



Report: Local 6 states have high number of fatal wrecks involving older drivers

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A new report puts Kentucky, Tennessee, Illinois and Missouri among the 20 states with the highest number of deadly wrecks involving drivers age 65 and older.

The list of states with the highest numbers of older driver deaths was compiled by T.R.I.P., a Washington, DC, based, nonprofit transportation research group.

In addition to listing that ranking, the report details the increase in deaths involving drivers 65 or older from 2012 to 2016, the number and proportion of licensed drivers in that age group, increases in licensed drivers in that age group from 2012 to 2016, the increase in deaths involving at least one older driver from 2012 to 2016, and the number of drivers 65 and older killed in crashes.

Tennessee was ranked eighth on the list, with 233 fatal wrecks involving at least one driver 65 or older. Illinois was ranked ninth with 232. Missouri was ranked 12th with 206 and Kentucky was ranked 14th with 178.

RANK	STATE	NUMBER OF FATALITIES INVOLVING AT LEAST ONE 65+ DRIVER	STATE	PERCENTAGE OF FATALITIES INVOLVING AT LEAST ONE 65+ DRIVER	STATE	NUMBER OF LICENSED DRIVERS 65+	STATE	PERCENTAGE OF LICENSED DRIVERS 65+
1	Florida	682	Wisconsin	26%	California	3,999,876	West Virginia	25%
2	Texas	568	Minnesota	25%	Florida	3,341,250	Arkansas	23%
3	California	554	Kansas	25%	Texas	2,544,333	Florida	23%
4	Georgia	299	Nebraska	24%	New York	2,442,349	Maine	23%
5	North Carolina	285	Rhode Island	24%	Pennsylvania	1,911,928	Vermont	22%
6	Pennsylvania	267	Maine	23%	Ohio	1,616,214	Oregon	22%
7	Ohio	250	Oregon	23%	Illinois	1,507,439	Delaware	21%
8	Tennessee	233	Pennsylvania	22%	Michigan	1,432,987	Pennsylvania	21%
9	Illinois	232	Tennessee	22%	North Carolina	1,376,260	Alabama	21%
10	Michigan	231	West Virginia	22%	Georgia	1,186,660	South Dakota	21%
11	New York	222	Ohio	22%	New Jersey	1,153,534	Montana	21%
12	Missouri	206	New Jersey	22%	Virginia	1,087,440	Minnesota	21%
13	Arizona	179	Missouri	22%	Tennessee	1,035,885	South Carolina	20%
14	Kentucky	178	Michigan	22%	Washington	970,075	New York	20%
15	Alabama	161	New York	22%	Massachusetts	921,308	Ohio	20%
16	Indiana	161	Iowa	22%	Arizona	899,807	Michigan	20%
17	South Carolina	160	Florida	21%	Indiana	848,297	Oklahoma	20%
18	Wisconsin	159	Illinois	21%	Alabama	837,360	Rhode Island	20%
19	Virginia	151	Kentucky	21%	Missouri	830,871	Hawaii	20%
20	Mississippi	141	Arkansas	21%	Wisconsin	817,848	Mississippi	20%

T.R.I.P. says the number of older drivers involved in fatal wrecks or or killed in them is growing even faster than the significant increase in the number of older Americans as a demographic.

In a news release about the report sent Tuesday, the research group says the solution to the growing problem is for states to adopt traffic safety improvements to protect drivers of all ages.

We have included the full report in the document below this story.