Helmet Laws

State	Bicycle	Motorcycle
Alabama	Under 16	All riders
Alaska	---	Under 18; passengers of all ages and operators under 18, and operators with learner's or instructional permits
Arizona	---	Under 18
Arkansas	---	Under 21
California	Under 18	All riders
Colorado	---	Under 18 and passengers under 18
Connecticut	Under 16	Under 18; covers operators with learner's or instructional permits
Delaware	Under 18	Under 19; operators and passengers must carry an approved helmet
D.C.	Under 16	All riders
Florida	Under 16	Under 21**
Georgia	Under 16	All riders
Hawaii	Under 16	Under 18
Idaho	---	Under 18
Illinois	---	*No law currently exists*
Indiana	---	Under 18
Iowa	---	*No law currently exists*
Kansas	---	Under 18
Kentucky	---	Under 21; covers all operators with instructional/learner's permits**
Louisiana	Under 12	All riders
Maine	Under 16	Under 18; covers all operators with instructional/learner's permits, all operators within the first year of licensure, and passengers under 18 and those riding with operators who are required to wear a helmet
Maryland	Under 16	All riders
Massachusetts	Under 17*	All riders
Michigan	---	Under 21***
Minnesota	---	Under 18; covers all operators with instructional/learner's permits
Mississippi	---	All riders
Missouri	---	All riders
Montana	---	Under 18
Nebraska	---	All riders
Nevada	---	All riders
New Hampshire	Under 16	*No law currently exists*
New Jersey	Under 17	All riders
New Mexico	Under 18	Under 18
New York	Under 14*	All riders
North Carolina	Under 16	All riders

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North Dakota	---	Under 18 and passengers of operators under 18
Ohio	---	Under 18 and passengers of operators under 18; covers all operators in the first year of licensure
Oklahoma	---	Under 18
Oregon	Under 16	All riders
Pennsylvania	Under 12	Under 21; Pennsylvania's motorcycle helmet law covers all operators during the first two years of licensure unless the operator has completed a state safety course or Motorcycle Safety Foundation safety course
Rhode Island	Under 16	Under 21; covers all operators in the first year of licensure, and all passengers
South Carolina	---	Under 21
South Dakota	---	Under 18
Tennessee	Under 16	All riders
Texas	---	Under 21****
Utah	---	Under 18
Vermont	---	All riders
Virginia	---	All riders
Washington	---	All riders
West Virginia	Under 15	All riders
Wisconsin	---	Under 18; covers all operators with instructional/learner's permits
Wyoming	---	Under 18
Total (Incl. D.C.) Universal Law/Universal + Partial Law	**22**	**20/48**

*Prohibits transportation of children under 1 on a bicycle.
**Permits riders 21 and older to ride without a helmet if they can provide proof that they are covered by a medical insurance policy.
***Permits riders 21 and older to ride without a helmet if they can provide proof of medical insurance policy and completion of a motorcycle training and safety course, or have had their motorcycle endorsement for at least two years.
**** Permits riders 21 and older to ride without a helmet if they can provide proof of medical insurance policy or completion of a motorcycle training and safety course.

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