

# District of Columbia

## 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	
District of Columbia	N/A	N/A	55	55	N/A	N/A	N

Speed limits identified apply to all roadways within the District. D.C. has no separate speed limit for trucks.

## Speeding-related Data

The District of Columbia collects speeding-related crash data via the police report using the exceeding posted limits data element. D.C. also collects speeding-related citation data as well as aggressive driving data. The District defines aggressive driving as red light running, stop sign violation, speeding, unsafe lane changes and tailgating.

## Proportion of Speeding-related Crashes

Year	Percent Speeding-related Fatalities	Percent Speeding-related Injuries	Police Department Speeding Citations
2004	Data Not Available	Data Not Available	423,910 photo radar 10,391 hand written
2003	47%	8%	Data Not Available
2002	52%	7%	327,746 photo radar 9,189 hand written
2001	44%	8%	N/A

The District does not collect crash data related to geographic area, race, ethnic, gender or age groups.

## Efforts to Reduce Excessive Speeding

The District of Columbia reported the following programs and activities as primary efforts:

- Photo radar speeding-related enforcement operated by the Metropolitan Police Department
- District department of transportation efforts to install traffic calming devices in residential areas and school zones
- Testing of certain speed management signal timing strategies

The District reported that its programs and efforts are successful, with the *Photo Radar Speeding Reduction Program* continuing to show impressive results in reducing the number of aggressive speeders. The program was initiated in the summer of 2001 and is now in its fourth year. Aggressive speeding and average speeds both show declines. Since August 2001, about 1.2 million Notices of Infraction have been mailed and approximately 873,000 paid. This level of consistent enforcement has been achieved without taking officers from other community policing assignments or otherwise diminishing public safety services in D.C.'s neighborhoods.

From a funding perspective, the District reports the following federal highway safety Section 402 levels of funding for the periods requested in the questionnaire:

2005 obligations	\$174,483
2004 expenditures	\$ 37,118
2003 expenditures	\$259,370

## Public Perception

D.C.'s highway safety office felt the motoring public believes police give a 5 mph cushion in enforcing the posted speed limit.