

**RATES AND RANKING OF THE RATE OF STATE MEDICAL BOARDS' SERIOUS DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS, 2006
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Table 1: Ranking of Serious Doctor Disciplinary Action Rates by State Medical Licensing Boards, 2004-2006

Rank 2004-2006*	State	Number of Serious Actions, 2006	Number of Physicians, 2005†‡	Serious Actions per 1,000 Physicians, 2004 – 2006§
1	Alaska**	6	1,777	7.30
2	Kentucky**	62	11,039	7.10
3	Wyoming**	7	1,170	6.37
4	Ohio**	195	37,247	6.01
5	Oklahoma	41	6,950	5.54
6	Missouri	62	17,126	5.43
7	Iowa**	42	7,374	5.32
8	Colorado**	57	14,666	5.24
9	Arizona	73	14,699	5.12
10	Nebraska**	24	4,866	4.91
11	Louisiana**	68	12,758	4.87
12	Illinois**	172	40,801	4.64
13	Vermont	14	2,624	4.62
14	West Virginia	18	4,681	4.47
15	Utah	19	5,857	4.30
16	North Carolina**	112	25,321	4.24
17	New York**	323	85,842	4.15
18	Montana**	9	2,607	4.05
19	North Dakota**	7	1,768	3.98
20	Oregon**	43	11,807	3.80
21	New Hampshire**	12	4,194	3.67
22	New Mexico	21	5,292	3.62
23	Arkansas**	35	6,545	3.61
24	Idaho**	8	3,017	3.35
25	Georgia**	57	22,941	3.34
26	Alabama**	34	11,167	3.32
27	California	301	108,053	3.27
28	Indiana**	46	15,735	3.25
29	Tennessee	47	17,349	3.17
30	Massachusetts**	100	32,512	3.15
31	Texas**	161	56,698	3.03
32	Pennsylvania	109	41,358	3.03
33	Hawaii**	21	4,705	3.02
34	Maine	20	4,095	2.95
35	Florida	113	52,324	2.93
36	Kansas**	16	7,588	2.87
37	District of Columbia**	16	4,873††	2.80
38	Rhode Island**	10	4,458††	2.75
38	Michigan	70	27,316††	2.64
40	New Jersey**	84	32,662††	2.59
41	Virginia	52	23,829††	2.47
42	Connecticut**	34	14,616††	2.34
43	Maryland	61	26,115	2.25
44	Delaware**	9	2,597	2.22
45	Washington	42	19,349	2.06
46	Wisconsin**	30	16,489	1.78
47	Nevada	8	5,196	1.68
48	South Dakota**	4	2,027	1.52
49	Minnesota**	18	16,766	1.45
50	South Carolina**	16	11,338	1.45
51	Mississippi**	7	6,166	1.41
	National	2,916	918,350	3.18

* Rank is calculated based upon an average of the disciplinary rates for 2004, 2005, and 2006.

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

‡ 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.

§ Disciplinary rate for the period is calculated by averaging the disciplinary rates over the three-year period 2004-6.

** These states have a combined state medical and osteopathy board.

†† The number of physicians for this state has been changed from the original report. This change does not affect the rate or rank of any state for any year because the rates and ranks were calculated using the correct numbers of physicians.

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

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alabama†	13	17	22	26
Alaska†	6	4	2	1
Arizona	2	7	6	9
Arkansas†	29	45	39	23
California	22	22	23	27
Colorado†	8	9	8	8
Connecticut†	38	38	38	42
Delaware†	50	50	50	44
District of Columbia†	42	31	36	37
Florida	36	37	32	35
Georgia†	15	18	20	25
Hawaii†	51	51	42	33
Idaho†	14	21	25	24
Illinois†	35	25	18	12
Indiana†	27	27	24	28
Iowa†	12	12	15	7
Kansas†	32	30	31	36
Kentucky†	1	2	1	2
Louisiana†	17	14	13	11
Maine	34	35	46	34
Maryland†	48	47	44	43
Massachusetts†	23	23	28	30
Michigan	40	39	40	39
Minnesota†	47	48	49	49
Mississippi†	20	41	51	51
Missouri†	31	11	10	6
Montana†	9	8	12	18
Nebraska†	28	24	16	10
Nevada	33	46	47	47
New Hampshire†	25	26	21	21
New Jersey†	24	29	35	40
New Mexico	21	19	29	22
New York†	18	16	17	17
North Carolina†	41	34	26	16
North Dakota†	3	3	7	19
Ohio†	7	6	4	4
Oklahoma	5	5	5	5
Oregon†	16	20	19	20
Pennsylvania	45	36	33	32
Rhode Island†	46	44	37	38
South Carolina†	43	43	45	50
South Dakota†	37	33	43	48
Tennessee	44	40	30	29
Texas†	26	28	27	31
Utah	10	13	14	15
Vermont	19	15	11	13
Virginia†	30	32	34	41
Washington	39	42	41	45
West Virginia	11	10	9	14
Wisconsin†	49	49	48	46
Wyoming†	4	1	3	3

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

† Whereas in previous reports we used data on non-federal physicians, 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. The data in this table are based on total physician data for all years, including those in previous reports. Differences in rank from previous reports are minor (see text).

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