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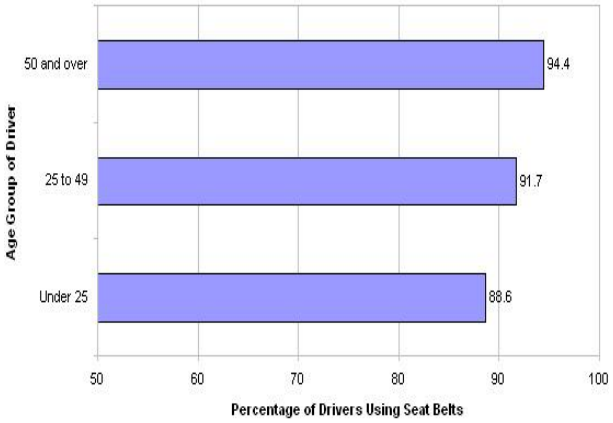
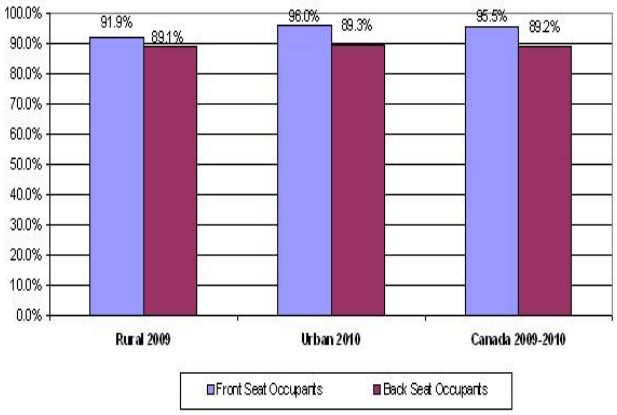
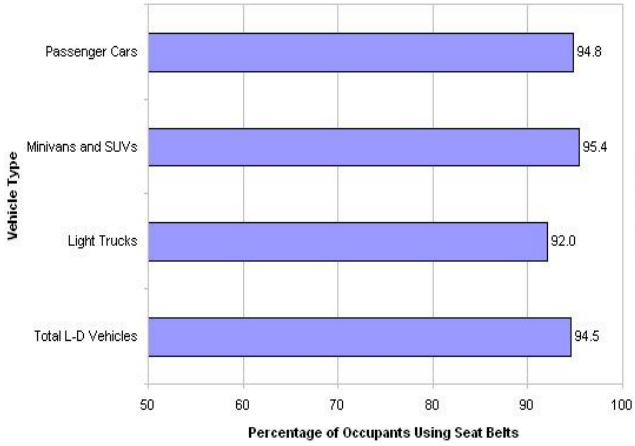
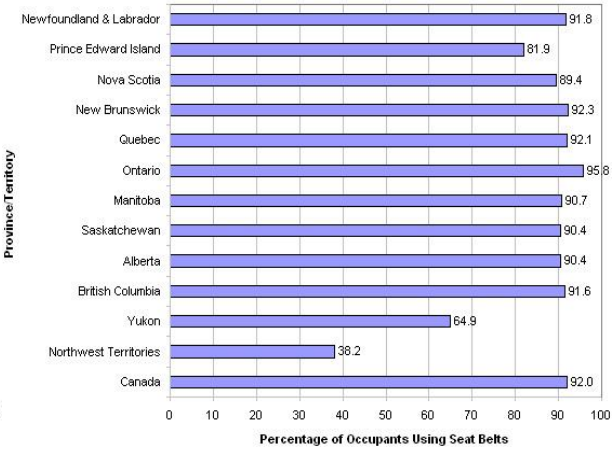
Results of Transport Canada's Rural and Urban Surveys of Seat Belt Use in Canada 2009-2010

The National Occupant Restraint Program (NORP 2010) is an important element for Road Safety Vision in 2010. This was a partnership taken on by the federal, provincial and territorial ministers responsible for transportation and highway safety to make Canada's roads the safest in the world. The objective of the National Occupant Restraint Program is to achieve a minimum 95% rate for national seat belt use and the proper use of child restraints by all motor vehicle occupants. Transport Canada's contribution to this program of promoting seat belt use is to conduct observational surveys. In September 2009, Transport Canada conducted an observational survey of seat belt use in rural communities across Canada. Then, in September 2010, the same survey was conducted in urban communities. Data on cell phone use by drivers were also collected. Some of the results are listed below:









Some general conclusions from this study:

- Although occupants of light trucks scored 92%, they are of the lowest percentage to be wearing seatbelts.
- As a provincial score, occupants using seatbelts scored lower than the national average
- Although there was a marginal increase, backseat occupants are less likely to be wearing their seatbelt as compared to a driver, in both urban and rural settings.
- Of the drivers in the age group '25 and under', only 88.6% are wearing their seatbelts.
- The goal for this study was the have the 95% use of seatbelts and child restraints. This technically was obtained however there are many areas that fell short and need continual improvement.
- http://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/roadsafety/tp-tp2436-rs201101-1149.htm

Do YOU buckle up, every time?

Northern Health – NEW: Men's Health Coordinator

Northern Health is excited to announce that Brandon Grant has been placed into the new role of Men's Health Coordinator. He will be providing regional leadership to this emerging content area within Northern Health. Brandon graduated from Saint Mary's University in Halifax, Nova Scotia with a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and Anthropology in 2007. He has worked in Dawson Creek at the Nawican Friendship Centre, initially as the Youth Program Coordinator and eventually as the Executive Director. In 2008, he moved to Prince George to pursue a Master Degree in Social Work. Brandon is located at the Centre for Healthy Living at 1788 Diefenbaker Drive, Prince George. His phone number is 250.645.6348 and his email address is Brandon.Grant@northernhealth.ca.

Upcoming events

BC Big Rig Weekend	July 9-10	Chilliwack
Duncan Truck Show	July 16-17	Duncan
Cariboo Big Rig Show n' Shine	July 16-17	Quesnel
Alberta Big Rig Weekend	August 13-14	Red Deer, AB
Antique Truck Show	Sept ember 3-5	Port Alberni
COFI Annual Convention	September 16-17	Prince George
Transpo North – ***date change***	October 6-7	Prince George