

2009 Michigan Traffic Crash FACT SHEET

Bicycles

2,035 bicyclists were involved in motor vehicle crashes in Michigan in 2009.

19 bicyclists were killed on Michigan roadways in 2009, six less than reported in 2008.

1,648 bicyclist injuries were reported to police agencies.

At all ages, males (1,553) were involved in more bicycle crashes than females (430). The male to female ratio of bicycle deaths was 8.5:1, with 17 male bicyclists killed and two female bicyclists killed.

13 of the bicyclists killed (68.4%) were reported by police to be "going straight ahead" just prior to crash.

79.0 percent of all bicyclists in motor vehicle crashes and 12 of the 19 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. 6:00 PM - 8:59 PM were the peak hours for bicyclist fatalities.

Of the bicyclists killed in 2009, three deaths were the result of a had-been-drinking crash and two (66.7%) of these bicyclists had been drinking.

15.8 percent of all bicyclist deaths occurred to children under 16 years of age. Children aged 11 to 15 years represented 15.8 percent of the total number of bicyclist fatalities. Adults aged 65-74 years represented 21.1 percent of the total number of bicyclist fatalities.

