

The Nation's Best & Worst Drivers

The 9th annual *Allstate America's Best Drivers Report*® is out. It looks at 200 of the nation's largest cities and determines which drivers are the safest and which are the least safe.



The PIA Western Alliance state cities of Boise, Idaho, Reno, Nevada, Visalia, California and Eugene, Oregon find themselves in the top-10 safest. Conversely, the association cities of Phoenix, Arizona, San Diego, California and Los Angeles, California find themselves among the nation's least safe cities with a population of one-million or more.

Fort Collins, Colorado is the city with the nation's safest drivers. It is the third time in nine-years that Fort Collins has been in the top spot.

A little on safe driving. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said from 2011 to 2012 auto crash fatalities grew by more than 1,700. It is the first year with an increase since 2005.

The good news about car crashes in the Allstate report is that 70% of them are at low speeds and most cars drive away from the scene of an accident. Spokesman Mike Roche said, "Allstate has found the most frequent collisions happen during minor fender-benders, but it's important to keep in mind that even lower-speed accidents can have serious outcomes."

Here are the 10 safest cities. The PIA Western Alliance cities are in bold:

| City & Ranking | Collision Likelihood Compared to National Average | Average Years Between Collisions |
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| 1. Fort Collins, Colorado | 28.2% less likely | 13.9 years |
| 2. Boise, Idaho | 28.0% less likely | 13.9 years |
| 3. Sioux Falls, South Dakota | 21.8% less likely | 12.8 years |
| 4. Brownsville, Texas | 21.1% less likely | 12.7 years |
| 5. Madison, Wisconsin | 20.3% less likely | 12.5 years |
| 6. Reno, Nevada | 20.2% less likely | 12.5 years |
| 7. Huntsville, Alabama | 20.1% less likely | 12.5 years |
| 8. Visalia, California | 18.5% less likely | 12.3 years |

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| 9. Montgomery, Alabama | 16.3% less likely | 11.9 years |
| 10. Eugene, Oregon | 16.2% less likely | 11.9 years |

Washington, D.C., has the worst drivers. The average is just 4.8 years between accidents. That figure is 109.3% higher than the national average.