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Michigan Traffic Crash Facts

CHILDREN

AGES 0-14

2021

According to 2020 data provided by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, the number one cause of unintentional fatal injuries in Michigan for children age 0-14 is suffocation and the second cause is motor vehicle crashes.

There were a total of 25,947 people age 0-14 involved in crashes in Michigan in 2021.

A total of 28 children (0-14 years old) were killed in motor vehicle crashes, including one driver age 9. The 0-14 age group accounted for 2.5 percent of all traffic deaths.

Of the 28 fatalities, 20 occurred in motor vehicles: 17 in passenger cars, SUVs, or vans; two in pickup trucks; and one in an ORV/ATV.

In addition, 3,991 children were injured in motor vehicle crashes.





Restraint usage among drivers and injured passengers age 0-14, as reported by police at the scene of a traffic crash, was 91.3%. The age group with the lowest restraint usage was children age 11 to 14 (89.6%).

Children accounted for 2.2 percent (4) of the pedestrians killed in Michigan, and 10.0 percent (146) of all pedestrian injuries.

Children under 15 years of age accounted for four (13.8%) of the 29 bicyclist deaths and 145 (14.9%) of all injured bicyclists.

The 2018 Direct Observation Survey of Child Restraint/Booster Seat Use in Michigan reported child restraint use rates of 98.2% for children age 0-3 and 54.5% for children age 4-7.

CRASH INJURY SEVERITY IN CHILDREN AGES 0-14

	KILLED: 28 (0.7%)
	SUSPECTED SERIOUS INJURY: 220 (5.5%)
	SUSPECTED MINOR INJURY: 970 (24.1%)
	POSSIBLE INJURY: 2,801 (69.7%)

