








2004 Michigan Traffic Crash FACT SHEET

Heavy Truck/Bus

Heavy truck/bus crashes differ from other vehicle crashes in a number of ways. When compared to the overall crash picture, heavy truck/bus crashes involve:

-  More turning, backing, and changing lanes
-  More separation of units, fire/explosion, jackknife, cargo loss/shift, and other non-collisions
-  Fewer single vehicle crashes but more sideswipes
-  Fewer drivers indicated to be speeding and failing to yield, but more drivers indicated to be making backing, lane use, and turning errors
-  More on-road crashes
-  More daytime crashes, but fewer late afternoon, evening, and night time crashes
-  More weekday crashes

CRASH TYPE	All Crashes		Fatal Crashes		Injury Crashes	
	Number of Heavy Trucks	% of Total	Number of Heavy Trucks	% of Fatal	Number of Heavy Trucks	% of Injury
Single Vehicle	2,405	13.8	15	11.4	299	9.3
Head On	294	1.7	25	18.9	136	4.2
Head On - Left Turn	186	1.1	6	4.5	75	2.3
Angle	2,959	17.0	37	28.0	825	25.7
Rear End	4,022	23.1	28	21.2	1,087	33.9
Rear End - Left Turn	154	0.9	5	3.8	42	1.3
Rear End - Right Turn	156	0.9	0	0.0	30	0.9
Sideswipe - Same Direction	4,412	25.4	1	0.8	421	13.1
Sideswipe - Opposite Direction	947	5.5	9	6.8	88	2.7
Other	1,783	10.3	6	4.5	196	6.1
Unknown	58	0.3	0	0.0	10	0.3
Total	17,376	100.0	132	100.0	3,209	100.0

 Heavy truck/buses were involved in 4.7 percent of all traffic crashes in Michigan in 2004.

 There were 16,695 heavy truck/bus-involved **crashes** in which 129 people were killed and 4,156 injured.