

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

*The 2007 traffic fatality count was 1,084, identical to the 2006 count. Compared with 2006, injuries were down 1.7 percent, while total crashes increased 2.8 percent. These figures translated into a death rate of 1.04 per 100 million miles of travel.*

*Exposure factors in 2007 showed increases in travel mileage and the number of motor vehicle registrations, and a decrease in the number of drivers on Michigan roads. Vehicle miles traveled were up 0.6 percent to 104.6 billion, motor vehicle registrations were up 0.7 percent to 8.4 million, and the number of licensed drivers decreased 1.4 percent to 7.1 million.*

*Consumption of alcohol continues to be a major factor in Michigan crashes, particularly the more serious crashes. In 2007, 3.8 percent of all crashes, including property damage only, were reported to involve drinking. While 18.7 percent of all crashes resulted in injury or death, 42.2 percent of alcohol-related crashes involved injury or death. 31.7 percent of fatal crashes involved drinking.*

*Data on crashes in this publication was obtained from 2007 Michigan Traffic Crash Report Forms (UD-10) submitted by local police departments, sheriff's offices, and the Department of State Police. Other related information was obtained from the Departments of Transportation, State, and Community Health.*

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