

Annual Report

Motorcycle Operator Safety Training

State Fiscal Year 2016





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Introduction

The Motorcycle Operator Safety Training (MOST) program was created in 1991 by Colorado Statute. It mandates that the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) establish a motorcycle operator safety training program that promotes motorcycle safety awareness and supports courses to develop the knowledge, attitudes, habits and skills necessary for the safe operation of a motorcycle. The MOST program includes instruction relating to the effects of alcohol and drugs on the operation of motorcycles, and a course to train instructors. CDOT sets standards for the certification of courses in the program and contracts with vendors for the purpose of providing MOST program classes.

Students who are licensed Colorado residents or are active-duty military personnel are eligible for a Colorado motorcycle license. Adults who hold a valid driver's license from another state are eligible for a motorcycle license in the same state.

In State Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 MOST courses were offered in 16 counties. These counties account for 70% of Colorado's 195,603 registered motorcycles.

One of the objectives of MOST training is to reduce the number of motorcycle fatalities and crashes. This data is tracked by CDOT. Colorado motorcycle crash fatalities decreased from 98 in 2008 to 78 in 2011. Since 2011, partly due to the increasing number of registrations, the number of motorcyclist fatalities has increased, rising to 106 in 2015.

When MOST students were involved in motorcycle crashes, they were more likely to be wearing helmets. Among crashes involving operators and passengers in 2015, MOST students were properly helmeted 60% of the time, while riders overall properly wore helmets only 46% of the time.

With the number of motorcycle fatalities rising, it becomes increasingly important to train motorcyclists to ride safely. The following report details the ways in which the MOST program is achieving that goal.





Colorado Revised Statute CRS 43-5-502 states: 43-5-502. Motorcycle operator safety training program - rules.

(1) (a) (I) The office shall establish a motorcycle operator safety training program that promotes motorcycle safety awareness and supports courses to teach students to safely operate a motorcycle and train instructors. To be eligible under the program, a course must include instruction on the effects of alcohol and drugs on the operation of motorcycles.

The office shall set standards for the certification of courses in the program, ensure that program training follows these standards, and ensure that courses are offered safely, consistent with best practices. The office shall contract with MOST vendors for the purposes of providing the program.

The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) administers the Motorcycle Operator Safety Training Program (MOST) through the Office of Transportation Safety, Highway Safety Office.

Promoting Motorcycle Safety

The program supports motorcycle safety awareness through CDOT's motorcycle safety website, <u>www.comotorcyclesafety.com</u>.

The website has readily accessible information about:

- Motorcycle operator training
- CDOT's *Ride Wise* and *Live to Ride* campaigns
- MOST training providers by geographic area
- Riding sober
- Importance of wearing protective gear
- Motorcycle laws and resources for riders
- Motorist tips including information for motorists to increase awareness of motorcycles
- Campaign materials available to partners and stakeholders
- Federal funding for motorcycle safety grants
- MOST Annual Reports

Courses to Teach Students to Safely Operate a Motorcycle and Train Instructors

The MOST program supports, establishes standards, and approves curricula for Basic Rider Courses (BRC) that instill in the student the knowledge, attitudes, habits and skills necessary for the safe operation of a motorcycle.

The content and organization of the Basic Rider Course are based upon documented research and have been shown to be effective in providing safety training in accordance with the Model National Standards for Entry-level Motorcycle Rider Training in effect as of August 2011.

CDOT maintains a certified copy of the complete text of certified course materials. Any person or entity may obtain information concerning how the certified material may be examined or copied by contacting the MOST program office.

The MOST program supports, establishes standards, and approves curricula for Motorcycle Operator Safety Training instructors. MOST Instructor Training Courses are approved courses that prepare an individual to teach MOST courses.

Approved Basic Rider courses and Instructor courses include information and instruction on the effects of alcohol and drugs on the operation of motorcycles.

CDOT has standards for the certification of courses in the program. Certification of courses and quality assurances of the delivery of the program courses are governed by:

Rules Governing the Motorcycle Operator Safety Training Program, which are located in the Code of Colorado Regulations - 2 CCR 601-23.

http://www.sos.state.co.us/CCR

In SFY 2016, CDOT contracted with 12 MOST vendors to provide the training programs.



Motorcycle crash fatality data was obtained from CDOT's Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS). FARS contains data on motor vehicle crashes that involve public roadways, which result in the death of an occupant of a vehicle or a non-occupant within 30 days of the crash.

The FARS data presented for 2015 is preliminary and will not be finalized until December 31, 2016.

Data pertaining to all motorcycle crashes was acquired from CDOT's Traffic and Safety Engineering Branch. MOST staff compared records for crashes involving MOST students to overall motorcycle crash records.

MOST students included in this analysis are from MOST 2013-2016 student data bases.

Motorcyclist Fatalities

106 operators were killed in motorcycle crashes in 2015

- Motorcyclist fatalities represented 19% of Colorado's total traffic fatalities (106 of 547).
- Motorcyclist fatalities increased from 94 in 2014 to 106 in 2015, a 7.3% increase.
- The 7.3% increase in motorcyclist fatalities is a smaller change than observed for overall traffic fatalities, which increased by 12% in 2015 (from 488 to 547).
- 33 (35%) motorcycle operators killed did not have a motorcycle endorsement on their driver's license.
- 71 (70.3%) motorcycle operators involved in fatal crashes were determined to be "at fault."
- 41 (41.8%) fatal crashes involved only the motorcycle and no other vehicle.
- 31 (33%) motorcycle operators killed had a blood alcohol content (BAC) equal to or greater than 0.08.
- 57 (62%) motorcycle operators killed were not wearing a helmet.

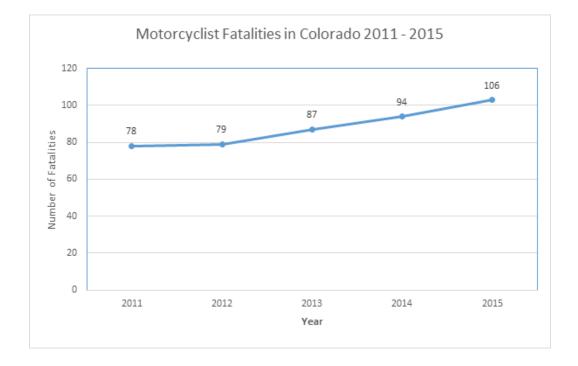
| | Annual Motorcyclist Fatalities by County, 2011-2015 | | | | | | | |
|-------------|---|------|------|------|------|--------------------|--|--|
| County | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | Total by County | | |
| Adams | 5 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 7 | 26 | | |
| Alamosa | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 8 | | |
| Arapahoe | 7 | 6 | 6 | 3 | 0 | 22 | | |
| Archuleta | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | | |
| Baca | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Bent | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Boulder | 1 | 7 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 19 | | |
| Broomfield | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | | |
| Chaffee | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | | |
| Cheyenne | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | | |
| Clear Creek | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 4 | | |
| Conejos | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | | |
| Costilla | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Crowley | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Custer | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 | | |
| Delta | 1 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 7 | | |
| Denver | 6 | 3 | 5 | 7 | 14 | 35 | | |
| Dolores | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Douglas | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 15 | | |
| Eagle | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| El Paso | 15 | 11 | 12 | 19 | 10 | 67 | | |
| Elbert | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 | | |
| Freemont | 0 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 8 | | |
| Garfield | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | | |
| Gilpin | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 | | |
| Grand | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 4 | | |
| Gunnison | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 8 | | |
| Hinsdale | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | | |
| Huerfano | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Jackson | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Jefferson | 6 | 9 | 9 | 11 | 14 | 49 | | |
| Kiowa | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Kit Carson | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | | |
| La Plata | 0 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 10 | | |

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| | Annual Mot | orcyclist Fa | talities by (| County, 201 | 1-2015 | |
|------------|------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|--------|--------------------|
| County | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | Total by County |
| Lake | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Larimer | 2 | 3 | 6 | 3 | 9 | 23 |
| Las Animas | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Lincoln | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Logan | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| Mesa | 5 | 2 | 7 | 2 | 7 | 23 |
| Mineral | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Moffatt | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| Montezuma | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 |
| Montrose | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| Morgan | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Otero | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Ouray | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Park | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 5 |
| Phillips | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Pitkin | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Prowers | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Pueblo | 4 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 10 |
| Rio Blanco | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Rio Grande | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Routt | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| Saguache | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| San Juan | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| San Miguel | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 |
| Sedgewick | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Summit | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Teller | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Washington | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Weld | 4 | 11 | 5 | 7 | 8 | 35 |
| Yuma | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 79 | 77 | 87 | 94 | 106 | 443 |

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| Motorcyclist Fatalities by Age Group, 2011 - 2015 | | | | | | | | |
|---|------|------|------|------|------|--|--|--|
| AGE | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | | | |
| < 20 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | | | |
| 20 - 29 | 17 | 15 | 14 | 23 | 26 | | | |
| 30 - 39 | 7 | 11 | 13 | 12 | 14 | | | |
| 40 - 49 | 13 | 14 | 24 | 18 | 18 | | | |
| 50 - 59 | 25 | 26 | 13 | 25 | 29 | | | |
| 60 - 69 | 10 | 10 | 15 | 12 | 14 | | | |
| > 70 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 2 | 5 | | | |
| TOTAL | 78 | 79 | 87 | 93 | 106 | | | |

Motorcyclist fatalities age 40 and over represented 65% of motorcycle fatalities in 2011, 66% in 2012, 67% in 2013, 60% in 2014 and 61.3% in 2015.

Motorcycle Crashes

Statewide in 2015, there were 120,172 total vehicle crashes and 2,386 (2.0%) of those crashes involved motorcycles.

- Though motorcycles were involved in 2% of all crashes, when they did crash, 63% of the time (1,505 / 2,386) the motorcyclist was at fault. In crashes with 2 or more vehicles, the motorcyclist was at fault 38% of the time (544 / 1,425).
- MOST graduates were involved in 306 crashes in 2015 and were at fault in 61% of the crashes (183 / 306). In crashes with 2 or more vehicles, the MOST motorcyclist was at fault 37% of the time (68 / 186).
- In 2015, alcohol or drugs were suspected to be involved in a total of 222 crashes that involved a motorcycle. 180 of the motorcyclists were suspected of alcohol use and 18 operators were suspected of drug use. 36 drivers of other vehicles were suspected of alcohol or drug use. MOST students trained in 2015 were involved in 15 alcohol-related crashes and only 3 drug-suspected crashes.
- In 2015, among all motorcycle operators involved in a crash 47% (1,124 / 2,366) were properly wearing helmets. Among MOST students involved in a crash 62% (189 / 306) were properly wearing helmets.

| Top 10 Most Prevalent Citations to Motorcycle Riders in Crashes, 2015 | | | | | | | |
|---|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Ranking | Citation Description | All Motorcycle Operators | MOST Students 2015 Crashes | | | | |
| 1 | Careless Driving | 45.27% | 68 (51.52%) | | | | |
| 2 | Following Too Closely | 10.73% | 15 (11.36%) | | | | |
| 3 | Drive under the Influence of Alcohol | 9.95% | 7 (5.30%) | | | | |
| 4 | Careless Driving Causing Injury | 3.80% | 6 (4.55%) | | | | |
| 5 | Reckless Driving | 3.41% | 6 (4.55%) | | | | |
| 6 | Improper Driving on Mountain Hwy | 3.02% | 2 (1.52%) | | | | |
| 7 | Failed to Drive in Single Lane | 2.83% | 8 (6.06%) | | | | |
| 8 | Leaving the Scene of an Accident | 1.66% | 0 (0.00%) | | | | |
| 8 | Violation of Red Light Signal | 1.66% | 2 (1.52%) | | | | |
| 10 | Failed to Drive in Designated Lane | 1.46% | 2 (1.52%) | | | | |
| | TOTAL Citations* | 83.8% | 116 (87.88%) | | | | |

*Total represents the top 10 plus additional categories. Does not equal 100%

| | Top 10 First Harmful Event - Prevalence in Motorcycle Crashes, 2015 | | | | | | | |
|---------|---|--------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|--|--|--|
| Ranking | First Harmful Event (FHE) | Count of FHE | MC Opertator FHE by Percent | MOST Students 2015 Crashes | Percent of MOST Students 2015 Crashes | | | |
| 1 | Overturning | 618 | 41.06% | 88 | 46.81% | | | |
| 2 | Front to Rear | 231 | 15.35% | 31 | 16.49% | | | |
| 3 | Curb | 106 | 7.04% | 9 | 4.79% | | | |
| 4 | Front to Side | 102 | 6.78% | 10 | 5.32% | | | |
| 5 | Side to Side - Same Direction | 69 | 4.58% | 9 | 4.79 % | | | |
| 6 | Wild Animal | 68 | 4.52% | 3 | 1.60% | | | |
| 7 | Other Non- Collision | 60 | 3.99% | 10 | 5.32% | | | |
| 8 | Guard Rail | 36 | 2.39% | 5 | 2.66% | | | |
| 9 | Other Object (Specify in Narrative) | 34 | 2.26% | 4 | 2.13% | | | |
| 10 | Parked Motor Vehicle | 26 | 1.73% | 2 | 1.06% | | | |
| 10 | Embankment | 26 | 1.73% | 2 | 1.06% | | | |
| | TOTAL | 1376 | | 173 | | | | |

*Total represents the top 10 plus additional categories.

| | Top 5 Movements of At-Fault Motorcyclists at Time of Crash, 2015 | | | | | | | | |
|---------|--|-----------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|---|--|--|--|--|
| Ranking | Movement | MC Opertator Movement Count | MC Opertator Movement by Percent | MOST Students 2015 Crashes | Percent of MOST Students 2015 Crashes | | | | |
| 1 | Going straight | 828 | 55.02% | 93 | 49.47% | | | | |
| 2 | Spun Out of Control | 169 | 11.23% | 34 | 18.09% | | | | |
| 3 | Slowing | 101 | 6.71% | 10 | 5.32% | | | | |
| 4 | Making left turn | 87 | 5.78% | 6 | 3.19% | | | | |
| 5 | Other (Describe in Narrative) | 66 | 4.39% | 8 | 4.26% | | | | |
| | TOTAL | 1251 | | 151 | | | | | |

*Total represents the top 5 plus additional categories.

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| Тор | Top 5 Movements of At-Fault Vehicles (Non-Motorcyclists) at Time of Crash, 2015 | | | | | | | |
|---------|---|--|---|----------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Ranking | Movement | Non-MC Opertator Movement Count | Non - MC Opertator Movement by Percent | MOST Students 2015 Crashes | Percent of MOST Students 2015 Crashes | | | |
| 1 | Making Left Turn | 294 | 33.37% | 38 | 32.20% | | | |
| 2 | Going Straight | 274 | 31.10% | 37 | 31.36% | | | |
| 3 | Changing lanes | 90 | 10.22% | 14 | 11.86% | | | |
| 4 | Making Right Turn | 47 | 5.33% | 7 | 5.93% | | | |
| 5 | Backing | 43 | 4.88% | 2 | 1.69% | | | |
| | TOTAL | 748 | | 98 | | | | |

*Total represents the top 5 plus additional categories.

| Motorcycle Involved Crash - License Endorsement Compliance, 2015 | | | | | | | | |
|--|---|---------|----------------------------------|---|--|--|--|--|
| License Endorsement Status | License Endorsement Status Counts | | MOST Students 2015 Crashes | Percent of MOST Students 2015 Crashes | | | | |
| No Driving Endorsements | 476 | 19.73% | 44 | 14.15% | | | | |
| Endorsement Required & Complied With | 1454 | 60.26% | 256 | 82.32% | | | | |
| Endorsement Required & Not Complied With | 341 | 14.13% | 9 | 2.89% | | | | |
| Endorsement Required & Compliance Not Known | 47 | 1.95% | 2 | 0.64% | | | | |
| Unknown | 95 | 3.94% | 0 | 0.00% | | | | |
| TOTAL | 2413 | 100.00% | 311 | 100.00% | | | | |

| Helmet Use Among Motorcycle Operators in Crashes, 2015 | | | | | | | | |
|--|------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Helmet Status | Count of Helmet Use | Percent of Helmet Use | MOST Students 2015 Crashes | Percent of MOST Students 2015 Crashes | | | | |
| N/A (Cars/Trucks) | 100 | 4.14% | 10 | 3.22% | | | | |
| No Helmet | 944 | 39.12% | 97 | 31.19% | | | | |
| Available, not used | 19 | 0.79% | 0 | 0.00% | | | | |
| Helmet Improperly used | 47 | 1.95% | 2 | 0.64% | | | | |
| Helmet Properly used | 1124 | 46.58% | 189 | 60.77% | | | | |
| Unknown | 79 | 3.27% | 13 | 4.18% | | | | |
| Bicycle Helmet | 4 | 0.17% | 0 | 0.00% | | | | |
| | 96 | 3.98% | 0 | 0.00% | | | | |
| TOTAL | 2413 | 100.00% | 311 | 100.00% | | | | |

| Helmet Use Among Motorcycle Passengers in Crashes, 2015 | | | | | | | | |
|---|------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Helmet Use | Count of Helmet Use | Percent of Helmet Use | MOST Students 2015 Crashes | Percent of MOST Students 2015 Crashes | | | | |
| N/A (Cars/Trucks) | 8 | 4.32% | 1 | 4.35% | | | | |
| No Helmet | 90 | 48.65% | 11 | 47.83% | | | | |
| Available, not used | 5 | 2.70% | 0 | 0.00% | | | | |
| Helmet Properly used | 75 | 40.54% | 10 | 43.48% | | | | |
| Unknown | 7 | 3.78% | 1 | 4.35% | | | | |
| TOTAL | 185 | 100.00% | 23 | 100.00% | | | | |

| Ranking | Road Description | Incidents of Condition | Percent of Road Description | MOST Students 2015 Crashes | Percent of MOST Students 2015 Crashes |
|---------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| 1 | Non- intersection | 1143 | 47.90% | 142 | 46.41% |
| 2 | At Intersection | 720 | 30.18% | 94 | 30.72% |
| 3 | Intersection Related | 263 | 11.02% | 28 | 9.15% |
| 4 | Driveway Access | 166 | 6.96 % | 27 | 8.82% |
| 5 | Highway Interchange | 55 | 2.31% | 10 | 3.27% |
| 6 | Non-Intersection Rural | 22 | 0.92% | 1 | 0.33% |
| 7 | In Alley | 14 | 0.59% | 4 | 1.31% |
| 8 | Unknown | 3 | 0.13% | 0 | 0.00% |
| | TOTAL | 2386 | 100.00% | 306 | 100.00% |

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| Road Condition | Incidents of Condition | Percent of Road Condition | MOST Students 2015 Crashes | Percent of MOST Students 2015 Crashes |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| Dry | 2245 | 94.09% | 285 | 93.14% |
| Wet | 93 | 3.90% | 14 | 4.58% |
| Muddy | 2 | 0.08% | 1 | 0.33% |
| Snowy | 2 | 0.08% | 0 | 0.00% |
| lcy | 4 | 0.17% | 0 | 0.00% |
| Slushy | 3 | 0.13% | 0 | 0.00% |
| Foreign Material | 25 | 1.05% | 4 | 1.31% |
| Dry W/Visible Icy Road Treatment | 10 | 0.42% | 2 | 0.65% |
| Snowy W/Visible Icy Road Treatment | 1 | 0.04% | 0 | 0.00% |
| Icy W/Visible Icy Road Treatment | 1 | 0.04% | 0 | 0.00% |
| TOTAL | 2386 | | | 0.00% |

| Weather Condition | Weather Condition Incidents | Weather Condition Percentage | MOST Students 2015 Crashes | Percent of MOST Students 2015 Crashes |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| None | 1878 | 78.71% | 238 | 77.78% |
| Rain | 63 | 2.64% | 11 | 3.59% |
| Snow/sleet/hail | 6 | 0.25% | 1 | 0.33% |
| Fog | 1 | 0.04% | 0 | 0.00% |
| Wind | 8 | 0.34% | 3 | 0.98% |
| Unknown | 430 | 18.02% | 53 | 17.32% |
| TOTAL | 2386 | | 306 | |



Availability of Training Throughout the State

SFY 2016 Motorcycle Training Courses Offered by County and Month

MOST courses are offered year-round; however, peak training times are spring, summer and fall. Riders may take courses in any county where training is offered.

| | | | 20 | 15 | | | | | 20 | 16 | | |
|-----------|------|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|
| COUNTY | July | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | June |
| Adams | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х |
| Arapahoe | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х |
| Denver | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х |
| El Paso | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х |
| Garfield | Х | Х | Х | Х | | | | | | | Х | |
| Jefferson | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х |
| La Plata | Х | Х | Х | | | | | | Х | Х | Х | Х |
| Larimer | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х |
| Logan | | Х | | | | | | | | | | |
| Moffatt | Х | Х | Х | | | | | | | | | |
| Montrose | | Х | | | | | | | X | Х | Х | Х |
| Morgan | Х | Х | | | | | | | | Х | | |
| Pueblo | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х |
| Routt | | | | | | | | | | | | Х |
| Summit | Х | Х | | | | | | | | | Х | Х |
| Weld | Х | Х | Х | Х | | | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х |



Availability of Training Throughout the State

Availability of Training Throughout the State By Registration

In SFY 2016, CDOT-approved MOST courses were offered in 16 counties. These counties account for 70% of Colorado's registered motorcycles. Data from the Colorado Department of Revenue shows a total of 195,603 motorcycles registered in 2015 (most current data available).

| Motorcycle Registration | Total | Percentage |
|-------------------------|---------|------------|
| Calendar Year 2015 | 195,603 | 100.00% |

| | COLORADO COUNTIES where Training is Provided | County Motorcycle Registration | Percentage of State Registrations |
|----|--|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1 | ADAMS | 15,435 | 7.89% |
| 2 | ARAPAHOE | 16,242 | 8.31% |
| 3 | DENVER | 13,398 | 6.85% |
| 4 | EL PASO | 24,059 | 12.30% |
| 5 | GARFIELD | 2,398 | 1.23% |
| 6 | JEFFERSON | 23,755 | 12.15% |
| 7 | LA PLATA | 2,998 | 1.54% |
| 8 | LARIMER | 14,093 | 7.21% |
| 9 | LOGAN | 952 | 0.49% |
| 10 | MOFFAT | 564 | 0.29% |
| 11 | MONTROSE | 1,605 | 0.82% |
| 12 | MORGAN | 1,123 | 0.58% |
| 13 | PUEBLO | 5,907 | 3.02% |
| 14 | ROUTT | 1,351 | 0.69% |
| 15 | SUMMIT | 1,423 | 0.73% |
| 16 | WELD | 11,598 | 5.93% |
| | Total | 136,901 | 70% |

Scope of MOST Training

Twelve MOST vendors served 16 counties throughout Colorado and utilized 127 MOST Instructor Trainers throughout the year.

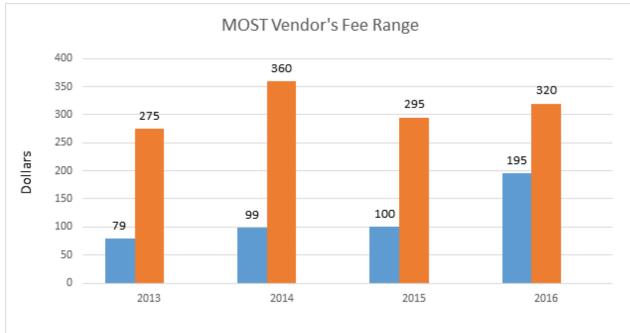


Historic and Current Training Costs

MOST vendors charge a competitive fee for their services and may change these rates at any point throughout the training season.

The fee ranges below are the historical training costs by State Fiscal Year, which were reported directly from vendors' websites. These amounts are what the student paid for a beginning rider course. The cost ranges listed below do not reflect any additional discounts offered by the vendor.

- FY2013 fees ranged from \$79 to \$275
- FY2014 fees ranged from \$99 to \$360
- FY2015 fees ranged from \$100 \$295
- FY2016 fees ranged from \$195 320



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MOST Rules

All MOST vendors are subject to MOST Rules and Regulations as defined in 2 CCR 601-23. MOST Rules can be found at the following link: http://www.sos.state.co.us/CCR

FY 2016 MOST Program Funding

The MOST program is funded by a \$2.00 surcharge for motorcycle endorsements on a driver's license or provisional driver's license, and a \$4.00 surcharge on a motorcycle registration.

Monies are credited to the MOST fund and used by CDOT to implement and administer the program. In FY 2016, \$800,000 was credited to the MOST Fund.

CDOT is permitted to retain up to 15% of annual MOST revenues for administrative purposes. The remainder is distributed to private sector training providers. Monies in the MOST fund are continuously appropriated, and unspent monies remain in the fund for use in a future fiscal year.

The MOST program office utilizes funds allocated to implement and administer the MOST program in accordance with the Department of Personnel and Administration state fiscal rules.

By Rule, allowable expenses fall into three categories: Administrative, Contract Expenses and Vendor Reimbursements.

Allowable Expenses as Defined in 2CCR 601- 23 Include:

11.00 Administrative and Contract Expenses for the MOST Program

11.01 The MOST Program Office shall utilize funds allocated pursuant to § 43-5-504, C.R.S., to implement and administer the MOST Program in accordance with the Department of Personnel and Administration state fiscal rules.

11.02 Administrative Expenses. In no event shall the MOST Program office expend more than the amount set forth in § 43-5-503(1)(c), C.R.S., for administrative costs. The MOST Program Office may use MOST Program funds for reasonable and necessary Administrative Expenses as defined herein.

11.03 Contract Expenses. Reasonable and necessary Contract Expenses include:

11.03.1 Expenses incurred to promote the MOST Program, including public relations expenses, banners, advertising, and MOST promotional materials ordered by CDOT staff.

11.03.2 Contract Expenses will include those expenses related to MOST Program evaluation, meetings involving external stakeholders and partners, and those related to MOST Program awareness.

11.04.3 Those courses for which CDOT has agreed to pay the Tuition Benefit under existing contracts will continue to be funded, if adequate documentation is provided under these Rules, up to and including June 30, 2013. CDOT will retain its discretion to determine whether, as a component of the MOST Program, the Tuition Reimbursement Subsidy will be retained, eliminated or reinstated based upon yearly program performance measures.

As of June 30, 2014, the MOST Tuition Reimbursement Subsidy program was discontinued after an internal and external assessment and analysis of the best use of funds per the Highway Safety Office (HSO) staff. HSO staff began to utilize the MOST funds as a contractual expense beginning in FY2014-15 in order to assist and improve the day-to-day operations, duties and responsibilities of the program. The HSO put out a request for proposal (RFP) for this project. During the course of the RFP, there were several challenges to the procurement process which delayed the awarding of the contract. No MOST funds have been expended on any student Tuition Reimbursement Subsidy for FY 2015-16.

In FY2014-15, MOST statute required that the HSO utilize a portion of MOST funds to promote training and motorist awareness of motorcycles. The HSO, working with the CDOT Public Relations department, determined to meet the statutory requirement that \$250,000 would be allocated to the Public Relations Office.

MOST Administrative Expenses

The MOST Program Office may use MOST program funds for reasonable and necessary administrative expenses. The program shall not expend more than 15% of the total cost of the program for administrative costs.

The 15% MOST administrative fee is calculated using the total collected registration and endorsement fees for the Fiscal Year before any carry forward is added to the SFY budget. Administrative costs were down due to a staffing vacancy for most of the fiscal year (October - May).

Administrative costs for the program are outlined in the MOST Rules and Regulations, section 12, paragraph A, subsection 1:

"The administrative costs directly related to the MOST program, including personal services costs, operating costs, capital equipment costs and travel costs in accordance with applicable state law and fiscal rules, but in no event shall the office expend more than fifteen percent of the total cost of the program for administrative costs."

Contract Expenses/Public Awareness

Statute mandates that the MOST program promotes motorcycle safety awareness. In SFY 2016, the CDOT Office of Communications (OC) utilized MOST funds to promote motorcycle skills training through two campaigns called *Look Twice for Motorcycles*, and *Live to Ride* developed in partnership with the MOST Advisory Board marketing work group. Based on a review of increased fatality data and insights from the Advisory Board, the OC decided to focus its efforts to promote a safety campaign alerting all vehicles on the road to look out for motorcycles on the road.

Motorcyclists make up just three percent of vehicles on the road but account for 19% of overall fatalities. Nationally, per vehicle mile traveled, motorcyclist fatalities occurred 26 times more frequently than passenger car occupants in a traffic crash. These fatalities tend to peak during the summer months with more motorcycles on the road.

Head injury is the leading cause of death in motorcycle crashes. Nationally, 715 lives could be saved each year if helmets were worn by all motorcyclists. Colorado does not require adult motorcyclists to wear helmets.

The campaign features a radio spot with burly-sounding motorcycle riders singing their message to motorists. Other advertising tactics included:

- •Billboards
- •Bus tail ads
- •Web banners
- •Gas station pump toppers

These are all running statewide.

CDOT's new *Live to Ride* campaign is designed to help motorcyclists of all skill levels ride safely, have fun, and most importantly, stay alive. *Live to Ride* endorses three primary safety messages:

•<u>Get Training</u>: Lack of training is a factor in Colorado's fatal motorcycle crashes. Motorcycle riders were found to be at fault in 7 out of 10 fatal crashes.

•<u>Ride Sober</u>: Impaired riding is also a major problem. 33% of riders killed in motorcycle crashes in 2015 were under the influence of alcohol.

•<u>Wear Proper Protective Gear</u>: Nearly two-thirds of the riders killed in Colorado last year were not wearing a helmet or were wearing it incorrectly.





SFY 2015 MOST Program Budget

| REVENUES | | |
|--|---------------|----------------|
| Budget from motorcycle registration and license endorsement fees | | \$ 800,000 |
| Available for Administration | \$ 120,000 | |
| Available for Contractual Expenses | \$ 430,000 | |
| Available for Public Relations/Promotion | \$ 250,000 | |
| Subtotal | \$ 800,000 | |
| Carry Forward from SFY 2015 | | \$ 457,721.69 |
| Total Revenue and Carry Over | | \$1,257,721.69 |
| ACTUAL EXPENDITURES | | |
| Total Expenditures | | \$ 337,570.97 |
| Contractual Expenditures | \$ 16,497.65 | |
| Administrative Expenses | \$ 67,760.97 | |
| Public Relations/Promotion | \$ 253,312.35 | |
| Subtotal | \$ 337,570.97 | |
| Carry Forward for SFY 2016 | | \$ 920,150.72* |

*\$700,000 of the Contractual Budget was encumbered and unavailable during the fiscal year due to several legal challenges throughout the procurement process, resulting in the larger carryover amount in the next fiscal year. Per State Statute, CDOT is unable to proceed with awarding any contract until all legal challenges and protests have been settled.

| FY 2012 - 2016 Students Tra | ined by MO | ST Program | Vendors | | |
|--|------------|------------|---------|-------|-------|
| VENDOR | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 |
| ABATE of Colorado | 3,847 | 3,284 | 2,534 | 2,029 | 1,471 |
| Black Bag | 444 | 549 | 297 | 241 | 246 |
| Bluecreek Motorcycle Training | 224 | 256 | 249 | 386 | 375 |
| Full Throttle** | 564 | 2,354 | 2,618 | 2,404 | 1,627 |
| G Force** | 0 | 847 | 852 | 633 | 171 |
| Iron Buffalo | 0 | 549 | 603 | 637 | 525 |
| Motorcycle Rider Training Center | 571 | 467 | 530 | 676 | 636 |
| Motorcycle Training Academy | 2,021 | 1,943 | 1,674 | 1,723 | 1,649 |
| Ricky Orlando Motorcycle School | 215 | 143 | 117 | 126 | 131 |
| Sleeping Giant Motorsports** | 26 | 28 | 24 | 21 | 3 |
| T3RG | 1,334 | 840 | 634 | 594 | 510 |
| Two Old Guys | 0 | 45 | 113 | 139 | 118 |
| White Buffalo (formerly Iron Buffalo)* | 959 | 521 | 34 | 0 | 0 |
| Wheels in Motion* | 255 | 179 | 59 | 0 | 0 |
| SW CO Motorcycle Safety Training* | 205 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Rocky Mountain Motorcycle Training* | 258 | 231 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| CO Northwest Rider Training* | 179 | 133 | 99 | 0 | 0 |
| Iride Pikes Peak Motorcycle Training* | 173 | 213 | 206 | 0 | 0 |

*These training schools ceased operation prior to fiscal year 2016.

**Student numbers are down in FY2015-16 due to one vendor having a medical issue and not being able to train the majority of the year, another who trained only a partial year, and another who lost the use of his range and had to relocate. Number of students trained is based on student roster numbers submitted as of June 30, 2016.

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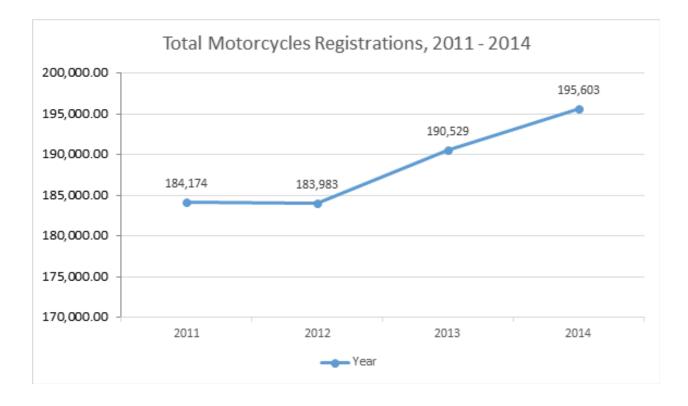
| | Motorcy | cle Registrations | by County* | |
|-------------|---------|-------------------|------------|--------|
| County | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 |
| Adams | 14,189 | 14,377 | 15,224 | 15,435 |
| Alamosa | 530 | 505 | 533 | 513 |
| Arapahoe | 15,453 | 15,351 | 15,868 | 16,242 |
| Archuleta | 661 | 631 | 669 | 678 |
| Baca | 149 | 147 | 144 | 130 |
| Bent | 127 | 117 | 122 | 110 |
| Boulder | 10,580 | 10,502 | 10.710 | 10,718 |
| Broomfield | 2,019 | 1,960 | 2,039 | 2,040 |
| Chaffee | 1,118 | 1,157 | 1,213 | 1,255 |
| Cheyenne | 89 | 85 | 87 | 81 |
| Clear Creek | 695 | 689 | 688 | 693 |
| Conejos | 323 | 324 | 331 | 332 |
| Costilla | 165 | 163 | 172 | 172 |
| Crowley | 98 | 99 | 108 | 111 |
| Custer | 285 | 290 | 317 | 324 |
| Delta | 1,300 | 1,291 | 1,339 | 1,345 |
| Denver | 12,341 | 12,347 | 13,055 | 13,398 |
| Dolores | 124 | 110 | 112 | 112 |
| Douglas | 10,339 | 10,225 | 10,488 | 10,634 |
| Eagle | 2,116 | 2,142 | 2,250 | 2,237 |
| El Paso | 23,555 | 23,278 | 23,720 | 24,059 |
| Elbert | 1,340 | 1,362 | 1,435 | 1,462 |
| Fremont | 2,432 | 2,437 | 2,489 | 2,525 |
| Garfield | 2,290 | 2,247 | 2,363 | 2,398 |
| Gilpin | 502 | 486 | 531 | 522 |
| Grand | 765 | 765 | 785 | 793 |
| Gunnison | 876 | 891 | 950 | 947 |
| Hinsdale | 81 | 82 | 78 | 77 |
| Huerfano | 269 | 263 | 269 | 269 |
| Jackson | 62 | 69 | 74 | 76 |
| Jefferson | 22,654 | 22,838 | 23,642 | 23,755 |
| Kiowa | 42 | 49 | 49 | 50 |
| Kit Carson | 303 | 323 | 363 | 358 |
| La Plata | 2,855 | 2,831 | 2,960 | 2,998 |
| Lake | 276 | 280 | 303 | 304 |

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| | Motorcy | cle Registration | s by County* | |
|--------------|---------|------------------|--------------|---------|
| Larimer | 13,295 | 13,341 | 13,720 | 14,093 |
| Las Animas | 631 | 623 | 644 | 640 |
| Lincoln | 199 | 197 | 184 | 189 |
| Logan | 858 | 840 | 932 | 952 |
| Mesa | 5,983 | 5,915 | 6,117 | 6,216 |
| Mineral | 67 | 74 | 75 | 73 |
| Moffat | 583 | 551 | 576 | 564 |
| Montezuma | 1,049 | 1,033 | 1,036 | 1,048 |
| County | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 |
| Montrose | 1,564 | 1,574 | 1,583 | 1,605 |
| Morgan | 1,094 | 1,060 | 1,097 | 1,123 |
| Otero | 709 | 753 | 751 | 747 |
| Ouray | 408 | 396 | 391 | 402 |
| Park | 1,304 | 1,318 | 1,381 | 1,473 |
| Phillips | 223 | 225 | 231 | 237 |
| Pitkin | 1,217 | 1,264 | 1,333 | 1,327 |
| Prowers | 445 | 416 | 419 | 396 |
| Pueblo | 5,824 | 5,727 | 5,777 | 5,907 |
| Rio Blanco | 277 | 266 | 250 | 240 |
| Rio Grande | 497 | 487 | 505 | 497 |
| Routt | 1,319 | 1,345 | 1,390 | 1,351 |
| Saguache | 264 | 286 | 290 | 287 |
| San Juan | 74 | 77 | 85 | 82 |
| San Miguel | 618 | 605 | 639 | 612 |
| Sedgwick | 92 | 97 | 106 | 110 |
| Summit | 1,336 | 1,326 | 1,413 | 1,423 |
| Teller | 1,586 | 1,609 | 1,643 | 1,674 |
| Washington | 221 | 201 | 210 | 217 |
| Weld | 10,512 | 10,753 | 11,298 | 11,598 |
| Yuma | 455 | 463 | 487 | 481 |
| State Issued | 467 | 448 | 486 | 2,886 |
| TOTAL | 184,174 | 183,983 | 190,529 | 195,603 |

*At the time of publication, the number of motorcycle registrations for calendar year 2014 was the most current information available. (Information from the Colorado Department of Revenue website.)

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Motorcycle Operator Safety Advisory Board

Colorado Revised Statute 43-5-505 recreated and reenacted the Motorcycle Operator Safety Advisory Board.

The Motorcycle Operator Safety Advisory Board consists of:

- The Director of the Department of Transportation or Designee, Glenn Davis, Highway Safety Manager
- The Executive Director of the Department of Revenue or Designee, Carol Olds, Driver Testing and Education Manager
- The Chief of the Colorado State Patrol or Designee, Major Tim Keeton
- Nine members appointed by the Executive Director of the Department of Transportation:
 - Two members who represent MOST vendors
 - Bill Souder, Motorcycle Riding Training Center
 - Dave Tolbert, Motorcycle Training Academy
 - One member who represents retail motorcycle dealers
 - Vacant in FY 2015-16
 - One member who represents third-party testers
 - Bob Frank, Black B.A.G. LLC
 - One member who represents instructor training specialists
 - Greg Schmitz
 - One member who represents the motorcycle-riding community
 - Elizabeth "Bex" Becker
 - One member who represents motorcycle training providers not affiliated with the program
 - Deb Eyre, Harley-Davidson
 - One member who represents law enforcement agencies
 - Al Graham, Aurora Police Department
 - One member who represents motorcycle insurance providers
 - Chris Abbott

The Motorcycle Operator Safety Advisory Board meetings were held quarterly on the following dates: August 28, 2015, November 13, 2015, February 12, 2016, and May 13, 2016.

The Motorcycle Operator Advisory Board shall develop a vision and mission consistent with the program and meet to:

- Recommend training methods to increase safety and reduce motorcycle crashes and injuries
- Recommend training methods to increase program effectiveness
- Recommend improvements to the program and training
- Make recommendations on expenditures of fund moneys

Motorcycle Safety Advisory Board

The Motorcycle Safety Advisory Board developed the following mission and vision for the program.

Motorcycle Operator Safety Training (MOST) Mission

Colorado strives to provide a safe motorcycling environment because MOST supports motorcycle training and lifelong learning, along with motorcycle safety awareness to achieve reductions in motorcycle crashes and related injuries and fatalities.

Motorcycle Operator Safety Training (MOST) Vision

Provide guidance and oversight to ensure all MOST students receive consistent, high-quality motorcycle rider instruction and are taught by well-trained, ethical instructors in an atmosphere that promotes student success and endorses lifelong learning, personal growth and responsible riding, as well as promoting motorcycle safety and awareness.



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