

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 282,075 reported crashes, of which 868 were fatal, 51,672 were personal injury, and 229,535 were property damage only. Compared to 2009 this is a 3.1 percent decrease in total reported crashes, an increase of 7.7 percent in fatal crashes, a 1.2 percent decrease in personal injury crashes, and a 3.5 percent decrease in property damage crashes.
- 937 persons were killed as a result of the 868 fatal crashes for an average of 1.1 deaths per fatal crash.
- One out of every 10,548 persons in Michigan was killed in a traffic crash; one out of every 140 persons was injured.
- A traffic crash was reported every 1 minute and 52 seconds.
- One person was killed every 9 hours and 21 minutes as a result of a traffic crash.
- One person was injured every 7 minutes and 27 seconds in a traffic crash.
- For each person killed, 75.2 persons were injured in crashes.
- 5,980 persons received A-injuries. An A-injury is incapacitating. It prevents normal activities and requires hospitalization.

Information on the cost of crashes will be available from the National Safety Council later this year. Please check back then.