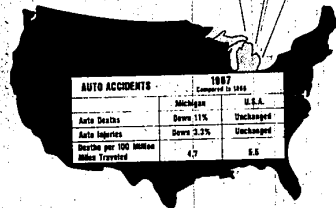


Michigan Has Chance To Rank In 'Safest'

PORTRAIT OF A YEAR A Study of Michigan's 1967 Auto Injuries and Fatalities



THIS MAP ILLUSTRATES Michigan's pre-eminent safety position in 1967, when it led the nation with the largest traffic accident reduction of any large industrial state.

If Michigan can cut last year's highway death toll by five in a month from April on, this state may keep its 1967 title as "Safest of the Big Eight States," according to Automobile Club of Michigan.

"Michigan drivers led the nation in traffic safety during 1967, but are 44 deaths ahead of last year's first quarter," states Auto Club General Manager Fred Rehm.

For the first three months of 1968, 420 persons have died in Michigan traffic as compared with 376 for the same period last year.

From a record 2,226 deaths in 1966, however, Michigan reduced its 1967 traffic fatalities to 1,888, a drop of 11 per cent. (Both figures are taken from a nationwide compilation, Michigan State Police figures, which take into account delayed and late-reported deaths, are higher.)

REHM ADDED that Michigan also reduced traffic injuries by 3.3 per cent in 1967.

In comparison, the nation as a whole remained unchanged—both in injuries and deaths, according to nationwide traffic study to be released soon by

Auto Club. In 1967, Michigan had 4.7 deaths per 100 million miles traveled while the nation averaged 5.5.

The study, called "Portrait of a Year," probes more than 1,600 injury accidents which happened last summer throughout the Lower Peninsula. It will be a companion study to Auto Club's 1966 study, titled "How To Bring More Back Alive!" which covered 20 per cent of the year's traffic fatalities.

The rest of the "Big Eight States" were far behind Michigan's 1967 highway record.

HERE'S HOW Michigan stacked up in comparison with the seven other large states (in terms of auto registration): Michigan, down 11 per cent; Ohio, down three per cent; Illinois, down one per cent; Texas, down one-half a per cent; Indiana, up less than one-half a per cent; New York, up one per cent; and Pennsylvania, up seven per cent.

Paul Pillar Is Awarded Fellowship

HANOVER, N. H.—A Dartmouth College junior from Livonia, Mich., is one of 15 students here who have been awarded Senior Fellowships for advanced independent study during the 1968-69 academic year.

Paul R. Pillar, a government major, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Pillar of 28612 Fargo Avenue.

Senior Fellows concentrate on a program of personal study tailored to each man's own interests and future goals, and are not required to take a normal course load. Each Fellow plans his work for the senior year in consultation with a faculty advisor, usually involving a project and a comprehensive report at the end of the year.

He pointed out that travel was up 8.4 per cent in January and 12 per cent in February this year as compared with 1967. Deaths dropped four per cent in January, and jumped 35 per cent in February in 1968 as compared with these months in 1967.

IN THE CITIES category, Flint and Grand Rapids led the nation in traffic fatality percentage reduction for most of 1967, with 26 and 24 per cent reductions, respectively, in their category.

Detroit, with an 18 per cent reduction, placed 11th among 78 cities reporting late last year.

However, Rehm said that traffic deaths began to climb before the end of 1967 and have continued climbing since.

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