



New Hampshire



Year	Motor Vehicle Fatalities	Motor Vehicle Registrations	Motorcycle Fatalities	Motorcycle Registrations
2004	171	672,560	28 (27)	66,319
2005	166	652,343	44 (42)	68,879
2006	127	585,455	21	70,778

The data in parentheses was provided by the State of New Hampshire.

- In New Hampshire, motorcycle fatalities represented 16 percent of all motor vehicle fatalities but 10 percent of registered vehicles in 2004; 26 percent of fatalities but 11 percent of registered vehicles in 2005; and 16 percent of fatalities but 12 percent of registered vehicles in 2006.

GENERAL

- The HSO is the lead agency for motorcycle safety.
- New Hampshire has an active motorcycle advisory committee established by state law.
- The New Hampshire Highway Safety Office established and chairs the New Hampshire Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Task Force.
- New Hampshire has identified motorcycle crashes as a priority crash problem.
- New Hampshire has a motorcycle safety plan and motorcycle safety is included in the state's Strategic Highway Safety Plan.

RIDER EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- The New Hampshire Division of Motor Vehicles is responsible for training and education.
- The following three motorcycle training courses are offered in New Hampshire: (1) a State of New Hampshire course, (2) Motorcycle Operator Safety Training, and (3) Riders Edge® (Meredith Harley Davidson). All three are based on the curriculum developed by The MSF.
- Training capacity is not an issue in New Hampshire. Rider education is mandatory for riders between the ages of 16 and 18.
- The recently created task force discovered that proper training and education were an issue and set out to encourage motorcyclists to take appropriate classes
- New Hampshire has a *Sharing the Road* program that includes outreach materials, radio public service announcements, billboard messages and an annual motorcycle rally.
- Information on sharing the road with motorcyclists is included in the state's driver 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 helmet law.

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states that mandates rider education for riders under a certain age.



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LICENSING

- The minimum age for a motorcycle license/endorsement is 16 in New Hampshire.
- Vision, knowledge and skills tests are required; however, the road test is waived for anyone who successfully completes a motorcycle training course.
- State agencies, private organizations and legislators work together to encourage proper licensing in New Hampshire.

IMPAIRED MOTORCYCLING

- New Hampshire encourages private organizations to conduct alcohol- and drug-free motorcycling events.
- All enforcement campaigns include motorcyclists.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

- New Hampshire is one of only three states without a helmet law.
- In 2006, 15 of the 21 motorcyclists who died in crashes weren't wearing helmets.

HIGHWAY ENGINEERING

- Signs are used to warn motorcyclists of dangerous road conditions.

RESOURCES AND FUNDING

- User fees and fines fund New Hampshire's rider education program.
- New Hampshire received a 2010 Motorcyclist Safety Grant (\$200,000). Some of the grant money was used to purchase helmets and motorcycles for the rider education program.
- \$10,043 and \$37,208 in federal funds were dedicated to motorcycle safety programs and campaigns in 2005 and 2006, respectively.