

RAIL CROSSING SAFETY ACTION PLAN

2023 UPDATE

Funding Programs & Activities

- ▶ Encourage highway-railroad at-grade crossing closures (in general and in coordination with grade crossing signal and/or surface work).
- ▶ Establish strong efforts to identify pedestrian and trespasser hot-spots.
- ▶ Apply for discretionary grants to change infrastructure to alleviate issues in the identified hot-spots.
- ▶ Set up a trespasser reporting web page. This project is still in progress.

Education

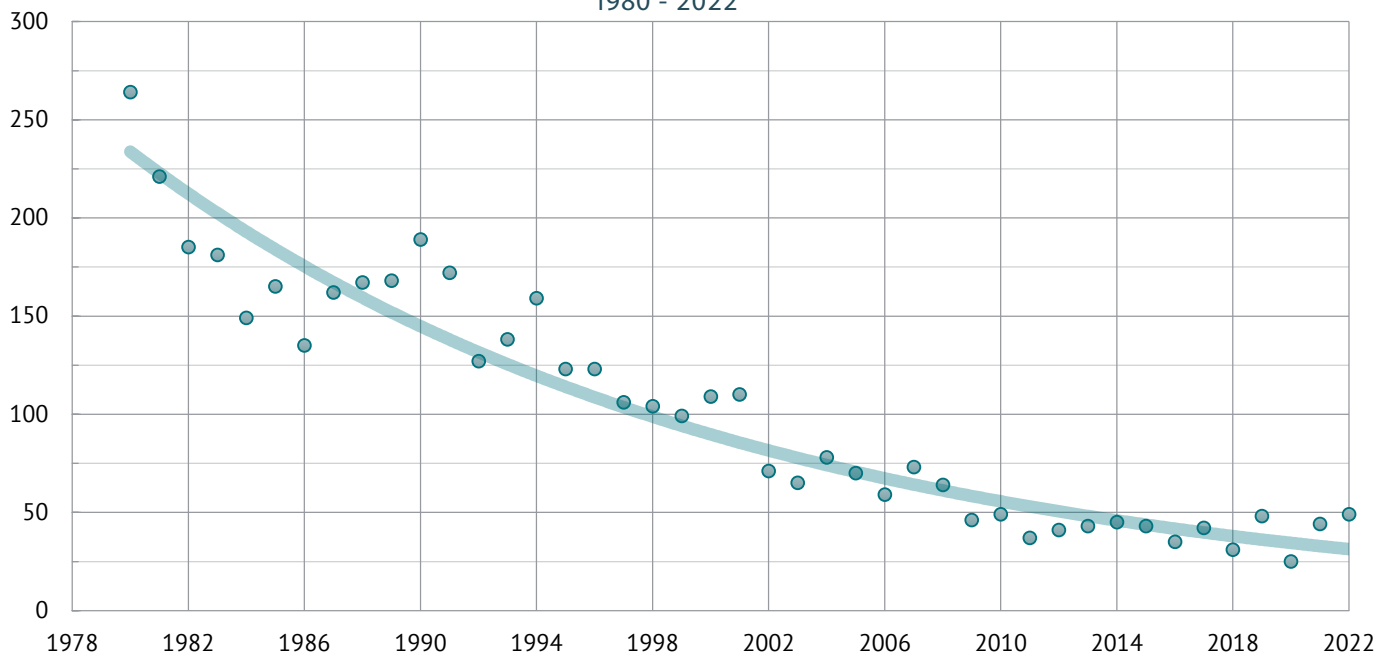
- ▶ Take part in outreach and training for high schools, universities, fairs, scouts, driver's education, etc.
- ▶ Mandate rail safety training for Iowa DOT employees doing field work.

Enhanced Data Collection & Analysis

- ▶ Develop a GIS railroad crossing accidents map for Iowa. This is being done at the state and federal level. We have been participating with the FRA on the extensive update of the GIS database.

Railroad Crossing Collisions in Iowa

1980 - 2022



Note: Many of these activities are on-going and in close coordination with OL-Iowa.

The Crossing Safety Action Plan is available at www.iowadot.gov/iowarail/pdfs/Rail-Safety-Action-Plan.pdf