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Michigan Traffic Crash Facts

SENIOR DRIVERS

AGE 65 AND OVER

2015

In Michigan, 15.8 percent of residents are age 65 or older according to 2015 estimates from the Population Division of the U.S. Census Bureau. Safety problems for the older driver are directly tied to the aging process, including changes in vision, hearing, medication, cognition, and physical condition, which all contribute to driving errors.

INJURY SEVERITY IN MOTOR VEHICLE CRASHES WITH A DRIVER AGE 65 AND OVER

KILLED: 182 (1.3%) | INCAPACITATING INJURIES: 835 (6.0%) | NON-INCAPACITATING INJURIES: 2,998 (21.4%) | POSSIBLE INJURIES: 9,968 (71.3%)

There were 1,390,210 licensed drivers age 65 and over who represented 19.4 percent of Michigan's active driving population. The drivers in this age group represented 9.5 percent (48,615) of drivers in all crashes and 12.2 percent (180) of drivers in fatal crashes.

A total of 183 people age 65 and over were killed in traffic crashes, and 109 (59.6) of them were drivers.

In addition, 7,860 people age 65 and over were injured in traffic crashes, representing 10.6 percent of all people injured in crashes.

Drivers and injured passengers, age 65 to 110, had a seatbelt usage of 98.9%, as reported to police at the scene of a crash.

Older drivers were more involved in angle type crashes than younger drivers. Older drivers also had the highest incidence of failure to yield, disregard of traffic control, improper lane use, improper turn, and improper backing as a hazardous action in all crashes.

Of the pedestrians killed in Michigan, 14.1 percent (24) were age 65 and over; 7.2 percent (146) of the pedestrians injured were age 65 and over.

Six (18.2%) bicyclists out of the 33 total killed were age 65 and over.

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