



Year	Motor Vehicle Fatalities	Motor Vehicle Registrations	Motorcycle Fatalities	Motorcycle Registrations
2004	296	1,036,674	31	44,386
2005	282	1,090,043	23	48,484
2006	287	1,079,455	24	50,896

**1** of **17** states with an education effort to increase helmet use.

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

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

- In Utah, motorcycle fatalities represented 11 percent of all motor vehicle fatalities but 4 percent of registered vehicles in 2004; 8 percent of fatalities but 4 percent of registered vehicles in 2005; and 8 percent of fatalities but 5 percent of registered vehicles in 2006.

#### GENERAL

- The Utah Driver License Division (DLD) is the lead agency for motorcycle safety. The Utah Highway Safety Office (UHSO) works closely with the Utah DLD's Motorcycle Education Coordinator to promote motorcycle safety awareness.
- Utah has a Governor's motorcycle advisory committee. The Motorcycle Education Coordinator and the chief MSF instructor are members of the committee. Other members include a representative from a motorcycle rider group/organization, a motorcycle retailer/business owner, a highway patrol officer and a motorcycle rider/enthusiast.
- Motorcycle crashes are a priority crash problem in Utah.
- Utah has a motorcycle safety plan, and motorcycle safety is included in the state's Strategic Highway Safety Plan.

#### RIDER EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- The Utah DLD is responsible for rider education and training.
- The MSF's Basic and Experienced RiderCourses<sup>SM</sup> are offered in the state.
- Rider training is not required.
- Training capacity is an issue in Utah. The average wait is eight weeks in the spring and two weeks in the fall.
- Utah has a *Sharing the Road* program. Program activities include the following:
  - Radio spots encouraging people to *Share the Road* with motorcycles were broadcast on multiple radio stations during the spring of 2007.
  - Every year in May, the UHSO and law enforcement partners support ABATE of Utah's *Share the Road - Motorcycle Safety Awareness Event*. A press conference is held followed by an organized ride in the Salt Lake Valley in effort to raise motorist awareness of motorcycles on the road.



# Utah

- The UHSO provides share the road educational brochures for distribution to motorcycle retailers, motorcycle organizations, driver education classes, and community events.
- The UHSO has partnered with ABATE of Utah by providing them with educational materials to teach *Share the Road* classes to high school driver education classes. ABATE instructors use the MSF's *Common Road* DVD and training curriculum/handbook for their classes. A total of 22 classes have been taught reaching over 542 young drivers in the 2006-2007 school year. Efforts are being made to expand the program.
- A sharing the road media campaign will be implemented in 2008 to heighten motorists' awareness of motorcycles. Radio spots, billboards and other media messages will be placed when and where motorists and motorcycles are heavily traveling the roads and highways. The paid media campaign began April 28th and runs through September 2008.
- Information on sharing the road with motorcyclists is included in the state's driving manual and the mandatory curriculum for novice drivers.
- Conspicuity information is provided in the training programs offered in the state.

## LICENSING

- The minimum age for a motorcycle license/endorsement is 16 in Utah.
- Knowledge and skills tests are required; however, tests are waived for successful completion of rider education course.
- The state works primarily with law enforcement to ensure that riders have the proper motorcycle endorsement. However, there is a grassroots effort by dealers and rider groups to encourage riders/members to receive proper licensing to eliminate negative publicity/reputation.

## PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

- Riders under 18 are required to wear helmets.
- In 2006, 15 of the 24 riders killed in crashes weren't wearing helmets.
- The UHSO has a brochure that addresses the benefits of personal protective equipment. Safety equipment is also encouraged in the state's rider training programs. The UHSO website at <http://highwaysafety.utah.gov/> also encourages personal protective equipment.

## IMPAIRED MOTORCYCLING

- Information on the dangers of impaired riding is included in the state's rider training programs.
- Utah's DEC program provides training to help law enforcement detect impaired motorists, including motorcyclists. The Utah Highway Patrol's DEC training provides officers throughout the state with the knowledge and skills necessary to properly identify and document signs of drug impairment (substances other than alcohol, i.e. prescription drugs abuse, etc.) to effectively increase conviction rates. Training encompasses both classroom and field certifications and includes ways to differentiate between drug influence and mental disorders.
- All of the state's impaired driving mobilization campaigns include motorcyclists.

## RESOURCES AND FUNDING

- Each year, the Utah DLD is appropriated funds from motorcycle registration fees and motorcycle rider endorsements. These funds are collected when the annual registration fee is imposed (\$5.00) and when a motorcycle license is obtained (\$2.50). Funds are used to help subsidize a portion of rider training courses. Additionally, the state Motorcycle Education Coordinator position is paid for with these funds. Federal funds are also used to supplement motorcycle rider education program efforts.
- Utah received a 2010 Motorcyclist Safety Grant. Grant funds were intended to be used to implement a media campaign in spring of 2007; however, funds awarded were insufficient to implement a strong media campaign. As a result, Utah will carry over money and combine federal funding in order to conduct an effective media campaign in spring 2008. Radio spots, billboards and other media messages will be placed during the year to help increase motorcycle safety awareness and promote the *Share the Road* campaign.
- Additional state funding and federal 402 grants are used for motorcycle safety efforts.
- \$80,000, \$70,000 and \$120,000 of federal funds were obligated to motorcycle safety in 2004, 2005 and 2006, respectively.