

# **DATA TOOL FOR SAFE STREETS ACT**

## **Progress Report**

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# DATA SOURCE

- Data Montgomery crash open data
  - Non-motorist dataset
  - Incident dataset
  - Updated weekly (Fridays)
  - Read in live
- Maryland State Police crash data download
  - Updated daily
  - Not read in live
  - Includes age and gender
- BOTH PULL FROM THE SAME SOURCE: Automated Collision Report System forms filled out by police officers





# QUALITY OF DATA SOURCE

- The data come from police officers.
- Police officers are humans.
- Most police officers are not trained data people.
- Best description of data quality: “It is what it is.”

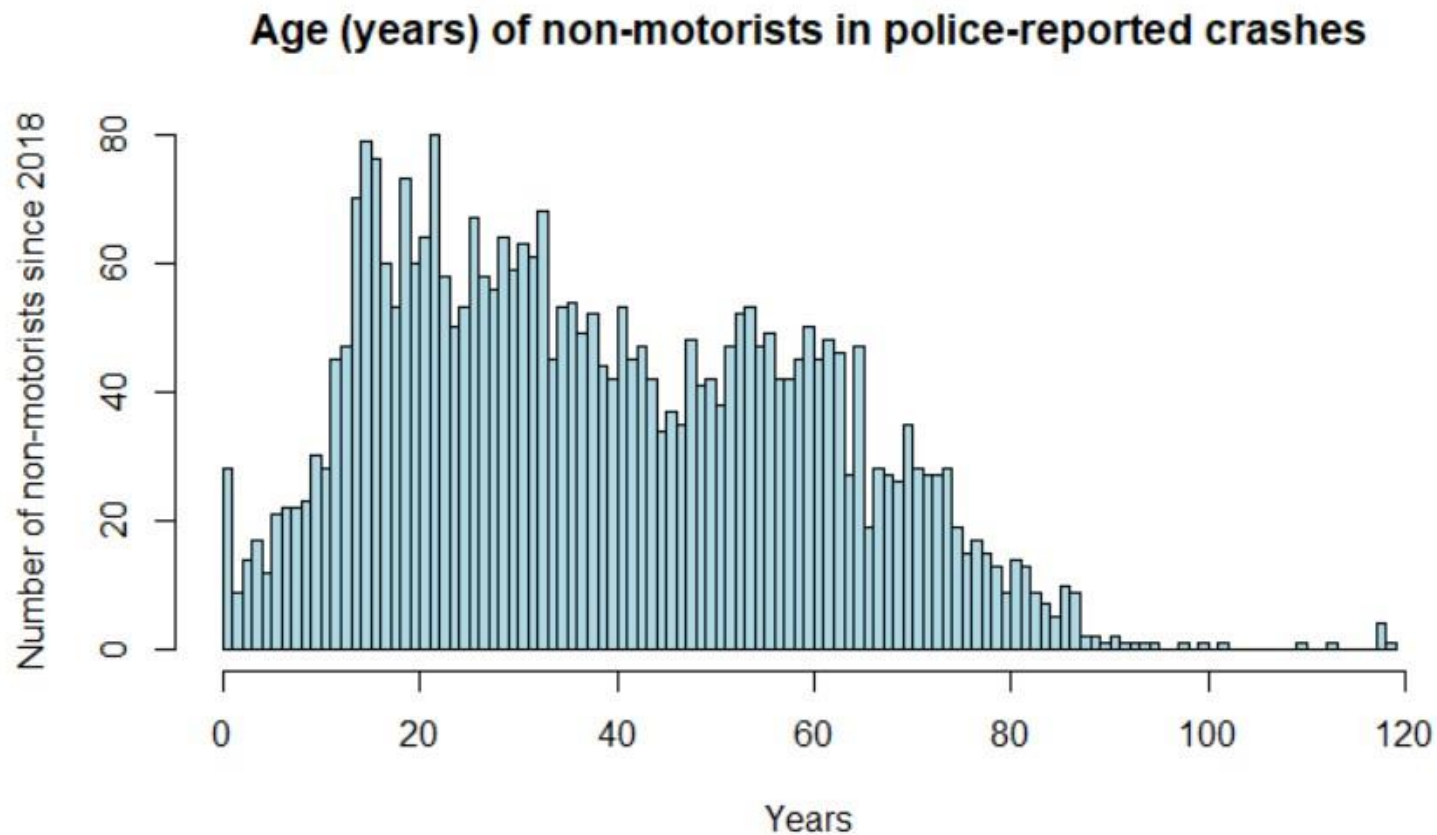


# DATA INGESTION AND WRANGLING

- Read in Data Montgomery datasets.
- Selected, downloaded, and read in state police crash dataset (report number, non-motorist date of birth, gender, and non-motorist ID).
- Merged Data Montgomery incident dataset to non-motorist dataset.
- Then merged in state police crash dataset.
- Wrangled dates for month, year, day of the week.
- Calculated age at time of crash.
- Created a lot of binary variables.
- Created output dataset to put into ArcGIS.

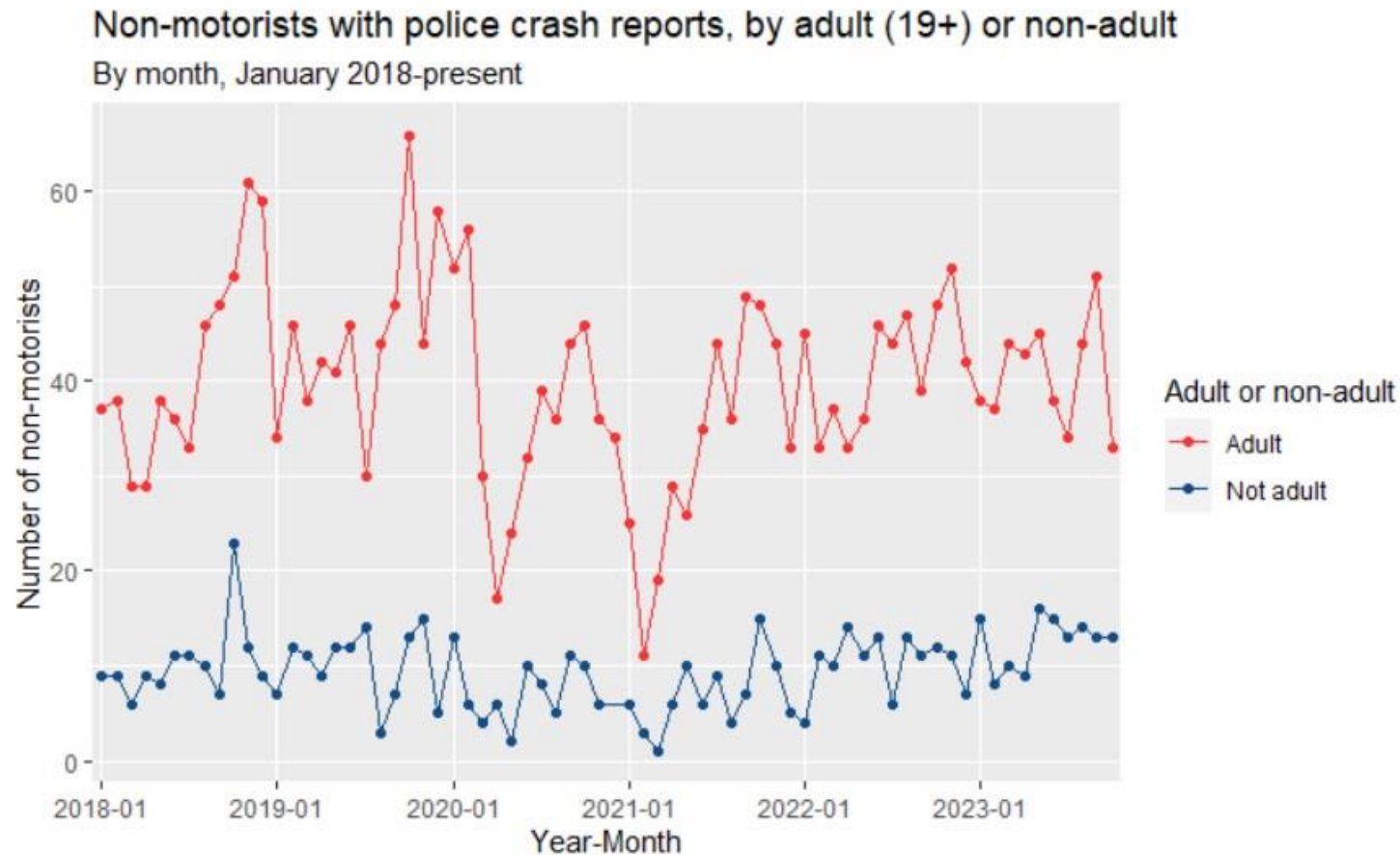


# Ages of non-motorists, in crashes with police reports in Montgomery County, since 2018





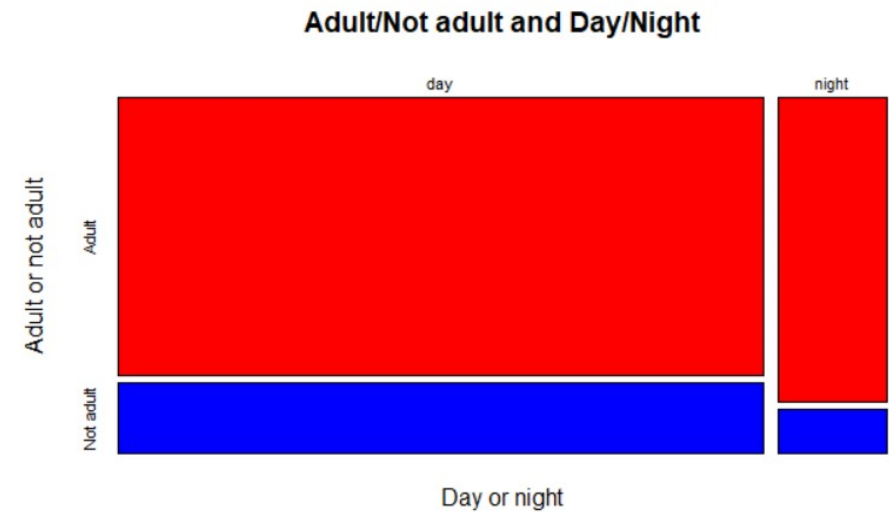
# Age categories of non-motorists in crashes with police reports, in Montgomery County since 2019



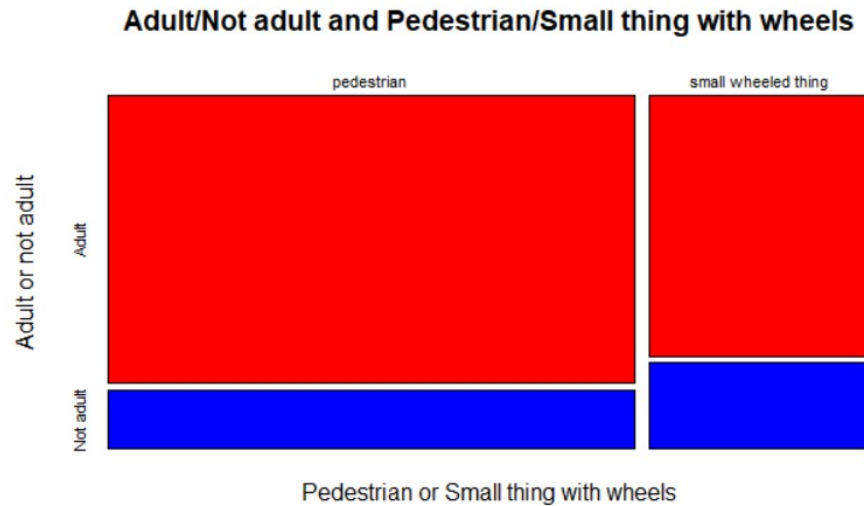
**Non-adult non-motorists in crashes were less likely to have been seriously or fatally injured, compared to adult non-motorists.**



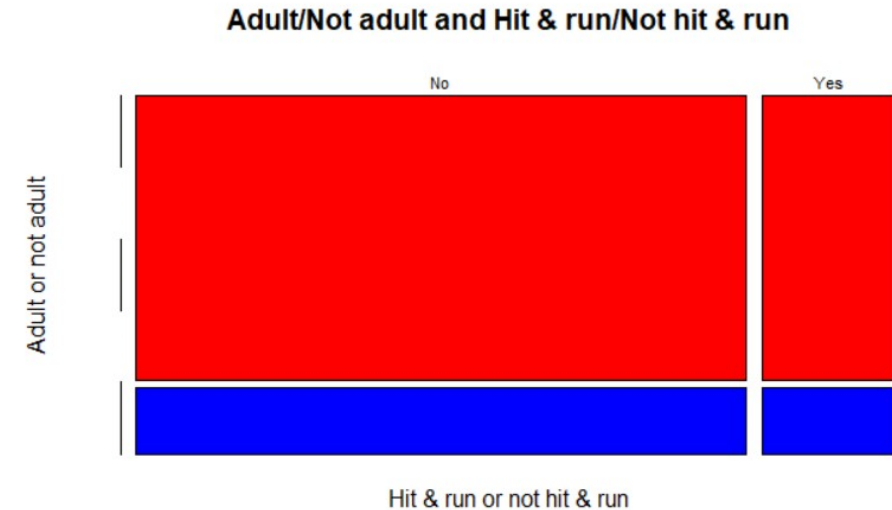
**Non-adult non-motorists were less likely to have been hit at night (9 pm to 7 am), compared to adult non-motorists.**



**Non-adult non-motorists in crashes were more likely to have been using small things with wheels (bicycles, scooters, skateboards, strollers) vs. walking, compared to adult non-motorists.**

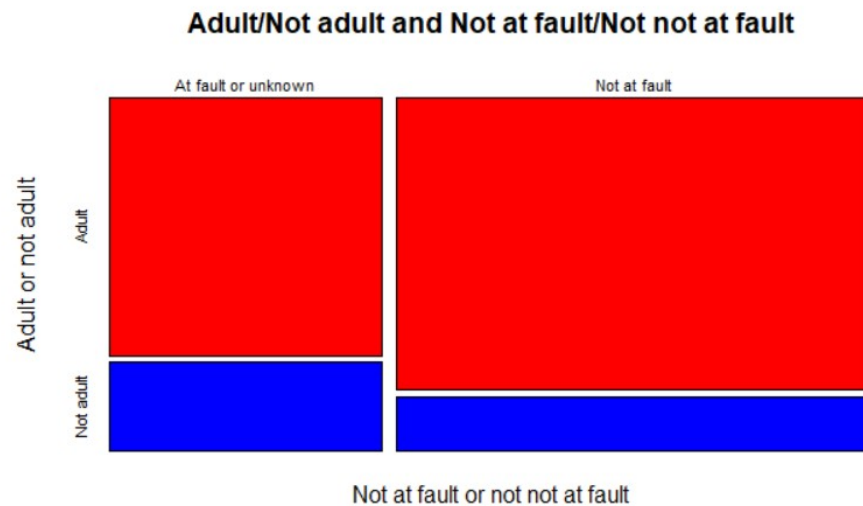


**Non-adult and adult non-motorists in crashes were equally likely to have been hit by a driver who then drove away.**

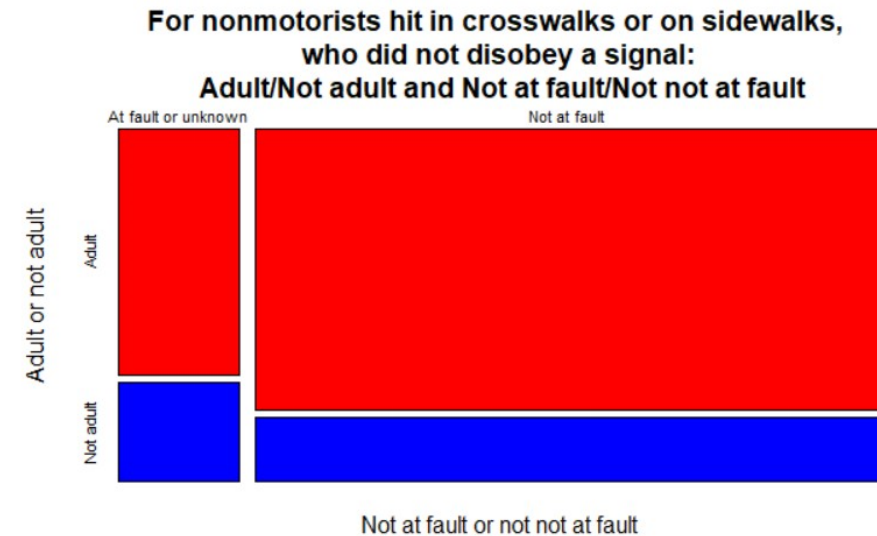




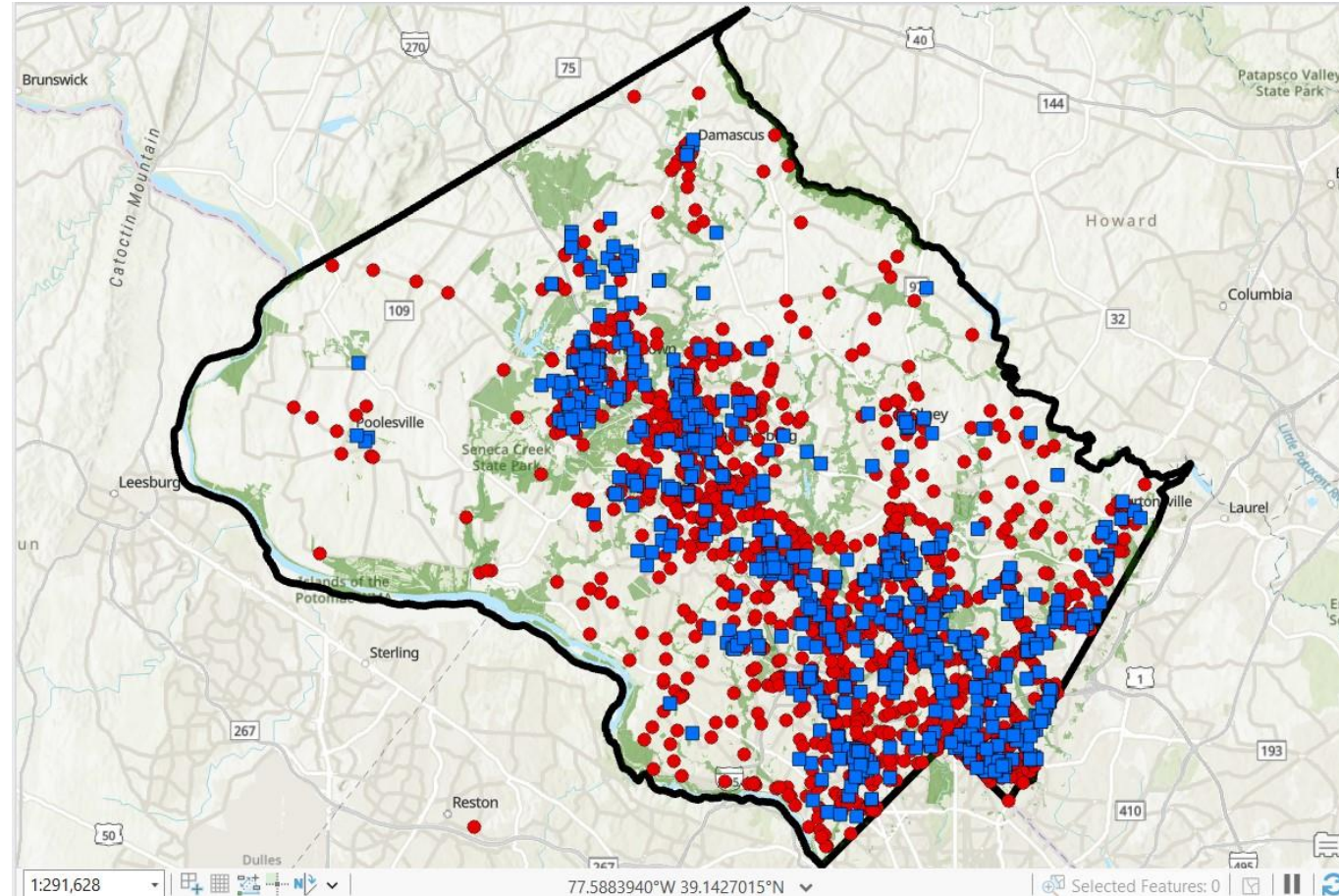
**Police were more likely to find non-adult non-motorists at fault in crashes, compared to adult non-motorists**



**Even for non-motorists hit in crosswalks or on sidewalks, who did not disobey a signal, police were more likely to find non-adult non-motorists at fault, compared to adult non-motorists.**



# Geocoded locations from crash reports involving non-motorists (red circle = adult, blue square = non-adult)



# Data product for Safe Streets Act

Identify crashes involving non-motorists (of any age) that occurred

- on a road controlled by the county, AND
- in a county-established “school zone”, OR
- within a designated school walk zone between 7 am and 9 pm on a school day, OR
- at a school bus stop

New county law goes into effect on July 1, 2025.





# QUESTIONS?

