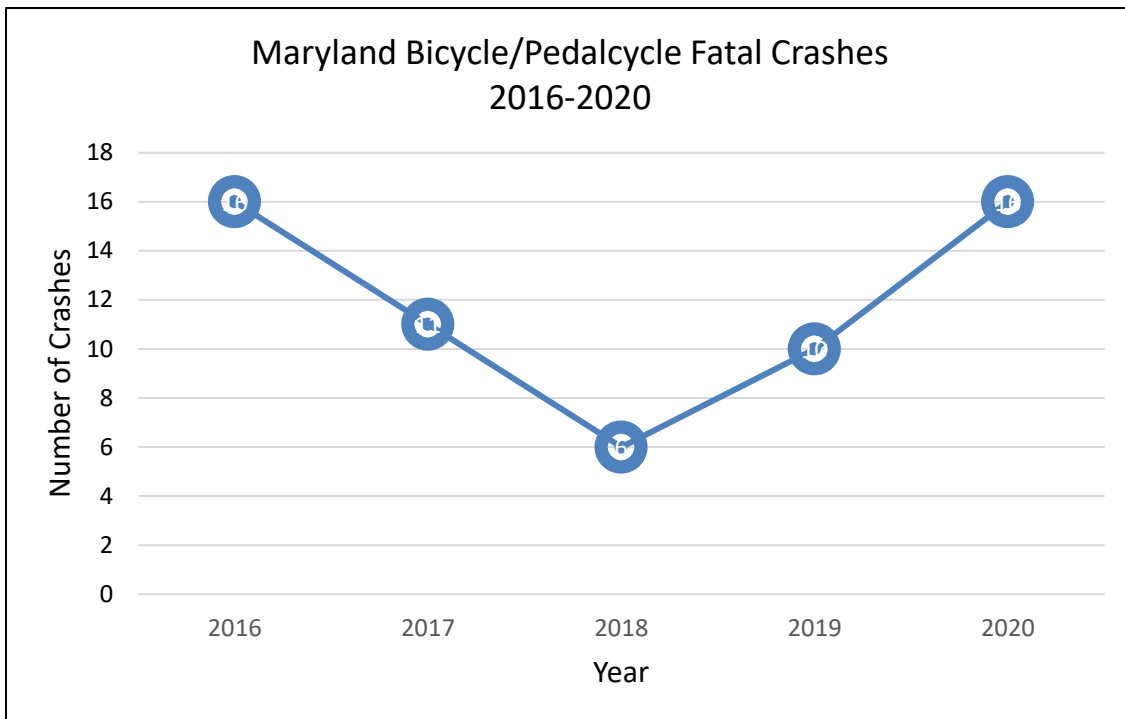
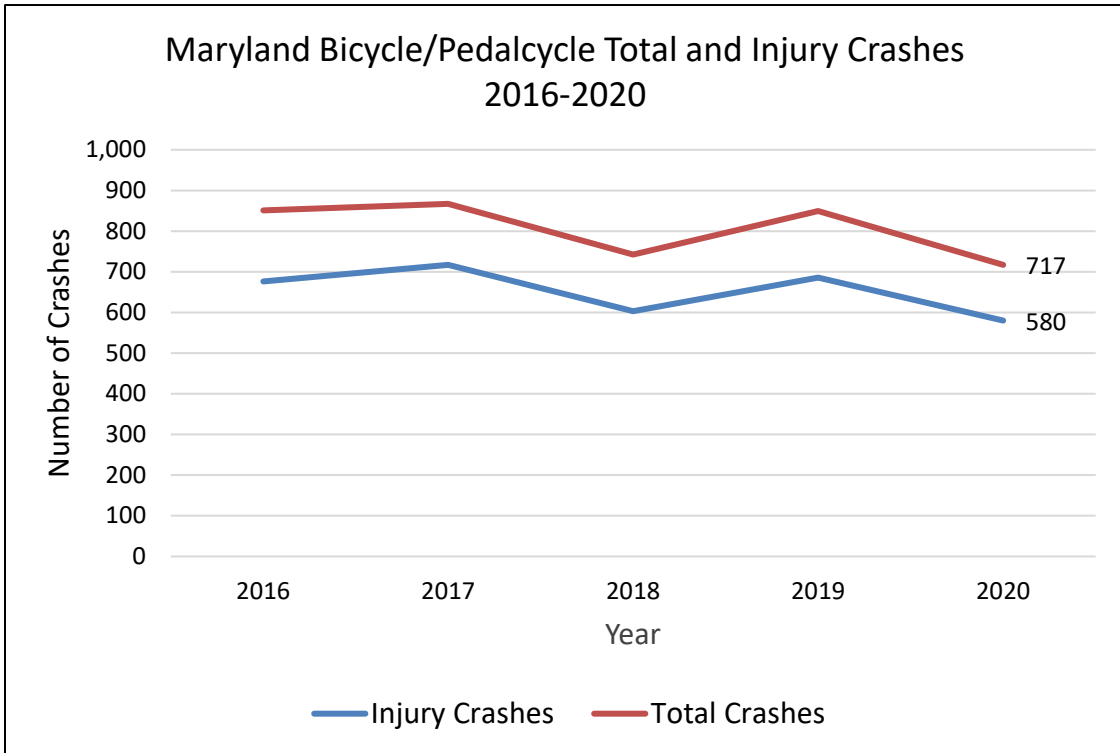


THE FACTS



- **Motor vehicle crashes are a huge threat to public health.** Motor vehicle crashes continue to be a leading cause of death in the United States¹. In 2019, approximately 6.8 million crashes were reported; approximately 29 percent resulted in an injury or fatality².
- **Crashes involving bicyclists and pedalcyclists have fluctuated in Maryland³ in recent years, from the mid-800's (2016, 2017 and 2019) to low-700's (2018, 2020).** Between 2016 and 2020, Maryland saw an average of 805 bicycle and pedalcycle-involved crashes each year, with a 16 percent decrease in the number of crashes occurring since 2019.
- **Injuries are high in bicycle and pedalcycle crashes.** Each year from 2016-2020 approximately 650 people were injured in cyclist-involved crashes. Of all crashes involving a bicycle and pedalcyclist, over 80 percent resulted in an injury, nearly three times the rate of injury crashes occurring statewide.
- **Bicycle and pedalcycle crashes are more likely to occur in warmer months.** Nearly 70 percent of all bicycle and pedalcycle crashes occurred between May and October, with June through September accounting for the months with the highest number of injury crashes (51 percent).
- **Bicycle and pedalcyclist crashes are highest in metropolitan areas⁴.** Baltimore City saw an average of 204 cycle-involved crashes each year, accounting for over 25 percent of the State's cyclist crashes. Over 87 percent of the crashes occurred in the Baltimore and Washington Metropolitan areas.

¹ CDC National Vital Statistics Reports – 10 Leading Causes of Death, United States, 2018

² National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Motor Vehicle Crash Data Querying and Reporting All Motor Vehicle Crashes Years: 2015-2019. Report Generated: Thursday, January 20, 2022 (10:39:20 AM).

³ In 2020, the world experienced the COVID-19 pandemic which contributed to significant changes in roadway travel and driver behavior. Reduced vehicle miles traveled and open roadways resulted in an increase in speed and other risky driving behaviors. Consequently, 573 people died in traffic-related crashes on Maryland's roads, representing an increase of more than seven percent from the previous year's total of 535, with pedestrian and bicycle fatalities comprising over one-quarter of the State's roadway deaths. While overall fatalities increased in 2020, the reduced travel contributed to marked decreases for injury and overall crashes at the statewide and jurisdictional level. Therefore, this anomalous year must be considered when drawing conclusions based on the use of 2020 crash data to evaluate highway safety programs and trends.

⁴ Baltimore Metropolitan area is comprised of Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford, Howard and Queen Anne's Counties, and Baltimore City as designated by the Baltimore Metropolitan Council. The Washington Metropolitan Area is defined as Charles, Frederick, Montgomery, and Prince George's Counties as designated by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments.

