

# Seat Belt Use

**Definition:** Respondents who report they “sometimes,” “seldom,” or “never” use seat belts when driving or riding in a car.

## Prevalence of Lack of Seat Belt Use

- South Dakota 15.8%
- There is no nationwide median for lack of seat belt use

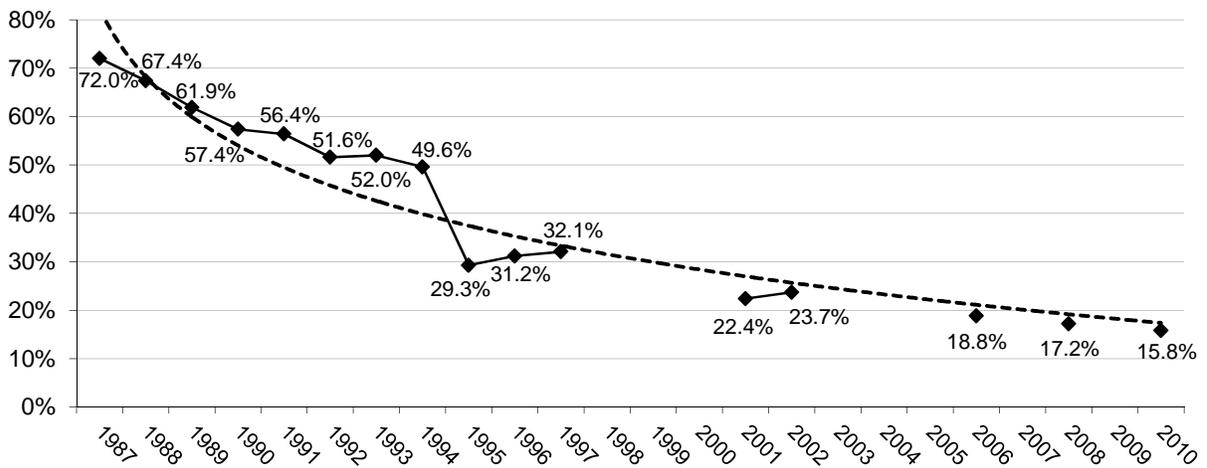
## Healthy People 2010 Objective

There was no stated Healthy People 2010 Objective for lack of seatbelt use.

## Trend Analysis

Overall, there has been a decrease in the percent of respondents who lack seat belt use since this question was first asked in 1987. In 2010, this percent hit an all-time low with 15.8 percent.

**Figure 56**  
**Percent of Respondents Who Stated Lack of Seat Belt Use,**  
**1987-1997, 2001-2002, 2006, 2008, and 2010**



Source: The Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, South Dakota Department of Health, 1987-1997, 2001-2002, 2006, 2008, and 2010

**Table 41**  
**Respondents Who Stated Lack of Seat Belt Use, 2010**

	Total			Male			Female		
	# Resp.	%	95% CI	# Resp.	%	95% CI	# Resp.	%	95% CI
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,627</b>	<b>15.8</b>	<b>(14.4-17.3)</b>	<b>2,605</b>	<b>21.7</b>	<b>(19.4-24.2)</b>	<b>4,022</b>	<b>10.1</b>	<b>(8.6-11.8)</b>
<b>Age</b>									
18-24	209	25.5	(18.7-33.7)	101	31.9	(21.8-44.0)	108	18.5	(10.7-30.0)
25-34	575	18.0	(14.3-22.5)	240	24.4	(18.2-31.8)	335	11.2	(7.7-15.8)
35-44	775	14.2	(11.5-17.3)	305	18.2	(13.9-23.5)	470	10.0	(7.2-13.5)
45-54	1,268	15.4	(13.1-18.0)	530	20.8	(16.9-25.2)	738	10.1	(7.8-13.0)
55-64	1,451	14.0	(12.0-16.2)	611	20.0	(16.6-23.8)	840	7.9	(6.1-10.3)
65-74	1,152	10.4	(8.4-12.7)	460	15.8	(12.2-20.1)	692	5.4	(3.8-7.5)
75+	1,163	10.4	(8.4-12.8)	352	16.8	(12.6-21.9)	811	6.4	(4.7-8.6)
<b>Race</b>									
White	5,620	15.2	(13.7-16.7)	2,221	21.5	(19.0-24.1)	3,399	9.0	(7.6-10.7)
American Indian	768	30.2	(23.1-38.4)	289	31.9	(23.0-42.4)	479	28.7	(18.5-41.6)
<b>Region</b>									
Southeast	1,330	9.9	(8.1-12.2)	520	13.8	(10.6-17.7)	810	6.3	(4.5-8.8)
Northeast	1,429	17.7	(14.6-21.3)	556	23.5	(18.6-29.2)	873	12.4	(8.8-17.1)
Central	1,264	23.1	(18.9-27.9)	497	30.9	(24.7-37.9)	767	15.5	(10.2-22.8)
West	1,316	17.2	(14.3-20.7)	534	24.7	(19.7-30.5)	782	9.1	(6.8-12.1)
American Indian Counties	1,288	28.2	(23.6-33.4)	498	35.8	(28.2-44.1)	790	20.3	(16.0-25.5)
<b>Household Income</b>									
Less than \$15,000	643	21.4	(16.5-27.4)	223	28.7	(20.0-39.3)	420	14.8	(10.4-20.7)
\$15,000-\$19,999	415	21.5	(15.7-28.8)	150	28.4	(18.5-41.0)	265	15.5	(9.3-24.7)
\$20,000-\$24,999	556	14.4	(10.6-19.2)	212	22.4	(15.3-31.5)	344	7.4	(4.7-11.6)
\$25,000-\$34,999	768	21.6	(17.1-26.9)	332	29.1	(21.9-37.6)	436	11.8	(8.0-17.0)
\$35,000-\$49,999	1,002	16.5	(13.3-20.3)	423	22.3	(17.0-28.7)	579	9.9	(7.0-13.9)
\$50,000-\$74,999	1,012	11.0	(8.7-13.9)	428	16.3	(12.3-21.2)	584	5.8	(3.7-8.9)
\$75,000+	1,172	10.6	(8.5-13.2)	555	14.4	(11.0-18.7)	617	6.2	(4.3-8.8)
<b>Education</b>									
Less than High School	591	26.9	(20.5-34.5)	265	32.8	(23.5-43.5)	326	16.4	(10.6-24.4)
High School or G.E.D.	2,144	22.1	(19.1-25.3)	872	29.1	(24.4-34.4)	1,272	14.5	(11.3-18.5)
Some Post-High School	1,857	14.3	(11.9-17.0)	677	19.6	(15.8-24.1)	1,180	10.0	(7.3-13.7)
College Graduate	2,026	9.0	(7.3-11.0)	788	12.7	(9.8-16.4)	1,238	5.4	(4.0-7.3)
<b>Marital Status</b>									
Married/Unmarried Couple	4,008	13.0	(11.6-14.5)	1,716	18.0	(15.7-20.6)	2,292	7.9	(6.6-9.5)
Divorced/Separated	835	20.8	(17.3-24.8)	333	29.1	(22.9-36.2)	502	13.5	(10.0-18.1)
Widowed	1,046	10.6	(8.5-13.1)	162	25.3	(17.9-34.4)	884	7.3	(5.5-9.5)
Never Married	730	27.1	(21.6-33.4)	392	31.6	(24.1-40.1)	338	20.8	(13.6-30.5)
<b>Children Status</b>									
Children in Household	1,164	17.5	(14.6-20.8)	439	22.8	(18.3-28.1)	725	12.5	(9.2-16.8)
No Children in Household	394	22.6	(16.8-29.6)	206	28.1	(19.8-38.3)	188	14.0	(8.3-22.8)

Note: \*Results based on sample sizes less than 100 have been suppressed.

Source: The Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, South Dakota Department of Health, 2010