



Motorcycles in 2006 Crashes

FACT SHEET

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Fatalities, Injuries & Crashes

In Oklahoma in 2006, there were 1,367 crashes involving motorcycles. This is 1.8% (1,367 of 75,408) of the total crashes in 2006 and a 6.4% increase over the 1,285 motorcycle crashes in 2005. These crashes resulted in 65 motorcyclist fatalities, 10.3% of the total 765 fatalities in 2006. Motorcyclist fatalities decreased 10.9% from 73 in 2005 to 65 in 2006. There were 1,249 motorcyclists injured, 3.0% of the total injured. Injuries increased 18.5% from 1,054 in 2005 to 1,249 in 2006.

Registration & Licenses

In 2006, there were 96,632 registered motorcycles according to the Oklahoma Tax Commission. This is an increase of 18.3% from the 81,693 registered motorcycles in 2005.

Some 7.1% (173,520 of 2,445,267) of the licensed drivers in Oklahoma in 2006 had a motorcycle endorsement on their driver license. Motorcycle driver license endorsements increased 5.3% from 164,777 in 2005 to 173,520 in 2006.

Fatalities & Helmets

Of the 65 motorcyclists killed in 2006, 56 were drivers and nine were passengers. Fifty-five of the motorcycle drivers were male and two of the passengers were male and seven were female. Some 73.8% (48 of 65) of the motorcyclists killed were not wearing a helmet. Some 87.7% of the motorcyclists killed were male.

Driver Age & Gender

There were 1,378 motorcycle drivers and 159 passengers involved in crashes for a total of 1,537 motorcyclists in 2006. Of the 1,378 motorcycle drivers, 23.9% were age 36-45, 21.0% were age 16-25 and 20.5% were age 46-55. Some 93.0% of the motorcycle drivers in crashes in 2006 were male.

Driver Age	Unknown	Female	Male	Total
Not Stated	15		3	18
Under 16		2	30	32
16 thru 25		11	279	290
26 thru 35		19	241	260
36 thru 45		32	297	329
46 thru 55		13	269	282
56 thru 65		5	132	137
66 thru 75			22	22
76+			8	8
Total	15	82	1281	1378

Driver Age	Female	Male	Total
Not Stated			
Under 16			
16 thru 25		10	10
26 thru 35	1	16	17
36 thru 45		13	13
46 thru 55		18	18
56 thru 65		6	6
66 thru 75			
76+		1	1
Total	1	64	65

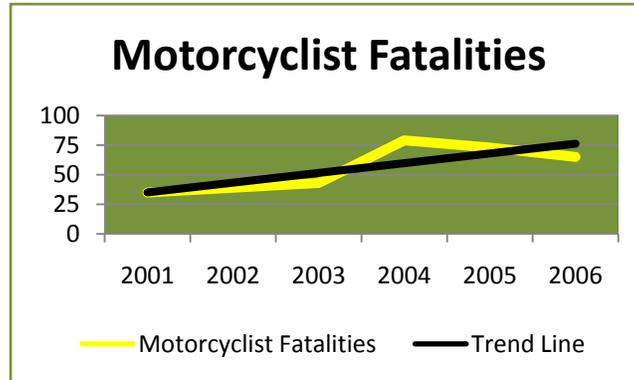
Of the motorcycle drivers involved in fatal crashes, 27.7% were age 46-55, 26.1% were age 26-35 and 20.0% were age 36-45. Some 98.5% of the motorcycle drivers in fatal crashes were male.

Alcohol/Drug-Related Driver Condition

Some 7.0% of the 1,378 motorcycle drivers involved in crashes in 2006 had an Alcohol/Drug-Related Driver Condition. Of the drivers with an Alcohol/Drug-Related Driver Condition, 98.9% were male.

Fatality Trend

From 2001 through 2004 motorcycle fatalities increased each year from 35 in 2001 to 79 in 2004. Since 2004 fatalities have declined to 73 in 2005 and 65 in 2006.



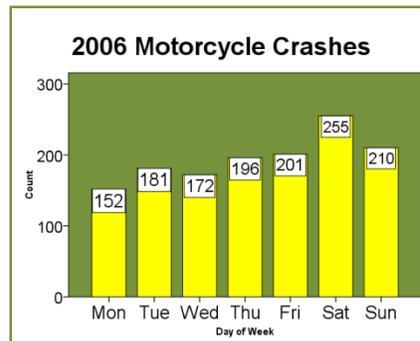
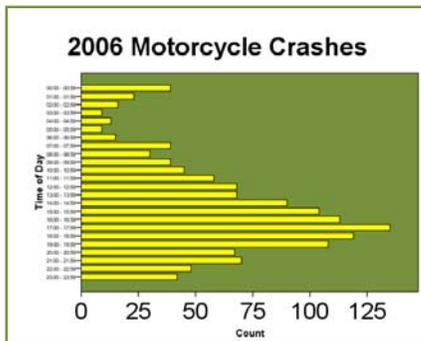
Cause of Crashes

The three primary cause of motorcycle involved crashes in 2006 were: Unsafe Speed (26.0%), Failed to Yield (11.7%) and Unknown/No Improper Action (11.1%).

The three primary causes for motorcycle involved fatal crashes in 2006 were: Unsafe Speed (49.2%), Failed to Yield (9.8%) and Improper Turn (9.8%).

Time & Day

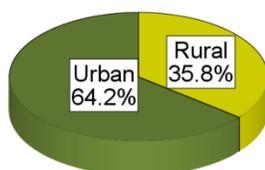
Motorcycle involved crashes occurred primarily in the afternoon and evening hours. Saturday had the highest incidence of crashes involving motorcycles with 18.6% of the total motorcycle crashes in 2006.



Rural vs. Urban

More than half the crashes involving a motorcycle were in urban areas. However, fatal crashes involving a motorcycle occurred almost as often in rural areas as they did in urban areas.

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