

UPPER PENINSULA 2015 QUICK FACTS

- Some exposure factor comparisons between 2015 and 2014 show motor vehicle registrations increased 2.1 percent, the number of licensed drivers on Upper Peninsula roads increased 15.9 percent, and vehicle mileage increased 16.8 percent.
- The 2015 fatality rate decreased to 0.7 deaths per 100 million miles of travel. It remains below the 10-year average of 1.17 (2006-2015).
- There were 25 people killed and 1,603 people injured in 8,099 reported motor vehicle traffic crashes in the Upper Peninsula during 2015. Compared with the 2014 experience, the number of deaths increased 8.7 percent, people injured decreased 5.5 percent, and total reported crashes decreased 11.3 percent.
- There were 8,099 reported crashes, of which 25 were fatal, 1,187 were personal injury, and 6,887 were property damage only crashes.
- Of all fatal crashes, 16.0 percent occurred at intersections.
- Of all fatal crashes, 40.0 percent involved at least one drinking operator, bicyclist, or pedestrian, 32.0 percent involved drinking but no drugs, 4.0 percent involved drugs but no drinking, and 8.0 percent involved both drinking and drugs.
- Careless/negligent driving was indicated as the hazardous action by 12.5 percent of the drivers involved in fatal crashes.
- In 2015, there were 4,622 single vehicle crashes, a decrease of 9.2 percent from last year's count of 5,088.
- Of the 8,099 total crashes, 4,622 (57.1%) involved one vehicle.
- Of the 25 fatal crashes, 15 (60.0%) involved one vehicle.
- Of the 10 alcohol-involved fatal crashes, 7 (70.0%) involved one vehicle.
- Of the 40 drivers involved in fatal crashes, six (15.0%) were under 21 years of age.
- Of the 305,731 people living in the Upper Peninsula [1. References and Reporting Agencies] one out of every 12,229 was killed in a traffic crash and one out of every 191 was injured.
- For each person killed, 64 people were injured.
- The pedestrian death toll for the Upper Peninsula stands at one person (age 55). Forty pedestrians were injured.
- For each pedestrian killed, there were 40 pedestrians injured.
- The pedestrian who was killed was crossing the roadway not at an intersection.
- There were no bicyclist fatalities and 26 bicyclists were injured.
- Of the 11,029 drivers and injured passengers involved in crashes where restraint use was known, 10,728 or 97.3 percent were reported to have been using occupant restraints. Restraint usage among fatal crash victims, where usage was known, was reported to be 45.5 percent in 2015.
- The comprehensive costs in traffic crashes in the Upper Peninsula amounted to \$1,050,103,200 in 2015.

Note: Information on the cost of crashes is provided by the National Safety Council.

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