

RATES AND RANKING OF THE RATE OF STATE MEDICAL BOARDS' SERIOUS DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS, 2009

Table 1: Ranking of Serious Doctor Disciplinary Action Rates by State Medical Licensing Boards, 2007-2009

Rank 2007-2009 ¹	State	Number of Serious Actions, 2009	Number of Physicians, 2008 ^{2,3}	Serious Actions per 1,000 Physicians, 2007 – 2009 ⁴
1	Alaska	14	1,885	7.89
2	North Dakota	13	1,849	6.01
3	Kentucky	58	11,552	5.67
4	Ohio	216	39,125	5.43
5	Arizona	84	16,133	5.20
6	Oklahoma	43	7,317	5.01
7	Colorado	84	15,991	4.99
8	Louisiana	71	13,140	4.76
9	New Mexico	39	5,612	4.13
10	Hawaii	22	4,946	4.03
11	Nebraska	20	5,240	3.97
12	North Carolina	115	27,579	3.94
13	Iowa	29	7,802	3.90
14	Maine	14	4,304	3.90
15	Illinois	167	42,765	3.80
16	District of Columbia	16	5,353	3.72
17	Oregon	36	13,125	3.58
18	West Virginia	25	4,798	3.57
19	Virginia	98	25,558	3.51
20	Wyoming	4	1,295	3.19
21	New York	248	88,663	3.09
22	Montana	7	2,744	3.08
23	Washington	78	20,842	3.05
24	Indiana	64	16,551	3.04
25	Utah	14	6,467	3.00
26	South Dakota	7	2,172	2.98
27	Kansas	26	8,035	2.95
28	Idaho	7	3,333	2.88
29	Nevada	13	5,697	2.88
30	Rhode Island	10	4,689	2.81
31	Pennsylvania	122	43,726	2.71
32	Arkansas	17	6,918	2.64
33	Tennessee	59	18,416	2.61
34	Missouri	46	18,246	2.60
35	Delaware	5	2,782	2.60
36	Georgia	72	24,619	2.54
37	Alabama	32	11,774	2.44
38	Texas	145	61,816	2.44
38	Michigan	67	28,567	2.42
40	New Jersey	84	33,727	2.41
41	California	316	114,490	2.36
42	Vermont	7	2,762	2.34
43	Maryland	72	27,338	2.30
44	Florida	105	56,027	2.25
45	Mississippi	13	6,370	2.17
46	Massachusetts	52	34,550	1.93
47	Connecticut	28	15,400	1.80
48	New Hampshire	7	4,636	1.65
49	Wisconsin	29	17,584	1.59
50	South Carolina	12	12,203	1.09
51	Minnesota	26	17,977	1.07

¹ Rank is calculated based upon an average of the disciplinary rates for 2007, 2008, and 2009.

² Includes osteopathic physicians for boards with jurisdiction over both physicians and osteopaths.

³ In previous reports we used non-federal physicians, but in this report we used data for total physicians because the American Medical Association no longer provides physician data broken down by federal/non-federal status.

⁴ Disciplinary rate for the period is calculated by averaging the disciplinary rates over the three-year period 2007-9.