



## Aging Driver Fact Sheet

### Aging driver statistics

- Michigan has over 7.2 million licensed drivers, more than 1.5 million of whom are age 65 or older.
- Ten years ago, 16.5 percent of our drivers were age 65 or older. Last year, it was 21.1 percent. This age group is the fastest growing demographic in Michigan.
- The number of older licensed drivers in Michigan has increased by nearly one-third in the past 10 years.

### How aging drivers can manage their driving habits:

- Drive during daylight hours.
- Limit driving in inclement weather.
- Drive fewer miles by efficiently planning trips.
- Avoid driving during rush hour and heavy traffic.
- Avoid driving in unfamiliar areas.
- Avoid fast-paced highway driving.

### Crash statistics and driver reexamination requests

- According to Michigan law enforcement crash reports:
  - Failing to yield and failing to leave enough space to stop safely are the two most common reasons that aging drivers are involved in vehicle crashes.
  - More than half of crashes for drivers age 65 or older occur between noon and 6 p.m.
- During FY 2018-19, the Secretary of State's Driver Assessment Section received over 7,000 requests for a driver evaluation. Nearly half of the requests came from law enforcement, 20 percent from medical professionals, about 10 percent from family and about 21 percent from other sources (courts, SOS offices, adult protective services, etc.).
- In FY 2018-19, Drivers age 60 or older accounted for over 40 percent of all driver evaluations or just over 10,000 evaluations. The vast majority of these reexams were due to a medical reason.