

# *Distracted Driving Violations Up 57% Since 2022: LexisNexis*

Violations for distracted driving, now deemed “one of the most persistent and frustrating public safety challenges on U.S. roads,” have jumped 57% since 2022 despite comprehensive hands-free laws passed in 30 states in recent years, according to data from LexisNexis.

“These measures weren’t symbolic. Ohio, Alabama, Michigan and Missouri recorded meaningful drops in phone handling and crash rates following the implementation of stiffer hands-free legislation,” said Kam Lidhar, director of auto insurance for LexisNexis, in a report. “Yet, even with more robust laws, overall distracted driving continues to rise.”

Lidhar added, “A problem once considered minor is now unmistakably major—for all drivers.”

## **Violations Up Across All Age Groups**

While younger adults have been more likely to drive distracted and still account for more distraction-related crashes, LexisNexis found violations are up across all age groups. For drivers aged 16-25, violations jumped 48%, but drivers over 66 showed a 73% increase, and drivers aged 36-45 followed closely behind with a 70% increase. Violations rose 55% for drivers aged 26-35 and 45-55, and 52% for drivers aged 56-65.

**“Educational, usage-based mileage programs and incentivized safe-driving tools originally designed for young drivers may need to be expanded to a broader audience.”**

- LexisNexis

It’s not just texting—distracted driving now includes recording videos, scrolling social media and other digital multitasking.

“Mobile engagement habits formed off the road appear to be creeping inside vehicles and the driver’s seat,” said Lidhar. “Over the past few years, carmakers have unintentionally added new layers of distraction. Large center stack touchscreens, app-integrated controls and complex menus can create visual tension between the driver and the road.”

## **Learn More**

For more information on preventing distracted driving and additional vehicle-safety resources, contact Connor & Gallagher OneSource today.