

## The Big Picture Traffic Crashes



**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 324,174 reported crashes, of which 987 were fatal, 59,550 were personal injury, and 263,637 were property damage only. Compared to 2006 this is a 2.8 percent increase in total reported crashes, a 1.5 percent decrease in fatal crashes, a 1.0 percent decrease in personal injury crashes, and a 3.7 percent increase in property damage crashes.



1,084 persons were killed as a result of the 987 fatal crashes for an average of 1.1 deaths per fatal crash.



One out of every 9,291 persons in Michigan was killed in a traffic crash; one out of every 125 persons was injured.



A traffic crash was reported every 1 minute 37 seconds.



One person was killed every 8 hours and 5 minutes as a result of a traffic crash.



One person was injured every 6 minutes and 31 seconds in a traffic crash.



For each person killed, 74.3 persons were injured in crashes.



7,485 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 billion. If costs were spread across the state's population this would translate into a loss of \$891 per state resident.**