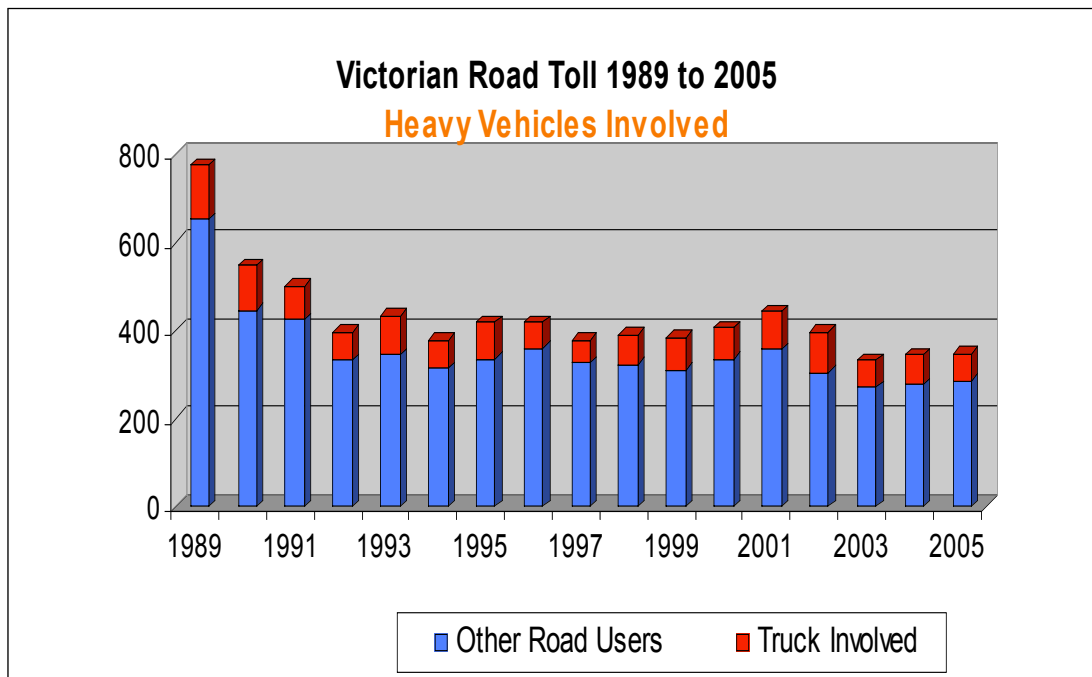


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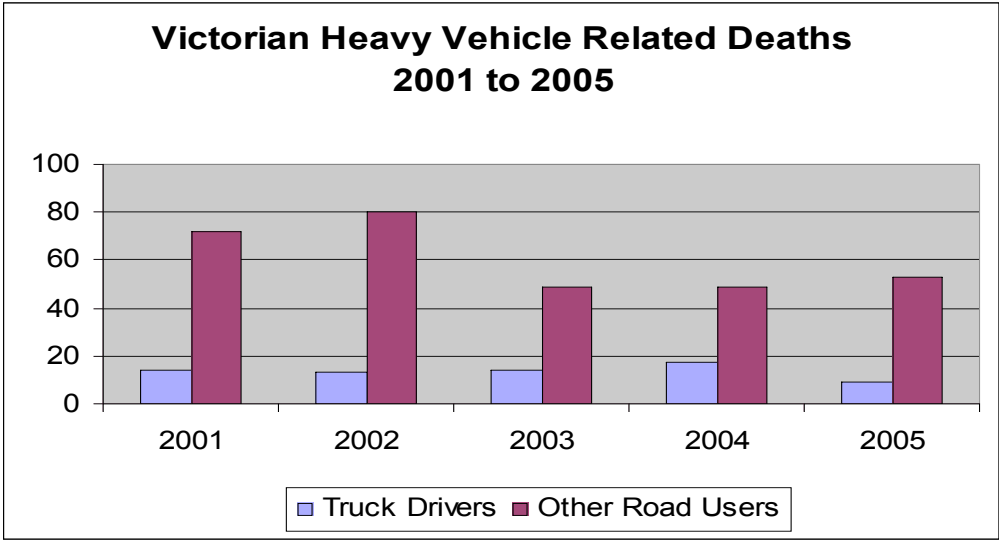
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Key Crash Facts:

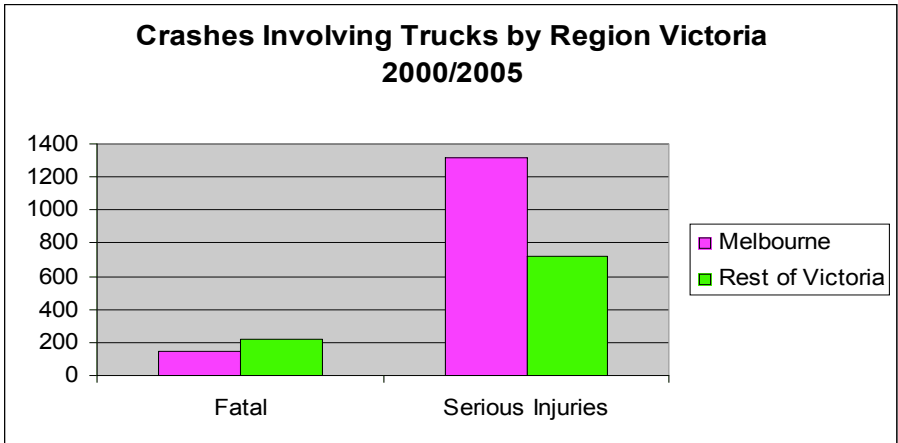
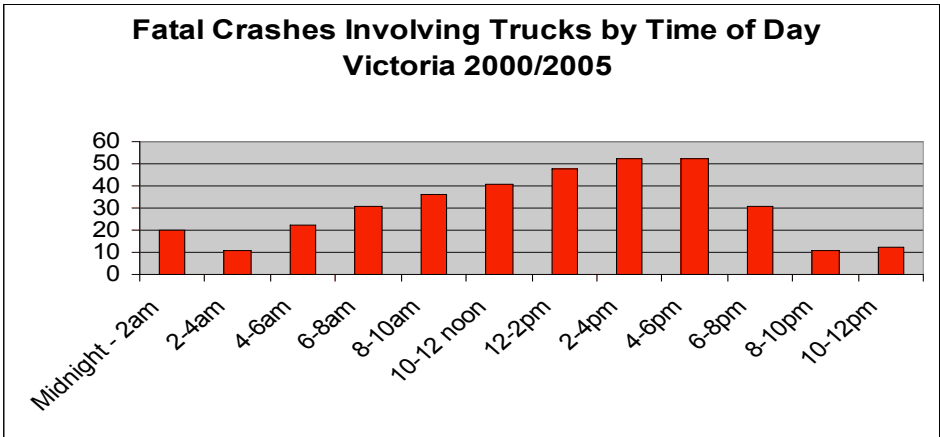
- ∞ Each year in Australia over 300 people are killed in crashes involving heavy vehicles.
- ∞ The risk of a fatality in a crash involving a heavy vehicle is 3 times higher than in a crash involving light vehicles only.
- ∞ Crashes involving heavy vehicles and other road users are estimated to cost businesses and the community around \$2 billion a year.
- ∞ In Victoria:
 - In the period 1989 to 2005 the number of road users killed in truck related crashes in Victoria reduced from 124 to 62.
 - There are around 1000 heavy vehicle crashes where someone is killed or injured each year
 - In 2005 there were 62 road users killed, 347 seriously injured and 840 with minor injuries in truck related crashes



Since 1989, there has been a 50% drop in deaths involving heavy vehicles.



A factor in many truck driver deaths is the non-wearing of seat belts.



Most crashes occur in Melbourne – more deaths occur in rural regions because of higher speeds