Driving behaviors among Nebraska adolescents, 2010

2010 Nebraska Youth Risk Behavior Survey Quick Facts:

- Half of 9th-12th grade students reported talking on the phone while driving, while nearly half reported texting/e-mailing while driving.
- Nearly 1 in 4 students reported riding in a car with a driver who’d been drinking alcohol, while 1 in 14 reported driving after drinking alcohol at least once in the past 30 days.
- About 2 in 3 males and 3 in 5 females reported not always wearing a seatbelt.

Figure 1: Percentage of 9th-12th grade students who reported texting/e-mailing or talking on a cell phone while driving in the past 30 days, by frequency

Source: 2010 NE Youth Risk Behavior Survey

According to the 2010 Injury in Nebraska report, motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of injury death among Nebraska residents. These deaths are most common among adolescents.

Figure 2: Percentage of 9th-12th grade students who reported riding with driver who had been drinking or driving after drinking in the past 30 days, by frequency

Source: 2010 NE Youth Risk Behavior Survey

Figure 3: Percentage of 9th-12th grade students who reported wearing a seat belt when riding in a car driven by someone else in the past 30 days, by frequency and gender

Source: 2010 NE Youth Risk Behavior Survey

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