

Ben Adams and Jack Troy's piece, *Crashes Are Down in Allegheny County* brings to light an issue that to many might remain invisible: Despite many new safety features in vehicles, "from 2016 to 2022 PennDot reported a 22% increase in major injuries per accident in Allegheny County." This is a startling figure. The writers then pull together possible causes. The piece handles these possible causes responsibly through both qualitative and quantitative reasoning, making it clear that the root cause is not easy to track. Because of this honest uncertainty, and what I most admire about the piece, is how it invites a reader to consider human tendencies towards impatience as a root cause, whether from distractions like cellphones or pandemic-related habits, due to roads during that time having far fewer vehicles on them. This has created a driving atmosphere where some feel emboldened to speed and ignore clear road signs. In each case, my takeaway is that the root cause is human impatience itself and how being in a heavy piece of machinery leaves drivers with a sense that they are invulnerable and that the consequences of these attitudes can be severe.