

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Department: Public Safety

HB Section(s): 8.130

Program Name: Motor Vehicle Inspection Section

Program is found in the following core budget(s): Vehicle and Driver Safety

1a. What strategic priority does this program address?

Protection and Service

1b. What does this program do?

Administers and enforces the motor vehicle safety inspection program, which includes developing standards (CSR), policies, and procedures for motor vehicle inspection, and providing oversight to Missouri businesses licensed as official safety inspection stations of the program.

Administers the school bus inspection program, which includes a physical safety inspection of all school buses. The division also provides training and information to pupil transportation professionals regarding the proper procedures to follow for the inspection of a school bus.

Administers the Vehicle Identification Number/Salvage title examination program to verify branded title transactions, detect stolen vehicles and vehicle components, and deter motor vehicle fraud in the state.

Assists Department of Natural Resources in administering the federally-mandated Gateway Vehicle Inspection Program for emissions testing in the non-attainment area of the state.

Administers the window tint examination program by inspecting vehicles for statutory compliance before issuance of a window tint permit.

Completes on-site inspections of both automotive/marine dealerships and salvage dealerships to ensure a bona fide place of business exists and to detect fraudulent activity.

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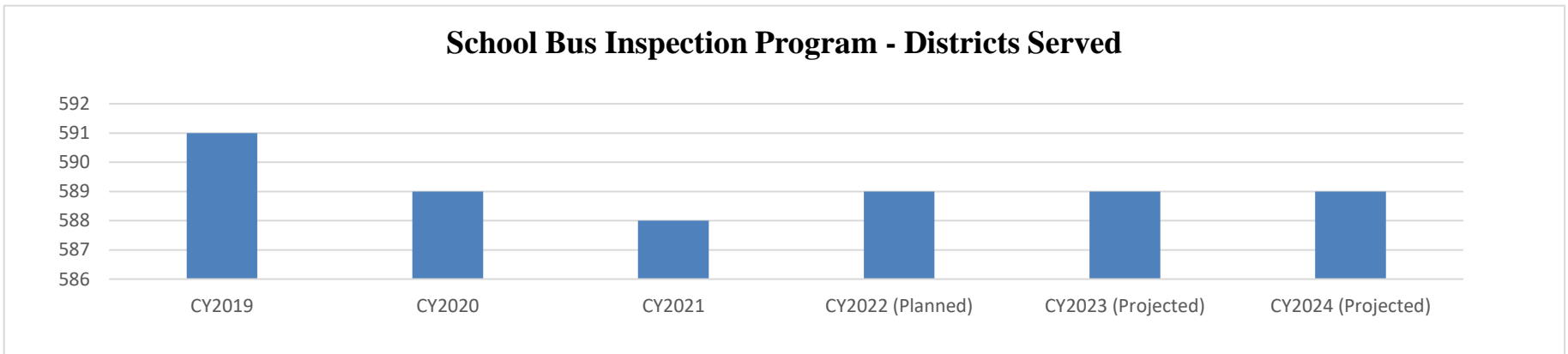
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2a. Provide an activity measure(s) for the program.

The School Bus Inspection Program includes the annual inspection of Missouri school buses, as well as a spot check inspection of no less than 10% of Missouri school buses, by trained Missouri State Highway Patrol personnel. Annual inspections are conducted during the spring of each calendar year, while spot check inspections are conducted during the fall. The program must coordinate inspections and re-inspections with every school district in the state.

School Bus Inspection Program - Districts Served



The division's goal is to complete an annual inspection of all buses required by section 307.375, RSMo. In 2021, 588 public, private, charter, and state-sponsored schools were provided service through the Missouri State Highway Patrol's annual school bus inspection program.

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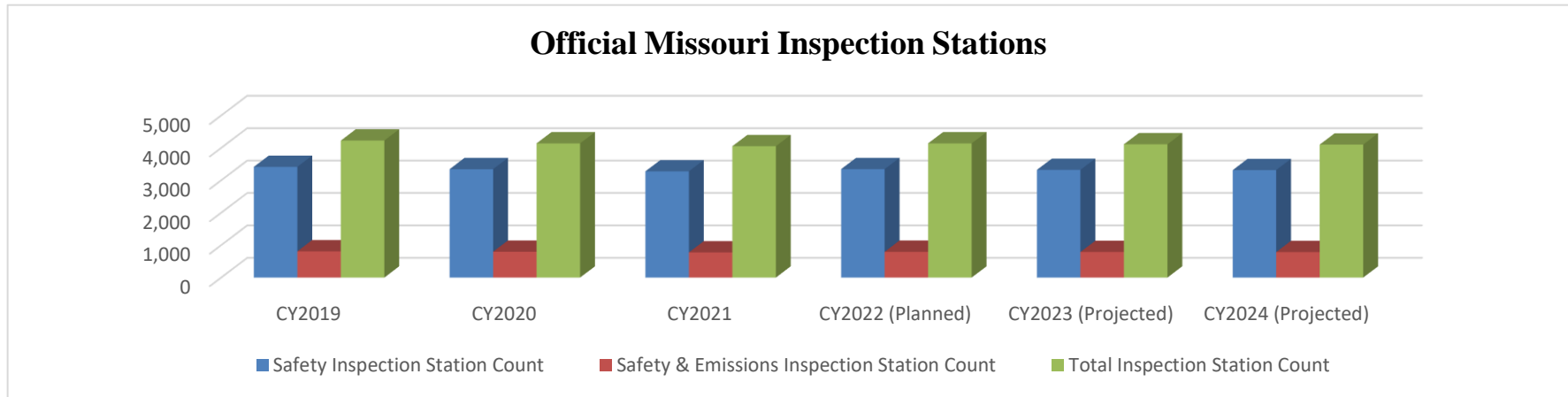
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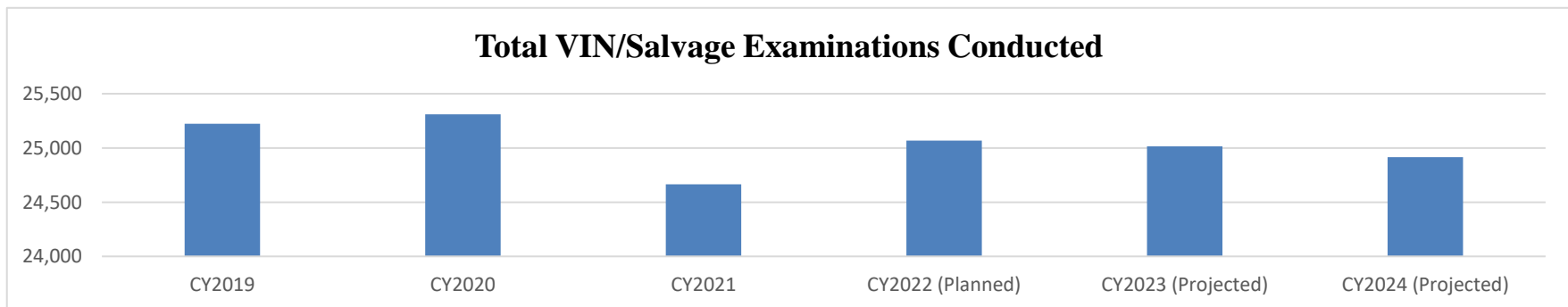
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The Patrol is assigned oversight of Missouri's Motor Vehicle Safety Inspection program. During 2021, approximately 1,921,000 motor vehicles were inspected at over 4,000 official motor vehicle safety inspection stations across the state.



Motor Vehicle Inspection personnel receive in-depth training on Vehicle Identification Numbers, and identifying fraudulent usage of them. They examine VIN's for a variety of purposes, including proper verification of numbers assigned to vehicles, boats and motors, as well as extensive examinations related to salvage vehicles. This service is an important step for proper titling in some cases, and helps prevent and detect fraud and the movement of stolen automobiles in the state.



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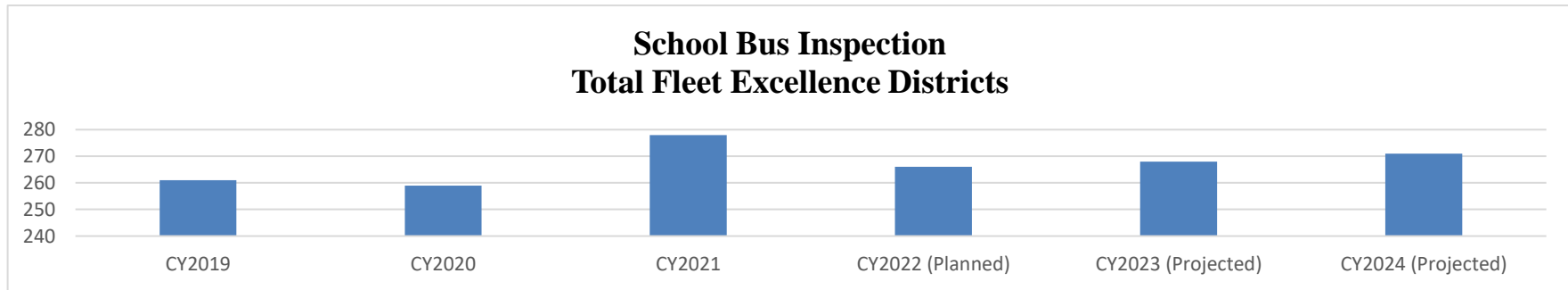
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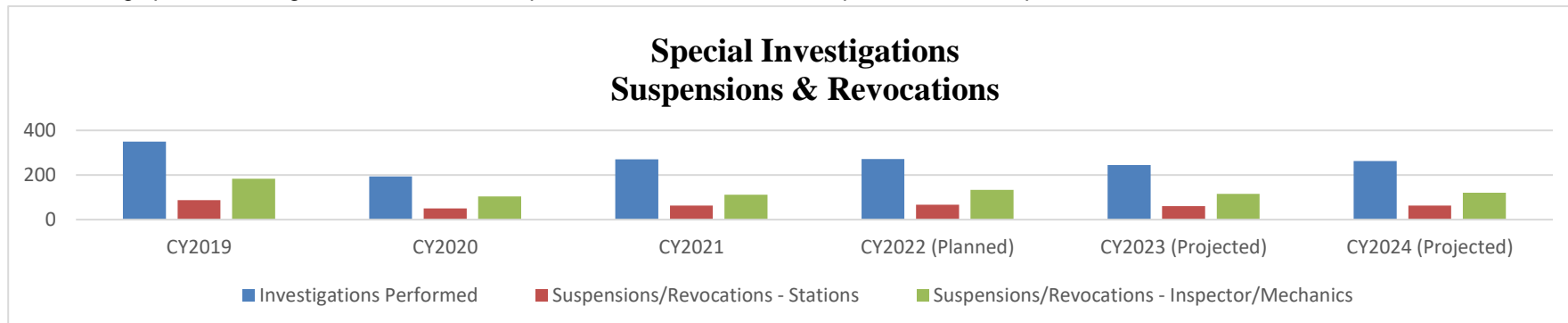
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2b. Provide a measure(s) of the program's quality.

The program strives to educate and encourage school districts to maintain safe school buses in their fleet. It recognizes Missouri school districts with an approval rate of 90% or greater, with no disqualifying out of service defects, by awarding them the distinction of Total Fleet Excellence. Award-winning districts receive Total Fleet Excellence stickers to display on each bus in the fleet for the next school year. In 2021, 278 districts received the distinction of Total Fleet Excellence, with 6,294 Missouri school buses eligible to display the Total Fleet Excellence sticker during the 2021 -2022 school year.



The MVI program conducts special (covert) investigations of motor vehicle inspection stations to ensure inspections are performed in accordance with state statutes and regulations. These investigations may be the result of a complaint, or may be a random compliance check investigation. If deemed appropriate, violations discovered during special investigations can lead to suspensions or revocations of inspector-mechanic permits and/or station licenses.



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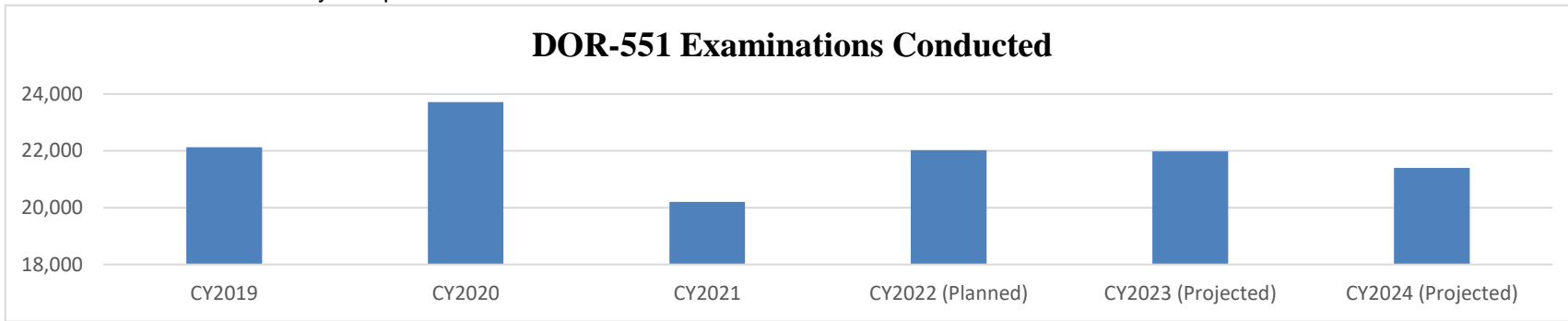
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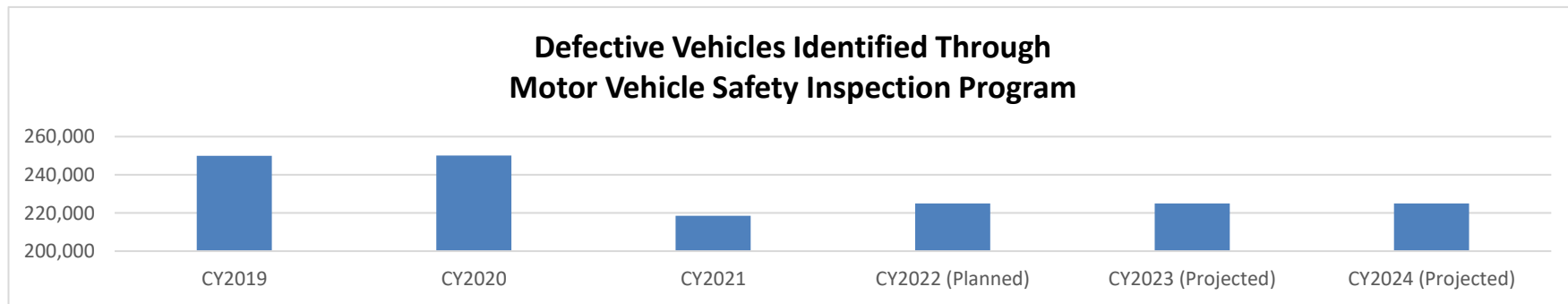
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2c. Provide a measure(s) of the program's impact.

Trained MVI personnel perform salvage examinations on vehicles that have been rebuilt, restored, reconstructed, specially constructed, abandoned on property, or built from a kit and are seeking title and/or registration in Missouri. This examination is an extensive and complete inspection of the major vehicle components and includes a search of databases to check the VIN for stolen entries, among other things. This is a major consumer protection service to Missouri citizens and helps combat stolen auto criminal activity and prevent title fraud.



Section 307.350, RSMo., requires, with exceptions, motor vehicles that are beyond a ten-year period following the model year of manufacture, with an odometer reading of 150,000 miles or greater, to be submitted to a biennial motor vehicle safety inspection at an official motor vehicle safety inspection station prior to motor vehicle registration renewal. Section 307.380, RSMo., requires used vehicles at the time of sale to be safety inspected as a consumer safety measure. Inspector/mechanics at safety inspection stations undergo written and practical examinations to determine they are qualified to perform motor vehicle safety inspections. The motor vehicle safety inspection program greatly reduces the number of defective motor vehicles operating on Missouri roadways. The Patrol began tracking this information in 2020.



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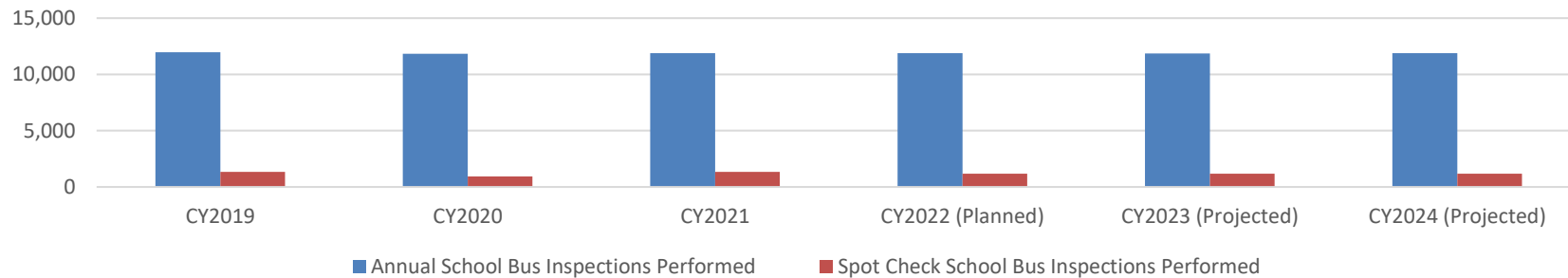
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The Patrol has consistently collaborated with Missouri pupil transportation professionals to build a team-focused school bus inspection program. MVI personnel serve on Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's School Bus Safety Task Force and Missouri Minimum Standards for School Buses Technical Advisory Committee. Personnel also actively participate in professional school bus safety organization activities including the Missouri Association for Pupil Transportation annual conference and trade show, Missouri School Bus Contractors' Association annual convention, Missouri's Best Inspector/Technician competition, Missouri School Bus Driver safety competition, and the National Association of Pupil Transportation conference and trade show. The positive working relationships built with Missouri's pupil transportation community aids the Patrol with scheduling and performing over 13,000 school bus inspections each year.

School Bus Inspections Performed



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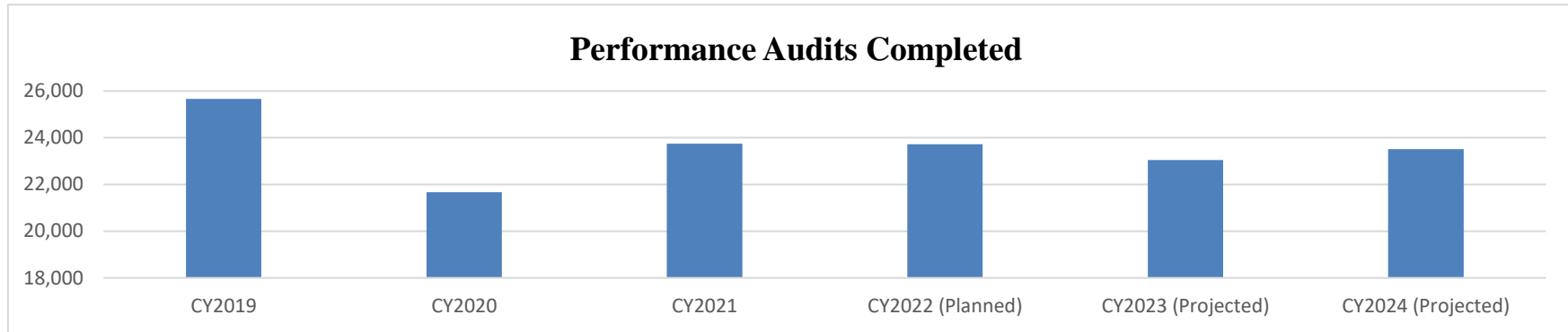
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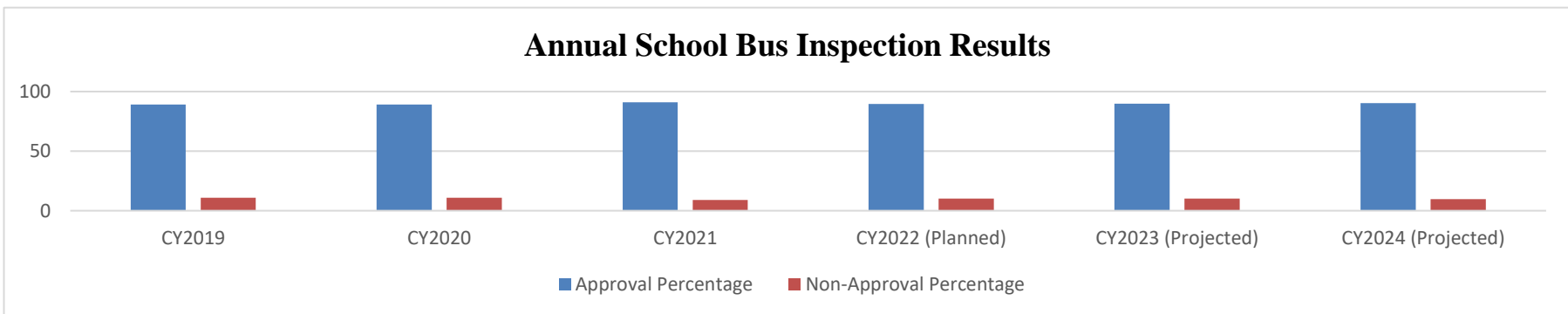
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2d. Provide a measure(s) of the program's efficiency.

The Patrol completes periodic audits of motor vehicle safety inspection stations (and emissions inspection stations) to verify compliance with Missouri statutes and regulations. These are on-site audits involving a review of required paperwork, supplies and procedural items.



Results of the annual school bus inspection program are a matter of public record and may be requested through the Missouri State Highway Patrol's Custodian of Records. Individual school district annual school bus inspection results are published to the Motor Vehicle Inspection Section webpage in June of each year.



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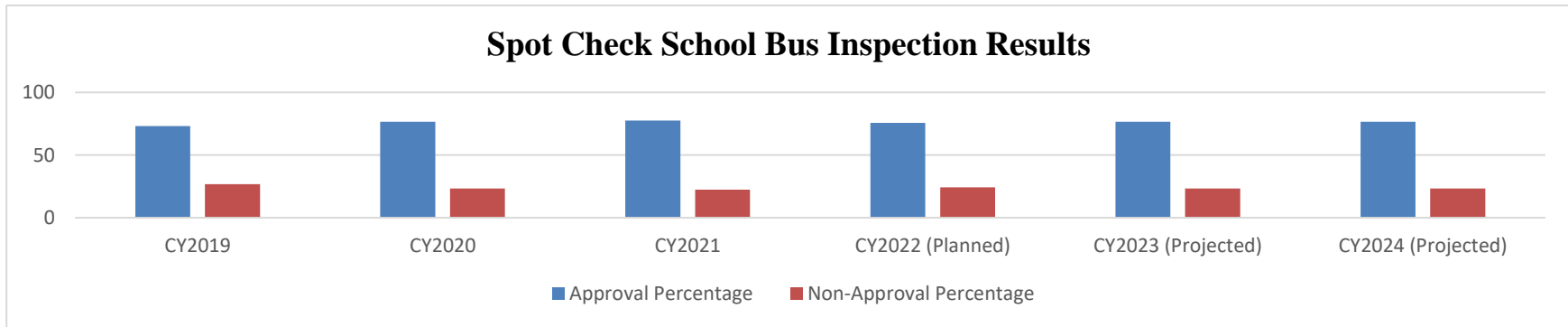
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School bus inspection spot checks are performed in the fall of each calendar year. The Missouri State Highway Patrol requires a minimum of 10% of Missouri school buses are spot checked each fall, with a general emphasis placed on those with historically poor performance results during annual school bus inspections, as well as districts for which the Patrol has received consumer complaints.



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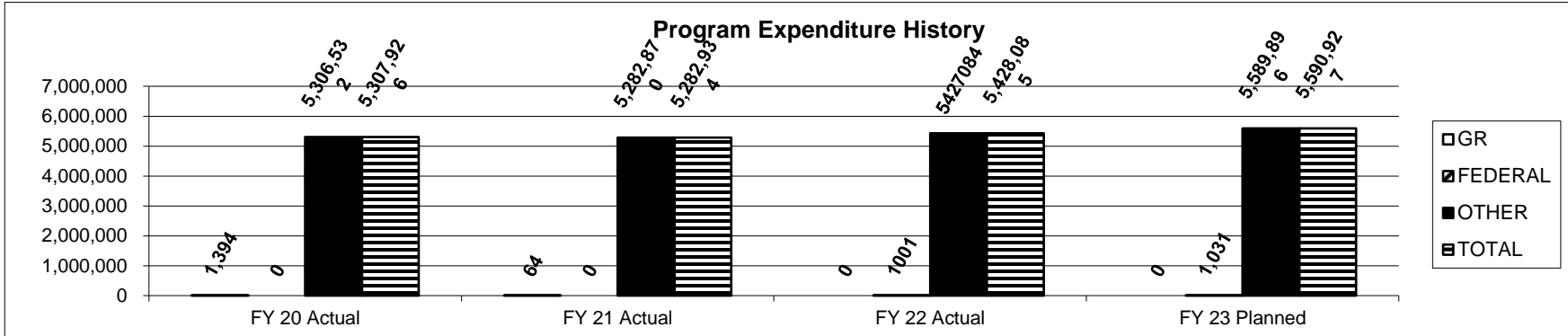
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3. Provide actual expenditures for the prior three fiscal years and planned expenditures for the current fiscal year. (Note: Amounts do not include fringe benefit costs.)



4. What are the sources of the "Other " funds?

Highway (0644); Highway Patrol Inspection (0297); and OASDHI (0702)

5. What is the authorization for this program, i.e., federal or state statute, etc.? (Include the federal program number, if applicable.)

Sections 307.350 to 307.390, RSMo., 2000, as amended; and Section 643.300 to 643.337, RSMo.

6. Are there federal matching requirements? If yes, please explain.

There are no federal matching requirements for any programs administered by the Motor Vehicle Inspection Section.

7. Is this a federally mandated program? If yes, please explain.

The Gateway Vehicle Inspection Program is mandated by the National Ambient Air Quality Standards promulgated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency under the Federal Clean Air Act, 42 USC. 7401, as amended.