



Connecticut



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states that mandates rider education for riders under a certain age.

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states with an education effort to increase helmet use.

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states and Puerto Rico with anti-impaired riding education efforts for motorcycle riders.

Year	Motor Vehicle Fatalities	Motor Vehicle Registrations	Motorcycle Fatalities	Motorcycle Registrations
2004	294	2,047,031	58 (54)	64,754 (77,225)
2005	278	2,028,005	43 (42)	65,110 (80,750)
2006	301	1,999,809	53 (55)	64,959 (85,271)

The data in parentheses was provided by the State of Connecticut.

- In Connecticut, motorcycle fatalities represented 20 percent of all motor vehicle fatalities but 3 percent of registered vehicles in 2004; 15 percent of fatalities but 3 percent of registered vehicles in 2005; and 18 percent of fatalities but 3 percent of registered vehicles in 2006.

GENERAL

- The Connecticut Highway Safety Office (HSO) is the lead agency for motorcycle safety.
- Connecticut has an active motorcycle advisory committee.
- Motorcycle crashes are a priority crash problem in Connecticut.
- Connecticut has a motorcycle safety plan and motorcycle safety is included in the state's Strategic Highway Safety Plan.

RIDER EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- The Connecticut DOT – HSO is responsible for rider training and education.
- Rider education is mandatory for those under 18.
- Novice, intermediate and advanced training courses developed by the Connecticut Rider Education Program with training materials from the MSF are offered in Connecticut.
- Training capacity is a seasonal issue in Connecticut. There is no wait in the fall, but the wait can be as long as four to six weeks in the spring.
- In 2005, The Connecticut HSO launched a website for motorcyclists – ride4ever.org.
- Connecticut has a *Sharing the Road* program. The campaign's message is promoted with radio announcements, banners, presentations to automobile operators, podcasts and bumper stickers.
- Information on sharing the road with motorcyclists is included in the state's driver's license manual but is not a required component of the curriculum for novice drivers in Connecticut.

LICENSING

- The minimum age for a motorcycle license or endorsement is 16.
- Vision and knowledge tests are required of all applicants; however, the skills test is waived for successful completion of a rider training course.



- The state works with rider groups and distributes materials at rider events to encourage proper licensing.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

- Helmets are required for riders under 18.
- In 2006, 34 of the 53 motorcyclists fatally injured in crashes weren't wearing helmets.
- The state uses grassroots events, presentations, rider training programs and ride4ever.org to educate motorcyclists about the benefits of helmets.

IMPAIRED MOTORCYCLING

- Radio spots, billboards and ride4ever.org provide information about the dangers of riding impaired. The state also sponsors events with Fatal Vision® goggles to educate motorcyclists about the dangers of driving impaired.
- All of Connecticut's impaired driving mobilization campaigns include motorcyclists.

RESOURCES AND FUNDING

- Connecticut's motorcycle rider education program is funded by user fees (\$2.00 from every motorcycle registration annually), student fees and federal funds (402 and 2010 grants).
- Connecticut received a 2010 Motorcyclist Safety Grant. The money enabled the state to establish three new training sites, train two new classes of instructors and purchase new training motorcycles. Connecticut also uses federal 163 funds to support motorcycle safety activities.
- \$500,000, \$577,800 and \$351,000 in federal funds were obligated to motorcycle safety in 2004, 2005 and 2006, respectively.