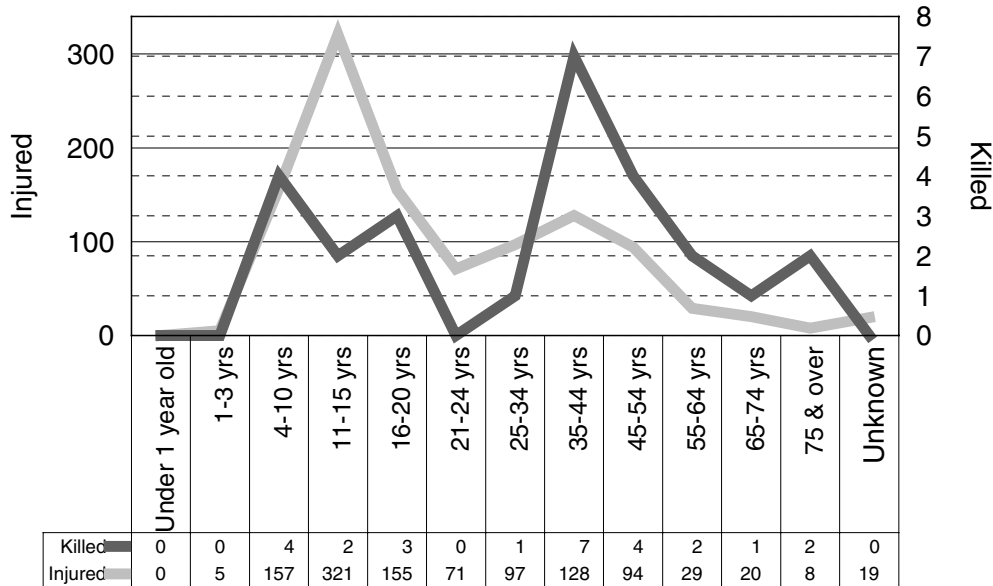




MICHIGAN BICYCLE CRASHES

Due to data processing errors ~1,600 pedestrians and ~1,600 bicyclists are incorrectly identified as drivers. Comparison to prior years of pedestrian and bicyclist data must take this into account.

2001 Bicycle Crash Information



In 2001, there were 1,342 bicyclists involved in motor vehicles crashes, with 26 bicyclists killed and 1,104 injured. The number of bicyclists killed represents a 10.3 percent decrease from 2000.

Children under 16 years of age accounted for 6 (23.1%) of the bicycle deaths in 2001.

BICYCLE HELMET USE AND INJURY SEVERITY

HELMET USE	Fatality	Injury			No Injury
		A	B	C	
Worn	1	13	39	24	11
Not Worn	6	68	201	164	50
Unknown	19	84	276	235	114
TOTALS	26	165	516	423	175

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