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Michigan Traffic  
Crash Facts

# CELL PHONE USE

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*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 2,933 crashes occurred in Michigan where a motor vehicle driver, pedestrian, or bicyclist was using a cell phone. Nineteen of those crashes involved a fatality.

A total of 2,917 motor vehicle drivers, 13 pedestrians, and 13 bicyclists were reported to be using cell phones in the 2,933 crashes.

Of the 13 pedestrians using a cell phone, one pedestrian was killed, three suffered a suspected serious injury, four suffered a suspected minor injury, and four suffered a possible injury.

Of the 2,917 motor vehicle drivers using cell phones, 589 (20.2%) were 20 years of age or younger.

There were 1,486 (50.7%) rear-end crashes where a driver was using a cell phone.

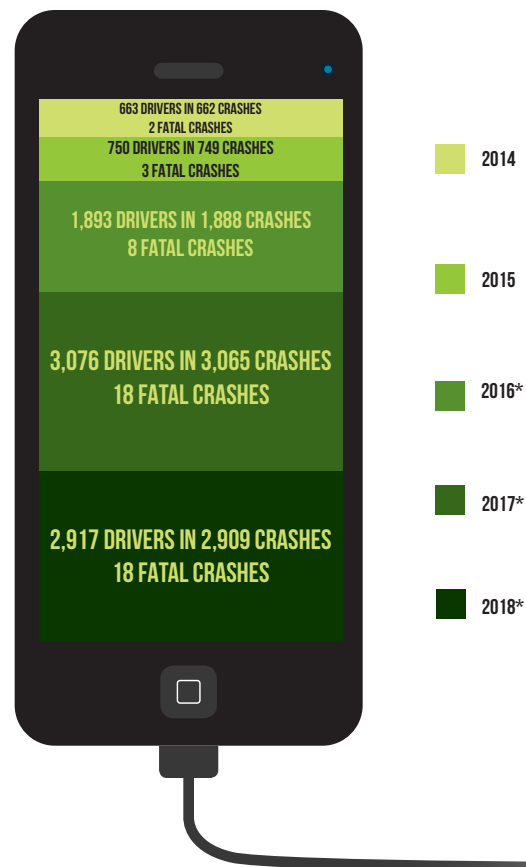
Of the total 2,933 crashes involving cell phone use, 567 (19.3%) also involved a lane departure.

Of the total 2,933 crashes involving cell phone use, 1,082 (36.9%) were intersection related.

There were 2,917 motor vehicle drivers using a cell phone in crashes: 2,557 passenger cars, SUVs, or vans; 295 pickup trucks; 30 trucks or buses over 10,000 lbs.; nine small trucks under 10,000 lbs.; nine motor homes; four motorcycles; one ORV/ATA; one vehicle type coded as "other;" and 11 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 and future years may be the result of the police report change.

## CRASHES WHERE A MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVER WAS USING A CELL PHONE



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