

Eyes on the Road: Carinsurance Reveals Best and Worst States for Drivers

Vermont pulls into first place this year, while California veers off into last place

Foster City, CA – May 26, 2022 - Hands on the wheel because <u>CarInsurance.com</u> – a one-stop destination for unbiased expert advice on car insurance – takes us to traffic school with its <u>Best and worst states for driving 2022</u> report. The annual study ranks how drivers fare in every state based on factors that range from traffic fatalities to the quality of roads to insurance costs.

CarInsurance uses the following metrics to assess driving conditions:

- **Insurance costs:** Percentage of annual income spent on car insurance.
- Traffic fatalities: Deaths per 100K population.
- Gas prices: Average regular gas prices as of April 2022.
- Poor roads: Cost per driver per year for poor roads when driving in the state.
- Traffic congestion: Percentage of the state's urban interstates that are congested.
- Uninsured drivers: Percentage of uninsured motorists.
- Cost to own a vehicle: Annual cost to own a vehicle.

Vermont takes the top spot for driving in the U.S. this year, due in large part to having great roads and a small amount of congested urban areas. Right behind it in the second spot, New Hampshire ranks highly for the lowest cost to own a car and a lower percentage of annual income spent on auto insurance.

The top 10 states for drivers in 2022 are:

- 1. Vermont
- 2. New Hampshire
- 3. Maine
- 4. Alaska
- 5. Iowa
- 6. Massachusetts
- 7. Ohio
- 8. Pennsylvania
- 9. Oregon
- 10. North Dakota

On the wrong side of the road is California, dishonorably mentioned on the list. The Golden State ranks as the worst for drivers for the third consecutive year because of its high average gas prices and repair

costs, traffic congestion issues, and poor road conditions. Right on the Golden State's bumper is Louisiana, the second-worst state to drive in, largely due to high auto insurance rates.

The worst of the worst states in terms of driving conditions include:

- 1. California
- 2. Louisiana
- 3. Florida
- 4. Mississippi
- 5. New Mexico
- 6. Michigan
- 7. Missouri
- 8. Kentucky
- 9. South Carolina
- 10. Arkansas

"During this time of inflation and high gas prices, it's more important than ever to stretch your dollar and compare auto insurance rates and estimate your car insurance before getting a quote," stresses Laura Longero, executive editor for Carlnsurance.com. "Drivers on the Eastern Seaboard fare the best in terms of auto insurance rates as a percentage of median household income, with Vermont, Virginia, New Hampshire and the District of Columbia ranking highest in that measure. In contrast, the high gas prices on the West Coast – especially in California, Nevada and Oregon – offer less bang for your buck."

Longero is available to elaborate on Carlnsurance's research and its findings.

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