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IN THE DRIVER'S SEAT

2009 AUTOVANTAGE ROAD RAGE SURVEY

CHICAGO

- **FOURTEENTH MOST COURTEOUS**—Chicago ranked as the 14th most courteous city in terms of road rage, compared to 24 other major American cities. That's a decline in ranking from last year's eighth most courteous. Portland, Ore., ranked the best. The top 10 best cities (with the least amount of road rage) are:

#1	Portland, Ore.	#6	Washington, D.C.
#2	Cleveland	#7	Philadelphia (tie)
#3	Baltimore	#7	St. Louis (tie)
#4	Sacramento	#9	Boston
#5	Pittsburgh	#10	Seattle

- 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.
- **TALKING ON CELL PHONES**—Contributing to its fall in the ranking, Chicagoans ranked No. 2 for seeing motorists talking on cell phones behind the wheel every day at 91 percent. St. Louis is the only city that observed this offense more often, at 92 percent. That's compared to only 76 percent in Portland, Ore.
- **CUTTING OVER**—When it comes to cutting over into another lane with little or no warning, drivers in Chicago tied as the fourth most likely to see this happen daily, at 48 percent. The Windy City joined Houston and Miami for the ranking.