

# PEDESTRIANS

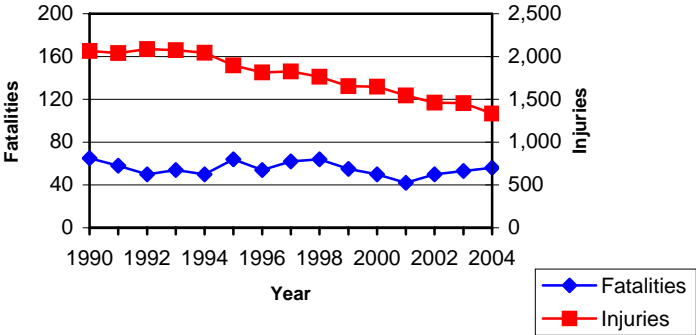


## Did You Know...

**In Wisconsin, in 2004, one pedestrian was injured or killed every 6.3 hours.**

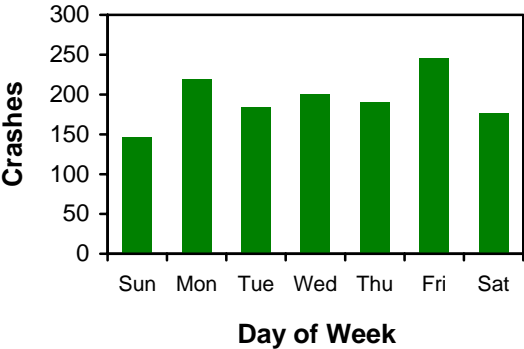
- 1,364 crashes involved pedestrians in Wisconsin in 2004.
- Of these crashes, 56 pedestrians were killed and 1,342 pedestrians were injured.
- Few pedestrian crashes result in property damage only; the pedestrian is almost always injured.

**Pedestrian Fatalities and Injuries (1990-2004)**



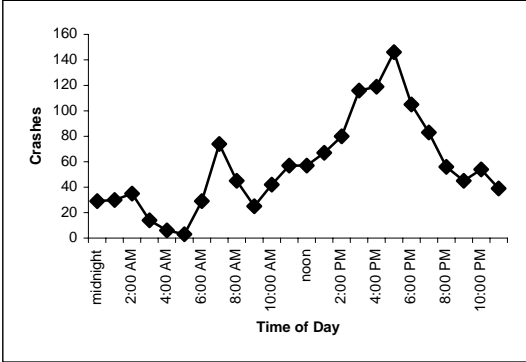
- Over the years, improvements to pedestrian safety have been made in areas such as engineering, education, enforcement, and emergency response.
- The number of pedestrians killed has remained steady for the past 15 years.
- The number of injuries has decreased by 35% since 1990.

**2004 Pedestrian Crashes**



- Pedestrian crashes most often occur on weekdays.

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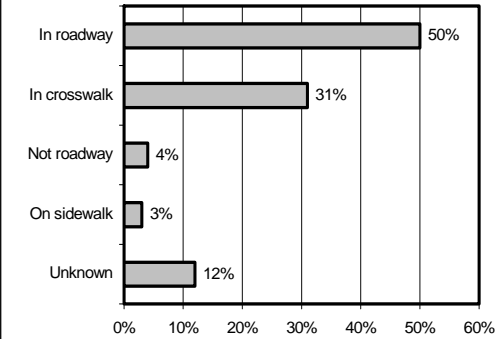


- Most pedestrian crashes occur between 3 and 6 p.m., the hours after school and the prime time that adults commute from work.

## Types/Factors of Pedestrian Crashes

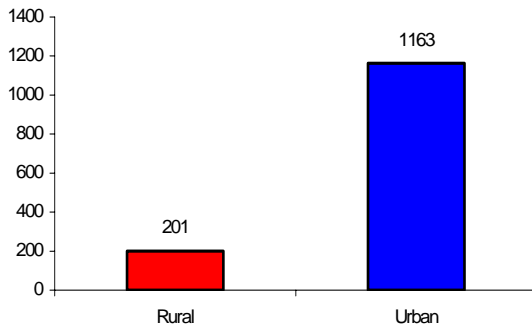
- Street or road crossings are, by far, the most common types of pedestrian crashes. Any street crossing can put a pedestrian in the path of a motor vehicle who may not be paying attention or may not have the time to avoid a pedestrian who suddenly steps into the path of the vehicle.
- **Alcohol.** Of the 56 pedestrians killed in 2004, 19 (34%) were known to have a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of 0.08 or greater.

**Pedestrian Location in Crashes (2004)**

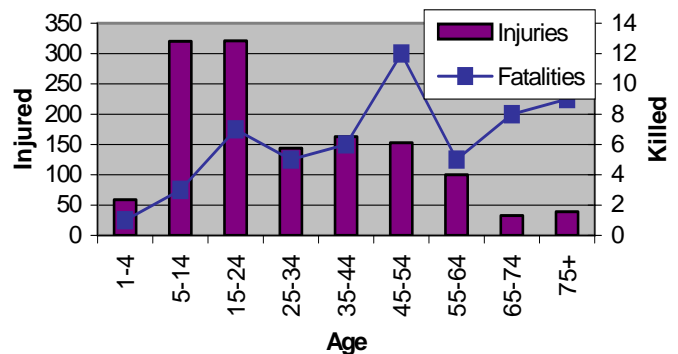


## Who is at Risk....

2004 Crashes by Locations



Pedestrians Killed or Injured in 2004 by Age



- Most pedestrian crashes occur on urban roads and streets.
- This is consistent with the fact that most pedestrian travel is in urban areas.

Children sustain between 1/3 and 1/2 of all pedestrian injuries each year. Contributing factors include: darting out into traffic, excessive vehicular speeds in neighborhoods and school zones, or driver inattention .

## Current Pedestrian Laws

Based on Wis. Stats. 346.23 (1)(2) and 346.24(1)

- At any crosswalk (marked or unmarked), the operator of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian, person riding a bicycle or electric personal assistive mobility device, in a manner which is consistent with the safe use of the crosswalk by a pedestrian who has started to cross the highway.
- In all other cases, pedestrians, bicyclists, and riders of electric personal assistive mobility devices shall yield the right-of-way to vehicles lawfully proceeding directly ahead on a green signal.
- No operator of a vehicle proceeding ahead on a green signal may begin a turn at a controlled intersection or crosswalk when a pedestrian or bicyclist or rider of an electric personal assistive mobility device crossing in the crosswalk on a green or walk signal would be endangered or interfered with in any way.



## What You Can Do

- As a motorist, look for pedestrians when turning left or right.
- Reduce travel speeds in school zones and neighborhoods.
- Yield to pedestrians already attempting to cross the roadway.
- As a pedestrian, always look left, right, and left again for traffic before stepping into the street.
- As a pedestrian, cross at crosswalk or where you can see and be seen by motorists.