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Seat Belt Use in 2024 – Use Rates in the States and Territories

Highlights

In 2024 seat belt use in the United States and its Territories ranges from 71.0 percent in the U.S. Virgin Islands to 98.2 percent in the Northern Mariana Islands. Twenty-six States, the District of Columbia, Guam, and the Northern Mariana Islands achieved seat belt use rates of 90 percent or higher. These results are from probability-based observational surveys conducted by the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and U.S. Territories.

Background

In 2011 NHTSA established new uniform criteria for observational surveys. States conduct and report out from their annual surveys of seat belt use in accordance with the [Uniform Criteria for State Observation Surveys or Seat Belt Use](#) (23 CFR Part 1340). Compliance with the criteria is verified annually by NHTSA's National Center for Statistics and Analysis.

Results

Seat belt use rates for all jurisdictions from 2017 to 2024 are listed in the table below. Rates in jurisdictions with primary seat belt enforcement during the calendar year of the survey are shaded. However, the law might not have taken effect when the survey was being conducted.

Twenty-six States, the District of Columbia, Guam, and the Northern Mariana Islands achieved belt use rates of 90 percent or higher. Among the States and Territories with primary enforcement seat belt laws, 68 percent have seat belt use rates of 90 percent or higher, as opposed to 7 percent among those with secondary enforcement seat belt laws or no seat belt laws for adults.

National Seat Belt Use Rate

The nationwide seat belt use rate was 91.2 percent in 2024 as estimated by NHTSA's National Occupant Protection Use Survey (NOPUS). NOPUS is a national probability-based survey, independent from State belt use surveys. NOPUS provides NHTSA's official measure of nationwide seat belt use in the United States and other related information. Due to a difference in survey methodology, NOPUS provides a different measure of nationwide use than would be obtained by combining the use rates from the States and Territories.

Table 1. Seat Belt Use in the States, U.S. Territories, and Nationwide, 2017-2024

State or U.S. Territory	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2023-2024 Change
Alabama	92.9%	91.8%	92.3%	NA	91.3%	92.7%	93.4%	92.2%	-1.2%
Alaska	90.1%	91.6%	94.1%	NA	91.7%	91.5%	95.2%	92.1%	-3.1%
Arizona	86.1%	85.9%	90.6%	NA	88.8%	87.0%	87.8%	89.5%	1.7%
Arkansas	81.0%	78.0%	81.9%	NA	84.2%	79.1%	79.7%	77.7%	-2.0%
California	96.2%	96.0%	96.0%	NA	97.2%	95.3%	96.2%	97.5%	1.3%
Colorado	83.8%	86.3%	88.3%	86.3%	86.6%	87.0%	88.6%	88.2%	-0.4%
Connecticut	90.3%	92.1%	93.7%	NA	91.5%	92.1%	93.5%	95.0%	1.5%
Delaware	91.4%	92.4%	92.5%	NA	92.4%	90.4%	93.9%	92.3%	-1.6%
Dist. of Columbia	93.6%	95.1%	95.4%	95.7%	95.9%	95.1%	94.6%	93.4%	-1.2%
Florida	90.2%	90.6%	89.8%	NA	90.1%	88.3%	89.4%	90.0%	0.6%
Georgia	97.1%	96.3%	95.9%	NA	94.8%	89.3%	87.6%	88.8%	1.2%
Hawaii	96.9%	97.8%	97.1%	NA	94.3%	95.9%	98.4%	97.2%	-1.2%
Idaho	81.2%	85.4%	85.7%	NA	82.9%	87.6%	87.5%	85.7%	-1.8%
Illinois	93.8%	94.6%	94.3%	NA	93.5%	93.0%	92.9%	92.4%	-0.5%
Indiana	93.0%	93.4%	94.9%	NA	92.9%	93.0%	93.2%	93.6%	0.4%
Iowa	91.4%	93.9%	94.6%	95.2%	92.7%	95.9%	97.0%	94.0%	-3.0%
Kansas	82.0%	84.0%	85.0%	85.0%	85.9%	87.2%	85.3%	86.2%	0.9%
Kentucky	86.8%	90.0%	89.7%	NA	89.8%	86.7%	89.4%	87.8%	-1.6%
Louisiana	87.1%	86.9%	87.5%	NA	85.7%	86.1%	85.6%	88.4%	2.8%
Maine	88.9%	88.5%	88.5%	NA	91.8%	93.4%	94.5%	93.8%	-0.7%
Maryland	92.1%	90.3%	90.4%	89.9%	91.4%	92.7%	92.1%	90.6%	-1.5%
Massachusetts	73.7%	81.6%	81.6%	NA	77.5%	77.0%	80.4%	84.4%	4.0%
Michigan	94.1%	93.4%	94.4%	NA	92.6%	92.9%	92.4%	92.0%	-0.4%
Minnesota	92.0%	92.4%	93.4%	NA	92.4%	93.3%	94.2%	94.7%	0.5%
Mississippi	78.8%	80.2%	80.5%	79.3%	80.0%	78.9%	82.2%	81.2%	-1.0%
Missouri	84.0%	87.1%	87.7%	86.1%	88.0%	88.9%	87.0%	88.3%	1.3%
Montana	78.0%	86.6%	88.9%	89.9%	92.2%	92.9%	81.1%	79.3%	-1.8%
Nebraska	85.9%	85.5%	79.7%	80.6%	81.2%	76.3%	77.3%	80.2%	2.9%
Nevada	90.6%	91.9%	94.2%	NA	93.2%	93.1%	93.5%	94.8%	1.3%
New Hampshire	67.6%	76.4%	70.7%	72.4%	75.5%	75.7%	77.9%	78.2%	0.3%
New Jersey	94.1%	94.5%	90.2%	NA	93.9%	92.9%	92.9%	90.4%	-2.5%
New Mexico	91.5%	90.2%	91.8%	NA	89.6%	89.8%	91.5%	93.6%	2.1%
New York	93.4%	92.9%	94.2%	NA	93.2%	91.9%	94.1%	91.9%	-2.2%
North Carolina	91.4%	91.3%	88.4%	87.1%	89.6%	90.9%	92.2%	92.8%	0.6%
North Dakota	79.3%	82.5%	83.7%	83.7%	81.9%	80.6%	78.5%	79.8%	1.3%
Ohio	82.8%	84.9%	85.9%	NA	84.1%	80.8%	84.8%	85.2%	0.4%
Oklahoma	86.9%	85.6%	84.7%	NA	84.4%	80.0%	81.2%	86.4%	5.2%
Oregon	96.8%	95.8%	95.7%	94.6%	94.9%	96.5%	97.0%	95.5%	-1.5%
Pennsylvania	85.6%	88.5%	88.6%	88.9%	89.5%	88.9%	87.7%	87.6%	-0.1%
Rhode Island	88.3%	88.8%	88.3%	NA	89.4%	87.1%	89.1%	90.5%	1.4%
South Carolina	92.3%	89.7%	90.3%	NA	90.1%	90.6%	93.2%	89.7%	-3.5%
South Dakota	74.8%	89.9%	75.2%	68.3%	86.9%	88.1%	91.0%	88.6%	-2.4%
Tennessee	88.5%	90.9%	91.8%	NA	90.1%	90.5%	92.0%	92.2%	0.2%

State or U.S. Territory	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2023-2024 Change
Texas	91.9%	91.3%	91.0%	NA	89.8%	90.4%	90.6%	90.1%	-0.5%
Utah	88.8%	89.0%	90.2%	NA	88.2%	91.8%	92.4%	90.7%	-1.7%
Vermont	84.5%	89.8%	89.3%	88.8%	89.2%	90.4%	88.9%	88.4%	-0.5%
Virginia	85.3%	84.1%	85.4%	NA	81.7%	75.6%	73.2%	81.8%	8.6%
Washington	94.8%	93.2%	93.1%	93.0%	94.2%	93.9%	93.3%	94.6%	1.3%
West Virginia	89.7%	90.5%	90.2%	NA	88.1%	92.5%	93.0%	92.0%	-1.0%
Wisconsin	89.4%	89.3%	90.2%	89.2%	88.1%	87.5%	92.0%	89.2%	-2.8%
Wyoming	84.8%	86.3%	78.3%	82.5%	80.2%	78.3%	81.9%	73.4%	-8.5%
Nationwide*	89.7%	89.6%	90.7%	90.3%	90.4%	91.6%	91.9%	91.2%	-0.7%
American Samoa	84.9%	93.4%	83.4%	NA	93.1%	84.2%	84.4%	77.1%	-7.3%
Guam	91.0%	92.2%	97.0%	NA	93.9%	94.2%	96.8%	96.5%	-0.3%
Northern Mariana Islands	92.2%	89.3%	93.9%	NA	96.4%	95.7%	92.8%	98.2%	5.4%
Puerto Rico	87.9%	85.0%	88.3%	84.8%	88.2%	91.8%	90.6%	86.3%	-4.3%
U.S. Virgin Islands	NA	NA	71.1%	68.2%	72.3%	67.0%	68.2%	71.0%	2.8%

Note: Rates in jurisdictions with primary belt enforcement during the calendar year of the survey are shaded.

NA: No rate reported or no survey conducted.

* The “nationwide” rates are from NHTSA’s NOPUS.

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