

## **2023 Michigan Crash Data Talking Points**

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#### **Key points**

- There were 1,095 traffic crash fatalities in Michigan during 2023, a 2 percent decrease from the 1,123 fatalities in 2022.
- The number of crashes in Michigan decreased 2 percent, from 293,341 in 2022 to 287,953 in 2023.
- Pedestrian fatalities increased 6 percent, from 173 in 2022 to 183 in 2023.
- While bicyclist-involved crashes in Michigan increased 10 percent (1,340 in 2022, and 1,480 in 2023), the number of bicyclist fatalities decreased by 33 percent (36 in 2022, and 24 in 2023).
- School bus-involved fatalities rose from 2 in 2022 to 5 in 2023.
- Deer-involved fatalities increased 73 percent, from 11 in 2022 to 19 in 2023.
- Data revealed that since 2019, traffic crash fatalities rose from 985 deaths in 2019 to 1,095 in 2023. (In 2020: 1,083 deaths; 2021: 1,131; 2022: 1,123)
- Some of the causes of traffic crashes and fatalities can be traced back to risky driving behaviors, such as distracted, impaired, and reckless driving, as well as traveling at excessive speeds and not driving safely based on the road conditions (e.g., rain, snow, ice).
- Effective traffic safety strategies combine education and enforcement.
- Increasing seat belt use and reducing impaired driving remain two of the most effective ways to reduce traffic crash fatalities and injuries.

#### **Additional 2023 Michigan crash data**

- Snowmobile fatalities decreased by 78 percent, with 2 deaths in 2023 compared to 9 in 2022.
- Traffic crash injuries increased from 70,281 in 2022 to 71,085 in 2023, up 1 percent.
- Suspected serious injuries increased from 5,782 in 2022 to 5,816 in 2023, up 1 percent.
- Alcohol-involved traffic fatalities decreased for the second year in a row: from 357 deaths in 2021 to 322 in 2022 and 297 in 2023, down 8 percent.
- Work-zone fatalities increased from 23 in 2022 to 24 in 2023, up 4 percent.
- Distracted driver-involved fatalities increased from 57 in 2022 to 59 in 2023, up 4 percent.
- Motorcyclist fatalities decreased from 173 in 2022 to 165 in 2023, down 5 percent.

For more information, visit the [2023 crash data page](#).

*(Data compiled by the Michigan State Police Criminal Justice Information Center)*

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