Trends

10 YEAR

In the decade prior to 1989, the number of fatalities had been steadily increasing, following the Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) trend. A dramatic reversal in the fatality rate began in 1989. A projection of losses that would have been incurred if the rate had continued to follow the VMT trend is provided below.

5 YEAR

In the last five years (1993-1997), 7,321 persons have been killed in Michigan traffic crashes. This is an average of 1,464 per year. During the previous five-year period (1992-1996), 7,175 persons were killed, for an average of 1,435 per year.

1 YEAR

Total traffic crashes decreased 2.2 percent statewide.
Fatal crashes decreased 4.2 percent.
Persons killed decreased 3.9 percent.
Injury crashes decreased 3.3 percent.
Persons injured decreased 3.5 percent.
Persons sustaining A-injuries (the most serious) decreased 8.0 percent.
Motor vehicle occupant (driver and passenger) deaths decreased 2.6 percent.
Deaths among pedestrians, bicyclists, motorcyclists and their passengers, and farm equipment/snowmobile/ORV/ATV operators and their passengers decreased 8.4 percent.
Alcohol use was indicated in 481 fatal crashes, a decrease of 1.2 percent.
Between 1996 and 1997 motor vehicle registrations rose 0.1 percent to 8.12 million; the number of drivers of record increased 1.6 percent to 7.09 million and vehicle travel mileage was up 1.7 percent to 89.2 billion.