

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 2014 traffic fatality count was 876, down 7.9 percent from the 2013 figure of 951. Compared with 2013, injuries were down 0.5 percent and total crashes were up 3.3 percent. These figures translated into a fatality rate of 1.01 per 100 million miles of travel, up 0.01 percent from 2013, and below the 10-year average of 1.09 (2005-2014).

Exposure factors in 2014 showed a decrease in vehicle miles traveled, and increases in vehicle registrations and licensed drivers. Vehicle miles traveled were down 8.4 percent to 87.1 billion, motor vehicle registrations increased 0.4 percent to 8.2 million, and the number of licensed drivers was up 0.5 percent to 7.1 million.

Seat belt use in Michigan was observed at 93.3 percent. Alcohol-involved crashes continued to present a problem and contributed to 27.5 percent of all fatal crashes. Crashes involving alcohol made up 3.1 percent of all crashes, and while 17.9 percent of all crashes resulted in injury or death, 40.3 percent of alcohol-involved crashes resulted in injury or death.

Information compiled in this report was gathered from the Michigan Traffic Crash Report forms (UD-10) submitted by local police departments, sheriff offices, and the Michigan Department of State Police. Other related information was obtained from the Departments of Transportation, State, and Community Health.

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