



Kentucky

1 of **17** states without a training capacity problem.

1 of **17** states and Puerto Rico with anti-impaired riding enforcement efforts.

1 of **21** states and Puerto Rico that includes motorcycles in highway engineering issues.

Year	Motor Vehicle Fatalities	Motor Vehicle Registrations	Motorcycle Fatalities	Motorcycle Registrations
2004	964	1,881,213	68	53,478
2005	985	1,914,028	89	56,152
2006	913	1,969,142	98	58,959

- In Kentucky, motorcycle fatalities represented 7 percent of all motor vehicle fatalities but 3 percent of registered vehicles in 2004; 9 percent of fatalities but 3 percent of registered vehicles in 2005; and 11 percent of fatalities but 3 percent of registered vehicles in 2006.

GENERAL

- The Kentucky Justice Cabinet is the lead agency for motorcycle safety. The state Highway Safety Office administers the federal motorcycle safety grant programs.
- Kentucky has an active motorcycle advisory committee called the Kentucky Motorcycle Safety Commission. Members include representatives from: the Kentucky Department of Vehicle Regulation, the Kentucky State Police, RiderCoaches, Kentucky Bikers Association, the House of Representatives and the Senate.
- Motorcycle crashes are a priority crash problem in Kentucky.
- Kentucky has a motorcycle safety plan, and motorcycle crashes are included in the state's Strategic Highway Safety Plan.

RIDER EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- The Traffic Safety Institute at Eastern Kentucky University is responsible for rider education and training.
- The MSF's Basic and Experienced RiderCoursesSM are offered in Kentucky.
- The Rider Education Program is a voluntary program for anyone who is 16 years old and older. Students who successfully complete the program receive two completion cards. One card entitles the student to a motorcycle insurance discount of 10 to 20 percent, and the other card waives the skills test required to earn a motorcycle license.
- Training capacity is not an issue in Kentucky.
- Kentucky has a *Sharing the Road* Program. Campaign activities include a training program for state and local law enforcement. The Kentucky Motorcycle program trains a representative from each State Police Post using the MSF's *Common Road* and *Intersection* course modules. In turn, the troopers provide similar training to local law enforcement officers in their respective posts. These modules help police officers better understand motorcyclist behavior and prepare them to conduct awareness programs for the general public. Last fall, an instructor with the MSF provided this training to the 16 Kentucky State Police (KSP) Public Affairs Officers who work at each of the KSP Posts throughout the state.



- Information on sharing the road with motorcycles is included in the driver manual and in the mandatory curriculum for novice drivers.
- Conspicuity information is included in the state's training programs.

LICENSING

- A person must possess a valid motor vehicle operator's license or a person must be at least 18 years of age to apply for a motorcycle instruction permit to operate a motorcycle. A person under the age of 18 must have a parent or legal guardian sign for the permit.
- Vision, knowledge and skills tests are required.
- Applicants for a motorcycle driver's license will be exempted from the licensing skills test if they present satisfactory evidence of successful completion of an approved rider training course that includes a similar test of skill.
- A variety of stakeholders work together to encourage proper licensing, including representatives from: the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, the State Police, the Honda Red Rider Club, BMW Riders Club, Harley owners group and other local clubs and organizations.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

- Riders under 21 and anyone licensed for less than a year are required to wear helmets.
- In 2006, 68 of the 98 riders killed in crashes weren't wearing helmets.
- Information on the benefits of helmet use is included in the state's driving manual and in the mandatory curriculum for novice drivers.

IMPAIRED MOTORCYCLING

- Information on the dangers of impaired riding is included in the state's driving manual and in the mandatory curriculum for novice drivers.
- Organizations are encouraged to hold alcohol and drug free motorcycling events.
- The Kentucky Motorcycle program trains a representative from each State Police Post using the *Riding Straight* module from the AMA and NHTSA. In turn, the troopers provide similar training to local law enforcement officers in their respective posts. The 16 KSP Public Affairs officers were trained in the Riding Straight program. Using MSF funding, the KSP purchased the curriculum for each post location. Materials includes CDs, training information, manuals and handouts.
- All of the state's impaired driving mobilization campaigns include motorcyclists.

HIGHWAY ENGINEERING

- Motorcycle issues are considered in construction projects. Road signs used to warn motorcyclists of rumble strips and dips in the road are used in Kentucky.

RESOURCES AND FUNDING

- The motorcycle rider education program is funded by motorcycle user fees. \$4.00 from each motorcycle permit fee, license renewal fee and motorcycle registration is dedicated to the program.
- Kentucky received a 2010 Motorcyclist Safety Grant. The money is being used for a *Sharing the Road* media campaign and brochures as well as rider education brochures.
- \$100,000 of federal funding was obligated to motorcycle safety in 2006.