



Nebraska



Year	Motor Vehicle Fatalities	Motor Vehicle Registrations	Motorcycle Fatalities	Motorcycle Registrations
2004	254	842,363	21	28,671
2005	276	836,387	17	31,610
2006	269	832,511	18	36,966

- In Nebraska, motorcycle fatalities represented 8 percent of all motor vehicle fatalities but 3 percent of registered vehicles in 2004; 6 percent of fatalities but 4 percent of registered vehicles in 2005; and 7 percent of fatalities but 4 percent of registered vehicles in 2006.

GENERAL

- The Nebraska Office of Highway Safety (OHS) is the lead agency for motorcycle safety.
- Nebraska doesn't have an active motorcycle advisory committee. The committee was eliminated three years ago because it was viewed as an unnecessary expenditure.
- Motorcycle crashes are not a priority crash problem in Nebraska.
- Nebraska has a motorcycle safety plan, but motorcycle crashes are not included in the state's Strategic Highway Safety Plan.

RIDER EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- The Nebraska OHS is responsible for rider training.
- The MSF's Beginner and Experienced RiderCoursesSM are offered in the state.
- Rider training is not required.
- Training capacity is an issue in the remote/rural areas of the state. At this time, it is cost prohibitive to address the capacity issues for these locations.
- Nebraska has a *Sharing the Road* program. Program activities include: billboard and movie theater advertisements, posters, brochures and ad slicks distributed to newspapers, magazines and newsletters in the state.
- Information on sharing the road with motorcycles is included in the state's driving manual and the driver education curriculum for novice drivers.
- Nebraska has a conspicuity education program.

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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, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico that has a universal helmet law.

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states with an education effort to increase helmet use.

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states, the District of Columbia and Guam without a motorcycle advisory committee.

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states whose Strategic Highway Safety Plan doesn't include motorcycle safety.



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states and Puerto Rico with a program to help law enforcement identify non-compliant helmets.

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states, the District of Columbia and Guam that hasn't identified motorcycle crashes as a priority crash problem.

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states and Puerto Rico with anti-impaired riding enforcement efforts.

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

LICENSING

- The minimum age for a motorcycle permit is 15 in Nebraska.
- Vision, knowledge and road tests are required for applicants.
- Nebraska encourages proper licensing through special enforcement programs. Special selective overtime enforcement mini-grants are available for all law enforcement agencies to ensure operators are properly licensed and vehicles are properly registered and insured.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

- Nebraska has a universal helmet law.
- In 2006, four of the 18 riders killed in crashes weren't wearing helmets.
- Information on the benefits of helmet use is provided in printed materials and distributed at the DMV and OHS offices and on the OHS' website.
- The state also encourages and supports special local area high visibility enforcement operations regarding non-compliant helmets. Special selective overtime law enforcement mini-grants are available to all law enforcement agencies to address helmet compliance enforcement.

IMPAIRED MOTORCYCLING

- Information on the dangers of impaired riding is included in all of the state's rider training programs.
- The state encourages private organizations to hold alcohol and drug free riding events.
- Nebraska has special training programs for law enforcement and special campaigns for impaired riding. Nebraska law enforcement DUI/DWI training includes NHTSA's *Detection of Impaired Motorcyclists* guide material. Also, special selective overtime alcohol enforcement mini-grants are available to all agencies to address impaired motorcycle crash problem locations.

HIGHWAY ENGINEERING

- Warning signs for motorcyclists are placed in work zones with shoulder and centerline rumble strips.

RESOURCES AND FUNDING

- A portion of each motorcycle registration fee, motorcycle license endorsement, and some federal highway safety funding goes toward the rider education program.
- Nebraska received a 2010 Motorcyclist Safety Grant. Funds were used to support an enhanced motorist awareness campaign, rider training for law enforcement personnel and enhanced rider instructor training.
- \$20,000, \$20,000 and \$100,000 of federal funds were obligated in 2004, 2005 and 2006, respectively.