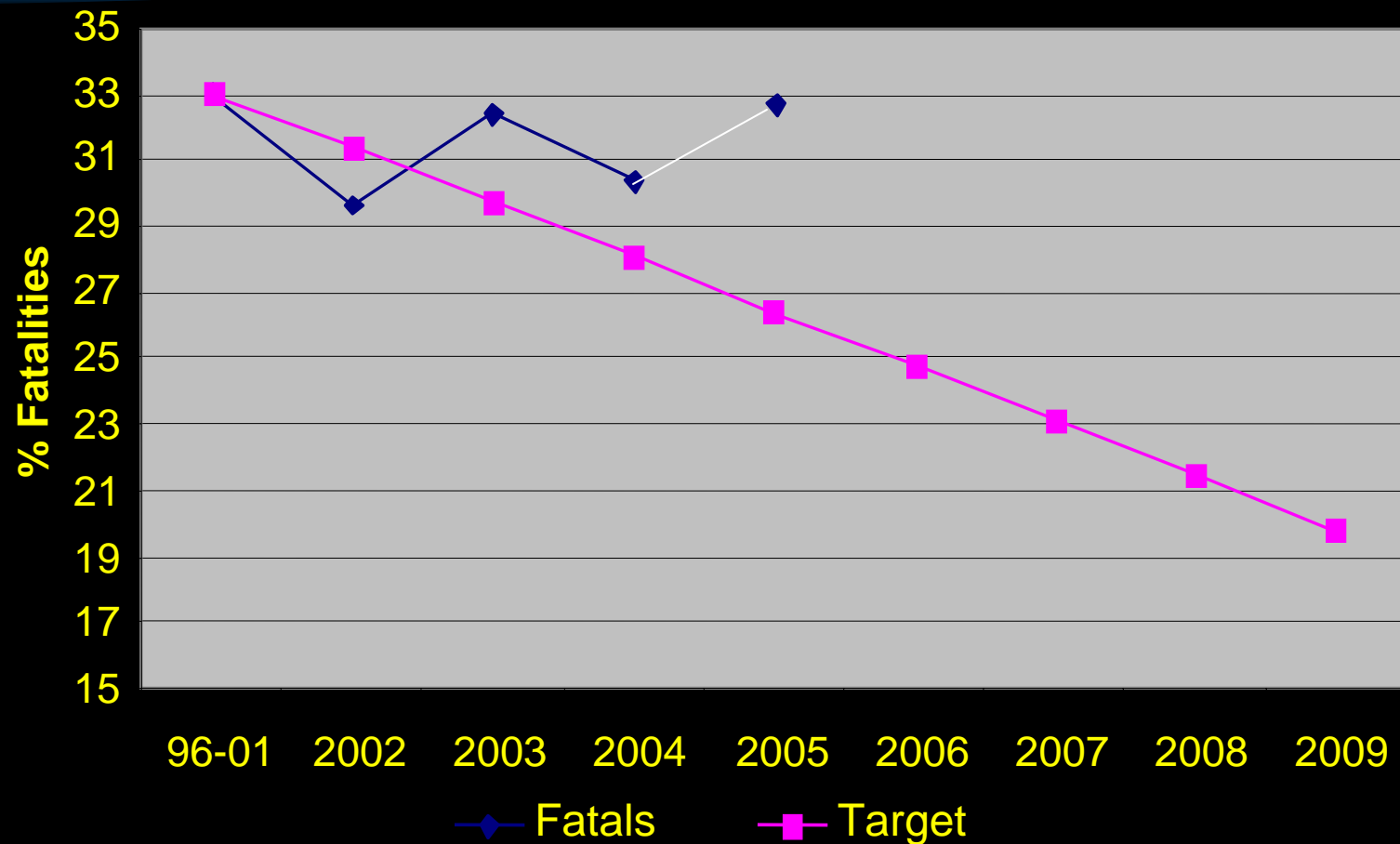
- ◆ Nationally during 2006, crashes involving drinking drivers accounted for 33% of all road users killed on public roadways and 19% of serious injuries



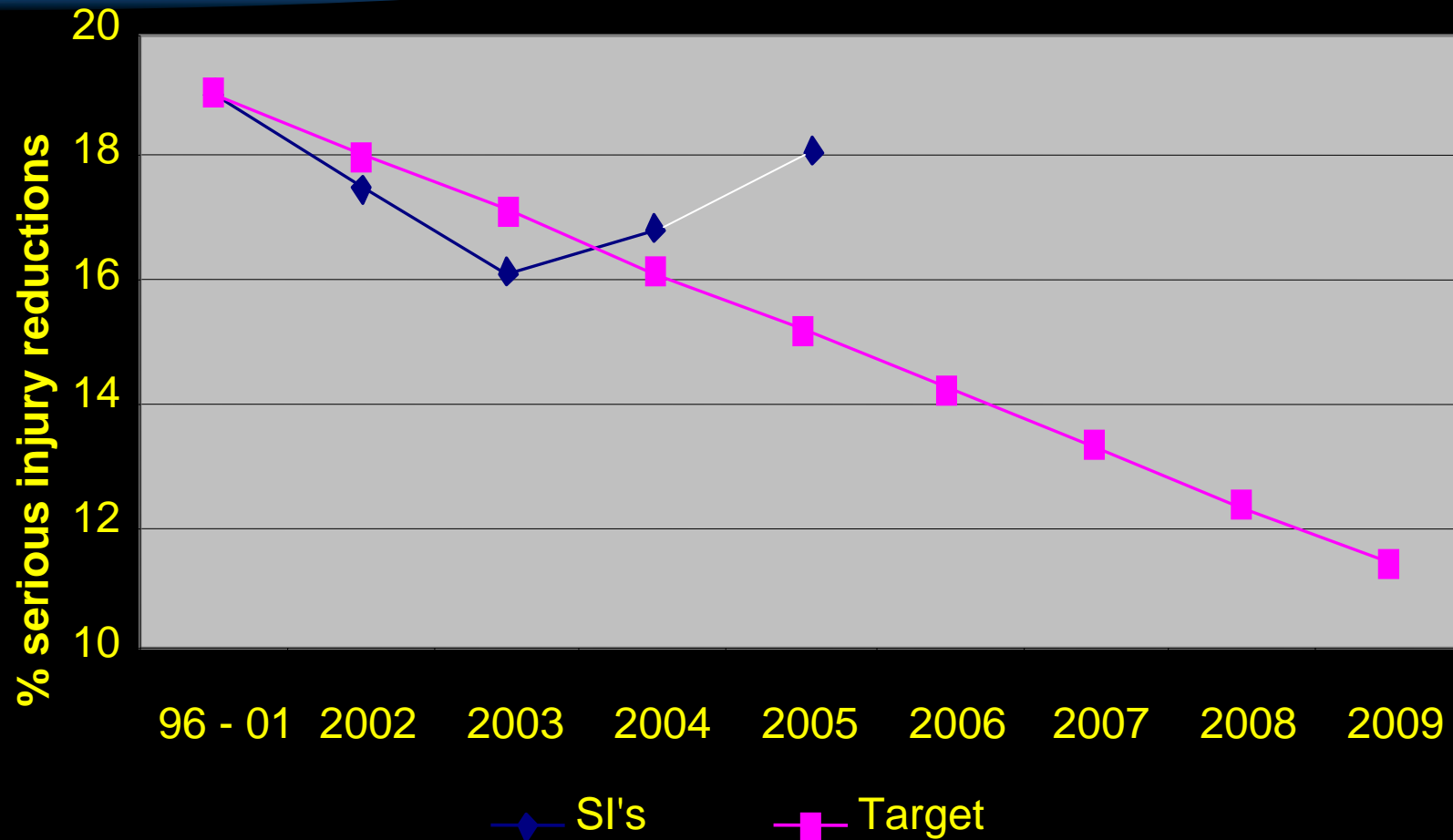
Drinking Drivers: Strategies

- **Strategy To Reduce Impaired Driving 2010:**
 - Focus of alcohol intervention efforts on four groups – hard core drinking drivers, young drivers, first time offenders & social drinkers
 - Strategies include:
 - ✓ **greater enforcement**
 - ✓ **administrative license suspensions**
 - ✓ If >80 mg %, then 90 days
 - ✓ If 50-80 mg%, then 7 days
 - ✓ **vehicle impoundment**
 - ✓ **ignition interlocks**
 - ✓ **assessment & rehabilitation**
 - ✓ **research -roadside surveys, coroner's data**

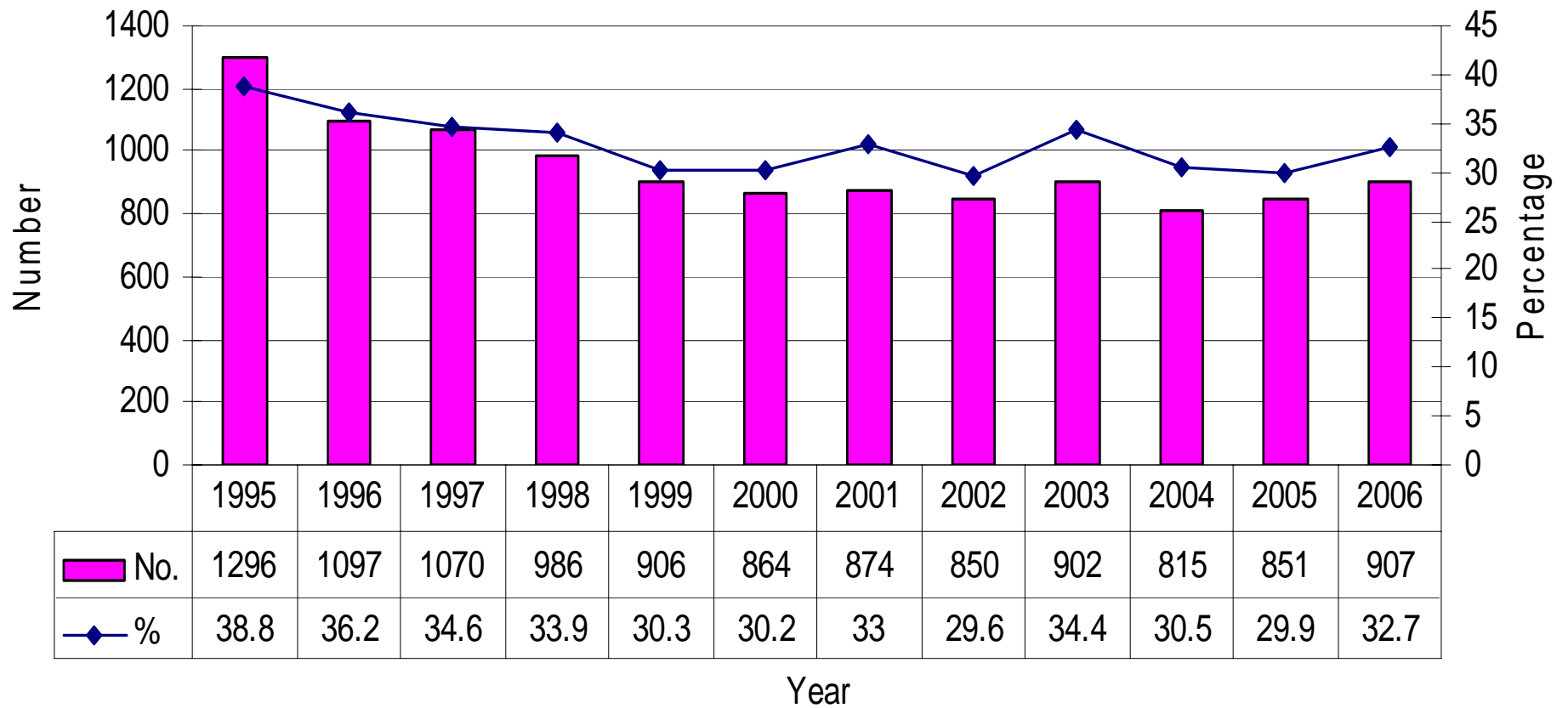
% fatalities - drink driving - involved crashes - Canada



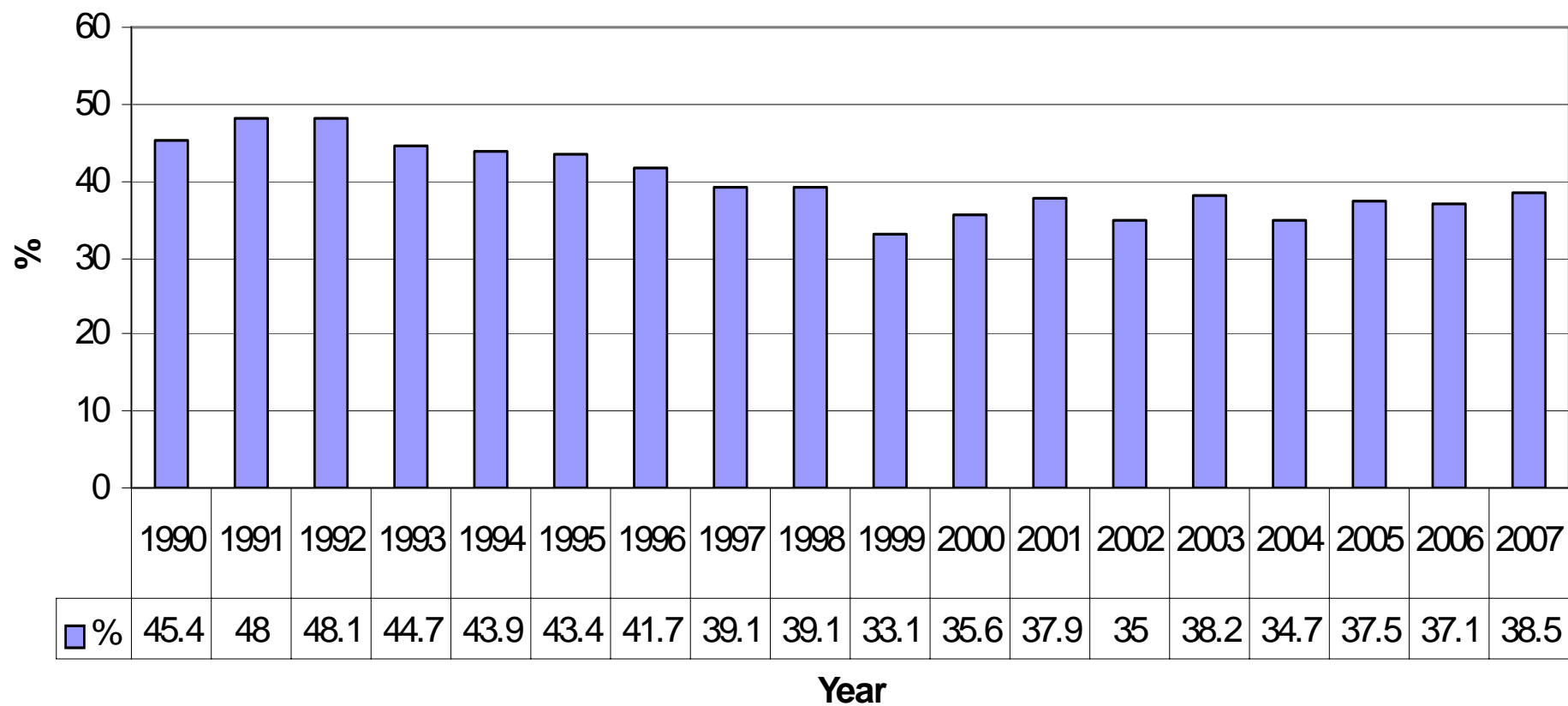
% of Seriously Injured road users from drink driving involved crashes - Canada



Number and Percentage of Deaths Involving a Drinking Driver, Canada 1995 - 2006



Percentage of Fatally Injured Drivers Positive for Alcohol



Implementation of STRID Initiatives

Jurisdiction	ALS	Impound	Interlock Legislation	Assess/Rehab	Short Term Suspension
Northwest Territories	2004	2004	2004***	2004	2004
Yukon	1998	1999	2002	----	1987
British Columbia	1997	1997	2005	2005	1979
Alberta	1999	1991	1990	Early 70's	1969
Saskatchewan	2001	1996	2001	1996	1996*
Manitoba	1989	1989	2003	1986**	1978 – 12 hr susp 1998 – 24 hr susp
Ontario	1996	1999	2001	1998	1981*
Quebec	1997	1997	1997	1997	----
New Brunswick	2008	----	2008	Treatment 1991 Assessment 2002	1985
Nova Scotia	1995	2007	2008	1984	1999*
Prince Edward Island	1997	1997	2006	1997	1997
Newfoundland	2003	2003	2003	1995	1995

* Lengthened suspensions

** 1983: mandatory assessment introduced for persons convicted of two or more alcohol offences within a five year period; 1996 changes to all impaired driving offences

*** however, NT does not have an interlock program

Criminal Code of Canada Penalties

- **First Offence**

- ◆ 1 year prohibition from driving
- ◆ \$1,000 fine

- **2nd Offence**

- ◆ 2 year prohibition from driving
- ◆ \$1,000 fine - 30 days in jail

- **3rd Offence**

- ◆ 3 year prohibition from driving
- ◆ \$5,000 fine - 120 days in jail

Interlocks in Canada

- **Impaired Driving Offences under the Criminal Code of Canada (CCC)**
- **Provincial programs**
 - ◆ **Interlock programs**
 - ◆ **Begun in 1990 in Alberta**
 - **Formed a defacto standards for interlocks**
- **CCC changed to all jurisdictions to shorten prohibition with interlock**

New Standard

- **Offender program has high levels of support by public**
- **In development**
- **Standard for devices**
- **Test bed to test to the standard**
- **Program best practices document**
- **Approved by CCMTA Board of Directors**
- **Acceptance by jurisdictions**

Issues

- **Responsibility for the standard**
 - ◆ Crosses lines of responsibility
 - ◆ Updating for the future
- **Standard does not cover installation**
- **Interprovincial operability**
 - ◆ Program operations
 - ◆ Licensing rules
- **Impaired driving is not just alcohol**
- **Non-legislative uses of interlocks**
- **Pleading to non alcohol charges**
- **Increasing usage**

Remembering lost lives and loved ones left behind

On November 18th, please take a moment to remember Canada's road crash victims

Did you know?

November 18th, 2009, marks Canada's second annual National Day of Remembrance for Road Crash Victims.

Every year, some 3,000 people are killed and another 200,000 are injured on Canada's roads. It's the equivalent of eight lost lives, every single day, and this day is intended to remember not only those who have died but also those who have survived



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