



# Wyoming

Year	Motor Vehicle Fatalities	Motor Vehicle Registrations	Motorcycle Fatalities	Motorcycle Registrations
2004	164	234,382	13 (14)	30,615
2005	170	231,853	20 (22)	33,500
2006	195	228,057	17 (18)	35,791

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

- In Wyoming, motorcycle fatalities represented 8 percent of all motor vehicle fatalities and 13 percent of registered vehicles in 2004; 12 percent of fatalities and 14 percent of registered vehicles in 2005; and 9 percent of fatalities and 16 percent of registered vehicles in 2006.

**GENERAL**

- The Wyoming Department of Transportation Safety’s (WYDOT) HSO is responsible for motorcycle safety.
- Wyoming does not have an active statewide motorcycle advisory committee.
- Motorcycle crashes are a priority crash problem in Wyoming.
- Wyoming has a motorcycle safety plan, and motorcycle crashes are a component of the state’s Strategic Highway Safety Plan.

**RIDER EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

- The WYDOT HSO is responsible for rider training and education.
- The MSF’s Basic, Experienced and Trainer RiderCourses<sup>SM</sup> are offered in Wyoming.
- Rider education is not mandatory.
- Training capacity is a problem in Wyoming. The state is in the process of building the resources to accommodate the demand.
- Wyoming has a *Sharing the Road* program. In 2006, the Wyoming Highway Safety Office successfully applied for federal funds to increase public awareness of motorcycles and expand the state’s *Look Twice* campaign. Dynamic messaging signs are used during motorcycle safety awareness week in April. The slogan will be used in a public service campaign running the entire month of May in support of the motorcycle safety awareness month.
- Information on sharing the road with motorcyclists is included in the state’s driving manual and the curriculum for novice drivers.
- Conspicuity information is included in state’s training programs and in the motorcycle training manual.



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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 Guam without a motorcycle advisory committee.

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



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## LICENSING

- The minimum age to receive a motorcycle permit is 15 in Wyoming.
- Vision, knowledge and skills tests are required of all applicants. However, if an applicant successfully passes the knowledge test and skills/road tests required in the rider education course, the driver licensing tests are waived. The waiver applies to riders under 18 as well.

## PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

- Riders under 18 are required to wear helmets.
- In 2006, 13 of the 17 riders killed in crashes weren't wearing helmets.

## IMPAIRED MOTORCYCLING

- Information on the dangers of impaired riding is provided in the state's rider training courses.
- Wyoming'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 programs are used to detect impaired driving behavior.
- All of the state's impaired driving mobilization campaigns include motorcyclists.

## HIGHWAY ENGINEERING

- Construction projects are focused on all vehicles, unless there is a grade and road surface that would be specifically difficult for motorcycles. Under those circumstances, motorcyclists are encouraged to take alternate routes. Information is placed at/near construction sites and on the WYDOT website to warn motorcyclists of these conditions.

## RESOURCES AND FUNDING

- State funds earmarked for motorcycle safety and the 2010 Motorcyclist Safety Grant are used to support the state's rider education program.
- Wyoming received a 2010 Motorcyclist Safety Grant and is developing rack cards to inform the public about training opportunities. Rack cards are brochures placed in key locations to inform the public about motorcycle safety issues/training in Wyoming. They typically fit in metal and plastic display holders. Funds were also used to expand the state's *Sharing the Road* program.