

## 2003 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 391,485 reported crashes, of which 1,172 were fatal, 76,598 were personal injury, and 313,715 were property damage only. Compared to 2002 this is a 1.0 percent decrease in total reported crashes, a 0.3 percent decrease in fatal crashes, a 4.9 percent decrease in personal injury crashes, and a 0.02 percent decrease in property damage crashes.



1,283 persons were killed as a result of the 1,172 fatal crashes for an average of 1.1 deaths per fatal crash.



One out of every 7,857 persons in Michigan was killed in a traffic crash; one out of every 95.5 persons was injured.



A traffic crash was reported every 1 minute 21 seconds.



One person was killed every 6 hours and 50 minutes as a result of a traffic crash.



One person was injured every 4 minutes and 59 seconds in a traffic crash.



For each person killed, 82.3 persons were injured in crashes.



9,920 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 \$9.8 billion. This translated into a loss of almost \$1,000 per state resident if costs were spread across the state's population.**