



DATA
MODERNIZATION
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November 2014 Update

What is Data Mod?

NHTSA's effort to:

- **Upgrade the National Automotive Sampling System (NASS)**
- **Modernize and consolidate related information technology systems**

Goal: To affirm NHTSA's position as the leader in motor vehicle crash data collection and analysis, by collecting quality data to keep pace with emerging technology and evolving policy needs.

Current NASS/GES

Purpose: To monitor large scale trends in the characteristics of the nation's crash experience.

- **Probability-based design**
- **60 sites in 26 states**
- **About 50,000 crashes sampled annually**
- **100+ variables coded from police crash reports**
- **All vehicle types and crash severities**

Current NASS/CDS

Purpose: To aid in the development and evaluation of passenger vehicle crashworthiness and occupant protection systems.

- **Probability-based design**
- **24 sites in 17 states (subset of GES sites)**
- **600+ variables coded from investigation-based data**
- **Towed passenger vehicle crashes only**

Congressional Directive: Modernize

Considerations:

- **Is sample size and design sufficient?**
- **Is scope too limited?**
- **What data needs to be collected?**
- **What data do external stakeholders need?**

**Congress appropriated \$25M in FY2012
for NASS modernization.**

Major Project Components

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Survey Modernization Progress

- **Evaluated data needs**
- **Developed sample conceptual design**
- **Collected data for site selection**
- **Completed the 3-stage sample design and selected the first and second stage sites**

New Sample Design

- **Probability-based (needed for rulemaking)**
- **Two independent sample systems**
- **No intentional overlap between “old” and “new” data collection sites**
- **Flexibility to add special studies (peds, trucks, motorcycles, etc.)**
- **Sample scalability**



Current Implementation Plan Assumptions

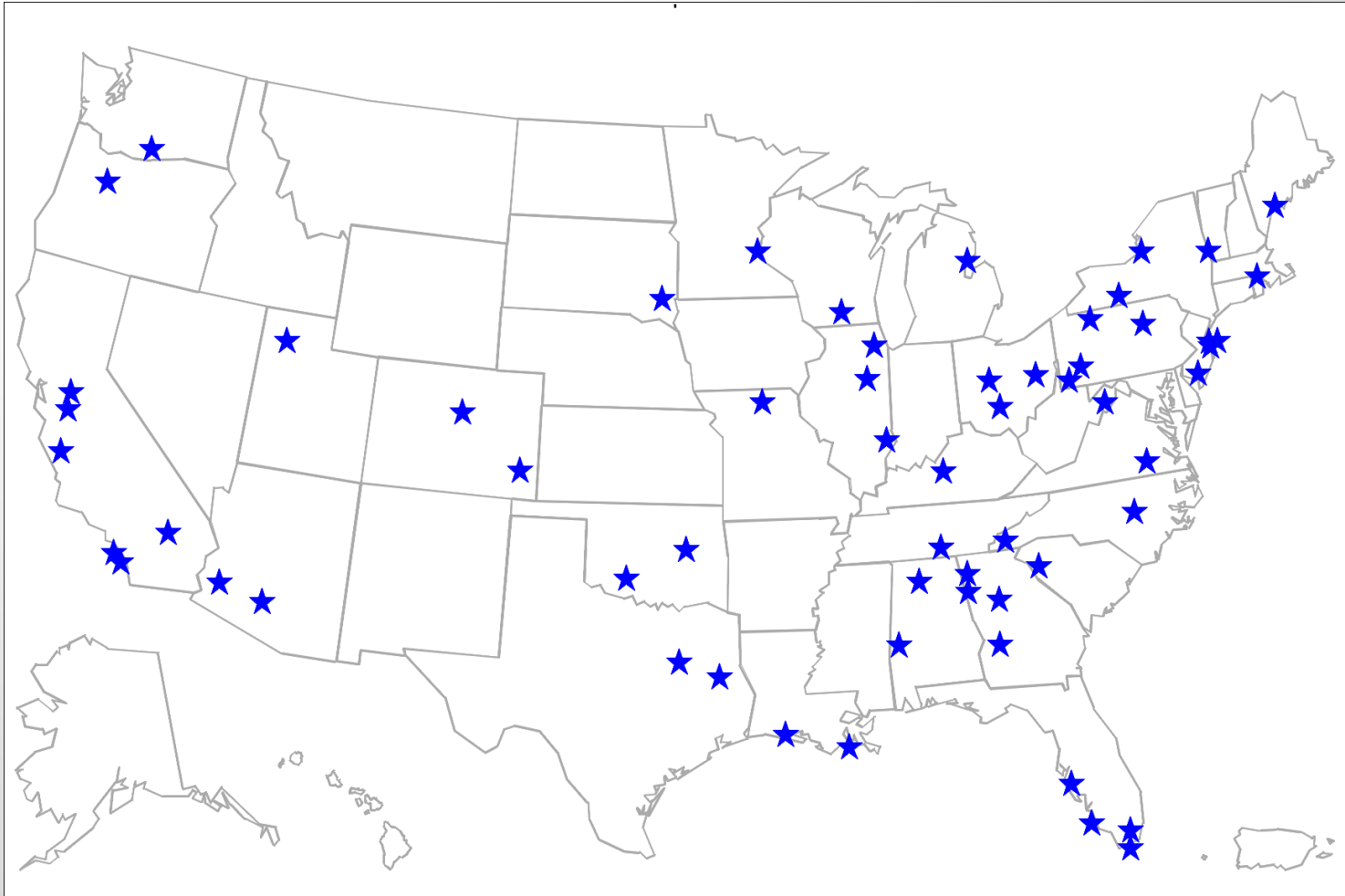
- **End GES in 2015**
- **Begin CRSS in 2016**
- **End CDS in 2015**
- **Begin phasing in CISS in 2015**
- **New IT for sampling, collection, coding**

- **60 Sites (PSUs) in 31 States**
- **Larger sites w/more injury crashes**
- **392 Police Jurisdictions (~6 PJs/PSU)**
- **~50,000 annual cases**

CRSS should produce similar or smaller standard errors than the current GES for key estimates.



CRSS 60 Sites



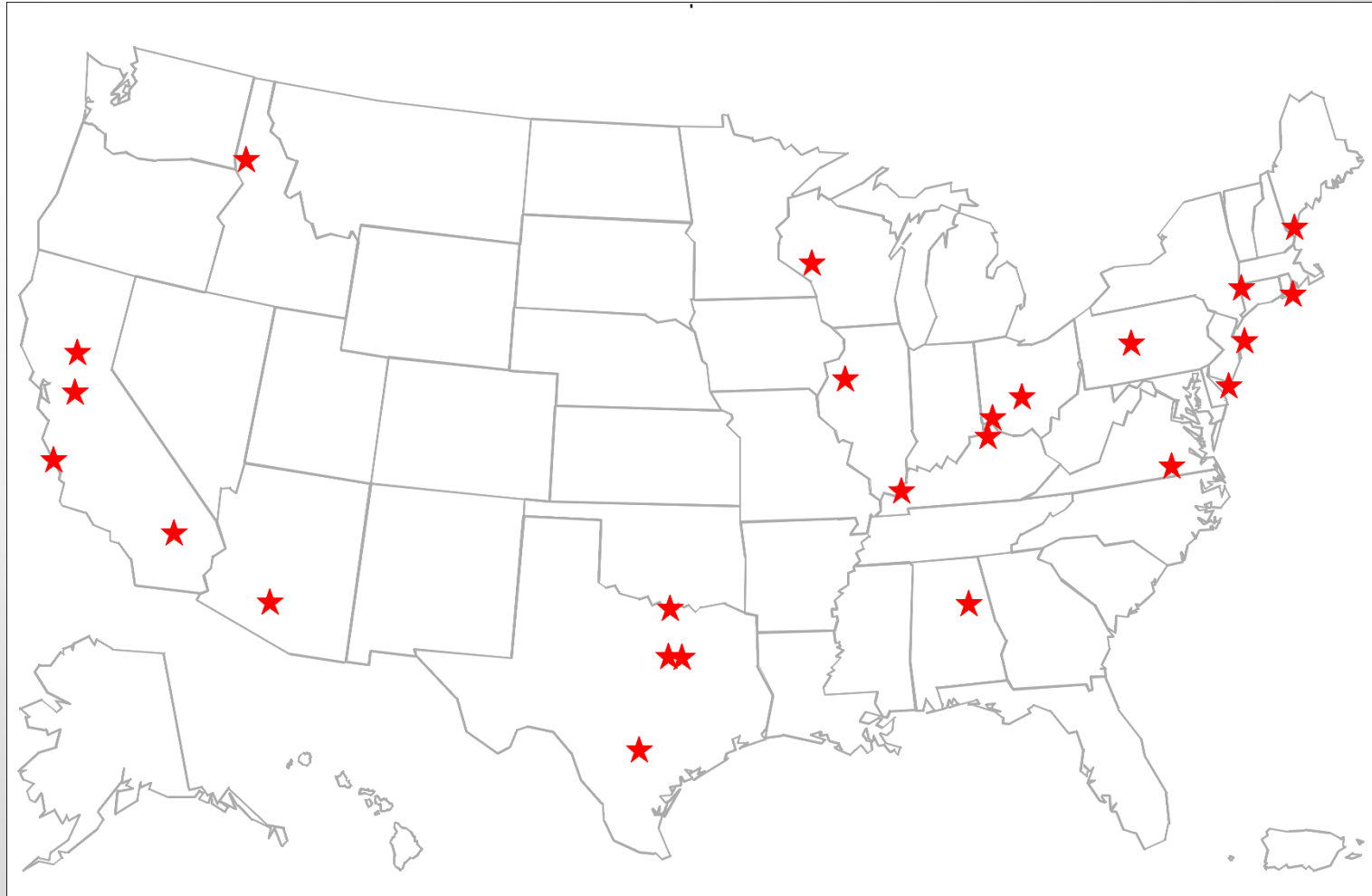


- **24 Sites (PSUs) in 15 States**
- **Smaller sites that target late model year vehicles and injury crashes**
- **176 Police Jurisdictions (~7 PJs/PSU)**
- **4,000 to 4,500 annual cases**

Add additional sites as budget permits and add modules for special studies: peds, motorcycles, etc.



Phase 1 CISS Sites



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- **Began consolidation of system components on a shared environment**
- **Implemented new security features to meet Federal IT security requirements**
- **Implementing electronic form data collection**
- **Planning on enhanced web products**

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Implementation Progress

- **Evaluated and field-tested data collection tools – Total Station, tablets**
- **Finalized variables to be collected in CRSS and Phase 1 CISS**
- **Developed an implementation plan**
- **Developing training materials**
- **Started cooperation process**

Enhancements

SAMPLING

- Flexible
- Scalable
- Reflects population
- Targets severe crashes
- Targets newer vehicles

IT SYSTEMS

- Agile
- Secure
- Reliable
- Efficient
- Consolidated

DATA

- New data: EDR inspection, etc.
- More complete
- More accurate
- More timely
- Better QC
- New products and services

Additions to Public CISS Files

- **EDR data (speed, brake status, belt use)**
- **Tire data**
- **Post-crash measurements**
- **Lateral and vertical rollover crush locations and damage**
- **FMVSS 214 msts. (Door-sill differential)**
- **Occupant contact location(s)**
- **Crash avoidance technologies**
- **Enhanced child safety seat data**

Example Benefits of CRSS and CISS

- **New IT infrastructure to improve timeliness and enhance online reporting tools**
- **New system sample will enable more precise estimates and more accurate and faster problem identification**
- **More data will be available and accessible to the public, while meeting information security requirements**
- **Additional analytical products and better user documentation**



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