The safety of drivers on Texas roadways is TxDOT’s top priority. TxDOT’s goal areas emphasize the need to reduce annual fatalities and serious injuries. As Texas’ population increases, however, keeping incident rates low becomes an even more difficult task. Texas population has grown at an average annual rate of 1.80%, the third highest growth rate in the country. Fortunately, traffic fatality and serious injury rates have not increased at the same rate.

Looking Ahead

As the ride-sharing economy grows and individuals become less likely to take their own car to work, it is possible that emphasis areas such as alcohol-involved crashes and distracted driving change significantly. Future-looking data collection may team up with private companies working in Texas such as Uber and Lyft to understand the impact of these industries on crashes.