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Speeding is cited as a major factor in nearly one-third of motor vehicle crashes annually in the United States. Setting speed limits has traditionally been the responsibility of states, except for the period 1973-1994. During that period the federal government enacted mandatory speed limit ceilings on interstate highways and so-called interstate look-alike roads through the National Maximum Speed Limit (NMSL) policy. The NMSL was repealed in 1995. Most states raised speed limits after the repeal of NMSL.

In 1999, the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) funded a research project to study the effects of the repeal of NMSL. In that study, and in a special issue on speeding released in 2003, researchers reiterated concern about the societal cost of speeding in the U.S. According to the most recent IIHS report, higher travel speeds on rural interstates are responsible for an average 35 percent increase in death rates.

In an effort to understand the continued role speeding plays in highway fatalities, the Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA) with financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Transportation, convened a national forum focusing on excessive speed. The outcome of the June 2005 forum will be recommendations for a national speed strategy in which federal, state and local actions to control speeding can be identified, coordinated and implemented.

This Survey of the States report provides background information for the National Forum in reducing speeding-related fatalities and also provides a snapshot of state countermeasures.

To gauge what speeding reduction efforts states and territories are undertaking, GHSA asked state highway safety agencies to complete a questionnaire on the issue. Forty-seven states plus Guam, the District of Columbia and the Indian Nations responded. Individual responses are provided in Appendix A.

GHSA's Survey of the States found:

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While all jurisdictions have developed and use a state-specific standardized crash report form, forms vary from state to state, making regional comparisons difficult. Some states are able to isolate speeding-related fatal and injury crashes while others are not.

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Speeding-related crash data, if available, is available statewide in most instances.

Speeding-related citation and/or conviction data is not as frequently collected or maintained in a statewide database.

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Aggressive driving is rarely defined in state statutes. Ten states reported as having enacted legislation specifically defining aggressive driving. Some states use informal definitions, some use federal definitions, and some states use other statutes such as reckless driving. It does appear that the number of states defining aggressive driving in state statutes is increasing, however. In January 2001, GHSA published a Survey of the States on the subject of aggressive driving. At that time only four states reported having enacted specific aggressive driving legislation.

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Geographic and demographic data isolated to speeding (crashes or citations) is not readily available in a statewide database format. S

Most jurisdictions did not isolate speeding in terms of targeting federal highway safety funding. Rather, speeding was most often included as one of several components of funded activities.

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Nearly all respondents reported a public perception that there exists a cushion above a posted speed limit in which officers will not cite offenders. The range most often reported was 5-10 miles per hour above the posted limit.

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**Executive Summary** 

### Background

Speeding is one of the most prevalent factors in motor vehicle crashes. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) lists speeding as the third leading contributing factor in traffic fatalities. Speeding continues to be cited as a major factor in almost one-third (31 percent) of traffic fatalities nationally and is estimated to cost \$40 billion each year. State crash data for local roadways and collector roads also points to speeding as a contributing factor in a significant number of fatal and injury crashes.

Speeding is often defined in code or policy in terms such as driving too fast for conditions or driving in excess of the posted speed limit. Responsibility for setting speed limits rests with state and local governments. However, in 1973 Congress preempted state and local authority and enacted a national speed policy entitled the National Maximum Speed Limit (NMSL.) The provision was authorized during the energy crisis and was intended to conserve fuel and decrease the nation's reliance on petroleum. The NMSL limited speeds on interstates and limited access roadways to 55 mph. In 1987 and again in 1991, Congress allowed states to raise the maximum speed limits to 65 mph outside urban areas. Following years of controversy over the NMSL, Congress repealed the national speed policy in 1995. The repeal meant state and local governments once again controlled speed limits on all state and local roadways.

After federal controls were removed on the interstate system, many states also increased speed limits on local roadways, particularly on rural freeways. Not surprisingly, state crash data since 1995 is showing continuing increases in the number of deaths and injuries attributed to speed.

In 1999, the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) funded a study of the effects of the repeal of the national maximum speed limit law.

Researchers compared the number of motor vehicle deaths in 24 states that raised speed limits with corresponding fatality counts in the 6 years prior to the repeal. Researchers also compared fatality counts from 7 states that didn't change speed lim-

its. In 1999, IIHS estimated a 15 percent increase in fatalities on interstates and freeways in states that raised speed limits. In 2003, in a special issue on speeding, the Institute reiterated concern about speeding in the U.S. and the related societal cost in terms of increased death and injury rates. In the most recent report, IIHS found when states increased the speed limit to 75 mph, a 38 percent increase in the number of deaths per million vehicle miles of travel occurred, compared to states that did not increase the speed limit. States that increased speed limits to 70 mph experienced a 35 percent increase, resulting in approximately 1,100 more deaths.

Today, despite the substantial social and technological changes that have occurred in the past decade, speeding remains an important public policy and traffic safety issue. States are becoming increasingly concerned that gains made in the areas of safety restraint usage and impaired driving have been offset by increased fatalities and injuries due to higher speeds. In an effort to understand the continued role speeding plays in highway fatalities, the Governors Highway Safety Association, with assistance from several federal agencies and private organizations, organized a national forum focusing on excessive speeding. The outcome of the June 2005 forum will be recommendations for a national speed strategy in which federal, state and local actions to control speeding can be identified, coordinated and implemented.

## Effect of Speed in Crashes Speed limits are typically set based on roadway design. A curving two-lane rural road will have a

different speed limit allowance than a modern con-

trolled access freeway. Road characteristics that contribute to an assigned speed limit include sight distance (how far ahead the driver can see), road curvature, number of lanes, surface condition, the number of intersections, access to nearby commercial developments, whether the roadway is within city limits and so forth.

However, while road characteristics determine what is physically possible for a vehicle, adding the human element to the equation changes the out-

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come. Actual driving speed is strongly influenced by what seems appropriate to the driver at the time. The perception of risk, i.e. whether the driver perceives that he/she will be caught speeding, is also a factor in how well a posted speed limit is followed.

The relationship between vehicle speed and crash severity is based on the laws of physics. Excessive vehicle speed (speed above that for which the roadway was designed, exceeding posted limits or speed too fast for conditions) has severe and often times disastrous effects in a crash, because speed:

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Reduces a driver's ability to negotiate curves or maneuver around obstacles in the roadway

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Extends the distance necessary for a vehicle to stop

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Increases the distance a vehicle travels while the driver reacts to a hazard

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Compromises the integrity of the vehicle structure

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Decreases the effectiveness of vehicle design features such as airbags and restraint systems

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Decreases the ability of roadway hardware such as guardrails, barriers and impact attenuators to protect occupants Increases tread wear on tires and wear on braking systems

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Increases the risk of crashes because other vehicles and pedestrians may not be able to judge distance accurately

Survey of the States: Speeding
To better understand speeding as a highway safety
issue at the state level, GHSA asked state highway
safety offices to complete a questionnaire on the
speeding issue. Forty-seven states plus Guam, the
District of Columbia and the Indian Nations responded. Individual responses are provided in Appendix A.

Highway safety jurisdictions were asked to provide

the following information:

1. Comparison of speed limits between 1994 (just

before the repeal of NMSL) to 2004. States/territories were also queried about different speed limits for trucks.

- 2. What type of speeding-related data each state/ter-
- ritory maintains, including any data about aggressive driving, and whether and how the state/territory defines "aggressive driving."
- 3. Proportion of fatal and injury crashes attributed to speeding, and annual number of speeding citations or speeding convictions.
- 4. Description of efforts to reduce excessive speed-

ing, including educational, engineering and enforcement efforts. Respondents were asked to isolate measurable efforts that addressed only speeding, if possible.

5. Percentage of federal highway safety dollars commit-

ted to reducing incidences of speeding, as well as identifying amounts and sources of state funding.

- 6. Impact of speeding and/or aggressive driving programs in the last two years.
- 7. Opinion survey question about whether the motor-

ing public believes police give a cushion above the posted speed limit before issuing a citation.

7 **Summary of Key Results** Speed Limits: 1994 and 2004 Of the 50 respondents, 47 provided information about speed limits in 1994 and 2004. These are shown on Table 1. State **Limited Access Rural** Interstates **Limited Access Urban** Interstates **Other Limited Access** Roads **Truck Speed** (Y or N) 1994 2004 1994 2004 1994 2004 Alabama 65 70 55 60

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Arizona

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Arkansas

Delaware	
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District of Columbia	
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Georgia	

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Guam

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Hawaii

55/65

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Idaho

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Illinois

65 or 55

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Indiana

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Iowa

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50
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ND, OH, OR, SD,

TN, TX,VA and WS.) Differential speed limits for trucks were in place for a variety of reasons, with the most common being urbanized areas, mountainous areas, certain interstates or sections of interstates, primary/secondary/state roads, truck size/weight, roadway type and day/night.

D = Day N = Night U= Urban R = Rural

## Summary of Key Results

To date, 10 states have either enacted aggressive driving legislation or have modified existing reckless driving

statutes to include aggressive driving. Aggressive driving laws typically stipulate that a driver must be observed

demonstrating more than one action included in a series of driver actions that are defined as "aggressive."

## Arizona

Speeding and at least two of the following: failure to obey traffic control device, passing on the right out of regular lanes of traffic, unsafe lane change, following too closely, or failure to yield right of way; and the person's driving is an immediate hazard to another person or vehicle.

### Delaware

At least 3 of the following: speeding, running red lights or stop signs, failure to yield right-of-way, making unsafe lane changes, passing on the shoulder, following too closely and passing stopped school buses.

## Florida

At least two of the following: speeding, unsafe or improper lane change, following too closely, failing to yield right of way, improper passing, and failure to obey traffic control devices.

# Georgia

Operation of a motor vehicle with the intent to annoy, harass, molest, intimidate, injure, or obstruct another person while violating motor vehicle code sections including overtaking and passing another vehicle; traffic lane violations; following too closely; turn signal; lane change; slowing or stopping violations; impeding traffic flows; or reckless driving.

## Maryland

At least three of the following: failure to obey traffic control device, overtaking and passing, passing on right, improper driving on laned roadways, following too closely, failure to yield right of way or exceeding maximum speed limit.

#### Nevada

Within 1 mile, speeds create a hazard for other drivers and at least two of the following: fails to obey traffic control device, passing on the right off of paved roadway, following too closely, lane violation, and failure to yield right of way.

North Carolina Speeding and driving carelessly and heedlessly in willful or wanton disregard of the rights or

safety of others (defined as reckless driving and includes at least two of the following: running a red light, running a stop sign, illegal passing, failing to yield right of way, and following too close.)

## Rhode Island

At least two of the following: failure to obey traffic control device, passing on the right, driving outside the lanes of traffic, following too closely, failure to yield right of way, failure to use turn signals, and use of emergency lane for travel.

## Utah

Amended reckless driving law to include aggressive driver actions: willful and wanton disregard and 3 or more moving violations in one episode.

# Virginia

Is a hazard to others with the intent to harass, intimidate, injure or obstruct another person and commits at least one of the following: failure to drive on the right side of highway, failure to drive in lanes marked for traffic, following too closely, failure to yield right of way, failure to obey traffic control device, passing on right, speeding and stopping on a highway.

Table 2 Aggressive Driving Laws

Speeding-related data; aggressive driving data Being able to isolate and capture specific speeding-related deaths and injuries is an integral part of comparing the incidence of speeding-related deaths and injuries to all deaths and injuries within a state. Such identification allows jurisdictions to subsequently target funds to address the specific problem. While all jurisdictions have developed and use a state-specific standardized crash report form, forms vary from state to state, making regional comparisons difficult. Some states are able to isolate speeding-related fatal and injury crashes while others are not.

Of the 50 jurisdictions responding to the survey, almost all (48) collect speeding-related crash data, primarily from crash reports that are maintained in a state database. Some states also collect specific speed data, not related to speeding citations. By law, Colorado collects 85

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percentile speed data (measur-

ing driving speeds on sections of roadway to calculate the prevailing driving speeds of 85 percent of drivers) from engineering studies in order to change speed limits. Idaho collects speed data from temporary and permanent speed counters located throughout the state. Massachusetts defines speeding-related crashes by considering speeding-related violations issued as the result of a crash, and has identified nine violations that are considered specifically speeding-related. Oklahoma also collects 85

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percentile speeds at vari-

ous points along the highway system. Pennsylvania collects spot speed data manually through radar at specific locations and also uses automatic traffic data

collection devices embedded in the roadway surface to collect speed data on major thoroughfares.

By comparison, speeding-related citation data is not as frequently collected or maintained in a statewide database. In response to the question of maintaining speeding-related citation data, 31 jurisdictions (AL, AK, CA, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, Guam, HI, IL, IA, KY, LA, MD, MA, MS, NC, NV, NH, NJ, OK, SC, SD, TN, TX, VA, WA, WV, WI, WY) responded in the affirmative. Many of the affirmative responses stated that citation database information is only maintained on citations issued by the state police and does not include speeding citations issued by local enforcement agencies.

Some states, while not counting the number of speeding citations, reported they are nonetheless able to extrapolate the effects of speeding by counting the number of speeding violations posted to driving records or through analyzing conviction data. Maintaining both citation and conviction data for comparison purposes is one means of identifying problem areas relating to adjudication.

In responding to a question about collecting aggressive driving data, it is interesting to note that 21 states (CA, CO, DE, D.C., FL, ID, IL, IN, MD, MA, MS, MO, NH, NC, PA, SC, TX, UT, VT, VA, WA) report collecting aggressive driving data, but only 10 states (AZ, DE, FL, GA, MD, NC, NV, RI, UT, VA) report having enacted legislation to legally define "aggressive" driving. Most states reported that aggressive driving is not a category of offense recognized by state statute, but is rather a generally recognized set of behaviors that have been used by law enforcement and the courts to define aggressive driving in crash and citation reports. Some states report using reckless driving statutes to determine aggressive driving offenses. Several jurisdictions reported that state police mirror the National Highway Traffic Safety's (NHTSA) definition of aggressive driving in determining citable

driver actions. NHTSA defines aggressive driving as "the operation of a motor vehicle in a manner which endangers or is likely to endanger persons or property."

Proportion fatal and injury speeding-related data, speed citation data and specific group data One method of identifying and subsequently addressing speeding as an issue is to look at the proportion of fatal and injury crashes attributed to speeding compared with all fatal and injury crashes. Proportional data is useful in determining the overall scope of any particular highway safety problem area. Proportional data is often coupled with citation (or conviction) data to add yet another dimension to the data analysis. A more comprehensive problem identification process is to compare relational data, citation (or conviction) data and geographic, race, gender, age and other grouping data. For example, if all three data sets are available, a highway safety jurisdiction would be

able to isolate speeding as a percentage of crashes, to understand how the problem of speeding is being addressed through adjudication, and to identify significant geographic or population groupings most often associated with the problem of speeding. The appropriate mix of countermeasures could then be applied to address the problem.

Nearly all respondents provided proportional fatal and injury crash data, charts of which are provided in Appendix A, as reported by each respondent. Appendix A also contains information related to speeding citation (or conviction) data where available, as well as data covering over- or under-representation by a given geographic or other group.

Description of efforts to address speeding
When asked to describe efforts to reduce excessive
speeding, jurisdictions were asked to provide information specifically targeting speeding. Nearly all
respondents reported on programs that address
multiple unsafe driving behaviors, among which
was speeding. For example, most states reported
utilizing the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program
(STEP) or similar program to address speeding,
with speeding being one of several components of a
STEP. States also combined impaired driving and
seat belt use programs with speeding enforcement
and education efforts. Specific responses from
each jurisdiction are contained in Appendix A.

Program funding committed to speeding
Jurisdictions were asked to provide information
about the amount or percentage of federal highway
safety dollars committed to reducing speeding in
each of three fiscal years. Responses were a mix of
dollars, percentages and aggregates of all funding
(rather than just funding related to speeding.)
Similarly, the majority of respondents reported
funds committed to STEP or similar programs that
addressed a variety of unsafe driving behaviors,
among which was speeding. It was not possible to
isolate federal dollars committed specifically to

speeding in most instances. Each jurisdiction's specific response is contained in Appendix A.

Of those that did provide percentages of federal highway safety dollars that addressed speeding, at least to some degree, the average range was 15 percent to 20 percent. Four states (AZ, IA, TX, WY) reported a range of 34 percent to 37 percent, and one state (OH) estimated 40 percent.

Colorado was the only state to report using state funds (beyond those committed to state patrol for enforcement activities or used for highway safety personnel expenses.) However, not all states responded to this question, thus more state funds may actually be committed to addressing speeding than what was reported.

Impact of speeding or aggressive driving program in the last two years Some jurisdictions did not have data available for the report period. Of the 50 respondents, 21 jurisdictions (AZ, AR, CA, CO, FL, GA, ID, IL, IA, KS, KY, MD, NJ, OH, PA, SC, SD, UT, VA, WA) reported reductions in speeding, in speeding-related crashes, in numbers of high accident locations or in the death rate per 100 million vehicle miles traveled. Two states (MA, NH) reported increases in the numbers of speeding-related citations. One state (MD) implemented a program targeting speeding and aggressive driving, and reported an increase in public awareness by measuring pre- and post-program awareness levels. One state (VT) observed a relationship between an increase in fatalities and a decrease in funding for enforcement.

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Summary of Key Results

Compliance with posted limits

The three generally recognized elements of traffic safety are the roadway, the vehicle and the driver. Engineers

design roadways, auto manufacturers install safety devices in vehicles and employ the latest safety technology, legis-

latures enact laws... but in the end, traffic safety programs are largely measured by how well the driver chooses to

interact with the roadway, use safety equipment and comply with laws.

One factor that influences driver behavior is known as "perception of risk." This refers to the tendency to obey cer-

tain laws based on whether the driver believes s/he will be cited. Anecdotally, the act of speeding has a low percep-

tion of risk in the eyes of the motoring public. This may be in part due to either a decrease in the number of law

enforcement officers dedicated to enforcing posted speed limits or in part due to a general decrease in the overall

numbers of law enforcement officers nationally. Federal funding to support state and local law enforcement efforts

has been reduced substantially over the last several years. In a January 2005 New York Times interview, Barbara

Harsha, GHSA's Executive Director said, "States are cutting back on law enforcement right now, they're diverting

law enforcement to homeland security, and law enforcement officers are retiring. Resources are stretched thin."

States use a variety of approaches to augment enforcement efforts aimed at reducing speeding. These include:

Stationary Patrol Vehicles (some with manikins) Average traffic speeds tend to be closer to the posted limit

in the immediate vicinity of the patrol vehicle. A Federal Highway Administration synopsis on speeding-related

research noted that average speeds increased to the pre-enforcement level within three days after a single

episode of stationary enforcement, whereas exposure to a stationary patrol vehicle over a five-day period had

the greatest effect in suppressing speeds after enforcement ended.

Aerial Enforcement (marking pavement at intervals so that surveillance aircraft can calculate vehicle speeds)

Research has demonstrated that aerial speed enforcement programs have a generally positive effect in reduc-

ing highway speeds. One Australian study (Kearns and Webster, 1998) found that eleven months of aerial

speed enforcement resulted in a 22 percent decrease in crashes.

Radar and Laser Speed Monitoring Equipment. A Federal Highway Administration research synopsis found

that laser speed guns were significantly more effective in identifying speeding motorists than radar (41 speed-

ing citations per 1,000 vehicles, compared to 33 speeding citations per 1,000 vehicles for radar)

Automated Enforcement. These systems combine radar or laser-measuring technology and video or photo-

graphic identification to automatically detect and record speed limit violations. Generally, radar or infrared laser

instruments detect a speeding vehicle, and trigger a pre-positioned camera to photograph the vehicle's license

plate and driver. The time of the violation and recorded vehicle speed are superimposed on the photograph. If

the license plate number and driver can be clearly identified in the photograph, a speeding citation is issued

and mailed to the registered owner. According to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, speed cameras

are in use in six states plus D.C. as of March 2005. These are Arizona (Mesa, Paradise Valley, Phoenix, Scottsdale, Tempe); California (San Jose); Colorado (Boulder, Denver, Fort Collins); North Carolina (Charlotte-

Mecklenburg); Ohio (Toledo); Oregon (Beaver, Medford, Portland); and Washington D.C.

In this survey, highway safety jurisdictions were asked, "In your opinion, is the motoring public perception that

police give them a cushion above the speed limit? If yes, how much." Of the 50 jurisdictions responding, 42 stat-

ed there does exist a cushion, not only in the minds of the public, but also in enforcement practice. One state (PA)

reported that state law provides for a cushion when enforcement officials use radar or other speed timing devices.

Respondents gave a general range of 5-10 mph over the posted limit before the public believed officers would issue

a citation. With respect to enforcement actions toward speeders, perhaps lowa stated it best: "...it is realistically

impossible, both physically and from a public policy standpoint, to have a zero tolerance toward operator speed."



Alabama noted these limits do not apply to all roadways within the state. In 2004, on unpaved county roads

the maximum speed limit was placed at 35 mph. For paved county roads, the maximum speed limit is 45 mph. Additionally, on two federal and state highways, the maximum speed limit is 55 mph, and on four-lane

highways, the maximum speed limit is 65 mph.

Speeding-related Data

Alabama collects speeding-related crash data from information provided on the state's motor vehicle crash

report forms. Data elements include: over speed limit, under minimum speed and improper driving environ-

ment. Alabama also collects speeding-related citation data. State statutes do not define aggressive driving.

**Proportion Speeding-related Crashes** 

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Alabama

Speed Limits: 1994 and 2004

State

**Limited Access Rural** 

Interstates

Limited Access Urban

Interstates

Other Limited

**Access Roads** 

Truck

Speed

(Y or N)

Alabama

1994

1994
2004
1994
2004
N
65
70
55
60
55
65
Year
Proportion Speeding-
related Crashes
State Patrol
Speeding Citations
2004
Data Not Provided
100,618
2003
0.111
105,368
2002
0.111
95,417

2001

0.110

105,792

2000

0.115

116,463

1999

0.116

**Data Not Provided** 



The state analyzed over representation of speeding in crash reports from cities and counties and identified the

problem as being in rural areas near the large cities. Alabama provided an analysis of speeding-related crashes for

all attributes on the crash form. The following table presents some of the more interesting over representations.

**Efforts to Reduce Excessive Speeding** 

Alabama includes speeding as an element of their Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) efforts. Although the state highway safety office did not fund a STEP in fiscal year (FY) 2004, law enforcement agen-

cies did fund the program, using different sources of funding including Section 163 federal impaired driving

incentive funds. The Interstate 20 project used state funding to support enforcement efforts on speeding, fol-

lowing too close and other crash causing violations. Additionally, the state includes a speeding component in

school presentations on safe driving.

Since speeding is only one of several components of STEP, it was not possible for the state highway safety

office to identify a percentage or amount of federal highway safety dollars committed to reducing speed.

## **Public Perception**

Alabama's state highway safety office felt the motoring public believes police give a 10 mph cushion in enforcing the posted speed limit.

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Group

Degree\*

Single Vehicle

2.4

Off Roadway

2.8

Rural

2.1

# **Country Roads** 3.0 **Open Country** 1.9 Curves 3.0+ Two Lanes 1.6 Darkness 2.0+ Segments 1.4 7 PM-6 AM 2.0+ Alchol Involvement 3.1 Age 16-21 1.7 Male Driver 1.2 Weekends 1.4 Caucasian 1.05

\* Degree refers to the number of times over the expected, when compared with non-speed caused injury crashes.



These limits apply to all roadways within the state.

Speeding-related Data

Alaska reported speeding-related crash data is not collected, although the state does identify human factors

on the motor vehicle crash report form. The state also collects speeding-related citation data. Alaska did not

report whether the state statutes define aggressive driving.

**Efforts to Reduce Excessive Speeding** 

Alaska currently has no active program that specifically addresses speeding. Future activities include imple-

menting a Red Light Running media campaign.

**Public Perception** 

Alaska's state highway safety office felt the motoring public believes police give a 5 mph cushion in enforcing

the posted speed limit.

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Alaska

Speed Limits: 1994 and 2004

State

Limited Access Rural

Interstates

Limited Access Urban

Interstates

Other Limited

**Access Roads** 

Truck

Speed

(Y or N)

Alaska

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The speed data shown applies to all roadways in the state.

Speeding-related Data

Arizona collects speeding-related crash data from Violation/Behavior information retrieved from collision

report forms. Data elements include speed too fast for conditions and exceeded speed limit. The state statute defines aggressive driving as speeding and least two of the following: failure to obey a traffic control

device, passing on the right out of regular lanes of traffic, unsafe lane change, following too closely, or failure

to yield right of way; and the person's driving is an immediate hazard to another person or vehicle. Arizona

provided information on the proportion of fatal and injury crashes where speed was cited as a factor in crash-

es, as shown in the following table:

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Arizona

Speed Limits: 1994 and 2004

State

**Limited Access Rural** 

Interstates

Limited Access Urban

Interstates

Other Limited

**Access Roads** 

Truck

Speed

(Y or N)

Arizona

1994

1994
2004
1994
2004
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65
75 (60 Min)
55
55-65
55
55-65
Year
Percent of Total
Drivers
Percent of Fatal
Drivers
Percent of Injury
Drivers
2003 Exceeded Lawful Speed
0.52
5.62
0.64
2002 Exceeded Lawful Speed
0.58
6.68

0.73
2001 Exceeded Lawful Speed
0.53
5.38
0.69
2003 Too Fast for Conditions
18.84
18.37
19.30
2002 Too Fast for Conditions
18.91
19.11
19.44
2001 Too Fast for Conditions
19.13
21.51
19.77
Annual citations issued by the state patrol or other law enforcement agencies are not available in a statewide database.
Efforts to Reduce Excessive Speeding Arizona implemented a special speeding program, Operation Safe Commute 2002 in two phases. The

Arizona implemented a special speeding program, Operation Safe Commute 2002 in two phases. The first

phase targeted commuter traffic on Interstate 17 from May 20-May 31. The second phase targeted commuter traffic on Interstate 10 from June 3-June 14. The program was overwhelmingly successful, resulting in

a combined collision reduction of 32 percent during the enforcement detail. Desiring to replicate the success

of the initial program, Operation Safe Commute 2003 was also implemented in two phases. The first phase

targeted commuter traffic on Interstate 17 and State Route 101 from May 19-May 30. The second phase

tar-

geted commuter traffic on Interstate 10 both in the east and central valley from June 2-June 13.

Combined

traffic collisions decreased by 37 percent.

Arizona reported committing 34 percent of federal highway safety dollars to reducing speeding in 2003.

2004, 29 percent was expended and in 2005, the state estimated expending 33 percent. No state funds are

specifically dedicated to addressing speeding. Arizona reported the impact of speed/aggressive driving pro-

grams has been a decrease in the number of speeding-related crashes.

**Public Perception** 

Arizona's state highway safety office felt the motoring public believes police give a 10 mph cushion in enforc-

ing the posted speed limit.



These limits do not apply to all roadways within the state. State highways are set at 55 mph, unless other-

wise posted. On limited access Rural Interstates the truck speed limit is 65 mph. Arkansas also reported the

following specified speed limits:

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Rural Freeways - 70 mph for cars and 65 mph for trucks

S

Suburban Freeways - 60 mph for all vehicles

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Urban Freeways - 60 mph for all vehicles

S

Rural Expressways with High-Type Partial Control of Access - 60 mph for all vehicles

Speeding-related Data

Arkansas collects crash data related to speeding, using the driving too fast for conditions data element.

The state does not maintain a speeding-related citation database. State statutes do not define aggressive

driving and no data specific to aggressive driving is collected or maintained.

**Proportion Speeding-related Crashes** 

16

**Arkansas** 

Speed Limits: 1994 and 2004

State

**Limited Access Rural** 

Interstates

Limited Access Urban

Interstates

Other Limited

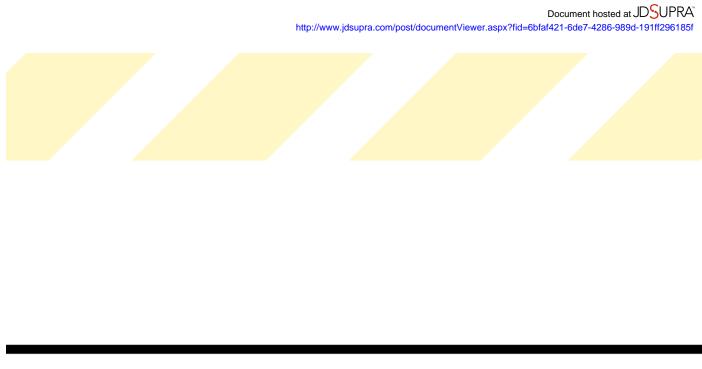
**Access Roads** 

Truck	
Speed	
(Y or N)	
Arkansas	
1994	
2004	
1994	
2004	
1994	
2004	
Υ	
65	
70	
55	
60	
60	
60	
2001	
Speeding	
Related	
Number	
of Crashes	
Percent	
Speed Factor	
Fatal	

109 538 20.26% Injury 1272 11,717 10.86% Total 5069 68,796 7.37% 2002 Speeding Related Number of Crashes Percent **Speed Factor** Fatal 97 557 17.41% Injury 1252 11,430

10.95%
Total
5119
70,903
7.22%
2003
Speeding
Related
Number
of Crashes
Percent
Speed Factor
Fatal
80
564
14.18%
Injury
1022
11,515
8.88%
Total
4392
70,913
6.19%
The state police issued 80,333 citations for speeding in 2002 and 73,703 citations in 2003

Data was not available for 2001.



Data specific to geographic area, race, ethnic group, gender, or age was not readily available in the highway

patrol records. Arkansas has some total speeding-related citation data, with higher numbers reported in the

most urban area within the state.

### **Efforts to Reduce Excessive Speeding**

A state highway police speeding-related enforcement project to improve compliance with speed limits among

commercial vehicles on the interstate system was implemented in fiscal year (FY) 1999 and funded with Section 402 funding through FY 2000. Although Section 402 funding ended, the project was continued dur-

ing FY 2001 FY 2004 using other funds. An added emphasis area of this project was the enforcement of traffic laws in construction work zones. Other funds will be used for FY 2005 enforcement. Speeding-relat-

ed enforcement will continue to be a component of all selective traffic enforcement projects implemented.

Arkansas reported no funds are committed solely and/or specifically to reducing speed. Speeding-related

enforcement is included as an element of each Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) contract.

Although speed and/or aggressive driving programs and data are not specifically tracked, Arkansas reported

measured decreases in speeding-related fatalities and injuries.

#### **Public Perception**

Arkansas' state highway safety office felt the motoring public believes police give a 10 mph cushion in enforcing the posted speed limit.



The above speeds apply to all roadways. In California, the speed limit for trucks in all categories is 55 mph.

Speeding-related Data

California collects speeding-related crash data from information provided on the motor vehicle crash report

form. The state also collects speeding-related citation data. Specific aggressive driving statistics are not col-

lected or maintained in a database, although the state does collect aggressive driving citation data with the

following components: reckless driving, unsafe lane change and following too close.

S

California defines an aggressive driver as one who exhibits the following driving behaviors:

S

Driving with excessive speed

S

Tailgating (the 3-second space cushion is recommended when possible)

S

Frequent unnecessary lane changes

S

Improper merging techniques (having enough room to enter safely)

**Proportion of Speeding-related Crashes** 

18

California

Speed Limits: 1994 and 2004

State

**Limited Access Rural** 

Interstates

Limited Access Urban

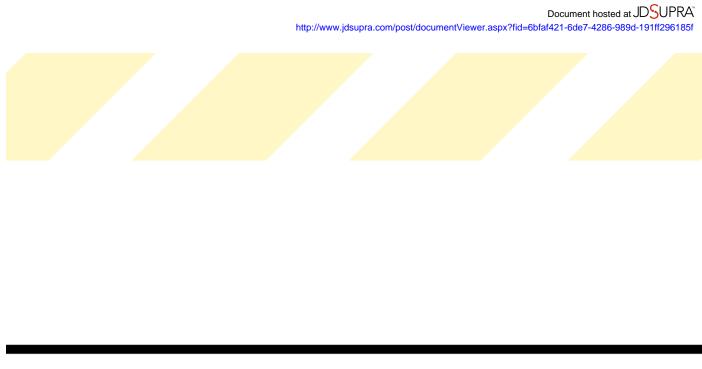
Interstates

Other Limited
Access Roads
Truck
Speed
(Y or N)
California
1994
2004
1994
2004
1994
2004
Y
55
70
55
65
55
65
Year
Speeding-related
Crashes
Total Crashes
State Highway Patrol
Citations

2003
28,205 (36.7%)
76,813
993,592
2002
26,964 (36.1%)
74,655
954,166
2001
27,750 (37.7%)
73,528
925,516

The state highway safety office reported speed data does not show over-representation by any specific geo-

graphic area, race, ethnic group, gender, age or other grouping.



**Efforts to Reduce Excessive Speeding** 

California reported funding a number of speeding-related activities:

S

Sideshows and Street Racing project, in cooperation with allied agencies, to establish a hazard-assessment for

sideshow/street racing activities statewide. The project uses a task force approach to evaluate the results of

street racing collisions due to speed.

S

Corridor Safety Program strategically focuses enforcement efforts on corridors where unusual spikes in the

number of impaired driving, speeding and other primary collision-related factors signal a need for enhanced

enforcement and increased public awareness.

S

Highway patrol radar (installed in 100 percent of enforcement vehicles) and aerial speed enforcement are

used. One educational tool is the SPECial Traffic Education Radar (SPECTER) Trailer. These radar-equipped dis-

play trailers are deployed around school zones, parks, special events and other areas experiencing a high inci-

dence of speed-related conditions. The purpose of the trailers is to give the motoring public a visual evidence

of their speed, remind them of the posted speed limit in the area and encourage them to reduce their speed

accordingly. Many highway patrol jurisdictions have special teams of officers (Specialized Enforcement Units-

SEU) that focus on specific violations for enforcement. Often these teams concentrate efforts on speed laws.

S

Statewide Traffic Collision Reduction on County Roads Project is a statewide exclusive focus on county roads

to reduce traffic collisions caused by the top primary collision factors, including speeding.

Operation Road Share days were conducted four times each month throughout California. Operation Road

Share days were pre-planned events where every available officer conducted rules of the road enforcement for

commercial motor vehicle and passenger vehicle drivers. During an Operation Road Share mobilization, speeding was the most common violation cited.

S

Funding to cities and counties for the purchase of visible display radar trailers, radar and laser speed detection

units, solar powered vehicle speed feedback signs (devices are attached to poles) and flashing beacons.

S

Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) activities that include a focus on speed enforcement and educa-

tion. All STEP programs target enforcement of the top primary collision factors speeding, improper turning,

auto right-of- way, stop signs and so forth.

California reported that in 2003, 2004 and 2005 an average of 15 percent of all federal highway safety dol-

lars were committed to reducing speeding (approximately 12 percent in 2003, approximately 14 percent in

2004 and approximately 18 percent in 2005). The estimated percentage of STEP funds used for speed-relat-

ed activities is 30 percent. California uses state funds for highway patrol speeding enforcement but not for

other grant-related activities.

California reported positive results from speed and/or aggressive driving programs in the last two years. In

2003, the provisional Mileage Death Rate (MDR) was 1.25, which is down from 1.28 in 2002. The MDR measures the number of traffic fatalities per 100 million miles of travel. During the same time period, speed-

ing-related fatal and injury collisions also decreased, from 36 percent to 35.9 percent.

### **Public Perception**

California's state highway safety office felt the motoring public believes police give a 5-10 mph cushion in

enforcing the posted speed limit.



Speed limits shown above apply to all roadways, subject to a traffic engineering study. Speed Zoning Traffic

Engineering Studies by law must contain 85

th

percentile analysis. This type of analysis measures driving

speeds on sections of roadway to calculate speeds of 85 percent of drivers (commonly referred to as the "prevailing speed"). This type of analysis is often used to either increase or decrease a posted limit.

Speeding-related Data

Colorado collects crash data, using driving too fast for conditions and exceeding posted limits data elements.

Speeding-related citation data is also collected, as is aggressive driving data. Colorado state patrol produces

a report on aggressive driving, which is defined as the operation of a motor vehicle in a manner that endan-

gers or is likely to endanger persons or property.

**Proportion Speeding-related Crashes** 

20

Colorado

Speed Limits: 1994 and 2004

State

**Limited Access Rural** 

Interstates

Limited Access Urban

Interstates

Other Limited

**Access Roads** 

Truck

Speed

(Y or N)

Colorado
1994
2004
1994
2004
1994
2004
N
65
75
55
55
55
65
Year
Speeding-related
Fatal Crashes
Speeding-related
Injury Crashes
State Patrol Speeding
Citations
2003
57%
43%
75,070

2002	
55%	
45%	
62,611	
2001	
55%	
45%	
51,706	

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Colorado analyzed data to determine if a specific group or groups are over represented in the crash data.

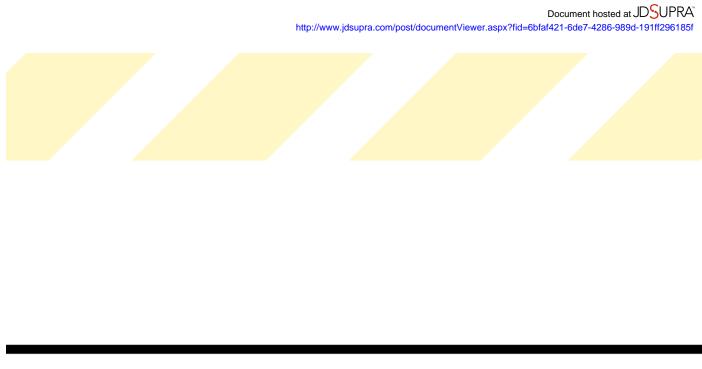
The speed data shows that Adams, Jefferson, and Denver counties had slightly higher accident areas than any

other county. Caucasians, male and the 16-18 years age group had the highest number of crashes.

# Efforts to Reduce Excessive Speeding

Colorado implemented a Click-it-or-Ticket Campaign that primarily addresses seat belt use, although the majority of violations are for speeding. (In Colorado, in order to cite a driver for not wearing a seat belt, another traffic violation must occur. This is known as a secondary seat belt law.) Colorado has no specific

programs that deal only with excessive speeding.



The state highway safety office reported the following aggressive driving programs, in which speeding is an enforcement factor: S 2003 Aggressive Driving Enforcement in Construction Zones \$50,000 (State funds) S 2003 Aggressive Driving Enforcement /Colorado State Patrol \$200,000 (State funds, \$154,000 agency match) S 2003 Weld County Sheriff's Office Traffic Unit \$104,000 (State funds, \$312,000 agency match) 2003 El Paso County Sheriff's Office Aggressive Driving \$26,000 (State funds, \$58,000 agency match) 2003 Colorado State Patrol Motorcycle Team Enforcement \$250,000 (State funds, \$288,000 agency match) S 2004 Aggressive Driver Enforcement, Colorado State Patrol \$250,000

(State funds, \$378,670 agency match) S 2004 Construction Zone Enforcement \$125,000 S 2005 Aggressive Driver Enforcement/Colorado State Patrol \$250,000 (State funds, \$378,670 agency match) S 2005 High Hazard Enforcement Golden \$107,000 (State funds, \$62,000 agency match) S 2005 Construction Zone Enforcement \$125,000 (State funds) Colorado state highway safety office is committed to reducing crashes and improving transportation efficiency through reducing or managing the gap in driving speeds among drivers on a roadway, known as speed `differential.' When the speed differential is too great, there is a greater likelihood of crashes occurring. Colorado manages speed differentials by establishing a speed limit as closely as possible to the 85 th percentile (the speed at which 85 percent of drivers are driving). Colorado's Construction Zone Enforcement Program, funded at \$125,000 in 2004, utilizes the state patrol and concentrates on speeding enforcement. The state routinely uses state dollars to perform speedzoning

activities that establish speed limits on curves and on tangent sections of highway.

Colorado reported a positive impact of speeding-related programs in the last two years. The state compares

pre- and post-program crash and violation data at locations where speeding and aggressive driving-related

programs were implemented. If the number of violations for speeding, red light running, careless driving,

failure to yield, failure to stop and other aggressive driving violations has decreased, the program is consid-

ered successful. A decrease in numbers of crashes is also used as an indicator of success.

The state focuses on eliminating inappropriately low speed limits and adjusting speed limits to agree with

prevailing traffic speeds. By doing so, Colorado has reduced the number of dangerous locations with high-

speed differentials, thereby reducing traffic turbulence and aggressive driving incidences.

**Public Perception** 

Colorado's state highway safety office felt the motoring public believes police generally give a 7-10 mph cush-

ion in enforcing the posted speed limit.



Connecticut has a maximum 55 mph speed limit on all secondary roads within the state.

Speeding-related Data

Connecticut collects speeding-related data through enforcement actions, written warnings and speeding-relat-

ed crash data. The most common data element used to collect the information is speed too fast for condi-

tions. The state also collects speeding-related citation data.

State statutes do not define aggressive driving, although speeding, unsafe lane changes, following too close

and reckless driving are all considered to be acts of aggressive driving.

**Proportion of Speeding-related Crashes** 

22

Connecticut

Speed Limits: 1994 and 2004

State

**Limited Access Rural** 

Interstates

**Limited Access Urban** 

Interstates

Other Limited

**Access Roads** 

Truck

Speed

(Y or N)

Connecticut

1994

2004

1994

2004
1994
2004
N
55
65
55
55
55
65
Year
Speeding as a
Factor in Crashes
State Police Speeding
Tickets
2003
33.7%
92,907
2002
34.5%
93,997
2001
30.9%
102,098
Connecticut speed data shows over-representation in fatal crashes among drivers ages 16-20 and 21-34, where speed was in excess of 75 mph.

## **Efforts to Reduce Excessive Speeding**

Connecticut state police utilize marked and unmarked patrol vehicles to identify aggressive (speeding) driv-

ers. Aircraft is utilized in tandem with ground units. Periodic public information campaigns are coordinated

with special enforcement efforts. Approximately 20 percent of the annual funding is provided to the state

police for speeding-related efforts.

## **Public Perception**

Connecticut's state highway safety office felt the motoring public believes police give a 10 mph cushion in

enforcing the posted speed limit.



The 2004 increased speed limits shown above apply to State Route 1 and Interstate 495 only. Trucks do not

have a separate speed limit.

Speeding-related Data

Delaware collects and identifies speeding-related crash data where the primary contributing circumstance for

the crash is speeding too fast for conditions. The state also collects speeding-related citation data as well as

aggressive driving data. Data collected and maintained for aggressive driving includes: primary contributing

circumstance in crashes; aggressive driving violations; crash location; predominant times/days of the week/month; and gender.

Delaware has encoded aggressive driving in the state statutes as: Anyone who commits three targeted traffic

offenses in a single incident (Delaware Code says "in continuous conduct".) The targeted offenses

speeding, running red lights or stop signs, failure to yield right-of-way, making unsafe lane changes, passing

on the shoulder, following too closely and passing stopped school buses.

**Proportion of Speeding-related Crashes** 

23

Delaware

Speed Limits: 1994 and 2004

State

**Limited Access Rural** 

Interstates

Limited Access Urban

Interstates

Other Limited

**Access Roads** 

Truck

Speed

(Y or N)
Delaware
1994
2004
1994
2004
1994
2004
N
55
65
55
65
55
55
Delaware analyzed speed data for over representation by any specific geographic area, race, ethnic group, gender, age or other grouping. Males were over-represented in aggressive driving related crashes in
2003.  Males caused sixty-five percent of the aggressive driving crashes. Additionally, 16-24 year old drivers caused
fifty-one percent of the aggressive driving crashes. Data related to race is not collected on the state's motor vehicle crash report, although the state will begin collecting the information in 2005 with the statewide implementation of the state's automated crash report form.
Year
Speeding-related
Fatal Crashes
Speeding-related

Injury Crashes
State Patrol
Speeding Tickets
2003
22 (16%)
399 (7%)
44,551
2002
20 (17%)
407 (7%)
47,345
2001
22 (16%)
399 (7%)
44,551



**Efforts to Reduce Excessive Speeding** 

In 2004 the state highway safety office coordinated a six-week enforcement and education mobilization titled

Operation Slow It Down specifically aimed at reducing speeding-related crashes. The initiative was in response to the escalating number of speeding-related fatal crashes the state was experiencing. In order to

increase the impact of the campaign, the state's highway safety office partnered with the state's department of

transportation, emergency medical services, law enforcement agencies and the Dover Air Force Base. The

campaign included the following components:

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13 police agencies were identified to participate based on locations of speeding-related crashes. Each agency was provided overtime funds for speeding enforcement activities in their respective jurisdiction.

S

A kick-off press event, featuring speakers from each of the partnering disciplines.

S

Recorded radio spots by EMS, law enforcement and highway safety personnel for airing throughout the state.

S

Stepped-up speeding-related enforcement activities conducted on Dover Air Force Base, using speed trailers and displayed campaign messages on variable message boards.

Delaware's highway safety office reported no funds are directed specifically toward reducing incidences of

speeding other than for the special enforcement campaign. However, the state does track the percentage of

aggressive driving fund levels, including speeding. The state reported 8 percent of highway safety state funds

were allocated to aggressive driving enforcement in 2003. In 2004, 17 percent of funds were allocated and

in 2005, 19 percent of funds have been allocated for aggressive driving.

However, funding and programs have had minimal impact. In 2000, speeding attributed to 9 percent of

fatal crashes. The percentage has increased since 2000 to 16 percent in 2004, despite slight reductions

between 2001 and 2003. The percentage of personal injury crashes that were attributed to speeding has remained fairly constant since 2000 at 6 percent.

**Public Perception** 

Delaware's state highway safety office felt the motoring public believes police give a 10 mph cushion in enforcing the posted speed limit.

24

Delaware



Speed limits identified apply to all roadways within the District. D.C. has no separate speed limit for trucks.

Speeding-related Data

The District of Columbia collects speeding-related crash data via the police report using the exceeding posted limits

data element. D.C. also collects speeding-related citation data as well as aggressive driving data. The District

defines aggressive driving as red light running, stop sign violation, speeding, unsafe lane changes and tailgating.

**Proportion of Speeding-related Crashes** 

25

District of Columbia

Speed Limits: 1994 and 2004

State

**Limited Access Rural** 

Interstates

**Limited Access Urban** 

Interstates

Other Limited

**Access Roads** 

Truck

Speed

(Y or N)

District of Columbia

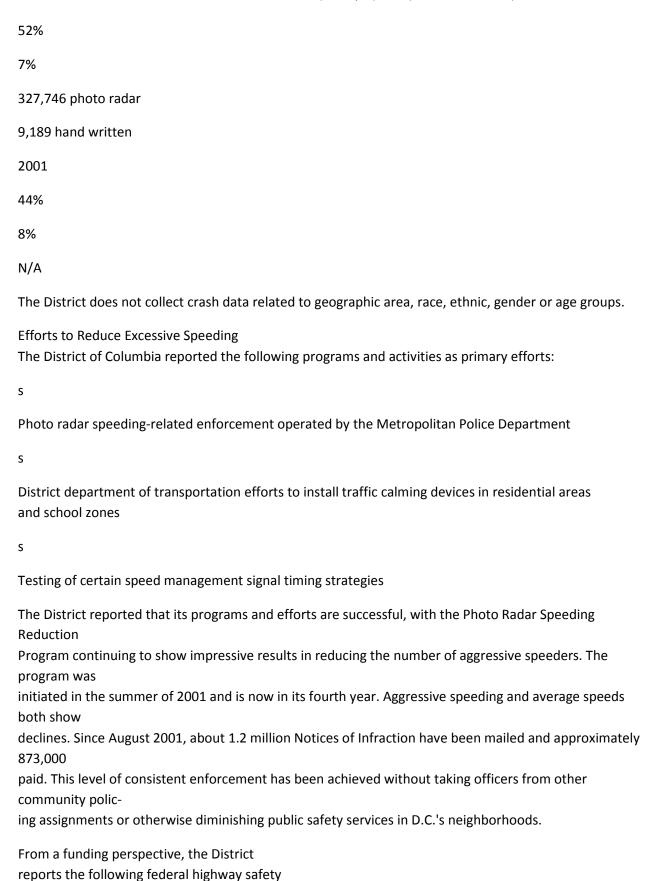
1994

2004

1994

2004

1994	
2004	
N	
N/A	
N/A	
55	
55	
N/A	
N/A	
Year	
Percent Speeding-	
related Fatalities	
Percent Speeding-	
related Injuries	
Police Department	
Speeding Citations	
2004	
Data Not Available	
Data Not Available	
423,910 photo radar 10,391 hand written	
2003	
47%	
8%	
Data Not Available	
2002	



Section 402 levels of funding for the periods requested in the questionnaire:

**Public Perception** 

D.C.'s highway safety office felt the motoring public believes police give a 5 mph cushion in enforcing the

posted speed limit.

2005 obligations

\$174,483

2004 expenditures

\$ 37,118

2003 expenditures

\$259,370



Speed limit changes do not apply to all roadways. The changes applied only to the interstate highway system

and other limited access roadways outside of urban areas with a population of less than 5,000 with at least

four lanes and a median strip. The maximum speed in any residential or business district is 30 mph. In both

years, the maximum speed limit in these areas may have been reduced to 25 miles per hour (1994) and 20 or

25 miles per hour (2004) if after an investigation it was deemed reasonable. In all other areas the maximum

speed limit was 55 miles per hour for both years. The state has no specialized speed limits for trucks.

## Speeding-related Data

Florida collects speeding-related crash data using the exceeded safe speed limit and exceeded posted limit

data elements. Florida has an aggressive driving statute, but currently does not formally collect aggressive

driving data other than a check box on the citation form indicating the officer deemed the infraction an act of

aggressive driving as defined in Florida law. Florida statute defines "aggressive careless driving" as commit-

ting two or more of the following defined acts simultaneously or in succession: exceeding the posted speed

limit; unsafely or improperly changing lanes; following another vehicle too closely; failing to yield right of

way; improperly passing; violating traffic control and signal devices.

Proportion Speeding-related Crashes
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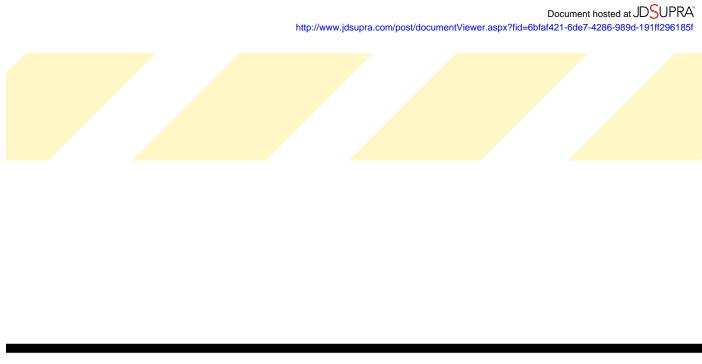
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26
Florida
Speed Limits: 1994 and 2004
State
Limited Access Rural
Interstates
Limited Access Urban
Interstates
Other Limited
Access Roads
Truck
Speed
(Y or N)
Florida
1994
2004
1994
2004

1994
2004
N
65
70
55/65
55/65
55/65
65/70
Year
Speeding-related
Fatalities (Percent Total)
Speeding-related
Injuries (Percent Total)
2003
464 (14.89%)
5001 (3.60%)
2002
498 (15.84%)
5002 (4.00%)
2001
446 (14.80%)
5132 (3.53%)
2001
2002

2003
Highway
Patrol
All
Others
Highway
Patrol
All
Others
Highway
Patrol
All
Others
Exceeded 55
78,437
50,019
37,875
33,052
4,933
3,497
Exceeded 65
40,640
6,792
18,053
4,669

914
124
Exceeded Posted Speed
205,342
666,411
330,266
755,391
388,862
766,356
Speed Unsafe for Conditions
1,667
16,124
2,568
19,752
1,543
21,027
Total
326,086
739,346
388,762
812,864
396,252
791,004
Florida reported the following speeding citation information:



Florida analyzed speed data for over representation to create a Highway Safety Matrix each year to rank cities

and counties in all traffic safety areas, including speeding. The matrix is based on fatalities and severe injury

crashes. While the matrix does provide geographical information on where the most speeding-related crashes

occur relative to population, it does not provide for gender, race, ethnic group or other grouping.

**Efforts to Reduce Excessive Speeding** 

Florida targets specific activities and programs toward reducing excessive speed. In the area of training, dur-

ing fiscal year 2004, the following classes were provided:

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Three Police Traffic Radar Instructor classes 23 total students

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Three Police Traffic Laser Instructor classes 20 total students

Because Florida requires that a radar or laser operator be certified through Florida Department of Law Enforcement, the instructor training classes enable officers to become radar and laser instructors, and thus

able to certify personnel to conduct radar and laser speeding-related enforcement within their communities.

During fiscal year 2004, Florida also awarded fifty-one grants to state and local agencies for radar and laser

speed measuring units, speed-monitoring trailers, message boards and public awareness items. In addition,

funding was provided to traffic unit personnel to specifically target the speeder and the aggressive driver.

Grant funded agencies are required to collect local data to identify areas with a high incidence of speed viola-

tors, as well as other aggressive driving behaviors. Specialized random enforcement operations are conduct-

ed in the previously identified areas. All grant-funded officers are provided with radar, laser and video cam-

eras to assist in the prosecution of offenders.

Speeding-related projects constituted approximately 14 percent of the total safety grant funds in 2003, and

approximately 16 percent in 2004. The percentage is expected to be about the same in 2005. There are

no

state funds being used for speeding-related activities.

Florida reported a significant decline in the number of speeding and aggressive driving related fatalities and

injuries in the past two years. This is especially true in locations where aggressive enforcement is conducted

on a regular basis.

# **Public Perception**

Florida's state highway safety office felt most Florida residents believe police give a 10 mph cushion in enforcing the posted speed limit and issue a ticket at 15 mph over the limit. The exceptions are school and

work zones. Additionally, school buses are not permitted to exceed 55 miles per hour at any time.



Speed limits indicated above do not apply to all roadways within the state. Speed limits on state highways

range from 45 mph to 65 mph, depending on the area. Most city streets are 30 mph to 45 mph. There are

no separate speed limits for trucks.

Speeding-related Data

Georgia collects speeding-related crash data, primarily from information entered on the motor vehicle crash

report form. The state also collects speeding citation data. Although Georgia defines aggressive driving in

state statutes, no specific data is collected about aggressive driving. Georgia's definition of aggressive driving

states a person commits the offense of aggressive driving when he or she operates any motor vehicle with the

intent to annoy, harass, molest, intimidate, injure, or obstruct another person, including overtaking and pass-

ing; traffic lane violations; following too closely; turn signals, changing lanes, slowing or stopping; impeding

traffic flow; motorcycle violations; or reckless driving.

**Proportion Speeding-related Crashes** 

28

Georgia

Speed Limits: 1994 and 2004

State

Limited Access Rural

Interstates

Limited Access Urban

Interstates

Other Limited

**Access Roads** 

Truck

Speed

(Y or N)	
Georgia	
1994	
2004	
1994	
2004	
1994	
2004	
N	
55	
70	
55	
55-65	
55	
65	
Year	
Speeding-related	
Fatal Crashes	
State Patrol	
Speeding Citations	
2003	
Data Not Available	
204,128	
2002	
20%	

189,690 2001

20%

173,743

Information relating to geographic area, race, ethnic, gender or age groups that may be over represented in

crash data is not currently available.

**Efforts to Reduce Excessive Speeding** 

Georgia implements a number of law enforcement task forces around the state with a speeding component.

Two initiatives specifically target excessive speed in the state. The first is a ten- agency task force primarily

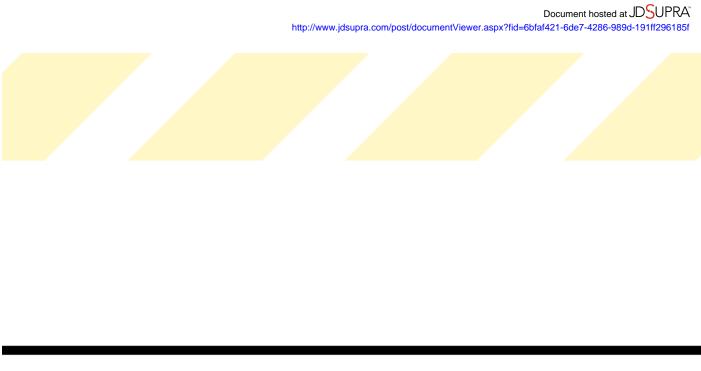
in the metro Atlanta area that addresses the occurrences of speeding and aggressive driving. The acronym

for the task force is HEAT or Highway Enforcement of Aggressive Traffic. The state initially funded eight local law enforcement agencies in the Metro Atlanta area and provided low profile police vehicles, all with

the same markings and look with the exception of the agency's name. These units have become extremely

successful in combating speeding as well as aggressive and impaired driving in the metro area. The concept

is now spreading beyond the metro Atlanta area to other jurisdictions across the state.



The second initiative was the extremely successful 100 Days of Summer HEAT sustained speeding enforce-

ment campaign conducted during the summer of 2004. The enforcement period lasted from the May Click it

or Ticket Mobilization through the Labor Day Impaired Driving Mobilization. Law enforcement agencies around the state concentrated enforcement efforts, with massive corridor speeding-related enforcement

occurring at pre-scheduled times. Paid media and state department of transportation message boards reminded the motoring public about the statewide enforcement and played a key role in the campaign's suc-

cess. The campaign resulted in a 2.2 percent increase in the state's seatbelt usage rate (84.5 percent to 86.7

percent), a reduction in speeding-related fatalities from the same period in 2003 and a 14 percent reduction

in overall fatalities from the same period in 2003. A considerable reduction in holiday fatalities during the

period was also noted. During the three-month period, Georgia's law enforcement officers issued over 223,000 speeding citations and arrested almost 16,000 impaired drivers.

Georgia's state highway safety office includes a speeding component in Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) contracts. The state reported the combined total of speeding-related activities funded in 2003 at 16.33 percent and 21.04 percent in 2004. Georgia expects to expend 29 percent of their overall fed-

eral highway safety dollars in 2005 on speeding-related activities. There are no state funds available.

Georgia efforts to address the speed issue have proven successful, as evidenced by a reduction in speeding-

related fatalities.

## **Public Perception**

Georgia's state highway safety office felt the motoring public believes police give a 10 mph cushion in enforc-

ing the posted speed limit.



Speed limits listed above apply to all roadways in Guam. There is a specific speed limit also for trucks.

Speeding-related Data

Guam collects speeding-related crash data and speeding-related citation data. Statutes do not define aggres-

sive driving and no data is collected specific to aggressive driving. Crash and citation data was not readily available for inclusion in this report. Available data does not indicate over representation by any specific geographic area, race, ethnic group, gender, age or other grouping.

### Efforts to Reduce Speed

Guam includes speed as an element of the territory's Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) efforts.

This includes stationary enforcement activities using laser or saturation patrol activities using radar.

also reported that speeding is a topic in presentations to schools and other organizations.

### **Public Perception**

Guam's state highway safety office felt the motoring public believes police give a 10 mph cushion in enforc-

ing the posted speed limit.

30

Guam

Speed Limits: 1994 and 2004

State

Limited Access Rural

Interstates

Limited Access Urban

Interstates

Other Limited

**Access Roads** 

Truck

Speed

(Y or N)

Guam

Υ



Speed limits apply to most roadways. Hawaii reports that in 2004, speed limits for a limited number of rural

freeways increased to 60 mph.

Speeding-related Data

1994

2004

1994

Hawaii collects both speeding-related crash data and speeding-related citation data. The state's definition of

aggressive driving mirrors the definition used by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. No data specific to aggressive driving is maintained.

data specific to aggressive driving is maintained. **Proportion of Speeding-related Crashes** 31 Hawaii Speed Limits: 1994 and 2004 State **Limited Access Rural** Interstates **Limited Access Urban** Interstates Other Limited **Access Roads** Truck Speed (Y or N) Hawaii 1994 2004

2004
N
55
55
55
55
55
55
Fatal Crashes
2000
2001
2002
Total
Speeding-related
45
37
39
121
Not Speeding-related
71
95
76
242
Total
116

132
115
363
Injury Crashes
2000
2001
2002
Total
Speeding-related
749
608
665
2,022
Annual speeding citations issued by the four county police departments were 31,684 in 2001; 31,684 in 2002 and 39,013 in 2003. Data does not indicate over-representation by any specific geographic area, race, ethnic group, gender, age or other grouping.

Hawaii includes speeding as an element of the state's Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) efforts

in all four Hawaii counties, with funding primarily used for conducting overtime speeding-related enforce-

ment activities. Federal highway safety funding for speeding-related activities was 6.6 percent of total fund-

ing in 2003, 8.2 percent in 2004 and 12.5 percent in 2005.

No state funds are specifically committed to speed reduction. Hawaii reported the impact of speeding and/or

aggressive driving programs has remained about the same.

# **Public Perception**

Hawaii's state highway safety office felt the motoring public believes police give a 10 mph cushion in

enforc-

ing the posted speed limit.



Idaho reported the 2004 speed limits apply to all the roadways within the state. The speed limit for trucks is

65 mph on both urban and rural interstates.

#### Speeding-related Data

Idaho collects speed data through approximately 120 permanent speed counters. The counters collect data

by speed and vehicle type (cars or trucks) and time of day. The state also has portable counters that are set

out on an annual basis and by request. In 2004, speed data was collected at 70 locations. Additionally, high-

way and transportation district traffic operation offices regularly perform speed studies to verify that speed

limits are appropriately set. While there is no centralized tracking of the number of speed studies undertak-

en, the state estimated a conservative annual number of one hundred.

In addition to speed data, Idaho also collects speeding-related crash data through the state's motor vehicle

crash report form, using driving too fast for conditions and exceeding posted limits data elements.

Idaho's highway safety office believes speeding is just one symptom of aggressive driving. From the state's

perspective, if a driver is speeding, the driver is usually also running red lights, rolling through stop signs and

following too close. Idaho believes if the state can intervene to stop a driver from committing one of these

aggressive driving behaviors, that driver is more likely to cease exhibiting most of the other behaviors.

As a

performance measure, the state calculates a statewide five-year aggressive driving fatal and serious injury

crash rate per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT).

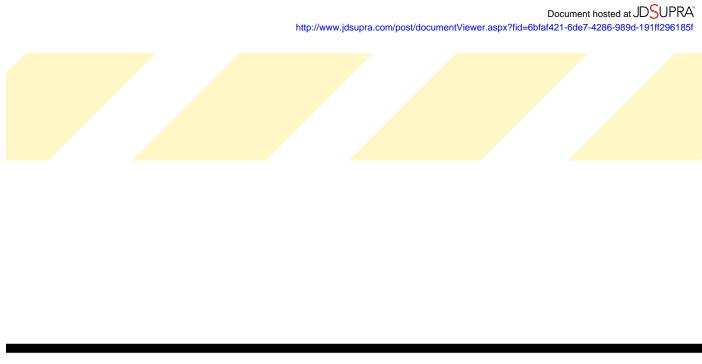
Idaho also collects aggressive driving data. Based on crash data, the state calculates a statewide, fiveyear

aggressive driving fatal and serious injury crash rate. Idaho statute does not define aggressive driving. However, in 1998, the state identified aggressive driving as one of the leading causes of traffic crashes. Idaho subsequently implemented an Aggressive Driving Program and has included aggressive driving as one

the state's Section 402 Focus Areas each year for the past six years. Idaho bases the definition used for aggressive driving on factors contributing to a traffic crash. These factors include failure to yield right of way; following too close; passed stop sign; disregarded signal; exceeded posted speed; and driving too

fast for conditions.
Idaho makes a distinction between aggressive driving and road rage. In practice, the state defines road rage incidences as deliberate intentional acts that, if they lead to injury, are considered felonies. If an investigating officer establishes that the crash was a result of road rage, it is considered a crime not a traffic crash, and no
vehicle crash report is taken.
32
Idaho
Speed Limits: 1994 and 2004
State
Limited Access Rural
Interstates
Limited Access Urban
Interstates
Other Limited
Access Roads
Truck
Speed
(Y or N)
Idaho
1994
2004
1994
2004
1994

Υ



**Efforts to Reduce Excessive Speeding** 

Idaho highway safety office includes speeding as a component of the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program

(STEP) efforts; however, STEP teams are only funded when a local law enforcement jurisdiction has multiple

crash problems. The state tracks total crashes, fatal and injury crashes and impaired driving crashes, and STEP teams are responsible for reducing those types of crashes. The state assists the STEP officers by identi-

fying high crash corridors and high accident locations, thereby increasing the effectiveness of STEP teams.

Idaho's highway safety office does not identify or fund speeding as a distinct category, but does incorporate

speeding as a component of aggressive driving programs. In federal fiscal year (FFY) 2003, 18.8 percent of

Section 402 funds were targeted for aggressive driving countermeasures; in FFY 2004, aggressive driving received 12.6 percent; and in FFY 2005, the percentage is 15.9. The state estimated over 80 percent of the

STEP funds target aggressive driving behaviors.

The impact of Idaho's aggressive driving program has been positive. Over the last 5 years the rate of fatal

and serious injury crashes that involved aggressive driver behaviors has decreased from 8.31 crashes per 100

million Annual Vehicle Miles Traveled (AVMT) to 6.71 crashes per 100 million AVMT. With the exception of 2002 there was a decrease in rate every year. The state acknowledged a number of other factors that also

have contributed to the decline. The state reported factors such as vehicle safety features, engineering improvements, occupant restraint usage, demographic changes, traffic volume and weather all play a role in

traffic crashes and may have contributed to the change in rates over the past few years in addition to Idaho's

aggressive driving program.

#### **Public Perception**

Idaho's state highway safety office felt the motoring public believes police give at least a 5 mph cushion in

enforcing the posted speed limit. Idaho believes a factor linked to speeding is that most drivers perceive their risk of getting caught speeding, or engaging in any other aggressive driving behavior, is very small.



Illinois reported there is no actual "urban/rural" limit. The speed limit is 65 mph unless it is posted lower. In

major metropolitan areas the speed limit is normally 55 mph. Some rural divided limited access highways are

posted at 65 mph, otherwise the limit is 55 mph. State statute limits or restricts trucks over 4 tons, house cars,

campers and all vehicles towing trailers to a maximum speed of 55 mph for all highway categories.

## Speeding-related Data

Illinois collects speeding-related crash data for fatal crashes, and also collects both speeding-related citation

data and data about aggressive driving. The Illinois Office of the Secretary of State defines aggressive driving

as: the operation of a motor vehicle in a manner that endangers or is likely to endanger persons or property.

34
Illinois
Speed Limits: 1994 and 2004
State
Limited Access Rural
Interstates
Limited Access Urban
Interstates
Other Limited
Access Roads
Truck
Speed
(Y or N)
Illinois
1994

1994
2004
1994
2004
Υ
65
65
55
55
55
65 or 55
Year
State Patrol Speeding
Citations Issued
Speeding Convictions
Added to Drivers Records
Calendar Year 2003
173,080
408,596
Calendar Year 2002
206,762
468,855
Calendar Year 2001
25,067
446,459

Efforts to Reduce Excessive Speeding

Illinois programs federal highway safety funds for enforcement of all traffic laws, and does not specifically

target speeding. The state highway safety office reported the following fiscal year (FY) expenditures:

FY 2005

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Illinois Specialized Traffic Enforcement Project (STEP) (\$578,000) to conduct increased patrol and enforcement of all traffic laws with a primary emphasis on the maximum speed limit, occupant restraint and impaired driving laws.

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Speeding & Traffic Accident Reduction (STAR) project (\$76,100) to conduct increased patrols and enforcement to apprehend traffic law violators committing common traffic offenses with particular emphasis on speeding, safety belts and child restraint.

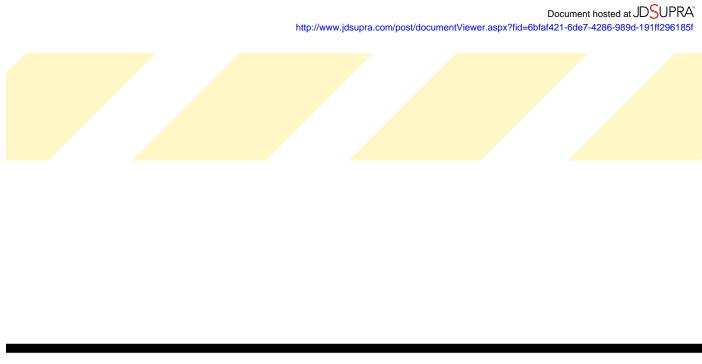
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Local Project Integrated Mini-Grant Enforcement Program (IMaGE) (\$1,427,886) to conduct enforcement of all traffic laws with special emphasis on impaired driving violations.

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Local Project Traffic Law Enforcement Project (TLEP) (\$975,151) to conduct enforcement of special traffic

laws at selected high crash locations and to conduct public information and education campaigns.



FY 2004 S STEP \$ 567,100 S STAR \$ 51,700 IMaGE \$ 929,663 TLEP \$1,380,092 FY 2003 STEP \$1,000,000 STAR \$ 49,000 IMaGE \$ 705,508 TLEP

## \$ 652,700

Illinois reported efforts that address speeding and/or aggressive driving have been successful. Illinois traffic

deaths fell to a 60-year low in 2004, the result of stricter safety-belt laws, safer vehicles, enforcement of traf-

fic laws and tougher rules on teen driving and child passenger safety. Preliminary figures show 1,341 people

died in traffic crashes in 2004, the lowest number of fatalities since 1943, when 1,328 people were killed.

The figures represent an 8 percent drop from the 1,454 traffic deaths recorded in 2003.

## **Public Perception**

Illinois' state highway safety office felt the motoring public believes police give a 10 mph cushion in enforc-

ing the posted speed limit.

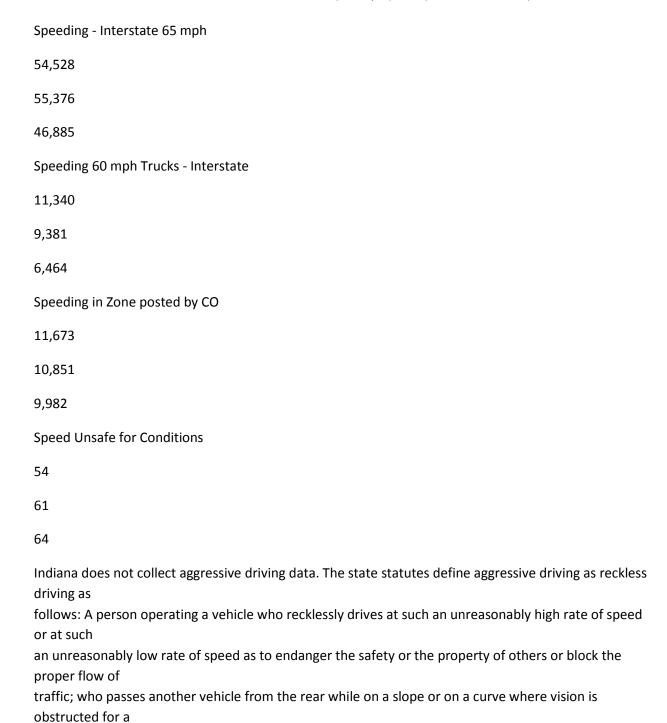


Speed limits listed above apply to all roadways within the state. Indiana imposes a 60 mph restriction on Limited Access Rural Interstates for trucks.

Speeding-related Data Indiana state police jurisdictions collect and maintain speed data and report the following major categories for citations for each calendar year (CY) noted:
36
Indiana
Speed Limits: 1994 and 2004
State
Limited Access Rural
Interstates
Limited Access Urban
Interstates
Other Limited
Access Roads
Truck
Speed
(Y or N)
Indiana
1994
2004
1994
2004
1994
2004

Υ

65
65
55
55
55
55
CY 2001
CY 2002
CY 2003
Speed Limit Unreasonable Speed
636
726
708
Temp Speed Limit Work Site
5,751
5,522
5,540
Exceededing Speed Limit - Urban
1,820
1,715
1,093
Exceededing Speed Limit - Maximum 55 mph
119,694
121,724
102.718



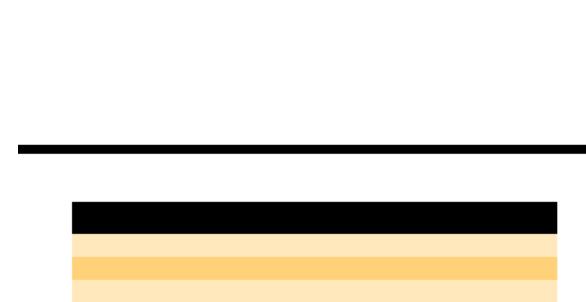
distance of less than five hundred (500) feet ahead; who drives in and out of a line of traffic, except as

permitted; who speeds up or refuses to give one-half of the roadway to a driver overtaking and desiring

who passes a school bus stopped on a roadway when the arm signal device is extended.

otherwise

to pass; or



Proportion Speeding-related Crashes
37
Year
Speeding-related
Fatalities (Percent Total)
Speeding-related
Injuries Total
2003
217 (26.0%)
173,730
2002
185 (23.3%)
205,484
2001
205,663
Efforts to Reduce Excessive Speeding Indiana includes speeding as an element of Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) activities, and annually commits federal highway safety funds. Indiana reported expending \$271,226 for STEP activities

# 2003 and \$233,864 in 2004 for that purpose. The state allocated \$200,000 for STEP activities in 2005.

**Public Perception** 

Indiana's state highway safety office felt the motoring public believes police give a 5 mph cushion in enforc-

ing the posted speed limit.



Speed Limits: 1994 and 2004

The Indian Nation funds highway safety activities in 560+ individual Tribes throughout the United States. Although it is likely that specific speed limits on individual tribal lands have been established, the data has

not been collected or reported in a national database.

#### Speeding-related Data

The Indian Nation does not have a collective means of tabulating speeding-related crash or citation data nationwide. The Bureau of Indian Affairs Highway Safety Program tracks speeding citation information only

for Tribes funded through the BIA program. The number of Tribes funded varies from year to year. It is likely individual Tribes collect speeding citation data, but no national Tribal database exists. No data is col-

lected on aggressive driving. Where appropriate and for funded Tribes, the BIA uses the National Highway

Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) definition of aggressive driving.

Without a national database to collect and tabulate information from the 560+ Tribes in the Indian State,

analysis of speeding-related crash and injury data is not possible. Without data is it also not possible to iden-

tify any geographic area, race, ethnic group, gender, age or other grouping that may be over-represented in

crash statistics.

#### **Efforts to Reduce Excessive Speeding**

BIA Indian Highway Safety Program provides highway safety related material though NHTSA, and also provides

Tribes with the opportunity to apply for competitive traffic safety grants. The amount of funding varies from year

to year, depending on the number of Tribes who apply and are selected for Police Traffic Services grants.

38

**Indian Nation** 



Iowa reported that speed limits apply to all roadways, except that limits for Rural Four-Lane Expressways

were increased to 70 mph. The state has no separate speed limit for trucks.

## Speeding-related Data

lowa collects speeding-related crash data from two elements on the state's motor vehicle crash report form:

driving too fast for conditions and exceeding posted limits. Iowa collects speeding-related citation data, but

only from citations issued by the state patrol. Aggressive driving is not defined in state statutes. No data is

collected about aggressive driving.

**Proportion Speeding-related Crashes** 

39

Iowa

Speed Limits: 1994 and 2004

State

**Limited Access Rural** 

Interstates

Limited Access Urban

Interstates

Other Limited

**Access Roads** 

Truck

Speed

(Y or N)

Iowa

1994

2004

1994

2004
1994
2004
N
65
70
55
70
55
65
Year
Speeding-related
Fatal Crashes
Speeding-related
Injury Crashes
State Police Speeding
Tickets
2003
12%
8%
102,145
2002
12%
8%
113,755

200112%

8%

95,882

lowa reported the percentages of both fatal and injury crashes has remained relatively unchanged in recent

years. The state is not able to breakout speed data to identify over-representation by any specific geographic

area, race, ethnic group, gender, age or other grouping.

## **Efforts to Reduce Excessive Speeding**

Educational Two main activities in this area include 1) public education and information programs, includ-

ing speeding, serious moving violations, occupant restraint and impaired driving; and 2) fourteen safety

cation officers employed full time by the state patrol who conduct thousands of public education activities

each year, with speeding and speeding violations being an integral and important part of this effort.

Engineering Iowa fully considers operator speed in the design of new roads, establishing speed limits on existing roads and in road resurfacing and restoration (3R) projects. All 3R projects now involve safety audits prior to renovation, including evaluation of speed-related signing and other issues.



Enforcement Speeding-related enforcement is a universal part of all enforcement contracts, including those

where impaired driving or occupant protection compliance are a primary focus. Speeding citations and warnings are the most prevalent violations cited by enforcement officers in each major enforcement program.

In addition to overtime enforcement support, the state highway safety office provided speeding-related enforcement equipment, including radars and laser speed detectors to over 100 law enforcement agencies

statewide in recent years. In federal fiscal year (FFY) 2004 alone, over 77,000 speed citations and warnings

resulted from highway safety funded initiatives, as shown below:

Speeding-related enforcement actions were more than twice as numerous as the next leading category of violations

(77,349 speeding-related enforcement actions versus 37,918 occupant protection enforcement actions.)

Funding levels specifically related to speeding-related programs must be estimated. The estimated percentage

of lowa's federal highway safety dollars committed to speeding is 27 percent. This figure has remained con-

sistent for federal fiscal year (FFY) 2003, 2004 and 2005. State funding levels are relatively small and are used to support personnel expenses. For STEP, Iowa estimated that 35 percent of the federal and state funds

are used for speeding-related activities. This level has been consistent for FFY 2003, 2004 and 2005.

lowa reported a substantial safety benefit from speeding enforcement programs, complemented by strong

public information and education efforts. In 2002, Iowa reached a 57-year low in the number of traffic deaths of 405 persons. While fatalities rebounded in 2003 to the 2000-2001 levels of 443 deaths, 2004 saw

another record low with 387 deaths. This is the first time traffic fatalities were below 400 since 1945. A preliminary estimate of 1.19 fatalities per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) for 2004 represents an

all-time low for the state and a figure well below the 2003 national rate of 1.48 per 100 million VMT.

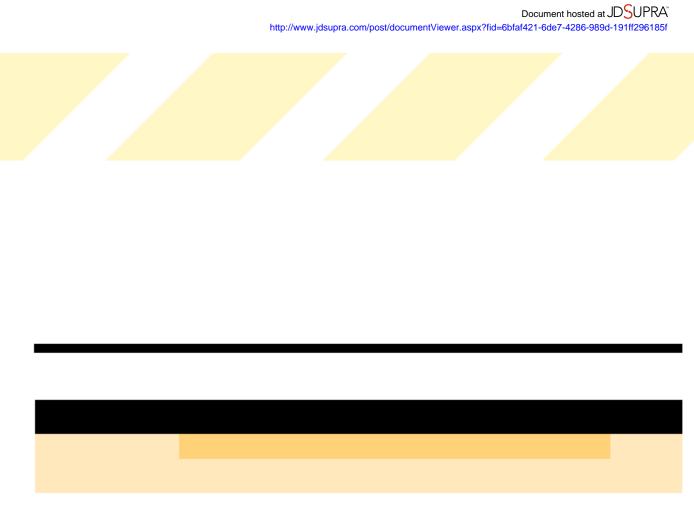
#### **Public Perception**

lowa's state highway safety office felt the motoring public believes police generally give a cushion in enforc-

ing the posted speed limit because it is realistically impossible, both physically and from a public policy standpoint, to have a zero tolerance policy towards operators' speed. The state reported that many, but cer-

tainly not all, motorists assume a tolerance of 5 mph under most driving circumstances.

40
Iowa
Program
Speeding Citations
& Warnings
402-Alcohol
4,465
402-Occupant Protection
12,631
402-Police Traffic Services
17,000
410-Alcohol Incentive
14,100
157-STEP
29,153
Grand Total
77,349



Kansas reported that limits set in 2004 vary, depending on the roadway. Speed limits are generally set after

speed studies are completed. Trucks do not have a separate speed limit.

#### Speeding-related Data

Kansas collects speeding-related crash data, primarily through driving too fast for conditions and exceeding

posted limits data elements. The state does not collect speeding citation data or data about aggressive driv-

ing. Kansas state statutes do not specifically define aggressive driving.

Kansas reported the following percentage of fatal and injury crashes in which speeding was cited as a factor

for the past three years as follows: 11 percent in 2001; 12 percent in 2002 and 12 percent in 2003. The state highway safety office did not have information available about the number of annual speeding citations

or the number of speeding-related citations added to driver records. In reviewing data, however, the state

does note that persons aged 15-24 have a higher incidence of speeding-related crashes.

#### **Efforts to Reduce Excessive Speeding**

Kansas' state highway safety office uses the educational medium of pamphlets as part of their public informa-

tion and education efforts to address speeding. Engineering activities include marking pavement at intervals

so that surveillance aircraft can calculate vehicle speeds and narrowing traffic lanes to reduce speed. Kansas

highway safety office includes speeding as an aspect of Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) efforts.

There is no program or activity that specifically addresses speeding.

Although STEP funds primarily target occupant protection and impaired driving, the estimated number of

speeding citations issued in STEP activities is 70 percent. The success of efforts is reflected in an overall decrease in speeding-related crashes.

#### **Public Perception**

Kansas' state highway safety office felt the motoring public believes police give a 10 mph cushion in enforc-

ing the posted speed limit.

#### 41

Kansas

Speed Limits: 1994 and 2004	
State	
Limited Access Rural	
Interstates	
Limited Access Urban	
Interstates	
Other Limited	
Access Roads	
Truck	
Speed	
(Y or N)	
Kansas	
1994	
2004	
1994	
2004	
1994	
2004	
N	
65	
70	
55	
55-70	
55	
55-70	



Kentucky reported that the speed limits shown above only apply to interstates and state parkways. All other

roads have a maximum speed limit of 55 mph. Trucks do not have a separate speed limit.

#### Speeding-related Data

Kentucky collects speeding-related crash data through exceeded stated speed limit, not under proper control

and driving too fast for conditions data elements. Aggressive driving data is not collected and aggressive driving is not defined in state statute. However, reckless driving is defined by statute and relates to the safe

operation of a vehicle: the operator of any vehicle upon a highway shall operate the vehicle in a careful man-

ner, with regard for the safety and convenience of pedestrians and other vehicles upon the highway.

Data are not available on the proportion of fatal and injury crashes where speeding was a factor, as Kentucky

law does not allow issuing a citation for a moving hazardous violation that does not occur in the officer's presence (with the exception of impaired driving laws).

Speeding-related citation data, however, is available from state police records. Kentucky reported 130,919

speeding citations were issued in 2001. The number was 129,124 in 2002, and 96,787 in 2003. Data was not available to identify or support conclusions of over representation by any specific geographic area, race,

ethnic group, gender, age or other grouping.

#### Efforts to Reduce Excessive Speeding

Although Kentucky's state highway safety office places a priority on reducing speeding and speeding-related

crashes, and includes speeding as an element in police traffic services grants, the grants address numerous

unsafe driving behaviors, only one of which is speeding. Grant applications are scrutinized to ensure they

are utilizing crash data to locate speeding-related high-crash locations. The Selective Traffic Enforcement

Program (STEP) with the state police is also designed to curb unsafe driving behaviors, one of which is speeding. STEP utilizes unmarked vehicles to support the program.

Kentucky does not utilize state dollars for specific speeding-related activities. State funds are used for gener-

al enforcement activities, including speeding-related enforcement. The state highway safety office estimated

11.5 percent of funds were committed to reducing speed in 2003. That estimated percentage increased

in

2004 to 15.4 percent. The estimate for 2005 expenditures was 14.9 percent.

Speed and/or aggressive driving efforts in Kentucky have been successful. For the five-year period (1999-

2003), speeding-related crashes represented 7.0 percent of all crashes, 10.3 percent of injury crashes, and

22.0 percent of fatal crashes. The number of speeding-related fatal crashes decreased by 5.2 percent in 2003

compared to the previous four-year average.

## **Public Perception**

Kentucky's state highway safety office felt a common perception is that motorists can travel under 10 miles

over the posted limit and not receive a citation.

42

Kentucky

Speed Limits: 1994 and 2004

State

**Limited Access Rural** 

Interstates

**Limited Access Urban** 

Interstates

Other Limited

**Access Roads** 

Truck

Speed

(Y or N)

Kentucky

1994

2004

Ν



Louisiana reported the speed limits indicated above apply to all roadways. Generally speaking, the state has

no separate limit for trucks, with the exception of one 18-mile stretch of elevated interstate, which has a speed limit of 55 mph for trucks.

Speeding-related Data

Louisiana collects speeding-related crash data on the state's motor vehicle crash report form through exceed-

ing safe speed limit and exceeding state speed limit data elements. However, many officers do not check the

speeding element on the vehicle crash report form because officers feel it is too difficult to defend. Unless

there is overwhelming evidence, some other causation factor is used.

The state collects speeding-related citation data, although no data relating to aggressive driving is collected.

Louisiana does not define aggressive driving in state statutes.

**Proportion Speeding-related Crashes** 

43

Louisiana

Speed Limits: 1994 and 2004

State

**Limited Access Rural** 

Interstates

Limited Access Urban

Interstates

Other Limited

**Access Roads** 

Truck

Speed

(Y or N)

Louisiana

1994
2004
1994
2004
1994
2004
Some
55
70
55
70
50
55-60
Year
Speeding-related
Fatal Crashes
Speeding-related
Injury Crashes
State Patrol Speeding
Citations
2003
1%
2%
155,718
2002

1%
2%
156,150
2001
1%
2%
179,445
Speed data does not indicate any specific geographic area, race, ethnic group, gender, age or other grouping is over represented.
Efforts to Reduce Excessive Speeding Louisiana's state highway safety office includes speeding-related enforcement as a part of any public presentation. The state police use highway signage denoting "speed limit strictly enforced" to advise the motoring public.
Louisiana has no state funds committed to speed reduction. Although Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) funds address speeding as one of several components, the state highway safety office estimated 38 percent of STEP funds are used for speeding-related activities. Louisiana felt the impact of speeding-related enforcement programs has been minimal.
Louisiana's state highway safety office reported that federal highway safety funds committed to speeding as follows:
2003
\$233,520
2004
\$215,250
2005
\$217,239

# **Public Perception**

Louisiana's state highway safety office felt the motoring public believes police give a 10 mph cushion in enforcing the posted speed limit.



Speed limits apply only to full freeways only. In Maryland, trucks are limited to 60 mph on Interstate 68 in

the western mountainous regions of the state.

Speeding-related Data

Maryland collects speeding-related crash data and speeding-related citation data. Speeding-related crashes

are defined as any reportable crash in which speeding was listed as a contributing factor, whether or not the

driver was noted as going over the posted speed limit. Contributing factors include exceeding speed limits

and too fast for conditions. The state also collects crash and citation data about aggressive driving. Maryland statute defines aggressive driving as committing three or more of the following offenses at the same

time or during a single and continuous period of driving: violation of traffic lights with steady indication; overtaking and passing vehicles; passing on right; driving on laned roadways; following too closely; failure to

yield right of way or exceeding a maximum speed limit.

**Proportion of Speeding-related Crashes** 

44

Maryland

Speed Limits: 1994 and 2004

State

Limited Access Rural

Interstates

Limited Access Urban

Interstates

Other Limited

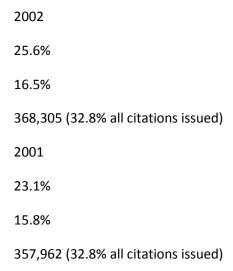
**Access Roads** 

Truck

Speed

(Y or N)

Maryland
1994
2004
1994
2004
1994
2004
Some
55
65
55
65
55
55-65
Year
Speeding-related
Fatal Crashes
Speeding-related
Injury Crashes
Speeding-related Citations
All Agencies (percent)
2003
23.8%
19.1%
349,921 (34.5% all citations issued)



Maryland analyzed speed data for over representation by any specific geographic area, race, ethnic group,

gender, age or other grouping. The state reported the highest number of speeding-related crashes and fatal

speeding-related crashes have historically occurred during the daylight hours. Other conclusions are:

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Among all drivers involved in speeding-related crashes, the driver age group of 16-20 and 20-24 years was

the most involved in total crashes and fatal crashes. The driver age group of 16-20 years had the highest percentage of drivers involved in speeding crashes (25.5 percent) and the highest driver fatalities involved in

speeding crashes (18.3 percent). As driver age increases, the fraction of speeding drivers involved in speeding-related crashes decreases.

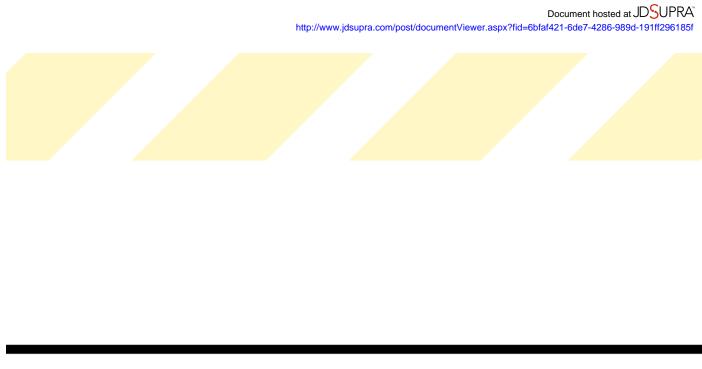
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The proportion of male drivers involved in fatal speeding crashes was significantly higher than that of male

drivers in all crashes (63.0 versus 52.0 percent).

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Total and fatal speeding-related crashes were highest in Prince George's County.



**Efforts to Reduce Excessive Speeding** 

Maryland produces and distributes a brochure describing speed limits, the law surrounding them and the

manner by which they are set. Speed display trailers are frequently purchased and utilized by local jurisdic-

tions to monitor and enforce speed limits. Engineering efforts include a pilot project in 2005 involving the

use of variable speed limits in construction zones. Other construction zone efforts include studies analyzing

the effectiveness of speed control strategies involving temporary rumble strips, truck-mounted Portable Changeable Message Sign (PCMS) technology w/radar, an advisory `Speed Ahead' signs using radar and wider lane lines to reduce speed. State, county and municipal law enforcement agencies continue to enforce

speed limit violations.

The state highway safety office distributes funds to Community Traffic Safety Programs (CTSP) in each coun-

ty jurisdiction. The CTSPs award funds for a variety of activities, including local speeding-related and aggressive driving enforcement efforts. Additionally the state police agency receives grant funds for aggres-

sive driving enforcement. Grant monies are then allocated for both speeding and aggressive driving related

enforcement activities according to the specific needs of a regional command. Given this formula, 2.1 per-

cent of federal highway safety dollars were spent for speeding-related enforcement projects in 2003. In 2004, 3.3 percent of funds were spent and in 2005, 1.5 percent of federal highway safety dollars are commit-

ted for speeding-related enforcement projects. Other than funds used as match, Maryland has no state dol-

lars for speeding-related activities.

Maryland reports success in efforts to address speeding. For the past eight years the state has been an active

participant in the regional Smooth Operator program. Smooth Operator is a unique partnership involving

Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia, and combines enforcement, education and engineering approaches to address the problem of aggressive driving. As a result of the public education campaign, pub-

lic awareness of aggressive driving issues has been measured at 67 percent and 78 percent in the Baltimore

and Washington, D.C. metro areas, respectively in 2005. The percentages were about 11 lower during

the

2004 campaign. In 2003, the percentages were 46 percent and 78 percent respectively. Additionally, over

the past several years, law enforcement involvement in the Smooth Operator program has grown to include

sixty-eight municipal agencies across the state (at least one agency in every county), as well as all 24 barracks

of the state police. During four summer week-long enforcement waves in 2003 and 2004, Maryland police

officers issued 105,000 and 140,000 citations for aggressive driving behaviors, of which speeding-related enforcement remains a cornerstone.

# **Public Perception**

Maryland's state highway safety office felt the motoring public believes police give a 5-10 mph cushion in

enforcing the posted speed limit.



Massachusetts reported that speed limits apply to all roadways within the state. Trucks do not have a differ-

ent designated speed limit.

Speeding-related Data

Massachusetts collects speeding-related crash and citation data. Regarding crash data, the contributing circumstance element on the state crash report form includes an option for speed. However, this field is often

marked as unknown or empty by the investigating officer. Because of the data quality concerns, these data

are not used to examine speeding-related crashes.

Speeding-related violation data, including speeding-related violations for crashes and speeding-related viola-

tions in general, are collected in the citation database. Speeding-related crashes are defined in the violation

data by considering speeding-related violations issued as the result of a crash. Based on the violation

the following types of violations are considered speeding-related: speeding on specific roadways, turnpikes,

tunnels and bridges; speeding in general; speeding with metallic tires; speeding by overweight vehicles and

drag racing.

Massachusetts also collects data about aggressive driving, although the term is not defined by statute. The state

uses violation data to examine aggressive driving both for crashes and in general. If more than one violation is

issued in the same citation for behaviors identified with aggressive driving, the violation is classified as being relat-

ed to aggressive driving. Currently Massachusetts is in the process of developing a comprehensive list of

and violations associated with aggressive driving. The process will review some of the standards associated with

aggressive driving, after which the state may decide to enact a specific aggressive driving statute.

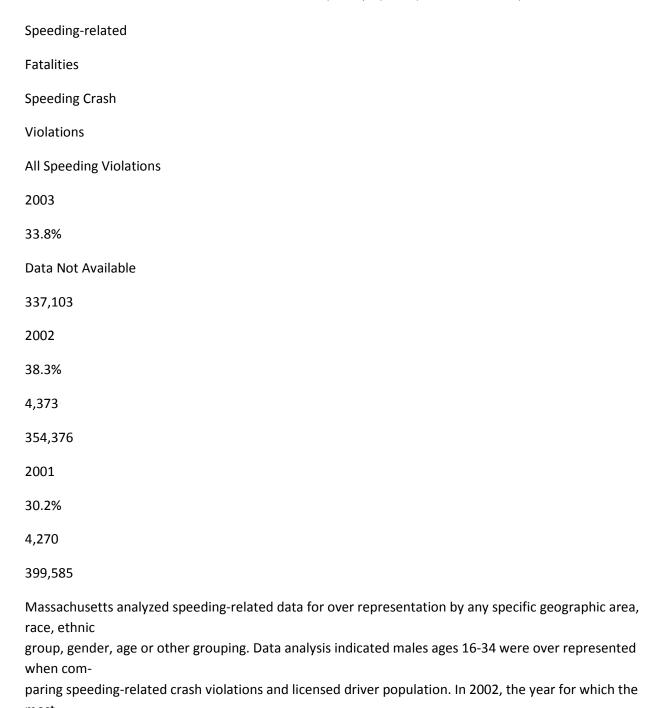
**Proportion of Speeding-related Crashes** 

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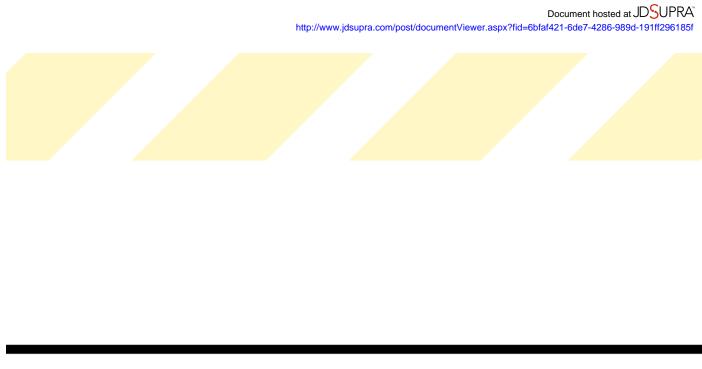
Massachusetts

Speed Limits: 1994 and 2004

State
Limited Access Rural
Interstates
Limited Access Urban
Interstates
Other Limited
Access Roads
Truck
Speed
(Y or N)
Massachusetts
1994
2004
1994
2004
1994
2004
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65
Year



recent data is available, males ages 18-20 had the most notable spike in speeding-related crashes.



**Efforts to Reduce Excessive Speeding** 

In federal fiscal year (FFY) 2004 Massachusetts re-launched its aggressive driving and speeding campaign called Road Respect. This campaign originally ran from 1998 to 2000. The new version of the campaign fol-

lowed the latest Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) model: high-visibility enforcement coordinat-

ed with paid and earned media. In FFY 2004 the state conducted two two-week Road Respect mobilizations.

Each mobilization involved \$80,000 of high-visibility state police enforcement as well as \$75,000 of radio advertising and earned media. As part of this campaign, the state purchased \$100,000 of new speed-related

traffic enforcement equipment for the state police.

In FFY 2005, Massachusetts is conducting one two-week Road Respect mobilization. This will involve \$495,000 of high-visibility state and local police enforcement coordinated with \$155,000 of radio advertis-

ing, earned media and community education. The state is also conducting two Click It or Ticket mobilizations and three You Drink & Drive. You Lose. mobilizations during FFY 2005. The Click It or Ticket mobilizations involve extensive speeding-related enforcement to offset the limitation of a secondary safety belt law.

Also, many communities participating in the May Click It or Ticket mobilization will receive speedingrelated

traffic enforcement equipment for three approved community safety belt educational initiatives. The state

police reduce excessive speeding through routine traffic patrols as well as on-going traffic safety education

efforts. The state also has a number of engineering efforts to reduce excessive speeding.

In FFY 2005, the state will expend approximately \$650,000 on its Road Respect Campaign or about 15 per-

cent of all its STEP funds.

Massachusetts reported a positive impact of its speeding and/or aggressive driving-related programs during

the most recent two years for which data is available. Between 2001 and 2002, there was a slight increase (2

percent) in the number of speeding-related crash violations issued in the state. Between 2002 and 2003, there was a significant decrease in speeding-related fatalities as a percentage of all motor vehicle-related fatal-

ities, from 38.3 percent to 33.8 percent.



With the exception of a limited number of urban freeway miles, state law sets maximum speed limits on U.S.,

interstate and state highway routes at 70 mph. In densely populated (urban) areas where there are many exit

and entrance ramps constructed close together, the speed limit is held to 55 mph. The speed limit for com-

mercial trucks on all highways is never higher than 55 mph. Vehicles of 10,000 pounds or more, a truck tractor with a trailer or a combination of these vehicles is limited to 55 mph on all roads, including freeways,

and limited to 35 mph when reduced loading is enforced during the spring (when daily temperature fluctua-

tions cause buckling of roadway beds - often referred to as Frost Laws.)

## Speeding-related Data

Michigan collects speeding-related crash data. Police officers code hazardous actions on the motor vehicle crash

report form, including excessive speed, through the speed too fast data element. The form does not distinguish

whether speed was in excess of the posted limit, violation of basic speed rule, too fast for conditions and so forth.

Michigan does not collect speeding-related citation data. The state police only collect data on hazardous or non-

hazardous action citations. It is not clear whether the state has citation data beyond what individual courts have

for their jurisdictions, as there is no central depository for court citation data.

Michigan does not define aggressive driving except for the hazardous action code on crash reports. Some

hazardous actions could be interpreted as such, or in combination with other factors, but a specific aggres-

sive driving state statute is still in the discussion stage.

### **Proportion Speeding-related Crashes**

The following chart depicts the number and percentage of drivers involved in each category of crash, not the

number of crashes. Hazardous action is coded by driver, not by crash. Specific state police citation data is

not available.

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Speed Limits: 1994 and 2004
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Limited Access Rural
Interstates
Limited Access Urban
Interstates
Other Limited
Access Roads
Truck
Speed
(Y or N)

Michigan
1994
2004
1994
2004
1994
2004
Υ
65
70
55
70
55
70
Year
Drivers in Fatal Crashes
"Speed too Fast" (percent)
Drivers in Injury Crashes
"Speed too Fast" (percent)
2003
248 (13.1%)
10,505 (7.7%)
2002
242 (12.7%)
9,882 (6.6%)

2001

262 (13.2%)

9,551 (6.3%)



# Efforts to Reduce Speed

Michigan includes speeding as a component in other programs and activities, but has not had programs devoted specifically to reducing excessive speed in fiscal years (FY) 2003, 2004, or 2005. Programs often address a wide variety of unsafe driving behavior, including speeding.

The state highway safety office reported that it has not committed funds specifically to reducing speeding,

and no Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) funds are used specifically for speeding-related enforcement. Speeding-related enforcement is a requirement of all grant-funded enforcement activities.

Michigan reported the following impact of speed and/or aggressive driving programs, representing the num-

ber of crashes with "excessive speed."

49
Crash Data
Year
Speeding crash percentage
1999
18.4%
2000

2001

16.8%

16.6%

2002

16.7%

2003

18.2%



Minnesota reported that for Limited Access Urban Interstates in 2004, half had speed limits of 55 mph and

the remainder had speed limits posted at 60, 65 or 70 mph. There is no separate speed limit for trucks.

Speeding-related Data

Minnesota reported speeding-related crash data specifically relating to the speed limit change is available on the

website: http://www.dot.mn.speed/index.html. Reported speed limit and the estimated speed provided by the offi-

cer on the crash report form are the primary elements used to record the data. Speeding-related citation data is

collected by the state patrol but other agency speeding citation data is not available on a statewide database. Some

speeding-related citation/violation data is available from the driver record database. For example, in the 2004 cal-

endar year, 175,155 speeding violations were posted to the driving records.

Minnesota statutes do not define aggressive driving, nor does the state have a citation category called "aggressive driving." However, the crash report form introduced in 2003 has a field called "apparent physi-

cal condition" which the officer completes for drivers in crashes. One of the categories in that field is "aggressive." The state noted that officers completing crash report forms need to be given guidelines on what types of behaviors would be defined to include an "apparent physical condition" of "aggressive." Currently that decision is left to the judgment of the officer who completes the report. Among the 233,257

motor vehicle drivers on whom a crash report has been written, the field "aggressive" was reported 112 times

(one-twentieth of one percent). There is some consensus that "aggressive driving" might be operationally

defined as driving characterized by two or more driving violations that might include speeding and following

too closely, or speeding and unsafe lane use.

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Minnesota

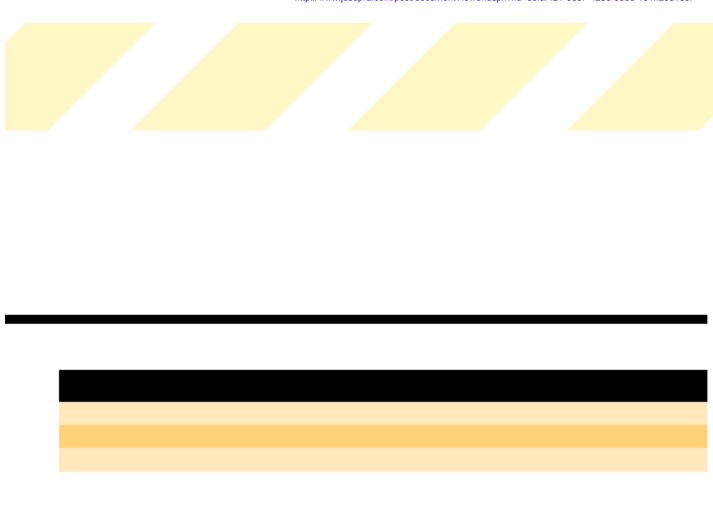
Speed Limits: 1994 and 2004

State

**Limited Access Rural** 

Interstates

Limited Access Urban
Interstates
Other Limited
Access Roads
Truck
Speed
(Y or N)
Minnesota
1994
2004
1994
2004
1994
2004
N
65
70
55
55 to 70
55
55



No study has been performed to determine if there is over representation by any specific geographic area,

race, ethnic group, gender, age or other grouping. Minnesota noted, however, that operating speeds increase

as vehicles approach the Minneapolis/St. Paul metropolitan area.

**Efforts to Reduce Excessive Speeding** 

Minnesota's state patrol and other law enforcement agencies enforce traffic laws, including those related to

speeding. The more urban areas of the state utilize traffic calming strategies. Some jurisdictions slow traffic

down by using speed display signs, roundabouts, reducing the number of through streets in residential areas

and so forth. Annually since the fall of 1994, Minnesota has supported Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) activities. STEP efforts combine publicity, public education and overtime enforcement of impaired driving, speeding, and passenger protection laws. Called Safe & Sober, the programs are conducted

on and around holiday periods and focus on one of the three areas for each of the periods.

Minnesota reported that federal highway dollars committed to speed are those that fund the Safe & Sober pro-

grams, involving state patrol troopers, county deputies and municipal officers. In 2002, approximately \$200,000 was expended on activities that addressed speeding. In 2003, approximately \$297,000 was expended

on efforts that addressed speeding, and in 2004, approximately \$330,000 was expended on speeding.

Minnesota reported little impact of speeding-related programs. While no formal evaluation of the specific

speeding components of Safe & Sober programs has been carried out, there has been no apparent impact on

speeding. Statewide data is indicating 85

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percentile speeds (the prevailing speed of 85 percent of drivers on

a particular stretch of roadway over a specified period of time) have continued to increase (from 1997 when

speed limits increased through 2002) on rural freeways, rural divided highways and urban freeways. On rural two lane/two way roadways, 85

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percentile speeds have remained about the same. Although speeds on

urban divided highways have decreased, that decrease likely relates as much to increased congestion as to driver speed selection.

**Public Perception** 

17.9%

12.2%

Minnesota state highway safety office noted state law provides that citations are not recorded on the

for loss than 10 miles per hour over the posted limit in 55 mph ome abuse of the

nto other zones.

for less than 10 miles per hour over the posted limit in 55 mph zones, resulting in sor posted limit.  While the law applies to 55 zones specifically, the attitude does seem to spill over into
51
Year
Percent Speeding-related
Fatal Crashes
Percent Speeding-related
Injury Crashes
State Patrol
Speeding Citations
2003
20.8%
Data Not Available
106,452
2002
18.3%
11.4%
114,669
2001

115,418

Proportion Speeding-related Crashes



Mississippi noted speed limits on Limited Access Urban Interstates varies from 50 to 70 mph, depending on

the locality. Additionally, all two lane/two-way speed limits remain at a maximum speed limit of 55 mph. Speed limits apply equally to truck traffic.

Speeding-related Data

Mississippi collects speeding-related crash data, such as driving too fast for conditions and exceeding posted

limits. The state also collects speeding-related citation data as well as data associated with aggressive driv-

ing. Mississippi has no formal definition of aggressive driving, but does collect certain data elements the state ascribes to be aggressive driving, such as driving under the influence, reckless driving and so forth.

**Proportion Speeding-related Crashes** 52 Mississippi Speed Limits: 1994 and 2004 State **Limited Access Rural** Interstates Limited Access Urban Interstates Other Limited **Access Roads** Truck Speed (Y or N) Mississippi 1994

2004

1994

2004
1994
2004
N
55
70
50-55
50 to 70
55
65
Year
Speeding-related
Fatal Crashes (All Crashes)
Speeding-related
Injury Crashes (All Crashes)
State Highway Patrol
Speeding Citations
2003
95 (786)
2,098 (24,228)
197,434
2002
79 (769)
2,264 (25,100)
258,861

2001

72 (704)

2,219 (24,529)

283,706

In analyzing speed data for over representation by any specific geographic area, race, ethnic group, gender,

age or other grouping, the state noted young drivers ages 16 to 20 comprise 7.2 percent of licensed drivers.

yet receive 16.6 percent of speeding citations.

# **Efforts to Reduce Excessive Speeding**

Mississippi has various construction/reconstruction projects throughout the state that include speeding-relat-

ed enforcement, particularly in work zones. Specific construction funds are used to support work zone speeding-related enforcement. Section 154 transfer funds have been used to develop a Drive Smart Mississippi public information and education campaign focusing on speeding, safety belts and work-zone

safety. In 2004, Mississippi enacted a law that doubled fines for speeding in work zones.

Approximately \$200,000 annually has been allocated to the state police for overtime funding and special details to combat speeding. This amount is approximately 20 percent of the federal highway safety funding

available to the state. There is no recent impact study to evaluate the success of Mississippi's programs.

# **Public Perception**

Mississippi's state highway safety office felt the motoring public believes police give a 5-9 mph cushion in

enforcing the posted speed limit.



Missouri noted they do not currently have a differential speed limit for trucks, however, from 1988 to 1996,

trucks over 12 tons were restricted to 60 mph. The state also has a Rural Expressway designation, on which

speed limits in 1994 were 55 mph. Speed limits were generally increased to 65 mph in 2004 and may be raised up to 70 mph depending on the results of an engineering study.

# Speeding-related Data

Missouri collects speeding-related crash data through the state's motor vehicle crash report form, using exceeding speed limit and/or too fast for conditions data elements. Speeding-related citation data is available

only from the state patrol database and not from other enforcement agencies. However, conviction data is

available from the statewide driver license database. The state collects aggressive driving data, using the

elements of following too close, too fast for conditions and speed exceeded limit.

53
Missouri
Speed Limits: 1994 and 2004
State
Limited Access Rural
Interstates

**Proportion Speeding-related Crashes** 

**Limited Access Urban** 

Interstates

Other Limited

**Access Roads** 

Truck

Speed

(Y or N)

Missouri

1994

29.9%

23.3% 132,453 2001 38.0% 20.0%

131,280

Missouri analyzed speed data for over representation by any specific geographic area, race, ethnic group, gen-

der, age or other grouping. The state reported 15-25 year olds were involved in approximately 45 percent of

the speeding-related fatal crashes in 2003. Speeding-related fatal crashes are also over represented in rural

areas of the state.

**Efforts to Reduce Excessive Speeding** 

Missouri conducted a speed study on State Highway 13, including a seven-day speed survey to determine

baseline data on 85th percentile of speeds (the prevailing speed of 85 percent of drivers.) This was followed

by 14 days of aggressive enforcement and public information/education efforts that included radio public

service announcements, changeable message boards and print media. At the conclusion of the speeding-relat-

ed enforcement and education campaign, the speed study continued for an additional seven days to determine

post-enforcement driver habits. The results indicated the public was generally traveling 10 plus mph over the

posted speed limit prior to enforcement effort, with some drivers 15 to 20 plus mph over the posted speed

limit. Once the enforcement effort began the motorists that were traveling at the greatest speeds over the

posted limits (those 15 to 20 plus mph) came into closer compliance with the posted speed limits. The over-

all 85

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percentile speeds were reduced to nearer the posted speed limits. After the 14 days of enforcement

ended, speeds in general increased to pre-enforcement numbers. Although the study showed no lasting driv-

er behavior change in speed, a side benefit of the study was an increase in safety belt usage. The project increased use by over 10 percent, a rate that was maintained two months after the program ended.



Missouri reported the following percentages of federal highway safety dollars expended on speed reduction efforts:

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2003 12 percent

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2004 18 percent

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2005 19 percent

Additionally, approximately 1 percent of Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) funding is annually

committed to speed reduction efforts. State funds are used by the state patrol for enforcement efforts.

The impact of speed reduction program efforts has not been statistically measured statewide. However, it is

assumed that when enforcement is present, speeds are brought more into compliance with the posted limits

When the threat of enforcement is not present, motorists tend to push driving speed well beyond the posted speed limits.

**Public Perception** 

Missouri's state highway safety office felt the motoring public believes police give a 5-7 mph cushion in enforcing the posted speed limit.

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Missouri



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Montana noted that on non-interstate roads, the speed limit in 1994 was 55 mph and in 2004 the speed limit

changed to 70 mph. The state has a specific speed limit for trucks: on interstate roads, the speed limit is

mph; on non-interstate roads the day speed limit is 65 mph and the nighttime limit is 60 mph.

Speeding-related Data

Montana collects speeding-related crash data, through too fast for conditions and exceeded speed limit data

elements. The state does not collect citation data. No aggressive driving data is collected and the state has

no formal definition of aggressive driving in state statutes.

Proportion of Speeding-related Crashes

55

Montana

Speed Limits: 1994 and 2004

State

**Limited Access Rural** 

Interstates

Limited Access Urban

Interstates

Other Limited

**Access Roads** 

Truck

Speed

(Y or N)

Montana

1994

2004

1994

2004
1994
2004
Υ
65
75
55
65
N/A
N/A
Year
Too Fast for Conditions
Crashes (# Fatal Conditions)
Exceeded Speed Limit
Crashes (# Fatal Conditions)
2003
4,663 (58)
414 (38%)
2002
4,518 (58)
420 (31%)
2001
3,426 (59)
322 (24%)
The state noted both too fast for conditions and exceeded speed limit could be coded for the sam

ıe crash.

### **Efforts to Reduce Excessive Speeding**

Montana's state highway safety office assists local law enforcement agencies in purchasing radar units. The state also includes speeding as an element in their Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) efforts.

In order to make stops for these secondary offenses, such as safety belt use, speed infraction stops are made.

No STEP funds are used specifically for speeding-related enforcement efforts but the state estimates a high

number of speeding citations and warnings result from alcohol and seat belt STEP law enforcement activities.

Montana has not been targeting speeding to any serious degree because the majority of federal highway safety

dollars are earmarked and targeted for alcohol and seat belts. Since Montana has the highest alcohol related

fatality rate in the nation, much of the emphasis is directed toward these problem areas rather than speeding.

Montana's speed monitoring sites are showing a small increase in speed over the last year. This change is not

yet statistically significant, but is being watched closely to determine if this upward trend will continue.

#### **Public Perception**

Montana's state highway safety office felt the motoring public believes police give a 5-8 mph cushion in enforcing the posted speed limit. State law provides for small fines for speeds up to 10 miles per hour over

the speed limit, after which a much higher structured fine is imposed. Thus the state statute tends to support

the idea of a cushion.



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State officials can increase speed limits on two lane state highways from 60 mph to 65 mph upon request

from the local county officials and after a satisfactory evaluation of that section of roadway. There is no sep-

arate speed limit for trucks.

Speeding-related Data

Nebraska collects speeding-related crash data from motor vehicle crash reports. Generally the speed and

speed too fast for conditions data elements are used. The state also utilizes a number of monitoring stations

to collect speed data. Nebraska does not collect speeding-related citation data or aggressive driving data.

State statute does not define aggressive driving.

**Proportion Speeding-related Crashes** 

56

Nebraska

Speed Limits: 1994 and 2004

State

**Limited Access Rural** 

Interstates

Limited Access Urban

Interstates

Other Limited

**Access Roads** 

Truck

Speed

(Y or N)

Nebraska

1994

2004

1994
2004
1994
2004
N
65
75
55
65
55
65
Year
Speeding-related
Fatal Crashes
Speeding-related
Injury Crashes
Speeding Convictions Added
to Driver Records File
2003
7.6%
5.7%
81,908
2002
8.0%

5.7%

80,515 2001 25.6% 16.1% 72,870

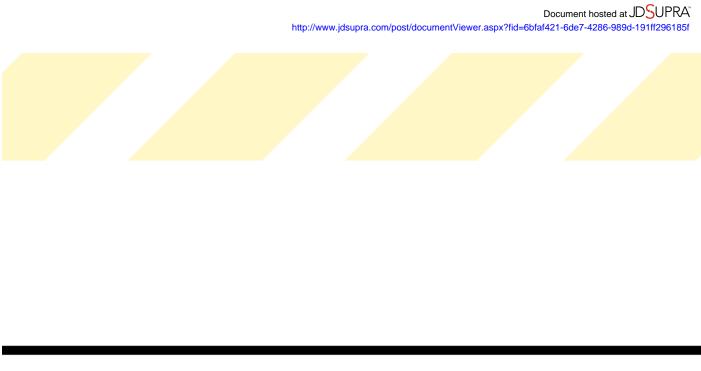
Nebraska analyzed crash data to determine whether the speed data show over representation by any specific

geographic area, race, ethnic group, gender, age or other grouping. For 2001, 2002 and 2003, females made

up 49.6 percent of the licensed population while accounting for approximately one-third of the speeding con-

victions. Males comprised 50.4 percent of the licensed population but represented nearly two-thirds of the

speeding convictions. Drivers, ages 34 and younger made up 35.8 percent of the licensed population yet accounted for 56.6 percent of the speeding convictions.



**Efforts to Reduce Excessive Speeding** 

For the past several years, Nebraska identified "speeding" as one of four major emphasis areas. As a result,

the state implemented several countermeasure strategies to aid in reducing speeding-related crashes.

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Continued support for the latest speed detection equipment and training for state and local law enforcement agencies. It has been Nebraska's long experience that new equipment generates significant increases in enforcement activity.

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Financial support for mini-grant (short-term) Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) activities to address speeding-related crashes. Agencies are required to identify high crash locations, utilizing specific time of day and day of week analyses.

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Requiring an accompanying media announcement by each funded agency, announcing the grant award and

reason for the enforcement.

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Support for purchasing mobile speed monitoring trailers to aid in reducing speeding problems. Evaluations of the use of this equipment, combined with enforcement, have demonstrated reduced speeds

in locations where they are used. Additionally the state added permanent electronic speed monitoring signs

at identified hazardous locations and made significant public information and education efforts promoting

the doubling of the speeding fines in work zone locations.

Nebraska committed 13.6 percent of federal highway safety funds received in 2003 for speeding-related activ-

ities, 7 percent in 2004, and 9 percent in 2005. Although specific dollar amounts were not available,

state funding is also utilized for speeding-related activities by the state patrol and the state roads department.

Additionally, Nebraska receives donations from Nebraska AAA to help purchase speed monitoring trailers.

Nearly 75 percent of the federal highway safety funded dollars committed to speeding are for STEP activities.

Nebraska reported success in programs/activities that address speeding. Crash data reflects a decrease in

fatal and serious injury crashes where speeding was indicated as a major contributing circumstance.

## **Public Perception**

Nebraska's state highway safety office felt the motoring public believes police give a 5-7 mph cushion for

highways in enforcing the posted speed limit. On urban/local roads the general belief is that up to 5 mph over the posted limit is safe.



Nevada has no separate speed limit for trucks.

Speeding-related Data

Nevada collects speeding-related crash data, using failure to reduce speed, speed too fast for conditions and

excessive speed data elements. The state also collects speeding-related citation data, but only for citations

issued by the state patrol. Nevada does not collect data about aggressive driving, although aggressive driving

is defined in code. Nevada's aggressive driving statute is as follows:

A driver commits an offense of aggressive driving if, during any single, continuous period of driving within

the course of 1 mile, the driver does all the following, in any sequence:

(a)

Commits one or more acts of speeding

(b)

Commits two or more of the following acts, in any combination, or commits any of the following acts more than once:

- (1) Failing to obey an official traffic-control device
- (2) Overtaking and passing another vehicle upon the right by driving off the paved portion of the highway
- (3) Improper or unsafe driving upon a highway that has marked lanes for traffic
- (4) Following another vehicle too closely
- (5) Failing to yield the right-of-way

(c)

Creates an immediate hazard, regardless of its duration, to another vehicle or to another person, whether or not the other person is riding in or upon the vehicle of the driver or any other vehicle.

**Proportion Speeding-related Crashes** 

58

Nevada

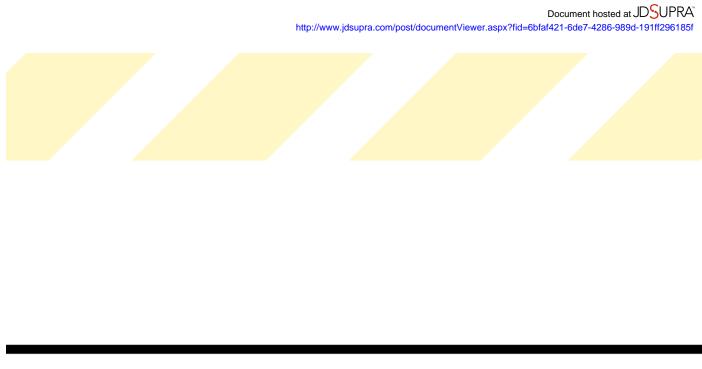
Speed Limits: 1994 and 2004

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Limited Access Rural

Interstates
Limited Access Urban
Interstates
Other Limited
Access Roads
Truck
Speed
(Y or N)
Nevada
1994
2004
1994
2004
1994
2004
N
55
75
55
65
55
70
Year
Percent Speeding-related
Fatal & Injury Crashes

State Patrol
Speeding Citations
2004
Data Not Available
78,570
2003
Data Not Available
80,458
2002
27.30%
Data Not Available
2001
29.25%
Data Not Available



#### Efforts to Reduce Excessive Speeding

Nevada includes speeding as an element of the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) activities. As

a secondary seat belt law state, Nevada uses STEP and Saturation patrols as a tool to enforce seat belt laws.

No STEP enforcement activities are specific to speeding enforcement (with the exception of school zone enforcement). Based on crash data, Nevada's priority is in addressing violations of traffic control devices, such as red light running.

Nevada reported approximately 4 percent of federal highway safety funds were primarily expended for speed-

ing-related activities in 2003. In 2004, approximately 2.5 percent of federal funding was for speeding-related

activities, with approximately 3.0 percent of funding committed to speeding-related activities in 2005.

Nevada has not determined the impact of speed and/or aggressive driving programs.

### **Public Perception**

Nevada's state highway safety office felt that the motoring public believes there to be a cushion of 10 mph

over the posted limit before a citation is issued, and also noted state statute provides that 10 mph over the

posted speed limit is not a moving violation and is not posted to the driving record.



New Hampshire's motor vehicle crash report collects illegal/unsafe speed, improper passing/overtaking, improper/unsafe lane use, skidding, failure to yield right of way and disregarding traffic control devices. All of these

data elements are used to identify speeding-related crashes. The state also collects speeding-related citation data.

New Hampshire does not collect aggressive driving data and state statutes do not specifically define aggres-

sive driving. However, the State Police Aggressive Driver Unit recognizes the aggressive driver as that "indi-

vidual who has a blatant disregard for motor vehicle laws, while displaying a flagrant disrespect for the safety

of the motoring public." The unit targets the driver that commits two or more violations in one incident, where the safety of other motorists is at risk. Aggressive driving includes speeding, passing, right of way vio-

lations, following too close, hazardous moving violations, turning movements, and similar behaviors.

**Proportion Speeding-related Crashes** 

60

**New Hampshire** 

Speed Limits: 1994 and 2004

State

Limited Access Rural

Interstates

Limited Access Urban

Interstates

Other Limited

**Access Roads** 

Truck

Speed

(Y or N)

State

2004
1994
2004
1994
2004
N
65
70
55
60
55
65
NH State Police Activity
2001
2002
2003
Speed Summonses
44,448
40,372
34,216
Speed Warnings
64,199
65,002
53,982
Speeding-Related Fatal Crashes

2001	
2002	
2003	
Total	
Fatal	
Crashes	
Number of	
Speeding-	
related	
Percent	
Speeding-	
related	
Total	
Fatal	
Crashes	
Number of	
Speeding-	
related	
Percent	
Speeding-	
related	
Total	
Fatal	
Crashes	
Number of	

ng

In fiscal year 2005 the state highway safety agency will implement saturation patrols dedicated to aggressively

enforcing posted speed limits. Patrols covering 13 geographic regions are proposed for the summer

(July and August 2005) in areas identified as having high traffic/crash volumes. In calendar year 2004 the State Police Aggressive Driver Unit patrolled the more congested highways in the state using two, low-

cars and one unmarked cruiser. The effort targeted rush hour traffic during the morning and evening com-

mute hours. The activity resulted in 2,323 court convictions and 2,856 warnings for various violations.

New Hampshire reported expending 19.4 percent of federal highway safety dollars on speeding-related

grams and activities in 2003, including the purchase of radar equipment. In 2004, the state reported expend-

ing 19.8 percent, and 23.5 percent in 2005.

# **Public Perception**

The state highway safety office felt the motoring public believes police give a 10 mph cushion in enforcing

the posted speed limit on the interstate system and 5 mph on other roadways.



Speeding-related Data

New Jersey collects speeding-related crash data as well as speeding-related citation data. The state does not

collect data about aggressive driving. Aggressive driving is not defined in state statute. New Jersey noted three state statutes address speeding offenses: reckless driving, careless driving and driving or operating a

motor vehicle in an unsafe manner.

**Proportion Speeding-related Crashes** 

61

**New Jersey** 

Speed Limits: 1994 and 2004

State

**Limited Access Rural** 

Interstates

Limited Access Urban

Interstates

Other Limited

**Access Roads** 

Truck

Speed

(Y or N)

**New Jersey** 

1994

2004

1994

2004

1994

N
55
65
55
55
55
65
Year
Speeding-related
Fatal Crashes
State Patrol Annual
Speeding Citations
2003
12%
59,575
2002
12%
72,819
2001
20%
Data Not Available
Efforts to Reduce Excessive Speeding  Educational efforts have included an ongoing Drive Friendly public information campaign. Enforcement efforts  have included speeding-related and aggressive driving grants to state, county and municipal police

as joint task force operations by local law enforcement agencies along major corridor roadways.

agencies, as well

New Jersey reported that speeding-related programs and activities have been successful. The programs con-

tributed to an overall 6 percent decline in motor vehicle fatalities in 2003, as well as a 32 percent decline in

motorcycle fatalities in 2003.



New Mexico reported the above speed limits are maximums and that many access segments have lower speed

limits, depending on engineering design. All but a few sections of rural interstates are signed for 75 mph. Following the repeal of the NMSL, speed limits for rural highways were set on the basis of criteria that included

lane and shoulder width, horizontal and vertical alignment and pavement condition. When NMSL was repealed

in 1995, speed limits did not change until April 1996 in order to provide time for that analysis. Some segment

speeds have been raised or lowered since. The state does not have a different speed limit for trucks.

### Speeding-related Data

New Mexico collects speeding-related crash data from the state's motor vehicle crash report form, using excessive speed and/or too fast for conditions data elements. The state does not collect speeding-related cita-

tion data, although speeding conviction data is collected. New Mexico does not collect aggressive driving data. Currently there is no clear definition of aggressive driving. Generally police officers code a citation as

"careless or reckless" driving but coding is not uniform across the state.

**Proportion of Speeding-related Crashes** 

62

New Mexico

Speed Limits: 1994 and 2004

State

**Limited Access Rural** 

Interstates

Limited Access Urban

Interstates

Other Limited

**Access Roads** 

Truck

Speed

(Y or N)

New Mexico
1994
2004
1994
2004
1994
2004
N
65
75
55
65
55
70
Year
Percent Speeding-related
Fatal & Injury Crashes
Speeding Convictions
Added to Driver Records
2003
17.3%
117,303 (data incomplete)
2002
17.5%
122,207

2001

16.5%

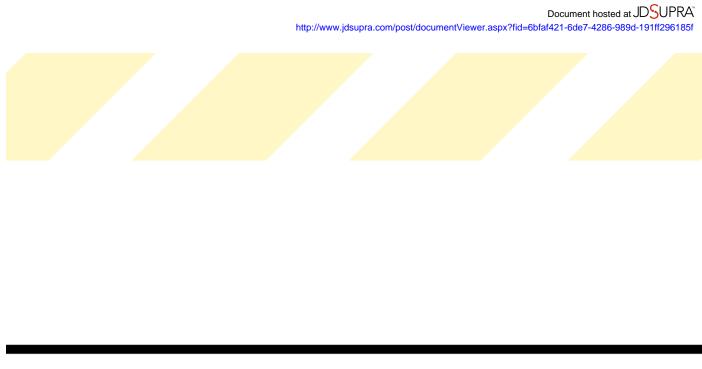
129,216

New Mexico analyzed speed data for over representation by any specific geographic area, race, ethnic group,

gender, age or other grouping. The state found urban counties (particularly Bernalillo) are under represent-

ed. Rural counties with interstate highways and other major highways are somewhat over represented. San

Juan County seems particularly high. The data shows 63 percent of convictions are male, 67 percent are under the age of 40, and 46 percent are under the age of 30.



**Efforts to Reduce Excessive Speeding** 

New Mexico includes speeding as an element of the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) activities,

and implements STEP programs in locations with high crash statistics, but not necessarily where a majority

of the speeding may be occurring. There are very few STEP efforts targeted specifically at speeding. The state identified and implemented six "Safety Corridors." These safety corridors are segments of highway that

have high crash rates. Fines are doubled for these segments and the segments are identified by special signage. The state provides law enforcement funding to patrol these specific segments and is looking at six

additional locations. The state does have specific speeding components of projects, but generally the projects

encompass all "aggressive driving" behavior.

New Mexico commits approximately 10 percent of the total federal highway dollars received toward speed-

ing-related activities. The state designates state funding for law enforcement activities, a portion of which is

committed to speeding-related enforcement. Funding levels vary, but are estimated to be approximately

\$100,000 annually. New Mexico estimated approximately \$500,000-\$1million per year for STEP or other related general traffic enforcement activities.

New Mexico believes there exists a direct relationship between funds spent on enforcement and a reduction

in numbers of crashes.

### **Public Perception**

New Mexico's state highway safety office felt the motoring public believes police give a 5 mph cushion in

enforcing the posted speed limit on interstates with a 75 mph speed limit, and 10 mph on other roadways.

The state also noted there are some exceptions in some counties where the public knows law enforcement

officers give no cushion (Los Alamos, Sandoval.)



Speed limits listed above apply to all roadways within the state. North Carolina does not have a separate speed limit for trucks.

Speeding-related Data

2004

1994

2004

North Carolina collects speeding-related crash data from three data elements: exceeding safe speed for condi-

tions, exceeding authorized speed limits and failure to reduce speed. The state also collects speedingrelated

citation data and data about aggressive driving. North Carolina defines aggressive driving as three

combined violations such as speeding, following too closely and unsafe movement. **Proportion Speeding-related Crashes** 64 North Carolina Speed Limits: 1994 and 2004 State **Limited Access Rural** Interstates Limited Access Urban Interstates Other Limited **Access Roads** Truck Speed (Y or N) North Carolina 1994

1994
2004
N
55
65/70
55
55/65
55
55/65
Year
Percent Speeding-related
Fatal & Injury Crashes
State Highway Patrol
Speed Citations
2003
47.2%
360,000 est.
2002
46.3%
360,000 est.
2001
44.2%
360,000 est.
Efforts to Reduce Excessive Speeding  North Carolina will implement a new speed initiative in 2005 named No Need 2 Speed.

North Carolina estimated 14.5 percent of Section 402 federal highway safety dollars were expended for patrol activities, including speeding-related enforcement in 2003. In 2004, 12.8 percent of Section 402 funds

were expended for patrol activities. State funds are used for personnel costs.

North Carolina reported mixed success of speeding-related programs. The state noted that courts routinely

reduce the charges for speeding violations to improper equipment or a similar infraction.

**Public Perception** 

North Carolina's state highway safety office felt the motoring public believes police give a 10 mph cushion in

enforcing the posted speed limit.

Speeding-related Data

North Dakota collects speeding-related crash data, but does not collect speeding-related citation data.

The

state defines aggressive driving as speeding, lane weaving, red light running and driving too closely but does

not collect aggressive driving data. The state has not defined aggressive driving in state statute.

North Dakota reported the state patrol issued 44,250 speeding citations in 2001. In 2002 the number was

44,890; and 45,510 citations were issued in 2003.

No data is collected regarding geographic area, race, ethnic group, gender, age or other grouping.

**Efforts to Reduce Excessive Speeding** 

North Dakota reported that no highway safety programs are aimed specifically at speed reduction. The state

expends federal highway safety dollars on impaired driving crackdowns and safety belt enforcement, and

includes speeding-related enforcement as a component of these efforts.

**Public Perception** 

North Dakota's state highway safety office felt the motoring public believes police give a 5 mph cushion in

enforcing the posted speed limit on the interstate system.

65

North Dakota

Speed Limits: 1994 and 2004

State

**Limited Access Rural** 

Interstates

Limited Access Urban

Interstates

Other Limited

**Access Roads** 

Truck

Speed
(Y or N)
North Dakota
1994
2004
1994
2004
1994
2004
Υ
65
75
65
75
None
None



Speed limits noted above apply to all roadways within the state. Ohio has separate speed limits for vehicles

in excess of 8,000 pounds gross vehicle weight that remained in effect after the NMSL was repealed. For all

roadways, the speed limit for vehicles in excess of 8,000 pounds gross vehicle weight was 55 mph in 1994

and remained the same a decade later.

### Speeding-related Data

Ohio collects speeding-related crash data from information provided on the state's motor vehicle crash report

form. The state does not collect speeding-related citation data and does not collect data about aggressive

driving. There is no statute defining aggressive driving.

Ohio reported the state patrol issued 473,773 speeding citations in 2001. The number for 2002 was 466,594, and in 2003 the number was 431,036. No breakout is available by geographic group, race, ethnic

group, gender, age or other grouping.

#### **Efforts to Reduce Excessive Speeding**

Activities primarily include speeding-related overtime enforcement efforts that target specific locations. Speeding-related citations in 2003 by the state patrol numbered 8,971. During the same period, local law

enforcement officers issued 30,635 citations.

Ohio reported expending the following percentages of federal highway safety dollars for speeding-related

activities through state patrol and local law enforcement grants:

S

FY 2003

\$1,900.00

17 percent

s

FY 2004

\$1,900.00

17 percent

S FY 2005 \$1,900.00 17 percent (Estimated) Ohio reported there has not been an evaluation of the overall impact of these speeding-related enforcement activities in the past two years. However, many agencies have noted a reduction in speeds on specific ways where enforcement efforts were concentrated. **Public Perception** Ohio's state highway safety office felt the motoring public believes police give a cushion in enforcing the posted speed limit, although the amount varies with type of roadway and agency. The state highway safety office felt the general belief is that there is at least a 5 mph cushion above the posted speed limit. 66 Ohio Speed Limits: 1994 and 2004 State Limited Access Rural Interstates Limited Access Urban Interstates Other Limited **Access Roads** Truck Speed (Y or N)

Ohio

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Υ



The speed limits indicated above do not apply to all roadways within the state. In Oklahoma, turnpikes are

75 mph and other speed limits are based on 85

th

percentile speeds (the speed of 85 percent of drivers on a

given segment.) There is no separate speed limit for trucks.

Speeding-related Data
Oklahoma collects 85

th

percentile speed data at various points along the highway system. The state also col-

lects speeding-related crash data. The cause of a crash can be "Unsafe Speed" which includes: driver's abili-

ty-age; inexperienced driver- young; exceeding legal limit for traffic conditions, for type of roadway, for ice or

snow on roadway, wind, other weather condition(s), vehicle condition, view obstruction, on curve/turn, impeding traffic, and similar data elements. The state also collects citation data, but does not collect aggres-

sive driving data. There is no formal definition of aggressive driving in state statutes.

**Proportion Speeding-related Crashes** 

67

Oklahoma

Speed Limits: 1994 and 2004

State

**Limited Access Rural** 

Interstates

Limited Access Urban

Interstates

Other Limited

**Access Roads** 

Truck
Speed
(Y or N)
Oklahoma
1994
2004
1994
2004
1994
2004
N
55
70
55
60
55
60
Year
Percentage Unsafe Speed
Causal Factor in Crashes
Highway Patrol Excessive
Speed Citations
2003
26.2%
Data Not Available

2002 19.2% 90,338 2001 20.1%

97,551

## **Efforts to Reduce Excessive Speeding**

Excessive speed is addressed through law enforcement programs, community/school safety presentations and

improvement to engineering analyses programs. In October of 1997, the U.S. Department of Justice awarded

the Oklahoma City a Local Law Enforcement Block Grant to start an aggressive driving program. Known as

R.A.A.I.D. (Reduction of Accidents and Aggressive and Inconsiderate Drivers) the program became opera-

tional in September 1998. The goal of R.A.A.I.D. is to reduce crashes, particularly fatal crashes. Generally,

Oklahoma does not isolate efforts that address only speeding.

Oklahoma estimates that in 2005, 40 percent of federal highway safety dollars were committed to reducing

speed. State funds are used in part to fund state patrol, whose emphasis is on speed reduction and seat belt

use. Additionally, the Oklahoma City police department has an aggressive driving/speed program.

## **Public Perception**

Oklahoma's state highway safety office felt the motoring public believes police give a 10 mph cushion in enforcing the posted speed limit.



Speed limit increases in 2004 do not apply to all roadways. Generally speaking, all state highways (non-interstate)

are 55 mph outside the city limits of an incorporated city. County roads follow the same basic trend. The speed

reductions are posted as the respective roadways approach city limits or major signalized 4-way intersections.

Other speed zone reductions occur where there is a permanent or temporary speed reduction order based on road-

work or some other situation like a high crash location identified by the state transportation department. Rural

interstate highways in Oregon have a maximum limit of 65 mph. Urban interstate highways generally have a 55

mph speed limit with a few exceptions (East Portland (Interstate 84), Salem (Interstate 5) and Eugene (Interstate

5.) These three locations are specifically identified as having a 60 mph limit. Two other areas are lower than the

55 mph limit (Terwilleger Curves and Myrtle Creek Curves, both signed at 50 mph.) These areas have permanent

speed reduction orders due to crash histories on the curves.

In Oregon truck/bus speeds are set at a maximum speed limit of 55 mph on all state and interstate highways,

unless a lower speed is posted for all vehicles or a different speed is posted specifically for trucks.

Speeding-related Data

Oregon collects speeding-related crash data from police and citizen-based crash reports, primarily using the

speed too fast for conditions and exceeding posted speed data elements. The state does not collect speeding

citation data, but does collect speeding conviction data. There is no centralized tracking system for citations

issued. Data about aggressive driving would be shown through individual violations, but not as aggressive

driving. Oregon does not define aggressive driving in current law, although one city does have a specific law.

68

Oregon

Speed Limits: 1994 and 2004

State

Limited Access Rural
Interstates
Limited Access Urban
Interstates
Other Limited
Access Roads
Truck
Speed
(Y or N)
Oregon
1994
2004
1994
2004
1994
2004
Υ
55
65
55
50/55/60
55
55



For each of the years indicated in the chart, Oregon estimates 200,000 as the annual average number of speeding convictions posted to driver records. This number represents state and local agencies.

**Efforts to Reduce Excessive Speeding** 

In the past several years, Oregon has increased the amount of effort in speeding-related enforcement, equip-

ment and public information and education. The engineering efforts include an element of safety and address speed modification in the design phase. Although speeding is a component of various programs, the

state also funds specific activities that address only speeding. These include annual funding to the state police for speeding-related enforcement and annual funding to city and county police agencies to address

speed equipment needs as well as provide for overtime speeding-related enforcement. In 2005, Oregon is

analyzing the top 10 counties in terms of speed and total fatalities to develop specific Multi-Agency Traffic

Team Partnerships that will provide a significant visible presence and deterrent to bad driving behaviors that

cause traffic crashes. The intent is to reduce the number of deaths in each specific county.

Oregon reported in fiscal year (FY) 2002, \$250,000 in federal funding was committed to speed reduction measures. The amount in 2003 was \$431,000, and \$475,000 in 2004. In 2005, Oregon anticipates expend-

ing \$750,000. The state has no funds specific to speed reduction. Oregon will implement a Selective Traffic

Enforcement Program (STEP) in FY 2005. The state estimated 50 percent of the enforcement activities in the STEP projects involve speeding-related enforcement. Oregon has provided assistance for speed patrol

activities under Safe Community grants, safety belt grants and driving impaired grants for over a decade.

Because a focus on the issue of speeding is relatively new both nationally and in Oregon, it is not possible to

determine the overall impacts of speeding-related activities in the state. Specific financial resources would be

needed to direct activities and efforts specifically to speed.

#### **Public Perception**

Oregon's state highway safety office felt the motoring public believes police give a 10-15 mph cushion in enforcing the posted speed limit before being stopped.

69

**Proportion Speeding-related Crashes** 

Year

**Speeding-related Fatalities** 

(Percent of Crashes)

Speeding-related Injuries

(Percent of Crashes)

2003

273 (53.3%)

9,131 (32.3%)

2002

225 (51.6%)

8,724 (31.4%)

2001

211 (43.2%)

7,505 (27.8%)



Speed limits do not apply to all roadways within the state. In each instance of a posted 65 mph limit, an engineering and traffic study is performed to document that the speed limit is appropriate. Pennsylvania does not have a separate speed limit for trucks.

Speeding-related Data

Pennsylvania department of transportation conducts spot speed studies, usually performed manually with a

radar gun and tally sheet at specific locations on roadways exhibiting some sort of safety concern. Studies

are also conducted for particular projects resulting from requests from municipalities. Speed data is also col-

lected automatically on interstate highways, expressways and other major thoroughfares through automatic

traffic data collection devices embedded in the roadway surface. Additionally, the state crash report form

contains space to indicate "contributing driver actions" as a crash factor. One of these contributing driver

actions is "speeding". Pennsylvania does not collect speeding citation data, but does collect speeding-related

conviction data.

Pennsylvania also collects data about aggressive driving. Aggressive driving is defined by policy as "the com-

bination of actions and behaviors by an individual who operates a motor vehicle with disregard for public

safety." The state also identifies aggressive driving statistically through "contributing driver actions" from the

police crash report form:

S

Driver fleeing police (police chase)

S

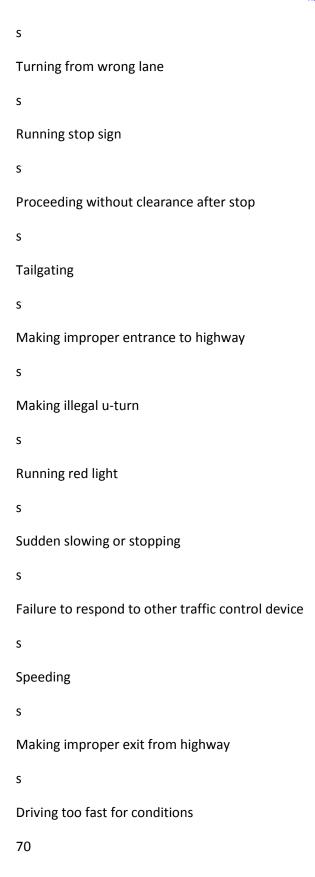
Careless passing or lane change

S

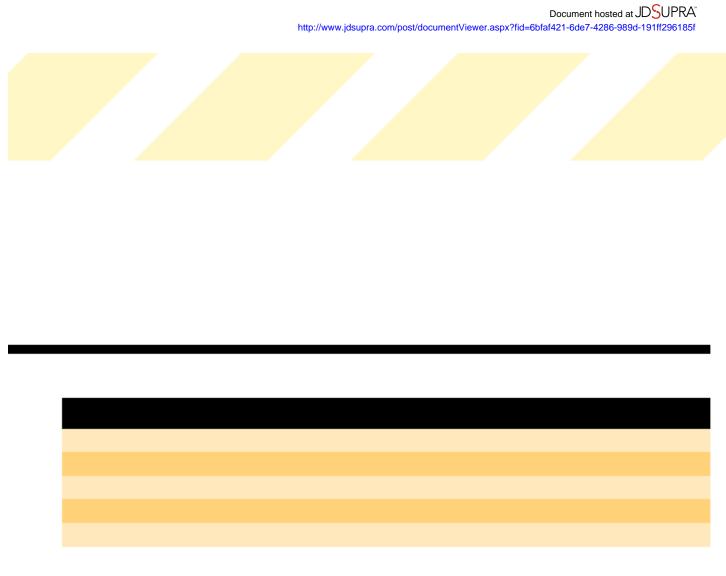
Improper/careless turning

s

Passing in no passing zone



Pennsylvania
Speed Limits: 1994 and 2004
State
Limited Access Rural
Interstates
Limited Access Urban
Interstates
Other Limited
Access Roads
Truck
Speed
(Y or N)
Pennsylvania
1994
2004
1994
2004
1994
2004
N
55
65
55
65
55



**Efforts to Reduce Excessive Speeding** 

Pennsylvania is piloting a new "safety corridor" project where fines for moving violations such as speeding

are doubled in certain corridors selected by an engineering study. The pilot program will study the effects of

the signs and active, visible enforcement on vehicle speeds and following distances. Pennsylvania also uses

speed display boards on roadways with a history of speeding vehicles, as studies have shown that vehicle

speeds are reduced in the short term in the vicinity of the speed display board during its deployment.

Pennsylvania includes speeding as a component of Selective Traffic Enforcement Programs (STEP), designed

to increase traffic safety and reduce the number of crashes through innovative traffic enforcement operations.

STEP targets specific areas with a high incidence of crashes and traffic violations. Enforcement locations and

times are selected based upon analysis of traffic volume, crash data, frequency of traffic violations and traffic

conditions, as well as geographic and temporal factors. A review of patrol and traffic related data captured

from computer-based "Prophecy Program" and the "Automated Incident Memo System" (AIMS) is utilized to

target enforcement locations. The objective is to direct appropriate enforcement efforts toward violations

that are likely to cause crashes. Speeding-related enforcement programs, such as radar and Operation State

Police Aerial Reconnaissance Enforcement and targeted enforcement (including aggressive driving) is identi-

fied through analysis. The state has adopted several speeding-related enforcement programs designed to

detect violators using non-traditional means. Examples are Operation Chameleon, a program where troopers

pose as disabled motorists in cargo vans and passenger cars. Radar units are operated from within the vehi-

cle, and information is radioed to a marked patrol unit situated within sight of the chameleon vehicle. Operation Yellow Jacket is a similar concept, using troopers posing as department of transportation workers.

Pennsylvania estimated federal highway safety funds in the amount of \$450,000 was expended in 2003 and

again in 2004 on speeding-related activities, with \$1,100,000 anticipated in 2005. Pennsylvania reported speeding-related and aggressive driving fatalities in 2003 are down from 2002 levels.

**Public Perception** 

703 (14%)

Pennsylvania's state highway safety office felt the motoring public believes police give a cushion in enforcing

the posted speed limit. The state noted Pennsylvania law allows for a five mph cushion for police using radar

er speed timing

(only the state police can use radar by law), and a 10 mph cushion for police using oth devices where the legal speed limit is less than 55 mph (municipal police.)
71
Proportion Speeding-related Crashes
Year
Fatalities
(Percent Total)
Major Injuries
(Percent Total)
Convictions:
Speeding
Convictions: Failure to
Head Traffic Control Device
1999
204 (13%)
748 (14%)
261,019
200,931
2000
194 (13%)

255,955
212,323
2001
256 (17%)
988 (20%)
242,234
230,879
2002
483 (30%)
Data Not Available
232,691
240,805
2003
443 (28%)
Data Not Available
196,222
236,355



The speed limits shown above apply to all roadways within the state. South Carolina has no separate speed

limit for trucks.

Speeding-related Data

South Carolina collects speeding-related crash data from the state's motor vehicle crash report form.

officer investigating a crash has the option of choosing speeding-related contributing factors in crashes. Data

elements include driving too fast for conditions and exceeding posted speed limits, and also as a possible fac-

tor in both aggressive operation of a motor vehicle and reckless driving. South Carolina does not have a statute relating to aggressive driving. The state uses the statute for reckless driving to cover aggressive

ing offenses. "Aggressive Operation of a Motor Vehicle" is listed on the uniform crash report form as one of

a number of contributing factors to crashes reported by investigating officers. Speeding citation data is also

collected, but only by the state patrol. Local jurisdictions do not submit their citation data unless the

jurisdiction receives federal highway safety grant funding.

**Proportion Speeding-related Crashes** 

72

South Carolina

Speed Limits: 1994 and 2004

State

Limited Access Rural

Interstates

Limited Access Urban

Interstates

Other Limited

Access Roads

Truck

Speed

(Y or N)
South Carolina
1994
2004
1994
2004
1994
2004
N
65
70
55
60
55
60
Year
Speeding-related Fatal
Crashes/All (percent)
Speeding-related Injury
Crashes/All (percent)
State Patrol
Speed Citations
2003
78/808 (9.6%)
334/30,057 (1.0%)

228,363

2002

78/839 (9.3%)

343/30,109 (1.0%)

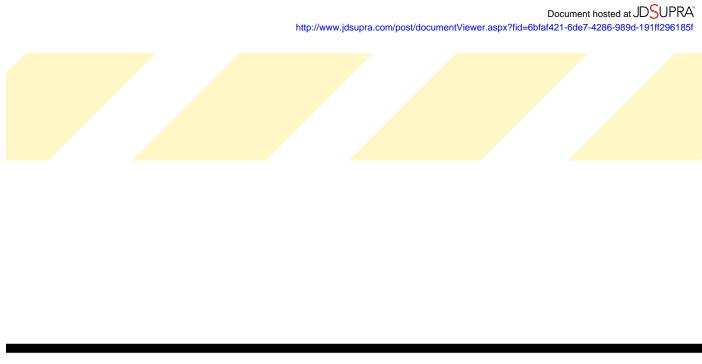
270,982

2001

86/863 (10.0%)

383/30,299 (1.0%)

341,083



**Efforts to Reduce Excessive Speeding** 

South Carolina includes speeding as a component of many program activities. The state implemented several

speeding-related educational and enforcement mobilizations in the summer of 2004. As part of that effort, a

multi-state press conference was conducted to promote efforts to reduce speeding-related problems. Highway safety leaders and other representatives from South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, North

and Mississippi supported the effort, which was referred to as the I-85 (Interstate 85) mobilization crack-

down and was a component of the "100 Days of Summer Heat" initiative. State highway patrol and local law enforcement agencies throughout the five states mobilized for one week to conduct the I-85 effort. The

Labor Day Sober or Slammer! and Memorial Day Buckle Up South Carolina, It's the Law, and it's Enforced.

campaigns included stepped up enforcement components, including a focus on speeding. The state highway

patrol received highway safety grant funding during federal fiscal year (FFY) 2005 that focused on impaired

driving and speeding-related enforcement. Target Zero, the state's most recent highway safety campaign

effort, was introduced in December 2004. The mobilization, focusing on speeding, impaired driving and seat

belt use continued through January 2005.

The state highway safety office awards federal highway safety grants each year to state and local law enforce-

ment agencies. A funding stipulation for the grants requires agencies to participate in the state's recently

formed Law Enforcement Network system, and requires specific types of traffic enforcement efforts, includ-

ing impaired driving and speeding-related enforcement. The state patrol deals exclusively with highway safe-

ty initiatives and is predominantly funded with state dollars.

South Carolina saw a significant reduction in highway fatalities from 2002 to 2003 (1,053 to 969, or 8 per-

cent). Although preliminary statistics for 2004 indicate an increase in fatalities of approximately 5.7 percent,

the final number will still remain significantly below the previous level. The state's motor vehicle death rate

reached a new low of 2.0 in 2003. Highway crash related injuries have steadily decreased over the past

#### few

years, from 52,350 in 2001 to 51,267 in 2003 (2.1 percent). Although these statistical changes cannot be attributed exclusively to speeding and/or aggressive driving programs, speeding-related enforcement played

some part in the differences. Toward that end, South Carolina reported a positive impact of speeding-related

programs in the state.

# **Public Perception**

South Carolina's state highway safety office felt the motoring public believes police give a 10 mph cushion in enforcing the posted speed limit.



South Dakota reported that state highways have a speed limit of 65 mph and county roads have a maximum

speed of 55 mph. Trucks have different limits, according to size.

Speeding-related Data

South Dakota collects speeding-related crash data and speeding-related citation data. The state noted that individ-

ual driver citation/driver record information is available but has not been compiled into a statewide statistical

report format. South Dakota does not collect aggressive driving data and statutes do not define aggressive driving.

The state noted, however, that reckless, careless and overdriving are all considered aggressive.

**Proportion Speeding-related Crashes** 

South Dakota
Speed Limits: 1994 and 2004
State
Limited Access Rural
Interstates
Limited Access Urban
Interstates
Other Limited
Access Roads
Truck
Speed
(Y or N)
South Dakota
1994

2004

2004
1994
2004
Υ
65
75
65
75
N/A
N/A
Year
Speeding-related Fatal
& Injury Crashes (percent)
State Patrol
State Patrol Citations
Citations
Citations 2003
Citations 2003 1,210 (15%)
Citations 2003 1,210 (15%) 27,014
Citations 2003 1,210 (15%) 27,014 2002
Citations 2003 1,210 (15%) 27,014 2002 1,107 (14%)
Citations 2003 1,210 (15%) 27,014 2002 1,107 (14%) 27,677

Information was not available to determine if the speed data show over-representation by any specific geo-

graphic area, race, ethnic group, gender, age or other grouping.

**Efforts to Reduce Excessive Speeding** 

South Dakota provides funding local law enforcement to purchase radar equipment to enhance speeding-

related enforcement efforts. Speeding is also a component of all law enforcement grants.

Operation Safe is a noticeably successful program that combines public education and awareness activities

with saturation patrols. The program has improved the safety of the public even though Operation Safe has

only been in place for one year.

South Dakota reported a total of \$105,225 or 6 percent of the state's federal highway safety funds were committed

to speed reduction efforts in 2003. In 2004, the amount was \$220,000 or 12 percent. South Dakota anticipates

expending \$240,000 or 14 percent of funds on speeding-related activities in 2005. The state reported that law

enforcement agencies are funded both by state and by local dollars, however, the total amount of state and local

funding is not available. South Dakota believes efforts to address speed have been positive.

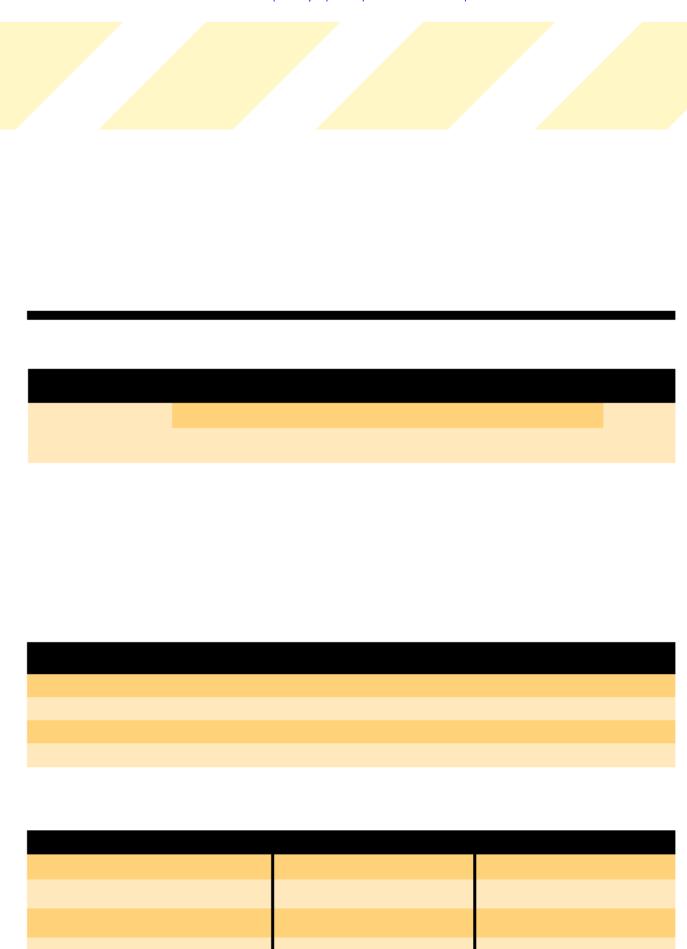
### **Public Perception**

South Dakota's state highway safety office felt the motoring public believes police give a 5 mph cushion in enforc-

ing the posted speed limit. The state noted that South Dakota, like most rural states, struggles with large geo-

graphic areas and low population densities, miles of roadway and limited number of law enforcement personnel to

patrol. Thus public perception of the risk of getting caught while speeding in rural areas is low.



Tennessee noted that speed limits shown above apply to all roadways within the state. For limited access urban

interstates, speed limits varied from 45 to 55 mph, depending on population. Although there is no statewide dif-

ferential truck speed limit, trucks have different limits on steep grades in certain areas of the state.

Speeding-related Data

Tennessee collects speeding-related crash data. These are reported as driver actions, and include speed too

fast for conditions and speed too slow. The state also collects speeding-related citation data, but does not

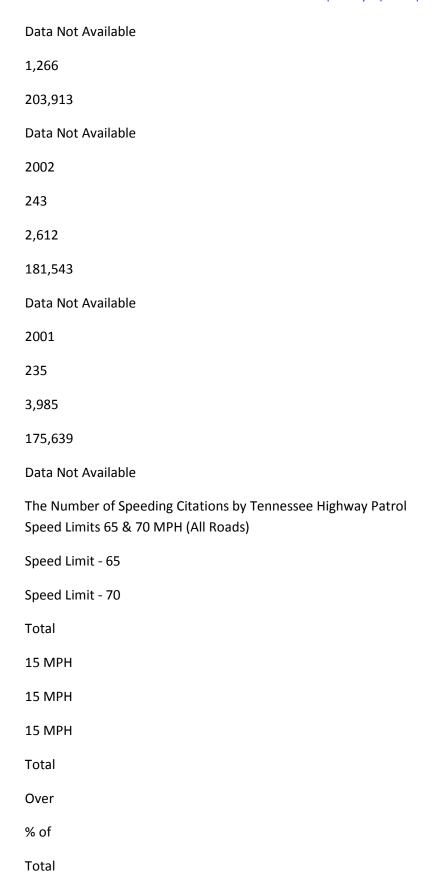
collect aggressive driving data. There is no state statute defining aggressive driving.

**Proportion Speeding-related Crashes** 

Tennessee
Speed Limits: 1994 and 2004
State
Limited Access Rural
Interstates
Limited Access Urban
Interstates
Other Limited
Access Roads
Truck
Speed
(Y or N)
Tennessee
1994

2004

2004
1994
2004
Some
65
70
45-55
45-55
65
70
Year
Speeding-related
Fatal Crashes
Speeding-related
Injury Crashes
Highway Patrol
Speeding Citations
Speeding Convictions
All Agencies
2004
Data Not Available
619
232,553
119,650



Over

% of

Total

Over

% of

2001

12,747

6,055

47.50%

88,203

38,476

43.62%

100,950

44,531

44.11%

2002

9,443

3,973

42.07%

71,321

63,353

88.83%

80,764

67,326

83.36%

2003

8,903

4,152

46.64%

61,261

56,003

91.42%

70,164

60,155

85.73%

2004

8,525

4,348

51.00%

60,730

55,403

91.23%

69,255

59,751

86.28%



## **Efforts to Reduce Excessive Speeding**

The mission of the Tennessee highway safety office is to promote safety. An integral component of this mis-

sion is to rigorously enforce speeding-related laws. All troopers are highly trained in speeding-related enforcement and continuously take enforcement actions to decrease undesirable driving behavior. Through

the administration of speeding-related grant programs or while on regularly scheduled patrols, troopers devote a considerable amount of time to speeding-related enforcement. The state patrol utilizes a Safety

Education Division to promote safe driving habits. This division publishes pamphlets, conducts safety fairs,

addresses various audiences and provides public displays - all in an effort to educate motorists of the perils of

negligent driving. Crash reports capture causative factors such as speeding. Reports are shared with the state transportation department who routinely analyze crash data to determine locations of crashes. If an

abnormally high number of crashes continue to occur at the same location on the same roadway, engineers

might examine the location to determine if changes in roadway design might help alleviate the problem. Speeding-related enforcement is a practice in all of law enforcement overtime programs.

## **Public Perception**

Tennessee's state highway safety office felt the average driver believes they have a 5 mph cushion above the

posted speed limit. Some drivers, however, feel they are allowed 10 mph due to the volume of traffic and

difficulty of enforcing speed in certain locations.

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Tennessee



Texas reported the limits noted above apply to all roadways, except roadways with 75 mph speeds. Those

limits only apply to counties with fewer than 10 people per square mile. Texas is one of the few states with

different speed limits for day and night driving. The state also has different speed limits for trucks. Daytime

speeds for trucks are 70 mph and nighttime speeds are 65 mph on all roadways, except farm-to-market roads

where the speed limits are 60 mph in the daytime and 55 mph at night.

Speeding-related Data

Texas collects speeding-related crash data, using speeding over limit and speed unsafe data elements. The

state also collects data about aggressive driving (cell phone use and road rage.) However state statutes do

not define aggressive driving.

Texas collects citation data, but only for the department of public safety and other agencies that have speed-

ing-related law enforcement grants. The following tables represent speeding-related violations statewide:

77
Texas
Speed Limits: 1994 and 2004
State
Limited Access Rural

Limited Access Urban

Interstates

Interstates

Other Limited

**Access Roads** 

Truck

Speed

(Y or N)

Texas
1994
2004
1994
2004
1994
2004
Υ
D 65/N 55
D 75/N 65
55
D 70/N 65
55
D 75/N 65
STEP & Non-STEP Speeding Violations
2001
2002
2003
STEP
27,505
27,150
73,509
Non-STEP
527,165
500,941

505,468 Total 554,670

578,977

528,091

Texas reported 41,924 speeding-related fatal and injury crashes in 2001. Data for 2002 and 2003 have not yet

been finalized. Texas has the ability to report and analyze speeding-related violation data for over representation in

geographic areas, by race and by gender, however, the state did not provide conclusions about the data presented.

# **Efforts to Reduce Excessive Speeding**

Texas includes speeding as a component in Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) activities. The majority of STEP grants that include a speeding-related component also address other components such as

impaired driving, safety belt use and intersection violations. In fiscal year (FY) 2005, ten communities will

operate a STEP with a speeding-related component only. Ninety-seven communities will operate a STEP that

includes speeding and at least one other component.

Texas reported the following percentages as representative of Section 402 and Section 157a federal highway

safety funding expenditures: FY 2003, 36.8 percent; FY 2004, 34.2 percent; and in FY 2005, 37 percent.

addition, the state department of transportation has a state funded STEP to increase speeding, impaired driv-

ing and occupant protection enforcement. The amount received in FY 2004 was \$8,667,000 with about the

same amount again available in FY 2005.

#### **Public Perception**

Texas' state highway safety office felt the motoring public believes police typically give a 5 mph cushion in

enforcing the posted speed limit.



Utah collects data on speeding-related crashes including participant fatalities or injuries and those involving

only property damage. The crash report data elements that are used to collect this data are exceeding the

posted speed limit and driving too fast for conditions. Data on speeding citations is also available. Utah has

a state statute that defines aggressive driving and reckless driving as "willful and wanton disregard" and includes three or more moving violations in one episode. Aggressive driving data related to vehicle crashes is

collected through the information on the crash report. The officer must indicate on the report that the driver

acted in an aggressive manner.

**Proportion Speeding-related Crashes** 

78

Utah

Speeding-related Data

Year

Speeding-related

Fatalities (Percent Total)

Speeding-related

**Injury Crashes** 

**State Patrol Citations** 

Added to Driver Records

2003

1.1%

36.3%

21,208

2002

1.2%

37.2%

28,717 2001 1.0% 38.0%

37,728

Utah analyzed the speed-related data to determine if the data show over representation by any specific geo-

graphic area, race, ethnic group, gender, age or other grouping. Crash data reflects that drivers ages 15-

are over represented in speeding-related injury and fatal crashes. Gender differences do not appear to be a

factor in property damage and injury crashes, while the data sample for fatal crashes is not large enough to

be conclusive.

**Efforts to Reduce Excessive Speeding** 

Numerous educational campaigns have targeted speeding, and speeding-related information is included in

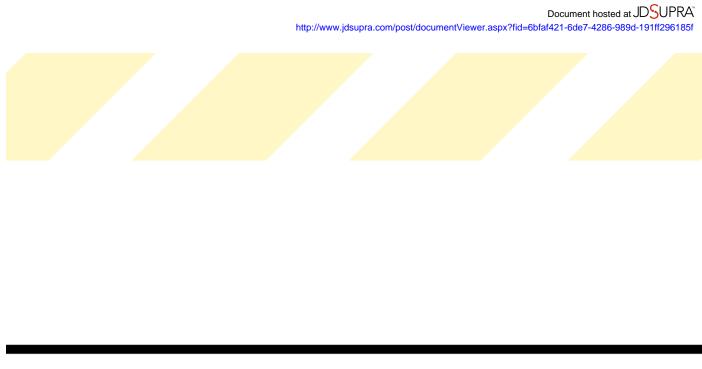
media sources such as television, radio, newspapers and school programs for all age groups. Driver Education courses taught in both public and private schools include curriculum addressing speed reduction

as a way to reduce crashes and the related fatalities, injuries and property loss.

Engineering for new roads and freeways has been a priority in Utah with design features and signage that

have resulted in a crash reduction. However, this does not seem to have resulted in a correlated reduction in

speed. Rather it appears to have given the motoring public a false sense of security with more numerous,



wider and smoother lanes in which to travel. Vehicle design and handling improvements also seem to encourage a false sense of security felt by many drivers.

Enforcement efforts continue with statewide highway patrol efforts and complementary local programs. The

most visible effort is the "UHP: Putting the Brakes on Aggressive Driving" campaign with goals of identifying

"trouble" spots by responding to aggressive driving complaints and targeting holiday periods when high traf-

fic flow is expected. In ten months, this campaign resulted in over 3700 stops, 4300 citations and 1500 warnings for all violations, and more than 300 assistance stops for motorists.

In federal fiscal year (FFY) 2003, Utah continued a three-year project by committing \$100,000 to an aggres-

sive driving enforcement campaign, with a focus on speeding. The project targeted State Route 6 (and adjoining routes). The project was terminated in FFY 2004 when the compliance rate among drivers (meas-

ured by the lower number of citations issued during overtime shifts) had increased and reauthorization fund-

ing was lower than expected. Utah continues campaigns directed toward aggressive driving enforcement

with a much larger focus area than speeding alone.

Speed monitor trailers continue to be used on a regular basis statewide to make the motoring public aware of

their speed and encourage them to slow down. Use of speed trailers is then followed by enforcement efforts.

In FFY 2003, about 3 percent of Utah's federal highway safety funds were used to acquire speed trailers, with about 1 percent used in FFY 2004. The percentage for FFY 2005 was unclear at the time of the report

due to reauthorization uncertainties.

Utah reported a positive impact of speed reduction efforts and programs. The state measured the impact of

programs by looking at the number of crashes and the number of complaints received before, during, and

after blitzes and saturation patrol efforts. Utah reported a decrease in crashes during the blitzes while

number of complaints appears to remain about the same.

#### **Public Perception**

Utah's state highway safety office felt the motoring public perceives there is a 5 mph buffer in most cases.

Interestingly, highway patrol troopers state there are more than enough speeders at 10 mph or more above

posted limits to keep them busy during blitzes, saturation patrols and regularly scheduled shifts.



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Vermont reported that speed limits noted above apply to all roadways within the state. There is no different

speed limit for trucks.

Speeding-related Data

Vermont collects speeding-related crash data, using driving too fast for conditions and exceeding

speed limit data element. The state also collects crash data on aggressive driving, using the operating vehicle

in erratic, reckless, negligent or aggressive manner data element. Vermont has not defined aggressive driving

in state statute.

For 2001 (the most current year for which data is available), Vermont reported the following crash informa-

tion in which speed was cited as a factor:

80

Vermont

Speed Limits: 1994 and 2004

State

**Limited Access Rural** 

Interstates

Limited Access Urban

Interstates

Other Limited

**Access Roads** 

Truck

Speed

(Y or N)

Vermont

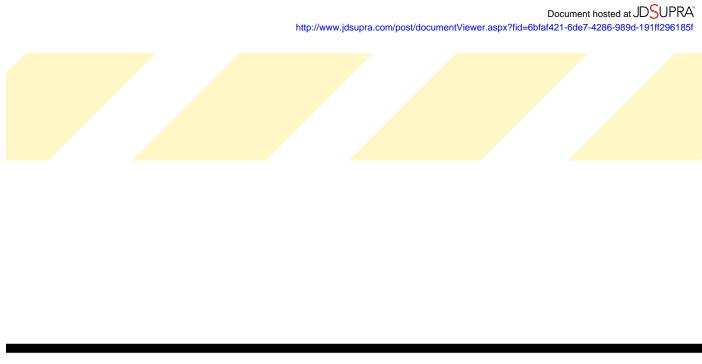
1994

2004

1994
2004
1994
2004
N
65
65
55
55
Unknown
55
2001
Fatal
Injury
Driving too fast
12 (14.5%)
196 (12%)
Excessive Speed
7 (8.4%)
56 (3.4%)
Operating recklessly
0 (0%)
30 (1.8%)
The following speeding-related citation information was provided:
Speed Cited as a factor

Fatal
Injury
2001
21.3 percent
14.5 percent
2002
17.6 percent
16.1 percent
2003
Data Not Avail.
Data Not Avail.
Citations for speeding, all departments:
2001
56,667
2002
62,655
2003
52,269
Vermont analyzed speed data for over representation by any specific geographic area, race, ethnic group, gender, age or other grouping. The state reported ages 16-34 are over represented citation data, with the highest

over representation in the 18-20 age group.



## **Efforts to Reduce Excessive Speeding**

An engineering effort is replacing old "reduce speed ahead" signs with new "reduce speed ahead" signs.

Vermont uses fluorescent yellow warning signs (instead of regular sheeting) to reduce speeds in curves or

through intersections. Fluorescent sheeting is more visible and commands more attention. Recent research

(Transportation Research Record #1862) shows a reduction of mean speeds at curves of 1 mph when fluores-

cent yellow chevrons are used. Another study suggests a 5 percent reduction in injury crashes for every

mph reduction. In school zones, the state is also replacing school warning signs with new fluorescent yellow-

green signs.

Vermont includes speed as an element of Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) activities. Highway

safety projects are multi-faceted. Approximately 20 percent of funding is used for enforcement, which is

mix of speeding, aggressive driving and occupant protection. Perhaps two-thirds of those enforcement dol-

lars are used for speeding-related activities, or about 13 percent of the total federal highway safety funding.

Vermont has not completed formal evaluations of speed reduction programs, but noted the state generally

sees an increase in fatalities when there is a decrease in funding and enforcement.

# **Public Perception**

Vermont's state highway safety office felt the motoring public believes police give a 10 mph cushion in enforcing the posted speed limit on the interstate. On Main Street in Burlington, where the speed limit is 25

mph, motorists believe there is a 15 mph cushion.



Speed limits shown above apply to all roadways. Virginia notes the 60 mph speed on other limited access roads

only applies in limited areas as defined by state code. Trucks are limited to 45 mph on secondary roads.

# Speeding-related Data

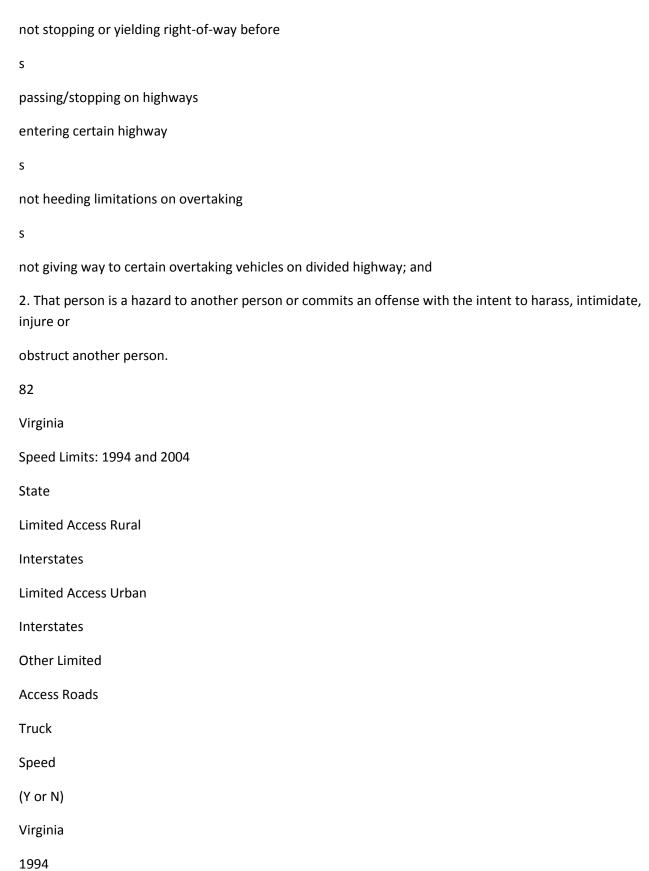
Virginia collects a variety of speeding-related crash and injury data. Data elements used to collect the data are:

exceeded speed limit and exceeded safe speed limit (but not posted speed limit). The state also collects speed-

ing-related conviction data from all police agencies. Virginia collects crash and conviction data for aggressive

driving, and has defined aggressive driving in state code. A person is guilty of aggressive driving if:

1. The person violates one or more of the following: S failure to observe lanes marked for traffic S following too closely S passing on the right when overtaking vehicle S evading traffic control devices S not giving way to overtaking vehicle S driving on right side of highways S passing when overtaking a vehicle S speeding



Some

55-60-65



Virginia noted that the speeding-related citation database information is maintained and available from the

state police. All speeding citation data collected reflects age, gender and geographic area. This information

is then used to determine crash severity scores and special needs, such age specific safety projects and target

enforcement areas.

# **Efforts to Reduce Excessive Speeding**

Virginia uses all crash and citation data collected to determine federal highway safety grant funding. The state does not have a Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) per se, but notes many STEP activities

fall under the adopted Smart Safe and Sober, Click It or Ticket and Smooth Operator programs, all of which

have a speed and/or aggressive driving component.

Virginia received \$6,330,773 in total grant funding in 2003. Of that amount 2.2 percent was spent specifi-

cally on speeding and aggressive driving programs. In 2004 Virginia received \$29,539,300 in total grant funding, of which 3.5 percent was spent specifically on speeding and aggressive driving programs, and in 2005 Virginia received \$34,950,798 in total grant funding and anticipates expending 3.3 percent specifically

on speeding and aggressive driving programs.

Virginia reported their efforts to reduce excessive speeding have been successful. In 2001, Virginia had a total of 360 speeding-related fatalities. In 2002, there were 351 speeding-related fatalities. That number dropped in 2003 to 346. From 2001 to 2003, speeding-related fatalities decreased by 14, or a 3.89 percent

reduction. In 2001, Virginia had a total of 16,728 speeding-related injuries, with 16,028 occurring in 2002.

In 2003, there were 15,387 speed-related injuries. From 2001 to 2003 speeding-related injuries decreased by

1,337 representing an 8 percent reduction.

### **Public Perception**

Virginia's state highway safety office has not conducted any formal or informal survey on the public's percep-

tion of a "speed limit cushion." The court systems in Virginia by statute may impose sanctions for any viola-

tion 1 mph and over of speed limit statutes.

83

Year

Speeding-related
Fatal Crashes (Percent)
Speeding-related
Injury (Percent)
2003
346 (40%)
15,387 (28%)
2002
351 (42%)
16,082 (29%)
2001
360 (42%)
16,728 (30%)
Proportion Speeding-related Crashes



Washington reports speed limits noted above apply to all roadways within the state, except county roads,

where speed limits are 50 mph unless otherwise posted. Maximum speed for trucks on Washington road-

ways is 60 mph unless otherwise posted.

Speeding-related Data

Washington maintains data on average speed and high speed in specific areas as indicated by speed monitor-

ing devices, aircraft and pacing. The state patrol maintains a database with data on number of speeders con-

tacted and citations issued per month and year-to-date, as well as comparison by month, year-to-date and last

12 months. The state also collects speeding citation data and data about aggressive driving.

Washington uses the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's definition of aggressive driving: the

commission of two or more moving violations likely to endanger other persons or property, or any single intentional violation that requires defensive reaction of another driver.

Washington has 39 unconventional vehicles assigned to a statewide Aggressive Driving Apprehension Team

(ADAT), which monitors total contacts, citations issued (and type of violation) per month, comparisons and

year-to-date totals. ADAT also tracks the number of media contacts and rides-a-long provided. Aggressive

drivers reported to the communication centers by citizens are recorded and mapped, then provided to patrol

commanders for deployment decisions. If the citizen can provide a license plate number, a formal letter is

sent to the registered owner advising them that the vehicle was observed driving aggressively at a specific

location. As of December 2004, citizens can also access a website to report locations or "hot spots" of observed aggressive driving. Those locations are also provided to patrol commanders for deployment deci-

sions and enforcement strategies.

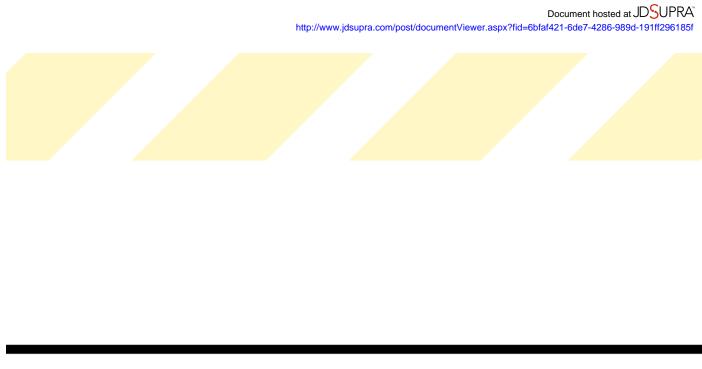
**Proportion Speeding-related Crashes** 

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Washington

Speed Limits: 1994 and 2004
State
Limited Access Rural
Interstates
Limited Access Urban
Interstates
Other Limited
Access Roads
Truck
Speed
(Y or N)
Washington
1994
2004
1994
2004
1994
2004
Υ
65
70
55
60
55
60

Year
Speeding Involved
in Collision
State Police
Citations
2003
44%
289,898
2002
34%
260,294
2001
Data Not Available
174,949



**Efforts to Reduce Excessive Speeding** 

In 2001, Washington began focusing on four core missions: strict enforcement and accountability through

monthly monitoring of impaired driving enforcement, aggressive driving, dangerous speeding and occupant

protection. The state believes this approach has the greatest impact on reducing serious injuries and fatali-

ties. The results are increased activity and enforcement and a reduction in fatalities and injury collisions. There is a consistent effort to keep patrol activities in the media with interesting stories to help educate and

increase awareness of the core mission. Field troopers also make a concentrated effort to educate through

community outreach programs. In 2004 there were 612 presentations by field troopers statewide.

Washington dedicated \$1.6 million in 2003 to the four core missions, including speeding. During 2004, the

amount was \$1.33 million, some of which was used to purchase unconventional vehicles to address the aggressive

driving problems. Washington believes the major component in most aggressive driving acts is speeding. In 2005,

the state anticipates expending \$1.37 million toward the four core missions. Some of those funds will be used to

purchase newer improved speed measuring devices as well as speed emphasis patrols.

Washington reported their programs to address speeding have been largely successful. Since 2002, injury

collisions have been reduced by 15 percent statewide and aggressive driving citations have increased 54 per-

cent during the same period. The most important outcome has been a reduction in fatalities on state routes

by 14 percent and interstates by 8 percent. Speed contacts have increased by 8.55 percent. The aggressive

driving program including mapping of citizen reports, Internet capability for citizen reports and deployment

of unconventional vehicles have all raised awareness of the issue and received positive input from the public.

## **Public Perception**

Washington does not mandate patrol quotas or require troopers to write tickets at a specific speed over the

posted limit. Officers are trained to consider the totality of the circumstances and conditions in making a discretionary decision to issue a citation for speed. However, there are work standards and troopers are expected to take part in enforcement actions as a law enforcement agency. There appears to be a public

per-

ception that it is more likely than not a person will be cited at 10 mph over the posted limit. Very few cita-

tions are issued for 5 mph over the posted limit.

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West Virginia reported that speed limits listed above apply to all roadways within the state. The current lim-

its for 2004 on other limited access roads are 50 mph in urban areas and 65 in rural areas of the state. There is no separate speed limit for trucks.

# Speeding-related Data

1994

2004

West Virginia collects some speeding-related crash data, from a subset of the crash report form under "Circumstances Contributing to Traffic Crashes" and "Circumstances Contributing to Fatal Crashes." Data elements include exceeding safe speed and exceeding speed limit. The state also collects speeding-

conviction data. The state has not defined aggressive driving and no aggressive driving data is collected.

related **Proportion Speeding-related Crashes** 86 West Virginia Speed Limits: 1994 and 2004 State **Limited Access Rural** Interstates Limited Access Urban Interstates Other Limited **Access Roads** Truck Speed (Y or N) West Virginia 1994 2004

1994
2004
N
55
70
55
60
55
U 50/R 65
Year
Circumstances Contributing
to Fatal Crashes
State Patrol Speed
Citations
2003
22%
28,587
2002
22%
29,229
2001
20%
27,643
The state noted that there may be more than one contributing circumstance for each crash. Data available

does not provide for determining over representation by any specific geographic area, race, ethnic

group, gen-

der, age or other grouping.

**Efforts to Reduce Excessive Speeding** 

West Virginia efforts are directed primarily toward seat belt and impaired driving enforcement, although speeding

is included as a component of funded activities. The state estimates 5 percent of federal highway safety dollars

are committed toward efforts to reduce speed. No state funds are used specifically for speed reduction.

**Public Perception** 

West Virginia's state highway safety office felt the motoring public believes police give a 10 mph cushion in

enforcing the posted speed limit.



Wisconsin noted that the 55 mph speed limit only applies to large metropolitan areas. A limit of 65 mph is

used on most rural 4+-lane roadways, even some with cross traffic access. The state does not have a separate

limit for trucks.

Speeding-related Data

Wisconsin collects speeding-related crash data, using the driving too fast for conditions, exceeding posted

limits and imprudent speed (failure to have control) data elements. The state also collects speeding-related

citation data, but does not collect aggressive driving data. Currently Wisconsin statutes do not define aggres-

sive driving, although the state highway safety office plans to address the definition and take action to devel-

op countermeasures in 2005.

**Proportion Speeding-related Crashes** 

Wisconsin analyzed speed data to determine over representation by any specific geographic area, race, ethnic

group, gender, age or other grouping. The state noted speeding is most prevalent among males, and most sig-

nificant in ages 16-34.

**Efforts to Reduce Excessive Speeding** 

Wisconsin includes speed as a component of Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) efforts. The state also initiated a program to target specific speeding-related enforcement details in high-speeding-related

crash history areas. Deploying multiple agencies working coordinated efforts, the initiative encourages local

earned media and utilizes radar, laser, and aircraft speed equipment to generate high volumes of enforcement

activity. The primary media message reminds the public of the dangers associated with speeding and its increasing involvement in crash factors. In 2005, Wisconsin plans to produce and air spots with a speed-related message, entitled, "Busted, over the limit, under arrest!"

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Wisconsin

Speed Limits: 1994 and 2004

State

Limited Access Rural
Interstates
Limited Access Urban
Interstates
Other Limited
Access Roads
Truck
Speed
(Y or N)
Wisconsin
1994
2004
1994
2004
1994
2004
N
55
65
55
55
55
65
Year
Speeding-related

Fatal Crashes
Speeding-related
Injury Crashes
State Patrol
Speed Citations
2003
34%
20%
92,940
2002
34%
20%
91,806
2001
32%
18%
86,196



Wisconsin estimated approximately 5 percent of annual federal highway safety funds were committed each

year in fiscal year (FY) 2003, 2004 and 2005 to specific speed-reduction projects. Another 9 percent was committed to enforcement programs that focus on other issues such as belt use and impaired driving, but

also impact speeding. About 20 percent all Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) funds are expend-

ed specifically on speeding-related enforcement. Wisconsin uses no state funding for speeding-related enforcement, but noted that the state patrol generates nearly 100,000 citations per year using state sources of

funding for personnel.

Wisconsin has not completed specific impact evaluations of their speeding-related programs and so the impact is largely unknown. However, the state noted average speeds continue to climb, the percentage of

speeding-related crashes increases and greater numbers of top-end speeders are being detected. While cur-

rent programs have been effective in generating speeding-related enforcement, the state noted the programs

are not sufficient to reverse these trends. Wisconsin believes it is not possible to accurately determine the

impact of the state's speeding-related programs against current trends to determine if the rates of increase

would have been greater without having any of the countermeasures in place.

### **Public Perception**

Wisconsin's state highway safety office felt the motoring public believes police give a cushion in enforcing the

posted speed limit. The amount varies, but has been steadily increasing. On most rural highways, the per-

ceived tolerance has climbed to nearly 9 mph, while the rural interstates have climbed to around 14 mph

over posted limits.

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Wisconsin



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Speed limits listed above apply to all limited state highways. Wyoming noted limits do not apply to Bureau

of Indian Affairs, Forest Service and county and city roadways within the state. The state does not currently

have a separate speed limit for trucks.

Speeding-related Crash Data

Wyoming collects speeding-related crash data using estimated speed of vehicle, posted speed for roadway,

unsafe speed for conditions, and exceeding speed limit or speed too fast for conditions data elements.

state collects speeding-related citation data from state patrol citations, but does not collect data about aggres-

sive driving and no state statute defines aggressive driving.

**Proportion Speeding-related Crashes** 

89

Wyoming

Speed Limits: 1994 and 2004

State

**Limited Access Rural** 

Interstates

Limited Access Urban

Interstates

Other Limited

**Access Roads** 

Truck

Speed

(Y or N)

Wyoming

1994

2004

1994
2004
1994
2004
N
65
75
65
65/75
50/55
55/65
Year
Speeding-related
Fatal Crashes
Speeding-related
Injury Crashes
State Highway Patrol
Speed Citations
2003
23%
11%
46,366
2002
30%
11%

51,142	
2001	
27%	
11%	

53,122

# **Efforts to Reduce Excessive Speeding**

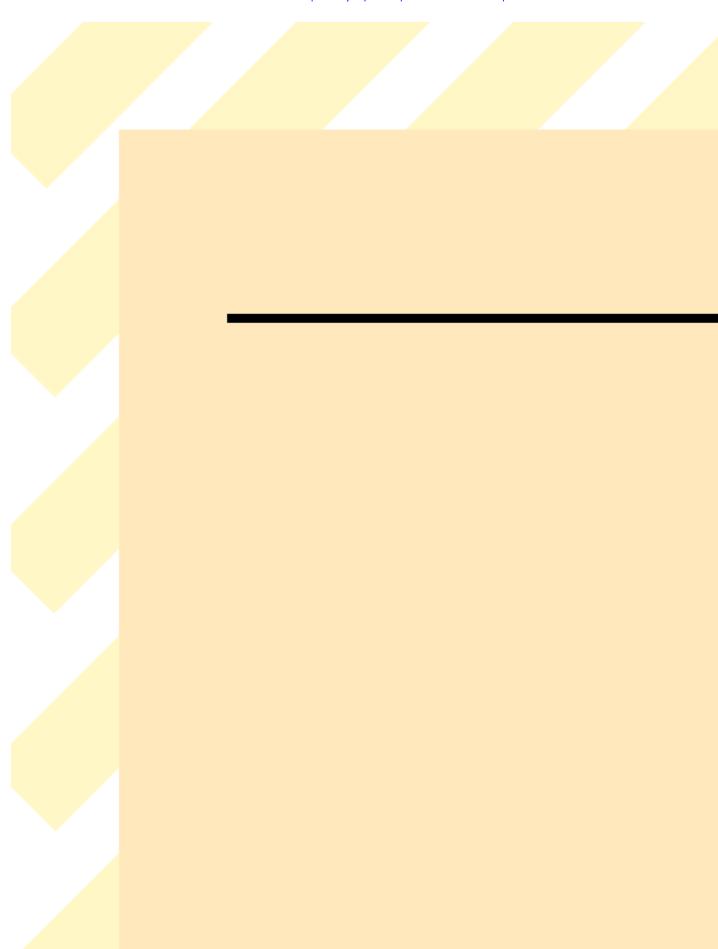
Wyoming includes speeding as a component of Special Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) activities as well

as impaired driving enforcement. Wyoming estimated 33 percent of federal highway safety funds were expended in 2002 on speeding-related activities. The amount expended in 2003 was 36 percent, with 35 per-

cent in 2004. In 2005, Wyoming estimated 35 percent of funds would be expended on speeding-related activities and efforts.

# **Public Perception**

Wyoming's state highway safety office felt the motoring public believes police give a 5 mph cushion in enforcing the posted speed limit.



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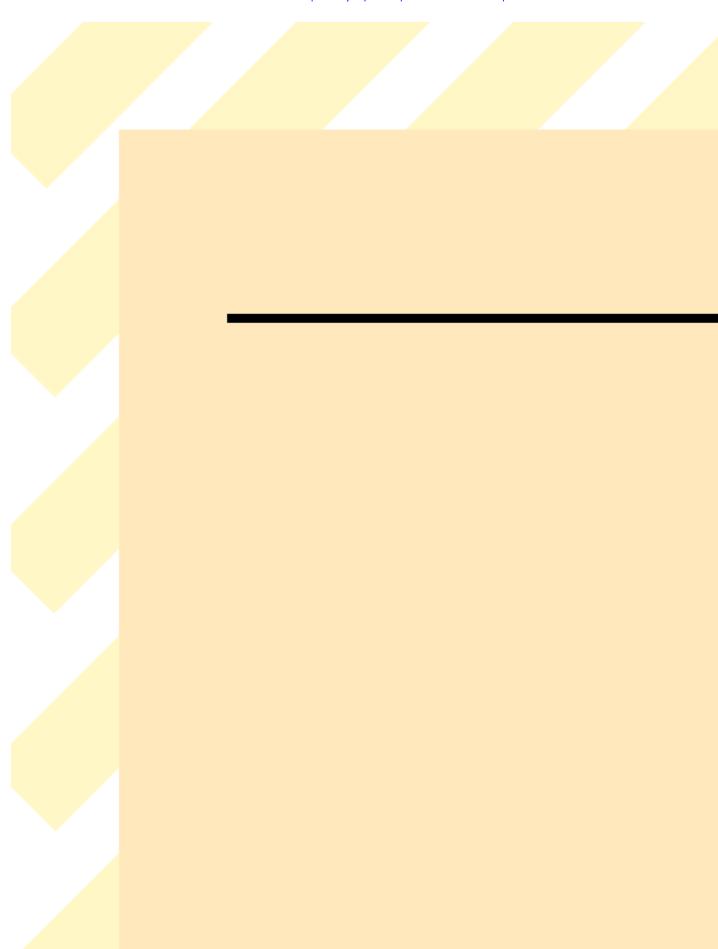
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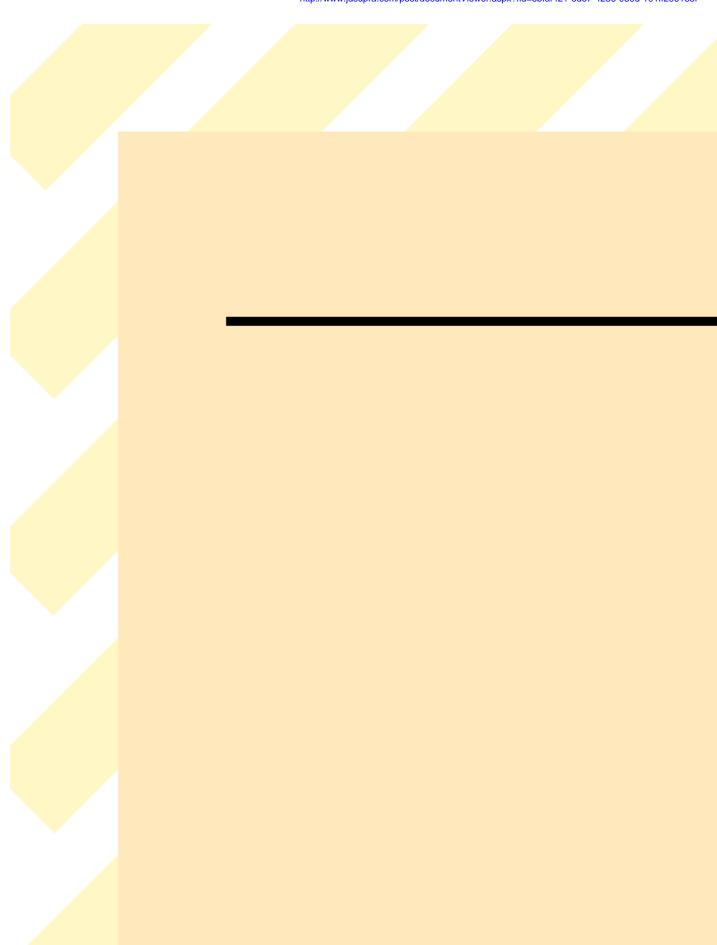
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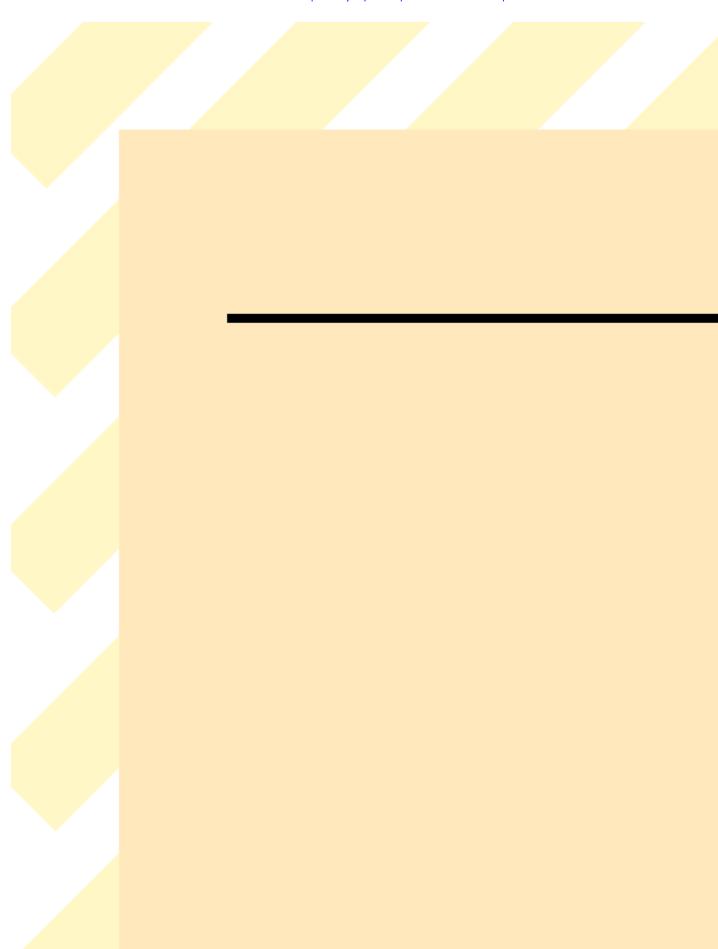
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