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Michigan Traffic
Crash Facts

BICYCLES

2017

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

There were 1,723 bicyclists involved in motor vehicle crashes in Michigan in 2017.

A total of 21 bicyclists were killed in 21 fatal crashes on Michigan roadways. An additional 1,363 bicyclists were injured in 1,356 police-reported crashes on traffic crash records.

Male bicyclists (1,299) were involved in more bicycle crashes than female bicyclists (374), with 14 male bicyclists killed and seven female bicyclists killed. Gender was not reported for 50 bicyclists in crashes.

Police reported that 11 of the bicyclists killed (52.4%) were "going straight ahead" just prior to crash.

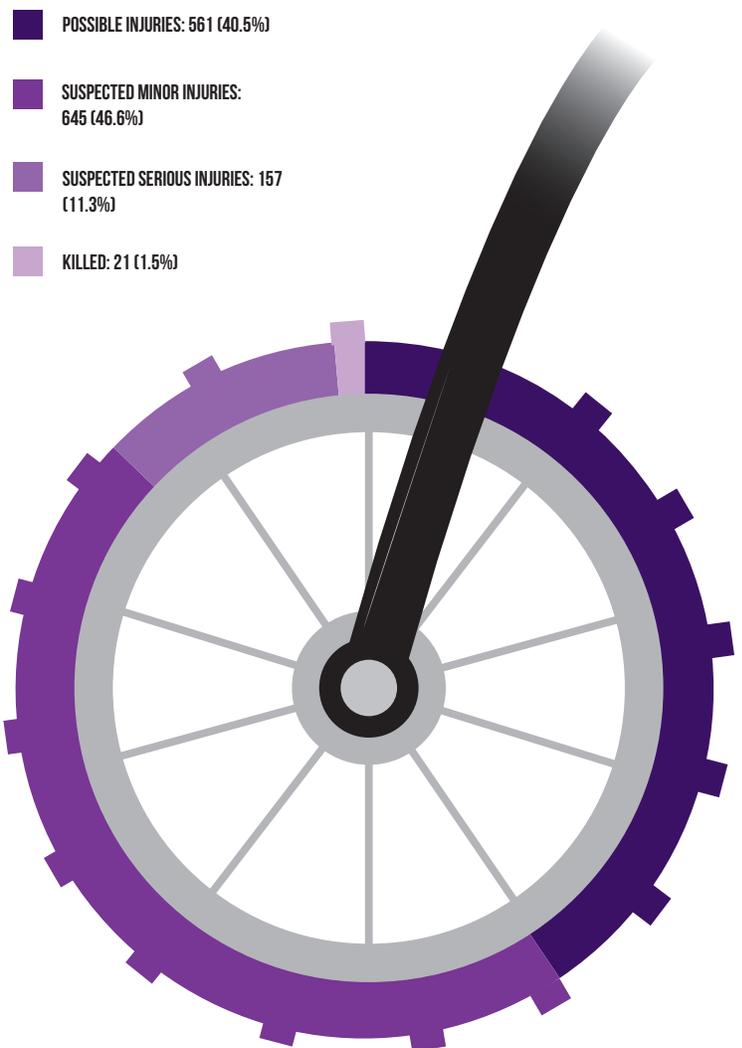
In motor vehicle crashes, 1,286 bicyclists were riding in daylight conditions, 27 were riding during dawn, 57 were riding during dusk, 240 were riding in dark lighted conditions, 99 were riding in dark unlighted conditions, and 14 bicyclists were riding in unknown lighting conditions.

The peak hour for bicyclist involvement in crashes was from 5:00-5:59 PM, with 168 bicyclists involved. The peak hour for bicyclist fatalities was from 8:00-8:59 PM, with four bicyclist fatalities.

Of the 21 bicyclists killed, five (23.8%) were the result of a had-been-drinking crash and one (20.0%) of those bicyclists had been drinking.

No bicyclist fatalities occurred among youth age 15 and under. Teen/young adults (ages 16-20) accounted for two (9.5%) of the bicyclist fatalities. Adults ages 21-64 accounted for 13 (61.9%) of the bicyclist fatalities. Six (28.6%) fatalities were in the 65 and over age group.

BICYCLIST INJURY SEVERITY IN CRASHES



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