MICHIGAN Traffic Crash Facts

GENERAL FACTS

2014

The driver, the roadway, and the motor vehicle contribute in some measure to every crash. A preponderance of evidence, however, points to driver error as a chief cause in the majority of crashes.

There were 298,699 crashes, of which 806 (0.3%) were fatal, 52,523 (17.6%) were personal injury, and 245,370 (82.1%) were property damage only. Compared to 2013 this is a 3.3 percent increase in total crashes, a decrease of 8.5 percent in fatal crashes, a 1.1 percent increase in personal injury crashes, and a 3.9 percent increase in property damage crashes.

A total of 876 people were killed as a result of the 806 fatal crashes for an average of 1.1 deaths per fatal crash.

One out of every 11,313 people in Michigan was killed in a traffic crash; one out of every 139 people was injured.

For each person killed, 81.5 people were injured in crashes.

There were 4,909 people who received incapacitating injuries, which prevent normal activities and require hospitalization.

A total of 510,086 motor vehicles were involved in 298,699 reported crashes.

Of the 876 traffic crash deaths, 540 (61.6%) were drivers of vehicles, 167 (19.1%) were passengers in motor vehicles, 148 (16.9%) were pedestrians, and 21 (2.4%) were bicyclists.

Of the 586 drivers and passengers killed, 201 (34.5%) were not wearing seat belts and 294 (50.4%) were wearing seat belts. It is unknown whether 88 (15.1%) of the fatalities were belted.

There were 434 deaths, which resulted from 411 single vehicle fatal crashes.

More male drivers were involved in crashes than female drivers. Of the 262,359 male drivers involved in crashes, 893 (0.3%) were involved in fatal crashes. Of the 208,359 female drivers involved in crashes, 315 (0.2%) were involved in fatal crashes.

Of the 760 motor vehicle drivers involved in fatal crashes where a hazardous action occurred, excessive speed was reported by police as the hazardous action for 160 (21.1%) of the drivers.

Of the 806 fatal crashes, 215 (26.7%) occurred at intersections.

Most fatal crashes occurred on dry roadways (75.6%) and in clear weather conditions (61.7%).

The majority of all crashes occurred during daylight hours (63.1%).

There were 52 (6.5%) fatal crashes during the 11:00-11:59 PM time period, more than any other time period.

The most fatal crashes, 162 (20.1%), occurred on Saturday.

A traffic crash was reported every 1 minute and 46 seconds.

One person was killed every 10 hours as a result of a traffic crash.

One person was injured every 7 minutes and 22 seconds in a traffic crash.

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