

Campaign to Eliminate Drunk Driving® STATE PROGRESS REPORT 2009

The states are ranked based on their percent of total traffic fatalities that involve a drunk driver. These are based on objective federal data. Some states have low fatality rates but difficult drunk driving problems.

Rank	State	% of Deaths Involving Drunk Drivers	2008 Drunk Driving Deaths	% Change in Drunk Driving Deaths	Comments	Notes
#1	Vermont	16%	12	-45%	The nation's best, but Vermont could improve significantly with a law that requires interlocks for all offenders.	
#2	Utah	17%	46	-18%	Look for further improvements in 2009 as the MADD-supported interlock bill takes effect.	<i>Passed interlocks for all offenders in 2009.</i>
#3	Iowa	22%	89	-18%	The nation's best state that's not allowed to conduct checkpoints—a significant disadvantage. It could decrease fatalities by 20% if it allowed checkpoints.	<i>Still cannot do sobriety checkpoints.</i>
#4	Kentucky	24%	200	-5.7%	Kentucky continues to make progress despite a weak interlock law. MADD will work to improve their law to continue this progress.	
#5	District of Columbia	26%	9	-44%	The drop to only nine lives lost is very impressive and could be improved with a better interlock law.	
#6	Indiana	26%	208	-7.1%	MADD is working to introduce and pass mandatory interlock legislation that would reduce fatalities further.	
#7	Maryland	26%	152	-15%	Maryland's interlock program applies only to repeat offenders; it could have greater progress if it extended this program to all offenders.	
#8	New Jersey	26%	154	-23%	New Jersey has had a significant decrease despite only mandating interlocks for third-time offenders. <u>MADD is working to improve this.</u>	
#9	Nebraska	27%	55	-29%	This large number of lives saved is due in part to passage of interlock law in 2008.	<i>Improved already strong interlock law in 2009.</i>
#10	Arizona	28%	266	-21%	Arizona is reaping the benefits of passing all offense interlock law in 2007 and strong enforcement.	



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#11	Arkansas	28%	171	-5.5%	Look for further improvements in 2009 as the MADD-supported interlock bill takes effect.	<i>Passed interlocks for all offenders in 2009.</i>
#12	Georgia	28%	416	-6.5%	Georgia has excellent enforcement of its drunk driving laws, but has failed to act on interlock legislation for the past two legislative sessions.	
#13	Maine	28%	43	-35%	Passed their first interlock law in 2008, but it is at the judge's discretion whether to require an interlock. MADD is working to make this mandatory.	
#14	New York	28%	341	-9.5%	Over half of Legislature signed on to legislation that would require interlocks for all offenders in 2009.	<i>Still working on improved law.</i>
#15	New Mexico	29%	105	-20%	New Mexico is reaping benefits of passing an all-offense interlock law in 2005.	
#16	Florida	29%	875	-4.6%	Enacted a law requiring interlocks for high-BAC and repeat offenders in 2008. MADD is working to expand this.	
#17	Michigan	29%	282	-7.2%	MADD has been working diligently in Michigan for four years to get stronger interlock legislation, but the Legislature has still not acted.	<i>Still cannot do sobriety checkpoints.</i>
#18	South Dakota	29%	34	-23%	Still significant room for improvement, as it is one of only three states not to have an interlock law. MADD is working to remedy this.	
#19	California	30%	1,029	-9.1%	<u>MADD applauds the bill that passed requiring interlocks for all offenders in some counties.</u>	
#20	Minnesota	30%	135	-22%	<u>Still significant room for improvement, as they still cannot do checkpoints and only require interlocks as a pilot program.</u>	<i>Still cannot do sobriety checkpoints.</i>
#21	North Carolina	30%	423	-15%	MADD is working to introduce and pass mandatory interlock legislation that would reduce fatalities further.	
#22	Ohio	30%	356	-8.5%	The Legislature has not moved on MADD-supported legislation mandating interlocks for all offenders; Ohio needs this law to reduce their fatalities further.	
#23	Colorado	32%	173	3.6%	Look for improvements in 2009 as Colorado's stronger interlock bill takes effect.	
#24	Connecticut	32%	86	-23%	Connecticut has made some significant strides. MADD is now working on mandatory interlock legislation to save lives.	
#25	Missouri	32%	310	-6.9%	More lives could be saved if the Legislature were to pass MADD-supported ignition interlock legislation.	

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#26	Tennessee	32%	327	-13%	MADD has worked on ignition interlock legislation in Tennessee for the past three years and is hopeful for passage in 2010.	
#27	New Hampshire	32%	45	32%	This significant increase in New Hampshire's fatalities is worrying, but there is a good chance that strong enforcement efforts will lower these numbers next year.	
#28	Alaska	33%	21	-16%	Alaska is reaping the benefits of passing all offense interlock law in 2008.	<i>Still cannot do sobriety checkpoints.</i>
#29	Oregon	33%	136	-8.1%	MADD is working to allow sobriety checkpoints, which would reduce fatalities by up to 20%.	<i>Still cannot do sobriety checkpoints.</i>
#30	Nevada	33%	107	-9.3%	MADD is expanding its presence in Nevada to help pass stronger legislation like surrounding states have.	
#31	Oklahoma	33%	244	9.4%	<i>((This is the second year in a row Oklahoma's fatalities have risen—serious action needs to be taken.))</i>	
#32	Alabama	33%	315	-16%	There is still significant room for improvement, as Alabama is one of only three states to have no interlock law whatsoever.	
#33	West Virginia	34%	128	-7.2%	Enacted a law requiring interlocks for high-BAC and repeat offenders in 2008. MADD is working to expand this.	
#34	Massachusetts	34%	124	-20%	MADD is working in Massachusetts to make their discretionary interlock law mandatory for all offenders.	
#35	Mississippi	34%	266	-16%	There is still significant room for improvement, as Mississippi has a very weak interlock law.	
#36	Pennsylvania	34%	496	-1.6%	MADD has been working diligently in Pennsylvania for three years to get stronger interlock legislation, but the Legislature has still not acted!	
#37	Wisconsin	34%	208	-34%	The general public supports stronger measures against drunk driving, but the Legislature is still resistant!	<i>First DUI offense not a crime, Still cannot do sobriety checkpoints.</i>
#38	Idaho	34%	78	10%	This significant increase in Idaho's fatalities is worrying, but there is a good chance that strong enforcement efforts will lower these numbers next year.	<i>Still cannot do sobriety checkpoints.</i>
#39	Washington	35%	182	-6.7%	Look for further improvements in 2009 as the MADD-supported interlock bill took effect in 2008.	
#40	Illinois	35%	362	-18%	Look for further improvements in the 2009 stats, as the MADD-supported interlock bill took effect January 1, 2009.	

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#41	Virginia	36%	294	-3.0%	Enacted a law requiring interlocks for high-BAC and repeat offenders in 2008. MADD is working to expand this law.	
#42	Louisiana	37%	338	-10%	Louisiana is reaping the benefits of passing all-offense interlock law in 2007, but could still improve implementation of the interlock program.	
#43	Delaware	37%	45	-4.3%	Look for further improvements in 2009 as the interlock bill takes effect.	<i>Passed interlocks for all high-BAC and repeat offenders in 2009.</i>
#44	Texas	38%	1,269	-4.8%	<u>The Legislature rejected mandatory interlock legislation and sobriety checkpoint legislation in 2009; MADD is working toward the 2011 session.</u>	<i>Still cannot do sobriety checkpoints.</i>
#45	Rhode Island	38%	25	14%	This significant increase in Rhode Island's fatalities is worrying, especially given the Legislature's reluctance to consider MADD-supported interlock legislation.	
#46	Kansas	38%	145	33%	This significant increase in Kansas's fatalities is worrying, but there is a good chance that strong enforcement efforts will lower these numbers next year.	
#47	Hawaii	39%	42	-4.5%	Improvements will come in 2011 when Hawaii's new ignition interlock law takes effect.	<i>Passed a law requiring interlocks for all offenders, effective in 2011.</i>
#48	Montana	40%	91	-13%	Improved on repeat offender interlock law, but real progress will not be made until interlocks are required for all offenders.	<i>Still cannot do sobriety checkpoints.</i>
#49	Wyoming	42%	67	34%	Enacted a law requiring interlocks for high-BAC and repeat offenders in 2009, so recent increases should reverse.	<i>Still cannot do sobriety checkpoints.</i>
#50	South Carolina	44%	403	-13%	This is South Carolina's second year in a row with the second largest percentage of drunk driving fatalities in the country.	
#51	North Dakota	46%	47	-11%	This is North Dakota's second year in a row with the largest percentage of drunk driving fatalities in the country.	

.08 BAC is the illegal limit for those over 21 in all 50 states.

Ignition interlocks are devices that prevent people from driving with alcohol in their system—they prevent up to 95% of repeat offenses.

MADD's Campaign encourages states to require all convicted drunk drivers to get interlocks.

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