

CAP Overview and Update

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Mission

Support Air Pollution Control Efforts by

- Subsidizing the repair of high polluting vehicles
- Incentivizing the retirement of high polluting vehicles

Assist consumers whose vehicles fail a Smog Check, especially low-income consumers who are disproportionately impacted by program requirements

Current Programs and Coming Changes

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Repair Assistance

- Income-eligible – biennial Smog Check failure required
 - Starting 1/1/25, motorists may participate more than once with the same vehicle
- Up to \$1,200 in emission related repairs for 1996 and newer vehicles
 - Starting 1/1/25, up to \$1,450
- Up to \$900 in emission related repairs for 1995 and older vehicles
 - Starting 1/1/25, up to \$1,100

Vehicle Retirement

- Available only for vehicles failing last Smog Check
- Income-eligible consumers receive \$1,500
 - Starting 1/1/25, up to \$2,000
- \$1,000 for other consumers
 - Starting 1/1/25, up to \$1,350

Current Programs and Coming Changes

(2 of 2)

Enhanced Fleet Modernization Program (EFMP)

- Vehicle retirement option developed and managed in partnership with CARB
- Income-eligible consumers receive \$1,500
- Vehicles that pass Smog Check are eligible to participate

Participation and Average Cost: FY 2023-24

Repair Assistance

- Number of Vehicles Repaired = 4,585
- Average Repair Invoice = \$846

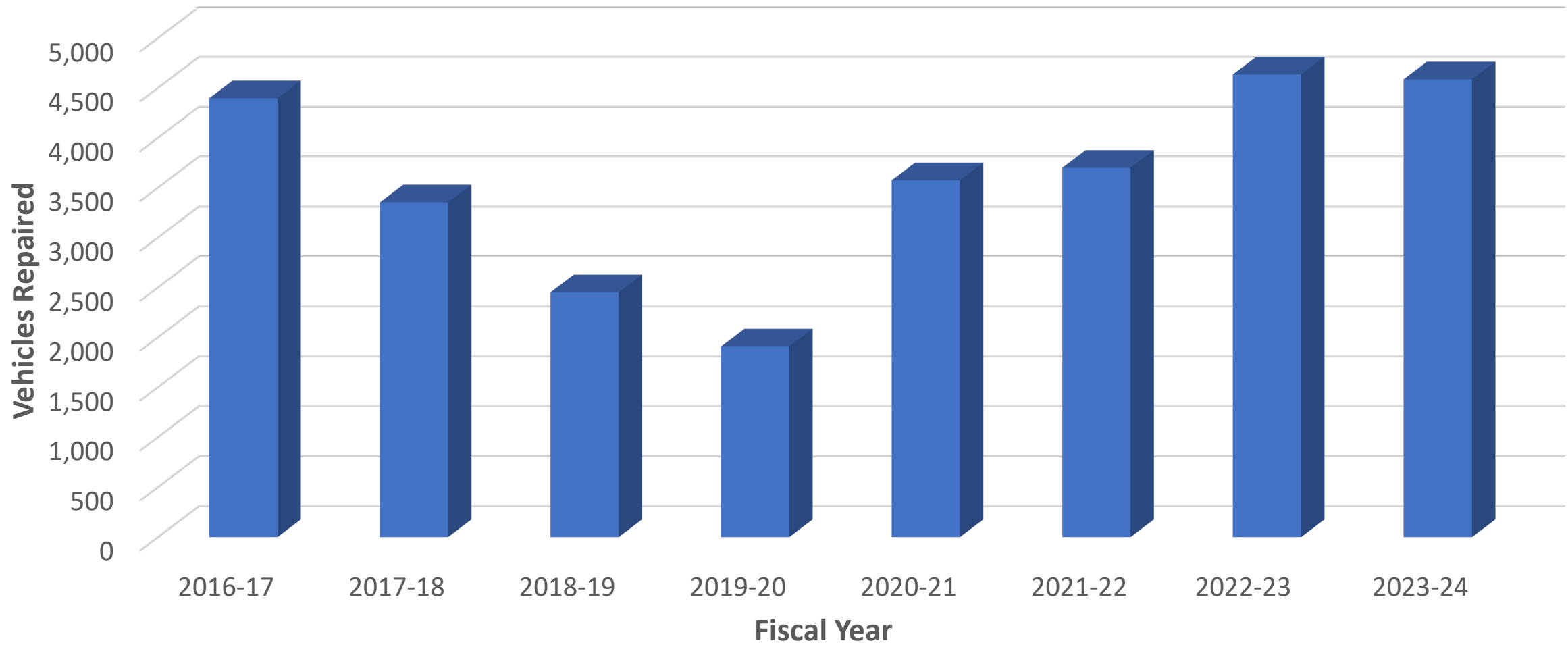
Vehicle Retirement (CAP and EFMP)

- Number of Vehicles Retired = 21,575
- Dismantlers pay an average of \$306 per vehicle

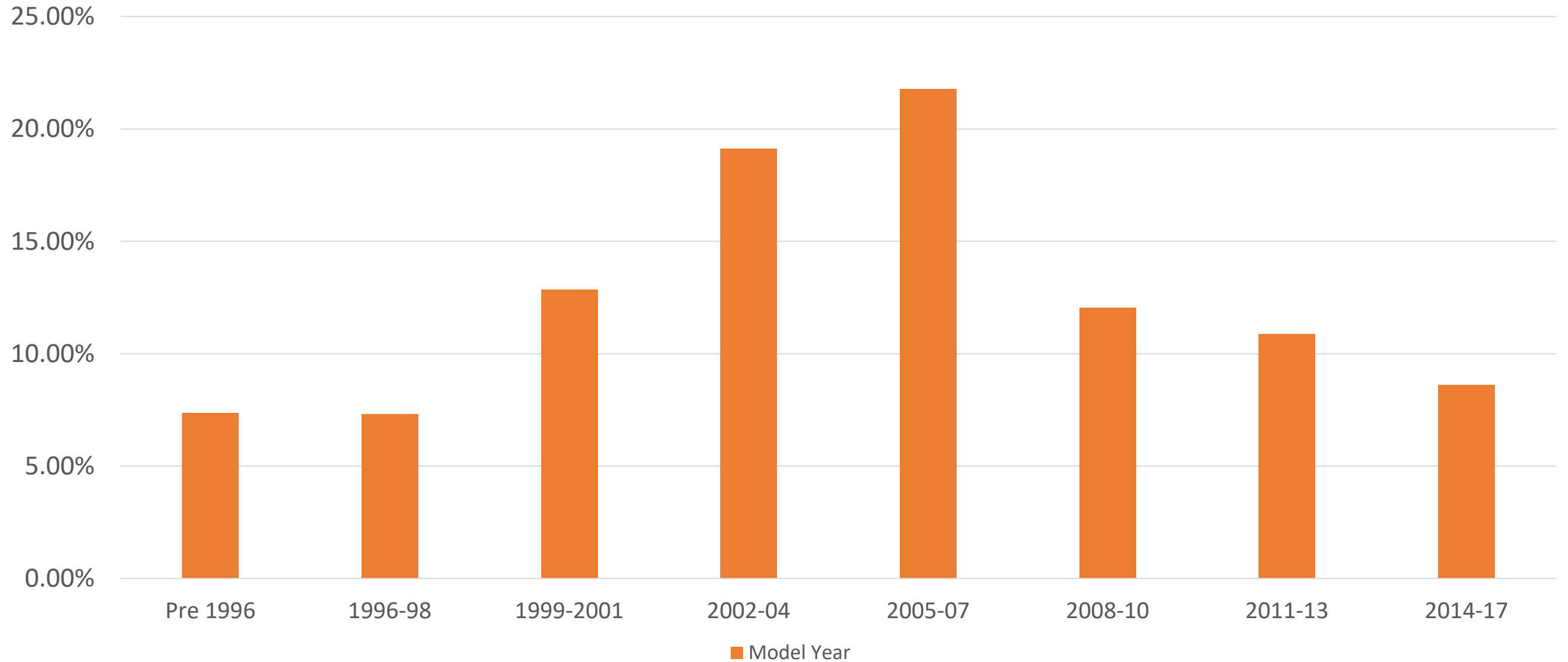
Participation Trends

- Repair Assistance: Trending upward since 2020 regulation changes
- Vehicle Retirement (CAP and EFMP): Trending downward since 2020 due to increases in used car prices
- Participation expected to increase for Repair Assistance and Vehicle Retirement due to upcoming incentive increases
 - EFMP participation not expected to change

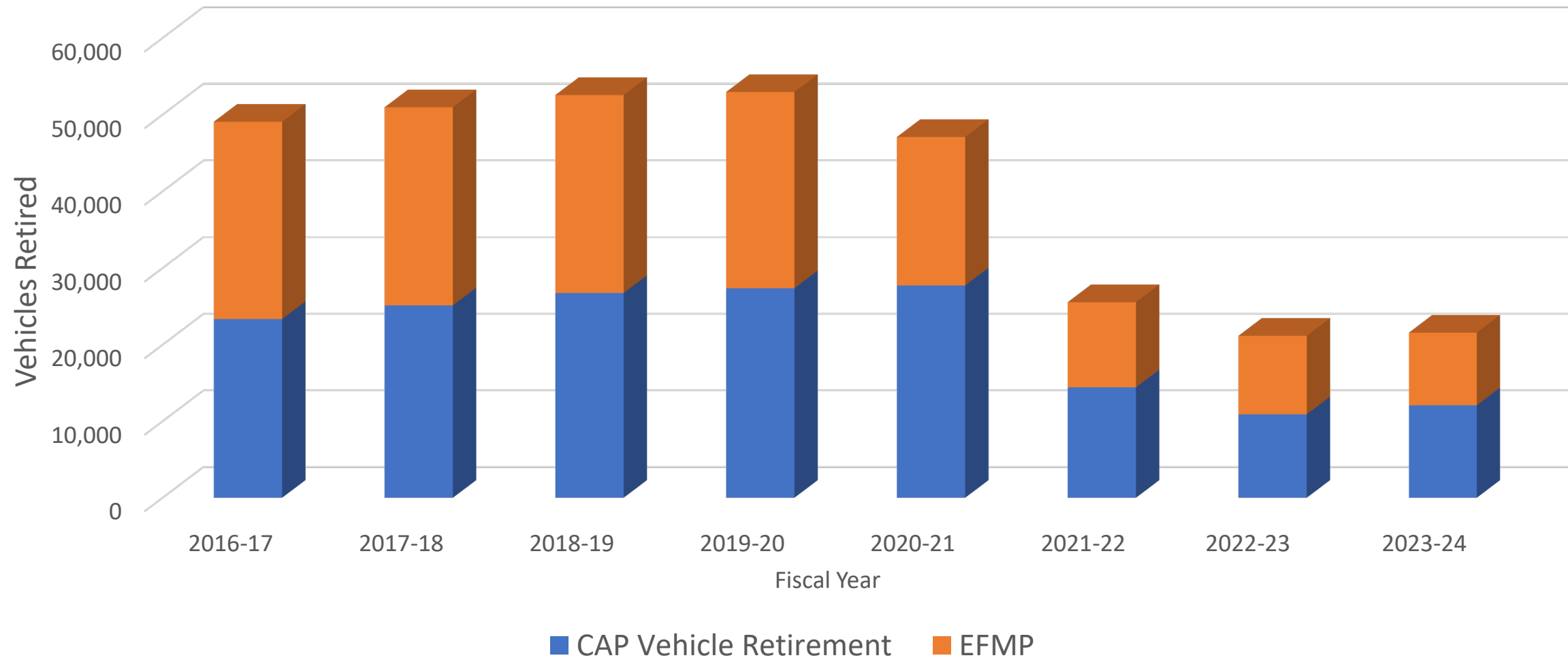
Vehicles Repaired Annually



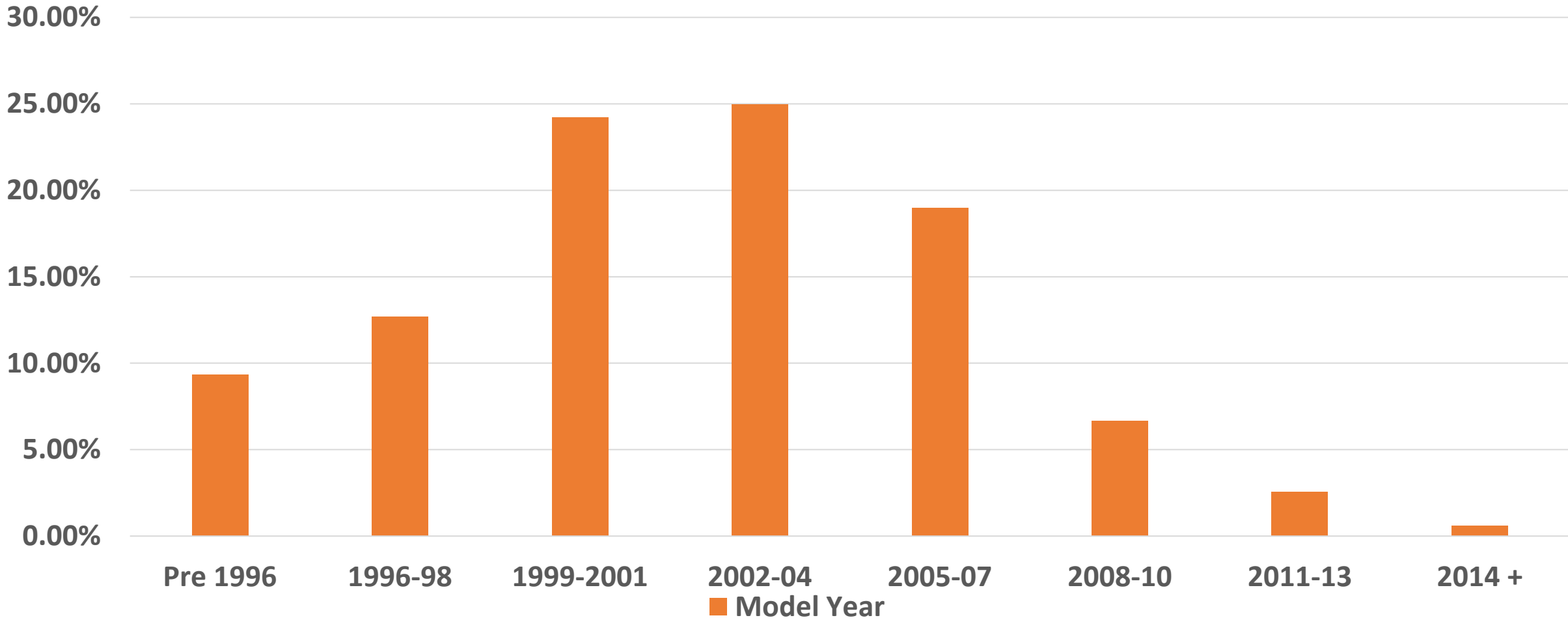
Percentage Vehicles Repaired by Model Year



Vehicles Retired Annually



Percentage Vehicles Retired by Model Year



Plans for Improvement (1 of 2)

Goal: Make it Easier for Stations to Participate

- Modernize Repair Notification and Billing Process

Goal: Station Recruitment

- Increase outreach to currently participating stations
- Provide information and materials that stations can use to inform consumers of the program

Plans for Improvement (2 of 2)

Goal: Get Feedback from Consumers and Industry

- Station Surveys: Online, by phone, and in person
- Consumer Surveys: Mail, online, and by phone

Goal: Outreach to Low-Income Motorists

- Continue Outreach to Community Based Organizations

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