

2022 Michigan Crash Data Talking Points

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Key Points

- There were 1,123 traffic crash fatalities in Michigan during 2022, a 1 percent decrease from 1,131 fatalities in 2021.
- Data revealed an alarming 5-year trend starting in 2018 that has seen traffic fatalities rise 15 percent, from 974 deaths in 2018 to 1,123 in 2022.
- The number of crashes in Michigan also increased from 282,640 in 2021 to 293,341 in 2022.
- Bicyclist fatalities in Michigan increased from 29 in 2021 to 36 in 2022, up 24 percent.
- 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.

Summary of additional 2022 Michigan crash data

- Traffic crash injuries decreased from 71,246 in 2021 to 70,281 in 2022, down 1 percent.
- Suspected serious injuries decreased from 5,979 in 2021 to 5,782, down 3 percent.
- Pedestrian fatalities decreased from 183 in 2021 to 173, down 5 percent.
- Alcohol-involved traffic fatalities decreased from 357 deaths in 2021 to 322 in 2022, down 10 percent.
- Work zone fatalities increased from 20 in 2021 to 23 in 2022, up 15 percent.
- Distracted-involved fatalities decreased from 59 in 2021 to 57 in 2022, down 3 percent.
- Motorcyclist fatalities increased from 166 in 2021 to 173 in 2022, up 4 percent.
- Commercial motor vehicle-involved fatalities increased from 103 in 2021 to 105 in 2022, up 2 percent.
- Deer-involved fatalities increased from 10 in 2021 to 11 in 2022, up 10 percent.

For more information, visit the [2022 crash data page](#).

Nationally

- There were an estimated 42,795 fatalities in motor vehicle crashes nationwide during 2022, a marginal decrease from the 42,939 fatalities reported in 2021 (down .03 percent) National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)
- The all-time high in traffic crash fatalities nationwide was 54,589 in 1972. (NHTSA)

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