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Federal Railroad Administration Announces New Safety Data Website
New portal provides added functionality and data analysis capabilities.

The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) announced today that it has finalized the transition to a new, more user-friendly online public safety data website as required by Section 22405 of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021. The new site, which can be accessed at https://data.transportation.gov/stories/s/FRA-Safety-Data/dakf-i7zd.

The public can more easily find information using the new site. FRA established a site redesign group including stakeholders from FRA, railroads, industry associations, state DOTs, and researchers to gather user requirements and test for functionality and suitability. The new site replaces two older legacy websites, one of which dates back decades. FRA's previous Office of Safety Analysis website was developed in the 1990s and contained approximately 30 pre-made reports with limited ability for users to customize their queries. Results were displayed in static tables.

The new public site incorporates those 30 reports and more into an interactive website that tells a story about the data. The new website includes a combination of data tables, visuals, and narrative components. Users can select exactly the data they need through easy-to-operate controls like dropdown filters and parameters and then adjust how the reports display results by, for example, sorting results by different columns in ascending or descending order. FRA will continually update the site in 2025 and beyond, incorporating feedback received from stakeholders.

"Our new public FRA Safety Data website increases transparency which is a Trump Administration priority," said **FRA Acting Administrator Drew Feeley**. *"The new capabilities being introduced will afford users significantly more flexibility when querying our railroad safety data,"* he continued.

Users will also find vastly improved site navigation including: descriptive report titles and summaries to make it easier to find data; streamlined reports that reduce multiple tables to one table per report; expanded and standardized filter options across reports to help users find relevant data; and more links to pages to help users navigate more quickly. It also includes numerous resource links providing users with greater explanation of data queries.

This collaborative modernization effort allows FRA to:

- *Enhance Data Assets* by building new data assets, while ensuring data users can find the data they already use and need;
- *Improve Data Accessibility* by providing a user-friendly interface to view, filter, and export data;
- *Promote Data Literacy* by providing easy-to-read data definitions and descriptions for easier data comprehension; and
- *Enhance Data Dissemination* by providing OData and API access, which enable a direct connection to the data that can automatically refresh and ensure up-to-date data, removing the need to manually export to access new data.

FRA's new public site aligns with the Department of Transportation's Open Data Portal, data.transportation.gov. It also contains a Data Catalog which lists all available datasets and reports by agency or by topic.

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