

2002 Michigan Traffic Crash FACT SHEET



The driver, the roadway, and the motor vehicle contribute in some measure to every crash. A preponderance of evidence, however, points to driver error as a chief cause in the majority of crashes.



There were 395,515 reported crashes of which 1,175 were fatal, 80,567 were personal injury, and 313,773 were property damage only. Compared to 2001 this is a 1.3 percent decrease in total reported crashes, a 2.6 percent decrease in fatal crashes, a 0.4 percent decrease in personal injury crashes, and a 1.5 percent decrease in property damage crashes.



1,279 persons were killed as a result of the 1,175 fatal crashes for an average of 1.1 deaths per fatal crash.



One out of every 7,858 persons in Michigan was killed in a traffic crash; one out of every 89 persons was injured.



A traffic crash was reported every 1 minute 20 seconds.



One person was killed every 6 hours and 51 minutes as a result of a traffic crash.



One person was injured every 4 minutes and 40 seconds in a traffic crash.



For each person killed there were 87.9 persons injured in crashes.



10,556 persons received A-injuries. An A-injury is incapacitating. It prevents normal activities and generally requires hospitalization.

The estimated economic loss due to traffic crashes was \$9.7 billion. This translated into a loss of almost \$1,000 per state resident if costs were spread across the state's population.