MTCF Michigan Traffic Crash Facts

GENERAL FACTS

2015

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 297,023 crashes, of which 893 (0.3%) were fatal, 54,008 (18.2%) were personal injury, and 242,122 (81.5%) were property damage only. Compared to 2014 this is a 0.6 percent decrease in total crashes, an increase of 10.8 percent in fatal crashes, a 2.8 percent increase in personal injury crashes, and a 1.3 percent decrease in property damage crashes.

A total of 963 people were killed as a result of the 893 fatal crashes for an average of 1.1 deaths per fatal crash.

One out of every 10,303 people in Michigan was killed in a traffic crash; one out of every 132 people was injured.

For each person killed, 77.0 people were injured in crashes.

There were 4,865 people who received incapacitating injuries, which prevent normal activities and require hospitalization.

A total of 510,074 motor vehicles were involved in 297,023 reported crashes.

Of the 963 traffic crash deaths, 593 (61.6%) were drivers of vehicles, 167 (17.3%) were passengers in motor vehicles, 170 (17.7%) were pedestrians, and 33 (3.4%) were bicyclists.

Of the 760 drivers and passengers killed, 203 (26.7%) were not wearing seat belts and 314 (41.3%) were wearing seat belts. It is unknown whether 82 (10.8%) of the fatalities were belted.

There were 491 deaths, which resulted from 465 single vehicle fatal crashes.

More male drivers were involved in crashes than female drivers. Of the 260,508 male drivers involved in crashes, 1,043 (0.4%) were involved in fatal crashes. Of the 209,843 female drivers involved in crashes, 380 (0.2%) were involved in fatal crashes.

Of the 851 motor vehicle drivers involved in fatal crashes where a hazardous action occurred, excessive speed was reported by police as the hazardous action for 195 (22.9%) of the drivers.

Of the 893 fatal crashes, 223 (25.0%) occurred at intersections.

Most fatal crashes occurred on dry roadways (78.3%) and in clear weather conditions (63.7%).

The majority of all crashes occurred during daylight hours (63.0%).

There were 62 (6.9%) fatal crashes during the 9:00-9:59 PM time period, more than any other time period.

The most fatal crashes, 159 (17.8%), occurred on Saturday.

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

One person was killed every 9 hours and 6 minutes as a result of a traffic crash.

One person was injured every 7 minutes and 1 second in a traffic crash.

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