

2015 AAA Consumer PulseTM **Survey** Winter Driving

by State

Background & Methodology

Conducted 400 surveys per state

- o Fielding took place September 30, 2015 October 20, 2015
- o Utilized proprietary online research panel
- o State results are weighted by age and gender

Key Measures

- O Winter Driving Behaviors
- o Concerns When Driving in Poor Weather Conditions

1. Do you drive during the fall and winter months (October – March)?												
	FL	GA	IL	IA	MI	MN	NE	ND	TN	WI		
Base (n=)	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400		
Yes	93%	93%	90%	96%	95%	97%	96%	95%	97%	94%		
No	3%	3%	3%	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%	<1%	2%		
Not applicable/don't have a vehicle	4%	4%	7%	3%	3%	1%	3%	3%	3%	4%		

2. During the winter months, do you normally do any of the fol	lowing? (S	elect all tha	t apply)							
	FL	GA	IL	IA	MI	MN	NE	ND	TN	WI
Base (n=)	372	373	360	385	378	389	384	379	386	376
Check your tire pressure	48%	68%	59%	72%	73%	71%	69%	68%	68%	65%
Check your tire tread	32%	53%	42%	59%	59%	58%	59%	56%	61%	57%
Get vehicle maintenance before winter	25%	49%	61%	66%	60%	61%	62%	65%	50%	65%
Test your battery	19%	29%	27%	33%	30%	27%	32%	35%	34%	32%
Keep a blanket in vehicle	17%	46%	60%	72%	62%	75%	69%	87%	54%	70%
Keep a winter driving kit in vehicle	8%	21%	39%	55%	42%	57%	52%	77%	28%	51%
None of the above	41%	16%	11%	6%	9%	3%	8%	2%	12%	7%

B. How do you change your driving habits while driving in winter weather? (Select all that apply)													
	FL	GA	IL	IA	MI	MN	NE	ND	TN	WI			
Base (n=)	372	373	360	385	378	389	384	379	386	376			
Drive slower	30%	56%	76%	81%	81%	81%	87%	87%	70%	84%			
Greater following distance	24%	47%	75%	81%	77%	80%	81%	80%	64%	80%			
Stop further from other vehicles	19%	46%	69%	75%	76%	72%	74%	76%	60%	77%			
Avoid certain roads	14%	32%	39%	49%	41%	34%	45%	45%	50%	40%			
Drive less	10%	19%	27%	28%	31%	22%	33%	25%	24%	30%			
Avoid certain bridges	4%	13%	10%	11%	10%	10%	13%	14%	24%	11%			
Other	4%	1%	1%	2%	2%	3%	1%	2%	2%	3%			
None, do not change my driving habits in winter weather	53%	24%	5%	4%	4%	4%	1%	4%	10%	2%			



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4. Do you think having 4-wheel drive helps vehicles stop faster?												
	FL	GA	IL	IA	MI	MN	NE	ND	TN	WI		
Base (n=)	372	373	360	385	378	389	384	379	386	376		
Yes	40%	37%	43%	29%	33%	31%	34%	38%	34%	31%		
No	60%	63%	57%	71%	67%	69%	66%	62%	66%	69%		

5. What are you most concerned about when driving in poor w	eather con	ditions, suc	h as rain o	r snow? (Se	lect all that	apply)				
	FL	GA	IL	IA	MI	MN	NE	ND	TN	WI
Base (n=)	372	373	360	385	378	389	384	379	386	376
Being hit by another driver	65%	76%	77%	80%	82%	75%	79%	78%	79%	80%
Poor visibility	60%	63%	61%	61%	59%	60%	58%	65%	59%	63%
Skidding/losing control of vehicle	57%	69%	81%	74%	78%	77%	81%	75%	76%	82%
Drivers speeding	45%	52%	44%	45%	54%	52%	53%	49%	56%	47%
Hitting another driver	27%	36%	40%	37%	42%	42%	40%	44%	39%	39%
Getting stuck	14%	32%	37%	39%	44%	39%	43%	45%	36%	40%
Vehicle breaking down/not starting	13%	28%	26%	23%	25%	23%	25%	28%	24%	20%
Other	2%	1%	<1%	2%	1%	<1%	1%	<1%	1%	1%
None, am not concerned about driving in winter weather	5%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	<1%

6. [Florida Only] Have you ever driven in an area affected by brush fire/smoky conditions?											
	FL	GA	IL	IA	MI	MN	NE	ND	TN	WI	
Base (n=)	372	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Yes	44%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
No	56%	-	_	-	_	-	-	-	_	-	

7. What actions do you take when driving in areas prone to bru	sh fire/sm	oky conditi	ons?							
	FL	GA	IL	IA	MI	MN	NE	ND	TN	WI
Base (n=)	160	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reduce speed	86%	_	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Put windows up	62%	_	-	-	-	-	_	-	-	-
Use low beams	55%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Use flashers	34%	-	_	-	-	_	-	_	-	-
Find another route	33%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Make sure window and mirrors are clean	17%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Use high beams	5%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Roll windows down	3%	-	_	-	-	_	-	_	-	-
Pull off the road	2%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	1%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
None of the above	1%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Respondent Profile

Gender										
	FL	GA	IL	IA	MI	MN	NE	ND	TN	WI
Base (n=)	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400
Male	48%	48%	48%	49%	48%	49%	49%	51%	48%	49%
Female	52%	52%	52%	51%	52%	51%	51%	49%	52%	51%

Age											
	FL	GA	IL	IA	MI	MN	NE	ND	TN	WI	
Base (n=)	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	
18-34	27%	32%	30%	28%	29%	30%	29%	33%	29%	29%	
35-44	16%	18%	17%	14%	15%	16%	16%	15%	17%	16%	
45-54	17%	18%	19%	16%	18%	18%	17%	16%	18%	18%	
55-64	16%	15%	16%	19%	18%	17%	17%	17%	17%	18%	
65 or older	24%	17%	19%	23%	20%	19%	21%	19%	19%	19%	

Statistical Statement:

The AAA Consumer Pulse™ Survey was conducted online among residents living in The Auto Club Group territory from September 30, 2015 – October 20, 2015. A total of 400 residents in each state completed the survey. State results have a margin of error of ± 4.9 percentage points. Responses are weighted by gender and age to ensure reliable and accurate representation of the adult population (18+) among each state.