



Illinois

1 of 3
states without
a helmet law.

1 of 27
states and Puerto Rico
with anti-impaired riding
education efforts for
motorcycle riders.

1 of 18
states that had a
NHTSA assessment
of its motorcycle
safety program.

Year	Motor Vehicle Fatalities	Motor Vehicle Registrations	Motorcycle Fatalities	Motorcycle Registrations
2004	1,355	5,652,494	151	276,122
2005	1,363	5,704,638	158	291,089
2006	1,254	5,947,468	132 (131)	293,078

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

- In Illinois, motorcycle fatalities represented 11 percent of all motor vehicle fatalities but 5 percent of registered vehicles in 2004; 12 percent of fatalities but 5 percent of registered vehicles in 2005; and 10 percent of fatalities but 5 percent of registered vehicles in 2006.

GENERAL

- The Illinois Department of Transportation's (IDOT) Division of Traffic Safety is the lead agency for motorcycle safety.
- Illinois has an active statewide motorcycle advisory committee. The committee is comprised of representatives from state agencies, law enforcement and 16 highway safety/motorcyclist organizations.
- Motorcycle crashes are included in the state's Strategic Highway Safety Plan.
- In 2005, NHTSA conducted an assessment of Illinois' motorcycle safety program.

RIDER EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- IDOT is responsible for rider education and training.
- Beginning and experienced rider courses are offered in Illinois. Harley Davidson's Rider's Edge® program is also offered in the state.
- Training capacity is an issue in Illinois. The state's northernmost training sites fill up quickly for the entire training season. However, a student is willing to travel to another area of the state can generally get into a course in 60 days. Illinois is expanding training sites, course offerings and encouraging walk-in-students to address the capacity issue.
- Illinois has a *Sharing the Road* program. During the month of May, IDOT sponsors a windshield washing project at state rest areas. Representatives from motorcyclist clubs wash windshields and pass out information about sharing the road.
- Information on sharing the road with motorcyclists is included in the driver license manual and in the curriculum for novice drivers.
- Conspicuity information is provided in the state's training programs.



PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

- Illinois is one of three states without a helmet law.
- In 2006, 99 of the 132 riders killed in crashes weren't wearing helmets.
- Information on the benefits of helmet use is included in the state's rider training programs.

IMPAIRED MOTORCYCLING

- Information about the dangers of impaired riding is included in the state's rider training programs.
- In 2007, Illinois launched a *Don't Drink and Ride* campaign.
- In 2005, IDOT sent copies of NHTSA's *Detection of Driving While Intoxicated Motorcyclists* to all police departments in the state.

RESOURCES AND FUNDING

- User fees in Illinois support the rider education program.
- Illinois received a Section 2010 Motorcyclist Safety Grant. Funds were used to offer additional training courses, purchase training motorcycles and develop an impaired rider campaign.
- \$25,000 and \$110,000 of federal funds were obligated to motorcycle safety in 2005 and 2006, respectively.