

Appendix I. State Maximum Posted Speed Limit Laws				
State/Jurisdiction	Rural Interstates	Urban Interstates	Other Limited Access Roads	Other Roads
Alabama	70	65	65	65
Alaska	65	55	65	55
Arizona	75	65	55	55
Arkansas	70; trucks: 65	55	60 ¹	55
California	70; trucks: 55	65; trucks: 55	70	65
Colorado	75	65	65	65
Connecticut	65	55	65	55
Delaware	65	55	65	55
Florida	70	65	70	65
Georgia	70	65	65	65
Hawaii	60	50	45	45
Idaho	75; trucks: 65	75	65	65
Illinois	65; trucks: 55	55	65	55
Indiana	70; trucks: 65	55	60	55
Iowa	70	55	70	55
Kansas	70	70	70	65
Kentucky	65; 70 on specified segments of road ²	65	65	55
Louisiana	70	70	70	65
Maine	65	65	65	60
Maryland	65	65	65	55
Massachusetts	65	65	65	55
Michigan	70; trucks: 60	65	70	55
Minnesota	70	65	65	55
Mississippi	70	70	70	65
Missouri	70	60	70	65
Montana	75; trucks: 65	65	day: 70; night: 65	day: 70; night: 65
Nebraska	75	65	65	60
Nevada	75	65	70	70
New Hampshire	65	65	55	55
New Jersey	65	55	65	55
New Mexico	75	75	65	55
New York	65	65	65	55
North Carolina	70	70	70	55
North Dakota	75	75	70	65
Ohio	65; trucks: 55	65	55	55
Oklahoma	75	70	70	70
Oregon	65; trucks: 55	55	55	55
Pennsylvania	65	55	65	55
Rhode Island	65	55	55	55
South Carolina	70	70	60	55
South Dakota	75	75	70	70
Tennessee	70	70	70	65
Texas	day: 75; night: 65; trucks: 65 ³	day: 70; night: 65	day: 75; night: 65; trucks: 65	day: 60; night: 55
Utah	75	65	75	65
Vermont	65	55	50	50
Virginia	65 ⁴	65 ⁴	65	55
Washington	70; trucks: 60	60	60	60

West Virginia	70	55	65	55
Wisconsin	65	65	65	55
Wyoming	75	60	65	65
District of Columbia	n/a	55	n/a	25
Puerto Rico	65	65	n/a	n/a
U.S. Virgin Islands	35; trucks 30 ⁵	20; trucks: 10 ⁵	n/a	n/a

Notes

¹Upon completion of a study, due to be completed on or before 09/15/08, the speed limit on any 2-lane highway or 4-lane highway shall be increased to 65 miles per hour if the findings of the study support the increase on a particular 2-lane highway or 4-lane highway.

²Effective 06/25/07, the speed limit may be increased to 70 mph on specific segments of highway upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation. On 07/10/07, highway officials increased the speed from 65 mph to 70 mph on Interstate 75 south of US 42, Interstate 71 west to the split to Louisville, and portions of Boone Carroll, Gallatin, and Grant Counties.

³In sections of I-10 and I-20 in rural West Texas, the speed limit for passenger cars and light trucks is 80 mph. For large trucks, it is 70 in the daytime, 65 at night.

⁴Effective 07/01/06, the posted limit on I-85 may be as high as 70 mph.

⁵ In the case of the Virgin Islands, rural interstates were considered "public highways" and urban interstates were considered roads within town limits. The speed limit on Melvin H. Evans Highway on St. Croix are 55mph for cars and 40mph for trucks.

Source: Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, AAA and NCSL, 2007.