



Puerto Rico

Year	Motor Vehicle Fatalities	Motorcycle Fatalities	Motorcycle Registrations
2004	495	55	19,973
2005	457	89	44,734
2006	508	111	24,329

GENERAL

- The Puerto Rico Traffic Safety Commission (PRTSC) is the HSO and has the lead responsibility for motorcycle safety.
- Puerto Rico has a motorcycle safety council. Members include representatives from: the PRTSC, the Puerto Rico DOT, Puerto Rico motorcycle distributors, motorcycle clubs and the Puerto Rico police department.
- Motorcycle crashes are a priority crash problem in Puerto Rico.
- Puerto Rico has a motorcycle safety plan.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- The Puerto Rico DOT is responsible for motorcycle safety. The PRTSC collaborates with the education and training of instructors.
- In 2007, a law passed in Puerto Rico that requires the Puerto Rico DOT to train and license motorcyclists. The law mandates that eight training centers be opened around the island to license riders. The Puerto Rico DMV has already opened one center.
- Puerto Rico has a *Sharing the Road* campaign.
- Conspicuity information is included in the training programs offered in Puerto Rico.

LICENSING

- The minimum age to receive a motorcycle license or endorsement in Puerto Rico is 18, and applicants must also have a driver's license.
- New riders must pass a test on the first try to obtain a motorcycle endorsement. Riders who fail must take a government approved training course. Owners of currently registered motorcycles are allowed to continue riding, but will have to comply with the new licensing requirements when they renew their drivers' licenses.
- PRTSC, the Puerto Rico DOT, law enforcement, rider groups and dealers work together to encourage proper licensing.

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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 with universal helmet laws.

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

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

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



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PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

- Puerto Rico has a universal helmet law.
- Puerto Rico has seminars for law enforcement on identifying non-compliant helmets.

IMPAIRED MOTORCYCLING

- The PRTSC funds media campaigns to educate motorcyclists about the dangers of impaired riding.
- Puerto Rico's five mobilizations campaigns include motorcyclists.
- Information on the dangers of impaired riding is included in the rider training programs offered in Puerto Rico.
- Puerto Rico trains law enforcement to detect impaired riders.

HIGHWAY ENGINEERING

- The PRTSC contracted with the University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez Engineering Campus to conduct a study to research and analyze motorcycling trends in Puerto Rico. The study recommended road signing and hazard elimination projects to improve motorcycle safety.

RESOURCES AND FUNDING

- Federal and state funds support Puerto Rico's motorcycle rider education program.
- Puerto Rico received a section 2010 Motorcyclist Safety Grant. Funds have been used for the *Sharing the Road* campaign.
- \$17,746 and \$121,536 of federal funds were obligated to motorcycle safety in 2005 and 2006, respectively.