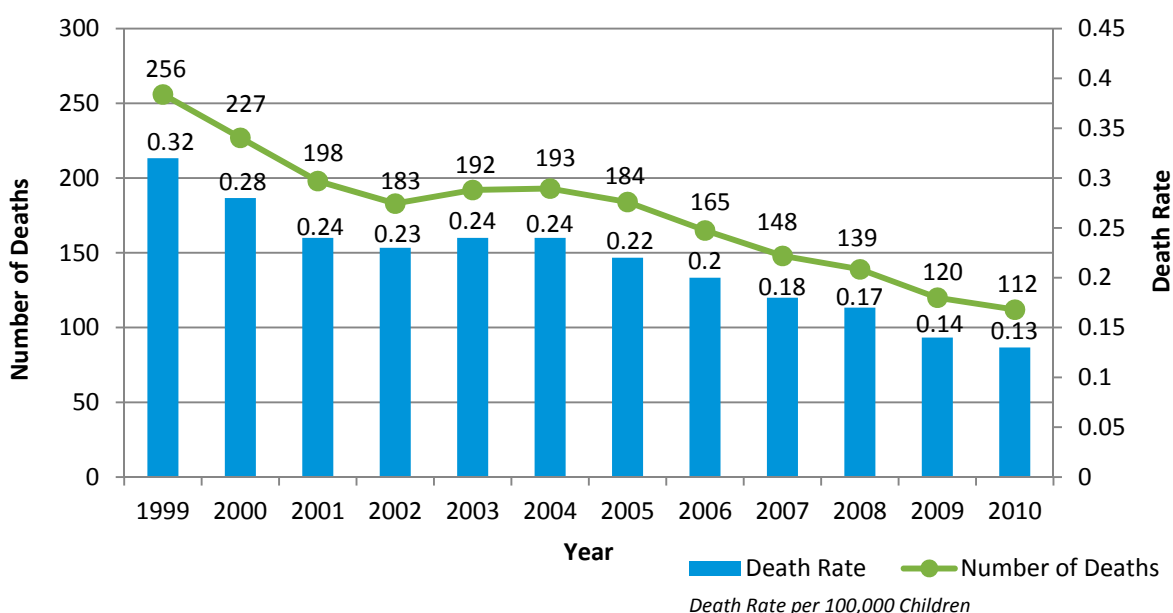


Bicycle, Skate and Skateboard Safety Fact Sheet (2013)

Fatalities

- 112 children ages 19 and under died while riding a bike in 2010.¹
 - 48% of children who died while bike-riding in 2010 were 15-19 years old.¹
 - 79% of children who died while bike-riding were boys.¹
- This is the smallest number of deaths since 1999, and is a 56% reduction in the number of deaths since that year and a 59% decrease in the death rate.¹

1999-2010 Bike Fatalities and Death Rate Among Children Ages 19 and Under



Injuries

- 271,099 children ages 19 and under were seen in emergency rooms for injuries from riding bikes in 2012.¹
- 80,040 children ages 19 and under had skateboard-related injuries, and 5,283 had skating-related injuries, in 2012.²
- More children ages 5 to 14 are seen in emergency departments for injuries related to biking than any other sport.^{3,4,5}



Additional Statistics

- Each month, three out of four children in the U.S. ride a bicycle.⁶
- Approximately 55 percent of children don't always wear a helmet while bicycling.⁶
- Apart from the automobile, bicycles are tied to more childhood injuries than any other consumer product.^{7,8}
- A child who rides with companions wearing helmets or adults in general is more likely to wear a helmet himself.⁹
- Compared to older children, younger children are more likely to wear helmets.¹⁰
- Helmet use is the single most effective way to reduce bicycle-related fatalities.¹¹
- A helmet on the head of a younger bicyclist saves society \$580.¹²
- Helmets reduce the risk of head injury by at least 45 percent, brain injury by 33 percent, facial injury by 27 percent and fatal injury by 29 percent.⁶ One study suggests that helmet use can reduce the risk of head injury by 85 percent and severe brain injury by 88 percent.¹³
- Nonmotorized scooters cause more injuries to kids than any other toy.¹⁴

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