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In Michigan, .08 blood-alcohol content (BAC) is the drunk driving standard.

Michigan was the 44th state to adopt .08 BAC as the standard for drunk driving offenses. Many studies show that .08 BAC laws save lives.

A first-time offender convicted of drunk driving faces:

- Up to 93 days in jail
- Up to a \$500 fine
- Up to 360 hours of community service
- Up to 6 points on a driver's license
- Up to 180 days with a suspended license, with a restricted license possible after 30 days

Convicted drunk drivers are also subject to a \$1,000 penalty as part of the state's driver responsibility program. The \$1,000 penalty will be imposed for two consecutive years.

Drivers may still be arrested and charged with impaired driving, however, the law no longer has a blood alcohol content associated with impaired. Those convicted of impaired driving face an additional \$500 penalty assessed for two consecutive years.

In Michigan, state law requires insurance companies to establish a plan for charging higher rates to motorists who have substantially at-fault accidents and/or convictions for driving violations. These extra charges vary by company.

Most motorists with drunk driving convictions must obtain insurance from the state's high-risk facility, the Michigan Automobile Insurance Placement Facility (MAIPF). MAIPF is an organization created by state law to provide car insurance to people who cannot obtain or have difficulty obtaining coverage through ordinary methods. Coverage through MAIPF can be obtained through licensed property/casualty insurance agents.

IMPACT OF ALCOHOL-RELATED CONVICTIONS IN MICHIGAN

Annual Auto Insurance Premium (7-13)

<u>Location</u>	<u>MAIPF Premium with no at-fault accidents or convictions (1)</u>	<u>MAIPF Premium with drunk driving conviction (2)</u>
Detroit	\$9,854	\$17,500
Lansing	3,886	6,964
Grand Rapids	3,752	6,726
Flint	6,530	11,968
Traverse City	3,886	6,970
Marquette	3,762	6,704

(1) Premium charged by Michigan Automobile Insurance Placement Facility (MAIPF) for a driver with no applicable at-fault accidents of traffic violation convictions.

(2) Premium charged by Michigan Automobile Insurance Placement Facility (MAIPF) for a driver convicted operating a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor or with an unlawful blood alcohol level.

(Example is based on a principal driver, age 36, with two children, driving a 2008 Chevrolet Impala less than 10 miles to work. Policy coverages include: Coordinated Personal Injury Protection with \$300 deductible, \$1 million Property Protection Insurance, Residual Liability with limits of \$100/300/100, \$250 deductible Comprehensive, \$500 deductible Broad Collision, Uninsured Motorists and Limited Property Damage Liability.)

Source: Michigan Automobile Insurance Placement Facility

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Drunk Driving Statistics

<u>Drunk Data</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
Number of drivers involved in all accidents	518,240	476,801	468,968	477,843	429,401	488,798
Number of drinking driver involved in all accidents**	10,948	9,863	9,843	14,762	13,855	12,207
Percentage of drinking drivers involved in all crashes	2%	2%	2%	3%	3%	2%
Total number of accidents	316,057	290,978	282,075	284,049	273,891	289,061
Number of all accidents involving alcohol	11,068	10,665	9,986	9,845	10,014	9,828
Percentage of all accidents involving alcohol	4%	4%	4%	3%	4%	3%
Total number of fatal accidents	915	806	868	834	870	881
Fatal accidents involving alcohol	297	277	264	253	260	257
Percentage of fatal accidents involving alcohol	32%	34%	30%	30%	30%	29%

**Driving with a blood alcohol concentration of .08 or more is illegal.

Source: Michigan Department of State Police

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Drunk Driving Crashes by County

<u>County</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
Alcona	19	8	Lake	22	17
Alger	16	10	Lapeer	109	127
Allegan	163	157	Leelanau	45	40
Alpena	27	23	Lenawee	91	114
Antrim	35	22	Livingston	180	187
Arenac	22	22	Luce	7	8
Baraga	5	5	Mackinac	22	20
Barry	67	60	Macomb	740	743
Bay	124	127	Manistee	29	28
Benzie	25	12	Marquette	79	85
Berrien	182	173	Mason	32	22
Branch	30	52	Mecosta	43	54
Calhoun	189	187	Menominee	35	23
Cass	57	61	Midland	79	66
Charlevoix	32	30	Missaukee	12	15
Cheboygan	17	30	Monroe	205	203
Chippewa	39	37	Montcalm	69	65
Clare	33	29	Montmorency	12	7
Clinton	53	67	Muskegon	169	139
Crawford	17	28	Newaygo	55	71
Delta	43	30	Oakland	1,078	1,079
Dickinson	35	16	Oceana	48	31
Eaton	69	86	Ogemaw	21	21
Emmet	50	39	Ontonagon	4	7
Genesee	374	405	Osceola	22	24
Gladwin	30	18	Oscoda	9	2
Gogebic	18	22	Otsego	31	26
Grand Traverse	115	123	Ottawa	266	255
Gratiot	35	30	Presque Isle	18	13
Hillsdale	46	30	Roscommon	35	27
Houghton	44	36	Saginaw	203	204
Huron	46	32	St. Clair	171	171
Ingham	236	288	St. Joseph	71	59
Ionia	64	61	Sanilac	52	47
Iosco	25	20	Schoolcraft	11	11
Iron	16	17	Shiawassee	49	62
Isabella	111	105	Tuscola	82	56
Jackson	169	177	Van Buren	92	90
Kalamazoo	307	315	Washtenaw	352	332
Kalkaska	19	28	Wayne	1,461	1,440
Kent	849	780	Wexford	43	37
Keweenaw	7	2	TOTAL	10,014	9,828

Source: Michigan Department of State Police