

Discrepancy In FARS Data Relating To Maryland Work Zone Fatalities In 2001.

An error in our FARS 2001 data files has been identified for the variable 'Construction/Maintenance Zone' for the state of Maryland. Fatal crashes were miscoded as 'Work Zone-Related', and some Fatal crashes that were actually work zone-related were miscoded as 'Not Work Zone-Related'. The net effect was to overestimate the number of work zone-related fatalities by 46 (53 FARS fatalities vs. 7 actual Maryland-reported fatalities). Currently our files show 'Work Zone-Related' fatalities as 53 instead of 7(actual number). This error is being corrected and the corrections will be present in the next scheduled release of the FARS 2001 file in March 2003.