

2006 Michigan Traffic Crash FACT SHEET

Motorcycles

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



The 2006 death rate for motorcyclists was 15.5 per 100 million vehicle miles traveled compared to the overall mileage death rate of 1.0 per 100 million vehicle miles traveled.



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



There were 3,386 motorcycle-involved crashes in which 110 motorcyclists were killed and 2,706 injured.



Motorcycles were involved in 1.1 percent of all traffic crashes in Michigan in 2006.



Because motorcycles have a low profile, they tend to be less visible than other motor vehicles. 94 (85.5%) of the 110 motorcyclists killed were reported by police as "going straight ahead" just prior to crash.



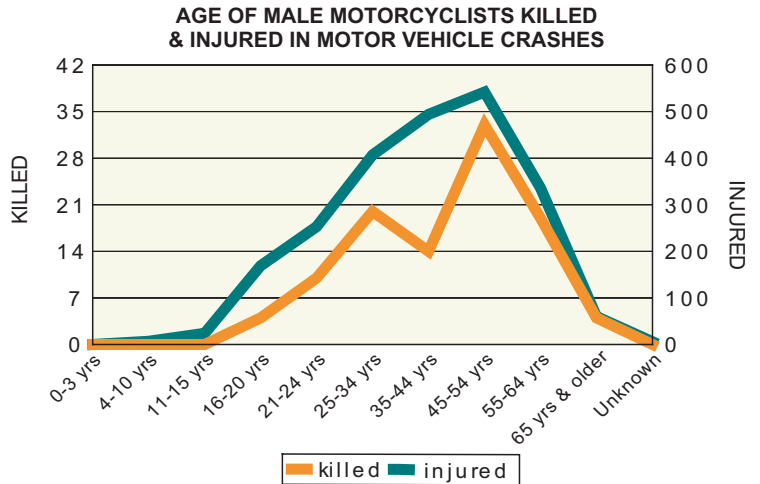
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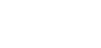
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