Results from Iowa's 2018 Child Passenger Restraint Survey

Among 2,980 children ages birth to 17, 95.4% were properly restrained in accordance with Iowa law.

- **98.5%** of 1-year-olds or younger were properly restrained. A child under 1 year old and weighing <20 lbs. must be secured in a rear-facing child restraint system.
- **92.5%** of 2 to 5-year-olds were properly restrained. A child age 1 up to 6 years old must be secured in a child restraint system (safety or booster seat -- NOT a seat belt).
- **96.7%** of 6 to 13-year-olds were properly restrained. A child from age 6 to 11 must be secure in a child restraint system or by a safety belt.

95% of teens (14 to 17-year-olds) were using a seat belt. This was an **INCREASE** compared to the 2017 survey (89%).
We surveyed 36 communities ranging in size from about 1,400 to 217,000 people each.

- Infants were always restrained, but not always properly
- 2018 had the highest number of improperly restrained infants & toddlers within past 5 years
- Belted drivers were most likely to restrain children
- Unrestrained children were more likely to live in rural areas
- Toddlers remained the highest percentage of improperly restrained

Of children not restrained, 37% rode in the front seat.

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