

**RANKING OF THE RATE OF STATE MEDICAL BOARDS' SERIOUS DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS IN 2005
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Table 1: Ranking of Serious Doctor Disciplinary Action Rates by State Medical Licensing Boards, 2003-2005

Rank 2003-2005*	State	Number of Serious Actions 2005	Number of Physicians 2004**	Serious Actions per 1,000 Physicians from 2003 – 2005***
1	Kentucky	72	10814	9.08
2	Alaska	19	1691	8.49
3	Wyoming	7	1143	8.19
4	Ohio	235	36622	6.33
5	Arizona	81	14012	6.20
6	Oklahoma	36	6846	6.19
7	North Dakota	7	1771	6.07
8	Colorado	84	14266	5.75
9	West Virginia	25	4613	5.45
10	Missouri	48	16792	5.34
11	Montana	8	2529	5.30
12	Vermont	14	2589	5.28
13	Louisiana	54	13113	4.89
14	Utah	32	5643	4.84
15	Iowa	30	7320	4.77
16	Nebraska	31	4805	4.53
17	New York	362	85120	4.39
18	Illinois	211	40142	4.08
19	Oregon	55	11428	4.05
20	Georgia	81	22303	3.99
21	New Hampshire	17	4069	3.78
22	Alabama	38	10917	3.78
23	California	363	105766	3.56
24	Indiana	55	15399	3.52
25	Idaho	12	2863	3.50
26	North Carolina	105	24645	3.45
27	Texas	188	55073	3.29
28	Massachusetts	94	31738	3.22
29	New Mexico	14	5169	3.17
30	Tennessee	65	16863	3.14
31	Kansas	22	7480	3.02
32	Florida	182	51025	2.98
33	Pennsylvania	109	40832	2.80
34	Virginia	64	23296	2.65
35	New Jersey	64	32038	2.61
36	District of Columbia	11	4767	2.58
37	Connecticut	36	14395	2.50
38	Arkansas	26	6410	2.49
38	Rhode Island	16	4343	2.49
40	Michigan	65	26999	2.40
41	Washington	41	18894	2.22
42	Hawaii	15	4600	2.19
43	South Dakota	1	1983	2.18
44	Maryland	60	25689	2.14
45	South Carolina	15	11063	2.06
46	Maine	7	4052	2.04
47	Nevada	11	4934	2.03
48	Wisconsin	23	16205	1.72
49	Minnesota	29	16322	1.65
50	Delaware	4	2536	1.63
51	Mississippi	11	6159	1.62

* Rank is calculated based upon an average of the disciplinary rates for 2003, 2004 and 2005.

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

***Action rate is calculated by averaging the action rates over the three-year period of 2003, 2004 and 2005.

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Table 2: Ranks Based Upon Average Doctor Disciplinary Rates Over Three Years*

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Alabama	39	36	27	18	14	12	11	13	16	22
Alaska	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	6	4	2
Arizona	9	7	13	28	18	5	3	1	6	5
Arkansas	24	16	9	5	8	15	20	29	44	38
California	32	20	22	22	23	25	24	22	22	23
Colorado	5	5	6	12	19	16	12	9	9	8
Connecticut	37	33	37	39	37	39	38	38	38	37
Delaware	47	44	49	50	50	50	49	50	50	50
District of Columbia**	51	49	40	42	N/A	N/A	N/A	41	30	36
Florida	19	22	44	46	44	33	36	37	37	32
Georgia	8	11	16	16	10	10	10	15	18	20
Hawaii	49	50	46	48	47	49	50	51	51	42
Idaho	36	34	25	13	22	14	18	14	21	25
Illinois	48	41	42	38	45	47	41	36	25	18
Indiana	20	25	26	19	20	27	32	33	27	24
Iowa	2	2	4	8	13	8	9	12	12	15
Kansas	29	38	36	45	43	32	30	30	31	31
Kentucky	11	12	12	10	5	4	5	2	2	1
Louisiana	18	26	28	23	21	24	19	17	14	13
Maine	35	23	14	17	17	29	28	34	35	46
Maryland	28	37	41	41	38	41	45	47	47	44
Massachusetts	41	46	48	46	46	37	34	23	23	28
Michigan	34	19	15	14	15	20	27	40	39	40
Minnesota	46	48	50	49	48	48	47	48	48	49
Mississippi	1	1	2	2	6	9	14	20	40	51
Missouri	26	31	35	34	34	28	29	31	11	10
Montana	12	15	20	25	36	30	16	8	8	11
Nebraska	27	40	28	43	40	45	35	28	24	16
Nevada	15	13	19	29	26	22	25	32	46	47
New Hampshire	50	51	47	30	25	18	23	24	26	21
New Jersey	17	24	34	37	30	26	21	25	29	35
New Mexico	30	27	23	27	24	34	26	21	19	29
New York	21	17	18	15	12	13	13	18	17	17
North Carolina	43	32	32	24	35	31	37	42	34	26
North Dakota	10	14	7	6	2	2	2	3	3	7
Ohio	13	8	10	7	7	7	7	7	7	4
Oklahoma	6	6	3	4	4	3	4	5	5	6
Oregon	16	21	30	31	28	23	17	16	20	19
Pennsylvania	45	39	39	40	39	36	39	45	36	33
Rhode Island	24	18	17	21	29	38	40	46	45	39
South Carolina	33	43	33	35	31	43	44	44	43	45
South Dakota	22	35	24	20	32	46	48	35	32	43
Tennessee	42	47	51	51	49	44	42	43	41	30
Texas	23	28	31	33	33	35	33	26	28	27
Utah	38	30	21	26	16	11	8	11	13	14
Vermont	14	10	11	11	9	19	31	19	15	12
Virginia	40	45	45	32	27	21	22	27	33	34
Washington	31	29	38	36	41	40	43	39	42	41
West Virginia	7	9	8	9	11	17	15	10	10	9
Wisconsin	44	42	43	44	42	42	46	49	49	48
Wyoming	4	4	5	3	3	6	6	4	1	3

* Rank for each year is calculated based upon an average of the disciplinary rates from that year and the preceding two years.

**The District of Columbia did not provide data for 2000.