

Connecticut

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	
Connecticut	55	65	55	55	55	65	N

Connecticut has a maximum 55 mph speed limit on all secondary roads within the state.

Speeding-related Data

Connecticut collects speeding-related data through enforcement actions, written warnings and speeding-related crash data. The most common data element used to collect the information is speed too fast for conditions. The state also collects speeding-related citation data.

State statutes do not define aggressive driving, although speeding, unsafe lane changes, following too close and reckless driving are all considered to be acts of aggressive driving.

Proportion of Speeding-related Crashes

Year	Speeding as a Factor in Crashes	State Police Speeding Tickets
2003	33.7%	92,907
2002	34.5%	93,997
2001	30.9%	102,098

Connecticut speed data shows over-representation in fatal crashes among drivers ages 16-20 and 21-34, where speed was in excess of 75 mph.

Efforts to Reduce Excessive Speeding

Connecticut state police utilize marked and unmarked patrol vehicles to identify aggressive (speeding) drivers. Aircraft is utilized in tandem with ground units. Periodic public information campaigns are coordinated with special enforcement efforts. Approximately 20 percent of the annual funding is provided to the state police for speeding-related efforts.

Public Perception

Connecticut's state highway safety office felt the motoring public believes police give a 10 mph cushion in enforcing the posted speed limit.