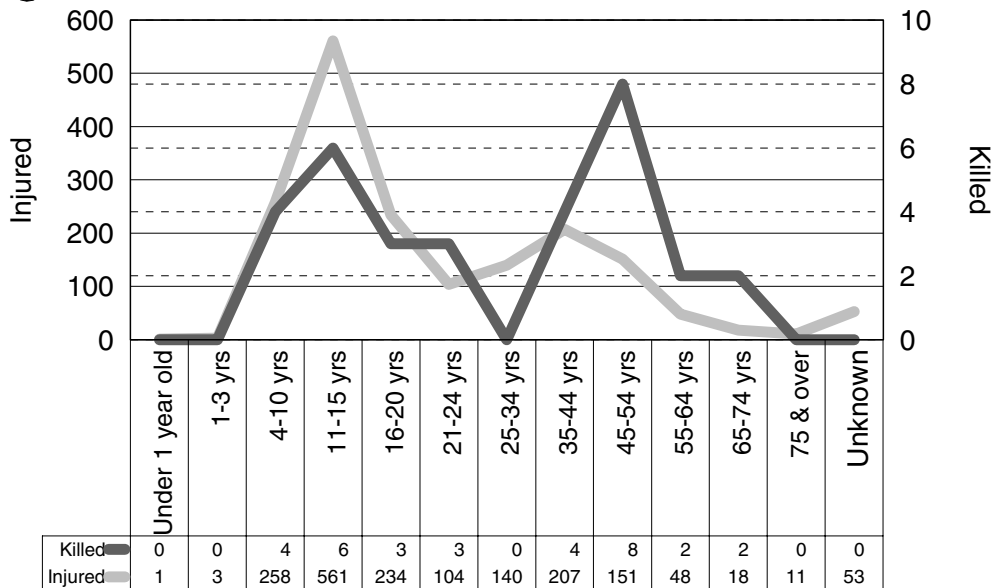




MICHIGAN BICYCLE CRASHES

2003 Bicycle Crash Information



In 2003 there were 2,276 bicyclists involved in motor vehicles crashes, with 32 bicyclists killed and 1,789 injured.

Children under 16 years of age accounted for 10 (31.3%) of the bicycle deaths in 2003.

BICYCLE HELMET USE AND INJURY SEVERITY

HELMET USE	Fatality	Injury			No Injury
		A	B	C	
Worn	4	18	51	37	11
Not Worn	16	83	276	266	96
Unknown	5	35	114	120	83
Total	25	136	441	423	190

The National Center for Statistics and Analysis of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration cites a study by the Centers for Disease Control [10] 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."