

# May is Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month

STATE OF INDIANA  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
INDIANAPOLIS

Executive Order

## PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

- WHEREAS, motorcycles serve as an excellent form of transportation in our state for commuting, touring, and recreational uses; and
- WHEREAS, motorcycles are energy-efficient vehicles, assisting in reducing fuel consumption and contributing to reducing traffic and parking congestion in many communities; and
- WHEREAS, road safety is of the highest priority for our streets, roads, and highways; and
- WHEREAS, increased awareness of the rules of the road and good driving skills are necessary for the safe operation of all vehicles; and
- WHEREAS, citizens interested in learning how to ride a motorcycle or improve their current riding skills and knowledge can participate in courses offered throughout the state; and
- WHEREAS, the Motorcycle Rider Associations of Indiana have joined with the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles, the Indiana Department of Transportation and other state agencies in an effort to increase public awareness for the need of improved safety on our streets, roads, and highways;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Eric J. Holcomb, Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby proclaim the month of May, 2018 as

### MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AND AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Indiana, and invite all citizens to duly note this occasion.

*In Testimony Whereof, I hereto  
set my hand and cause to be affixed the  
Great Seal of State. Done at the  
City of Indianapolis, this 11th  
day of April the year of our  
Lord 2018 and of the Independence  
of the United States 241.*



BY THE GOVERNOR:

*Eric Holcomb*





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## May is Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month in Indiana

Governor Eric Holcomb has proclaimed May to be Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month in Indiana. Spring weather means that motorcyclists will be on the streets in greater numbers. ABATE of Indiana joins Governor Holcomb and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, in urging everyone to share the road. #MotorcyclesAreEverywhere

### Rally on the Circle, Wednesday, May 9th

To draw further attention to motorcycle awareness, ABATE of Indiana will be hosting an event in conjunction with the Indiana War Memorial, the Marion County Traffic Safety Partnership, Indiana Criminal Justice Institute, Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department, Indiana State Police, and the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles. The kickoff event for Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month will take place on Monument Circle from 11:00 to 1:00 on Wednesday, May 9. All motorcyclists are welcome to join in and park their bike on “The Circle” with police motors from various agencies and some special attractions. #MotorcyclesAreEverywhere

We encourage all motorcyclists to ride responsibly and respectfully. Ride free of impairment and make certain they are properly licensed to operate a motorcycle. We recommend that all riders take a formal rider education course, as studies have indicated that 90% of crash involved riders are self taught. #MotorcyclesAreEverywhere

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*ABATE of Indiana (American Bikers Aimed Towards Education) is a not-for-profit, safety, educational, charitable and advocacy motorcyclist organization. Our aims are to promote safety, protect rights and help others. ABATE of Indiana is the nation’s largest state motorcyclists’ rights organization. ABATE has a full-time staff, 350 volunteer officers, and over 100 certified safety instructors, dedicated to serving the interests of all motorcyclists.*





# 2017 INDIANA MOTORCYCLE SAFETY FACT SHEET

## Rider Education Program Statistics

- **Effective Date (Legislated Voluntary Program):** January 1, 1987.
- **Funding Source:** Separate Motorcycle License Plate Fee.
- **Funding Amount:** \$2 per Motorcycle Registration (1987-1992); \$5 per Registration (1993-2001); \$7 per Registration (2002-).
- **Annual Total Funding:** \$200,000 (1987-1992); \$570,000 (1993-2001); \$1,000,000+ (2002-).
- **Students Trained:** more than 130,000
- **Course Locations:** Merrillville, Elkhart, Ft. Wayne, Indianapolis, Westfield, Evansville, Clarksville, Kokomo and Versailles.
- **Course Length:** 15-18 instructional hours (5-6 hours classroom, 10-12 hours on-cycle training) offered in a variety of scheduling options.

## Motorcycle Accident, Injury, Fatality, and Registration Statistics

|                           | 1986*   | 1987    | 1988    | 1989   | 1990   | 1991   | 1992   | 1993   | 1994   | 1995   | 1996   | 1997   | 1998    | 1999    | 2000    |
|---------------------------|---------|---------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|
| Accidents                 | 3,951   | 3,808   | 3,683   | 3,056  | 2,949  | 2,810  | 2,279  | 2,251  | 2,410  | 2,251  | 1,844  | 1,899  | 2,063   | 2,149   | 2,279   |
| Injuries                  | 3,729   | 3,619   | 3,498   | 2,748  | 2,720  | 2,655  | 2,152  | 2,182  | 2,407  | 2,260  | 1,446  | 1,450  | 1,580   | 1,637   | 1,730   |
| Fatalities                | 134     | 131     | 90      | 68     | 82     | 87     | 72     | 67     | 64     | 68     | 59     | 47     | 69      | 67      | 73      |
| Per 10,000 Registered MCs | 10.8    | 12.6    | 8.7     | 7.2    | 8.5    | 9.0    | 7.6    | 7.0    | 6.6    | 6.7    | 6.4    | 4.9    | 6.6     | 6.2     | 6.1     |
| Registrations             | 124,218 | 104,051 | 104,012 | 95,051 | 96,260 | 96,389 | 94,988 | 95,524 | 97,017 | 96,394 | 96,710 | 98,252 | 104,106 | 108,716 | 118,796 |

|                           | 2001    | 2002    | 2003    | 2004**  | 2005**  | 2006**  | 2007**  | 2008**  | 2009**  | 2010**  | 2011**  | 2012**  | 2013**  | 2014**  | 2015**  |
|---------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Accidents                 | N/A     | N/A     | 2,151   | 2,873   | 2,906   | 3,098   | 3,555   | 3,822   | 3,276   | 3,429   | 3,551   | 4,104   | 3,524   | 3,407   | 3,263   |
| Injuries                  | N/A     | N/A     | 1,753   | 3,139   | 3,096   | 2,593   | 3,802   | 2,957   | 3,486   | 2,717   | 2,725   | 3,286   | 2,755   | 2,671   | 2,607   |
| Fatalities                | 75      | 88      | 81      | 109     | 113     | 108     | 122     | 130     | 111     | 110     | 118     | 151     | 118     | 125     | 107     |
| Per 10,000 Registered MCs | 5.9     | 6.5     | 5.5     | 7.0     | 6.9     | 6.7     | 6.4     | 6.5     | 5.4     | 5.4     | 5.5     | 7.29    | 5.30    | 5.60    | 4.21    |
| Registrations             | 128,130 | 134,881 | 145,948 | 154,739 | 164,423 | 162,683 | 190,073 | 204,386 | 202,878 | 208,918 | 214,903 | 223,989 | 221,775 | 221,606 | 253,921 |

|                           | 2016**  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|---------------------------|---------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Accidents                 | 3,216   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Injuries                  | 2,505   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fatalities                | 100     |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Per 10,000 Registered MCs | 3.98    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Registrations             | 251,032 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

\* Last year prior to legislated program implementation.

\*\*2004 forward contains mopeds, scooters, all two and three wheeled vehicles.

2006 Forward revised to current ICJI reports.

Sources: Indiana Criminal Justice Institute; Indiana State Police Reporting Information Exchange System (ARIES); Indiana Dept of Education

ABATE of Indiana has gathered this information from various sources, but cannot attest to the method of collection, analysis or accuracy of the data.

### Other Program Activities

In addition to conducting training courses, the Indiana Motorcycle Safety Program conducts statewide public information and education campaigns to increase motorists' awareness of motorcycles, to convince riders not to drink and ride, to encourage the use of protective riding equipment, and to promote proper licensing of all motorcyclists.

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**PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT #1**

GOVERNOR ERIC HOLCOMB HAS PROCLAIMED MAY MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AND AWARENESS MONTH IN INDIANA. MOTORISTS FREQUENTLY MISJUDGE THE APPROACH SPEED OF MOTORCYCLES, OR FAIL TO SEE THEM AT ALL. STUDIES IDENTIFY A VEHICLE VIOLATING A MOTORCYCLIST'S RIGHT-OF-WAY AS THE CAUSE OF TWO-THIRDS OF THE MULTIPLE-VEHICLE CRASHES INVOLVING MOTORCYCLES. SAVE A LIFE – BE AWARE – MOTORCYCLES ARE EVERYWHERE.



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**PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT #2**

GOVERNOR ERIC HOLCOMB HAS PROCLAIMED MAY MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AND AWARENESS MONTH IN INDIANA. 92 PERCENT OF THE RIDERS INVOLVED IN MOTORCYCLE CRASHES ARE SELF-TAUGHT AND HAVE NO FORMAL TRAINING. MOTORCYCLE RIDER EDUCATION COURSES SUPPLY RIDERS WITH THE SKILLS AND STRATEGIES TO PREPARE FOR RIDING, DEAL WITH HAZARDS AND AVOID ACCIDENTS. TO GET MORE INFORMATION ABOUT RIDER EDUCATION, CONTACT ABATE OF INDIANA'S MOTORCYCLE SAFETY DIVISION AT 1-800-23-ABATE OR VISIT THE WEBSITE AT [WWW.ABATEONLINE.ORG](http://WWW.ABATEONLINE.ORG) AND REMEMBER, SAVE A LIFE – BE AWARE – MOTORCYCLES ARE EVERYWHERE.



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**PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT #3**

GOVERNOR ERIC HOLCOMB HAS PROCLAIMED MAY MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AND AWARENESS MONTH IN INDIANA. ALCOHOL CONTINUES TO BE OVER-REPRESENTED IN MOTORCYCLE CRASHES. MOTORCYCLING REQUIRES BALANCE AND A GREAT DEAL OF JUDGEMENT. DON'T COMPROMISE EITHER ONE BY BEING IMPAIRED. WE'RE NOT SAYING THAT PEOPLE SHOULD OR SHOULD NOT DRINK; WE ARE HOWEVER, ENCOURAGING MOTORCYCLISTS TO SEPARATE DRINKING FROM RIDING. RIDE STRAIGHT – DON'T DRINK AND RIDE. AND REMEMBER, SAVE A LIFE – BE AWARE – MOTORCYCLES ARE EVERYWHERE.



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