

Motorcycles



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

The 2009 death rate for motorcyclists was 12.87 per 100 million vehicle miles traveled compared to the overall mileage death rate of 0.91 per 100 million vehicle miles traveled.

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

There were 3,451 motorcycle-involved crashes in which 103 motorcyclists were killed and 2,725 injured.

Motorcycles were involved in 1.2 percent of all traffic crashes in Michigan in 2009.

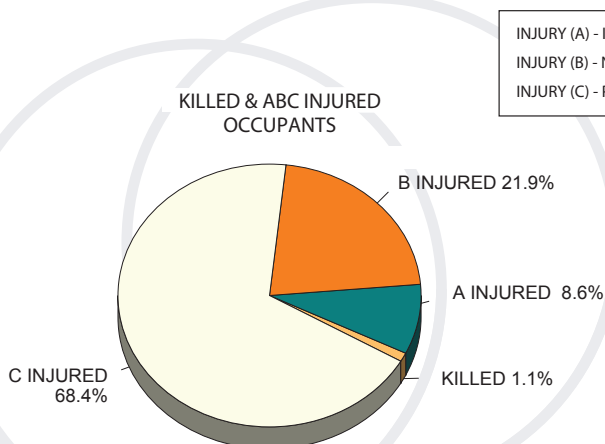
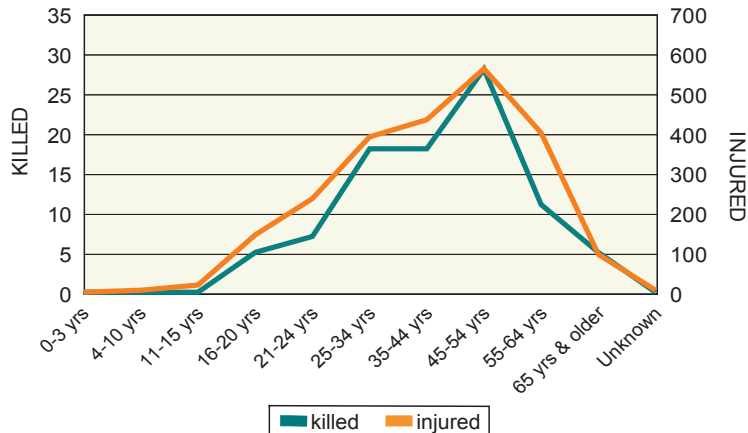
Because motorcycles have a low profile, they tend to be less visible than other motor vehicles. 87 (84.5%) of the 103 motorcyclists killed were reported by police as "going straight ahead" just prior to crash.

Of the motorcyclists killed in traffic crashes in 2009, 89.3 percent were male.

Of the motorcyclists killed in 2009, 29 deaths were the result of a had-been-drinking crash and 27 (93.1%) of these motorcyclists had been drinking.

Of the male motorcyclists injured, 561 (24.5%) were 45 - 54 years old.

AGE OF MALE MOTORCYCLISTS KILLED & INJURED IN MOTOR VEHICLE CRASHES



INJURY (A) - Incapacitating
 INJURY (B) - Nonincapacitating
 INJURY (C) - Possible Injury

