

FOREWORD

Michigan's 2006 mileage death rate of 1.04 is the lowest the state has ever recorded. This continues a trend that marks a decrease each year since 1999.

Contrary to the national trend, Michigan experienced a decline in motorcycle crashes, fatalities, injuries, and exposure numbers.

Begun in 2002, a comprehensive, multi-year project using federal grant funds to improve the quality, timeliness, and accuracy of traffic crash data collection and processing continues into 2007. This includes encouraging and accepting the electronic collection of data, additional error checking and quality assurance, improved crash location and a modern computer infrastructure system.

The 2006 crash data collected and processed is in the fourth year of production using this new system. The overall quality of the data has been improved, and analysis of yearly trends may be affected by this improvement.

In order to provide familiar data with the highest level of accuracy, the book retains the format used in the past, and we ask the reader to be attentive to all special notes.

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