

SEAT BELT USE

Montana BRFSS, 2012

In 2012, 29.9% of Montana adults reported that they did not always wear a seat belt.

Sociodemographic Trends

- ◆ Men reported not always wearing seat belts more often than women.
- ◆ Younger adults reported not always wearing seat belts more often than older adults.
- ◆ The prevalence not always wearing a seat belt decreased with increasing education and household income levels.
- ◆ Adults living in the Eastern health planning region reported not always wearing seat belts more often than adults in the other four health planning regions. Adults in the North Central health planning region reported not always wearing seat belts more often than adults in the Southwest and Northwest health planning regions.

Figure 17. Seat Belt Use by Sex, Montana BRFSS, 2012

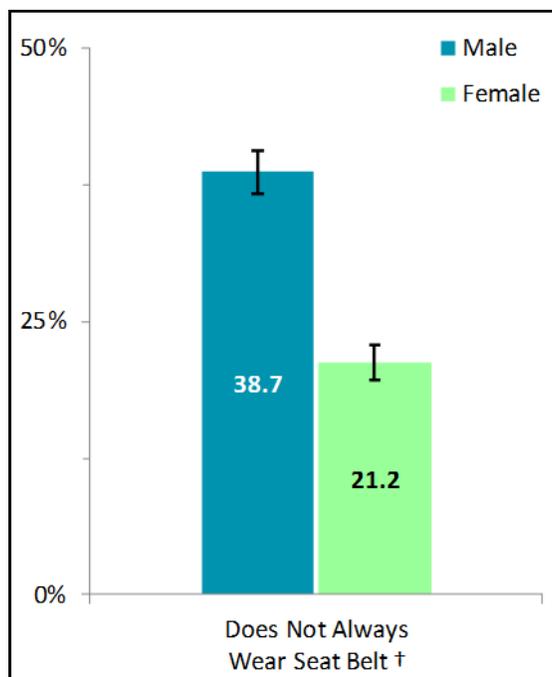


Table 17: Seat Belt Use, Montana Adults, 2012

	Does Not Always Wear Seat Belt †			
	Wt. %	95% CI		UnWt. N
LL		UL		
All Adults:	29.9	28.6	31.2	2,492
Sex:				
Male	38.7	36.7	40.7	1,433
Female	21.2	19.6	22.8	1,059
Age:				
18 - 24	43.2	37.9	48.6	199
25 - 34	32.6	29.1	36.2	319
35 - 44	28.6	25.2	32.3	284
45 - 54	28.3	25.5	31.2	454
55 - 64	25.1	22.7	27.6	519
65+	26.4	24.3	28.6	707
Education:				
<High School	42.8	37.6	48.3	251
High School	34.0	31.6	36.5	882
Some College	29.8	27.5	32.2	744
College Degree +	20.3	18.5	22.2	610
Income:				
<\$15,000	37.1	33.0	41.4	350
\$15,000 - \$24,999	34.2	31.0	37.6	520
\$25,000 - \$49,999	30.2	27.8	32.8	692
\$50,000 - \$74,999	27.1	23.9	30.5	313
\$75,000 +	23.5	20.9	26.2	374
Race/Ethnicity:				
White, non-Hispanic	29.2	27.9	30.6	2,151
AI/AN*	36.2	30.3	42.6	187
Other or Hispanic**	33.7	27.0	41.1	125
Disability:				
Disability	31.8	29.3	34.4	772
No Disability	29.2	27.7	30.7	1,709
Region:				
1- Eastern MT	48.6	44.5	52.8	455
2- N Central MT	35.5	32.3	38.8	646
3- S Central MT	29.7	26.6	32.9	377
4- Southwest MT	27.0	24.4	29.7	381
5- Northwest MT	24.9	22.7	27.3	597

† How often do you use seat belts when you drive or ride in a car?
 Total Sample Size: 8,475, Weighted Prevalence Estimate: 227,800.

* American Indian or Alaska Native only.

** All other non-White (including multi-racial or Hispanic).