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1.0 INTRODUCTION

The use of safety belts is perhaps the single most effective means of reducing fatal and non-fatal injuries in motor vehicle crashes. In 2020 alone, a statistical projection estimated 38,680 people were killed in motor vehicle crashes in the United States; an increase of 7.2 percent compared with 2019 [1]. Past research indicates that the use of safety belts reduces the risk of fatal injury to front seat occupants by approximately 45 percent for passenger vehicles and 60 percent for light trucks [2]. Moreover, the use of safety belts reduces the risk of moderate to critical injury by 50 percent for occupants of passenger vehicles and 65 percent for the occupants of light trucks [2]. In 2017 alone, safety belts saved approximately 14,955 passenger vehicle occupants over the age of 5 [2]. A study conducted by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) on the economic and societal impacts of motor vehicle crashes states “The comprehensive societal benefits from safety belt use are enormous” [3]. In fact, this study found that from 1975 to 2010, safety belts have prevented \$7.6 trillion in societal harm as measured by comprehensive costs and are currently preventing \$330 billion in societal harm annually [3]. Therefore, even small increases in safety belt use rates may potentially lead to important societal benefits.

In light of these facts, continuing efforts have been aimed at increasing the use of safety belts across the United States. According to a 2020 nationwide safety belt survey, 90.3 percent of drivers and right-front passengers used safety belts, which is a marginal decrease from the 90.7 percent observed in 2019 [4]. The Midwest region as a whole showed an 89.2 percent safety belt use rate in 2020, which was unchanged from safety belt use rate observed in 2019 [4]. In Michigan, past safety belt use studies indicate the overall use among front seat occupants increased until 2009, prior to a series of gradual declines. Despite these declines, the 2019 use rate was 94.4 percent, indicating the use rate in Michigan is one of 26 states with safety belt use rates higher than 90 percent [5]. It is important to recognize Michigan is currently one of the thirty-four “primary law” states, where a front seat occupant motorist can be stopped and cited for the sole reason of not wearing a safety belt. The most recent available national statistics (2019) indicate that states with primary safety belt laws exhibited an average use rate of 91.1 percent, which is 3.5 percent higher than the 87.6 percent exhibited by states without primary safety belt laws [4].

As the non-use of safety belts is ultimately a behavioral issue, targeted programs aimed at changing belt use behavior of vehicular occupants who are most prone to low belt use rates represent an important tool towards increasing use rates. To that end, identification of demographic characteristics related to low belt use is a primary goal of state belt use surveys. Other uses of state safety belt use include:

- To fulfill reporting requirements to NHTSA;
- To allocate statewide safety funding to specific program areas;
- To provide targeted funding to specific areas within the state where use rates are lower than the statewide average; and
- To provide targeted programs for certain segments of the population.

1.1 Study Purpose and Objectives

The purpose of this study was to perform the Annual Direct Observation Survey at 200 roadside locations to determine the percentage of drivers and front-seat passengers who were utilizing their safety belts correctly and the percentage of drivers using mobile devices. Additional objectives were as follows:

- Implement the methodology for estimating Michigan belt use in an economically feasible manner that is compliant with the Uniform Criteria for State Observational Surveys of Seat Belt Use;
- Provide training to all staff conducting the observation surveys and conduct quality assurance/quality control (QA/QC) of the data collection efforts;
- Conduct an observational survey of safety belt use for three weeks in the month of June;
- Summarize and cross-tabulate the observational data in a spreadsheet format indicating overall safety belt use, safety belt use by strata, safety belt use by time of day and day of week, and safety belt use by various demographic characteristics; and
- Continue to track changes in safety belt use and generate necessary comparative data and analyses to assess the relevancy of the 2021 data and compare results to previous surveys.

1.2 Study Area

The study area for the annual observational survey included those counties representing at least 85 percent of the passenger vehicle fatalities according to Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS) data averages for the years 2010 to 2014, which was the data analysis period required for site re-sampling in 2017. Michigan is comprised of 83 counties, 39 of which account for at least 85 percent of the passenger vehicle crash-related fatalities according to FARS data averages for the years 2010 to 2014. Therefore, observation locations from within these 39 counties were eligible to be selected for inclusion in the survey. As required by NHTSA, Michigan will update the sample of data collection sites every five years in order to have survey results that represent the geographic areas with at least 85 percent of crash-related fatalities.

2.0 SAMPLING METHOD

In 2011, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) issued new Uniform Criteria for State Observational Surveys of Seat Belt Use in *Federal Register Vol. 76, No. 63* (April 1, 2011, Rules and Regulations, pp. 18042 – 18059). The current methodological approach was prepared for the State of Michigan as a part of the 2013 direct observation safety belt survey and was subsequently approved by NHTSA. The methodology was employed during the sampling of locations used in the surveys performed during the five-year period of 2013 through 2017. However, the federal criteria also requires that states re-sample the observation locations using the approved methodology at least every five years. Thus, the 200 primary and 200 alternative observation sites were re-sampled for the 2018-2022 state of Michigan safety belt surveys. This re-sampling task was performed by Michigan State University based on the NHTSA-approved methodology for the state of Michigan (developed in 2013), using updated FARS and vehicle

miles traveled (VMT) data. The methodology and lists of 200 primary and 200 alternative sites for the 2018-2022 surveys were approved by NHTSA in early 2018. Please refer to Appendix II for the resumes of the principal investigators, Dr. Timothy Gates, and Dr. Peter Savolainen, who in addition to leading the re-sampling effort for the FY2018-2022 surveys, also led development of the methodological approach for the state of Michigan as a part of the FY 2013 safety belt survey. The following sections provide details of the sampling process.

2.1 General Approach

The study approach includes a stratified systematic probability proportional to size (PPS) sample of data collection sites as described here:

1. All 83 counties in Michigan were listed in descending order of the average number of motor vehicle crash-related fatalities for the period from 2010 to 2014. FARS data were used to determine the average number of crash-related fatalities per county. It was determined 39 counties accounted for at least 85 percent of Michigan's total crash-related fatalities during this period as shown in Table 1. These 39 counties comprise the sample frame.
2. The counties were stratified according to historical safety belt use rates into four strata. These strata were constructed such that the annual vehicle miles of travel (VMT) were approximately balanced within each of the four groups. This represents the first stage of sample selection.
3. At the second stage, the MAF/TIGER Feature Class Code (MTFCC, see Section 2.2) was used to classify all road segments into three explicit classifications: 1.) Primary Roads, 2.) Secondary Roads, and 3.) Local Roads. This resulted in a total of 12 strata (4 belt use strata, each with 3 MTFCC classes). The number of sites within each MTFCC class was determined proportionately based upon historical VMT, resulting in 30 percent primary roads, 60 percent secondary roads, and 10 percent local roads.
4. Road segments were then implicitly stratified by county and segment length. Specific segments were selected randomly with PPS from all segments within each stratum. A random, systematic sample of 50 road segments was selected PPS to road segment length within each belt use group. This process resulted in the selection of 200 road segments (4 belt use rate groups x 50 sites per belt use rate group, allocated proportionately among MTFCC classes). An additional 200 sites were also selected to use as alternates. Figure 1 shows a map displaying the 35-county sample for the annual direct observation safety belt survey.

5. It was initially expected each site would result in a sample size of approximately 125 vehicles, resulting in approximately 25,000 vehicle observations overall based upon past experience with the Michigan Annual Safety Belt Use Study. Based on these figures, the standard error was expected to be less than 2.5 percent. In the event the calculated standard error should be greater than 2.5 percent, additional data would be collected from existing sites until this criterion was satisfied.

6. Additional stages of selection were used to determine travel direction, lane, day of week, time of day, and vehicles to be observed, at random and with known probability, as appropriate under the Uniform Criteria, as described in Section 2.4.

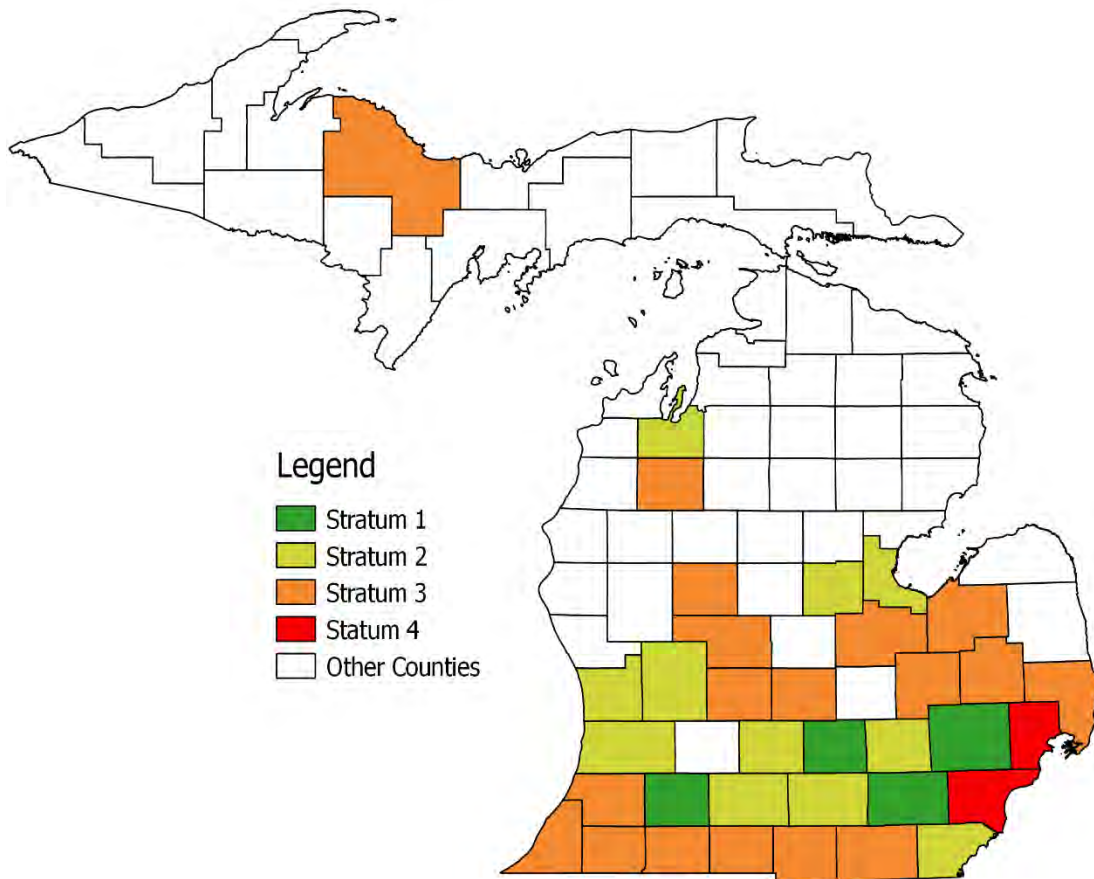


Figure 1: 35-County Sample for the Direct Observation Safety Belt Survey

Table 1. Michigan Average Motor Vehicle Crash-Related Fatalities by County (2010-2014)

County	Average Annual Fatalities (FARS)	Fatality Percentage Within Michigan	Cumulative Fatality Percentage
WAYNE	158.0	16.9%	16.9%
OAKLAND	60.6	6.5%	23.3%
KENT	50.4	5.4%	28.7%
MACOMB	48.8	5.2%	33.9%
GENESEE	36.2	3.9%	37.8%
WASHTENAW	28.2	3.0%	40.8%
MONROE	26.4	2.8%	43.6%
KALAMAZOO	25.4	2.7%	46.3%
BERRIEN	20.8	2.2%	48.5%
SAGINAW	20.4	2.2%	50.7%
INGHAM	19.4	2.1%	52.8%
ST. CLAIR	18.6	2.0%	54.8%
OTTAWA	18.0	1.9%	56.7%
LIVINGSTON	17.2	1.8%	58.5%
MUSKEGON	16.8	1.8%	60.3%
JACKSON	16.6	1.8%	62.1%
CALHOUN	14.4	1.5%	63.6%
ALLEGAN	14.0	1.5%	65.1%
BAY	13.4	1.4%	66.5%
LENAWEE	13.2	1.4%	67.9%
VAN BUREN	12.8	1.4%	69.3%
GRAND TRAVERSE	11.4	1.2%	70.5%
EATON	10.6	1.1%	71.6%
BARRY	10.2	1.1%	72.7%
MONTCALM	9.8	1.0%	73.8%
LAPEER	9.6	1.0%	74.8%
ST. JOSEPH	9.6	1.0%	75.8%
CASS	9.2	1.0%	76.8%
TUSCOLA	9.2	1.0%	77.8%
IONIA	9.0	1.0%	78.8%
ISABELLA	8.2	0.9%	79.6%
NEWAYGO	7.8	0.8%	80.5%
CLINTON	7.3	0.8%	81.2%
HILLSDALE	7.2	0.8%	82.0%
MIDLAND	7.2	0.8%	82.8%
WEXFORD	7.0	0.7%	83.5%
MECOSTA	6.8	0.7%	84.2%
BRANCH	5.8	0.6%	84.9%
MARQUETTE	5.8	0.6%	85.5%

2.2 Road Segment Stratification

Using 2016 Topologically Integrated Geographic Encoding and Referencing (TIGER) data developed by the U.S. Census Bureau, a comprehensive list of road segments from within these 39 counties was created. Each of these road segments has been classified by the U.S. Census Bureau using the MAF/TIGER Feature Class Code (MTFCC). There are primarily three classifications: 1) Primary Roads, 2) Secondary Roads, and 3) Local Roads (See Table 2 for detailed definitions). In addition, the listings include segment length as determined by TIGER. This descriptive information allowed for stratification of road segments. A systematic probability proportional to size (PPS) sample was employed to select the road segments to be used as observation sites.

Table 2. Michigan MAF/TIGER Feature Class Code Codes Included in the Road Segment File

Code	Name	Definition
S1100	Primary Road	Primary roads are generally divided, limited-access highways within the interstate highway system or under state management, and are distinguished by the presence of interchanges. These highways are accessible by ramps and may include some toll highways.
S1200	Secondary Road	Secondary roads are main arteries, usually in the U.S. Highway, State Highway, or County Highway system. These roads have one or more lanes of traffic in each direction, may or may not be divided, and usually have at-grade intersections with many other roads and driveways. They often have both a local name and a route number.
S1400	Local Neighborhood Road, Rural Road, City Street	These are generally paved non-arterial streets, roads, or byways that usually have a single lane of traffic in each direction. Roads in this feature class may be privately or publicly maintained. Scenic park roads would be included in this feature class, as would (depending on the region of the country) some unpaved roads.

2.3 Selection of Road Segments

Within each of the four belt use strata, a total of 50 road segments were selected. Michigan employed the Census TIGER EDGES data set for the selection of road segments. Michigan exercised the available exclusion option and removed rural local roads in counties not within metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs), and other non-public roads, unnamed roads, unpaved roads, vehicular trails, access ramps, cul-de-sacs, traffic circles, and service drives from the dataset. The number of road segments selected within each MTFCC class was determined proportionately based upon total annual VMT within the three classes (Primary, Secondary, and Local). Thus, the segments selected ultimately included 15 primary roads (20 percent of sample), 30 secondary roads (60 percent of sample), and 5 local roads (10 percent of sample).

Prior to selecting the specific observation locations, all road segments were explicitly stratified by MTFCC (primary, secondary and local) within each of the four belt use rate groups and implicitly stratified by county and by segment length to obtain an ordered list. Implicit stratification by county was done to ensure adequate geographic coverage was obtained as a part of the selection process. Similarly, the implicit

stratification by length ensured representative coverage within each MTFCC class since higher-class roads tended to be longer than lower-class roads. Specific road segments were then selected with PPS using segment length as the measure of selection (MOS). As such, the inclusion probability for a specific road segment is:

$$\pi_{h|gc} = n_{gc}l_h / \sum_{\forall h} l_h,$$

where n_{gc} is the road segment sample size for MTFCC c in stratum g that was allocated, l_h is the length of road segment h , and

$$\sum_{\forall h} l_h$$

is the total length of all segments in stratum g and MTFCC c .

A random start (RS) was selected between 0 and the calculated l , which determined the first road segment selected. Subsequent road segments selected were determined by adding multiples of l to the RS until the desired number of road segments were selected and/or the end of the sorted list was reached.

Table 3 presents summary statistics detailing the number of eligible road segments (N), the total length (miles) of these segments, and the number of road segments selected (n) within each of the MTFCC classes by belt use group and county. Appendix III presents the complete list of the final observation sites including belt use stratum, county, and road classification.

In the event an original road segment was permanently unavailable, a reserve road segment was to be used. The reserve road segment sample consisted of one additional road segment per original road segment selected, resulting in a reserve sample of an additional 200 road segments. These reserve segments were identified and selected as the road segments immediately following the original road segment actually selected. Thus, these segments were also explicitly stratified by safety belt use and MTFCC group, as well as implicitly stratified by segment length and county. Each reserve segment corresponded to an original road segment actually selected. Thus, these are considered selected with PPS using road segment length as MOS by the same approach as described previously. As such, for the purposes of data weighting, the reserve road segment inherited all probabilities of selection and weighting components up to and including the road segment stage of selection from the original road segment actually selected. Probabilities and weights for any subsequent stages of selection (e.g., the sampling of vehicles) would be determined by the reserve road segment itself.

Table 3. Roadway Functional Strata by County, Road Segments Population (N), Length of Selected Segments (miles), and Number of Segments Selected (n)

Stratum	County	Type	MTFCC Classification			
			Primary	Secondary	Local	Total
Stratum 1	Ingham	N	272	1203	15017	16492
		Length	63	158	1967	2189
		n	3	8	0	11
	Kalamazoo	N	160	729	14749	15638
		Length	50	123	2023	2196
		n	2	5	0	7
	Oakland	N	792	1907	65290	67989
		Length	164	234	6804	7203
		n	7	8	3	18
	Washtenaw	N	282	910	18992	20184
		Length	66	162	2614	2842
		n	3	9	2	14
Stratum 2	Allegan	N	170	614	11226	12010
		Length	58	131	2249	2438
		n	2	4	0	6
	Bay	N	200	726	8954	9880
		Length	57	120	1363	1539
		n	1	2	0	3
	Calhoun	N	388	775	10407	11570
		Length	120	104	1848	2072
		n	4	0	1	5
	Eaton	N	255	714	7584	8553
		Length	78	129	1457	1664
		n	3	3	0	6
	Grand Traverse	N	0	604	8996	9600
		Length	0	105	1325	1430
		n	0	2	0	2
	Jackson	N	215	827	11597	12639
		Length	61	154	1942	2157
		n	3	6	1	10
	Kent	N	438	1524	33635	35597
		Length	88	266	3911	4265
		n	0	7	1	8
	Livingston	N	239	523	14418	15180
		Length	61	104	2043	2209
		n	1	1	1	3
	Midland	N	0	461	7172	7633
		Length	0	97	1282	1379
		n	0	2	0	2
	Monroe	N	324	740	10324	11388
		Length	68	133	1676	1877
		n	0	2	1	3
Ottawa	N	205	819	15925	16949	
	Length	70	135	2239	2445	
	n	1	1	0	2	
Stratum 3	Berrien	N	447	1059	15481	16987
		Length	103	168	2051	2321
		n	2	1	0	3
	Branch	N	108	287	5159	5554
		Length	45	52	1219	1316
		n	1	0	0	1
	Cass	N	0	649	5870	6519
		Length	0	127	1186	1313
		n	0	2	1	3

Table 3 - Roadway Functional Strata by County, Road Segments Population (N), Length of Selected Segments (miles), and Number of Segments Selected (n) (Continued)

Stratum	County	Type	MTFCC Classification			
			Primary	Secondary	Local	Total
Stratum 3	Clinton	N	188	369	6505	7062
		Length	56	98	1387	1540
		n	0	2	0	2
	Genesee	N	664	802	24988	26454
		Length	139	136	2918	3193
		n	2	3	0	5
	Hillsdale	N	0	488	5533	6021
		Length	0	113	1365	1478
		n	0	1	0	1
	Ionia	N	164	391	6229	6784
		Length	51	78	1334	1463
		n	0	2	0	2
	Lapeer	N	159	382	7611	8152
		Length	49	80	1618	1747
		n	1	1	1	3
	Lenawee	N	0	878	2672	3550
		Length	0	162	264	425
		n	0	2	0	2
	Marquette	N	0	897	8662	9559
		Length	0	184	1639	1822
		n	0	3	0	3
	Mecosta	N	0	446	6597	7043
		Length	0	108	1398	1506
		n	0	1	0	1
	Montcalm	N	0	616	8736	9352
		Length	0	132	1842	1975
		n	0	2	2	4
	Saginaw	N	307	1047	15814	17168
		Length	61	170	2390	2621
		n	3	1	0	4
	St. Clair	N	388	865	11924	13177
		Length	107	107	1987	2201
		n	2	0	0	2
	St. Joseph	N	0	831	6885	7716
		Length	0	140	1277	1417
		n	0	1	1	2
Tuscola	N	0	651	408	1059	
	Length	0	141	39	180	
	n	0	2	0	2	
Van Buren	N	198	450	8193	8841	
	Length	75	85	1618	1777	
	n	4	4	0	8	
Wexford	N	0	680	5235	5915	
	Length	0	155	1119	1274	
	n	0	2	0	2	
Stratum 4	Macomb	N	402	1651	39648	41701
		Length	65	159	3745	3970
		n	3	14	3	20
	Wayne	N	2041	3860	85981	91882
		Length	250	292	7620	8161
		n	12	16	2	30

2.4 Selection and Scheduling of Survey Locations

Road segments were mapped according to the latitude and longitude of their midpoints. The selected road segment was identified by an intersection or interchange that occurred within or just beyond the segment. Data collection sites were deterministically selected such that traffic would be moving during the observation period. Therefore, sites were assigned to locations within the segment that were 50 to 150 feet from any controlled intersections. For limited access roadways, data collection occurred on a ramp carrying traffic exiting the highway. The observed direction of travel was randomly assigned for each road segment.

All belt use observations were conducted during weekdays and weekends between 7 AM and 7 PM to include rush hour (before 9:30 AM and after 3:30 PM) and non-rush hour observations. Site assignment schedules, which were provided to the data collectors and quality control monitors, indicated the observed road name, nearest crossroad, GPS coordinates where the observer should stand, assigned date, assigned time, and assigned observation direction. Sites within relatively close geographic proximity were assigned as data collection clusters. In accordance with the uniform safety belt survey criteria, the first site within each cluster was assigned a random day and time for completion. All other sites within a cluster were assigned to the same day and by geographic proximity to minimize travel within the cluster. Approximately five sites were scheduled each day for each data collector. Start times and days were staggered to ensure all days of the week and hours of the day (daylight) were represented in the sample.

2.5 Data Collection Process

Safety belt surveys were performed for exactly 60 minutes at each of the 200 observation locations. The data collected at the 200 observation sites provided a representative sample for each day of the week and each hour of the day between 7 AM and 7 PM of the statewide safety belt use characteristics. All passenger vehicles, including commercial vehicles weighing less than 10,000 pounds, were eligible for observation. Heavy truck, buses, and other vehicles weighing over 10,000 pounds were not observed. Only one direction of traffic was observed at any given site. The data collectors were instructed to observe as many lanes of traffic as they could while obtaining data on 99 percent of eligible vehicles. This direction of observation was pre-determined at each location as explained previously. The observations were appropriately weighted, as explained in the Data Analysis Section of this report (Section 5.0).

The observers carried a cover sheet and numerous safety belt observation data collection paper forms to each site. These forms are shown in Appendix I. The observation form was used to record safety belt use by drivers and front seat passengers, including children in booster seats. The only front seat occupants excluded from this study were children seated in child seats with harness straps. Table 4 lists the three clearly defined categories of safety belt use that were observed by the data collectors, which included 'belted correctly', 'not belted correctly', and 'unknown belt use' as previously described. An occupant was recorded as 'belted correctly' only if they were observed to be properly using the shoulder belt (i.e., shoulder

belt was across chest; not under arm or behind back). The 'unknown belt use' category was marked if an observer was unable to determine the position of an occupant's safety belt, and these observations were not included in the final sample but a record was kept calculating the non-response rate which is discussed in the data analysis section of this report.

Table 4. Safety Belt Use Codes and Definitions

Code	Definition
Belted	The shoulder belt is in front of the person's shoulder and used correctly.
Not belted	The shoulder belt is not in front of the person's shoulder or not used at all.
Unknown	It cannot reasonably be determined whether the driver or right front passenger is belted.

Additional data collected for each observed front-seat occupant included occupant age (estimated), gender, and race, as well as vehicle type and use (e.g., commercial or non-commercial) information. The driver age categories included 16-29, 30-59, 60 and over, and unknown, while the passenger age also included a 0-15 category. The driver and passenger race categories included white, black, other, or unknown. Each observed vehicle was categorized into one of four groups: passenger cars, sport utility vehicles, vans or minivans, and pick-up trucks. The vehicles were also identified as commercial or non-commercial vehicles. Furthermore, the driver was also observed for any indication of mobile device use. The categories included 'hand-held (talking)', 'hand-held (typing)', 'hands-free (earpiece)', and hands-free (no earpiece)'.

The cover sheet was used to document site information, including date, site location, site number, alternate site data, assigned traffic flow, number of lanes available and observed, start and end times for observations, and weather conditions. This cover sheet was completed by the data collector at each site before any observations took place.

Observations were manually recorded in the field on survey forms and returned back to the office within 24 hours of the data collection, or as soon as possible after multiple day trips to outstate locations. The data collected in the field were entered into a spreadsheet by the observer at the conclusion of the data collection activities for each day and verified for accuracy by office staff.

Data collectors also used a hand-held tally device to simultaneously count every passenger vehicle that passed through the observed lanes during the 60-minute observation period, regardless of whether a safety belt observation was performed. This volume count was then utilized during the belt use weighting process.

2.6 Rescheduling and Alternate Sites

If a site was temporarily unavailable due to a crash, short-term road work or maintenance, inclement weather, or any event that may hinder exact results, data collection was rescheduled for a similar time of day and type of day of the week. In the event the site was permanently unavailable, such as being located within a gated community or closed for long-term construction, then an alternate site selected as part of the reserve sample was to be used as a permanent replacement.

2.7 Sample Size and Precision

A standard error of less than 2.5 percent for the safety belt use estimates is required by the Final Rule. Since 1999, Michigan has conducted the Michigan Annual Safety Belt Use Study and has historically obtained standard errors below this threshold (e.g., most recently 0.5 percent in 2019) via observed sample sizes of approximately 25,000 vehicles. Since the proposed design for the 2021 Annual survey was similar to the 2019 survey, it was expected that the sample size for the 2021 Annual Survey would be similar to the 2019 Annual Survey and the precision objective was expected to be achieved. It should be noted that a safety belt survey was not conducted in Michigan in 2020 due to Covid-19 Pandemic. In the event that the precision objective was not met, additional observations would be taken starting with those sites having the fewest observations. New data would be added to existing data until the desired precision was achieved.

3.0 OBSERVER TRAINING

The data collection team was comprised of MSU student staff. All data collectors were able to stand for long periods of time, work outdoors, and successfully complete the training program. The data collector training program included both a classroom and field portion. The classroom training program was conducted at MSU approximately three weeks prior to the start of the survey and was led by the PI, Timothy Gates. All data collectors attended this classroom session, which was held in-person with appropriate pandemic-related safety precautions. Each data collector received a training manual composed of the information detailed during the training session and all necessary field supplies. The syllabus for the training program is shown as Figure 2.

At the conclusion of the classroom training, the data collectors conducted their first field practice at a location near the MSU campus. QC monitors with experience conducting safety belt surveys were available during this period to respond to questions and offer assistance to data collectors as needed. Reliability and repeatability field data collection practice continued during the weeks leading up to full-scale survey implementation at various intersections near the MSU campus for students living in the East Lansing area, and various locations in the Metro Detroit region for students living in the Detroit area. These intersections represented various site characteristics that could be challenging for observational data collection. Initially,

inexperienced observers were paired with experienced observers, who noted which individual vehicle the entire group was to evaluate. This allowed an analysis of the accuracy of the inexperienced data collectors in comparison to those who have participated in the study previously. After gaining ample experience, observers were then assigned to collect safety belt observational data independently. The training data was then entered and compared among the observers in each group to determine the accuracy of their observations.

<p><u>Day 1 – In-Class Training Program and Field Practice</u></p> <p>Welcome, introductions, and distribution of materials</p> <p>Survey overview</p> <p>Scheduling and rescheduling</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Site Assignment SheetObservation periodsTemporary impediments such as weatherPermanent impediments at data collection sites <p>Site locations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Locating assigned sitesAlternate site selectionInterstate ramps and surface streetsDirection of travel/number of observed lanes <p>Data collection techniques</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Definitions of belt/booster seat use, passenger vehiclesObservation protocol: belt use, vehicle type/use, demographic characteristicsUnobservable vehicles/occupants <p>Data collection forms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Cover sheetRecording alternate site informationRecording observations <p>Data entry procedures</p> <p>Travel reports, lodging, and auto reservations</p> <p>Field practice at ramps and surface streets</p> <p><u>Days 2-10 Continued Field Practice</u></p> <p>Field practice at ramps and surface streets</p>

Figure 2. Training Syllabus

4.0 QUALITY CONTROL

The policies and procedures utilized while conducting the direct observation surveys of safety belt use were based upon the *Uniform Criteria for State Observational Surveys of Seat Belt Use* from Title 23, Part 1240.12 of the Code of Federal Regulations. The study design for the Annual Survey was consistent with these criteria, which established observations should be conducted on specific dates and times and in particular directions of travel, all of which were determined randomly in advance of the studies. Further, the criteria state policies should be in place in the event observations cannot be made due to unanticipated events, such as road construction. In such situations, data collectors were instructed to observe at the pre-assigned alternate location. Policies were also established for cases where traffic flow is too heavy to observe all vehicles or traffic is moving too quickly for observation. In most instances, high traffic volumes prohibit data collectors from observing all vehicles. Consequently, data collectors were instructed to observe as many vehicles as is feasible for observation under such conditions for the required time period of 60 minutes, although all passenger vehicles traveling through the observed lanes during the data collection period were included in the volume count.

The principal investigators from MSU served as the QC monitors, conducting site audits of the data collectors. The QC monitor made unannounced covert visits to five percent of all data collection sites over the duration of the study, which amounted to 10 sites. The purpose of these visits was to ensure data collectors were following all survey protocol including performing observational surveys at the assigned location, in the assigned direction, during the assigned time period, completing the cover sheet and observation forms correctly, making accurate observations of safety belt use within an appropriate number of lanes. The random checks were conducted at least once for each observer and no major violations of policies or procedure were observed as a part of these audits. The QC monitors also checked a 10 percent random sample of the entered data to ensure the observation data were being entered correctly from the data collection forms. After data entry, all forms were organized, boxed, and stored for 3-years.

5.0 DATA ANALYSIS

The data collected in the field as a part of the 35-county annual survey were entered into a spreadsheet by the observer at the conclusion of the data collection activities for each day and verified for accuracy by office staff. Rates for safety belt and mobile device use were determined for each survey stratum, county, location, etc., as well as the statewide annual average. A 95-percent confidence interval for each use rate estimate was determined according to the NHTSA guidelines. The following sections outline the methods used to estimate the use rate and variance for safety belts. A similar procedure was utilized to estimate mobile device use rate and variance.

5.1 Imputation

No imputation was done on missing data.

5.2 Sampling Weights

The following is a summary of the notation used in this section.

g – Subscript for belt use group strata

h – Subscript for road segment strata

i – Subscript for road segment

j – Subscript for time segment

k – Subscript for road direction

l – Subscript for lane

m – Subscript for vehicle

n – Subscript for front-seat occupant

Under this stratified multistage sample design, the inclusion probability for each observed vehicle was the product of selection probabilities at all stages: π_g for belt use group (stratum-road class), $\pi_{hi|g}$ for road segment, $\pi_{j|ghi}$ for time segment, $\pi_{k|ghij}$ for direction, $\pi_{l|ghijk}$ for lane, and $\pi_{m|ghijkl}$ for vehicle. So, the overall vehicle inclusion probability was:

$$\pi_{ghijklm} = \pi_g \pi_{hi|g} \pi_{j|ghi} \pi_{k|ghij} \pi_{l|ghijk} \pi_{m|ghijkl}.$$

The sampling weight (design weight) for vehicle m is:

$$w_{gchijklm} = \frac{1}{\pi_{gchijklm}}$$

5.3 Non-Responding Site Adjustment

There were no sites which required ‘non-responding’ adjustment in the 2021 Annual Direct Observation Survey of Safety Belt Use.

5.4 Estimators

Noting all front-seat occupants were observed, the driver/passenger safety belt use status was:

$$y_{ghijklmn} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if belt used} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

In order to estimate the weighted safety belt use rate most accurately for the entire state of Michigan, the estimator used in this analysis was weighted by segment length and stratum-level VMT to determine the overall annual belt use rate in Michigan. This estimation technique is detailed in *An Example of a Compliant*

State Seat Belt Use Survey Design [6]. Under this estimator, the use rates within each stratum were first calculated using the road segment length-based estimator:

$$p_{L_{gh}} = \frac{\sum_{all\ ijklmn\ in\ gh} w_{ijklm|gh} Length_{ghi} y_{ghijklmn}}{\sum_{all\ ijklmn\ in\ gh} w_{ijklm|gh} Length_{ghi}}$$

The twelve stratum-specific use rates were then weighted by the proportion of total statewide VMT (shown in Table 5) within each stratum, which resulted in the road class VMT-based estimator:

$$p_{VMT} = \frac{\sum_g w_g \sum_h VMT_{gh} p_{gh}}{\sum_g w_g \sum_h VMT_{gh}}$$

Table 5. Annual Vehicle Miles of Travel by Stratum, 2019 (in 1,000s)

Belt Use Stratum	Road Class			Total
	Primary	Secondary	Local	
1	7,979,247	11,603,628	2,433,843	22,016,718
2	8,534,340	12,236,633	1,863,864	22,634,837
3	5,966,164	11,720,474	1,811,810	19,498,448
4	7,755,316	12,190,747	2,668,000	22,614,063
Statewide	30,235,067	47,751,482	8,777,517	86,764,066

The use of the VMT-based estimator (p_{VMT}) reduced the weighting bias towards local road observation sites by accounting for their relatively short length and low VMT as compared to primary and secondary roads. VMT data were obtained from the Michigan Highway Performance Monitoring System (HPMS) for the year 2019.

5.5 Variance Estimation

The variance (and standard error) for each estimator was determined using the “Delete-1 Jackknife” variance estimation program in SUDAAN 11 software. Under this methodology, the variance was calculated by deleting one observation location and adjusting the weights of the remaining PSU’s in the same stratum to account for the deleted PSU. The procedure was repeated, removing each location once. For the road class VMT based estimator (p_{VMT}), the “Delete-1 Jackknife” method was used to estimate the variances within each of the road class/belt use strata:

$$V(p_{gh}) = \left(\frac{n_{gh} - 1}{n_{gh}} \right) \sum_{i=1}^{n_{gh}} (p_{ghi} - p_{gh})(p_{ghi} - p_{gh})'$$

where:

$V(p_{gh})$ = Estimated variance within each of the road class/belt use strata

p = Estimated belt use rate

p_{ghi} = Estimated belt use rate at location i in road segment type h in belt use group g

p_{gh} = Estimated belt use rate in road segment type h in belt use group g

n_{gh} = Number of locations of road segment type h in belt use group g

The variance for the annual use rate was then determined using the following equation:

$$V(p) = \frac{\sum_{\forall g, \forall h} VMT_{gh}^2 V(p_{gh})}{(\sum_{\forall g, \forall h} VMT_{gh})^2}$$

where:

$V(p)$ = Estimated variance of statewide belt use rate

The standard error of the statewide use rate was found by simply taking the square root of the estimated variance. The 95 percent confidence interval of the statewide belt use was equal to the weighted safety belt use rate plus/minus 1.96 (for the Z-test at alpha = 0.05) multiplied by the standard error expressed as a percent.

5.6 Non-Response Rate

According to NHTSA's guidelines, the non-response rate for the annual safety belt survey cannot exceed 10 percent. A non-response occurs when the observer was not able to determine the safety belt use of a front seat vehicle occupant. This can occur due to a variety of reasons such as tinted windows, sun glare, high speeds of the vehicle in question, etc. Observers in the field marked either 'vehicle not observable' or 'unknown belt use' to keep a record of the non-response rate. There were a total of 184 non-response observations which represents approximately 0.75 percent of the total number of observations. This non-response rate was below the allowable maximum of 10 percent established by the NHTSA. It should be noted that 'non-response' observations are not included in the analyses or tables in Chapter 6.0.

6.0 RESULTS AND CONCLUSIONS

The Annual Direct Observation Survey was performed between Tuesday, June 1, and Monday, June 21, 2021. During this observation period, a total of 20,429 vehicles were observed resulting in 24,552 driver and right-front passenger observations at the 200 observation sites randomly selected to represent statewide safety belt use according to the federal Uniform Criteria.

6.1 Safety Belt Survey Results and Conclusions

The overall weighted annual safety belt use rate for Michigan in 2021 was found to be 92.6 percent and is shown in Table 6. The overall weighted annual safety belt use rate was calculated based upon the procedure described in the Data Analysis section (Section 5.0) of this report. When the safety belt usage rates were calculated, belted occupants included all drivers and front-seat passengers who were belted correctly. The “not belted” occupants included drivers and front-seat passengers who were not belted or who were wearing the belt incorrectly; either under their arm or behind their back. Details of the observations on an intersection level are provided in Appendix III.

Table 6. Annual Weighted Safety Belt Use Rate for Drivers and Front-Seat Passengers

Observational Wave	Safety Belt Use Rate*	Standard Error
Annual	92.6% ± 0.8%	0.4%

* Weighted Safety Belt Usage ± 95% Confidence Band

The overall annual use rate displayed in Table 6 is representative of all front seat occupants (drivers and right-front passengers), all daytime hours (7:00 AM-7:00 PM) and all days of the week. Table 7 shows the raw (unweighted) safety belt use information separated by drivers and front-right passengers. Table 8 summarizes the descriptive statistics for the safety belt survey in terms of sampling statistics for day of the week and time of the day.

Table 7. Annual Raw/Unweighted Safety Belt Use Summary

Belt Use	Actual Total No. of Observations	Actual Belted No. of Observations	% Safety Belt Use
Drivers	20,422	18,790	92.0%
Passengers	4,103	3,911	95.3%
Total	24,525	22,701	92.6%

Table 8. Annual Safety Belt Use Day and Time Sampling Summary

Day of the Week	Annual Safety Belt Observations			
	No. of Sites Observed	Percent of Sites in Day of Week	Actual Total No. of Observations (Occupants)	Percent of Observations in Day of Week (Occupants)
Sunday	25	12.5%	3,276	13.4%
Monday	44	22.0%	5,026	20.5%
Tuesday	33	16.5%	4,239	17.3%
Wednesday	25	12.5%	2,696	11.0%
Thursday	25	12.5%	3,387	13.8%
Friday	18	9.0%	2,243	9.1%
Saturday	30	15.0%	3,658	14.9%
Total	200	100%	24,525	100%
Time of the Day	Annual Safety Belt Observations			
	No. of Sites Observed	Percent of Sites in Time of Day	Actual Total No. of Observations (Occupants)	Percent of Observations in Day of Week (Occupants)
7 am – 8 am	10	5.0%	969	4.0%
8 am – 9 am	11	5.5%	1,189	4.8%
9 am – 10 am	14	7.0%	1,567	6.4%
10 am – 11 am	22	11.0%	2,587	10.5%
11 am – 12 pm	18	9.0%	2,437	9.9%
12 pm – 1 pm	26	13.0%	3,229	13.2%
1 pm – 2 pm	25	12.5%	2,984	12.2%
2 pm – 3 pm	23	11.5%	2,709	11.0%
3 pm – 4 pm	17	8.5%	2,399	9.8%
4 pm – 5 pm	13	6.5%	1,607	6.6%
5 pm – 6 pm	13	6.5%	1,775	7.2%
6 pm – 7 pm	8	4.0%	1,073	4.4%
Total	200	100%	24,525	100%

The safety belt use rate can be described by the overall use rate, as well as by vehicle type and various demographics. It should be noted the overall safety belt use rates presented in Table 7 and Tables 9 through 15 represent the raw (un-weighted) safety belt use data. These rates vary slightly from the weighted annual use rate presented in Table 6. Table 9 summarizes the annual driver and front-seat passenger safety belt use rates by county and belt-use stratum. Because of the relatively low number of sites and/or observations in many counties, the safety belt use rates listed may not be fully representative of each county.

Table 9. Annual Safety Belt Use Rates by Stratum and County

STRATUM 1	Actual Total No. of Observations	Actual Belted No. of Observations	% Safety Belt Use
Ingham County	1,246	1,179	94.6%
Kalamazoo County	914	841	92.0%
Oakland County	2,433	2,260	92.9%
Washtenaw County	1,568	1,469	93.7%
Total	6,161	5,749	93.3%
STRATUM 2	Actual Total No. of Observations	Actual Belted No. of Observations	% Safety Belt Use
Allegan County	838	807	96.3%
Bay County	351	318	90.6%
Calhoun County	296	273	92.2%
Eaton County	729	709	97.3%
Grand Traverse County	281	273	97.2%
Jackson County	1,193	1,137	95.3%
Kent County	1,119	1,030	92.0%
Livingston County	352	340	96.6%
Midland County	198	187	94.4%
Monroe County	352	325	92.3%
Ottawa County	218	212	97.2%
Total	5,927	5,611	94.7%
STRATUM 3	Actual Total No. of Observations	Actual Belted No. of Observations	% Safety Belt Use
Berrien County	259	239	92.3%
Branch County	96	85	88.5%
Cass County	364	350	96.2%
Clinton County	109	102	93.6%
Genesee County	705	647	91.8%
Hillsdale County	128	106	82.8%
Ionia County	295	281	95.3%
Lapeer County	275	267	97.1%
Lenawee County	247	232	93.9%
Marquette County	438	431	98.4%
Mecosta County	40	36	90.0%
Montcalm County	232	194	83.6%
Saginaw County	511	467	91.4%
St. Clair County	171	156	91.2%
St. Joseph County	179	174	97.2%
Tuscola County	275	245	89.1%
Van Buren County	973	878	90.2%
Wexford County	199	197	99.0%
Total	5,496	5,087	92.6%
STRATUM 4	Actual Total No. of Observations	Actual Belted No. of Observations	% Safety Belt Use
Macomb County	3,134	2,863	91.35%
Wayne County	3,807	3,391	89.07%
Total	6,941	6,254	90.1%
Grand Total (Unweighted)	24,525	22,701	92.6%

Strata 1 and 2 displayed the highest safety belt use rate (at 93.3 percent and 94.7 percent, respectively), while Stratum 4 displayed the lowest safety belt use rate at 90.1 percent. Tables 10 through 14 summarize occupant safety belt use for drivers and front-seat passengers by vehicle type for each day of the week, time of the day, gender, age, and race for the Annual Observation Survey.

Table 10. All Vehicles Annual Belt Use Summary

Day of the Week	All Vehicle Safety Belt Use		
	Actual Total No. of Observations	Actual Belted No. of Observations	% Safety Belt Use
Sunday	3,276	3,117	95.1%
Monday	5,026	4,592	91.4%
Tuesday	4,239	3,864	91.2%
Wednesday	2,696	2,519	93.4%
Thursday	3,387	3,116	92.0%
Friday	2,243	2,116	94.3%
Saturday	3,658	3,377	92.3%
Total	24,525	22,701	92.6%
Time of the Day	Actual Total No. of Observations	Actual Belted No. of Observations	% Safety Belt Use
7 am – 8 am	969	893	92.2%
8 am – 9 am	1,189	1,101	92.6%
9 am – 10 am	1,567	1,424	90.9%
10 am – 11 am	2,587	2,402	92.8%
11 am – 12 pm	2,437	2,287	93.8%
12 pm – 1 pm	3,229	2,984	92.4%
1 pm – 2 pm	2,984	2,758	92.4%
2 pm – 3 pm	2,709	2,480	91.5%
3 pm – 4 pm	2,399	2,215	92.3%
4 pm – 5 pm	1,607	1,516	94.3%
5 pm – 6 pm	1,775	1,637	92.2%
6 pm – 7 pm	1,073	1,004	93.6%
Total	24,525	22,701	92.6%
Vehicle Type	Actual Total No. of Observations	Actual Belted No. of Observations	% Safety Belt Use
Passenger Cars	6,836	6,251	91.4%
Sport Utility Vehicles	10,808	10,261	94.9%
Vans/Minivans	2,120	1,999	94.3%
Pick-Up Trucks	4,761	4,190	88.0%
Total	24,525	22,701	92.6%
Gender	Actual Total No. of Observations	Actual Belted No. of Observations	% Safety Belt Use
Male	13,780	12,448	90.3%
Female	10,719	10,229	95.4%
Unknown	26	24	92.3%
Total	24,525	22,701	92.6%
Age	Actual Total No. of Observations	Actual Belted No. of Observations	% Safety Belt Use
0 - 15	372	364	97.8%
16 - 29	6,128	5,503	89.8%
30 - 59	13,098	12,157	92.8%
60+	4,875	4,634	95.1%
Unknown	52	43	82.7%
Total	24,525	22,701	92.6%
Race	Actual Total No. of Observations	Actual Belted No. of Observations	% Safety Belt Use
White	21,061	19,693	93.5%
Black	2,650	2,251	84.9%
Other	773	723	93.5%
Unknown	41	34	82.9%
Total	24,525	22,701	92.6%

Table 11. Passenger Cars Annual Belt Use Summary

Passenger Cars Safety Belt Use			
Day of the Week	Actual Total No. of Observations	Actual Belted No. of Observations	% Safety Belt Use
Sunday	909	865	95.2%
Monday	1,376	1,250	90.8%
Tuesday	1,203	1,065	88.5%
Wednesday	813	756	93.0%
Thursday	872	795	91.2%
Friday	679	628	92.5%
Saturday	984	892	90.7%
Total	6,836	6,251	91.4%
Time of the Day	Actual Total No. of Observations	Actual Belted No. of Observations	% Safety Belt Use
7 am – 8 am	232	212	91.4%
8 am – 9 am	309	287	92.9%
9 am – 10 am	441	403	91.4%
10 am – 11 am	672	609	90.6%
11 am – 12 pm	650	605	93.1%
12 pm – 1 pm	892	816	91.5%
1 pm – 2 pm	838	774	92.4%
2 pm – 3 pm	766	673	87.9%
3 pm – 4 pm	731	670	91.7%
4 pm – 5 pm	456	433	95.0%
5 pm – 6 pm	527	477	90.5%
6 pm – 7 pm	322	292	90.7%
Total	6,836	6,251	91.4%
Gender	Actual Total No. of Observations	Actual Belted No. of Observations	% Safety Belt Use
Male	3,842	3,452	89.8%
Female	2,979	2,785	93.5%
Unknown	15	14	93.3%
Total	6,836	6,251	91.4%
Age	Actual Total No. of Observations	Actual Belted No. of Observations	% Safety Belt Use
0 - 15	63	62	98.4%
16 - 29	2,551	2,267	88.9%
30 - 59	2,910	2,674	91.9%
60+	1,289	1,230	95.4%
Unknown	23	18	78.3%
Total	6,836	6,251	91.4%
Race	Actual Total No. of Observations	Actual Belted No. of Observations	% Safety Belt Use
White	5,464	5,115	93.6%
Black	1,111	900	81.0%
Other	241	221	91.7%
Unknown	20	15	75.0%
Total	6,836	6,251	91.4%

Table 12. Sport Utility Vehicles Annual Belt Use Summary

Sport Utility Vehicle Safety Belt Use			
Day of the Week	Actual Total No. of Observations	Actual Belted No. of Observations	% Safety Belt Use
Sunday	1,474	1,427	96.8%
Monday	2,185	2,054	94.0%
Tuesday	1,845	1,731	93.8%
Wednesday	1,165	1,111	95.4%
Thursday	1,434	1,352	94.3%
Friday	996	965	96.9%
Saturday	1,709	1,621	94.9%
Total	10,808	10,261	94.9%
Time of the Day	Actual Total No. of Observations	Actual Belted No. of Observations	% Safety Belt Use
7 am – 8 am	437	413	94.5%
8 am – 9 am	507	481	94.9%
9 am – 10 am	647	602	93.0%
10 am – 11 am	1,173	1,128	96.2%
11 am – 12 pm	1,128	1,078	95.6%
12 pm – 1 pm	1,409	1,339	95.0%
1 pm – 2 pm	1,267	1,195	94.3%
2 pm – 3 pm	1,161	1,093	94.1%
3 pm – 4 pm	1,064	1,003	94.3%
4 pm – 5 pm	708	684	96.6%
5 pm – 6 pm	836	792	94.7%
6 pm – 7 pm	471	453	96.2%
Total	10,808	10,261	94.9%
Gender	Actual Total No. of Observations	Actual Belted No. of Observations	% Safety Belt Use
Male	4,781	4,454	93.2%
Female	6,022	5,803	96.4%
Unknown	5	4	80.0%
Total	10,808	10,261	94.9%
Age	Actual Total No. of Observations	Actual Belted No. of Observations	% Safety Belt Use
0 - 15	202	199	98.5%
16 - 29	2,502	2,320	92.7%
30 - 59	5,885	5,584	94.9%
60+	2,209	2,151	97.4%
Unknown	10	7	70.0%
Total	10,808	10,261	94.9%
Race	Actual Total No. of Observations	Actual Belted No. of Observations	% Safety Belt Use
White	9,284	8,894	95.8%
Black	1,144	1,006	87.9%
Other	372	354	95.2%
Unknown	8	7	87.5%
Total	10,808	10,261	94.9%

Table 13. Van/Minivan Annual Belt Use Summary

Van/Minivan Safety Belt Use			
Day of the Week	Actual Total No. of Observations	Actual Belted No. of Observations	% Safety Belt Use
Sunday	259	250	96.5%
Monday	446	412	92.4%
Tuesday	395	372	94.2%
Wednesday	233	219	94.0%
Thursday	326	309	94.8%
Friday	178	167	93.8%
Saturday	283	270	95.4%
Total	2,120	1,999	94.3%
Time of the Day	Actual Total No. of Observations	Actual Belted No. of Observations	% Safety Belt Use
7 am – 8 am	92	85	92.4%
8 am – 9 am	129	123	95.3%
9 am – 10 am	168	157	93.5%
10 am – 11 am	241	224	92.9%
11 am – 12 pm	185	178	96.2%
12 pm – 1 pm	294	283	96.3%
1 pm – 2 pm	272	252	92.6%
2 pm – 3 pm	242	227	93.8%
3 pm – 4 pm	194	177	91.2%
4 pm – 5 pm	110	104	94.5%
5 pm – 6 pm	105	101	96.2%
6 pm – 7 pm	88	88	100.0%
Total	2,120	1,999	94.3%
Gender	Actual Total No. of Observations	Actual Belted No. of Observations	% Safety Belt Use
Male	1,278	1,179	92.3%
Female	841	819	97.4%
Unknown	1	1	100.0%
Total	2,120	1,999	94.3%
Age	Actual Total No. of Observations	Actual Belted No. of Observations	% Safety Belt Use
0 - 15	49	48	98.0%
16 - 29	316	297	94.0%
30 - 59	1,337	1,254	93.8%
60+	414	396	95.7%
Unknown	4	4	100.0%
Total	2,120	1,999	94.3%
Race	Actual Total No. of Observations	Actual Belted No. of Observations	% Safety Belt Use
White	1,849	1,752	94.8%
Black	198	179	90.4%
Other	72	67	93.1%
Unknown	1	1	100.0%
Total	2,120	1,999	94.3%

Table 14. Pick-Up Trucks Annual Belt Use Summary

Pickup Truck Safety Belt Use			
Day of the Week	Actual Total No. of Observations	Actual Belted No. of Observations	% Safety Belt Use
Sunday	634	575	90.7%
Monday	1,019	876	86.0%
Tuesday	796	696	87.4%
Wednesday	485	433	89.3%
Thursday	755	660	87.4%
Friday	390	356	91.3%
Saturday	682	594	87.1%
Total	4,761	4,190	88.0%
Time of the Day	Actual Total No. of Observations	Actual Belted No. of Observations	% Safety Belt Use
7 am – 8 am	208	183	88.0%
8 am – 9 am	244	210	86.1%
9 am – 10 am	311	262	84.2%
10 am – 11 am	501	441	88.0%
11 am – 12 pm	474	426	89.9%
12 pm – 1 pm	634	546	86.1%
1 pm – 2 pm	607	537	88.5%
2 pm – 3 pm	540	487	90.2%
3 pm – 4 pm	410	365	89.0%
4 pm – 5 pm	333	295	88.6%
5 pm – 6 pm	307	267	87.0%
6 pm – 7 pm	192	171	89.1%
Total	4,761	4,190	88.0%
Gender	Actual Total No. of Observations	Actual Belted No. of Observations	% Safety Belt Use
Male	3,879	3,363	86.7%
Female	877	822	93.7%
Unknown	5	5	100.0%
Total	4,761	4,190	88.0%
Age	Actual Total No. of Observations	Actual Belted No. of Observations	% Safety Belt Use
0 - 15	58	55	94.8%
16 - 29	759	619	81.6%
30 - 59	2,966	2,645	89.2%
60+	963	857	89.0%
Unknown	15	14	93.3%
Total	4,761	4,190	88.0%
Race	Actual Total No. of Observations	Actual Belted No. of Observations	% Safety Belt Use
White	4,464	3,932	88.1%
Black	197	166	84.3%
Other	88	81	92.0%
Unknown	12	11	91.7%
Total	4,761	4,190	88.0%

Occupants of SUVs exhibited the highest safety belt use rate among vehicle types at 94.9 percent, followed closely by occupants of vans and minivans at 94.3 percent. Occupants of passenger cars exhibited a use rate of 91.4 percent, while occupants of pick-up trucks exhibited the lowest use rate at 88.0 percent; consistent with historical trends. Considering days of the week, Tuesdays demonstrated the lowest safety belt usage rate with 91.2 percent. Safety belt use rates were highest on Sundays with a rate of 95.1 percent. The time period 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. exhibited a lower usage rate than all other times of the day (90.9 percent), while occupants were most likely to wear their safety belts between the hours 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. (94.3 percent).

Female occupants had higher use rates than male occupants by 5.1 percent (95.4 percent use rate for women vs. 90.3 percent use rate for men). The safety belt usage rate was highest among occupants age 0 to 15 and above at 97.8 percent, and lowest for occupants between the ages of 16 to 29 (89.8 percent). The safety belt use rate for occupants age 30 to 59 was found to be 92.8 percent while the use rate was 95.1 percent among occupants ages 60 and above. Considering occupant race, the safety belt use rate was found to be lowest among Black occupants (84.9 percent), while white occupants and occupants of other races were both found to have a safety belt use rate of 93.5 percent. Occupants of unknown races were found to have belt use rates of 82.9 percent.

Table 15 summarizes occupant safety belt use rates by gender, age, and race. Vehicle occupants whose gender could not be identified were excluded from this demographic comparison. Black men ages 16 to 29 exhibited a low belt use rate of 73.6%. However, it should be noted that the sample size for this group was relatively small. Similar to previous findings, white women of all ages generally exhibited the highest safety belt use rates compared with other demographics.

Table 15. Annual Belt Use by Demographic Characteristics

Demographic Data			All Vehicles Safety Belt Use		
Gender	Age	Race	Actual Total No. of Observations	Actual Belted No. of Observations	% Safety Belt Use
Male	0 - 15	White	176	174	98.9%
		Black	18	16	88.9%
		Other	7	7	100.0%
		Unknown	0	0	N/A
		Total	201	197	98.0%
	16 - 29	White	2,338	2,074	88.7%
		Black	477	351	73.6%
		Other	169	155	91.7%
		Unknown	0	0	N/A
		Total	2,984	2,580	86.5%
	30 - 59	White	6,632	6,073	91.6%
		Black	883	744	84.3%
		Other	270	248	91.9%
		Unknown	2	2	100.0%
		Total	7,787	7,067	90.8%
	60+	White	2,668	2,478	92.9%
		Black	92	85	92.4%
		Other	29	28	96.6%
		Unknown	0	0	N/A
		Total	2,789	2,591	92.9%
Unknown	White	7	7	100.0%	
	Black	0	0	N/A	
	Other	0	0	N/A	
	Unknown	12	6	50.0%	
	Total	19	13	68.4%	
TOTAL			13,780	12,448	90.3%

Table 15. Annual Belt Use by Demographic Characteristics (Continued)

Demographic Data			All Vehicles Safety Belt Use		
Gender	Age	Race	Actual Total No. of Observations	Actual Belted No. of Observations	% Safety Belt Use
Female	0 - 15	White	150	146	97.3%
		Black	16	16	100.0%
		Other	3	3	100.0%
		Unknown	0	0	N/A
		Total	169	165	97.6%
	16 - 29	White	2,505	2,369	94.6%
		Black	503	428	85.1%
		Other	136	126	92.6%
		Unknown	0	0	N/A
		Total	3,144	2,923	93.0%
	30 - 59	White	4,600	4,429	96.3%
		Black	582	535	91.9%
		Other	128	125	97.7%
		Unknown	1	1	100.0%
		Total	5,311	5,090	95.8%
	60+	White	1,980	1,939	97.9%
		Black	78	76	97.4%
		Other	28	28	100.0%
		Unknown	0	0	N/A
		Total	2,086	2,043	97.9%
	Unknown	White	3	2	66.7%
		Black	0	0	N/A
		Other	0	0	N/A
		Unknown	6	6	100.0%
		Total	9	8	88.9%
TOTAL			10,719	10,229	95.4%

In comparison to 2019, the 2021 Annual survey revealed a 1.8% decrease in safety belt usage from 94.4 percent in 2019 to 92.6 percent in 2021. As noted previously, a comparison to the use rate in 2020 is not possible because the survey was not conducted that year due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. In any case, continued public awareness and enforcement efforts are warranted to increase safety belt use. The careful evaluation of these media and enforcement efforts will allow for the identification of at-risk vehicle occupants and geographic areas prone to low belt use rates. As shown in this and previous studies, young men and pick-up truck drivers continue to exhibit lower safety belt use rates. Generally, belt use was also lower for those counties in Stratum 4. These areas should be emphasized in subsequent program efforts.

6.2 Mobile Device Use Results and Conclusions

As a part of the 2021 annual observational survey of safety belt use, mobile device use was also recorded for drivers only (passengers were not observed for mobile device use). A total of 1,274 drivers were observed using a mobile device in some way and the overall weighted mobile device use rate was found to be 6.4 percent. The weighted mobile device use rate (shown in Table 16) was calculated using the same procedure as the weighted safety belt rate described in the “Data Analysis” section of the report. This rate represents a 1.1 percent decrease from the 7.5 percent mobile device use rate observed in Michigan in 2019. Nationally, the overall mobile device use rate by drivers was found to be 5.7 percent in 2018 [7] (the most recent national data available), which included hand-held talking, hands-free talking (earpiece observed), and typing, although hands-free devices with no earpiece observed were not included. Michigan’s weighted mobile device use rate of 6.4 percent is slightly higher than the national average of 5.7 percent. Table 17 presents overall driver mobile device use, in addition to mobile device use by device type and type of use.

Table 16. Annual Weighted Mobile Device Use Rate for Drivers

Use by Category	Use Rate*	Standard Error
Overall Mobile Device Use	6.4% ± 0.8%	0.4%

* Weighted Mobile Device Usage ± 95% Confidence Band

Table 17. Annual Unweighted Mobile Device Use Rates by Use Type

Use by Category	Total # of Driver Observations	Total # of Drivers Observed Using Mobile Device	Percent of Mobile Device Use by Type (Drivers)
Talking – Hand-held Device	20,422	543	2.7%
Talking – Hands-free Device (Earpiece Observed)	20,422	111	0.5%
Talking – Hands-free Device (Earpiece Not Observed)	20,422	137	0.7%
Typing – Hand-held	20,422	483	2.4%
Overall Mobile Device Use	20,422	1,274	6.2%

Table 18 summarizes mobile device use for drivers in terms of day of the week, time of the day, vehicle type, gender, age, and race. Women were found to be more likely to use a mobile device while driving than men (7.3 percent and 5.5 percent, respectively). The mobile device use rate was found to be highest between 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. at 8.5 percent, while the mobile device use rate was lowest between 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. (4.8 percent). Mobile device use among drivers less than 30 years of age was greatest at 9.5 percent, in comparison to 6.2 percent among those between ages 30 and 59 and 2.0 percent

for drivers age 60 and above. Additionally, Black drivers tended to exhibit higher mobile device use rates while driving as compared to other demographics. Turning to days of the week, mobile device use was highest on Tuesdays (7.5%), and lowest on Sundays (3.5%). Finally, mobile device use was highest among drivers of vans/minivans (7.8%), and lowest among drivers of pickup trucks (5.6%).

Table 18. Annual Mobile Device Use Summary

Day of the Week	All Vehicles Mobile Device Use		
	Total No. of Driver Observations	Total No. of Drivers Observed Using Mobile Device	Percent of Mobile Device Use (Drivers)
Sunday	2,460	86	3.5%
Monday	4,339	287	6.6%
Tuesday	3,671	277	7.5%
Wednesday	2,370	176	7.4%
Thursday	2,840	189	6.7%
Friday	1,937	120	6.2%
Saturday	2,805	139	5.0%
Total	20,422	1,274	6.2%
Time of the Day	Total No. of Driver Observations	Total No. of Drivers Observed Using Mobile Device	Percent of Mobile Device Use (Drivers)
7 am – 8 am	857	47	5.5%
8 am – 9 am	1,034	51	4.9%
9 am – 10 am	1,343	114	8.5%
10 am – 11 am	2,103	125	5.9%
11 am – 12 pm	1,994	109	5.5%
12 pm – 1 pm	2,648	192	7.3%
1 pm – 2 pm	2,426	175	7.2%
2 pm – 3 pm	2,301	130	5.6%
3 pm – 4 pm	1,955	108	5.5%
4 pm – 5 pm	1,400	82	5.9%
5 pm – 6 pm	1,492	99	6.6%
6 pm – 7 pm	869	42	4.8%
Total	20,422	1,274	6.2%

Table 18. Annual Mobile Device Use Summary (Continued)

Vehicle Type	All Vehicles Mobile Device Use		
	Total No. of Driver Observations	Total No. of Drivers Observed Using Mobile Device	Percent of Mobile Device Use (Drivers)
Passenger Cars	5,863	375	6.4%
Sport Utility Vehicles	8,834	543	6.1%
Vans/Minivans	1,707	133	7.8%
Pick-Up Trucks	4,018	223	5.6%
Total	20,422	1,274	6.2%
Gender	Total No. of Driver Observations	Total No. of Drivers Observed Using Mobile Device	Percent of Mobile Device Use (Drivers)
Male	12,422	688	5.5%
Female	7,984	586	7.3%
Unknown	16	0	0.0%
Total	20,422	1,274	6.2%
Age	Total No. of Driver Observations	Total No. of Drivers Observed Using Mobile Device	Percent of Mobile Device Use (Drivers)
16 - 29	5,104	485	9.5%
30 - 59	11,515	709	6.2%
60+	3,764	77	2.0%
Unknown	39	3	7.7%
Total	20,422	1,274	6.2%
Race	Total No. of Driver Observations	Total No. of Drivers Observed Using Mobile Device	Percent of Mobile Device Use (Drivers)
White	17,459	955	5.5%
Black	2,290	255	11.1%
Other	643	60	9.3%
Unknown	30	4	13.3%
Total	20,422	1,274	6.2%

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APPENDIX I
Michigan Safety Belt Survey Cover Sheet and Data Collection Form

DIRECT OBSERVATION SURVEY COVER SHEET

Date: _____ - _____ - 2021 Observer's Name: _____

Site Identification:

Site Location: _____

Site Number: _____

County: _____ Stratum _____

Alternate Site Information:

Is this an alternate site? No Yes
(Circle one)

If yes, please provide a reason for using an alternate site from the reserve list:

Site Description:

Observation direction: Northbound Southbound Eastbound Westbound

Number of THROUGH lanes observed for seat belt use: _____

Number of RIGHT TURN lanes observed for seat belt use: _____

Number of LEFT TURN lanes observed for seat belt use: _____

Total number of lanes in this travel direction PRIOR TO THE INTERSECTION: _____

Weather Conditions: Clear Light Fog Light Rain

Site Start and End Time:

Start time: _____ End time: _____

Sample Size

60 Minute Volume Count (for lanes being observed for seat belt use): _____ Vehicles

Number of Seat Belt Observations Recorded in 60 min: _____ Vehicles

OBSERVATION DATA COLLECTION SHEET

Site #	Page #	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Occupants Not Observable	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not Observable
Commercial Use Vehicle	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Commercial
Vehicle Type												Vehicle Type
Passenger Car	car	car	car	car	car	car	car	car	car	car	car	Passenger Car
SUV	suv	suv	suv	suv	suv	suv	suv	suv	suv	suv	suv	SUV
Van/Minivan	van	van	van	van	van	van	van	van	van	van	van	Van/Minivan
Pickup Truck	PT	PT	PT	PT	PT	PT	PT	PT	PT	PT	PT	Pickup Truck
Driver Belt Use												Driver Belt Use
Belted	Belt	Belt	Belt	Belt	Belt	Belt	Belt	Belt	Belt	Belt	Belt	Belted
Not Belted	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	Not Belted
Unknown	Un	Un	Un	Un	Un	Un	Un	Un	Un	Un	Un	Unknown
Driver Cell Phone Use												Driver Cell Phone Use
Handheld (Talking)	talk	talk	talk	talk	talk	talk	talk	talk	talk	talk	talk	Handheld (Talking)
Handheld (Typing)	type	type	type	type	type	type	type	type	type	type	type	Handheld (Typing)
Hands-free (E.P.)	EP	EP	EP	EP	EP	EP	EP	EP	EP	EP	EP	Hands-free (E.P.)
Hands-free (No E.P.)	NEP	NEP	NEP	NEP	NEP	NEP	NEP	NEP	NEP	NEP	NEP	Hands-free (No E.P.)
None	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	None
Driver Age												Driver Age
16-29	16-29	16-29	16-29	16-29	16-29	16-29	16-29	16-29	16-29	16-29	16-29	16-29
30-59	30-59	30-59	30-59	30-59	30-59	30-59	30-59	30-59	30-59	30-59	30-59	30-59
60+	60+	60+	60+	60+	60+	60+	60+	60+	60+	60+	60+	60+
Unknown	Un	Un	Un	Un	Un	Un	Un	Un	Un	Un	Un	Unknown
Driver Gender												Driver Gender
Male	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	Male
Female	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	Female
Unknown	Un	Un	Un	Un	Un	Un	Un	Un	Un	Un	Un	Unknown
Driver Race												Driver Race
White	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	White
Black	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	Black
Other	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	Other
Unknown	Un	Un	Un	Un	Un	Un	Un	Un	Un	Un	Un	Unknown
Passenger Belt Use												Passenger Belt Use
Belted	Belt	Belt	Belt	Belt	Belt	Belt	Belt	Belt	Belt	Belt	Belt	Belted
Not Belted	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	Not Belted
Unknown	Un	Un	Un	Un	Un	Un	Un	Un	Un	Un	Un	Unknown
Passenger Age												Passenger Age
0-15	<15	<15	<15	<15	<15	<15	<15	<15	<15	<15	<15	0-15
16-29	16-29	16-29	16-29	16-29	16-29	16-29	16-29	16-29	16-29	16-29	16-29	16-29
30-59	30-59	30-59	30-59	30-59	30-59	30-59	30-59	30-59	30-59	30-59	30-59	30-59
60+	60+	60+	60+	60+	60+	60+	60+	60+	60+	60+	60+	60+
Unknown	Un	Un	Un	Un	Un	Un	Un	Un	Un	Un	Un	Unknown
Passenger Gender												Passenger Gender
Male	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	Male
Female	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	Female
Unknown	Un	Un	Un	Un	Un	Un	Un	Un	Un	Un	Un	Unknown
Passenger Race												Passenger Race
White	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	White
Black	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	Black
Other	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	Other
Unknown	Un	Un	Un	Un	Un	Un	Un	Un	Un	Un	Un	Unknown

Note: E.P. = Earpiece

APPENDIX II
Resumes of Timothy J. Gates and Peter T. Savolainen

Dr. Timothy J. Gates

Summary

Dr. Timothy J. Gates is the current Principal Investigator of the Direct Observation Survey of Safety Belt Use. Dr. Gates is an Associate Professor in the Michigan State University (MSU) Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering. He has more than 10 years of experience with direct observation surveys of safety restraint use. This includes a diverse range of experiences in sample design and selection, field data collection methods, observer training, statistical systems development, and optimization techniques. He also has expertise in the areas of survey research methodology, data processing, and statistical quality control.

Education

Ph.D., Civil Engineering, University of Wisconsin, 2007
M.S., Civil Engineering, Michigan State University, 2000
B.S., Civil Engineering, Michigan State University, 1999

Professional Associations

American Society of Civil Engineers
Institute of Transportation Engineers
Transportation Research Board

Computer Skills

Operation Systems: Windows, iOS
Software: SPSS, Microsoft PowerPoint, Excel, and Word

Relevant Project Experience (2007 to Present)

Direct Observation Surveys of Seat Belt Use –PI or co-PI on OHSP-sponsored Michigan safety belt use survey from FY2012 to present. Participated in proposal development, planning, survey implementation, data collection, quality control, data analysis, and report preparation. Led the resampling of Michigan's 200 safety belt observation sites for use beginning with the 2018 survey.

Direct Observation Surveys of Commercial Motor Vehicle Seat Belt Use – Co-PI on OHSP-sponsored Michigan seat belt use survey for commercial motor vehicle occupants during FY 2012 and 2015.

Direct Observation Surveys of Child Restraint Device Use and Misuse (including Booster Seat Use) – PI or co-PI on OHSP-sponsored child restraint device use/misuse survey, including booster seats in FY 2009, 2011, 2013, 2015, and 2018.

Direct Observation Surveys of Motorcycle Helmet Use – co-PI on OHSP-sponsored motorcycle helmet use survey in FY 2013 and 2017.

Dr. Peter T. Savolainen

Summary

Dr. Peter T. Savolainen is an MSU Foundation Professor in the Michigan State University Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering. Dr. Savolainen serves as the lead statistical advisor for this project. Prior to joining Michigan State University in 2018, he was an Associate Professor of Civil Engineering at Iowa State University (2014-2018) and Wayne State University (2006-2014). He has more than 11 years of experience with direct observation surveys of safety restraint use. This includes a diverse range of experiences in sample design and selection, data weighting, imputation, variance estimation, statistical systems development, and optimization techniques. He also has expertise in the areas of survey research methodology, data processing, and statistical quality control. Dr. Savolainen also teaches graduate level courses on civil engineering research methods and applications, as well as statistics and econometric methods of data analysis. He is a proficient user of various statistical analysis software packages, including LIMDEP, SAS, SPSS, and SUDAAN.

Education

Ph.D., Civil Engineering, Purdue University, 2006
M.S., Civil Engineering, Purdue University, 2004
B.S., Civil Engineering, Michigan Technological University, 2002

Professional Associations

American Society of Civil Engineers
American Statistical Association
Institute of Transportation Engineers

Computer Skills

Operation Systems: Windows, MacOS, iOS
Software: LIMDEP, SAS, SPSS, SUDAAN, Microsoft PowerPoint, Excel, and Word

Relevant Project Experience (2006 to Present)

Direct Observation Surveys of Seat Belt Use –PI or co-PI on OHSP-sponsored Michigan safety belt use survey from FY 2008 to 2010 and FY 2012 to present. Participated in proposal development, planning, survey implementation, data collection, quality control, data analysis, and report preparation. Led development of the federally-approved safety belt observational survey methodology for the state of Michigan in 2012.

Direct Observation Surveys of Commercial Motor Vehicle Seat Belt Use – Co-PI on OHSP-sponsored Michigan seat belt use survey for commercial motor vehicle occupants during FY 2012.

Direct Observation Surveys of Child Restraint Device Use and Misuse (including Booster Seat Use) – PI or co-PI on OHSP-sponsored child restraint device use/misuse survey, including booster seats in FY 2009, 2011, 2013, 2015, and 2018.

Direct Observation Surveys of Motorcycle Helmet Use – co-PI on OHSP-sponsored motorcycle helmet use survey in FY 2013.

APPENDIX III

**List of Annual Observation Locations by County, Stratum, and Road Classification Including Belt
Use Observation Data**

Belt Use Stratum	County	Site Location	Site Type	Road Type	Actual Observations		Non-Response Obs.	Sample Weight
					Belted	Total		
1	KALAMAZOO	I-94 and Oakland Drive	Original	Primary	126	136	1	90224.6
1	KALAMAZOO	I-94 and S. 9th Street	Original	Primary	149	157	1	81911.4
1	WASHTENAW	I-94 and Rawsonville Road	Original	Primary	127	133	0	42404.0
1	WASHTENAW	I-94 and S. Huron Street	Original	Primary	133	138	0	92350.4
1	WASHTENAW	I-94 and Chelsea Manchester Road (M-52)	Original	Primary	124	130	2	20113.1
1	INGHAM	I-96 and Okemos Road	Original	Primary	117	128	1	66746.5
1	INGHAM	I-96 and N. Williamston Road (Exit 117A)	Original	Primary	27	28	1	16032.5
1	INGHAM	I-96 and Stockbridge Road (M-43)	Original	Primary	129	132	1	19012.1
1	OAKLAND	I-75 and Baldwin Road	Original	Primary	125	137	8	38612.7
1	OAKLAND	I-75 and Ortonville Road (M-15)	Original	Primary	147	157	0	84226.5
1	OAKLAND	I-75 and Grange Hall Road	Original	Primary	111	126	1	32090.8
1	OAKLAND	I-96 and Milford Road	Original	Primary	172	179	1	41344.7
1	OAKLAND	I-75 (Chrysler Fwy) and Twelve Mile Road	Original	Primary	130	142	0	35706.5
1	OAKLAND	I-696 (Walter P Reuther Fwy) and Greenfield Road	Original	Primary	130	143	1	88021.4
1	OAKLAND	I-96 and Wixom Road North	Original	Primary	153	157	2	54588.5
1	KALAMAZOO	Michigan Ave (M-96) and 35th Street	Original	Secondary	127	141	0	54717.3
1	KALAMAZOO	Bus US-131 and Douglas Avenue	Original	Secondary	35	38	3	16597.7
1	KALAMAZOO	US-131 and W. U Avenue	Original	Secondary	114	127	1	41281.5
1	KALAMAZOO	E. D Ave and N. 32nd Street (M-89)	Original	Secondary	146	154	0	45063.7
1	KALAMAZOO	M-89 and N. 34th Street	Original	Secondary	144	161	4	35176.1
1	INGHAM	E. Saginaw St (M-43) and Marshall Street	Original	Secondary	129	137	0	50378.4
1	INGHAM	Old U.S. 27 (N. Larch St) and Lake Lansing Road / Douglas Ave	Original	Secondary	135	141	0	100998.3
1	WASHTENAW	M-52 (Ann Arbor St.) and E. Main Street	Original	Secondary	102	108	0	38816.1
1	WASHTENAW	Ecorse Rd (M-17) and S. Ford Blvd. / Dorset Ave	Original	Secondary	116	132	0	179497.9
1	WASHTENAW	US-23 and W. Michigan Ave (US-12)	Original	Secondary	111	115	1	18542.9
1	WASHTENAW	US-23 and E. Willis Road	Original	Secondary	104	105	0	18393.3
1	INGHAM	M-52 (W. Main St.) and S. M-106 (Clinton St.)	Original	Secondary	135	138	3	19313.4
1	WASHTENAW	Main St. (M-52) and Middle Street	Original	Secondary	139	148	1	36960.4
1	WASHTENAW	M-14 and Whitmore Lake Road	Original	Secondary	102	105	4	22373.5
1	WASHTENAW	M-14 (Exit 2) and Maple Road	Original	Secondary	149	158	0	47626.6
1	WASHTENAW	M-14 and Gottfredson Road	Original	Secondary	116	129	1	28428.6
1	WASHTENAW	M-153 (Exit 10 from M-14) and Plymouth Road	Original	Secondary	122	137	4	57832.4
1	INGHAM	US-127 and Holt Road	Original	Secondary	86	94	0	17937.2
1	INGHAM	US-127 and Cedar Street (M-36)	Original	Secondary	85	94	1	19885.9
1	INGHAM	US-127 and W. Barnes Road	Original	Secondary	60	66	1	17615.2
1	INGHAM	Perry Rd (M-52) and E. Grand River Avenue (M-43)	Original	Secondary	138	141	1	19002.9
1	INGHAM	Stockbridge Rd (M-43) and E. Grand River Avenue (M-43)	Original	Secondary	138	147	0	19424.7
1	OAKLAND	S Lapeer Rd (M-24) and Drahner Road	Original	Secondary	138	152	0	85038.3
1	OAKLAND	Highland Rd (M-59) and N. Milford Road	Original	Secondary	153	160	1	56158.8
1	OAKLAND	E 8 Mile Rd (M-102) and John R Road	Original	Secondary	119	138	0	107539.2
1	OAKLAND	Telegraph Rd (US-24) and Quarton Road	Original	Secondary	133	144	0	171584.6
1	OAKLAND	Highland Rd (M-59) and Airport Road	Original	Secondary	145	151	1	122963.7
1	OAKLAND	Bus I- 75 (N. Perry St.) and Glenwood Ave	Original	Secondary	132	155	0	55327.2
1	OAKLAND	W Square Lake Rd (Bus US-24) and Franklin Road	Original	Secondary	155	161	0	173762.1
1	OAKLAND	Woodward Ave (M-1) and E. Long Lake Road	Original	Secondary	143	152	0	227007.1
1	WASHTENAW	Riker Road and Island Lake Road	Original	Local	1	1	0	2020358.3
1	WASHTENAW	Coyle Road and 6 Mile Road/Whitmore Lake Road	Original	Local	23	29	1	1946482.3
1	OAKLAND	W Rutland St and 13 Mile Road	Original	Local	7	7	0	1822658.8
1	OAKLAND	Glengary Rd and S. Commerce Road	Original	Local	154	158	2	2556286.4
1	OAKLAND	Standard St and Crescent Lake Road	Original	Local	13	14	1	1876775.1

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2	BAY	I-75 (US-23) and Wilder Road	Alternate	Primary	141	149	0	84621.2
2	OTTAWA	I-196 (Gerald Ford Fwy) and 32nd Ave	Original	Primary	71	76	0	33297.2
2	ALLEGAN	I-196/US-31 and 124th Ave (M-89)	Original	Primary	80	80	0	31738.0
2	ALLEGAN	I-196 and Lincoln Road (M-40)	Original	Primary	139	141	0	69661.7
2	CALHOUN	I-69 and Michigan Avenue (M-96)	Original	Primary	120	135	0	41835.6
2	CALHOUN	I-94 and C Drive N	Original	Primary	94	96	0	33024.4
2	CALHOUN	I-94 and 26 Mile Rd. (M-199)	Original	Primary	19	19	0	29650.1
2	CALHOUN	I-69 and N. Drive N / Turkeyville Rd.	Original	Primary	18	19	0	29649.3
2	EATON	I-69 and Ainger Road	Original	Primary	97	98	0	33030.3
2	EATON	I-69 and S. Cochran Ave (Bus I-69)	Original	Primary	69	70	1	31596.3
2	EATON	I-69 and W. Saginaw Hwy (M-43)	Original	Primary	135	137	0	58553.4
2	JACKSON	I-94 and N. Dearing Road	Original	Primary	26	26	1	29645.8
2	JACKSON	I-94 and N. Elm Ave	Original	Primary	111	112	2	40965.1
2	JACKSON	I-94 and Mt. Hope Road	Original	Primary	85	86	1	37292.1
2	LIVINGSTON	I-96 and Grand River Ave	Original	Primary	183	191	0	69514.3
2	GRAND TRAVERSE	US-31 and S. South Long Lake (M-137)	Original	Secondary	135	139	0	257939.0
2	GRAND TRAVERSE	E Traverse Hwy (M-72) and S. Bugai Road/Gray Road	Original	Secondary	138	142	0	125266.3
2	MIDLAND	US-10 and N. Stark Road	Original	Secondary	54	59	1	41083.1
2	MIDLAND	US-10 and Waldo Ave	Original	Secondary	133	139	0	59842.3
2	BAY	M-25 (W. Jenny St) and S. Euclid Ave (M-13)	Original	Secondary	133	152	1	121297.4
2	BAY	M-47 and W. Salzburg Road	Original	Secondary	44	50	2	37023.3
2	KENT	US-131 and 17 Mile Road NE (M-46)	Original	Secondary	164	180	0	69817.4
2	KENT	Belding Rd NE (M-44) and Wolverine Blvd NE (M-44)	Original	Secondary	149	160	0	71685.2
2	KENT	Alpine Ave NW (M-37) and Lamoreaux Dr. NW	Original	Secondary	142	157	1	340665.0
2	KENT	US-131 and Ann St. NW	Original	Secondary	111	126	3	109785.4
2	KENT	Paul B. Henry Fwy (M-6) and Byron Center Ave SW	Original	Secondary	119	126	1	98134.9
2	KENT	M-6 (Paul B. Henry Fwy) and Wilson Ave SW	Original	Secondary	108	110	1	39683.4
2	KENT	US-131 and 84th Street SW	Original	Secondary	180	186	2	122995.9
2	ALLEGAN	US-131 and 142nd Ave	Original	Secondary	164	173	1	74815.2
2	ALLEGAN	US-131 and W. Superior Street	Original	Secondary	133	149	3	51050.8
2	OTTAWA	Chicago Dr (M-121) and 48th Ave	Original	Secondary	141	142	0	96010.6
2	ALLEGAN	Lincoln Rd (M-40) and I-196 (Gerald R. Ford Fwy)	Original	Secondary	149	151	0	121680.3
2	ALLEGAN	Lincoln Rd (M-40) and Interchange Drive	Original	Secondary	142	144	0	81969.4
2	EATON	Cochran Ave (Bus I-69) and W. Shepherd Street / Upland Ave	Original	Secondary	135	141	0	86510.6
2	EATON	W. Saginaw Hwy (M-43) and I-69 North Ramp	Original	Secondary	135	139	0	250789.3
2	EATON	M-43 (W. Saginaw Hwy) and Jenne Street	Original	Secondary	138	144	0	42699.1
2	JACKSON	Wampers Lake Rd. (M-124) and S. Main Street (M-50)	Original	Secondary	110	126	0	62586.4
2	MONROE	N. Monroe St (M-125) and Stewart Road	Original	Secondary	173	183	1	142647.5
2	MONROE	S. Telegraph Rd (US-24) and W. Albion Road	Original	Secondary	127	139	1	137518.9
2	JACKSON	US-127 and I-94 West Ramp	Original	Secondary	212	219	0	116543.1
2	JACKSON	Clinton Rd (M-50) and Rives Junction Road	Original	Secondary	128	137	1	63553.9
2	JACKSON	Eaton Rapids Rd (M-99) and E. Main Street	Original	Secondary	79	85	0	46218.9
2	JACKSON	Brooklyn Rd (M-50) and US-127 NB Ramps	Original	Secondary	151	153	2	79794.8
2	JACKSON	US-127 and Page Ave	Original	Secondary	142	148	0	69399.4
2	LIVINGSTON	US-23 and Silver Lake Road	Original	Secondary	147	151	0	42947.6
2	KENT	Clay Ave SW and 36th Street	Original	Local	57	74	1	5496020.6
2	CALHOUN	2 Mile Rd / Collier Ave and Meachem Road / U Dr N	Original	Local	22	27	0	2983847.0
2	MONROE	Oakdale Ave and Douglas Road	Original	Local	25	30	0	3124529.8
2	JACKSON	W High St and S W. Ave	Original	Local	93	101	0	4595082.8
2	LIVINGSTON	Dutcher Rd and Lange Road	Original	Local	10	10	0	2834521.1

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3	ST. CLAIR	I-94 and Fred W. Moore Hwy	Original	Primary	55	59	2	42523.3
3	ST. CLAIR	I-94 and Range Road	Original	Primary	101	112	1	47176.1
3	SAGINAW	I-75 (US-23) and Dixie Highway	Original	Primary	59	67	7	42220.7
3	SAGINAW	I-75 (US-23) and Bay City Road (M-13)	Original	Primary	147	155	1	36735.2
3	SAGINAW	I-675 and Davenport Ave (M-58)	Original	Primary	134	151	0	148750.8
3	GENESEE	I-75/US-23 and Corunna Road (M-21)	Original	Primary	135	145	3	87583.6
3	GENESEE	I-75/US-23 and Miller Road	Original	Primary	133	150	2	64124.5
3	LAPEER	I-69 and Van Dyke Road (M-53)	Original	Primary	130	133	1	74214.2
3	VAN BUREN	I-94 and County Road 687	Original	Primary	50	59	1	38332.6
3	BERRIEN	I-94 and Friday Road	Original	Primary	52	55	0	33381.3
3	BERRIEN	I-94 and M-140 (S. Main St.)	Original	Primary	51	62	0	44119.3
3	VAN BUREN	I-196/US-31 and M-140 (Bus I-196)	Original	Primary	77	80	1	39709.0
3	VAN BUREN	I-196 and Phoenix Street	Original	Primary	80	89	2	42134.0
3	VAN BUREN	I-94 and N. County Road 365	Original	Primary	24	28	0	32802.0
3	BRANCH	I-69 and Jonesville Road	Original	Primary	85	96	2	46635.0
3	MARQUETTE	US-41 and Cherry Creek Road (M-28)	Original	Secondary	144	146	0	197195.6
3	MARQUETTE	M-553 and County Road 480	Original	Secondary	135	138	0	180862.8
3	MARQUETTE	S. Front St (M-28/US-41) and Genesee/S. Lakeshore Blvd	Original	Secondary	152	154	0	485609.2
3	WEXFORD	US-131 and W. 16 Rd (Bus US-131/M-42)	Original	Secondary	56	57	0	59968.1
3	WEXFORD	M-115 and W. 13th Street	Original	Secondary	141	142	0	203225.0
3	CASS	M 51 (N. Front St.) and Prairie Ronde Street	Original	Secondary	99	105	1	65923.6
3	BERRIEN	N. 5th Street (M-51) and Sycamore Street	Original	Secondary	136	142	1	132618.2
3	CASS	M-62 and Main Street (US-12)	Original	Secondary	146	151	3	164091.2
3	ST. JOSEPH	M-60 and US-131 South	Original	Secondary	147	149	1	106042.0
3	TUSCOLA	Bay Street (M-25) and Center Street (M-24)	Original	Secondary	104	119	1	73014.8
3	TUSCOLA	Sanilac Road (M-46) and Saginaw Road (M-15)	Original	Secondary	141	156	2	79411.6
3	SAGINAW	Gratiot Road (M-46) and Center Road	Original	Secondary	127	138	2	215029.7
3	GENESEE	N. State Road (M-15) and E. Dodge Road	Original	Secondary	114	123	0	181216.7
3	GENESEE	Sheridan Road (M-13) and Vienna Road (M-57)	Original	Secondary	132	144	1	127589.5
3	GENESEE	Sheridan Road (M-13) and Corunna Road (M-21)	Original	Secondary	133	143	0	117215.8
3	LAPEER	E. Bumside Rd (M-90) and N. Van Dyke Road (M-53)	Original	Secondary	72	74	1	72223.3
3	MONTCALM	US-131/M-46 and Cannonsville Road	Original	Secondary	42	51	0	70988.5
3	MECOSTA	US-131 and Jefferson Road	Original	Secondary	36	40	1	74981.2
3	MONTCALM	Howard City Edmore Rd (M-46) and M-66 (6 Lakes Rd.)	Original	Secondary	144	172	0	174834.7
3	CLINTON	US-127 and Old US 27 / State Rd.	Original	Secondary	7	7	0	59962.2
3	CLINTON	W. M 21 and S. Main Street	Original	Secondary	95	102	0	68981.7
3	IONIA	Bluewater Hwy (M-21) and N. State Street (M-66)	Original	Secondary	134	141	0	133108.4
3	IONIA	S State Rd (M-66) and W. Tuttle Road	Original	Secondary	147	154	0	438624.7
3	VAN BUREN	M-51 (Deleware St.) and Phelps Street	Original	Secondary	153	168	0	151595.6
3	VAN BUREN	M-51 (43rd St.) and W. Red Arrow Highway	Original	Secondary	153	172	2	100591.9
3	VAN BUREN	M-40 (Kalamazoo St.) and W. Michigan Avenue	Original	Secondary	152	172	4	205717.4
3	VAN BUREN	M-43 and M-40	Original	Secondary	189	205	3	286519.7
3	HILLSDALE	US-127 (Meridian Rd.) and Main Street / Hudson Rd.	Original	Secondary	106	128	1	88362.7
3	LENAWEE	US-12 and M-50	Original	Secondary	101	107	0	147848.4
3	LENAWEE	US-223 (W. Adrian St.) and Monroe Street	Original	Secondary	131	140	2	188870.1
3	CASS	Calvin Center Road and US-12	Original	Local	105	108	5	4440745.2
3	ST. JOSEPH	Lake Rd and Eagley Road	Original	Local	27	30	1	4680014.1
3	LAPEER	Brown City Rd and E. Bumside Road (M-90)	Original	Local	65	68	6	5457794.7
3	MONTCALM	Keeney Rd and Waterwheel Road	Original	Local	7	8	0	3193351.4
3	MONTCALM	S. County Line Rd. and Blackner/O'Brien Road	Original	Local	1	1	0	4035314.5

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4	MACOMB	I-94 (Edsel Ford Fwy) and Washington Street (M-19)	Original	Primary	155	172	0	30056.8
4	WAYNE	I-275 and Sibley Road	Original	Primary	53	62	1	19091.6
4	WAYNE	I-275 and Eureka Road	Original	Primary	80	89	0	34219.6
4	WAYNE	I-75 and Eureka Road	Original	Primary	97	101	1	22895.3
4	MACOMB	E. Eleven Mile Rd (I-696 Service Drive) and Van Dyke (M-53)	Original	Primary	155	178	1	135841.8
4	MACOMB	I-94 and 16 Mile Road	Original	Primary	168	183	0	51655.5
4	WAYNE	I-96 (Jeffries Fwy Service Dr/Schoolcraft) and Beech Daly	Original	Primary	142	164	1	137024.0
4	WAYNE	Chrysler Fwy Service Drive (I-75) and Warren Ave	Original	Primary	71	89	0	64156.5
4	WAYNE	I-94 (Harper Ave/Ford Fwy Service Drive) and Allard Ave	Original	Primary	131	148	0	33997.8
4	WAYNE	I-75 and Southfield Road (M-39)	Original	Primary	100	107	0	81163.0
4	WAYNE	I-94 and Enterprise Drive	Original	Primary	73	76	7	35082.8
4	WAYNE	I-75 and Northline Rd	Original	Primary	184	204	2	28424.4
4	WAYNE	I-275 and Ecorse Road	Original	Primary	112	126	2	49704.3
4	WAYNE	I-275 and Ann Arbor Road	Original	Primary	135	153	0	44475.1
4	WAYNE	I-75 and Sibley Rd	Original	Primary	82	101	0	41606.0
4	MACOMB	23 Mile Rd (M-29) and Jefferson Ave	Original	Secondary	134	143	0	24811.1
4	MACOMB	Griati Ave (M-19) and 31 Mile Road	Original	Secondary	158	173	1	23834.6
4	MACOMB	Van Dyke and 28 Mile Road	Original	Secondary	137	140	0	35238.7
4	MACOMB	M-53 (Van Dyke Fwy) and Van Dyke Rd	Original	Secondary	128	130	1	50981.7
4	MACOMB	23 Mile Rd (M-29) and Donner Road/I-94 East Ramp	Original	Secondary	155	169	1	92423.7
4	MACOMB	M-53 (Van Dyke Fwy) and 23 Mile Road	Original	Secondary	170	181	0	45238.5
4	WAYNE	Telegraph Rd (US-24) and Goddard Road	Original	Secondary	163	180	0	87447.6
4	MACOMB	Dobry Dr. (M-59 Service Drive) and Mound Road	Original	Secondary	123	134	0	66111.9
4	MACOMB	M-53 (Van Dyke Fwy) and M-59 (Hall Rd.)	Original	Secondary	155	169	0	55159.2
4	MACOMB	Hall Rd (M-59) and Schoenherr Road	Original	Secondary	161	181	0	97306.0
4	MACOMB	Hall Rd (M-59) and Westbrook Drive	Original	Secondary	183	208	2	138457.0
4	MACOMB	Northbound Griati Ave (M-3) and Market Street	Original	Secondary	136	154	0	39352.3
4	MACOMB	Griati Ave (M-3) and Utica Road	Original	Secondary	119	134	0	90158.3
4	MACOMB	Van Dyke (M-53) and Chicago Road	Original	Secondary	176	191	1	61040.9
4	MACOMB	Van Dyke (M-53) and 15 Mile Road	Original	Secondary	210	229	1	75420.6
4	WAYNE	Vernier Rd (M-102) and E. 8 Mile Road	Original	Secondary	105	117	0	77065.0
4	WAYNE	Groesbeck Hwy (M-97) and 8 Mile Rd (M-102)	Original	Secondary	43	61	0	59797.2
4	WAYNE	M-14 and Sheldon Rd	Original	Secondary	165	177	0	50222.6
4	WAYNE	Grand River Ave and Lodge Fwy/M-10 Service Drive	Original	Secondary	51	59	0	24802.3
4	WAYNE	John C Lodge Fwy (M-10 Service Drive) and Grand River Ave	Original	Secondary	113	121	0	54455.3
4	WAYNE	Michigan Ave (US-12) and Rosa Parks Blvd	Original	Secondary	89	111	1	41264.0
4	WAYNE	Michigan Ave (US-12) and 14th St/Vernor Hwy/Fisher Svc Dr	Original	Secondary	60	78	10	19898.3
4	WAYNE	Michigan Ave (US-12) and Haggerty Road	Original	Secondary	146	155	2	76552.9
4	WAYNE	Ford Rd (M-153) and N. Canton Center Road	Original	Secondary	135	144	0	47787.2
4	WAYNE	Southfield Rd (M-39) and Allen Rd	Original	Secondary	180	195	0	108742.5
4	WAYNE	Fort St (M-85) and Northline Rd	Original	Secondary	181	197	8	110463.0
4	WAYNE	Telegraph Rd (US-24) and King Rd	Original	Secondary	175	187	0	55892.8
4	WAYNE	Grand River Ave (M-5) and Outer Drive W	Original	Secondary	128	149	0	87462.7
4	WAYNE	Telegraph Rd and Grand River Ave (M-5)	Original	Secondary	123	138	0	117880.8
4	WAYNE	Telegraph Rd and Six Mile/McNichols	Original	Secondary	132	156	0	103993.5
4	MACOMB	Commons Drive and 23 Mile Road	Original	Local	17	18	1	1923171.1
4	MACOMB	Walnut Creek Dr and 22 Mile Road	Original	Local	66	75	0	1818656.8
4	MACOMB	25 Mile Rd and Hayes Road	Original	Local	157	172	1	4201702.9
4	WAYNE	W Jefferson Ave and Van Horn Road	Original	Local	107	117	0	3815861.6
4	WAYNE	Pine St and Middlebelt Rd	Original	Local	35	45	0	1847649.9