



UPPER PENINSULA 2008 QUICK FACTS

- ★ Some exposure factor comparisons between 2008 and 2007 show motor vehicle registrations decreased **1.4** percent, the number of licensed drivers on Upper Peninsula roads decreased **0.3** percent, and vehicle mileage decreased **2.2** percent.
- ★ The 2008 death rate decreased to **1.26** deaths per 100 million miles of travel below the ten-year average of **1.51** (1999-2008).
- ★ There were **40** persons killed and **2,141** persons injured in **11,871** reported motor vehicle traffic crashes in the Upper Peninsula during 2008. Compared with the 2007 experience, deaths decreased **11.1** percent, persons injured decreased **9.1** percent, and total reported crashes decreased **3.7** percent.
- ★ There were **11,871** reported crashes, of which **38** were fatal, **1,612** were personal injury, and **10,221** were property damage only crashes.
- ★ Of all fatal crashes, **15.8** percent occurred at intersections.
- ★ Of all fatal crashes, **55.3** percent involved at least one drinking operator, bicyclist, or pedestrian, **47.4** percent involved drinking but no drugs, **5.3** percent involved drugs but no drinking, and **7.9** percent involved both drinking and drugs.
- ★ Excessive speed was indicated as the hazardous action by **9.6** percent of the drivers involved in fatal crashes.
- ★ In 2008 there were **7,676** single vehicle crashes, an decrease of **6.3** percent from last year's count of **8,188**.
- ★ Of the **11,871** total crashes, **7,676 (64.7%)** involved one vehicle.
- ★ Of the **38** fatal crashes, **25 (65.8%)** involved one vehicle.
- ★ Of the **21** alcohol-related fatal crashes, **18 (85.7%)** involved one vehicle. This is a **157.1** percent increase from last year's figure of **7** single vehicle, alcohol-related fatal crashes.
- ★ Of the **52** drivers involved in fatal crashes, **9 (17.3%)** were under 21 years of age and **15 (28.8%)** of all drivers involved in fatal crashes were under 25 years of age.
- ★ Of the **308,319** persons living in the Upper Peninsula [1] one out of every **7,708** was killed in a traffic crash; one out of every **144** 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.

