

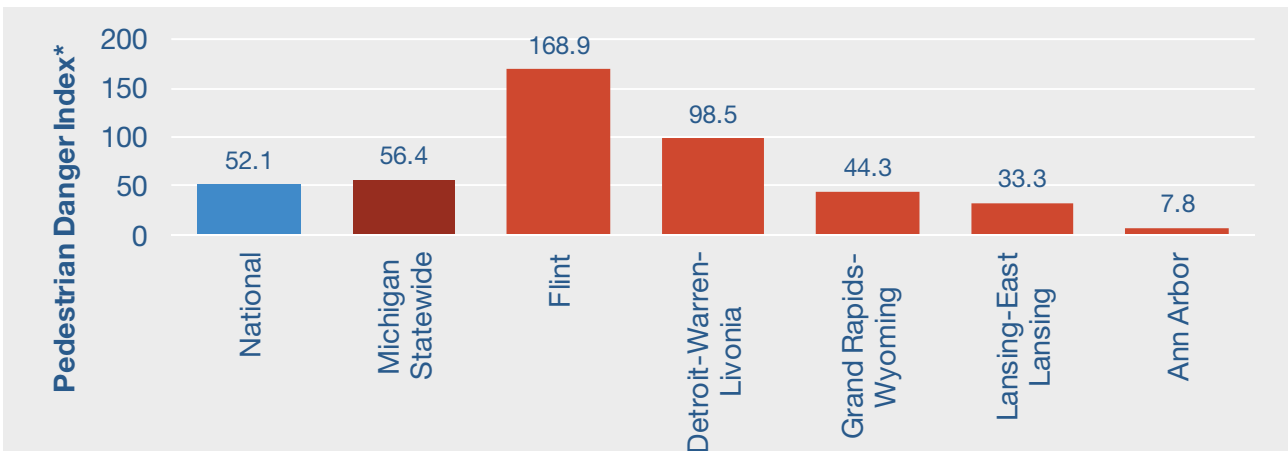
# Michigan

Walking on streets designed more for speeding cars than for people on foot can be deadly. More than 4,500 Americans died last year while crossing the street, walking to school, going to a bus stop, or strolling to the grocery store. But *not* walking is equally as hazardous. Partly out of traffic safety fears, people are walking less these days, with serious consequences for our weight and health. The CDC reports that two-thirds of Americans are now overweight or obese.

The good news is that communities that choose to change road policies and invest in safer designs see fewer deaths and injuries, even as they make their neighborhoods more livable and invite more people to walk and bicycle. Though growing in number, these places are still the exception rather than the rule.



## The Risk of Walking in Selected Michigan Metro Areas



\*The Pedestrian Danger Index is a measure of the relative risk of walking, adjusted for exposure. It is calculated by dividing the average pedestrian fatality rate (2007-2008), by the percentage of residents walking to work (2000).

Total traffic deaths that were pedestrians

**11.8%**  
US AVERAGE

**12.2%**  
MICHIGAN

Pedestrian fatalities per 100,000 people

**1.53**  
US AVERAGE

**1.26**  
MICHIGAN

## Michigan Metropolitan Areas Ranked by the Danger to Pedestrians

Rank	Metro Area	Population (2008)	Pedestrian Danger Index	Pedestrian Fatalities (2007-2008)	% of Total Traffic Deaths that Were Pedestrians	Avg. Annual Fed. \$ Spent on Bike/Ped per Person
1	Flint	428,790	168.9	18	17.8%	\$0.68
2	Monroe	152,949	159.4	5	10.0%	\$0.00
3	Saginaw-Saginaw Township North	200,745	156.0	10	18.9%	\$1.98
4	Detroit-Warren-Livonia	4,425,110	98.5	125	19.5%	\$0.73
5	Battle Creek	135,861	67.4	5	12.2%	\$2.44
6	Muskegon-Norton Shores	174,344	60.9	3	6.8%	\$2.52
7	Kalamazoo-Portage	323,713	46.1	8	8.3%	\$1.16
8	Grand Rapids-Wyoming	776,833	44.3	14	8.1%	\$1.61
9	Niles-Benton Harbor	159,481	43.7	4	8.0%	\$1.32
10	Holland-Grand Haven	260,364	37.3	5	11.6%	\$1.14
11	Lansing-East Lansing	454,035	33.3	12	14.3%	\$1.35
12	Jackson	160,180	32.9	2	4.9%	\$1.50
13	South Bend-Mishawaka	316,865	30.7	7	11.1%	\$2.78
14	Bay City	107,495	28.2	1	6.3%	\$0.00
15	Ann Arbor	347,376	7.8	4	6.7%	\$2.73

## Federal Funds Spent on Pedestrian Projects in Michigan (FY2005-FY2008)

Total Federal Transportation Funds Available in Michigan

**\$3.56**  
Billion

Portion of Federal Funds Spent on Pedestrian Projects

**1.6%**

Amount Spent per Person on Pedestrian Facilities and Safety

**\$1.44**