

Safe Systems Summit

Redefining Transportation Safety

A History Lesson in Data Linkage

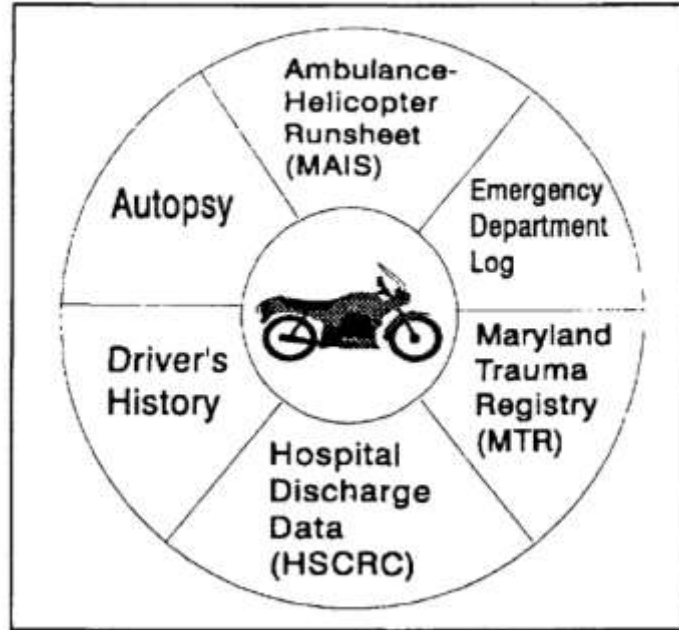
The Maryland Experience

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1990

Figure 1 - Motorcycle Study Linked Database



Papers presented at the International Symposium on Injury Statistics, May 18-24, 1994, Bethesda, Maryland. March 1995. 329 pp.

In 1992 NHTSA funded seven states.

- Hawaii
- Utah
- Maine
- Missouri
- New York
- Pennsylvania
- Wisconsin

Linkage between crash-EMS-hospital



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

Benefits of Safety Belts and Motorcycle Helmets

**Report to Congress
February 1996**

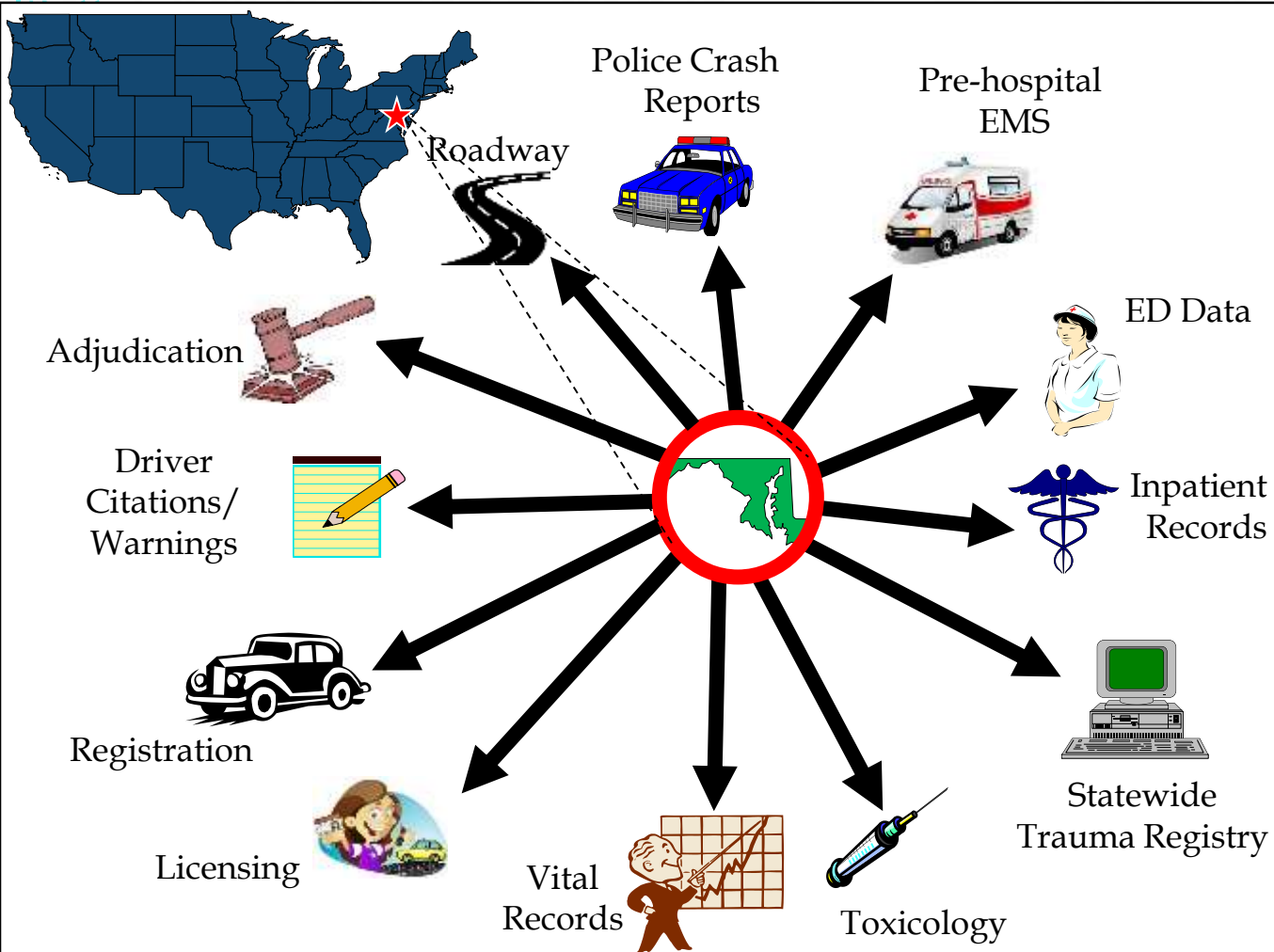
Based on Data from
The Crash Outcome Data Evaluation System
(CODES)



National Study Center for
Trauma & EMS

- Supplemental data:
- Ignition interlock
 - Motorcycle training
 - Seatbelt observations
 - Crash reconstructions

Maryland joined CODES
in Round 2 - 1996

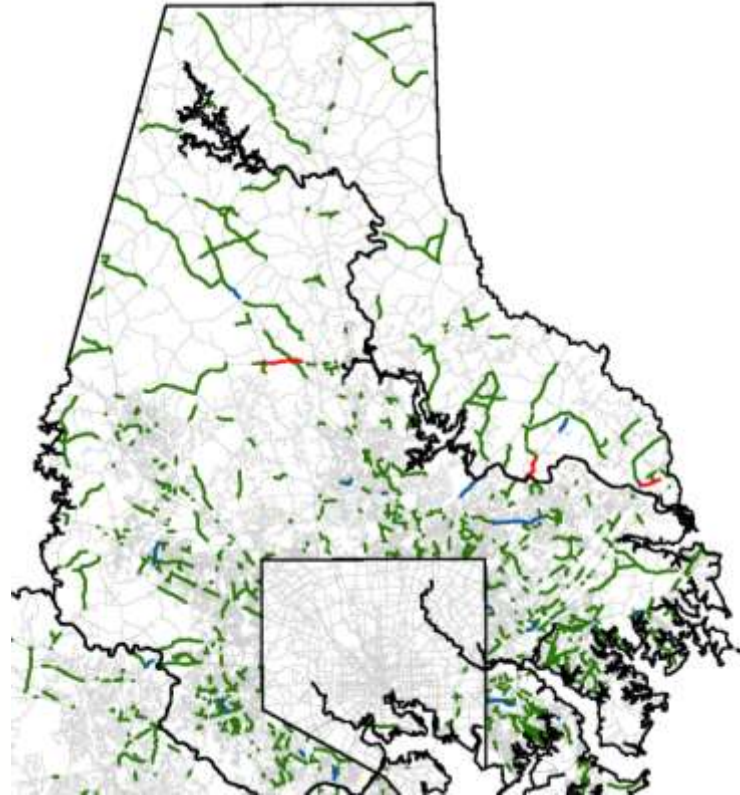
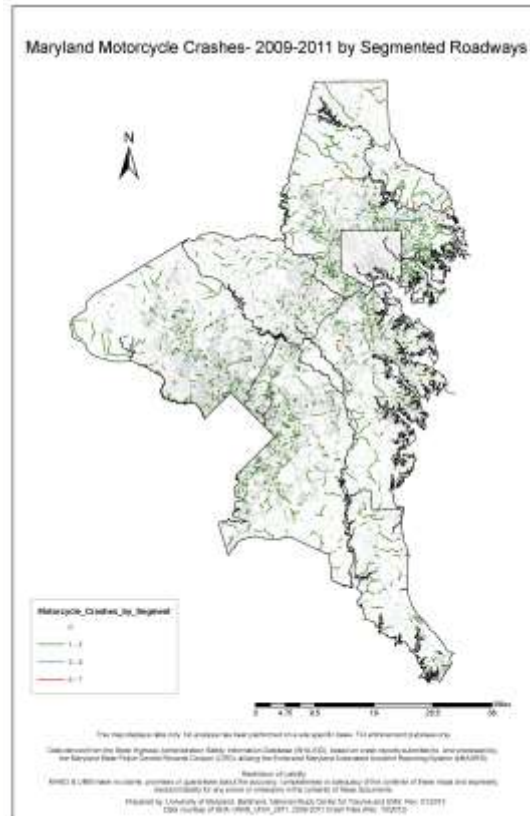


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High crash locations -
roadway/intersection
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GIS Data



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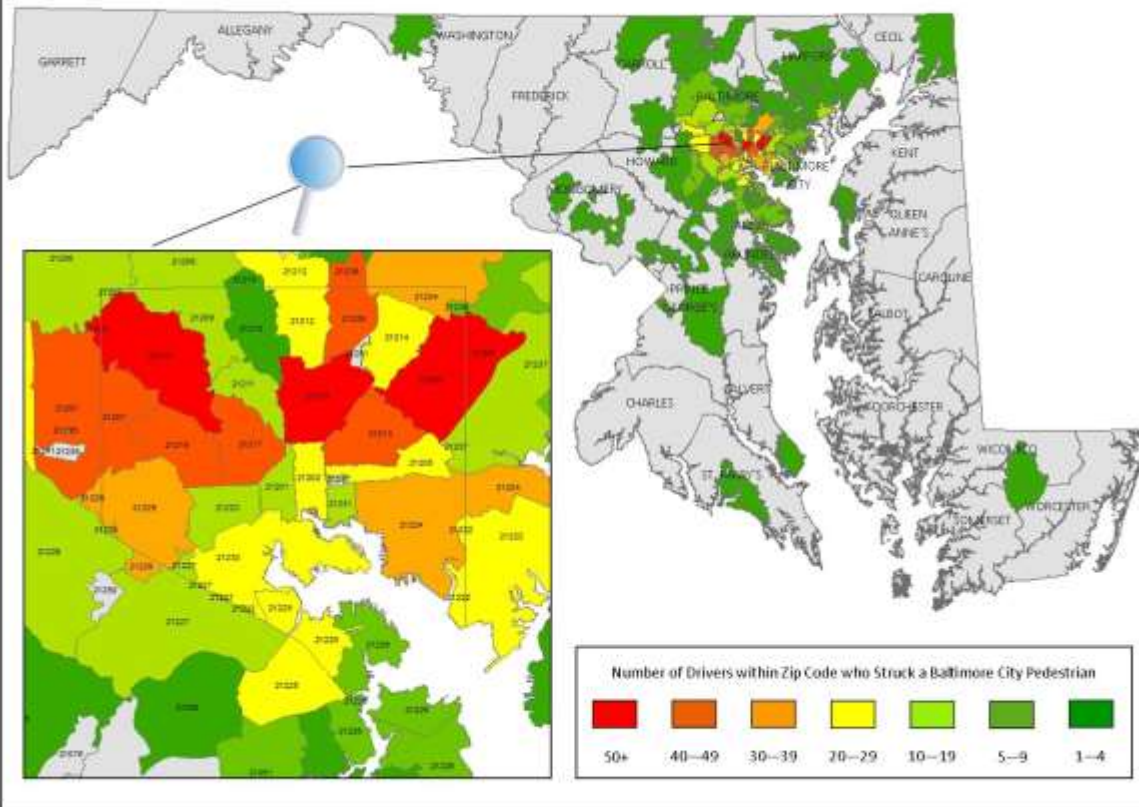


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Driver zip codes –
increased awareness and
education

Residence Zip Code of Driver who Struck a Baltimore City Pedestrian in 2011



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Crash injury outcomes/
Serious injuries

Hospital Admission Charge Percentile

Mechanism	Number	Charge (\$ in 1,000s)	Percent (%)	Hospital Charges (Percentile)		
				25 th	Median	75 th
Driver	3,132	60,945	45.7	3,923	5,650	14,996
Passenger	1,125	19,363	14.5	4,075	6,110	15,403
Motorcyclist	835	27,455	20.6	4,835	9,999	27,207
Pedal Cyclist	105	2,225	1.7	4,062	7,526	22,240
Pedestrian	736	18,171	13.6	4,588	9,083	25,455
Unspecified	247	5,110	3.8	4,281	7,066	18,201
Total	6,180	133,269	100.0	4,104	6,396	17,713

** Identify costly traffic safety injuries

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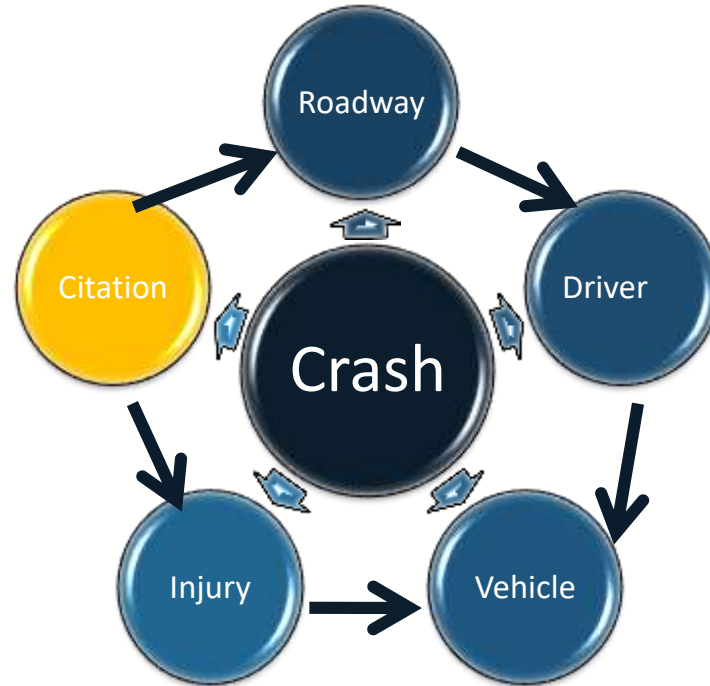


High risk drivers/GDL

Experience Counts

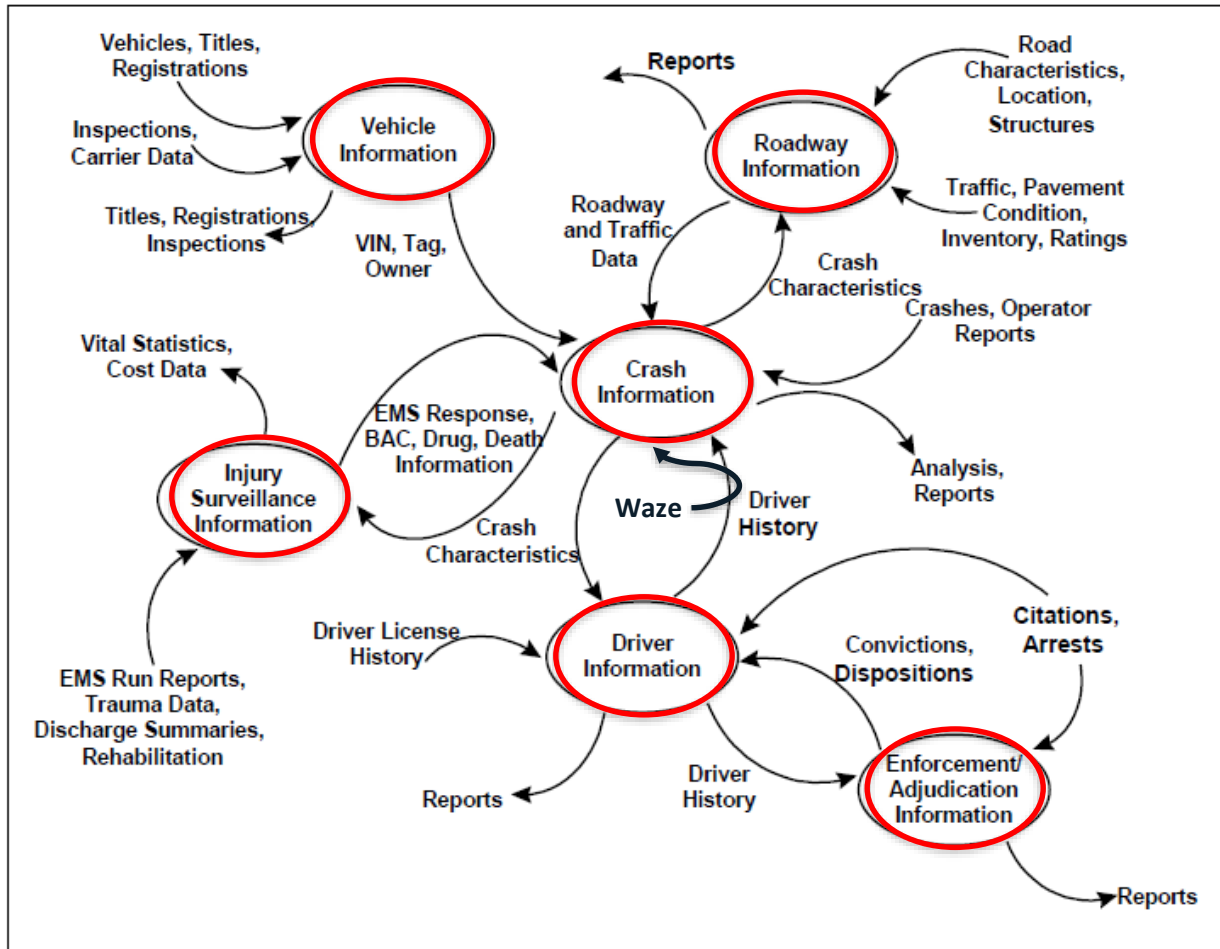
Rates per 100 Licensed Drivers by Age Group		
	Crash Involvement	Citations Issued
18-24		
Initial license	10.1	28.0
Renewal/transfer	6.1	22.2
25+		
Initial license	6.9	15.8
Renewal/transfer	3.8	10.8

Traffic Records Future Vision



Current Efforts

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
 - Data linkage focusing on older drivers and occupants
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- State initiatives



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Can data be collected and linked between crash, 911, infrastructure, hospital/EMS, motor vehicle, and human behavior sources?

Barriers

- Insufficient funding
- Staffing turnover
- Lack of process documentation
- Long lag times in obtaining source data for linkage
- Statutory requirements for obtaining and reporting data
- Complex linkage techniques such as probabilistic linkage
- Marketing linked data so that others understand how they can be used to increase traffic safety

Assessment of Characteristics of State Data Linkage Systems





REGISTRATION

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