

Mississippi

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	
Mississippi	55	70	50-55	50 to 70	55	65	N

Mississippi noted speed limits on Limited Access Urban Interstates varies from 50 to 70 mph, depending on the locality. Additionally, all two lane/two-way speed limits remain at a maximum speed limit of 55 mph. Speed limits apply equally to truck traffic.

Speeding-related Data

Mississippi collects speeding-related crash data, such as driving too fast for conditions and exceeding posted limits. The state also collects speeding-related citation data as well as data associated with aggressive driving. Mississippi has no formal definition of aggressive driving, but does collect certain data elements the state ascribes to be aggressive driving, such as driving under the influence, reckless driving and so forth.

Proportion Speeding-related Crashes

Year	Speeding-related Fatal Crashes (All Crashes)	Speeding-related Injury Crashes (All Crashes)	State Highway Patrol Speeding Citations
2003	95 (786)	2,098 (24,228)	197,434
2002	79 (769)	2,264 (25,100)	258,861
2001	72 (704)	2,219 (24,529)	283,706

In analyzing speed data for over representation by any specific geographic area, race, ethnic group, gender, age or other grouping, the state noted young drivers ages 16 to 20 comprise 7.2 percent of licensed drivers, yet receive 16.6 percent of speeding citations.

Efforts to Reduce Excessive Speeding

Mississippi has various construction/reconstruction projects throughout the state that include speeding-related enforcement, particularly in work zones. Specific construction funds are used to support work zone speeding-related enforcement. Section 154 transfer funds have been used to develop a *Drive Smart Mississippi* public information and education campaign focusing on speeding, safety belts and work-zone safety. In 2004, Mississippi enacted a law that doubled fines for speeding in work zones.

Approximately \$200,000 annually has been allocated to the state police for overtime funding and special details to combat speeding. This amount is approximately 20 percent of the federal highway safety funding available to the state. There is no recent impact study to evaluate the success of Mississippi's programs.

Public Perception

Mississippi's state highway safety office felt the motoring public believes police give a 5-9 mph cushion in enforcing the posted speed limit.