



2022 *Click It or Ticket* FACT SHEET

Step Up and Remind People to Buckle Up

- From May 16-June 5, 2022, state and local law enforcement agencies across the nation are conducting enforcement efforts for motorists who aren't wearing their seat belts.

Michigan

- From 2019 to 2021, the seat belt usage rate in Michigan fell from 94.4 percent to 92.6 percent.
- In Michigan, 228 people killed in traffic crashes during 2020 were not wearing a seat belt.
- During the 2020 Memorial Day weekend, there were 12 fatal crashes on Michigan roadways that resulted in 12 fatalities. One of the 12 deaths involved a driver not wearing a seat belt.

Face the Facts

- The national seat belt use rate in 2021 was 90.4 percent, which is good – but we can do better. The other 9.6 percent still need to be reminded that seat belts save lives.
- Among young adults 18 to 34 killed nationwide while riding in passenger vehicles in 2019, more than half (57 percent) were completely unrestrained – one of the highest percentages for all age groups.
- Nationwide, men make up the majority of those killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes. In 2019, 65 percent of the 22,215 passenger vehicle occupants who were killed were men. Men also wear their seat belts at a lower rate than women do – 51 percent of men killed in crashes were unrestrained, compared to 40 percent of women killed in crashes.

Bust the Myths

- **Vehicle type:** There seems to be a misconception among those who drive and ride in pickup trucks that larger vehicles will protect them better than other vehicle types in a crash. The numbers say otherwise: 58 percent of pickup truck occupants killed in 2019 were not buckled. That's compared to 43 percent of passenger car occupants who were not wearing seat belts when they were killed. Regardless of vehicle type, seat belt use is the single most effective way to stay alive in a crash.
- **Seating position:** Too many people wrongly believe they are safe in the back seat unrestrained. Forty-five percent of all front-seat passenger vehicle occupants killed in crashes in 2019 were unrestrained, but 58 percent of those killed in back seats were unrestrained.
- **Rural versus urban locations:** People who live in rural areas might believe their crash exposure is lower, but in 2019, there were 11,971 passenger vehicle fatalities in rural locations, compared to 10,187 fatalities in urban locations. Out of those fatalities, 48 percent of those killed in the rural locations were not wearing their seat belts, compared to 45 percent in urban locations.

Learn more about the *Click It or Ticket* mobilization at [NHTSA.gov/ciot](https://www.nhtsa.gov/ciot).