

**RATES AND RANKING OF THE RATE OF STATE MEDICAL BOARDS' SERIOUS DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS, 2008  
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**Table 1: Ranking of Serious Doctor Disciplinary Action Rates by State Medical Licensing Boards, 2006-2008**

<b>Rank 2006-2008<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Number of Serious Actions, 2008</b>	<b>Number of Physicians, 2007<sup>2,3</sup></b>	<b>Serious Actions per 1,000 Physicians, 2006 – 2008<sup>4</sup></b>
1	Alaska	11	1,874	6.54
2	Kentucky	53	11,513	5.87
3	Ohio	205	38,807	5.33
4	Arizona	79	15,710	5.12
5	Oklahoma	44	7,245	5.02
6	North Dakota	10	1,831	4.99
7	Louisiana	68	12,875	4.74
8	Iowa	32	7,758	4.56
9	Colorado	74	15,589	4.54
10	Maine	23	4,305	4.44
11	Nebraska	20	5,126	4.34
12	Wyoming	5	1,248	4.16
13	Hawaii	23	4,877	4.04
14	North Carolina	96	26,850	4.02
15	Illinois	145	42,512	3.90
16	Oregon	60	12,690	3.88
17	District of Columbia	19	5,226	3.81
18	Arkansas	20	6,826	3.61
19	New York	293	89,399	3.41
20	Montana	7	2,735	3.38
21	Utah	10	6,269	3.36
22	Vermont	2	2,735	3.28
23	Delaware	6	2,728	3.15
24	New Mexico	22	5,533	3.14
25	West Virginia	15	4,760	3.11
26	Idaho	13	3,241	3.07
27	Missouri	54	18,136	2.96
28	Virginia	96	25,117	2.96
29	Rhode Island	11	4,654	2.85
30	Indiana	39	16,381	2.73
31	Pennsylvania	110	43,257	2.66
32	Nevada	20	5,591	2.63
33	Texas	159	60,378	2.60
34	Kansas	29	7,899	2.57
35	South Dakota	5	2,128	2.57
36	Alabama	30	11,647	2.55
37	Michigan	69	28,356	2.49
38	Washington	60	21,287	2.46
38	Massachusetts	67	33,986	2.46
40	Tennessee	40	18,137	2.44
41	New Jersey	80	33,954	2.44
42	Georgia	54	24,098	2.40
43	California	264	112,776	2.37
44	Florida	106	55,037	2.35
45	Maryland	59	27,134	2.20
46	New Hampshire	5	4,480	2.10
47	Connecticut	27	15,194	1.97
48	Mississippi	19	6,291	1.87
49	Wisconsin	25	17,295	1.64
50	South Carolina	18	11,939	1.23
51	Minnesota	16	17,670	0.95

<sup>1</sup> Rank is calculated based upon an average of the disciplinary rates for 2006, 2007, and 2008.

<sup>2</sup> Includes osteopathic physicians for boards with jurisdiction over both physicians and osteopaths.

<sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> Disciplinary rate for the period is calculated by averaging the disciplinary rates over the three-year period 2006-8.

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**Table 2: Ranks Based Upon Average Doctor Disciplinary Rates Over The Preceding Three Years<sup>5,6</sup>**

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Alabama <sup>7</sup>	13	17	22	26	34	36
Alaska <sup>7</sup>	6	4	2	1	1	1
Arizona	2	7	6	9	4	4
Arkansas <sup>7</sup>	29	45	39	23	16	18
California	22	22	23	27	36	43
Colorado <sup>7</sup>	8	9	8	8	6	9
Connecticut <sup>7</sup>	38	38	38	42	45	47
Delaware <sup>7</sup>	50	50	50	44	29	23
District of Columbia <sup>7</sup>	42	31	36	37	22	17
Florida	36	37	32	35	31	44
Georgia <sup>7</sup>	15	18	20	25	33	42
Hawai <sup>7</sup>	51	51	42	33	21	13
Idaho <sup>7</sup>	14	21	25	24	25	26
Illinois <sup>7</sup>	35	25	18	12	12	15
Indiana <sup>7</sup>	27	27	24	28	27	30
Iowa <sup>7</sup>	12	12	15	7	11	8
Kansas <sup>7</sup>	32	30	31	36	41	34
Kentucky <sup>7</sup>	1	2	1	2	2	2
Louisiana <sup>7</sup>	17	14	13	11	14	7
Maine	34	35	46	34	24	10
Maryland <sup>7</sup>	48	47	44	43	43	45
Massachusetts <sup>7</sup>	23	23	28	30	35	39
Michigan	40	39	40	39	40	37
Minnesota <sup>7</sup>	47	48	49	49	50	51
Mississippi <sup>7</sup>	20	41	51	51	49	48
Missouri <sup>7</sup>	31	11	10	6	30	27
Montana <sup>7</sup>	9	8	12	18	20	20
Nebraska <sup>7</sup>	28	24	16	10	5	11
Nevada	33	46	47	47	46	32
New Hampshire <sup>7</sup>	25	26	21	21	26	46
New Jersey <sup>7</sup>	24	29	35	40	42	41
New Mexico	21	19	29	22	37	24
New York <sup>7</sup>	18	16	17	17	19	19
North Carolina <sup>7</sup>	41	34	26	16	15	14
North Dakota <sup>7</sup>	3	3	7	19	13	6
Ohio <sup>7</sup>	7	6	4	4	3	3
Oklahoma	5	5	5	5	9	5
Oregon <sup>7</sup>	16	20	19	20	17	16
Pennsylvania	45	36	33	32	38	31
Rhode Island <sup>7</sup>	46	44	37	38	23	29
South Carolina <sup>7</sup>	43	43	45	50	51	50
South Dakota <sup>7</sup>	37	33	43	48	47	35
Tennessee	44	40	30	29	28	40
Texas <sup>7</sup>	26	28	27	31	32	33
Utah	10	13	14	15	10	21
Vermont	19	15	11	13	8	22
Virginia <sup>7</sup>	30	32	34	41	39	28
Washington	39	42	41	45	44	38
West Virginia	11	10	9	14	18	25
Wisconsin <sup>7</sup>	49	49	48	46	48	49
Wyoming <sup>7</sup>	4	1	3	3	7	12

<sup>5</sup> Rank for each year is calculated based on an average of the disciplinary rates from that year and the preceding two years.

<sup>6</sup> 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).

<sup>7</sup> These states have a combined state medical and osteopathy board.