Ohio's traffic fatality rate increases but remains lower than the national average in 2020
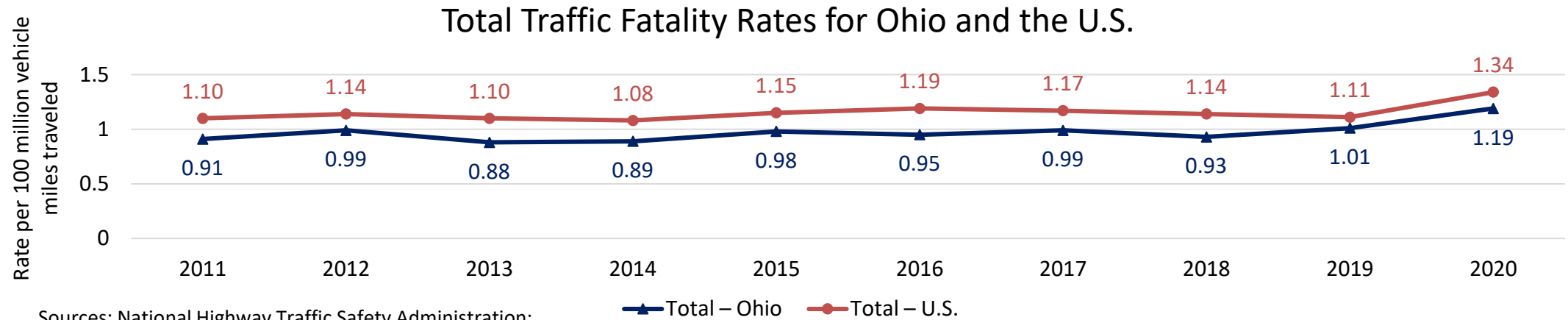
Total Traffic Fatality Rates for Ohio and the U.S.

Rate per 100 million vehicle miles traveled

U.S.: 1.10 (2011), 1.14 (2012), 1.10 (2013), 1.08 (2014), 1.15 (2015), 1.19 (2016), 1.17 (2017), 1.14 (2018), 1.11 (2019), 1.34 (2020)

Ohio: 0.91 (2011), 0.99 (2012), 0.88 (2013), 0.89 (2014), 0.98 (2015), 0.95 (2016), 0.99 (2017), 0.93 (2018), 1.01 (2019), 1.19 (2020)

Legend: Total – Ohio, Total – U.S.

Sources: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration; Ohio Department of Public Safety

- Ohio's traffic fatality rate peaked in 2020 at 1.19 fatalities per 100 million vehicle miles traveled (VMT), an increase of 17.8% from the 2019 rate of 1.01, but still remained below the national fatality rate of 1.34.
- In 2020, there were 1,153 fatal crashes in Ohio, resulting in 1,230 fatalities. Of those fatal crashes: 55.2% (637) were alcohol- and/or drug-related, 2.5% (29) were distraction-related, and 23.9% (276) involved a driver between the ages of 15 and 24.
- For 2020, the comparable number of fatalities and VMT rates for the surrounding states was: Indiana (897/1.17), Kentucky (780/1.68), Michigan (1,084/1.25), Pennsylvania (1,129/1.28), and West Virginia (267/1.66).

Ohio Traffic Crashes by Severity, 2020

Level of Severity	Number of Crashes	% of Total Crashes
Fatal	1,153	0.5%
Serious injury suspected	5,909	2.4%
Minor injury suspected	32,341	13.2%
Injury possible	25,905	10.6%
Property damage only	179,803	73.3%
Total	**245,111**	**100%**