

**CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM      State of Wisconsin**

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**To: Regional Directors  
Att'n: Regional System Planning and Operations Sections**

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**Subject: Statewide Crash Rates**

Attached are two tables for this year's crash rates. Please recall that the definition of a "reportable crash" is based on a reporting threshold of \$1000 for property damage only "to any one person's property", \$1000 for government-owned vehicles and remains at \$200 for all other government-owned property, such as traffic control devices.

The TOPS Lab prepared these tables. The Division of Transportation Investment Management has provided the vehicle miles and the crashes are taken from the Accident File maintained by the Division on Motor Vehicles. Table I lists the Wisconsin statewide crash rates for 2001 to 2005. These rates are expressed as crashes per 100 million vehicle miles. These rates do not include non-reportable crashes (<\$1000). Table II excludes deer hits but otherwise shows crash data for the same highway classifications.

**Table I - Wisconsin Statewide Average Crash Rates: 2001-2005**

RURAL INTERSTATE			
	Total	Fatal	Injury
2001	63	0.4	17
2002	62	0.4	15
2003	74	0.6	17
2004	82	0.6	20
2005	86	0.6	20

URBAN INTERSTATE			
	Total	Fatal	Injury
2001	107	0.3	35
2002	116	0.4	34
2003	91	0.2	27
2004	91	0.3	27
2005	87	0.2	27

RURAL STH			
	Total	Fatal	Injury
2001	162	1.6	44
2002	164	1.7	43
2003	182	1.8	48
2004	186	1.8	49
2005	170	1.7	45

URBAN STREETS			
	Total	Fatal	Injury
2001	289	0.6	99
2002	280	0.6	95
2003	260	0.6	85
2004	242	0.6	79
2005	248	0.6	81

COUNTY TRUNKS			
	Total	Fatal	Injury
2001	248	2.8	70
2002	255	2.8	69
2003	260	2.8	71
2004	254	2.6	68
2005	228	2.6	65

Rates are expressed as crashes per 100 million vehicle-miles. Crash rates for 2005 were prepared by TOPS Lab from the WisTransPortal database. Crash information was provided by WisDOT DMV Traffic Accident Section. VMT estimates were provided by WisDOT DTIM Traffic Forecasting Section. The rates **do not** include non-reportable crashes.

Table II - Wisconsin Statewide Average Crash Rates: 2001-2005

Deer Crashes Have Been Excluded

RURAL INTERSTATE			
	Total	Fatal	Injury
2001	46	0.4	16
2002	46	0.4	14
2003	55	0.6	17
2004	61	0.6	19
2005	67	0.6	20

URBAN INTERSTATE			
	Total	Fatal	Injury
2001	104	0.3	34
2002	113	0.4	34
2003	88	0.2	27
2004	89	0.2	27
2005	85	0.2	26

RURAL STH			
	Total	Fatal	Injury
2001	104	1.5	42
2002	106	1.7	42
2003	117	1.8	46
2004	121	1.7	47
2005	115	1.6	43

URBAN STREETS			
	Total	Fatal	Injury
2001	282	0.6	99
2002	274	0.6	95
2003	253	0.6	85
2004	237	0.6	79
2005	243	0.6	80

COUNTY TRUNKS			
	Total	Fatal	Injury
2001	153	2.8	66
2002	160	2.8	67
2003	161	2.7	68
2004	161	2.6	65
2005	151	2.5	63

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All crashes that have happened on both urban STH and city streets have been combined into a single category called "Urban Streets".

If there are questions about how VMT estimates are made, please contact Bruce Aunet at 608-266-9990.

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