

UPPER PENINSULA 2020 QUICK FACTS

- Some exposure factor comparisons between 2020 and 2019 show motor vehicle registrations decreased by a count of 11,926 (4.3%), the number of licensed drivers on Upper Peninsula roads decreased 1.4 percent, and vehicle mileage decreased 11.1 percent.
- The 2020 fatality rate of 1.16 deaths per 100 million miles of travel is a decrease from the 2019 fatality rate of 1.17 but is higher than the 10-year average of 1.05 (2011-2020).
- There were 35 people killed and 1,397 people injured in 7,378 reported motor vehicle traffic crashes in the Upper Peninsula during 2020. Compared with the 2019 experience, the number of deaths decreased 12.5 percent, people injured decreased 9.8 percent, and total reported crashes decreased 19.3 percent.
- There were 7,378 reported crashes, of which 32 were fatal, 1,050 were personal injury, and 6,296 were property damage only crashes.
- Of all fatal crashes, 28.1 percent occurred at intersections.
- Of all fatal crashes, 37.5 percent involved at least one drinking operator, bicyclist, or pedestrian, 28.1 percent involved drinking but no drugs, 18.8 percent involved drugs but no drinking, and 9.4 percent involved both drinking and drugs.
- Excessive speed was indicated as the hazardous action for 18.0 percent of the drivers involved in fatal crashes.
- Of the 7,378 total crashes in 2020, 4,797 (65.0%) involved one vehicle only. This is a decrease of 11.3 percent from last year's count of 5,406 single-vehicle crashes.
- Of the 32 fatal crashes, 17 (53.1%) involved one vehicle.
- Of the 12 alcohol-involved fatal crashes, six (50.0%) involved one vehicle.
- Of the 50 drivers involved in fatal crashes, one (2.0%) were under 21 years of age and five (10.0%) were under 25 years of age.
- Of the 296,181 people living in the Upper Peninsula [1. References and Reporting Agencies] one out of every 8,462 was killed in a traffic crash and one out of every 212 was injured.
- For each person killed, 40 were injured.
- There was one pedestrian death in the Upper Peninsula in 2020. Twenty-six pedestrians were injured.
- There were two bicyclist fatalities and ten bicyclists were injured.
- Of the 9,302 drivers and injured passengers involved in crashes where restraint use was known, 9,068 or 97.5 percent were reported to have been using occupant restraints. Restraint usage among fatal victims, where usage was known, was reported to be 46.4 percent in 2020.
- The comprehensive costs in the Upper Peninsula traffic crashes amounted to \$(see note).

Note: Cost of crash data from the National Safety Council is not yet available.

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