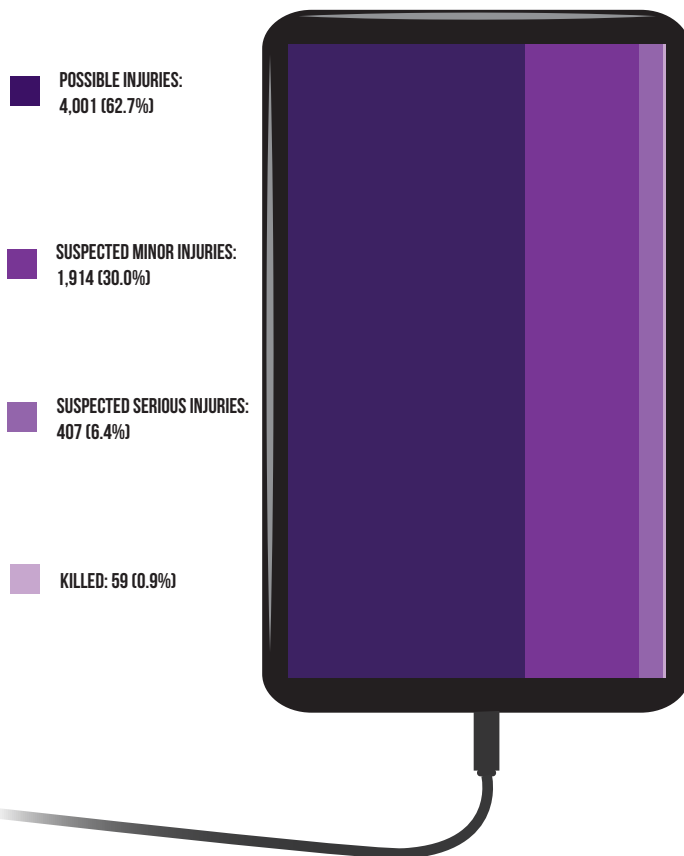


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While cell phone use is one source of distraction, driver distraction includes any activity that shifts attention from the driving task, including talking to passengers, eating and drinking, adjusting the radio or GPS, or looking at a billboard.

PERSON INJURY SEVERITY IN DISTRACTED DRIVING CRASHES



A total of 16,543 crashes occurred in Michigan that involved a distracted driver of a motor vehicle in 2021. Fifty-nine of those crashes involved a fatality, resulting in 59 fatalities.

Of the total 16,543 crashes involving a distracted driver, 3,326 (20.1%) also involved a lane departure.

About 37.1% (6,139) of the crashes involving a distracted driver took place at an intersection.

There were 40 bicyclists involved in distracted driving crashes and 99 pedestrians.

The top five counties for distracted driving crashes were Wayne (2,480); Oakland (2,207); Macomb (1,705); Kent (1,572); and Kalamazoo (625).

Of the 16,731 distracted drivers in crashes, 16.5 percent were distracted by cell phone use, 10.9 percent by some other electronic device (e.g. navigation aid, book player), 5.5 percent by a passenger, 35.3 percent by some other activity inside the vehicle (e.g. eating, drinking, personal grooming), and 31.7 percent by an activity outside the vehicle.

Of the distracted drivers, 9,294 were male, 7,047 were female, and 390 were unknown gender.

Of the 16,731 distracted drivers, 6,965 were assigned a hazardous action of unable to stop in assured clear distance; 1,949 were assigned careless/negligent driving; and 1,423 had the hazardous action failed to yield.