



UPPER PENINSULA 2006 QUICK FACTS

- ★ Some exposure factor comparisons between 2006 and 2005 show motor vehicle registrations decreased **1.3** percent, the number of licensed drivers on Upper Peninsula roads increased **0.3** percent, and vehicle mileage decreased **0.7** percent.
- ★ The 2006 death rate decreased to **1.35** deaths per 100 million miles of travel below the ten-year average of **1.6** (1997-2006).
- ★ There were **44** persons killed and **2,355** persons injured in **12,063** reported motor vehicle traffic crashes in the Upper Peninsula during 2006. Compared with the 2005 experience, deaths increased **15.8** percent, persons injured decreased **8.8** percent, and total reported crashes decreased **5.0** percent.
- ★ There were **12,063** reported crashes, of which **43** were fatal, **1,727** were personal injury, and **10,293** were property damage only crashes.
- ★ Of all fatal crashes, **20.9** percent occurred at intersections.
- ★ Of all fatal crashes, **44.2** percent involved at least one drinking operator, bicyclist, or pedestrian, **37.2** percent involved drinking but no drugs, **2.3** percent involved drugs but no drinking, and **7.0** percent involved both drinking and drugs.
- ★ Excessive speed was indicated as the hazardous action by **20.6** percent of the drivers involved in fatal crashes.
- ★ In 2006 there were **7,874** single vehicle crashes, a decrease of **4.3** percent from last year's count of **8,230**.
- ★ Of the **12,063** total crashes, **7,874 (65.3%)** involved one vehicle.
- ★ Of the **43** fatal crashes, **23 (53.5%)** involved one vehicle.
- ★ Of the **19** alcohol-related fatal crashes, **13 (68.4%)** involved one vehicle. This is an **18.2** percent increase from last year's figure of **11** single vehicle, alcohol-related fatal crashes.
- ★ Of the **68** drivers involved in fatal crashes, **14.7** percent were under 21 years of age and **27.9** percent of all drivers involved in fatal crashes were under 25 years of age.
- ★ Of the **312,153** persons living in the Upper Peninsula [1] one out of every **7,094** was killed in a traffic crash; one out of every **133** persons was injured.
- ★ For each person killed, **53.5** 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.

