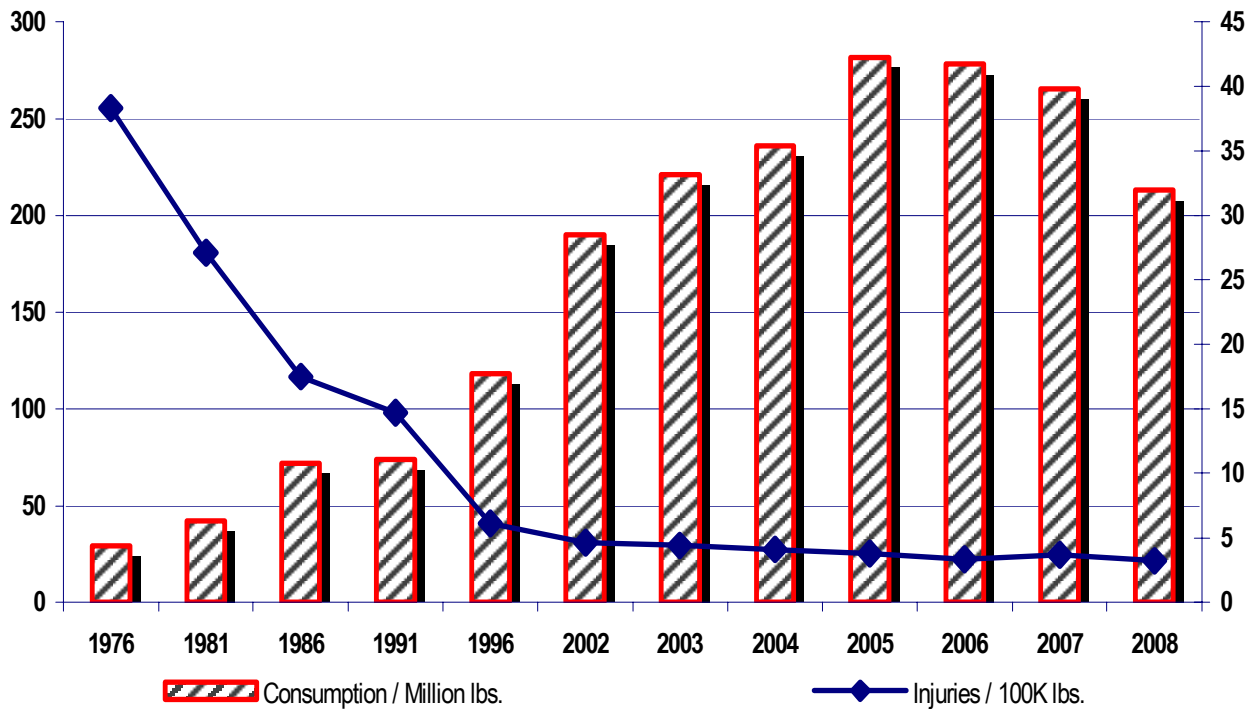




FIREWORKS-RELATED INJURY RATES, 1976-2008

Consumption of fireworks in the United States has risen dramatically over the past three decades, from 29 million pounds in 1976 to over 265.5 million pounds in 2007. While the industry has seen an almost 920% **increase** in fireworks consumption per million pounds, there has been an over 90% **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 2008 rate of 3.3 per 100,000 pounds.