

Motorcycling

Michigan Quick Facts

Population

- According to the 2010 census, Michigan has one of the oldest populations in the country, with 14 percent of its residents being age 65 or older. This is the fastest growing segment of the population.
- Male motorcyclists (ages 50-69) are involved in about 34 percent of two-vehicle crashes involving a motorcycle. (17,818 total crashes; 6082 involved male motorcyclists 50-69 years old. Data collected from 2011-2016)
- Male motorcyclists (ages 50-69) are involved in nearly 34 percent of single-vehicle crashes (motorcycle only) (8,579 total crashes; 2885 involved male motorcyclists 50-69 years old. Data collected from 2011-2016)
- Female motorcyclists (ages 40-59) are involved in about 60 percent of two-vehicle crashes involving a motorcycle. (1,191 total crashes; 683 involved female motorcyclists 40-59 years old. Data collected from 2011-2016)
- Female motorcycles (ages 40-59) are also involved in about 60 percent of single vehicle crashes. (681 total crashes; 384 crashes involved female motorcyclists 40-59 years old. Data collected from 2011-2016)

Motorcycle Endorsement

- A motorcycle endorsement ('CY') on a driver's license is required to operate a motorcycle on public roads in Michigan. A person with a motorcycle endorsement can drive a three-wheeled vehicle without needing to obtain any other licensing. However, a person with a three-wheel endorsement cannot operate a two-wheeled motorcycle without first obtaining a motorcycle endorsement.
- Motorcycle endorsements are issued through the Secretary of State. To obtain your endorsement, successfully complete a motorcycle safety course, **OR:**
 -  Pass the vision and written tests at a Secretary of State office to obtain a Temporary Instruction Permit. Only two TIPs will be issued in a 10-year period.

- 🏍️ Present your TIP to a third-party testing organization and pass a motorcycle skills test. Present your skills test completion certificate at a Secretary of State branch office to add a CY endorsement to your driver's license.
- 🏍️ The motorcycle safety course is **required** for teens ages 16-17 and for adults who fail the motorcycle skills test twice.

Sharing the Road

- More than 80 percent of motorcycle crashes result in injury or death for the motorcyclist. Motorists can help to make the roads safer for motorcyclists by taking some simple precautions:
 - 🏍️ Be extra cautious on weekends, when more motorcyclists take to the road.
 - 🏍️ Provide motorcyclists adequate room to maneuver. Follow at least three to four seconds behind them.
 - 🏍️ Look carefully for motorcycles, especially at intersections or when making a left turn, two of the most common locations for vehicle-motorcycle crashes.
 - 🏍️ Allow extra maneuvering room in areas with potholes, pavement transitions and railroad crossings. Motorcyclists may need to slow down, stop or adjust their lane position.
 - 🏍️ Never try to share a lane with a motorcycle. Motorcycles have the same right to lanes as any other vehicle.
 - 🏍️ If a motorcycle is nearby, check your mirrors carefully before changing lanes. Motorcycles may be in your blind spots or difficult to see because of their smaller size.

Motorcycle Statistics

- In Michigan the number of endorsed riders averages about half a million:

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| 🏍️ May 2017 | 495,410 |
| 🏍️ May 2016 | 489,337 |
| 🏍️ May 2015 | 484,482 |
| 🏍️ May 2014 | 478,925 |

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|  May 2013 | 572,441 |
|  May 2012 | 561,878 |
|  May 2011 | 553,756 |
|  May 2010 | 545,755 |
|  May 2009 | 533,728 |

- The number of women with motorcycle endorsements totals:

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|  May 2017 | 69,438 |
|  May 2016 | 67,929 |
|  May 2015 | 66,798 |
|  May 2014 | 65,282 |
|  May 2013 | 67,539 |
|  May 2012 | 65,183 |
|  May 2011 | 62,874 |
|  May 2010 | 60,437 |
|  May 2009 | 57,622 |

- The number of registered motorcycles in Michigan:

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|  May 2017 | 242,476 |
|  Aug. 2016 | 254,577 |
|  May 2015 | 240,949 |
|  May 2014 | 237,093 |
|  May 2013 | 248,263 |
|  May 2012 | 263,902 |
|  May 2011 | 241,310 |
|  May 2010 | 247,850 |
|  May 2009 | 248,968 |

Motorcycle Rider Education

- Thousands of residents sign up for classes administered through the Michigan Rider Education Program each year. Training and skills testing help motorcyclists improve skills and ride safer.
- Number of people registered in a motorcycle safety class through a private or public sponsor:

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|  2017 | 11,478 |
|  2016 | 12,456 |
|  2015 | 11,905 |

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|  2014 | 11,980 |
|  2013 | 10,818 |
|  2012 | 12,736 |
|  2011 | 12,723 |
|  2010 | 12,314 |
|  2009 | 14,130 |

- Number of motorcyclists who took the motorcycle skills test:

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|  2017 | 6,798 |
|  2016 | 7,299 |
|  2015 | 8,448 |
|  2014 | 6,077 |
|  2013 | 6,815 |
|  2012 | 8,036 |
|  2011 | 7,315 |
|  2010 | 7,652 |
|  2009 | 8,475 |

- The Secretary of State is working to increase training capacity.

-  There were 19 training providers when the department assumed the motorcycle safety program in 2003.

-  Today, there are 32 public and private providers offering motorcycle safety classes across Michigan. These classes are taught throughout the riding season by more than 200 RiderCoaches, who work with students in the classroom and on the motorcycle range.

-  A pilot program between the Michigan Rider Education Program and Can-Am is underway in 2018. Can-Am is loaning 12 Spyders to public rider education programs at Grand Rapids Community College and at Schoolcraft College. Students taking the three-wheeled vehicle course to get an endorsement can take a class at either location without having to supply their own three-wheeled vehicle. Three-wheeled classes can also be found at select private sponsors certified by the Michigan Rider Education Program.