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Press release: Rudest drivers are from Idaho, Washington, D.C., and New York, says Insure.com survey

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Sept. 15, 2014 (Foster City, Calif.) – Drivers from Idaho, Washington, D.C., and New York have been judged to be the rudest drivers, according to a survey by Insure.com, an independent consumer insurance information website.

Also judged to be quite rude are drivers from Wyoming, Massachusetts, Vermont and Delaware.

Here's how the top 10 rudest drivers rank, based on a survey of 2,000 licensed drivers nationwide:

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1. Idaho
 2. Washington, D.C.
 3. New York
 4. Wyoming
 5. Massachusetts
 6. Vermont (tie)
 6. Delaware (tie)
 8. New Jersey
 9. Nevada
 10. Utah

See the [rankings for all states](#).

“Casting aspersions toward other drivers is a long-standing tradition,” said Amy Danise, editorial director for Insure.com. “We wanted to know not only where the rude drivers come from, but also who thinks they’re rude.”

Insure.com analyzed the results to determine who dislikes whom the most. California drivers are the biggest haters: They are the No. 1 haters of drivers from surrounding states and even from states across the country. Californians hate New York drivers more than New Jersey drivers do.

Here are the states where residents are the biggest haters of drivers from three or more other states:

Hater No. 1: California. Drivers from the Golden State have dark thoughts about drivers from Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Nevada, New York, Oregon, Texas, Utah and even Vermont.

Hater No. 2: Texas. It looks like drivers from California, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma and South Dakota have messed with Texas.

Haters No. 3, 4 and 5 (tie):

Georgia: There will be no peaches for drivers from Alabama, Delaware and Florida.

Illinois: Someone isn’t getting along with its neighbors. Illinois drivers point to people in Iowa, Indiana and Wisconsin as being the rudest on the road.

Pennsylvania: Although one of Pennsylvania’s nicknames is the Quaker State, people there show little forgiveness toward drivers from Maryland, Nebraska and West Virginia.

“There’s also no love lost between North and South Carolina – they point to each other as having the rudest drivers,” observed Danise. “But North and South Dakota seem to be getting along. Neither one points to the other as having the rudest drivers.”

When asked what makes them most mad about other drivers, people said:

- Talking on a cellphone while driving – 47%
- Tailgating – 37%

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- Not signaling turns – 35%
 - Weaving in and out of lanes – 28%
 - Driving too fast, like every road is a highway – 26%

(Respondents could choose more than one answer from 18 choices.)

Half of people (49 percent) believe that about a quarter of other drivers should not be on the road. Twenty-one percent think half of other drivers should not be on the road.

See the [full state rankings, and the drivers who hate them](#).

Methodology

Insure.com commissioned a survey of 2,000 licensed drivers, half women and half men, with respondents representing all areas of the country according to Census population data. The state rankings were calculated using a ratio of the nationwide votes for drivers of the state divided by the number of respondents from the state. The survey was fielded in July 2014.

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