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Michigan Traffic
Crash Facts

CELL PHONE USE

2019

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 2,798 crashes occurred in Michigan where a motor vehicle driver, pedestrian, or bicyclist was using a cell phone. Fifteen of those crashes involved a fatality.

A total of 2,782 motor vehicle drivers, 15 pedestrians, and six bicyclists were reported to be using cell phones in the 2,798 crashes.

Of the 15 pedestrians using a cell phone, two pedestrians were killed, two suffered a suspected serious injury, two suffered a suspected minor injury, and eight suffered a possible injury.

Of the 2,782 motor vehicle drivers using cell phones, 515 (18.5%) were 20 years of age or younger.

There were 1,398 (50.0%) rear-end crashes where a driver was using a cell phone.

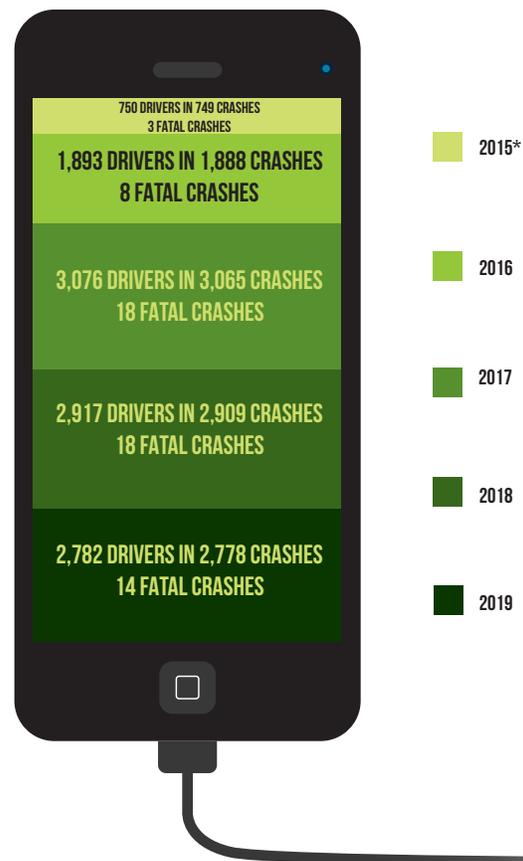
Of the total 2,798 crashes involving cell phone use, 563 (20.1%) also involved a lane departure.

Of the total 2,798 crashes involving cell phone use, 1,061 (37.9%) were intersection related.

There were 2,782 motor vehicle drivers using a cell phone in crashes: 2,435 passenger cars, SUVs, or vans; 267 pickup trucks; 37 trucks or buses over 10,000 lbs.; 12 motor homes; seven small trucks under 10,000 lbs.; four motorcycles; one moped; five vehicle types coded as "other;" and 14 uncoded and errors.

*In 2016, the data field measuring cell phone use was changed to include multiple distraction elements. Lower counts in years prior to 2016 may be the result of the police report change.

CRASHES WHERE A MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVER WAS USING A CELL PHONE



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