



UPPER PENINSULA 2005 QUICK FACTS

- ★ Some exposure factor comparisons between 2005 and 2004 show motor vehicle registrations decreased **1.1** percent, the number of licensed drivers on Upper Peninsula roads decreased **0.4** percent, and vehicle mileage decreased **1.4** percent.
- ★ The 2005 death rate decreased to **1.16** deaths per 100 million miles of travel below the ten-year average of **1.8** (1996-2005).
- ★ There were **38** persons killed and **2,582** persons injured in **12,700** reported motor vehicle traffic crashes in the Upper Peninsula during 2005. Compared with the 2004 experience, deaths decreased **28.3** percent, persons injured decreased **10.5** percent, and total reported crashes decreased **12.5** percent.
- ★ There were **12,700** reported crashes, of which **36** were fatal, **1,898** were personal injury, and **10,766** were property damage only crashes.
- ★ Of all fatal crashes, **11.1** percent occurred at intersections.
- ★ Of all fatal crashes, **38.9** percent involved at least one drinking or drugged operator, bicyclist, or pedestrian, **36.1** percent involved drinking but no drugs, **none** involved drugs but no drinking, and **2.8** percent involved both drinking and drugs.
- ★ Excessive speed was indicated as the hazardous action by **20.4** percent of the drivers involved in fatal crashes.
- ★ In 2005 there were **8,230** single vehicle crashes, a decrease of **8.4** percent from last year's count of **8,983**.
- ★ Of the **12,700** total crashes, **8,230 (64.8%)** involved one vehicle.
- ★ Of the **36** fatal crashes, **20 (55.6%)** involved one vehicle.
- ★ Of the **14** alcohol-related fatal crashes, **11 (78.6%)** involved one vehicle. This is an **8.3** percent decrease from last year's figure of **12** single vehicle, alcohol-related fatal crashes.
- ★ Of the **54** drivers involved in fatal crashes, **16.7** percent were under 21 years of age and **24.1** percent of all drivers involved in fatal crashes were under 25 years of age.
- ★ Of the **314,685** persons living in the Upper Peninsula [1] one out of every **8,281** was killed in a traffic crash; one out of every **122** persons was injured.
- ★ For each person killed, **67.9** 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 the Upper Peninsula stands at **2** persons (ages 15 and 40). Forty-seven pedestrians were injured.
- ★ For each pedestrian killed, there were **23.5** pedestrians injured.
- ★ Both of the pedestrians killed were in the roadway at the time of the crash, but were not crossing the street.
- ★ Of the **17,673** drivers and injured passengers involved in crashes, **15,646** or **88.5** percent were *reported* to have been using occupant restraints. Restraint usage among fatal victims, where usage was known, was reported to be **56.0** percent in 2005.
- ★ Motor vehicle occupants age 75 to 110 had the highest reported restraint usage (**96.6%**) among age groups. Children under age of 1 had the lowest reported restraint usage (**50.0%**). Children age 11-15 had **71.1** percent reported restraint usage.
- ★ The economic loss in traffic crashes in Michigan's Upper Peninsula amounted to **\$328,298,100**. If costs were spread across the Upper Peninsula's population this would translate into a loss of \$953 per resident.