



**The 2009 “Allstate America’s Best Drivers Report™”
Complete National List**

City and State	2009 Best Driver Rank	2009 Population Estimate	Relative Collision Likelihood (to National Average)	2005 Average Years Between Collision	2009 Average Years Between Collision	Years Improved in Average Years Between Collision
Sioux Falls, SD	1	151,505	-26.1%	13.8	13.5	-0.3
Fort Collins, CO	2	133,899	-24.6%	12.4	13.3	0.9
Chattanooga, TN	3	169,884	-21.4%	13.7	12.7	-1
Cedar Rapids, IA	4	126,396	-20.7%	15.0	12.6	-2.4
Knoxville, TN	5	183,546	-19.0%	13.1	12.3	-0.8
Fort Wayne, IN	6	251,247	-18.4%	11.4	12.2	0.8
Lexington-Fayette, KY	7	279,044	-17.7%	10.4	12.1	1.7
Eugene , OR	8	149,004	-16.3%	11.1	11.9	0.8
Boise, ID	9	202,832	-15.4%	11.8	11.8	0
Colorado Springs, CO	10	376,427	-15.0%	11.8	11.8	0
Reno, NV	11	214,853	-14.0%	10.4	11.6	1.2
Dayton, OH	12	155,461	-13.9%	11.6	11.6	0
Madison, WI	13	228,775	-13.5%	11.6	11.6	0
Lincoln, NE	14	248,744	-13.3%	11.6	11.5	-0.1
Kansas City, KS	15	142,320	-12.9%	11.3	11.5	0.2
Huntsville, AL	16	171,327	-11.8%	13.1	11.3	-1.8
Topeka, KS	17	122,642	-11.4%	12.6	11.3	-1.3
Akron, OH	18	207,934	-10.8%	10.9	11.2	0.3
Milwaukee, WI	19	602,191	-10.8%	11.5	11.2	-0.3
Des Moines, IA	20	196,998	-9.8%	12.7	11.1	-1.6
Springfield, MO	21	154,777	-9.7%	11.4	11.1	-0.3
Birmingham, AL	22	229,800	-9.5%	12.4	11.0	-1.4
Brownsville, TX	23	172,806	-9.3%	10.5	11.0	0.5
Omaha, NE	24	424,482	-8.4%	11.2	10.9	-0.3
Winston-Salem, NC	25	215,348	-8.1%	10.9	10.9	0
Tucson, AZ	26	525,529	-7.1%	10.3	10.8	0.5
Montgomery, AL	27	204,086	-7.0%	11.2	10.8	-0.4
Mobile, AL	28	191,411	-7.0%	11.2	10.8	-0.4
Cleveland, OH	29	438,042	-6.8%	11.1	10.7	-0.4
Kansas City, MO	30	450,375	-6.6%	11.3	10.7	-0.6
Richmond, VA	31	200,123	-6.6%	9.5	10.7	1.2
Rockford, IL	32	156,596	-6.6%	10.5	10.7	0.2
Cary , NC	33	121,796	-5.6%	N/A	10.6	N/A
Spokane, WA	34	200,975	-5.6%	10.9	10.6	-0.3
Nashville, TN	35	590,807	-5.4%	11.4	10.6	-0.8
Louisville, KY	36	557,789	-5.0%	10.8	10.5	-0.3
Salinas, CA	37	143,517	-5.0%	10.9	10.5	-0.4



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McAllen, TX	39	127,245	-4.8%	N/A	10.5	N/A
Minneapolis, MN	39	377,392	-4.5%	9.6	10.5	0.9
Hampton, VA	40	146,439	-4.2%	9.1	10.4	1.3
St. Paul, MN	41	277,251	-3.6%	9.8	10.4	0.6
Cape Coral, FL	42	156,981	-3.2%	11.3	10.3	-1
Chandler, AZ	43	246,399	-2.8%	10.6	10.3	-0.3
Lubbock, TX	44	217,326	-2.4%	10.2	10.2	0
Fayetteville, NC	45	171,853	-2.4%	11.2	10.2	-1
Indianapolis, IN	46	795,458	-2.3%	10.1	10.2	0.1
Denver, CO	47	588,349	-2.3%	9.8	10.2	0.4
Memphis, TN	48	674,028	-1.7%	11.5	10.2	-1.3
Mesa, AZ	49	452,933	-1.7%	10.1	10.2	0.1
Oklahoma City, OK	50	547,274	-1.6%	10.4	10.2	-0.2
Gilbert, AZ	51	207,550	-1.5%	10.8	10.1	-0.7
Durham, NC	52	217,847	-1.4%	9.6	10.1	0.5
Augusta, GA	53	192,142	-1.3%	9.9	10.1	0.2
Port Saint Lucie, FL	54	151,391	-0.8%	N/A	10.1	N/A
Wichita, KS	55	361,420	-0.8%	11.1	10.1	-1
Scottsdale, AZ	56	235,677	-0.8%	10.8	10.1	-0.7
Chesapeake, VA	57	219,154	-0.6%	8.9	10.1	1.2
Overland Park, KS	58	169,403	0.5%	10.6	9.9	-0.7
Laredo, TX	59	217,506	1.2%	10.6	9.9	-0.7
Tallahassee, FL	60	168,979	1.7%	9.9	9.8	-0.1
Cincinnati, OH	62	332,458	2.0%	9.6	9.8	0.2
Jackson, MS	63	175,710	2.0%	12.0	9.8	-2.2
Syracuse, NY	64	139,079	2.3%	9.0	9.8	0.8
Aurora, CO	65	311,794	2.4%	8.6	9.8	1.2
Tulsa, OK	66	384,037	2.5%	10.1	9.8	-0.3
Bakersfield, CA	67	315,837	2.5%	11.5	9.8	-1.7
Toledo, OH	68	295,029	2.6%	9.5	9.7	0.2
Little Rock, AR	69	187,452	2.8%	9.7	9.7	0
Newport News, VA	70	179,153	3.0%	9.1	9.7	0.6
Glendale, AZ	71	253,152	3.6%	10.2	9.7	-0.5
Salem, OR	72	151,913	3.7%	9.5	9.6	0.1
Jacksonville, FL	73	805,605	4.0%	9.6	9.6	0
Santa Rosa, CA	74	154,241	4.3%	9.8	9.6	-0.2
El Paso, TX	75	606,913	4.3%	10.6	9.6	-1



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Albuquerque, NM	76	518,271	4.5%	9.7	9.6	-0.1
Vancouver, WA	77	161,436	4.6%	9.8	9.6	-0.2
Columbus, GA	78	187,046	7.5%	9.7	9.5	-0.2
Amarillo, TX	79	186,106	5.2%	10.0	9.5	-0.5
St. Petersburg, FL	80	246,407	5.4%	9.7	9.5	-0.2
Huntington Beach, CA	81	192,885	5.8%	9.5	9.5	0
Rochester, NY	82	206,759	6.0%	8.9	9.4	0.5
Raleigh, NC	83	375,806	7.1%	9.3	9.3	0
Joliet, IL	84	144,316	7.1%	9.9	9.3	-0.6
Modesto, CA	85	203,955	7.2%	8.7	9.3	0.6
Tempe, AZ	86	174,091	7.3%	9.5	9.3	-0.2
Columbus, OH	87	747,755	7.5%	9.1	9.3	0.2
Peoria, AZ	88	146,743	7.7%	10.7	9.3	-1.4
Corpus Christi, TX	89	285,507	7.8%	8.8	9.3	0.5
Fresno, CA	90	470,508	7.9%	9.7	9.3	-0.4
Grand Rapids, MI	91	193,627	8.0%	8.8	9.3	0.5
Palmdale, CA	92	140,882	8.1%	9.2	9.3	0.1
St. Louis, MO	93	350,759	8.2%	8.4	9.2	0.8
Lancaster, CA	94	143,616	8.3%	10.3	9.2	-1.1
Phoenix, AZ	95	1,552,259	8.8%	10.0	9.2	-0.8
Savannah, GA	96	130,331	9.4%	9.0	9.1	0.1
Greensboro, NC	97	247,183	9.4%	9.2	9.1	-0.1
Chula Vista, CA	98	217,478	9.6%	9.2	9.1	-0.1
Salt Lake, UT	99	180,651	10.8%	10.0	9.0	-1
Shreveport, LA	100	199,569	10.9%	8.0	9.0	1
Virginia Beach, VA	101	434,743	11.0%	7.7	9.0	1.3
Ontario, CA	102	170,936	11.3%	9.3	9.0	-0.3
Oceanside, CA	103	168,602	12.1%	9.0	8.9	-0.1
Oxnard, CA	104	184,725	12.6%	9.0	8.9	-0.1
Fontana, CA	105	183,502	12.7%	9.0	8.9	-0.1
Hayward, CA	106	140,943	12.9%	9.1	8.9	-0.2
Honolulu, HI	107	375,571	13.0%	8.9	8.8	-0.1
San Diego, CA	108	1,266,731	13.0%	9.1	8.8	-0.3
Henderson, NV	109	249,386	13.3%	9.8	8.8	-1
Warren, MI	110	134,223	13.7%	10.1	8.8	-1.3
Stockton, CA	111	287,245	13.8%	8.2	8.8	0.6
San Bernardino, CA	112	199,285	13.8%	8.8	8.8	0



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Portland, OR	113	550,396	14.1%	9.3	8.8	-0.5
Riverside, CA	114	294,437	15.4%	9.3	8.7	-0.6
Pomona, CA	115	152,631	15.6%	8.4	8.6	0.2
Long Beach, CA	116	466,520	15.8%	8.8	8.6	-0.2
Bellevue, WA	117	121,347	16.0%	NA	8.6	N/A
Escondido, CA	118	136,246	16.0%	9.1	8.6	-0.5
Santa Clarita, CA	119	169,951	16.1%	8.9	8.6	-0.3
Thousand Oaks, CA	120	123,349	16.2%	9.7	8.6	-1.1
Detroit, MI	121	916,952	16.6%	8.9	8.6	-0.3
Aurora, IL	122	170,855	16.6%	9.1	8.6	-0.5
Fort Lauderdale, FL	123	183,606	16.7%	8.8	8.6	-0.2
Pasadena, TX	124	146,518	16.7%	8.7	8.6	-0.1
Santa Ana, CA	125	339,555	17.0%	9.1	8.6	-0.5
Buffalo, NY	126	272,632	17.5%	8.9	8.5	-0.4
Rancho Cucamonga, CA	127	170,266	17.8%	9.8	8.5	-1.3
Pittsburgh, PA	128	311,218	18.7%	8.4	8.4	0
Naperville, IL	129	142,479	19.1%	9.7	8.4	-1.3
Elk Grove, CA	130	131,212	19.4%	NA	8.4	N/A
Moreno Valley, CA	131	188,936	20.0%	9.0	8.3	-0.7
Sacramento, CA	132	460,242	20.0%	7.7	8.3	0.6
Fort Worth, TX	133	681,818	20.4%	8.7	8.3	-0.4
Seattle, WA	134	594,210	21.0%	8.0	8.3	0.3
Orange, CA	135	134,299	21.1%	9.7	8.3	-1.4
San Jose, CA	136	939,899	21.2%	9.1	8.2	-0.9
Sterling Heights, MI	137	127,349	22.1%	10.0	8.2	-1.8
Waco, TX	138	122,222	22.2%	8.6	8.2	-0.4
Corona, CA	139	150,308	22.9%	9.5	8.1	-1.4
Fremont, CA	140	201,334	23.0%	8.4	8.1	-0.3
North Las Vegas, NV	141	212,114	23.5%	8.4	8.1	-0.3
Charlotte, NC	142	671,588	23.7%	8.1	8.1	0
Hollywood, FL	143	142,473	25.1%	8.2	8.0	-0.2
Anchorage, AK	144	279,671	25.2%	9.2	8.0	-1.2
New York City, NY	145	8,274,527	25.5%	7.7	8.0	0.3
Orlando, FL	146	227,907	25.7%	8.5	8.0	-0.5
Yonkers, NY	147	199,244	25.7%	7.2	8.0	0.8
Atlanta, GA	148	519,145	25.9%	8.2	7.9	-0.3
Sunnyvale, CA	149	131,140	26.1%	8.7	7.9	-0.8



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Tacoma, WA	150	196,520	26.2%	8.3	7.9	-0.4
Anaheim, CA	151	333,249	28.0%	8.6	7.8	-0.8
Tampa, FL	152	336,823	28.5%	8.0	7.8	-0.2
Las Vegas, NV	153	558,880	28.7%	8.2	7.8	-0.4
New Orleans, LA	154	239,124	29.4%	7.1	7.7	0.6
New Haven, CT	155	123,932	30.4%	9.2	7.7	-1.5
Torrance, CA	156	141,420	30.4%	8.1	7.7	-0.4
Bridgeport, CT	157	136,695	30.8%	8.8	7.6	-1.2
Irvine, CA	158	201,160	31.1%	8.4	7.6	-0.8
Norfolk, VA	159	235,747	31.2%	6.7	7.6	0.9
Oakland, CA	160	401,489	31.7%	7.7	7.6	-0.1
Houston, TX	161	2,208,180	32.0%	7.8	7.6	-0.2
Plano, TX	162	260,796	32.2%	8.4	7.6	-0.8
Baton Rouge, LA	163	227,071	32.6%	8.3	7.5	-0.8
Pasadena, CA	164	143,400	33.2%	8.2	7.5	-0.7
Grand Prairie, TX	165	158,422	33.3%	7.9	7.5	-0.4
Carrollton, TX	166	123,799	35.7%	N/A	7.4	N/A
Mesquite, TX	167	131,738	36.2%	7.7	7.3	-0.4
San Antonio, TX	168	1,328,984	36.3%	7.8	7.3	-0.5
Miami, FL	169	409,719	37.0%	7.3	7.3	0
Chicago, IL	170	2,836,658	37.6%	7.4	7.3	-0.1
El Monte, CA	171	122,272	38.0%	9.0	7.2	-1.8
Arlington, VA	172	204,568	38.6%	7.8	7.2	-0.6
Dallas, TX	173	1,240,499	39.5%	7.2	7.2	0
Alexandria, VA	174	140,024	39.5%	5.4	7.2	1.8
Garden Grove, CA	175	165,610	40.4%	7.8	7.1	-0.7
Fullerton, CA	176	132,066	40.8%	8.3	7.1	-1.2
Arlington, TX	177	371,038	40.8%	5.5	7.1	1.6
Garland, TX	178	218,792	41.8%	7.6	7.1	-0.5
Austin, TX	179	743,074	43.5%	7.5	7.0	-0.5
Hialeah, FL	180	212,217	44.1%	7.2	6.9	-0.3
Paterson, NJ	181	146,545	45.2%	6.8	6.9	0.1
Jersey City, NJ	182	242,389	46.0%	6.8	6.9	0.1
Irving, TX	183	199,505	46.6%	7.8	6.8	-1
Los Angeles, CA	184	3,834,340	46.6%	7.2	6.8	-0.4
San Francisco, CA	185	764,976	52.4%	6.6	6.6	0
Providence, RI	186	172,459	52.8%	6.4	6.5	0.1



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Elizabeth, NJ	187	124,862	53.0%	5.7	6.5	0.8
Philadelphia, PA	188	1,449,634	57.1%	6.8	6.4	-0.4
Newark, NJ	189	280,135	60.7%	5.3	6.2	0.9
Hartford, CT	190	124,563	62.4%	8.4	6.2	-2.2
Glendale, CA	191	196,979	75.2%	6.3	5.7	-0.6
Baltimore, MD	192	637,455	80.1%	6.5	5.6	-0.9
Washington, DC	193	588,292	95.4%	5.2	5.1	-0.1
Concord, OH	NA	747,755	N/A	8.9	N/A	N/A

Notes:

Note: The Allstate data excludes cities in the state of Massachusetts. Other cities not represented by any zip codes found in Allstate data: West Valley, Utah, Coral Springs, Fla., Lakewood, Colo., and Pembroke Pines, Fla. The Allstate Best Drivers Report is produced solely to boost the country’s discussion about safe driving and to increase awareness of the importance of being tolerant and attentive behind the wheel. The report is not used to determine auto insurance rates. A state specific adjustment was utilized for the Michigan cities to account for the unique coverage offered in that state.

** Cities with a N/A value for years between collisions did not make the Best Drivers report in 2005.*

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NORTHBROOK, Ill., (July 8, 2009) -

The Allstate Insurance Company (NYSE: ALL) today released its fifth annual "Allstate America's Best Drivers Report™." The report ranks America's 200 largest cities in terms of car collision frequency to identify which cities have the safest drivers according to Allstate data. This year's report highlights America's most improved motorists.

This year's top honor of "America's Most Improved Driving City" is Alexandria, VA. According to the report, the average driver in Alexandria will experience an auto collision every 7.2 years, an improvement of 1.8 years since 2005. Allstate will congratulate motorists in Alexandria for their safe driving improvements with a free gas giveaway today, delivering some unexpected relief from high gas prices.

"We are thrilled to see cities making progress toward keeping America's roadways safer," said Mike Roche, senior vice president, Allstate's Claim Organization. "Allstate has a strong history in promoting safe driving, and The Allstate America's Best Driver's Report was created to facilitate an ongoing dialogue on safe driving that saves lives. We salute America's best drivers and recognize their improved driving skills, which make all of our communities better places to live, work and raise families."

Alexandria city officials were proud to be recognized for their progress in driving safety, but realize there is still room for more improvements and continue working with residents to help make roads even safer.

"We are very pleased that Alexandria has been recognized as America's Most Improved Driving City. This important recognition demonstrates that our residents are committed to safe, attentive driving practices on our roads. We will continue to encourage Alexandria drivers to be safe and smart behind the wheel, hopefully ensuring that accidents rates will remain low," says Alexandria, VA Mayor William D. Euille.

Auto crashes in general have declined over the last few years, but crash fatalities still average around an alarming 40,000 every year despite technological advances according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

"Human error is the biggest cause of accidents. It is vital for us to educate drivers across the country on the importance of being tolerant and attentive behind the wheel," said Roche.

Allstate offers the following safe driving tips drivers should consider:

- **Minimize distractions** - Engaging in any other activity while driving - talking on your cell phone, text messaging, changing a radio station, putting on makeup - is a distraction.
- **Be aware of road conditions** - Ice, snow, fog, rain - all of these weather conditions require extra caution and slower speeds.
- **Leave a safe distance between your car and others around you** - Maintain at least one car length space between your car and the vehicle in front of you for every 10 miles per hour of speed.
- **Steer clear of road rage** - Reduce stress on the road by allowing plenty of time for travel, planning your route in advance, and altering your schedule or route to avoid congested roads. Remember not to challenge aggressive drivers and stay as far away from them as possible.
- **Maintenance matters** - Ultimately, safety also depends on the maintenance of one's car. Ensure that car brakes, exhaust system, tires, lights, battery, and hoses are in good working order.

The Report

For the past five years, Allstate actuaries have conducted an in-depth analysis of company claim data to determine the likelihood drivers in America's 200 largest cities will experience a vehicle collision compared to the national average. Internal property damage reported claims were analyzed over a two-year period (from January 2006 to December 2007) to ensure the findings would not be impacted by external influences such as weather or road construction.

A weighted average of the two-year numbers determined the annual percentages. The report defines an auto crash as any collision resulting in a property damage claim. Allstate's auto policies represent about 11.3 percent of all U.S. auto policies, making this report a realistic snapshot of what's happening on America's roadways.

[Complete report available at www.allstatenewsroom.com]

America's Most-Improved Motorists

Alexandria, VA topped the most improved chart improving its years between accidents by 1.8 years and climbed from the 194 spot in 2005 to 174 in 2009. Virginia drivers in general appear to observe the safety call. Five out of the top 10 most improved driving cities were in Virginia (Alexandria, Hampton, Virginia Beach, Chesapeake, and Richmond).

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City & Overall Ranking	2005 – 2009 Increase in Years Between Accidents
174. Alexandria, Va.	1.8
9. Lexington-Fayette, Ky.	1.7
177. Arlington, Texas	1.6
40. Hampton, Va.	1.3
101. Virginia Beach, Va.	1.3
65. Aurora, Colo.	1.2
57. Chesapeake, Va.	1.2
11. Reno, Nev.	1.2
31. Richmond, Va.	1.2
100. Shreveport, La.	1.0

The Top Ten

Drivers from Sioux Falls, S.D. maintained their status as the safest driving city in this year's report for the fourth consecutive year. However, two new cities championed their way into the top ten, Eugene, Ore. and Boise, Idaho.

City & Overall Ranking	Collision Likelihood Compared to National Average	Average Years Between Collisions
1. Sioux Falls, S.D.	-26.1% less likely	13.5
2. Fort Collins, Colo.	-24.6% less likely	13.3
3. Chattanooga, Tenn.	-21.4% less likely	12.7
4. Cedar Rapids, Iowa	-20.7% less likely	12.6
5. Knoxville, Tenn.	-19.0% less likely	12.3
6. Fort Wayne, Ind.	-18.4% less likely	12.2
7. Lexington-Fayette, Ky.	-17.7% less likely	12.1
8. Eugene, Ore.	-16.3% less likely	11.9
9. Boise, Idaho	-15.4% less likely	11.8
10. Colorado Springs, Colo.	-15.0% less likely	11.8

Additional "Road" Scholars

Drivers in U.S. cities with populations of one million-plus are more likely than the national average to experience a collision. Motorists in Phoenix topped the list in this category making them the safest big city commuters.

Cities with More Than One Million Residents...

City & Overall Ranking	Collision Likelihood Compared to National Average	Average Years Between Collisions
95. Phoenix, Ariz.	8.8% more likely	9.2
108. San Diego, Calif.	13.0% more likely	8.8
145. New York, N.Y.	25.5% more likely	8.0
161. Houston, Texas	32.0% more likely	7.6
168. San Antonio, Texas	36.3% more likely	7.3
170. Chicago, Ill.	37.6% more likely	7.3
173. Dallas, Texas	39.5% more likely	7.2
184. Los Angeles, Calif.	46.6% more likely	6.8
188. Philadelphia, Pa.	57.1% more likely	6.4

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