

2004 Michigan Traffic Crash FACT SHEET

Bicycles

This sheet addresses the problem of deaths and serious injuries among bicyclists involved in vehicle-related crashes. At least one motor vehicle needs to be involved for the crash to be reportable as a motor vehicle crash.



2,246 bicyclists were involved in motor vehicle crashes in Michigan in 2004.



21 bicyclists were killed on Michigan roadways in 2004, eleven less than reported in 2003.



1,796 bicyclist injuries were reported to police agencies.



At all ages, males (1,794) were involved in more bicycle crashes than females (452). The male to female ratio of bicycle deaths was 6:1, with 18 male bicyclists killed and 3 female bicyclists killed.



12 of the bicyclists killed (57.1%) were reported by police to be "going straight ahead" just prior to crash.



80.8 percent of all bicyclists in motor vehicle crashes and 12 of the 21 bicyclists killed were riding during daylight hours.



3:00 PM - 5:59 PM were the peak hours for bicyclist involvement in all crashes and injuries to bicyclists. 3:00 PM - 5:59 PM were the peak hours for bicyclist fatalities.



Of the bicyclists killed in 2004, 6 deaths were the result of a had-been-drinking crash and 3 (50.0%) of these bicyclists had been drinking.



33.3 percent of all bicyclist deaths occurred to children under 16 years of age. Children aged 11 to 15 years represented 14.3 percent of the total number of bicyclist fatalities. Children aged 4 to 10 years represented 19.0 percent of the total number of bicyclist fatalities.

