

# State Safety Data Quality (SSDQ) Performance: Raising the Bar

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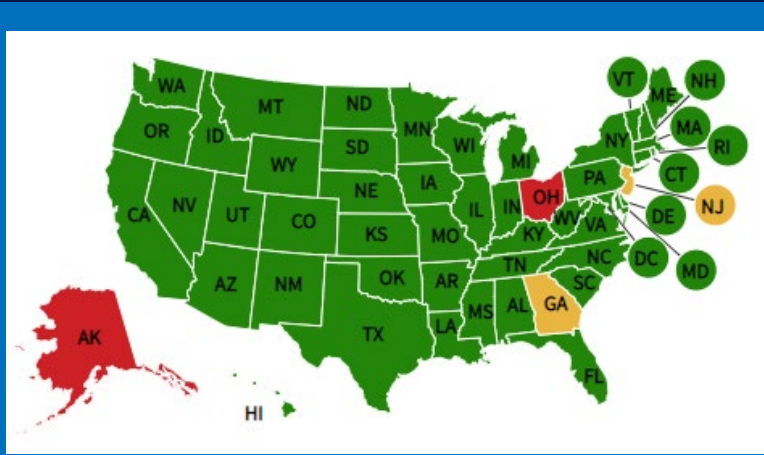
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# Data Quality Program Overview

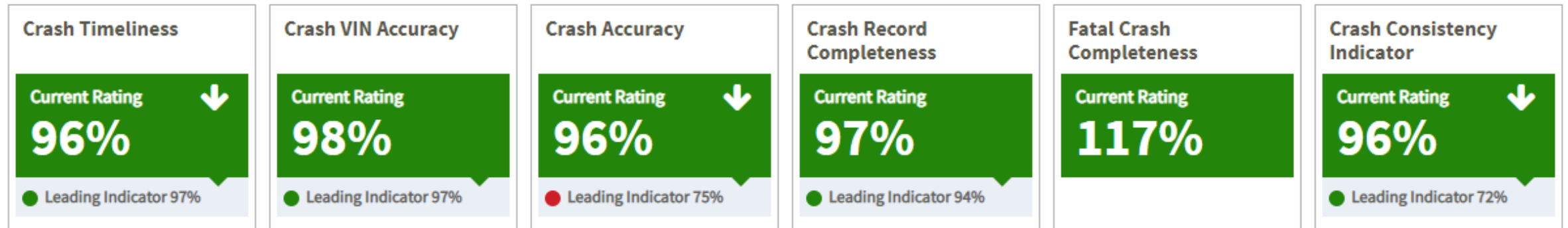


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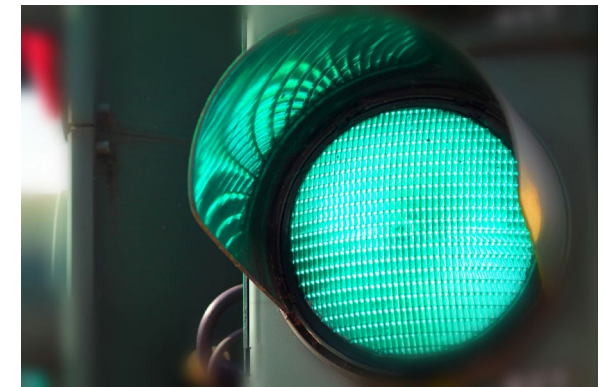
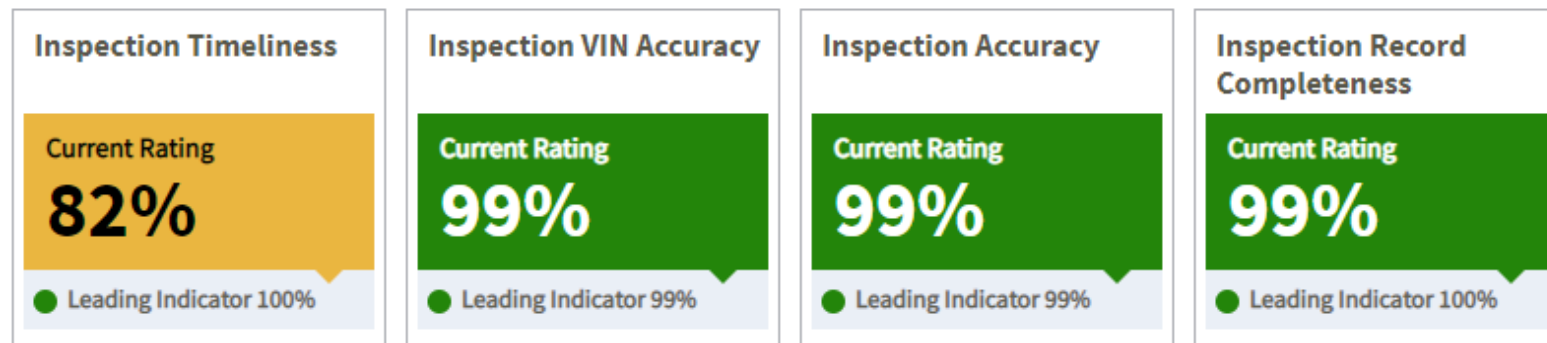
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# State Safety Data Quality (SSDQ) – Overview

## CRASH MEASURES



## INSPECTION MEASURES



# How the SSDQ measures work:

- Measures evaluate 12 months of performance.
- Leading Indicator shows performance of last 3 months.
  - This gives States a chance view performance before it affects the measure, and to make improvements.

## SSDQ Measure

- Covers 12 months and rolls forward each month
- Begins 15 months prior to current month



## Leading Indicator



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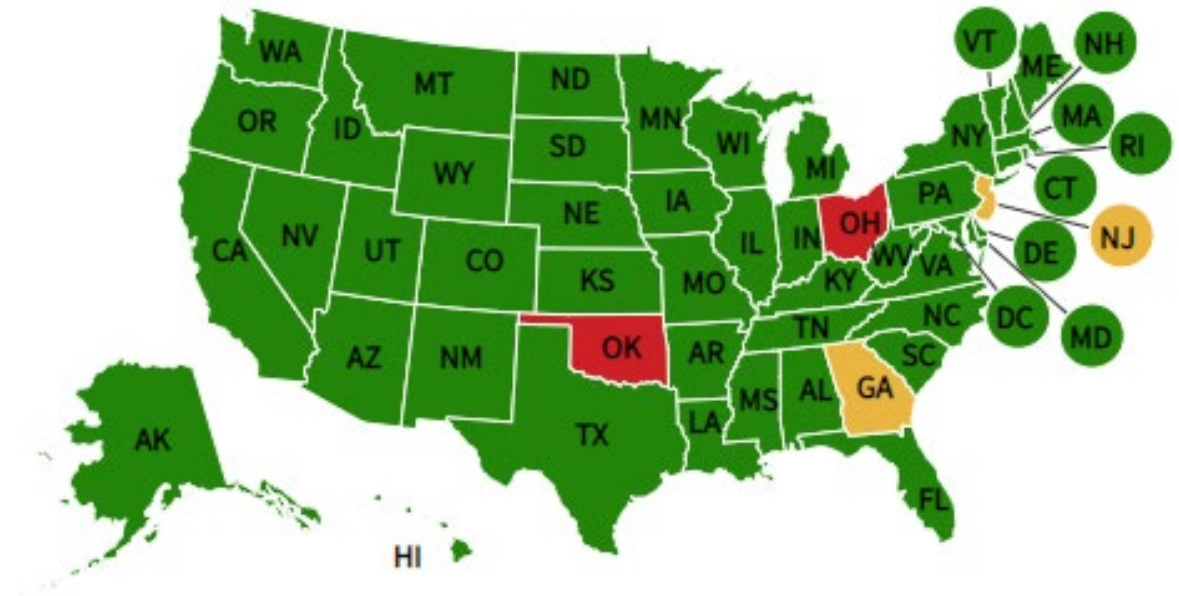
# Historical SSDQ Improvement

Measures	2004 Rating	2007 Rating	2013 Rating	2022 Rating
Crash Timeliness	69%	80%	90%	91%
Crash Accuracy	87%	87%	98%	98%
Crash Record Completeness – Vehicle	N/A	72%	96%	97%
Crash Record Completeness – Driver	N/A	65%	95%	97%

# Updated Crash Thresholds

- **Accuracy:**
  - Current: 85 / 95
  - Preview: **90 / 95**
- **VIN Accuracy**
  - Current: 70 / 85
  - Preview: **80 / 90**
- **Record Completeness**
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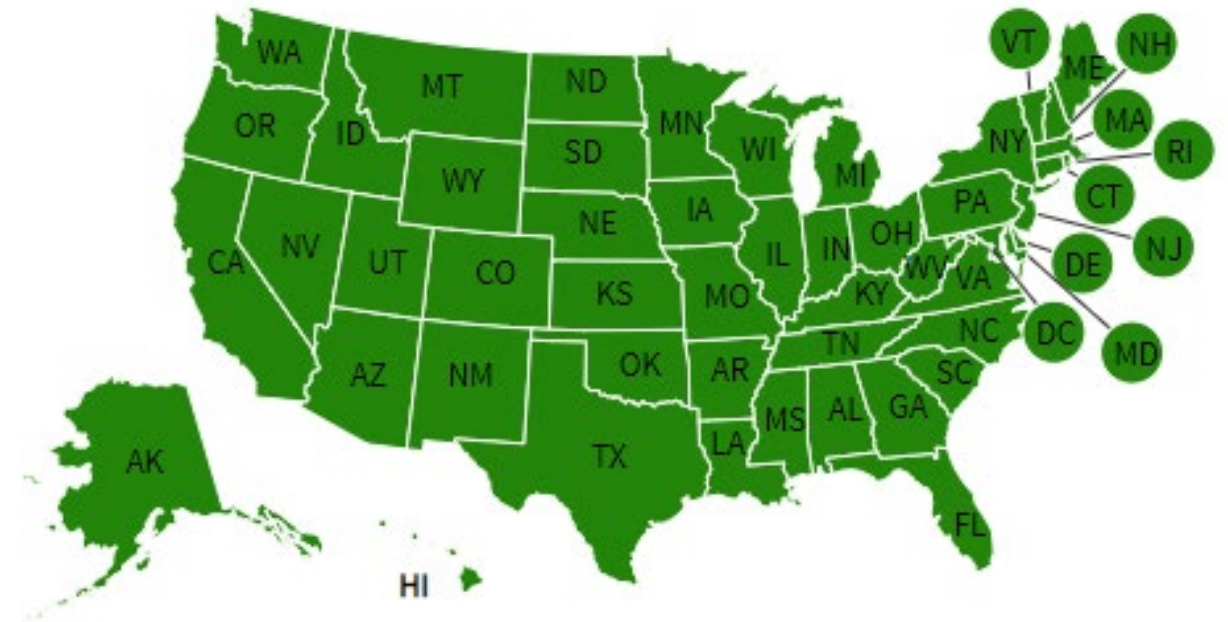
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# Crash: Timeliness

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## Challenges:

- Cannot fix past late records. No flexibility.
- First Responders: Local LEOs vs. State Police
- Serious injury and fatal crashes
- Not all States use eCrash
- Past standard doesn't meet future needs.



# Crash Timeliness Changes

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Replace current 90% in 90-days reporting requirement with a **45**-day requirement. Lower the red/yellow/green thresholds from 65 / 90 to **50 / 75**.

- Project 9 States to move to be Red in Timeliness, 8 to Yellow based on these changes.

# Inspection Timeliness Changes

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Replace current 90% in 21-days reporting requirement with a 7-day requirement. Lower the red/yellow/green thresholds from 65 / 90 to **65 / 85**.

- Project 1 State to move to be Red in Timeliness, 6 to Yellow based on these changes.

# Overall Results

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- Current SSDQ Methodology (Feb 2023):
  - 47 Good/Green
  - 2 Fair/Yellow
  - 2 Poor/Red
- Preview SSDQ Methodology (Feb 2023):
  - 42 Good/Green
  - 6 Fair/Yellow
  - 3 Poor/Red
- New SSDQ performance measures will be available to public in early 2024.

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