

2015 QUICK FACTS

- Some exposure factor comparisons between 2015 and 2014 show motor vehicle registrations increased 1.0 percent, the number of licensed drivers on Michigan roads increased 0.4 percent, and vehicle mileage decreased 1.3 percent.
- The 2015 fatality rate of 0.98 deaths per 100 million miles of travel increased 11.0 percent from the 2014 fatality rate of 0.88, remaining at the 10-year average of 0.97 (2006-2015).
- There were 963 people killed and 74,157 people injured in 297,023 reported motor vehicle traffic crashes in Michigan during 2015. Compared with the 2014 experience, the number of deaths increased 9.9 percent, people injured increased 3.9 percent, and total reported crashes decreased 0.6 percent.
- There were 297,023 reported crashes, of which 893 were fatal, 54,008 were personal injury, and 242,122 were property damage only crashes.
- Of all fatal crashes, 25.0 percent occurred at intersections.
- Of all fatal crashes, 30.3 percent involved at least one drinking operator, bicyclist, or pedestrian, 20.9 percent involved drinking but no drugs, 8.4 percent involved drugs but no drinking, and 9.4 percent involved both drinking and drugs.
- Excessive speed was indicated as the hazardous action by 13.2 percent of the drivers involved in fatal crashes.
- Of the 297,023 total crashes in 2015, 99,791 (33.6%) involved one vehicle only. This is a decrease of 2.0 percent from last year's count of 101,783 single-vehicle crashes.
- Of the 893 fatal crashes, 465 (52.1%) involved one vehicle.
- Of the 271 alcohol-involved fatal crashes, 171 (63.1%) involved one vehicle. This is a 19.6 percent increase from last year's figure of 143 single vehicle, alcohol-involved fatal crashes.
- Of the 1,479 drivers involved in fatal crashes, 153 (10.3%) were under 21 years of age and 315 (21.3%) were under 25 years of age.
- Of the 9,922,576 people living in Michigan [1. References and Reporting Agencies] one out of every 10,304 was killed in a traffic crash and one out of every 134 was injured.
- For each person killed, 77 people were injured.
- According to 2014 data provided by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services [2. References and Reporting Agencies], motor vehicle crashes account for 4.7 percent of all deaths in Michigan.
- The pedestrian death toll for Michigan stands at 170 people, an increase of 22 deaths from 2014.
- For each pedestrian killed, there were 12 pedestrians injured.
- Of all pedestrians killed, 15.3 percent were under the age of 21 and 7.6 percent were age 75 and older.
- The bicyclist death toll for Michigan stands at 33, an increase of 12 deaths from 2014.
- Children under the age of 16 accounted for 6.1 percent of the bicycle deaths.
- Of the 467,556 drivers and injured passengers involved in crashes where restraint use was known, 459,087 or 98.2 percent were reported to have been using occupant restraints. Restraint usage among fatal victims, where usage was known, was reported to be 59.3 percent in 2015.
- The comprehensive costs in Michigan traffic crashes amounted to \$38,885,100,200. If costs were spread across the state's population this would translate into a loss of \$3,918.85 per state resident.

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

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