

MICHIGAN BICYCLE CRASHES

2017 BICYCLIST FATALITIES AND INJURIES



In 2017, there were 1,723 bicyclists involved in motor vehicle crashes, with 21 bicyclists killed and 1,363 injured. More bicyclists within the 55-64 years of age group died than any other age group, with 5 killed (23.8%). The 16-20 age group had the greatest percentage of total fatalities and injuries (15.7%).

BICYCLE HELMET USE AND INJURY SEVERITY

HELMET USE	FATALITY	INJURY			NO INJURY
		A	B	C	
Worn	5	17	92	61	26
Not Worn	10	80	311	265	99
Unknown	6	60	242	235	129
Total	21	157	645	561	254

Note: 85 bicyclists had an unknown degree of injury and are not represented in this table

The National Center for Statistics and Analysis of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration cites a study by the Centers for Disease Control [12]: “Bicycle helmets are 85 to 88 percent effective in mitigating head and brain injuries in all types of bicycle accidents, making the use of helmets the single most effective countermeasure available to reduce head injuries and fatalities resulting from bicycle crashes.”