

Saving Lives: Georgia Motorcycle Safety Program

"Rider training can be potentially life-saving. With proper training, new riders are less likely to be involved in a crash."
- Department of Driver Services:
Motorcycle Safety Program Overview

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Fatalities By Vehicle Type
Georgia, 2009-2018



480
Thousand

480,842 GA motorcycle licenses issued and 99,550 motorcycles registered as of April 2019.

75% of motorcycle accidents involve another vehicle. Of these accidents, 66% are due to a violation of a motorcyclist's right-of-way.

75
Percent

10.5
Percent

From 2014-2018, 10.5 % of all vehicle-related fatalities in the state of Georgia were motorcyclists.

Cost of motorcycle-related traffic deaths in Georgia

\$210
Million

Georgia Motorcycle Safety Program

- Three levels of rider education courses are offered by the Department of Driver Services (DDS) or authorized private partners: Basic, Experienced, and Advanced.
- Courses are taught by certified professionals and emphasize proper motorcycle handling.
- Additionally, the Georgia Motorcycle Safety Program (GMSP) "promotes motorist awareness programs, share the road campaigns, and is focused on highway safety issues affecting Georgia motorcyclists."
- For the last three fiscal years, the GMSP has cross-referenced the names of registered students with the Department of Transportation daily fatalities report and found that **no motorcycle-related fatalities occurred involving a rider who had taken a GMSP course in the same time period.**

Basic Course	Experienced Course	Advanced Course
\$200	\$100	\$100
12-15 hours	1 day class	1 day class

\$555,240

FY19 GMSP Course
Revenue

\$558,432

FY19 GMSP Course
Expenses

- Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, DDS is temporarily halting all rider education courses.

Resources:

- Fatality Analysis Reporting System, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. <https://www.nhtsa.gov/research-data/fatality-analysis-reporting-system-fars>.
- Georgia Motorcycle Safety Program for Riders, Department of Driver Services. <https://dds.georgia.gov/motorcycle-safety-program-riders>.
- Motor Vehicle Crash Deaths: Costly But Preventable, Center for Disease Control: https://www.cdc.gov/motorvehiclesafety/pdf/statecosts/2020/CDC-Cost-of-Crash-Deaths-Fact-Sheets_Georgia.pdf

For more information about the Georgia Motorcycle Safety Program, please visit their website: <https://dds.georgia.gov/motorcycle-safety-program-riders>