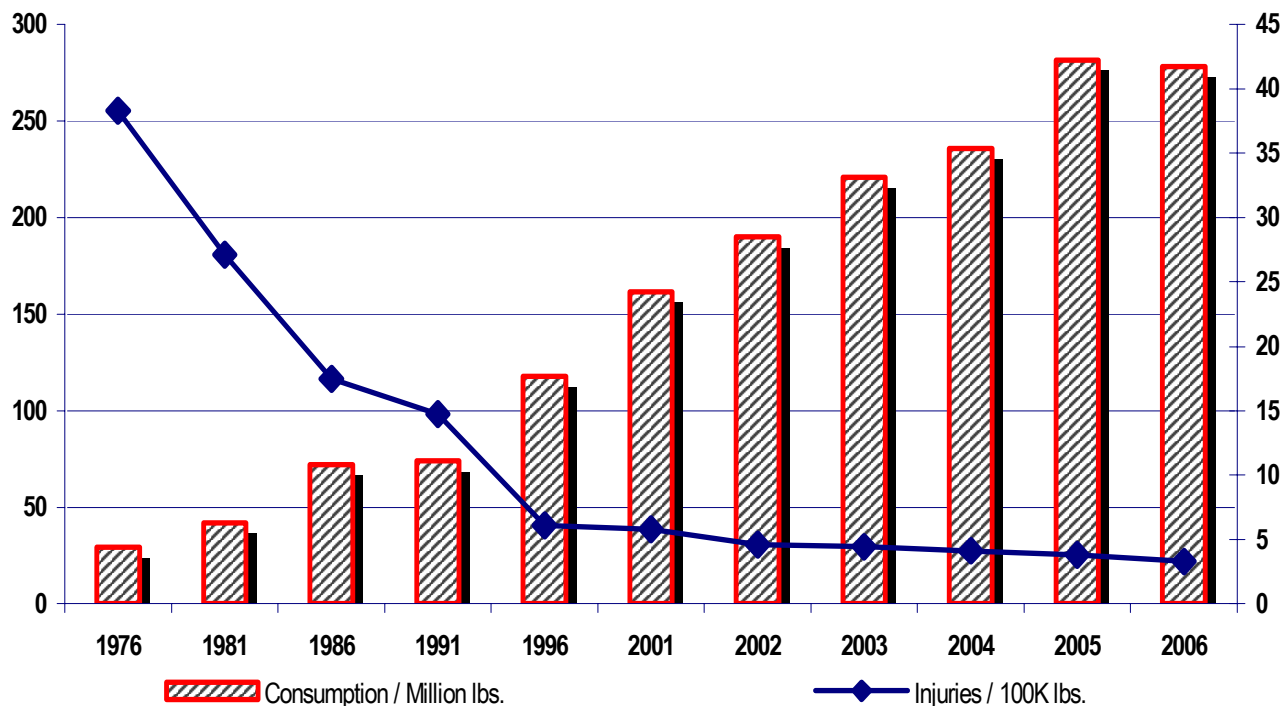




FIREWORKS-RELATED INJURY RATES, 1976-2006

Consumption of fireworks in the United States has risen dramatically over the past two and a half decades, from 29 million pounds in 1976 to over 278.2 million pounds in 2006. While the industry has seen an almost 960% **increase** in fireworks consumption per million pounds, there has been an over 91% **decrease**¹ in fireworks-related injuries per 100,000 pounds.



¹ 1976 fireworks-related injury rate was 38.3 per 100,000 pounds, compared to 2006 rate of 3.3 per 100,000 pounds.