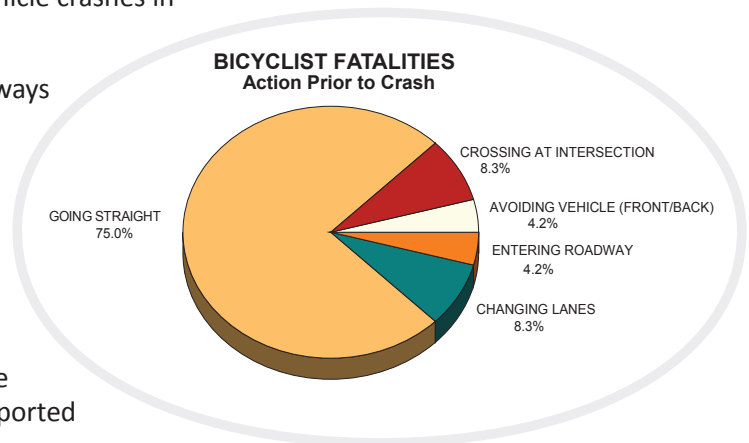


2011

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, bicycle helmets are the single most effective countermeasure available to reduce head injuries and fatalities resulting from bicycle crashes.

- 1,895 bicyclists were involved in motor vehicle crashes in Michigan in 2011.
- 24 bicyclists were killed on Michigan roadways in 2011, five less than reported in 2010.
- 1,479 bicyclist injuries were reported to police agencies.
- Males (1,466) were involved in more bicycle crashes than females (378). The male to female ratio of bicycle deaths was 7:1, with 21 male bicyclists killed and three female bicyclists killed. Gender was not reported for 51 bicyclists.



- 18 of the bicyclists killed (75.0%) were reported by police to be "going straight ahead" just prior to crash.
- 79.2 percent of all bicyclists in motor vehicle crashes and 10 of the 24 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 24 bicyclists killed in 2011, eight (33.3%) were the result of a had-been-drinking crash and seven (87.5%) of these bicyclists had been drinking.

- There were no bicyclist deaths for children under 14 years of age. In the 11-15 age group, two bicyclists (8.3%) age 14 were killed. Adults ages 45-54 accounted for 11 (45.8%) of the total number of bicyclist fatalities. A 69 year old bicyclist accounted for the only fatality (4.2%) in the 65-74 age group.

