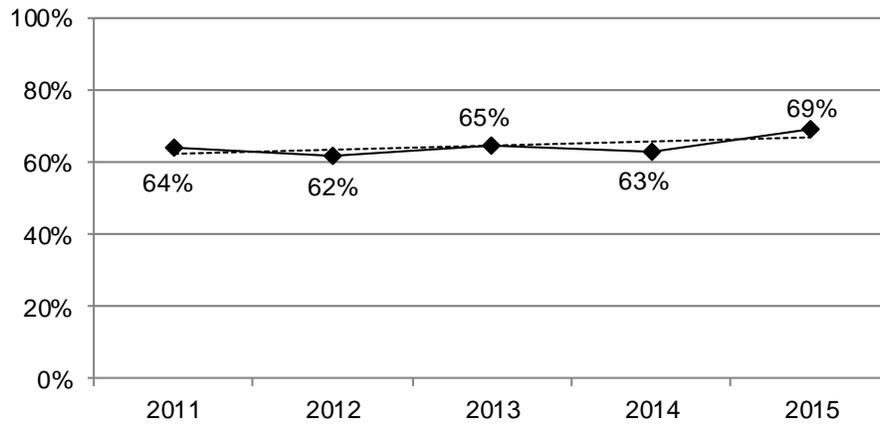

Seat Belt Use

Definition: Respondents who report they “always” use seat belts when driving or riding in a car.

Prevalence of Seat Belt Use

- South Dakota 69%
- Nationwide median 86%

Figure 59
Percent of Respondents Who Always Wear a Seat Belt, 2011-2015



Source: The Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, South Dakota Department of Health, 2011-2015

**Table 44
Respondents Who Always Wear a Seat Belt, 2011-2015**

		2011-2015	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Total		65%	64%	62%	65%	63%	69%
Gender	Male	55%	53%	51%	55%	54%	59%
	Female	75%	74%	72%	75%	73%	78%
Age	18-24	54%	*	*	*	*	*
	25-34	61%	*	*	*	*	*
	35-44	65%	*	*	*	*	*
	45-54	64%	*	*	*	*	*
	55-64	68%	66%	66%	*	*	70%
	65-74	70%	*	*	*	*	*
	75+	73%	*	*	*	*	*
Race	White	64%	64%	62%	65%	62%	69%
	American Indian	69%	*	*	*	*	*
Ethnicity	Hispanic	69%	*	*	*	*	*
	Non-Hispanic	65%	64%	62%	65%	63%	69%
Household Income	Less than \$25,000	61%	61%	59%	*	*	*
	\$25,000-\$49,999	61%	61%	60%	64%	61%	62%
	\$50,000+	68%	68%	64%	67%	67%	73%
Education	Less than High School, G.E.D.	58%	*	*	*	*	*
	High School, G.E.D.	61%	61%	58%	62%	58%	65%
	Some Post-High School	64%	63%	63%	63%	62%	67%
	College Graduate	74%	73%	70%	75%	74%	78%
Employment Status	Employed for Wages	64%	64%	61%	65%	63%	69%
	Self-employed	47%	*	*	*	*	*
	Unemployed	59%	*	*	*	*	*
	Homemaker	80%	*	*	*	*	*
	Student	64%	*	*	*	*	*
	Retired	74%	76%	72%	74%	73%	77%
Unable to Work	64%	*	*	*	*	*	
Marital Status	Married/Unmarried Couple	67%	67%	64%	68%	65%	70%
	Divorced/Separated	62%	*	*	*	*	*
	Widowed	74%	*	*	*	*	*
	Never Married	57%	*	*	*	*	*
Home Ownership Status	Own Home	66%	66%	64%	66%	64%	69%
	Rent Home	62%	59%	58%	*	60%	*
Children Status	Children in Household (Ages 18-44)	63%	*	60%	*	63%	*
	No Children in Household (Ages 18-44)	57%	*	*	*	*	*
Phone Status	Landline	67%	66%	66%	67%	66%	71%
	Cell Phone	62%	*	56%	63%	61%	68%
Pregnancy Status	Pregnant (Ages 18-44)	65%	*	*	*	*	*
	Not Pregnant (Ages 18-44)	70%	*	*	*	*	*
County	Minnehaha	73%	*	*	*	*	*
	Pennington	72%	*	*	*	*	*
	Lincoln	71%	*	*	*	*	*
	Brown	62%	*	*	*	*	*
	Brookings	67%	*	*	*	*	*
	Codington	61%	*	*	*	*	*
	Meade	63%	*	*	*	*	*
	Lawrence	64%	*	*	*	*	*

Note: *Results based on small sample sizes have been suppressed.

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