

# Wyoming

## Seat belt use facts



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**78.3 % SEAT BELT USE**



Wyoming's seat belt use rate remains consistently lower than the national average. At 78.3% use, over 125,000 Wyomingites still are not buckling up.

**\$788 Million**



In 2010, crashes cost Wyoming \$788 million– About \$1,398 for each resident

\*The Economic and Societal Impact of Motor Vehicle Crashes, 2010 (Revised)

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
United States	87.2%	86.7%	88.5%	90.1%	89.7%	89.6%	90.7%
Wyoming	81.9%	79.2%	79.8%	80.5%	84.8%	86.3%	78.3%

**NHTSA ESTIMATES THAT IF WYOMING WERE TO PASS A PRIMARY SEAT BELT LAW, BELT USAGE COULD RISE BY 8.7 PERCENTAGE POINTS TO 87%**

**With a primary seat belt law, each year Wyoming could save about:**



**7 lives**



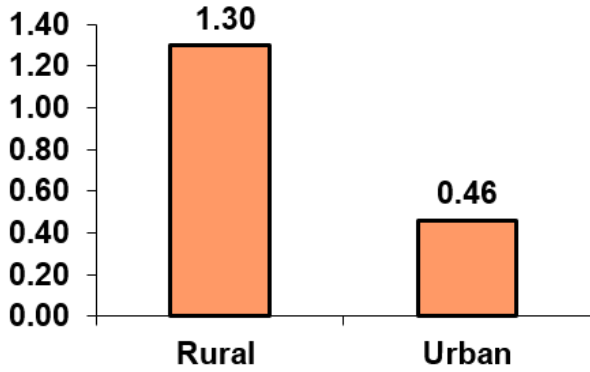
**48 serious injuries**



**\$21 million in costs**

(Based on a 8.7 percentage point increase from the 2019 WY seat belt use rate.)

**Motor Vehicle Fatality Rate per 100M Vehicle Miles in WY**

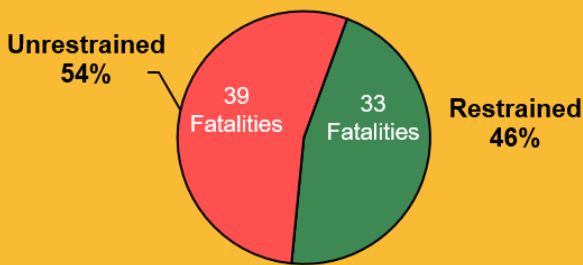


In Wyoming, the fatality rate in rural areas is almost 3 times higher than the rate in urban locations.

87% of Wyoming's motor vehicle traffic fatalities occur in rural areas.

Source: 2018 FARS Data

**Passenger Vehicle Occupant Fatalities: Known Restraint Use in WY**



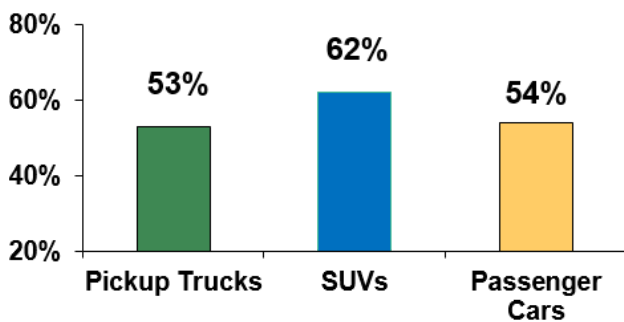
Seat belts saved an estimated 40 lives in Wyoming.

An additional 13 lives could have been saved with 100% restraint use.

Source: 2018 FARS Data

Source: 2017 STSI

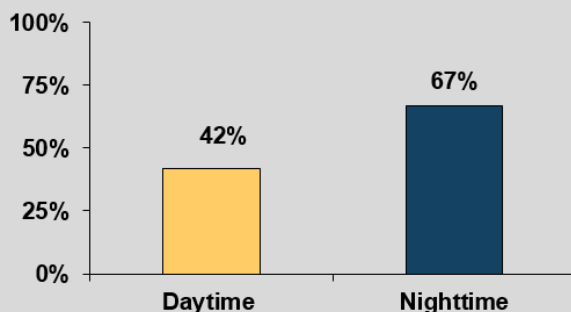
**Unrestrained Passenger Vehicle Occupant Fatalities**



In Wyoming, a larger percentage of SUVs fatalities are unrestrained compared to pickup trucks and passenger cars.

Source: 2018 FARS Data

**Percent of Unrestrained Fatalities Daytime versus Nighttime**



67% of nighttime fatalities are unrestrained in Wyoming compared to 42% of daytime unrestrained fatalities.

Source: 2018 FARS Data