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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 that had a NHTSA assessment of its motorcycle safety program.

Year	Motor Vehicle Fatalities	Motor Vehicle Registrations	Motorcycle Fatalities	Motorcycle Registrations
2004	1,490	6,000,676	158	292,196
2005	1,616	5,888,278	205	305,837
2006	1,525	5,842,819	188 (187)	330,947

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

- In Pennsylvania, motorcycle fatalities represented 10 percent of all motor vehicle fatalities but 5 percent of registered vehicles in 2004; 13 percent of fatalities but 5 percent of registered vehicles in 2005; and 12 percent of fatalities but 6 percent of registered vehicles in 2006.

GENERAL

- The Pennsylvania HSO is the lead agency for motorcycle safety.
- Pennsylvania has an active motorcycle advisory committee. Members include representatives from: ABATE, the Pennsylvania Bureau of Highway Safety and Traffic Engineering, NHTSA, the MSF, Pennsylvania Motorcycle Safety site coordinators and rider coaches, the Harley Davidson Rider’s Edge® Program, the Pennsylvania Motorcycle Dealers Association, the Harley Owners Group, the Goldwing Road Riders Association and various motorcycle dealers.
- Motorcycle crashes are a priority crash problem in Pennsylvania.
- Pennsylvania has a motorcycle safety plan, and motorcycle safety is part of the state’s Strategic Highway Safety Plan.
- Pennsylvania was recently awarded a NHTSA grant to conduct a motorcycle safety assessment.

RIDER EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- The Pennsylvania HSO is the lead agency for rider training and education.
- MSF’s Basic and Experienced RiderCoursesSM are offered in Pennsylvania.
- Training capacity is an issue in Pennsylvania. The state has increased the number of courses offered at peak locations and peak time periods in an effort to accommodate demand.
- Pennsylvania has a *Sharing the Road* program. In an effort to reach novice drivers, the state dedicated a full page in the driver manual detailing some of the information in NHTSA’s share the road Program. In addition, sharing the road information is posted on www.dmv.state.pa.us. In 2005, motorcycle safety inserts covering important information relating to sharing the road were placed in all license and vehicle registration renewal notices. In May 2007, dynamic message signs around Pennsylvania displayed a Watch for Motorcycles message.



Pennsylvania

- Information on sharing the road with motorcycles is included in the state's license manual and in the curriculum for novice drivers.
- Conspicuity information is provided in the state's motorcycle operator manual and rider training programs offered in the state.

LICENSING

- The minimum age for a motorcycle license/endorsement is 16 in Pennsylvania.
- The state recently sent a mass mailing to motorcycle registrants advising them of the changes to the learner's permit process and publicizing the state's Motorcycle Safety Program.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

- Helmets are required for all riders under 21. Pennsylvania's motorcycle helmet use law also covers all operators during the first two years of licensure unless the operator has completed the safety course approved by the Pennsylvania DOT or the MSF.
- In 2006, 87 of the 188 riders killed in crashes weren't wearing helmets.
- Information on the benefits of helmets is provided in the rider training programs offered in the state and in the motorcycle operator's manual.

IMPAIRED MOTORCYCLING

- Information on the dangers of riding impaired is provided in the state's rider training programs and the motorcycle operator's manual.
- Private organizations are encouraged to conduct drug and alcohol free riding events.
- All of the state's impaired driving mobilization campaigns include motorcyclists.

RESOURCES AND FUNDING

- The Motorcycle Safety Education Account funds the state's rider education program.
- A current grant is being used to evaluate the effectiveness of Pennsylvania's Motorcycle Safety Program.
- Pennsylvania received a 2010 Motorcyclist Safety Grant.