

Traffic crash fatalities up by 15% in Michigan, study says

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Michigan State Police are currently investigating the crash between a pick-up truck and a semi in Mottville Township. The driver of the pick-up, a 61-year-old Florida man, was pronounced dead at the scene. Dec. 6, 2022 (Michigan State Police/WWMT)

WASHINGTON, D.C. — In Michigan, traffic fatalities increased by 15% from 2019 to 2022, according to a study from TRIP, a national transportation research nonprofit.

From 2019 to 2022, the fatality rate per 100 million vehicle miles traveled increased 22%, the report shows.

At the same time, vehicle travel also decreased by 4%, according to the study.

MICHIGAN TRAFFIC FATALITY AND VEHICLE MILES OF TRAVEL (VMT) DATA					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2019-2022 Change
Traffic Fatalities	985	1,084	1,136	1,133	15%
Fatalities per 100M VMT	0.96	1.25	1.2	1.18	22%
VMT (Billions)	102.2	86.5	96.7	98.0	-4%

According to the latest study by TRIP, a national transportation research nonprofit, fatal traffic crashes in Michigan were up 15 percent in from 2019 to 2022. (50 Trip, A National Transportation Research Nonprofit/WWMT)

"We must all commit to doing our part to reduce the loss of life and serious injuries on American roadways that cost an estimated \$1.9 trillion last year and inflicted never-ending pain on families," [ATSSA](#) Board of Directors Chairman Jeff Johnson said.

The TRIP study also estimates that fatal and serious traffic crashes in Michigan in 2022 caused a total of \$66 billion in value, factoring in economic costs, quality-of-life costs, and environmental harm, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.