

# Nevada



Year	Motor Vehicle Fatalities	Motor Vehicle Registrations	Motorcycle Fatalities	Motorcycle Registrations
2004	395	642,818	52	44,823
2005	427	673,083	56	50,648
2006	432	679,828	50	56,973

- In Nevada, motorcycle fatalities represented 13 percent of all motor vehicle fatalities but 7 percent of registered vehicles in 2004; 13 percent of fatalities but 8 percent of registered vehicles in 2005; and 12 percent of fatalities but 8 percent of registered vehicles in 2006.

## GENERAL

- The Nevada HSO is the lead agency for motorcycle safety.
- Nevada has an active motorcycle advisory committee. Members include: a motorcycle dealer, a motorcycle instructor, a motorcycle police officer and two riders from the general public.
- Motorcycle crashes are a priority crash problem in Nevada.
- Nevada has a motorcycle safety plan, and motorcycle crashes are included in the state's Strategic Highway Safety Plan.

## RIDER EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- The Nevada HSO is responsible for rider training and education.
- The MSF's Basic, Experienced and New Instructor Training RiderCourses<sup>SM</sup> are offered in Nevada. An Evergreen Safety Council three-wheel course is also offered in Nevada.
- Rider education is not required.
- Training capacity is an issue in Nevada. Demand is high in the spring, but in the fall, there are open classes. The state is planning two new training sites to address the shortage.
- Nevada has a *Sharing the Road* program. This ongoing education program, which has been in existence since 2001, has grown from posters to billboard and radio advertisements. In 2007, the outdoor advertisement campaign included the placement of 70 billboards in conjunction with major motorcycle rallies. In addition to the outdoor campaigns, Nevada also developed two 30-second radio spots for airing during the motorcycle rallies. One spot describes a distracted driver who makes a left turn into the path of an oncoming motorcyclist. The other spot emphasizes the human cost associated with motorcycle accidents.
- Information on sharing the road with motorcycles is included in the state's driving manual and in the mandatory curriculum for novice drivers.
- Conspicuity information is provided in the rider education programs offered in the state.

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## LICENSING

- The minimum age for a motorcycle license/endorsement is 16. Permits are available at 15 and a half.
- Vision, knowledge and skills/road tests are required of applicants. However, the skills and knowledge tests are waived for all applicants who successfully complete state's rider education courses. Riders under 18 must also complete 50 hours of behind the wheel experience.

## PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

- Nevada has a universal helmet law.
- In 2006, nine of the 50 riders killed in crashes weren't wearing helmets
- Information on the benefits of helmet use is provided in the rider education programs offered in the state.

## IMPAIRED MOTORCYCLING

- Information on the dangers of impaired riding is provided in the state's rider training programs.
- All of the state's impaired driving mobilization campaigns include motorcyclists.

## RESOURCES AND FUNDING

- Motorcycle license plate fees and some federal grants are used to fund the state's motorcycle education program.
- Nevada received a 2010 Motorcyclist Safety Grant. 2010 funds were used to recruit and retain instructors, purchase additional motorcycles and educate motorists.
- \$50,000, \$50,000 and \$100,000 of federal funds were obligated to motorcycle safety in 2004, 2005 and 2006, respectively.