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Michigan Traffic Crash Facts

CELL PHONE USE*

2016

Cell phone use can be a distraction for the driver, the bicyclist, and the pedestrian. Cell phone use in crashes is measured by reported use, which is recorded by the police officer at the scene of the crash.

A total of 1,912 crashes occurred in Michigan where a motor vehicle driver, pedestrian, or bicyclist was using a cell phone. Nine of those crashes involved a fatality.

A total of 1,893 motor vehicle drivers, 18 pedestrians, and seven bicyclists were reported to be using cell phones in the 1,912 crashes.

Of the 18 pedestrians using a cell phone, one pedestrian was killed, five suffered a suspected serious injury, seven suffered a suspected minor injury, and three suffered a possible injury.

Of the 1,893 motor vehicle drivers using cell phones, 347 (18.3%) were 20 years of age or younger.

There were 873 (45.7%) rear-end crashes where a driver was using a cell phone.

Of the total 1,912 crashes involving cell phone use, 360 (18.8%) also involved a lane departure.

Of the total 1,912 crashes involving cell phone use, 821 (42.9%) were intersection related.

There were 1,893 motor vehicle drivers using a cell phone in crashes: 1,619 passenger cars, 211 pickup trucks, 20 trucks or buses over 10,000 lbs., 14 small trucks under 10,000 lbs., six vans or motorhomes, three motorcycles, four vehicle types coded as "other," and 16 uncoded and errors.

*In 2016, the data field measuring cell phone use was changed to include multiple distraction elements. Increases in the number of cell phone crashes in 2016 may be the result of the police report change.

CRASHES WHERE A MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVER WAS USING A CELL PHONE

