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2004: Michigan becomes the first state east of the Mississippi to achieve a 90 percent seat belt use rate.

2009: Michigan has the nation's highest seat belt use rate at 97.9 percent.