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IN THE DRIVER'S SEAT

2009 AUTOVANTAGE ROAD RAGE SURVEY

ATLANTA

- **FOURTH LEAST COURTEOUS**—Atlanta ranked as the fourth least courteous city in terms of road rage, compared to 24 other major American cities. That's "up" from last year's No. 6 ranking. For the first time in four years, a new city claims the title as the worst in the U.S. for road rage; New York has unseated Miami as the least courteous city. The top 10 worst cities (with the least courteous drivers) are:

#1	New York	#6	Phoenix
#2	Dallas/Fort Worth	#7	Miami
#3	Detroit	#8	Houston
#4	Atlanta	#9	Cincinnati
#5	Minneapolis	#10	San Diego

- Portland, Ore., ranked as the most courteous city.
- **SLAMMING ON BRAKES**—Drivers in Atlanta are most likely to see other motorists slamming on their brakes at the last minute. Thirty-one percent see this offense daily, which was tied with San Diego.
- **RUNNING RED LIGHTS**—At 31 percent, Atlanta motorists ranked No. 2 for seeing other drivers running red lights every day. Only Minneapolis/St. Paul reported seeing this more often (34 percent), while Portland reported it the least (11 percent).
- **CUTTING OVER WITHOUT NOTICE**—At 50 percent, Atlanta also ranked No. 2 for seeing drivers cutting into other lanes with little or no warning on a daily basis. For the second consecutive year, Miami ranked No. 1 in this category.
- **CALLED TO REPORT ROAD RAGE**—The survey showed drivers in Atlanta are being proactive in making their streets safer. The city ranked No.1 for calling authorities to report bad or reckless driving.