



Atlanta Metro Law Group Reveals Cyclist Fault Data

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Atlanta Metro Law Group has released an analysis of Georgia Department of Transportation crash data highlighting the risks cyclists face within Atlanta city limits, where reported bicycle crashes carry a 91 percent casualty rate. According to GDOT figures analyzed by People Powered Movement, 72 of 79 cyclists struck by motor vehicles within Atlanta sustained injuries, and the vehicle driver, rather than the cyclist, was recorded as the responsible party in 72 of those 79 crashes. The firm notes that this reported concentration of driver responsibility is relevant to how bicycle accident claims are documented, because insurance adjusters representing at-fault drivers must contend with a recorded pattern of driver error when seeking to assign partial fault to the cyclist.

The same People Powered Movement analysis indicates that the Metro Atlanta area accounts for approximately 265 bicycle crashes, or 43 percent of all reported bicycle accidents in Georgia. The firm attributes that concentration to the density of cyclist-vehicle conflict points on Atlanta arterials, BeltLine crossings, and mixed-traffic corridors where dedicated cycling infrastructure ends and cyclists share lanes with motor vehicles. Bicycle crashes in Georgia increased 40 percent between 2014 and 2023, with 2022 recorded as the deadliest year of that decade. Fulton County, which contains Atlanta, recorded 154 bicycle accidents in 2023, the highest county total in the state that year, according to a 2025 analysis of Georgia Office of Highway Safety data.

As an Atlanta bicycle accident lawyer network, Atlanta Metro Law Group works to document evidence and establish driver responsibility in cyclist claims. The firm identifies Georgia Senate Bill 68, signed April 21, 2025, as a change that may affect how cyclist claims are litigated. The legislation modified Georgia's comparative fault framework to permit defendants to apportion fault to unnamed non-parties. The firm states that, in bicycle accident claims, this provision may allow an at-fault driver's insurer to argue that road conditions, bike lane markings, or the cyclist's lane position contributed to a crash, potentially distributing fault beyond the driver.

The firm notes that individual outcomes depend on the facts of each case and applicable court interpretation. Georgia Office of Highway Safety data cited by the firm records 610 reported bicycle and motor vehicle accidents in a recent reporting year, with 400 bicyclists sustaining injuries associated with \$74.5 million in reported hospitalization and emergency room charges.

"GDOT's crash records attribute driver responsibility in 72 of 79 documented Atlanta bicycle crashes, yet SB 68 now permits an at-fault driver's insurer to seek apportionment of fault to unnamed parties, including road design, lane markings, and cyclist behavior," said a spokesperson for Atlanta Metro Law Group. "That mechanism can distribute liability in ways that reduce each defendant's exposure, and how it applies will vary from case to case. The firm is publishing this data so cyclists and the public understand how recorded crash evidence intersects with the new apportionment framework."

The firm operates on a flat 25 percent contingency fee. Information from the ATL Metro Atlanta bicycle accident lawyer team is available on their website.

Atlanta Metro Law Group is a network of personal injury law firms serving bicycle accident victims and other injured clients throughout Atlanta and Metro Georgia. The firm handles bicycle accidents, car accidents, truck accidents, motorcycle accidents, rideshare collisions, and pedestrian accidents on a flat 25 percent contingency fee, with no upfront costs and free case reviews.

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