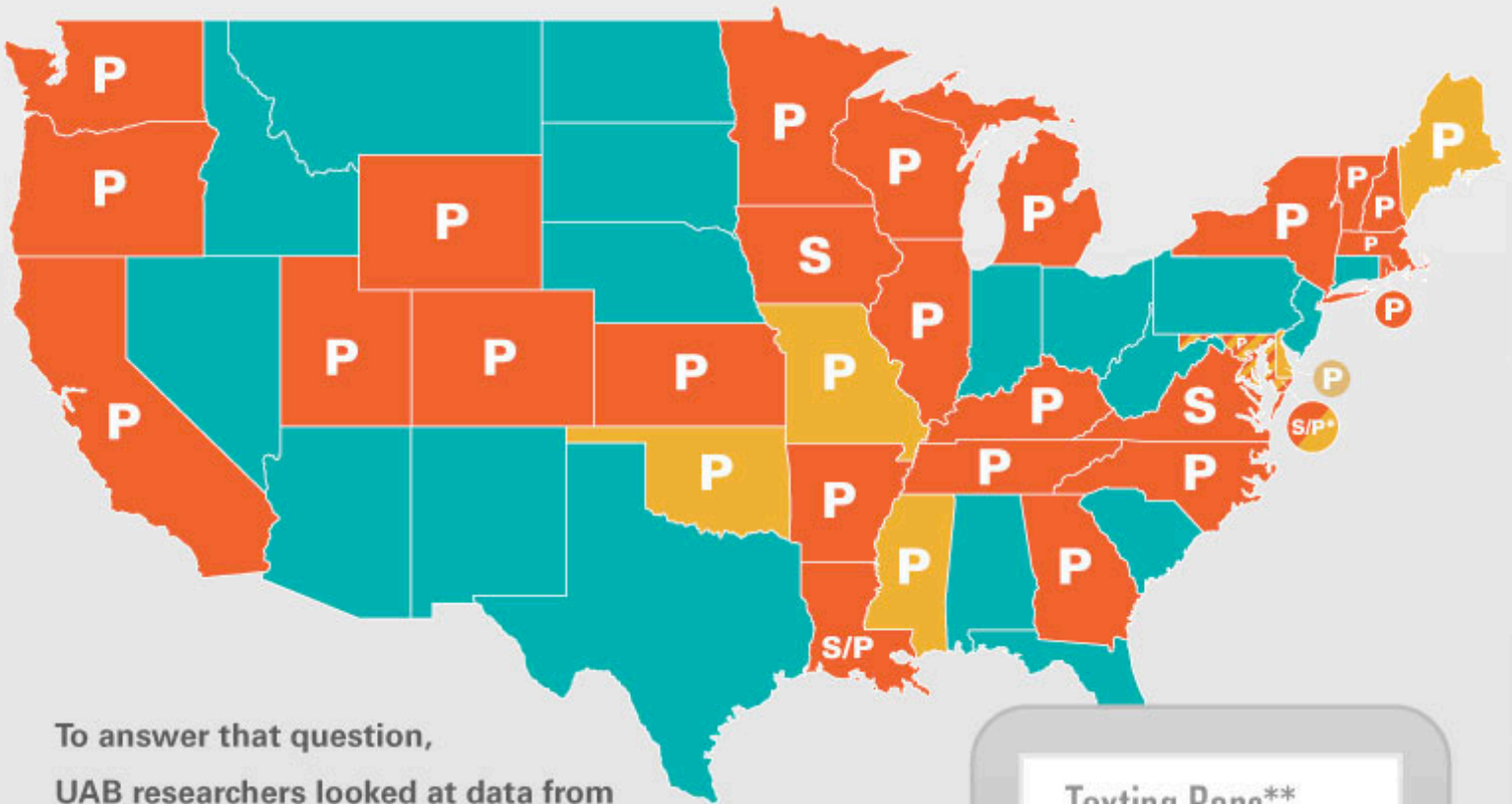


DO TEXTING BANS SAVE LIVES?



To answer that question,

UAB researchers looked at data from

2000-2010. They compared highway deaths from states with and without texting bans, breaking that down between states that banned all drivers (24) and states that banned only young drivers (7). They also looked at the type of enforcement: Primary, which means officers can cite drivers directly for texting, and secondary, which means officers have to pull a driver over for another reason before they can

give a texting citation. The results:

States that banned texting and used primary enforcement saw a 3 percent drop in deaths. That's 19 lives saved per year.



Texting Bans**

State bans ALL drivers

State bans YOUNG drivers only

Primary enforcement (P)

Secondary enforcement (S)

Changed from Secondary to Primary during study period (S/P)

No texting ban

*Maryland changed ban to all drivers in 2009
**During 2000-2010 study period

YES.