

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the 2000 Maryland Traffic Safety and Injury Facts Book. This document has been developed by the staff of the Charles McC. Mathias, Jr. National Study Center for Trauma and Emergency Medical Systems (NSC) at the University of Maryland, Baltimore. The mission of the NSC is to prevent death and disability from injury and sudden illness through interdisciplinary research. Funding for this project is provided by State Highway Administration's Office of Traffic & Safety (Traffic Safety Analysis Division and Maryland Highway Safety Office) and the Federal Highway and National Highway Traffic Safety Administrations.

Use of this resource is intended for transportation and injury prevention professionals to provide traffic safety data from a variety of sources. Currently, this report includes 2000 crash statistics and crash injury data submitted by all police agencies in Maryland to the Maryland Automobile Accident Report System. Information on patients admitted to Maryland hospitals for injuries sustained in motor vehicle crashes is provided by the Health Services Cost Review Commission. Future editions of this report will include trend analysis, pre-hospital information from the Maryland Ambulance Information System, citation and licensing information, data compiled from the Crash Outcome Data Evaluation System (CODES), and detailed information for each subdivision within the state. Every effort has been made to provide accurate data and analysis; however, this is still a work in progress, and any discrepancies should be brought to the attention of NSC, so that the necessary corrections can be made. We hope you will find this information useful and we welcome your comments and suggestions.

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- CODES Board of Directors

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