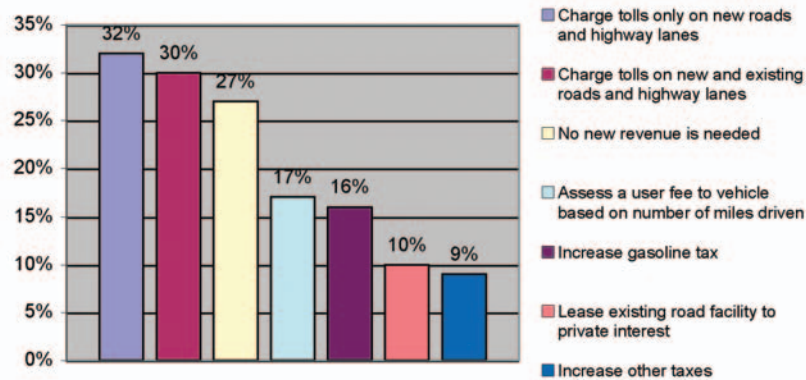




## Transportation Funding

In light of the recent attention on the nation's aging transportation infrastructure, which of the following would you support to increase funding for the nation's roads and bridges? (check all that apply)

- 32% Charge tolls only on new roads and highway lanes
- 30% Charge tolls on new and existing roads and highway lanes
- 27% No new revenue is needed
- 17% Assess a user fee to the vehicle based on the number of miles driven during a specific time period
- 16% Increase gasoline taxes
- 10% Lease existing road facility to private interests
- 9% Increase other taxes to pay for transportation (sales, income, property taxes)



Some states have significantly raised fines or fees associated with serious traffic offenses (i.e. drunk driving, reckless driving, driving on a suspended licenses) in order to increase funds for transportation projects and/or maintenance. These fees can range from \$100 to \$3,000 depending on the violation and the state. Do you favor or oppose using traffic fines to raise revenue for transportation projects?

- 71% Favor
- 29% Oppose



As federal and state transportation funding becomes more constrained and demands on the system grow, many states are looking for new ways to generate revenue. One alternative source of revenue is leasing toll roads to private companies more commonly referred to as public/private partnerships. Do you favor or oppose this alternative funding approach?

- 26% Favor
- 74% Oppose

Currently, tolls from Delaware River crossings are used for bridge repairs and maintenance as well as a variety of unrelated purposes, including area stadiums, arts projects, private venture capital, etc. Do you think tolls from Delaware River crossings should be used for bridge repairs and maintenance projects only?

- 80% Yes, bridge repairs and maintenance only
- 20% No, allow other purposes

## Congestion

In the past year has your commute become:

- 49% More congested
- 31% Do not commute
- 19% No change
- 1% Less congested

## Distracted Driving

Would you favor or oppose making it illegal for all drivers to send or read text messages while driving a motor vehicle?

- 91% Favor
- 9% Oppose



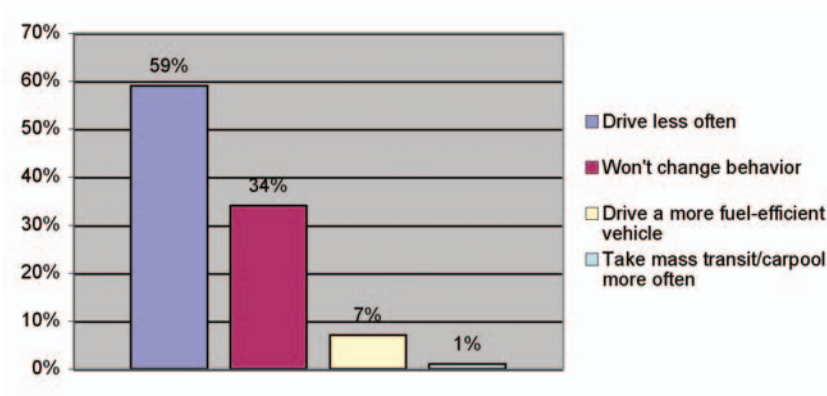
## Fuel Prices

Which of the following should lawmakers pursue to decrease the country's dependency on foreign oil? (check all that apply)

- 81% **Require better fuel efficiency for new cars, trucks and SUVs**
- 64% Increase funding for research on alternative fuels
- 54% Increase public transportation options
- 47% Allow more drilling and oil exploration in North America
- 44% Establish national conservation programs
- 6% Increase taxes to reduce public's driving habits
- 2% None of the above

Given the recent increase in crude oil prices, some analysts believe that it is likely that motorists will be paying near-record or record gasoline prices by late winter or early spring. If so, how will you cope with rising prices at the pump?

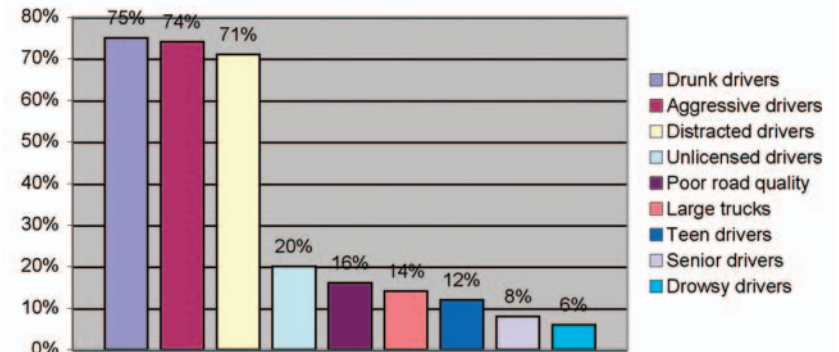
- 59% **Drive less often**
- 34% Won't change behavior
- 7% Drive a more fuel-efficient vehicle
- 1% Take mass transit/carpool more often



## Safety

Of the following, what are your top three safety concerns as a motorist? (check three)

- 75% **Drunk drivers**
- 74% **Aggressive drivers**
- 71% **Distracted drivers**
- 20% Unlicensed drivers
- 16% Poor road quality
- 14% Sharing the road with large trucks
- 12% Teen drivers
- 8% Senior drivers
- 6% Drowsy drivers



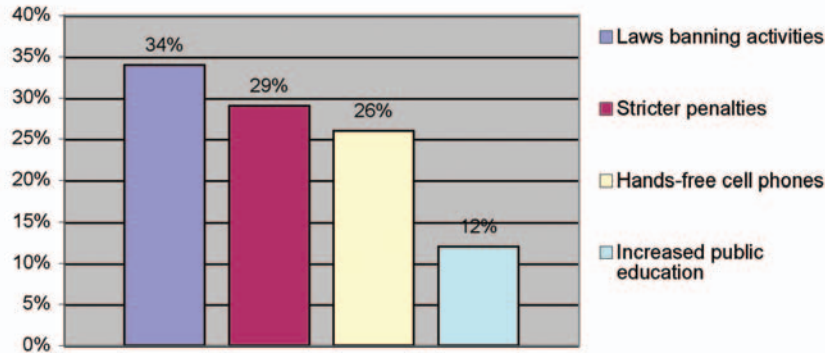
Which one of the following best describes your driving behavior as it relates to speed limits?

- 86% **I generally drive with the flow of traffic which sometimes requires me to drive faster than the posted speed limit**
- 10% I generally drive slower than the flow of traffic, rarely or never going faster than the speed limit
- 4% I generally drive faster than the flow of traffic, often going faster than the speed limit



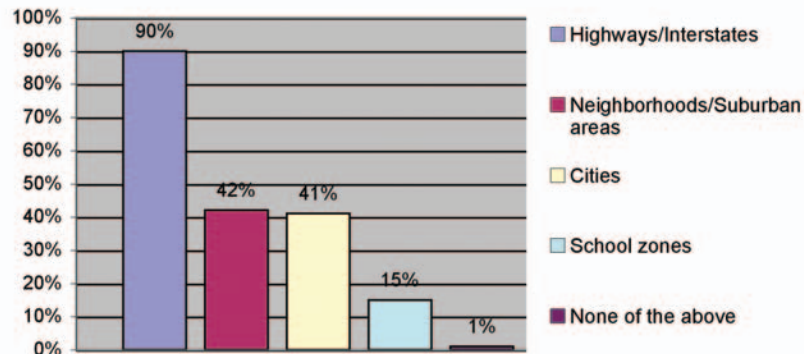
**Which of the following measures is most effective in curtailing distracted driving?** (check one)

- 34%** Laws banning activities contributing to distracted driving
- 29% Stricter penalties for distracted driving
- 26% Hands-free cell phone technology
- 12% Increased public education campaign on distracted



**Where do you perceive that aggressive or reckless driving and speeding is most prevalent:**

- 90%** Highways/Interstates
- 42% Neighborhoods/Suburban areas
- 41% Cities
- 15% School zones
- 1% None of the above



What measure(s) would you support to combat aggressive or reckless driving and speeding? (Please check all that apply.)

- 68%** Increased fines and penalties
- 66% Increased police enforcement
- 55% Automated red light camera enforcement
- 41% Automated speed camera enforcement
- 25% Traffic calming devices
- 5% None of the above

Which of the following would you support for a first-time drunken driving offender? (check all that apply)

- 77%** Mandatory attendance at alcohol awareness class
- 56% Community service
- 55% Increase in fines
- 34% Mandatory alcohol rehabilitation treatment
- 28% Have ignition interlock installed in their vehicle
- 13% Mandatory jail time

In many states, drivers may legally refuse to take a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) test when asked by law enforcement. To prevent this from occurring, some states have implemented sanctions that are stricter for refusal than actual failure of the test. Do you favor or oppose stricter sanctions for BAC test refusal?

- 76%** Favor
- 24% Oppose

Do you favor legislation that would prohibit possession of open containers of alcohol by automobile passengers?

- 84%** Favor
- 16% Oppose

Almost 40% of those killed in Delaware car crashes in 2006 died in an impaired driving crash. Many DUI offenders are repeat offenders. Do you think that Delaware drivers should have their vehicle confiscated after their second DUI conviction?

- 83%** Yes
- 17% No



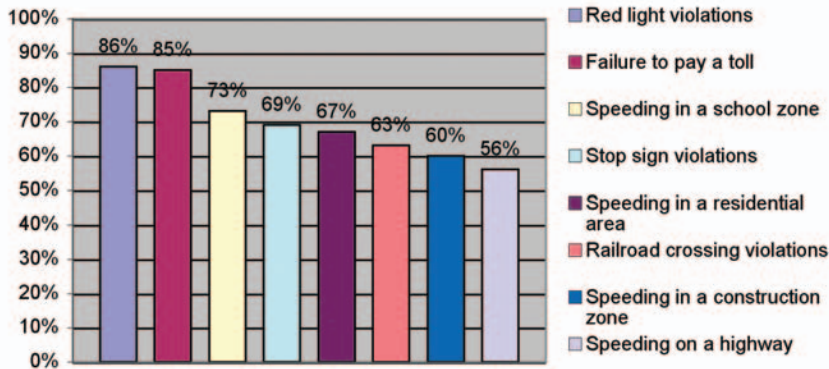
## Automated Enforcement

Communities are increasingly using technology to enforce various traffic safety laws. One form of technology is photo or automated enforcement, where cameras document violations and tickets are mailed to owners of vehicles seen breaking the law.

**Do you favor or oppose the use of photo or automated enforcement for the following violations:**

Favor   Oppose

<b>86%</b>	14%	Red light violations
<b>85%</b>	15%	Failure to pay a toll
<b>73%</b>	27%	Speeding in a school zone
<b>69%</b>	31%	Stop sign violations
<b>67%</b>	33%	Speeding in a residential area
<b>63%</b>	37%	Railroad crossing violations
<b>60%</b>	40%	Speeding in a construction zone
<b>56%</b>	44%	Speeding on a highway



A number of jurisdictions in the U.S. are using photo or automated enforcement to ticket drivers who speed. Such systems photograph vehicles that exceed the speed limit by a certain margin and mail tickets to the vehicle's owner for the driver to pay. **At what speed over the limit should these systems begin to issue tickets in varying kinds of roadways?**

	Any violation	5 or more	10 or more	15 or more	20 or more	Not at all
<b>School zones</b>	<b>40%</b>	27%	18%	4%	2%	9%
<b>Interstates</b>	3%	10%	<b>38%</b>	22%	10%	17%
<b>Residential streets</b>	14%	<b>37%</b>	27%	7%	2%	13%
<b>Major highways</b>	3%	13%	<b>40%</b>	21%	8%	16%

The study has an average statistical error rate of 5.5 percent at the 95% confidence level.



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