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#41	Rhode Island	35.8%	29	-14.7%	One of the nation's worst, as it is one of only 11 states that can't do checkpoints and has a weak interlock law; MADD hopes to change this.	Still cannot do sobriety checkpoints
#42	South Dakota	36.1%	69	-1.4%	One of the nation's worst, as it is one of only five states not to have an interlock law; MADD hopes to change this in 2008.	
#43	Connecticut	36.2%	109	11.2%	The recent 11% increase in fatalities highlights flaws in the law, including no real first-time penalties and a weak interlock law.	
#44	North Dakota	36.9%	41	-10.9%	Despite recent decreases, one of the nation's worst, because of weak interlock laws and weak seat belt enforcement.	
#45	New Hampshire	37.0%	47	-13.0%	Look for significant decreases in the future, as New Hampshire required all high-BAC and repeat offenders to get interlocks in 2007.	Passed interlocks for all high-BAC and repeat offenders in 2007
#46	Louisiana	37.1%	364	9.0%	Look for significant decreases in the future, as Louisiana required all offenders to get interlocks in 2007.	Passed interlocks for all offenders in 2007; these numbers will drop as a result
#47	Texas	39.0%	1,354	2.6%	One of the nation's worst, as it is one of only 11 states that can't do checkpoints. The legislature refuses to pass checkpoints and strong interlock laws; MADD hopes to change this.	Still cannot do sobriety checkpoints. Doesn't enforce interlock law well
#48	Hawaii	39.1%	63	16.7%	One of the nation's worst, as it is one of only five states not to have an interlock law; MADD hopes to change this in 2008.	
#49	Montana	39.2%	103	-4.6%	One of the nation's worst, as it is one of only 11 states that can't do checkpoints and has a weak interlock law; MADD hopes to change this.	Still cannot do sobriety checkpoints
#50	South Carolina	40.5%	420	-3.7%	Second worst in the nation because of significant loopholes in its drunk driving law; MADD hopes to change this in 2008.	
#51	Wisconsin	42.1%	305	-5.3%	Worst in the nation – a weak interlock law, first offenses are not crimes, and no sobriety checkpoints; MADD hopes to change this.	Still cannot do sobriety checkpoints

MADD's **Campaign to Eliminate Drunk Driving** is a bold initiative with the ambitious, but attainable, goal of eliminating drunk driving once and for all.

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**CAMPAIGN TO ELIMINATE DRUNK DRIVING**

# CAMPAIGN TO ELIMINATE DRUNK DRIVING STATE PROGRESS REPORT

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.

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#1	Utah	18.8%	54	63.6%	The nation's best, but an alarming 64% increase in fatalities in 2006 means they need to require interlocks for all offenders.	
#2	Kentucky	24.3%	222	-10.8%	The nation's second best, despite a weak interlock law. MADD will be working to improve their law to continue the decreases.	
#3	Nebraska	26.0%	70	-5.4%	Among the nation's best, but they need to pass a mandatory interlock law to sustain their decreases.	
#4	North Carolina	26.9%	420	1.4%	Strong enforcement has put North Carolina among the nation's best, a mandatory interlock law is necessary to help it stay there.	
#5	Alaska	27.0%	20	-31.0%	Had a significant decrease in 2006, but will need to pass mandatory interlock law in order to sustain the decreases.	
#6	Maine	27.1%	51	2.0%	Still significant room for improvement, as it is one of only five states not to have an interlock law; MADD hopes to change this in 2008.	
#7	New York	27.3%	397	-4.8%	Strong enforcement has led to declines in New York; MADD will be working to implement New York's expanded interlock program.	Added to its interlock law in 2007
#8	Georgia	27.4%	464	7.2%	MADD will be working with the Georgia legislature to pass strong interlock legislation to reverse their recent increase in fatalities.	
#9	Indiana	27.5%	247	-2.8%	While fatalities are below the national average, more needs to be done to require interlocks for drunk driving offenders.	
#10	Iowa	27.8%	122	29.8%	The nation's best state that's not allowed to do checkpoints – a significant disadvantage. However, recent increases (30%) are very troubling.	Still cannot do sobriety checkpoints

*Our mission is to stop drunk driving, support the victims of this violent crime and prevent underage drinking.*

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#11	New Mexico	28.1%	136	-8.7%	Has made tremendous progress from a decade ago when it was routinely one of the worst states for drunk driving.	<i>Improved its already nation's-best interlock law in 2007</i>
#12	Florida	28.4%	959	-13.3%	Strong enforcement has helped Florida have significant decreases in fatalities, but they need to mandate interlocks for all offenders to keep it low.	
#13	Kansas	28.8%	135	33.7%	Required interlocks for all high-BAC and repeat offenders in 2007 to help offset their 33% increase in fatalities.	<i>Passed interlocks for all high-BAC and repeat offenders in 2007</i>
#14	New Jersey	29.0%	224	10.3%	Last year's double-digit increase is worrisome; New Jersey needs to mandate interlocks for more than just third offenders to stem the tide.	
#15	Delaware	29.1%	12	-36.8%	While Delaware's 37% decrease is impressive, it will not be sustainable if the state doesn't improve its weak interlock law.	
#16	California	29.5%	1,250	-3.7%	California delayed looking at an important interlock bill until 2008; MADD will be working to pass that bill to help save lives.	
#17	Arkansas	29.6%	197	9.4%	The recent 9% increase in fatalities highlights the need for more than Arkansas's weak interlock law.	
#18	Maryland	29.6%	193	17.0%	The recent 17% increase in fatalities highlights the need for MADD's proposed reforms to Maryland's loophole-filled drunk driving law.	
#19	Vermont	29.9%	26	-7.1%	Still significant room for improvement, as it is one of only five states not to have an interlock law; MADD hopes to change this in 2008.	
#20	Oklahoma	30.2%	231	-0.4%	Little progress on fatalities in 2006; MADD will be working to improve their interlock law in 2008.	
#21	Ohio	30.5%	377	-4.6%	The legislature is still considering mandating interlocks for all offenders; Ohio needs this to reduce their fatalities.	
#22	Minnesota	30.6%	151	-7.4%	Still significant room for improvement, as it is one of only 11 states that can't do checkpoints.	<i>Still cannot do sobriety checkpoints</i>
#23	Michigan	30.6%	332	1.5%	The legislature is still considering mandating interlocks for all high-BAC and repeat offenders; Michigan needs this to reduce their fatalities.	<i>Still cannot do sobriety checkpoints</i>
#24	Oregon	31.0%	148	18.4%	Recent improvements in Oregon's interlock law should help reduce Oregon's increasing drunk driving fatalities.	<i>Added to its interlock law in 2007, but still can't do checkpoints</i>
#25	Virginia	31.2%	300	7.5%	Recent reforms in Virginia's drunk driving laws have helped decrease their fatalities, but they are unfortunately on the rise again.	<i>Added to its interlock law in 2007</i>

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#26	Idaho	31.5%	84	2.4%	Still significant room for improvement, as it is one of only 11 states that can't do checkpoints.	<i>Still cannot do sobriety checkpoints</i>
#27	West Virginia	31.5%	129	17.3%	The 2008 legislature will be considering mandating interlocks for all offenders; they need to do this to stem the rising tide of fatalities.	
#28	Tennessee	31.7%	408	8.5%	The 2008 legislature will be considering a package of strong drunk driving legislation pushed by MADD and others.	
#29	Arizona	31.8%	409	9.1%	Look for significant decreases in the future, as Arizona required all offenders to get interlocks in 2007.	<i>Passed interlocks for all offenders in 2007; these numbers will drop as a result</i>
#30	Alabama	31.8%	384	7.3%	Still significant room for improvement, as it is one of only five states not to have an interlock law; MADD hopes to change this in 2008.	
#31	Massachusetts	31.9%	137	-7.4%	Recent improvements in Massachusetts' drunk driving law have helped the commonwealth, but it still lags the national average.	
#32	Pennsylvania	31.9%	487	-7.4%	The legislature is still considering mandating interlocks for all offenders; Pennsylvania needs this to reduce their fatalities.	
#33	District of Columbia	32.4%	43	-15.7%	While D.C.'s decreases are good, they will not be sustainable if the District doesn't improve its weak interlock law.	
#34	Nevada	32.9%	142	5.2%	Nevada's fatalities are high and increasing, due in part to their weak interlock law.	
#35	Colorado	33.1%	177	-14.1%	Passage of an interlock law in 2005 contributed to the decrease of 14%; MADD hopes to improve the law further in 2008.	
#36	Wyoming	34.4%	67	24.1%	One of the nation's worst, as it is one of only 11 states that can't do checkpoints and has a weak interlock law; MADD hopes to change this.	<i>Still cannot do sobriety checkpoints</i>
#37	Missouri	34.7%	380	-9.5%	MADD is hoping to sustain Missouri's significant decrease in fatalities by passing a strong interlock law in 2008.	
#38	Mississippi	35.1%	320	-0.6%	Little progress on fatalities in 2006; MADD will be working to improve their interlock law in 2008.	
#39	Illinois	35.4%	444	-3.1%	Look for significant decreases in the future, as Illinois required all offenders to get interlocks in 2007.	<i>Passed interlocks for all offenders in 2007; these numbers will drop as a result</i>
#40	Washington	35.7%	225	-5.5%	Excellent enforcement overall, but very difficult drunk driving program. Needs to strengthen its interlock law and allow sobriety checkpoints.	<i>Still cannot do sobriety checkpoints</i>