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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.

\* This state has not reported its repeat offenders data.

Rank	State	% of Deaths Involving Drunk Drivers	2007 Drunk Driving Deaths	Change in Drunk Driving Deaths	Number of † Convictions		Most by 1 Person	Comments	Notes
					3 or More	5 or More			
#1	Utah	17.1%	51	-3.8%	*	*	*	The nation's best, but Utah could improve significantly with a law that requires interlocks for all offenders.	
#2	Iowa	23.8%	106	-10.9%	10,128	593	11	The nation's best state that's not allowed to do checkpoints — a significant disadvantage. It could decrease fatalities by another 20% if it allowed checkpoints.	Still cannot do sobriety checkpoints.
#3	Kentucky	24.3%	210	-2.8%	7,956	*	*	The nation's third best, despite a weak interlock law. MADD will work to improve their law to continue the decreases.	
#4	Indiana	25.6%	230	-6.1%	*	*	*	MADD is working to introduce and pass mandatory ignition interlock legislation to help reduce drunk driving deaths further.	
#5	New Hampshire	26.4%	34	-26.1%	*	*	*	MADD's mandatory interlock legislation for high-BAC offenders appears to have saved lives.	MADD will work to pass legislation mandating interlocks for all offenders in 2009.
#6	Georgia	26.9%	441	-2.9%	45,598	5,782	14	MADD is working to introduce and pass mandatory ignition interlock legislation to help reduce drunk driving deaths further.	
#7	Kansas	27.4%	114	-8.8%	*	*	*	MADD helped pass legislation requiring interlocks for all high-BAC offenders appears to have worked to save lives.	MADD will work to pass legislation mandating interlocks for all offenders in 2009.
#8	New Jersey	27.5%	199	-8.7%	19,841	1,681	16	MADD has introduced "Ricci's Law," a mandatory interlock bill in New Jersey that is receiving widespread support.	Still hopeful for this legislation in 2008.
#9	Florida	27.7%	890	-3.9%	108,853	13,054	27	MADD will introduce legislation mandating interlocks for all convicted offenders in 2009.	Passed interlocks for all high-BAC and repeat offenders in 2008.
#10	Idaho	27.8%	70	-18.6%	*	*	*	Still significant room for improvement, as it is one of only 11 states that can't do checkpoints.	Still cannot do sobriety checkpoints.

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#11	Arkansas	28.0%	182	-9.0%	34,554	14,417	40	Arkansas has the individual with the greatest number of recorded DUI convictions in the country - 40 - and a weak interlock law.	
#12	Michigan	28.0%	305	-9.0%	*	*	*	Strides made on introducing mandatory interlock legislation in 2008 will be resumed in 2009.	<i>Still cannot do sobriety checkpoints.</i>
#13	New York	28.8%	384	-11.3%	*	*	*	MADD seeks to introduce a state-wide ignition interlock bill in 2009.	<i>Interlock bill was introduced for seven counties in 2008.</i>
#14	Oklahoma	29.0%	219	10.1%	*	*	*	MADD will introduce and work to pass legislation mandating interlocks for all convicted offenders in 2009 to help reverse these increases.	
#15	California	29.1%	1,155	-9.2%	310,971	44,210	*	Yet again, MADD will introduce legislation mandating interlocks for all convicted offenders in 2009.	<i>California has over 300,000 drivers with 3 or more DUI convictions.</i>
#16	North Carolina	29.1%	487	15.7%	*	*	*	MADD will introduce and work to pass legislation mandating interlocks for all convicted offenders in 2009 to help reverse these increases.	
#17	Maryland	29.2%	179	-5.3%	25,120	3,980	21	Maryland could experience greater declines with a mandatory interlock law; MADD is working on this for 2009.	
#18	Nebraska	30.1%	77	8.5%	*	*	*	Recent increases in fatalities should reverse with the 2008 passage of MADD-supported legislation requiring interlocks for all offenders.	<i>Passed interlocks for all offenders in 2008.</i>
#19	Colorado	30.7%	170	-5.0%	*	*	*	While the MADD-supported interlock for all offenders law does not strictly mandate interlocks, MADD is still hopeful it will save lives.	<i>Passed interlocks for all offenders in 2008.</i>
#20	South Dakota	30.8%	45	-32.8%	*	*	*	Still significant room for improvement, as it is one of only three states not to have an interlock law; MADD will introduce mandatory interlock legislation in 2009.	<i>SD has no interlock law on its books.</i>
#21	Ohio	31.1%	391	1.3%	147,000	33,000	*	The legislature is still considering MADD-supported legislation mandating interlocks for all offenders; Ohio needs this law to reduce their fatalities.	
#22	Minnesota	31.3%	158	6.0%	*	*	*	Still significant room for improvement, as it is one of only 11 states that can't do checkpoints and does interlocks only as a pilot program.	<i>Still cannot do sobriety checkpoints.</i>
#23	Arizona	31.5%	336	-15.8%	*	*	*	This decrease is due in part to Arizona requiring interlocks for all offenders in 2007 and not weakening existing interlock legislation.	
#24	Nevada	31.6%	118	-18.1%	*	*	*	Great strides have been made; a MADD-supported law mandating interlocks will save even more lives.	
#25	New Mexico	32.2%	133	-2.2%	*	*	*	New Mexico's law requiring interlocks for all offenders continues to save lives, and MADD continues to work on its implementation.	

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#26	Tennessee	32.2%	390	-5.8%	54,081	16,602	21	MADD introduced mandatory interlock legislation in 2008 and will introduce it again in 2009.	
#27	Virginia	32.3%	332	11.4%	*	*	*	Recent reforms in Virginia's drunk driving laws have helped decrease VA's fatalities, but unfortunately, they are on the rise again.	Passed interlocks for all high-BAC and repeat offenders in 2008.
#28	Hawaii	32.6%	45	-25.0%	*	*	*	Hawaii's decreases should be sustainable thanks to passage of MADD-supported interlock legislation.	Passed interlocks for all high-BAC offenders in 2008.
#29	Wyoming	32.7%	49	-22.2%	*	*	*	While Wyoming's decreases are good, they will not be sustainable if the state doesn't improve its weak interlock law and/or allow sobriety checkpoints.	Still cannot do sobriety checkpoints.
#30	West Virginia	32.9%	142	35.2%	27,837	10,549	30	Recent increases in fatalities should reverse with the passage of interlocks for all high-BAC and repeat offenders.	Passed interlocks for all high-BAC offenders in 2008.
#31	Oregon	33.0%	150	1.4%	*	*	*	MADD will work to allow sobriety checkpoints, which could reduce fatalities by up to 20%.	Still cannot do sobriety checkpoints.
#32	Vermont	33.3%	22	-15.4%	6,069	833	18	Still significant room for improvement, as it is one of only three states not to have an interlock law; MADD will introduce mandatory interlock legislation in 2009.	
#33	Pennsylvania	33.5%	500	1.6%	*	*	*	Pennsylvania continues to lose lives because of lax DUI laws. MADD is working to improve the weak interlock law.	Introduced mandatory interlock legislation in fall 2008.
#34	Missouri	34.1%	338	-12.4%	*	*	*	Further lives can be saved with the introduction of MADD-supported mandatory interlock legislation.	Passed interlocks for all repeat offenders in 2008.
#35	District of Columbia	34.1%	15	15.4%	*	*	*	D.C. continues to lose lives because of lax DUI laws. MADD is working to improve the District's interlock law.	
#36	Mississippi	34.2%	302	-9.9%	*	*	*	Great strides were made; a MADD-sponsored law mandating interlocks will save even more lives.	Mandatory interlock legislation introduced in 2008.
#37	Washington	34.3%	195	-11.8%	19,783	2,103	18	Excellent enforcement overall, but very difficult drunk driving problem. Needs to allow sobriety checkpoints, but mandatory interlock law is a big step forward.	Passed interlocks for all offenders in 2008, but still can not do sobriety checkpoints.
#38	Illinois	34.7%	434	-2.7%	49,527	5,659	22	The implementation of Illinois' new interlock law should reduce fatalities in 2009.	Will start implementing new interlock law on January 1, 2009.
#39	Massachusetts	35.0%	146	1.4%	22,253	4,840	21	MADD Massachusetts has taken a significant step forward by passing Melanie's Law in 2005, requiring interlocks for all persons convicted of a second and subsequent DUI. MADD Massachusetts will work to introduce legislation mandating interlocks for all convicted DUI offenders in 2009.	Will work to strengthen existing interlock law which is discretionary.
#40	Alabama	35.0%	389	3.2%	54,043	22,306	33	Still significant room for improvement, as it is one of only three states not to have an interlock law; MADD will introduce mandatory interlock legislation in 2009.	Introduced mandatory interlock legislation in 2008.

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#41	Alaska	35.7%	30	57.9%	*	*	*	MADD is hopeful the increase in drunk driving fatalities will decrease due to recent passage of a strong interlock law.	Passed interlocks for all offenders in 2008, but does not do sobriety checkpoints.
#42	Maine	36.1%	66	26.9%	21,759	3,875	16	Passed a "discretionary" interlock law in 2008, allowing repeat offenders to use interlocks at discretion of judge. Still needs to improve this law to save lives.	No longer a state without an interlock law as of 2008.
#43	Rhode Island	36.2%	25	-16.7%	3,408	531	17	Great strides made, but still among the nation's bottom 10. A law mandating interlocks will save even more lives.	Still cannot do sobriety checkpoints.
#44	Connecticut	36.5%	101	-10.6%	15,723	2,743	16	MADD is currently working on mandatory interlock legislation that will save lives.	
#45	Louisiana	37.4%	368	-0.8%	*	*	*	Look for significant decreases in the future, as Louisiana required all offenders to get interlocks in late 2007.	Mandatory interlock bill passed in 2007 has resulted in lives saved.
#46	Montana	38.3%	106	1.9%	*	*	*	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.
#47	Texas	38.4%	1,292	-7.7%	124,662	18,271	22	It is one of only 11 states that can't do checkpoints. MADD seeks to introduce mandatory interlock legislation and sobriety checkpoint legislation in 2009.	Interlocks mandatory for repeat offenders and high-BAC offenders with probation. No sobriety checkpoints.
#48	Wisconsin	41.4%	313	2.0%	*	*	*	A weak interlock law, first offenses are not crimes, and no sobriety checkpoints; MADD will work on mandatory interlock legislation in 2009.	Still cannot do sobriety checkpoints.
#49	Delaware	42.7%	50	16.3%	*	*	*	One of the nation's worst due in part to its lack of a strong ignition interlock law. MADD is working on mandatory interlock legislation for 2009.	
#50	South Carolina	43.4%	463	10.5%	14,148	1,968	13	Second worst in the nation; needs a law requiring interlocks for all persons convicted of DUI.	Passed law requiring interlocks for repeat offenders.
#51	North Dakota	47.7%	53	26.2%	372	35	*	Worst in the nation, due in part to its lack of a mandatory ignition interlock law. MADD is working to change this.	

† This data was collected for the U.S. Department of Transportation by the Department of Transportation or Department of Motor Vehicles in each state. Lookback periods may vary.

.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 are up to 90% effective.

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

Find out more about the **Campaign to Eliminate Drunk Driving**,<sup>®</sup> and what you can do to help, at [www.madd.org](http://www.madd.org).

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