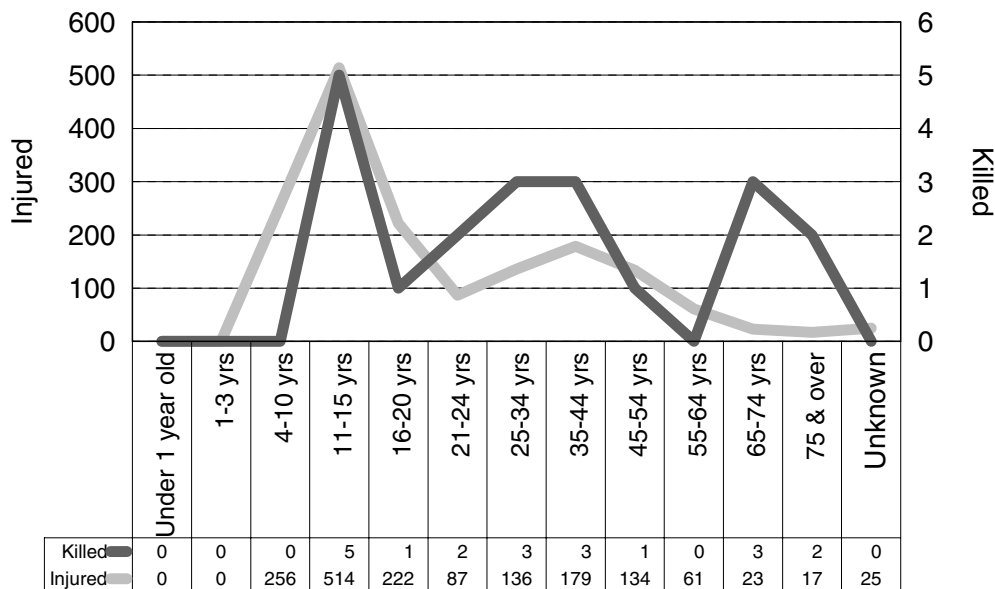




MICHIGAN BICYCLE CRASHES

Due to data processing errors ~800 pedestrians and ~700 bicyclists are incorrectly identified as drivers. Comparison to prior years of pedestrian and bicyclist data must take this into account.

2002 Bicycle Crash Information



In 2002, there were 1,988 bicyclists involved in motor vehicles crashes, with 20 bicyclists killed and 1,654 injured. The number of bicyclists killed represents a 23.1 percent decrease from 2001.

Children under 16 years of age accounted for 5 (25.0%) of the bicycle deaths in 2002.

BICYCLE HELMET USE AND INJURY SEVERITY

HELMET USE	Fatality	Injury			No Injury
		A	B	C	
Worn	0	16	39	31	14
Not Worn	4	77	254	250	82
Unknown	16	131	402	454	189
TOTALS	20	224	695	735	285

The National Center for Statistics and Analysis of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration cites a study by the Centers for Disease Control [11] in giving us the following information: "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."