

## 2006 QUICK FACTS

- ★ Some exposure factor comparisons between 2006 and 2005 show motor vehicle registrations decreased **1.3** percent, the number of licensed drivers on Michigan roads increased **0.3** percent, and vehicle mileage increased **0.9** percent.
- ★ The 2006 death rate decreased slightly to **1.04** deaths per 100 million miles of travel, below the ten-year average of **1.3** (1997-2006).
- ★ There were **1,084** persons killed and **81,942** persons injured in **315,322** reported motor vehicle traffic crashes in Michigan during 2006. Compared with the 2005 experience, deaths decreased **4.0** percent, persons injured decreased **9.5** percent, and total reported crashes decreased **10.1** percent.
- ★ There were **315,322** reported crashes, of which **1,002** were fatal, **60,176** were personal injury, and **254,144** were property damage only crashes.
- ★ Of all fatal crashes, **25.7** percent occurred at intersections.
- ★ Of all fatal crashes, **34.8** percent involved at least one drinking operator, bicyclist, or pedestrian, **27.9** percent involved drinking but no drugs, **4.8** percent involved drugs but no drinking, and **6.9** percent involved both drinking and drugs.
- ★ Excessive speed was indicated as the hazardous action by **19.8** percent of the drivers involved in fatal crashes.
- ★ In 2006 there were **117,622** single vehicle crashes, a decrease of **6.7** percent from last year's count of **126,064**.
- ★ Of the **315,322** total crashes, **117,622 (37.3%)** involved one vehicle.
- ★ Of the **1,002** fatal crashes, **522 (52.1%)** involved one vehicle.
- ★ Of the **349** alcohol-related fatal crashes, **228 (65.3%)** involved one vehicle. This is a **10.1** percent increase from last year's figure of **207** single vehicle, alcohol-related fatal crashes.
- ★ Of the **1,551** drivers involved in fatal crashes, **11.9** percent were under 21 years of age and **21.9** percent of all drivers involved in fatal crashes were under 25 years of age.
- ★ Of the **10,095,643** persons living in Michigan [1] one out of every **9,313** was killed in a traffic crash; one out of every **123** persons was injured.
- ★ For each person killed, **75.6** persons were injured.
- ★ According to figures provided by the Michigan Department of Community Health [2], accidental death for children in motor vehicle crashes routinely outpaces the next two most frequent causes: fire and drowning.
- ★ According to the Michigan Department of Community Health, four out of five accidental deaths for teenagers and young adults (ages 15-24) are due to motor vehicle crashes.
- ★ The pedestrian death toll for Michigan stands at **137** persons, a decrease of **1** death from the 2005 figure.

- ★ For each pedestrian killed, there were **16.0** pedestrians injured.
- ★ Of the pedestrians killed, **30.7** percent were killed while crossing streets other than at intersections.
- ★ Of all pedestrians killed, **12.4** percent were under the age of 21 and **27.7** percent were 55 and older.
- ★ Children under the age of 16 accounted for **14.3** percent of the bicycle deaths.
- ★ Of the **544,952** drivers and injured passengers involved in crashes, **465,803** or **85.5** percent were *reported* to have been using occupant restraints. Restraint usage among fatal victims, where usage was known, was reported to be **62.5** percent in 2006.
- ★ Motor vehicle occupants age 75 to 110 had the highest reported restraint usage (**95.3%**) among age groups. Children age 11 to 15 had the lowest reported restraint usage (**77.1%**).
- ★ The economic loss in Michigan traffic crashes amounted to **\$8,731,508,200**. If costs were spread across the state's population this would translate into a loss of \$865 per state resident.