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Occupant Restraint Use In 2016: Results From the NOPUS Controlled Intersection Study

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The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration’s National Center for Statistics and Analysis annually conducts the National Occupant Protection Use Survey (NOPUS). The survey data includes seat belt use (for occupants 8 and older in both front and rear seats) and child restraint use (for children under 8 years old) in the United States.

Two sub-surveys – the Moving Traffic (MT) Survey and the Controlled Intersection (CI) Study –comprise the NOPUS. In the Moving Traffic survey, front-seat occupant shoulder belt use is collected. NOPUS derives its major estimates of front-seat belt use from the MT survey.

In the Controlled Intersection Study, occupants of passenger vehicles are observed from the roadside at intersections controlled by stop signs or stoplights. Only stopped vehicles are observed to allow ample time to collect a variety of information required by the survey. NOPUS derives its estimates of seat belt use in rear seats, child restraint use, and demographic characteristics of vehicle occupants from the controlled intersection study.

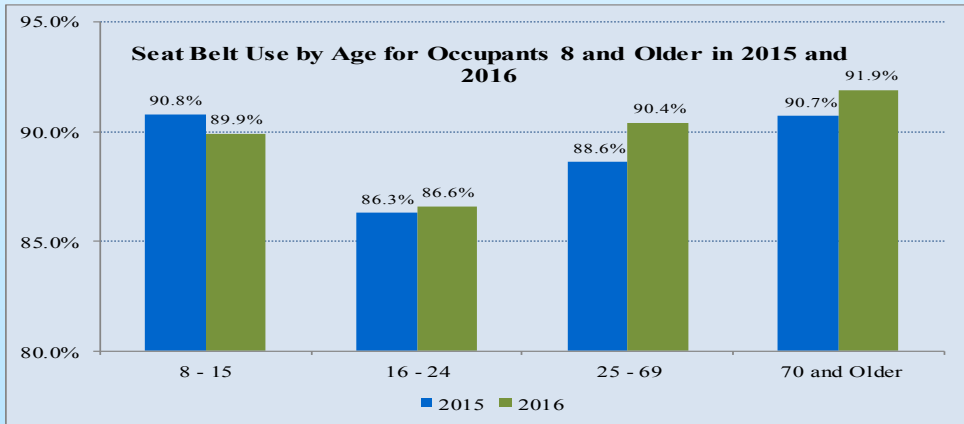
The 2016 NOPUS data collection was conducted between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. during the period from June 6, 2016, to June 25, 2016. The 2016 NOPUS survey data is based on the results of 66,993 occupants observed in 48,177 vehicles at 1,600 data collection sites. Of these observed occupants, 2,849 were children under 8.

Occupant Restraint Use In 2016: Results From the NOPUS Controlled Intersection Study

This report presents results of occupant restraint use from the 2016 NOPUS Controlled Intersection Study. The terms “significant” and “statistically significant” are used interchangeably in the report. The following are some of the major findings from the 2016 NOPUS Controlled Intersection Study:

Front Seat Belt Use (Among Occupants 8 and Older):

- ◆ **Seat belt use increased significantly from 88.5 percent in 2015 to 90.1 percent in 2016.**



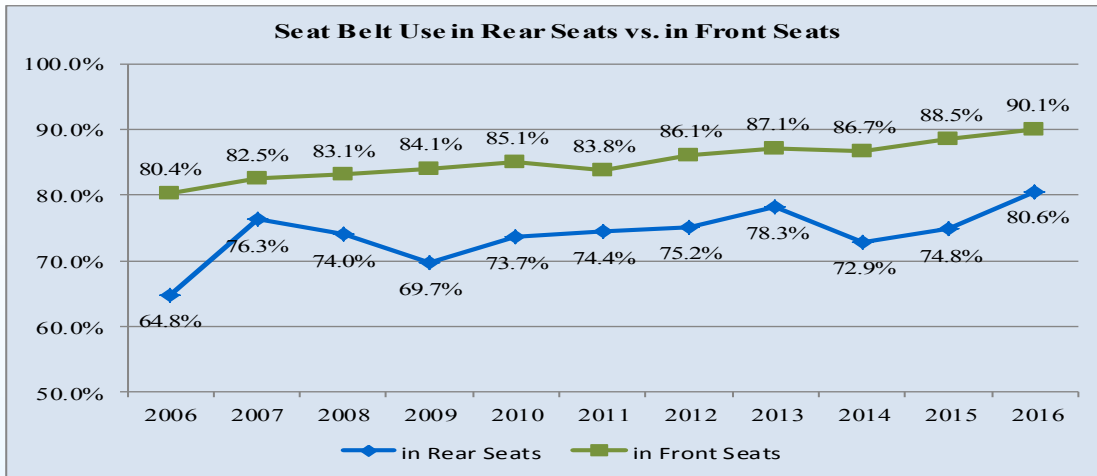
- ◆ Seat belt use continued to be lower for males (88.2%) than females (92.5%) in 2016. Seat belt use among female drivers increased significantly from 90.7 percent in 2015 to 92.5 percent in 2016.
- ◆ Seat belt use continued to be lower among 16- to 24-year-olds (86.6%) than other age groups. However, seat belt use among 25- to 69-year-olds increased significantly from 88.6 percent in 2015 to 90.4 percent in 2016.
- ◆ Seat belt use among drivers driving with at least one passenger increased significantly from 90.4 percent in 2015 to 92.8 percent in 2016.
- ◆ **Seat belt use among drivers driving with passengers all under age 8 increased significantly from 89.6 percent in 2015 to 94.0 percent in 2016.**

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Rear Seat Belt Use (Among Occupants 8 and Older):

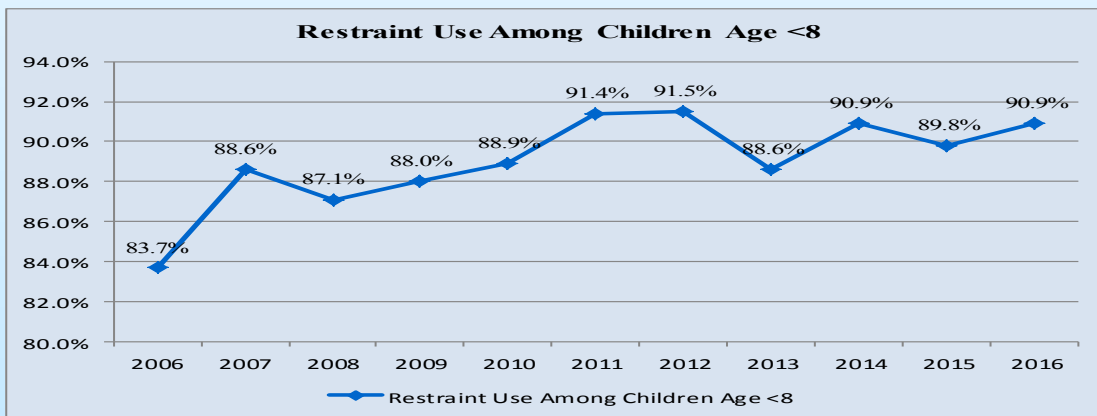
- ◆ Seat belt use continued to be lower in the rear seat (80.6%) than in the front seat (90.1%) in 2016.



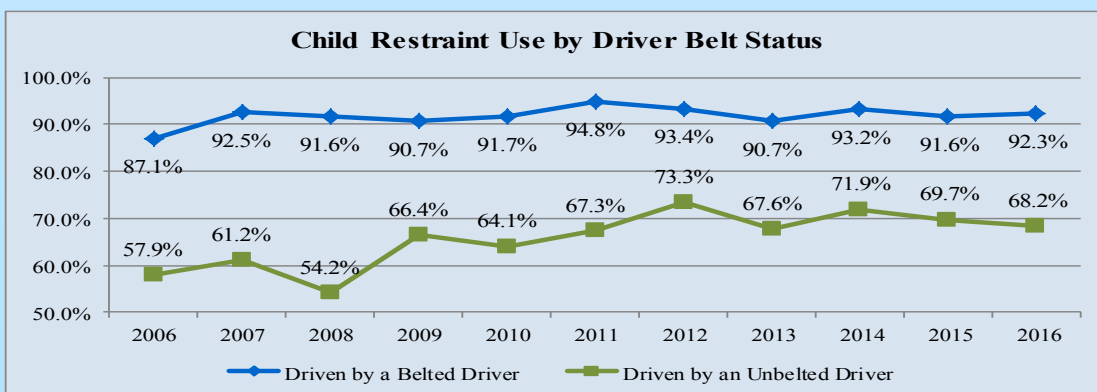
- ◆ Rear seat belt use increased to 80.6 percent in 2016 from 74.8 percent in 2015. Rear seat belt use among female occupants increased significantly from 75.5 percent in 2015 to 81.7 percent in 2016.
- ◆ Seat belt use in the rear seat continued to be higher in the States with laws requiring belts to be used in all seating positions (83.9%) than those with laws requiring belts to be used in the front seat only (75.7%) in 2016.

Child Restraint Use (For Children From Birth to 7 Years Old):

- ◆ Restraint use for children from birth to 7 years old in 2016 is 90.9 percent, compared to 89.8 percent in 2015.



- ◆ Restraint use for children driven by belted drivers continued to be significantly higher at 92.3% than for those driven by unbelted drivers at 68.2% in 2016.



TIPP Staff Welcomes New Southwest Regional Outreach Coordinator—Kristen Urso

Kristen served as the Community Program Specialist with the Injury Prevention Department at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC, and the Program Coordinator for Safe Kids Allegheny County. Her work included building personalized programs in hospital and school settings while concentrating on all unintentional injury areas.

Over the past 15 years, she has worked in both the private and public education sectors with focuses on building quality afterschool programs statewide, researching evidence based programs to support families in the Commonwealth, and providing a variety of technical assistance and training to thousands of educators in a multitude of settings.

Kristen is a certified Child Passenger Safety Technician Instructor, BeSMART Violence Prevention Trainer, and serves on the Steering Committee for the Girls Coalition of Southwestern PA and Children's Hospital Safe Sleep Committee. She resides in North Strabane Township with her husband Jason, and two daughters Ava and Sarah.

Please welcome Kristen and add her to your contact list. Her email is kurso@paaap.org. Kristen looks forward to supporting community efforts to keep children and families safe during travel throughout western PA.



Proposed EZ-On Vest Policies

EZ-On Products of Florida has been purchased by another company and they are making a few changes.

In the near future the new management will roll out new labels, instructions and pricing. There will be an official change to a 5-year life-span and there will be a Warranty period.

The company will also decide whether they will make the new life-span period retroactive...or have it apply only to new products, leaving those systems sold as "unlimited" to stay in use until they wear out. Please check your product and follow up with EZ-On to ensure the safety of your products.



Federal Aviation Administration Use of Restraint Systems on Aircraft by Individuals with Disabilities Guide

The FAA developed a resource guide for airline travel with children with special healthcare needs. It discusses general policies for use of car seats/safety restraints, lists specialized devices approved for FAA use, and discusses how to seek an exemption for use of certain restraints. You can access the PDF at <http://www.preventinjury.org/PDF/FAA-Resource-Guide-Use-of-Restraint-Systems-on-Air>

Additional information for parents flying with children can be found at https://www.faa.gov/travelers/fly_children/.

Angel Guard to Stop Production of Angel Ride Infant Car Bed

The Angel Guard team recently sent out a statement regarding the Angel Ride Infant Car Bed. Please be aware that the company will no longer be producing the seat. The Angel Guard Statement follows:

Angel Guard is aware that there have been many questions about the availability and future of the Angel Ride Infant Car Bed. We apologize for the lack of communication regarding product availability as we have worked through our decisions about how to proceed forward with this unique product.

*After much careful consideration, we have made the difficult decision that **it is no longer financially feasible for us to produce this item.** This has been a particularly difficult decision because we recognize the product has served a special need, providing a transportation solution to premature and low birth weight infants.*

Our decision is based on a number of factors. First and foremost, this is a highly unique specialty product and the growing cost of quality product liability insurance for specialty infant products has grown to be prohibitive. Additionally, the low production volume nature of this specialty product has made it increasingly difficult to source the highly specialized components in the small quantities needed. The ever expanding regulatory environment also necessitates costly testing and on-going compliance support. Finally, new entries into the car seat market that accommodate lower birth weight infants have reduced the demand for the car bed.

Please be aware that the lack of information has nothing to do with our distributors or customers as they have been requesting information regarding availability for some time. We encourage you to contact your distributor for alternate product resources that may meet your needs.

All of us at Angel Guard thank you for your long term support in the past and continued support. We regret having to make this decision and again apologize for the delay in providing information regarding the status and future of the product.

Best Regards,
The Angel Guard Team



Child Passenger Safety Trainings

The **CPS Certification** course provides the training necessary to become a certified CPS technician. This four-day course establishes CPS certification for a two-year cycle. The fee is \$85. To register, go to cert.safekids.org.

The **CPS Renewal** course is for CPS technicians with an expired certification. The one-day course allows re-certification for a two-year cycle. The fee is \$85. To register, go to cert.safekids.org.

The **TIPP CPS Technical Update** class has been pre-approved for 6 CEUs towards re-certification. Please contact TIPP if you are interested in hosting an Update class for CPS technicians in your area.

For questions on how to create a personal profile or register for a class, please go to <http://cert.safekids.org/ResourcesFAQs/Howto.aspx>.

Certification Courses	Update Course : Please RSVP if planning to attend. Class earns 6 CEUs toward CPS Recertification		
<p>Chester County Course ID: PA2018010951 Date: April 16, 17, 23, 24, 2018 Time: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm West Goshen Township Police Dept 1025 Paoli Pike West Chester, PA 19380 Contact: Lori Aguilera Phone: 610-344-5557 Email: laguilera@chesco.org</p> <p>Erie County Course ID: PA201711211133 Date: April 17 - 20, 2018 Time: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm 8281 Oliver Road Perry Highway Hose Company Erie, PA 16509 Contact: Mary Lakari Phone: 814-838-9971 Email: mlakari@paaap.org</p> <p>Bucks County Course ID: PA20180216281 Date: May 2-5, 2018 Time: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm Upper Makefield Fire Co 1221 Taylorsville Road Washington Crossing, PA 18977 Contact: Teresa DeSantis Phone: 484-446-3078 Email: tdesantis@paaap.org</p> <p>Lackawanna County Course ID: PA 2018010948 Date: May 15-18, 2018 Time: 9:00 am-5:00 pm John Hancock Memorial Lodge 1 Aston Mountain Road Moosic, PA 18507 Contact: Cathy Connors Phone: 570-471-3026 Email: cconnors@paaap.org</p> <p>Lehigh County Course ID: PA20180322405 Date: June 21, 22, 26, 27, 2018 Time: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm Cetronia EMS and Joint Operations Center 4300 Broadway Allentown, PA 18104 Contact: Bill McQuilken Phone: 610-402-9047 William_d.mcquilken@lvhn.org</p> <p>Union County Course ID: PA2018010314 Date: October 23-25, 2018 Time: 8:00 am-5:00 pm Evangelical Community Health & Wellness 3 Hospital Drive, Suite 120 Lewisburg, PA 17837 Contact: Kelly Whitaker Phone: 814-943-3360 kwhitaker@paaap.org</p>	<p>Warren County Date: April 6, 2018 Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Youngsville Police Department 40 Railroad Street Youngsville, PA 16371 Contact: Mary Lakari Phone: 814-838-9971 Email: mlakari@paaap.org</p> <p>Crawford County Date: April 9, 2018 Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Pennsylvania State Police—NW Training Center 195 Valley View Drive Meadville, PA 16335 Contact: Mary Lakari Phone: 814-838-9971 Email: mlakari@paaap.org</p> <p>Montour County Date: April 12, 2018 Time: 9:30 am - 3:30 pm Geisinger Medical Center 100 N. Academy Avenue Danville, PA 17822 Contact: Cathy Connors Phone: 570-471-3026 Email: cconnors@paaap.org</p> <p>Wayne County Date: April 20, 2018 Time: 9:30 am - 3:30 pm Children and Youth Services 648 Park Street Honesdale, PA 18431 Contact: Cathy Connors Phone: 570-471-3026 Email: cconnors@paaap.org</p>	<p>Venango County Date: April 23, 2018 Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm UPMC Seneca Place South classroom 3163 State Route 257 Seneca, PA 16346 Contact: Mary Lakari Phone: 814-838-9971 Email: mlakari@paaap.org</p> <p>Lycoming County Date: April 24, 2018 Time: 9:30 am - 3:30 pm Montoursville Borough Building 617 North Loyalsock Ave. Montoursville, PA 17754 Time: 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM Contact: Cathy Connors Phone: 570-471-3026 Email: cconnors@paaap.org</p> <p>Monroe County Date: May 2, 2018 Time: 9:30 am-3:30 am Monroe County Emergency Management / Public Safety Center 100 Gypsum Road Stroudsburg, PA 18360 Contact: Cathy Connors Phone: 570-471-3026 Email: cconnors@paaap.org</p> <p>Wyoming County Date: May 8, 2018 Time: 9:30 am-3:30 am Wyoming County Emergency Operations Center 388- SR6 Tunkhannock, PA 18657 Contact: Cathy Connors Phone: 570-471-3026 Email: cconnors@paaap.org</p>	<p>Montgomery County Date: May 17, 2018 Time: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Abington Training Center 2200 Florey Lane Abington, PA 19001 Contact: Teresa DeSantis Phone: 484-446-3078 Email: tdesantis@paaap.org</p> <p>Union County Date: May 31, 2108 Time: 9:30 am-3:30 pm Evangelical Community Health & Wellness Dept. 1 Hospital Drive Lewisburg, PA 17837 Contact: Kelly Whitaker or Deana Carson Phone: Kelly 814-943-3360 Deana 570-768-3201 kwhitaker@paaap.org deana.carson@evanhospital.com</p> <p>Bradford County Date: May 31, 2018 Time: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm Greater Valley EMS 901 N. Lehigh Ave Sayre PA 18840 Contact: Cathy Connors Phone: 570-471-3026 Email: cconnors@paaap.org</p> <p>Somerset County Date: June 21, 2018 Time: 9 am - 4 pm Northern EMS 1620 Somerset Ave Windber, PA 15963 Contact: Kelly Whitaker Phone: 814-943-3360 Email: kwhitaker@paaap.org</p>
Renewal Courses			
	<p>Lycoming County Course ID PA201711291148 Date: April 18, 2018 Time: 9:00 am-5:00 pm Montoursville Borough Building 617 North Loyalsock Avenue Montoursville, PA 17754 Contact: Cathy Connors Phone: 570-471-3026 Email: cconnors@paaap.org</p> <p>Centre County Course ID PA20180306341 Date: May 16, 2018 Time: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm PSP Rockview 745 S Eagle Valley Rd. Bellefonte, 16823 Contact: Kelly Whitaker Phone: 814-943-3360 Email: kwhitaker@paaap.org</p>	<p>Mercer County Course ID: PA201711301153 Date: June 4, 2018 Time: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Sharon Fire Department 155 West Connelly Boulevard Sharon, PA 16146 Contact: Mary Lakari Phone: 814-838-9971 Email: mlakari@paaap.org</p> <p>Somerset County Course ID: PA20180222300 Date: July 10, 2018 Time: 9 am - 5 pm Northern EMS 1620 Somerset Ave Windber, PA 15963 Contact: Kelly Whitaker Phone: 814-943-3360 Email: kwhitaker@paaap.org</p>	<p>Wayne County Course ID: PA20180326412 Date: August 14, 2018 Time: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Wayne Memorial Hospital 601 Park Street Honesdale, PA 18431 Contact: Cathy Connors Phone: 570-471-3026 Email: cconnors@paaap.org</p> <div data-bbox="1190 1696 1555 2043"> <p>CPS Technical Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CPS Technical Update class is available upon request. Contact your TIPP regional coordinator to schedule a presentation in your region. Participation will earn 6 CPS CEUs toward recertification. • The Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission (MPOETC) has approved the CPS Technical Update provides 6 Continuing Law Enforcement Education (CLEE) credit hours.  </div>

