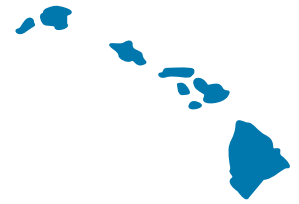




# Hawaii



Year	Motor Vehicle Fatalities	Motor Vehicle Registrations	Motorcycle Fatalities	Motorcycle Registrations
2004	142	539,845	21	23,106
2005	140	517,817	30	24,667
2006	161	538,581	27	31,317

- In Hawaii, motorcycle fatalities represented 15 percent of all motor vehicle fatalities but 4 percent of registered vehicles in 2004; 21 percent of fatalities but 5 percent of registered vehicles in 2005; and 17 percent of fatalities but 6 percent of registered vehicles in 2006.

## GENERAL

- The Hawaii DOT's (DOT) Motor Vehicle Safety Office is the lead agency for motorcycle safety.
- Hawaii has an active motorcycle task force. Members include representatives from the Hawaii DOT, county DMV, police departments, education organization, motorcycle education instructors, motorcycle education instructor trainers, motorcycle dealership association, insurance industry and various motorcycle organizations.
- Motorcycle crashes are a priority crash problem in Hawaii.
- Hawaii is developing a motorcycle safety plan, and motorcycle safety is included in the state's Strategic Highway Safety Plan.
- In 2001, NHTSA conducted an assessment of Hawaii's motorcycle safety program.

## RIDER EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- The Hawaii HSO is responsible for rider education and training.
- Beginner and experienced rider courses are offered in Hawaii. The motorcycle education instructor determines the DOT approved curriculum he/she will teach. The DOT certified motorcycle education instructors are currently using the MSF's Beginner and Experienced RiderCourses<sup>SM</sup> (Hawaii edition curriculum).
- Hawaii has a *Sharing the Road* program.
- Information on sharing the road with motorcycles is included in the driving manual and the mandatory curriculum for novice drivers.

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states and Puerto Rico where the Highway Safety Office is the lead agency for motorcycle safety.

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states without a training capacity problem.

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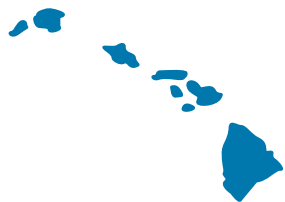
states and Puerto Rico that includes motorcycles in highway engineering issues.

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states, the District of Columbia and Guam without a motorcycle safety plan.

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states that had a NHTSA assessment of its motorcycle safety program.



# Hawaii

## LICENSING

- The minimum age for a motorcycle permit is 15 and six months in Hawaii. Applicants must be at least 16 years old and have held the instructional permit for at least 180 days in order to receive a category two provisional motorcycle license.
- Vision, knowledge and skills tests are required for a category two motorcycle license; however, the skills test may be waived for successful completion of a rider training course.

## PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

- Riders under 18 must wear a helmet.
- In 2006, 21 of the 27 riders killed in crashes weren't wearing helmets.

## IMPAIRED MOTORCYCLING

- All of the state's impaired driving mobilization campaigns include motorcyclists.

## HIGHWAY ENGINEERING

- The Hawaii DOT considers motorcycle safety issues in its construction projects. The Testing Laboratory is developing a list of products that would decrease skidding or increase traction on the construction steel plates for motorcycles, motor scooters, mopeds as well as bicycles and pedestrians. Hawaii plans to include motorcycle safety in their work zone safety workshops.

## RESOURCES AND FUNDING

- User fees, federal and state funds are used to support Hawaii's motorcycle rider education program.
- Hawaii received a 2010 Motorcyclist Safety Grant. The entire grant was awarded to Leeward Community College at the University of Hawaii to purchase equipment. Leeward Community College purchased training motorcycles, a truck and a trailer.
- \$200,000 and \$100,000 of federal funding was obligated to motorcycle safety in 2005 and 2006, respectively.