

# Oklahoma

## Speed Limits: 1994 and 2004

State	Limited Access Rural Interstates		Limited Access Urban Interstates		Other Limited Access Roads		Truck Speed (Y or N)
	1994	2004	1994	2004	1994	2004	
Oklahoma	55	70	55	60	55	60	N

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<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>th</sup> percentile speed data at various points along the highway system. The state also collects speeding-related crash data. The cause of a crash can be “Unsafe Speed” which includes: driver’s ability-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 aggressive driving data. There is no formal definition of aggressive driving in state statutes.

## Proportion Speeding-related Crashes

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 operational 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.