

Seat Belt Use in Light Duty Vehicles 2005 - 2010

	2010		2009		2007		2006		2005	
	Alberta	Canada	Alberta	Canada	Alberta	Canada	Alberta	Canada	Alberta	Canada
Rural & Urban Combined										
% All Occupants	92.0 ⁸	95.3 ⁸	92.9 ⁶	--	88.9 ⁵	92.5 ⁵	90.9 ⁴	90.8 ²	82.9 ¹	90.5 ¹
% Front Occupants	--	95.5 ⁸	93.0 ⁶	--	--	--	91.0 ⁴	91.0 ²	82.8 ¹	90.8 ¹
Rural										
% All Occupants	--	--	90.4	92.0	--	--	86.4	88.3	--	--
% Front Occupants	--	--	90.5	91.9	--	--	86.3	88.6	--	--
Urban										
% All Occupants	92.3	95.8	93.3 ⁷	--	89.3	93.1	91.7 ³	--	83.0	91.1
% Front Occupants	--	96.0	93.4 ⁷	--	--	--	91.8 ³	--	--	91.3

The combined Alberta urban and rural seat belt wearing rate in 2010 was 92.0%, down from 92.9% in 2009. The urban seat belt wearing rate decreased to 92.3% in 2010, compared to 93.3% in the previous urban survey of 2009. In 2009, rural areas saw an increase to 90.4%, up from 86.4% in 2006.

Source: Transport Canada, Surveys of Seatbelt Use in Canada. Rural survey conducted in 2006 and 2009. Urban survey conducted in 2005, 2007 and 2010. No survey was conducted in 2008.

Transport Canada conducts national observational seatbelt surveys, alternating between urban and rural locations. Using parallel methods, Alberta Transportation conducted urban surveys in Alberta only in 2006 and 2009 to complement the rural data collected by Transport Canada on those years. The objective of the surveys is to obtain estimates of the proportion of light duty vehicle occupants using occupant restraints. Light duty vehicles include passenger cars, pickup trucks, minivans and SUVs.

¹ 2004 rural and 2005 urban combined

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³ Urban survey conducted in Alberta only, Fall 2006

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