

# 2003 Michigan Traffic Crash FACT SHEET



In a crash, motorcyclists lack the protection of an enclosed vehicle.



The 2003 death rate for motorcyclists was 12.2 per 100 million vehicle miles traveled compared to the overall mileage death rate of 1.3 per 100 million vehicle miles traveled.



Injuries to motorcyclists were proportionately more severe than injuries to persons in other motor vehicles.



There were 3,187 motorcycle-involved crashes in which 76 motorcyclists were killed and 2,644 injured.



Motorcycles were involved in 0.81 percent of all traffic crashes in Michigan in 2003.



Because motorcycles have a low profile, they tend to be less visible than other motor vehicles. 60 (78.9%) of the 76 motorcyclists killed were reported by police as "going straight ahead" just prior to crash.



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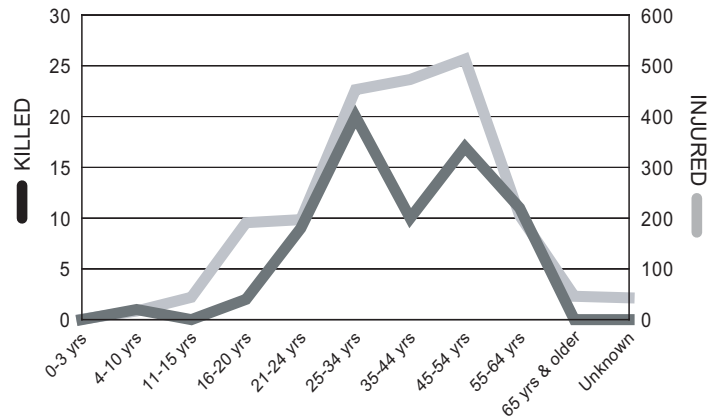


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