

# Kansas

## 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	
Kansas	65	70	55	55-70	55	55-70	N

Kansas reported that limits set in 2004 vary, depending on the roadway. Speed limits are generally set after speed studies are completed. Trucks do not have a separate speed limit.

### Speeding-related Data

Kansas collects speeding-related crash data, primarily through driving too fast for conditions and exceeding posted limits data elements. The state does not collect speeding citation data or data about aggressive driving. Kansas state statutes do not specifically define aggressive driving.

Kansas reported the following percentage of fatal and injury crashes in which speeding was cited as a factor for the past three years as follows: 11 percent in 2001; 12 percent in 2002 and 12 percent in 2003. The state highway safety office did not have information available about the number of annual speeding citations or the number of speeding-related citations added to driver records. In reviewing data, however, the state does note that persons aged 15-24 have a higher incidence of speeding-related crashes.

### Efforts to Reduce Excessive Speeding

Kansas' state highway safety office uses the educational medium of pamphlets as part of their public information and education efforts to address speeding. Engineering activities include marking pavement at intervals so that surveillance aircraft can calculate vehicle speeds and narrowing traffic lanes to reduce speed. Kansas highway safety office includes speeding as an aspect of Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) efforts. There is no program or activity that specifically addresses speeding.

Although STEP funds primarily target occupant protection and impaired driving, the estimated number of speeding citations issued in STEP activities is 70 percent. The success of efforts is reflected in an overall decrease in speeding-related crashes.

### Public Perception

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