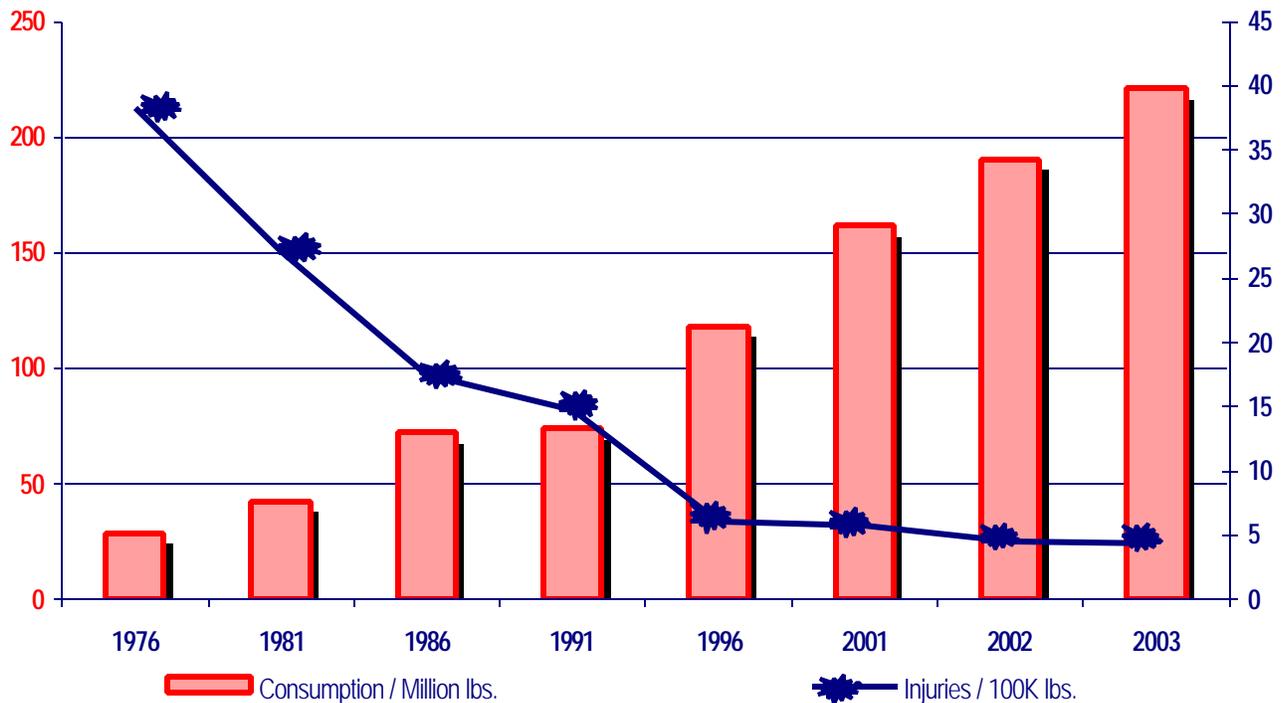




## **FIREWORKS-RELATED INJURY RATES, 1976-2003**

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 almost 221 million pounds in 2003. While the industry has seen a 661% increase in fireworks consumption per million pounds, there has been an 88.5% decrease<sup>1</sup> in fireworks-related injuries per 100,000 pounds.



<sup>1</sup> 1976 fireworks-related injury rate was 38.3 per 100,000 pounds, compared to 2003 rate of 4.4 per 100,000 pounds.