



Impaired Driving in Michigan: A Sobering Story

- In 2010, 357 people died in Michigan as a result of alcohol and/or drug-involved traffic crashes, a 1.7 percent increase from 2009. *Michigan State Police, Criminal Justice Information Center (CJIC)*
- During last year's July 4th holiday period, eight people were killed in traffic crashes in Michigan. Of those, two were alcohol-related.
- Michigan law enforcement agencies arrested 41,883 motorists for drunk and impaired driving in 2010. That's nearly 115 every day. *CJIC*
- Law enforcement agencies in 35 counties are participating in the *Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest.* initiative, July 1-10, coordinated by the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning and paid for with federal traffic safety funds.
- Crashes involving drinking tend to be more serious than non-drinking crashes. The percentage of fatalities is eight times higher than in all crashes, and the number of crashes at the most serious injury level is almost four times higher. *CJIC*
- In 2009, 10,839 people were killed nationally in traffic crashes that involved at least one driver or motorcyclist with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .08 or higher accounting for 32 percent of all traffic-related deaths in the United States. *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)*
- Impaired driving is one of the most often committed crimes. In 2009, more than 1.44 million people nationwide were arrested for driving under the influence. *Federal Bureau of Investigation's Uniform Crime Report*
- Every 48 minutes and nearly 30 times a day, someone in the United States dies in an impaired driving-related crash. *NHTSA*