

## Definition/Description:

Proportion of Vehicle Occupants Wearing Seat Belts, By Province, Territory and Canada, 1993 – 1994 and 1996 – 2001. This data includes occupants of light-duty vehicles, including passenger cars, passenger vans and light trucks. The Manitoba Public Insurance agency has stated that use of seat belts can reduce the risk of serious injury or death in a collision by almost 50%.

## Source:

The data for this indicator was extracted from Transport Canada Website:  
[http://www.tc.gc.ca/roadsafety/tp2436/rs200107/en/tab1\\_e.htm](http://www.tc.gc.ca/roadsafety/tp2436/rs200107/en/tab1_e.htm) Accessed February 18, 2004.

## Findings:

### Percentage of all Vehicle Occupants Wearing Seat Belts, By Province, Territory and for Canada as a Whole, 1993 - 2001

Province - Territory	1993	1994	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Nfld.	94.5	93.6	91.9	92.4	86.4	82.9	92.7	92.1
P.E.I.	77.8	84.5	87.5	82.6	82.7	88.5	85.7	86.7
N.S.	83.5	83.2	88.2	87.1	88.5	86.6	86.5	88.0
N.B.	82.1	84.9	86.6	86.5	87.9	85.9	91.5	91.4
Que.	88.8	89.8	90.3	91.7	92.3	93.0	91.4	89.0
Ont.	79.4	86.3	89.9	89.2	89.1	91.0	91.7	92.5
<b>Man.</b>	<b>80.2</b>	<b>82.6</b>	<b>82.4</b>	<b>84.8</b>	<b>84.4</b>	<b>85.3</b>	<b>84.2</b>	<b>82.3</b>
Sask.	89.4	87.7	89.6	91.7	89.7	88.2	90.0	91.7
Alta.	81.0	83.1	85.1	83.7	82.4	89.3	87.2	84.9
B.C.	86.4	88.3	88.7	89.4	89.7	89.2	88.7	90.8
Y.T.	72.8	68.2	81.2	83.4	82.1	82.1	79.3	78.1
N.W.T.	51.5	67.4	54.9	64.3	52.6	61.1	60.7	62.7
Nunavut	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	13.4
<b>Canada</b>	<b>83.4</b>	<b>86.8</b>	<b>88.7</b>	<b>88.9</b>	<b>88.7</b>	<b>90.1</b>	<b>90.1</b>	<b>89.9</b>

**Percentage of all Vehicle Occupants Wearing Seat Belts, by Selected Age Group and by Vehicle Type, By Province, Territory and for Canada as a Whole, as at July 2001**

Province/ Territory	Passenger Cars			Passenger Vans			Light Trucks			Total L-D Vehicles**		
	< 25 (%)	25-49 (%)	50+ (%)	< 25 (%)	25-49 (%)	50+ (%)	< 25 (%)	25-49 (%)	50+ (%)	< 25 (%)	25-49 (%)	50+ (%)
Nfld.	94.4	93.9	90.1	97.1	91.9	93.6	83.0	89.2	93.6	94.3	93.2	91.3
P.E.I.	85.0	92.6	90.9	82.3	90.2	96.0	70.6	72.9	77.1	83.1	89.3	89.1
N.S.	86.8	90.4	90.7	85.1	87.0	84.4	60.0	71.6	77.4	86.1	88.5	88.5
N.B.	88.9	93.6	93.1	68.0	92.4	91.7	93.9	82.6	85.2	88.1	92.1	92.2
Que.	92.0	91.6	90.2	100.0	90.9	88.3	94.2	82.5	91.9	92.6	91.2	89.9
Ont.	93.2	94.1	93.5	92.2	94.6	93.1	84.6	85.3	83.9	92.7	93.7	93.0
<b>Man.</b>	<b>77.4</b>	<b>84.6</b>	<b>88.3</b>	<b>87.1</b>	<b>84.1</b>	<b>79.4</b>	<b>66.0</b>	<b>69.5</b>	<b>69.3</b>	<b>77.8</b>	<b>83.3</b>	<b>85.2</b>
Sask.	94.2	94.2	96.4	90.1	92.5	94.2	77.7	85.2	89.9	93.1	92.8	95.1
Alta.	84.1	86.8	87.4	82.1	84.6	89.9	85.5	75.9	83.6	83.3	85.4	87.7
B.C.	88.2	93.0	94.7	82.3	92.1	92.2	79.5	88.6	87.1	86.8	92.4	93.6
Y.T.	75.7	79.4	82.7	59.6	81.1	78.7	59.5	77.2	69.4	68.9	79.9	79.3
N.W.T.	68.8	66.2	72.3	60.0	65.4	73.0	36.9	54.2	64.6	60.2	64.0	71.0
Nunavut	37.5	17.3	35.3	14.4	15.9	17.6	4.3	6.2	5.8	14.9	13.0	15.2
<b>Canada</b>	<b>90.2</b>	<b>92.0</b>	<b>91.9</b>	<b>90.7</b>	<b>91.7</b>	<b>90.9</b>	<b>84.5</b>	<b>83.1</b>	<b>85.7</b>	<b>89.6</b>	<b>91.2</b>	<b>91.0</b>

\*\* Includes light duty trucks with back seats

### Highlights:

- The data in these tables are available at the provincial level only. It illustrates that seat belt use in Manitoba has ranged between 80.2% in 1991 to 85.3% in 1999, and that our use of seat belts has consistently been lower than that of most other provinces and of Canada as a whole. This is true for all age groups and all vehicle types. The only exception to this is occupants of passenger vans, who are aged less than 25 years. In this case, Manitoba ranks 5th.