

Iowa DMV Cheat Sheet: Key Numbers

The numbers people mix up most often, on one page. Print it or save it as a PDF and review it before your test.

Knowledge test format

questions

35

correct to pass

28 (80%)

Speed limits by state

Business district	20 mph
Residential district	25 mph
Rural interstate (max)	70 mph

Drunk driving laws by state: BAC limits

Drivers 21+	0.08%
Under 21	0.02%
Refusing a chemical test (1st time)	12 months

Cell phone laws for drivers by state

No phone at all for drivers under	18 years old
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Parking distances by state

Fire hydrant	5 feet
STOP sign or signal	10 feet
Fire station driveway	20 feet
Railroad crossing	50 feet
Wheels from the curb	18 inches

School bus, move over and bicycle passing laws by state

Stop from a school bus at least	15 feet
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Every number is the answer to one of our practice questions and matches a quote from the official handbook. Rules change — check the latest handbook before your test.

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