

Speeding Fact Sheet and Talking Points

Great Lakes, High Stakes - June 2023 enforcement

Since the COVID-19 pandemic began more than three years ago, law enforcement agencies across the nation have reported an alarming rise in speeding and fatal crashes. To combat this disturbing trend, municipal, county and Michigan State Police law enforcement agencies across Michigan will conduct overtime speed enforcement between June 17 to 25, 2023.

Michigan

- In 2021, there were 237 speed-related fatalities on Michigan roadways compared to 200 in 2020—an increase of 18.5 percent. (University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute)
- In 2021, 13.7 percent of drinking drivers involved in crashes were speeding.
- In 2021, 13.3 percent of unrestrained drivers involved in crashes were speeding.
- In 2021, 10.2 percent of drivers in the 15- to 20-year-old age group involved in crashes were speeding. This is higher than the overall speeding-driver rate of 5.2 percent in 2021.
- There were 24,555 speed-related crashes in 2021, which is a 10.3 percent increase from the 22,260 speed-related crashes in 2020.
- There were 924 suspected serious injuries in 2021 crashes, up 12.5 percent from 2020 (821).



Nationally

- In 2020, there were 11,258 people killed in speeding-related traffic crashes, and speeding was a contributing factor in 29 percent of all fatal crashes nationally. (National Highway Safety Administration)
- Of drivers involved in fatal crashes during 2020, 37 percent were speeding and had a blood-alcohol concentration (BAC) of .08 or higher.
- In 2019, 31 percent of male drivers in the 15- to 20-year-old age group involved in fatal crashes were speeding, the highest among age groups.
- In 2020, local roads saw the most speeding, with 87 percent of all speeding-related traffic fatalities occurring on non-interstate roads.
- Slow down around road crews: In 2020, speeding was involved in 37 percent of the fatal crashes in construction or maintenance zones.
- In 2020, 27 percent of males ages 18-44 and 16 percent of females ages 18-44 involved in fatal crashes were speeding at the time of the crash.
- In 2019, 47 percent of speeding drivers involved in fatal crashes were not wearing seat belts. (NHTSA)
- For more than two decades, speeding has been involved in approximately one-third of all motor vehicle fatalities. (NHTSA)
- According to insurance industry reports, every day in the U.S. about 112,000 drivers (on average) are ticketed for going too fast.

Fines and penalties

- All traffic ticket convictions add points to a person's driving record. Depending on the infraction, Michigan will assign a driving record between 2 and 6 points. The more severe the infraction, the higher the point total.

For more information, visit the [OHSP's Traffic Crash Data page](#).