

# Virginia CODES

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## 2008 Motorcycle Crashes

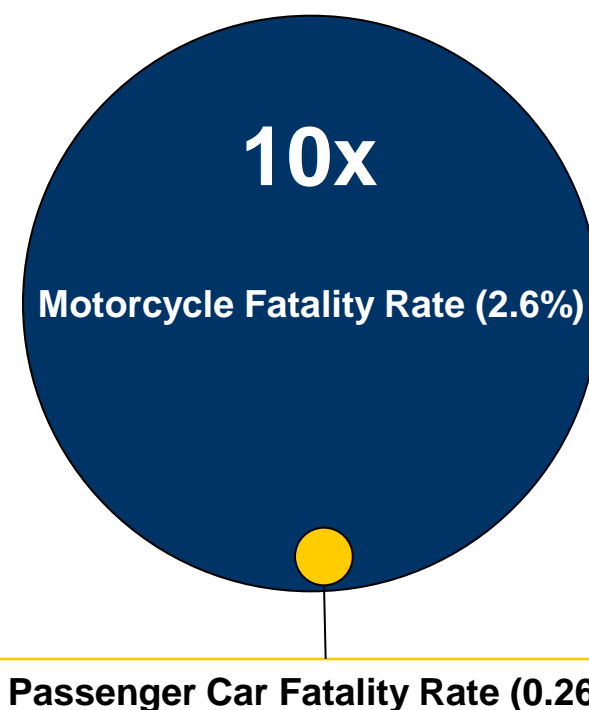
In 2008, there were 2,638 motorcycle crashes in Virginia:

- 2,404 motorcycle riders were injured
- 79 riders were killed
- 92% involved in crashes were male
- 42% involved in crashes were 35-55 years old

- Beyond emergency room or outpatient care, 543 motorcycle riders were hospitalized with expenses totaling over \$31 million or \$57,000 per person
- Although hospitalizations decreased by 22%, hospital expenses increased by 32%

**The 2008 helmet use rate in Virginia was 98%**

**The motorcycle fatality rate is approximately 10 times higher than that of passenger cars**



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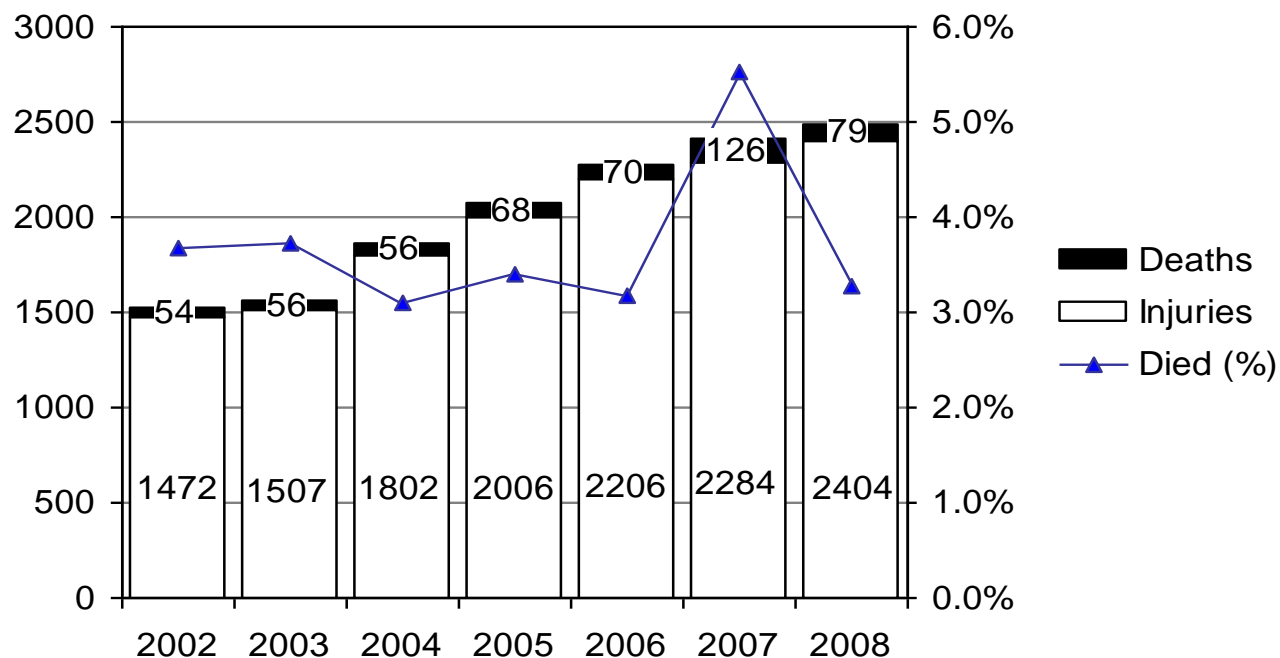
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## Virginia Motorcycle Deaths & Injuries



### Wearing Helmets Save Lives! – National Statistics-2008



- NHTSA estimates that helmets saved 1,829 motorcyclists' lives in 2008, and that 823 more could have been saved if all motorcyclists had worn helmets.
- One out of four motorcycle riders in fatal crashes in 2008 were riding their vehicles with an invalid license.
- Helmets are estimated to be 37% effective in preventing fatal injuries to motorcycle riders. This means for every 100 motorcycle riders killed in crashes while not wearing a helmet, 37 of them could have been saved had all 100 worn helmets.

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