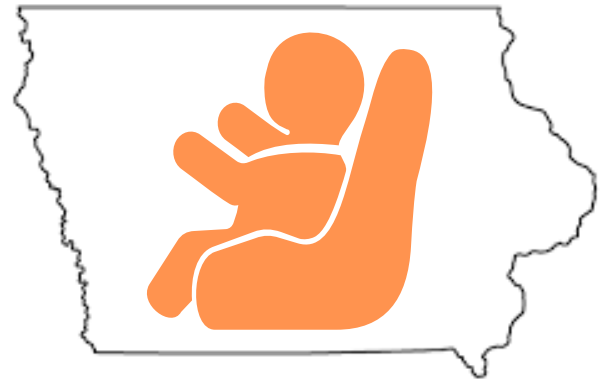


Are Iowan Children Buckled Up?

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%

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 (safety or booster seat -- NOT a seat belt)

96.7%

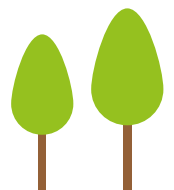
6 to 13-year olds

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

95%

of teens (14 to 17-year olds) were using a seat belt

This was an **INCREASE** compared to the 2017 survey (89%)



Rural



Urban



90%

Properly restrained



98%

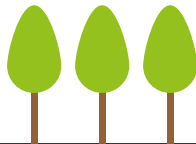
Properly restrained



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

Key Findings

- 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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