**We have discovered a problem with a derived variable on the Accident / Crash file.**

The DRUNK\_DR element on the ACCIDENT level has been incorrectly derived since 1999.  Since then, it was derived based on all person types rather than based on Drivers only. Furthermore, the variable name (DRUNK\_DR) implies that the individual was drunk, however, it actually captures those individuals whom the police reported alcohol involvement OR who tested positive for alcohol (i.e. their blood alcohol concentration was .01 g/dL or greater). Please note that beginning with the 2008 Final file, which will be released in the summer of 2010, DRUNK\_DR will be derived for Drivers only.

**These are the criteria used since 1999:**

 **(1)  All person type:**

MOTORISTS

01 Driver of a Motor Vehicle In-Transport

02 Passenger of a Motor Vehicle In-Transport

09 Unknown Occupant Type in a Motor Vehicle In-Transport

NON-MOTORISTS

03 Occupant of a Motor Vehicle Not In-Transport

04 Occupant of a Non-Motor Vehicle Transport Device

NON-OCCUPANTS

05 Pedestrian

06 Bicyclist

07 Other Cyclist

08 Persons on Personal Conveyances

10 Persons In/On Buildings

19 Unknown Type of Non-Motorist

**(2)  Alcohol involvement = yes**

**(3)  Alcohol test result between 1 and 94**

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