

Ohio

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	
Ohio	65	65	55	65	65	65	Y

Speed limits noted above apply to all roadways within the state. Ohio has separate speed limits for vehicles in excess of 8,000 pounds gross vehicle weight that remained in effect after the NMSL was repealed. For all roadways, the speed limit for vehicles in excess of 8,000 pounds gross vehicle weight was 55 mph in 1994 and remained the same a decade later.

Speeding-related Data

Ohio collects speeding-related crash data from information provided on the state's motor vehicle crash report form. The state does not collect speeding-related citation data and does not collect data about aggressive driving. There is no statute defining aggressive driving.

Ohio reported the state patrol issued 473,773 speeding citations in 2001. The number for 2002 was 466,594, and in 2003 the number was 431,036. No breakout is available by geographic group, race, ethnic group, gender, age or other grouping.

Efforts to Reduce Excessive Speeding

Activities primarily include speeding-related overtime enforcement efforts that target specific locations. Speeding-related citations in 2003 by the state patrol numbered 8,971. During the same period, local law enforcement officers issued 30,635 citations.

Ohio reported expending the following percentages of federal highway safety dollars for speeding-related activities through state patrol and local law enforcement grants:

■ FY 2003	\$1,900.00	17 percent
■ FY 2004	\$1,900.00	17 percent
■ FY 2005	\$1,900.00	17 percent (Estimated)

Ohio reported there has not been an evaluation of the overall impact of these speeding-related enforcement activities in the past two years. However, many agencies have noted a reduction in speeds on specific roadways where enforcement efforts were concentrated.

Public Perception

Ohio's state highway safety office felt the motoring public believes police give a cushion in enforcing the posted speed limit, although the amount varies with type of roadway and agency. The state highway safety office felt the general belief is that there is at least a 5 mph cushion above the posted speed limit.