

Are Iowan Children Buckled Up?

Results from Iowa's 2019 Child Passenger Restraint Survey



Among 3,088 children ages birth to 17

94.9%

were properly restrained in accordance with Iowa law.

99.0%

1-year-olds or younger

A child under 1 year old and weighing <20 lbs must be secured in a rear-facing child restraint system.

92.5%

2 to 5 year olds

A child age 1 up to 6 years old must be secured in a child restraint system.

96.5%

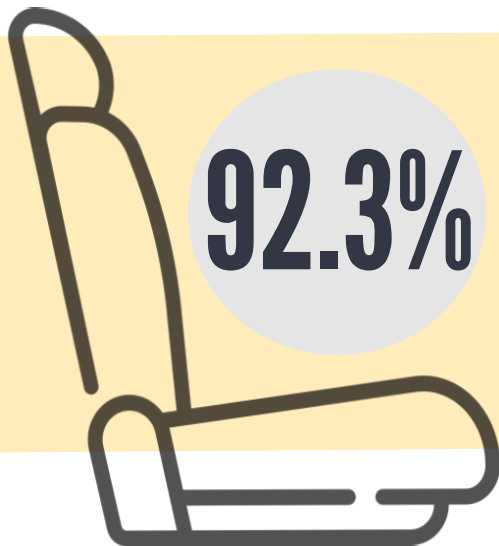
6 to 13 year olds

A child from age 6 to 11 must be secure in a child restraint system or by a safety belt.

92.3%

of teens (ages 14-17) were using a seat belt.

We surveyed **36 communities** ranging in size from about **1,400 to 217,000** people each.



Rural



92.9%

Properly restrained



Urban

97.7%

Properly restrained



5.3% of toddlers (ages 2-5) were **not properly* restrained**

*were in seat belt only



This is a decrease from 2018 (6.2%).

Key Findings



- 2019 saw the highest number of unrestrained children aged 5 years and younger within the past 4 years.
- Unrestrained children were more likely to live in rural areas.
- Slight decreases in restraint use were observed in all age groups compared to 2018, with a larger decrease among teens, but overall rates still remained higher than the past 5-year average.



Of children not restrained, **47.1%** rode in the front seat.

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