

2015 USA Motorcycle Driver Fatalities By License Compliance and License Status

Properly Licensed Motorcycle Drivers Dominate the Fatality Count

There were 4,684 Motorcycle Drivers fatally injured, with 33 entered into the FARS data base as “Unknown Status,” 6 entered as “Driver Not Present,” and 64 entered as “No License Required for this Class of Vehicle.” Please see table below for license information of the remaining 4,645 fatally injured motorcycle drivers.

Valid	Problems with License		
Motorcycle License/Endorsement	Suspended Revoked or Expired	Valid License for Other Vehicles	No License of any Kind
3,289	513	609	170

170 out of 4,684 motorcycle drivers fatally injured were not licensed. An example is when a child is killed while driving an off-road motorcycle on a public street.

Only 609 out of 4,684 motorcycle drivers fatally injured, would have been eligible to attend the BRC, and if successfully completing the course, would have become eligible to be endorsed for the type of motorcycle they were fatally injured riding.

683 (513+170) out of 4,684 motorcycle drivers fatally injured either were driving on a “Suspended Revoked or Expired” license, or, had no license of any kind. This group is a law enforcement, and law enforcement outreach problem group and not a safety/skills training problem group. It is important to understand that this group is larger than the group that is targeted by the BRC training systems.

3,289 motorcycle drivers fatally injured had valid licenses and were in valid compliance for motorcycles. *This group dominates the fatality data.* This is by far the least understood group of fatally injured motorcycle drivers.

Please be aware that US and State DOTs offices have possible mis-characterizations of these groups because of the license compliance FARS element (D10) being commingled with the license status FARS element (D7).