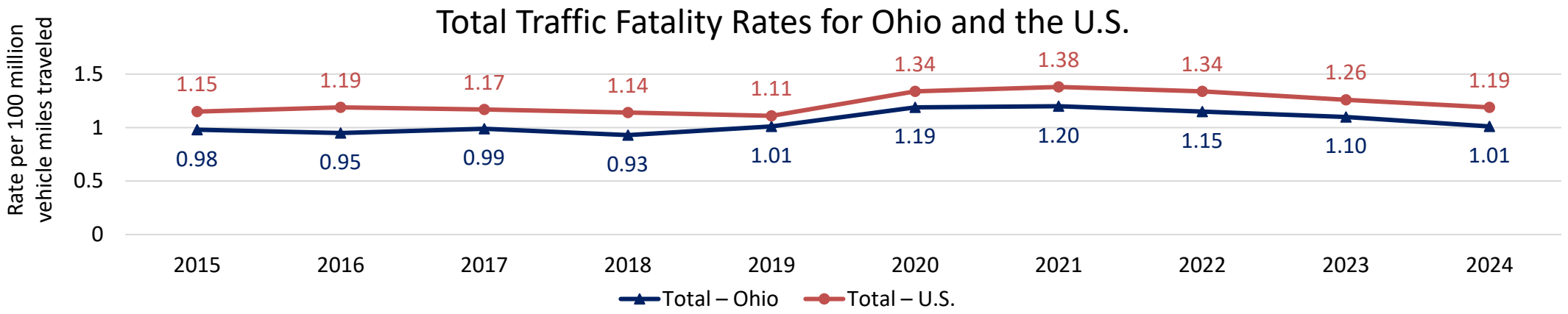
Ohio's traffic fatality rate continued to decrease in 2024, slightly outpacing the U.S. rate of decrease



- After peaking at 1.20 fatalities per 100 million vehicle miles traveled (VMT) in 2021, Ohio's traffic fatality rate decreased by 15.8% to 1.01 in 2024. Traffic fatality rates in Ohio remain lower than U.S. rates, however, both have trended downward since 2021.
- In 2024, there were 1,077 fatal crashes in Ohio, resulting in 1,157 fatalities. Crash variables tied to these fatal crashes indicate that: 581 were OVI-related, 319 involved speed, 265 involved youth, and 558 were noted to have unbelted occupants. These variables are not mutually exclusive.
- For 2024, the comparable number of fatalities and VMT rates for the surrounding states was: Indiana (832/0.96), Michigan (1,098/1.10), Pennsylvania (1,127/1.12), Kentucky (707/1.44), and West Virginia (256/1.57).

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

Ohio Traffic Crashes by Severity, 2024		
Level of Severity	**Number of Crashes**	**% of Total Crashes**
Fatal	1,077	0.4%
Serious injury suspected	6,134	2.4%
Minor injury suspected	32,740	13.1%
Injury possible	24,366	9.7%
Property damage only	186,052	74.3%
Total	**250,369**	**100%**