

Oklahoma



Year	Motor Vehicle Fatalities	Motor Vehicle Registrations	Motorcycle Fatalities	Motorcycle Registrations
2004	774 (777)	1,634,376	78 (48)	84,651
2005	803 (800)	1,932,704	77	82,350
2006	765	1,606,517	64	94,289

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

- In Oklahoma, motorcycle fatalities represented 10 percent of all motor vehicle fatalities but 5 percent of registered vehicles in 2004; 9 percent of fatalities but 4 percent of registered vehicles in 2005; and 8 percent of fatalities but 6 percent of registered vehicles in 2006.

GENERAL

- The Oklahoma Department of Public Safety (DPS) is the lead agencies for motorcycle safety.
- Oklahoma has an active motorcycle advisory committee. Representatives include: the Motorcycle Safety Administrator from the Oklahoma Highway Patrol, a member from the Oklahoma Insurance Commission, a member from the Highway Safety Office, a member of the State Judiciary, a member from the driver's license examiners office, a motorcycle dealer and a member from the motorcycle safety training community.
- Motorcycle crashes are a priority crash problem in Oklahoma.
- Oklahoma has a motorcycle safety plan. Motorcycle safety is not included in the state's Strategic Highway Safety Plan, but the plan will be updated to include motorcycle safety.
- In 1996, NHTSA conducted an assessment of Oklahoma's motorcycle safety program.

RIDER EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- The Oklahoma DPS is responsible for rider education and training.
- The MSF's Basic, Law Enforcement and Instructor Training RiderCoursesSM are offered in the state.
- Rider training is not required.
- Training capacity is not an issue in Oklahoma.
- Oklahoma has a *Sharing the Road* program.
- Information on sharing the road with motorcycles is included in the state's driving manual and in the curriculum for novice drivers.
- Conspicuity information is included in the state's rider training programs.

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

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states without a training capacity problem.

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states with an education effort to increase helmet use.



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

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

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

LICENSING

- The minimum age for a motorcycle license/endorsement is 14 in Oklahoma. These licenses have restrictions for 250 cc engines and daytime operation only, and helmets are required to age 21.
- Vision, knowledge and skills tests are required; however, the skills test is waived for applicants who complete a MSF rider training course.
- Law enforcement agencies, the DPS, insurance companies and motorcycle safety instructors all work together to encourage proper licensing.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

- Riders under 18 are required to wear helmets.
- In 2006, 48 of the 64 riders killed in crashes weren't wearing helmets.
- Information on the benefits of helmet use is provided in the training programs offered in the state.
- Information on the benefits of safety equipment, rules of the road and safe operating procedures are also provided: in pamphlets and literature available from vendors, during outreach conducted by motorcycle safety team members who attend motorcycle club meetings and through the Oklahoma Highway Safety Office website.

IMPAIRED MOTORCYCLING

- Information on the dangers of impaired riding is included in the state's rider training classes.
- Pamphlets that provide an overview of the impaired riding problem in Oklahoma and outline the penalties and fines associated with impaired riding in the state are distributed by motorcycle safety team members at rider club meetings and rallies across the state.
- Oklahoma's SFST program includes impaired motorcyclist detection tools. This NHTSA program provides training on the proper ways to conduct field sobriety testing and signs to look for with impaired drivers.
- DEC training is provided to select members of law enforcement in order to identify and apprehend impaired riders.

RESOURCES AND FUNDING

- Highway Safety Office resources are used to fund the state's motorcycle education program (federal 402 and 2010 grants).
- Oklahoma received a 2010 Motorcyclist Safety Grant.
- \$5,000, \$5,000 and \$101,000 of federal funds were obligated to motorcycle safety in 2004, 2005 and 2006, respectively.