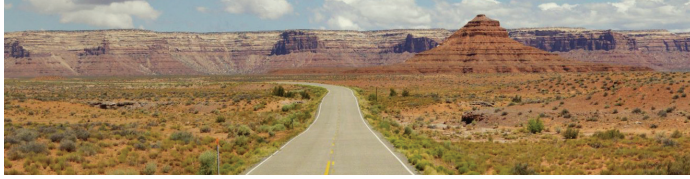


# Statistical Report



## *Law Enforcement*

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### **Based on the 2020 Law Enforcement Survey on Seat Belt Use in Iron County**

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## Background

The following results are based on the Utah Law Enforcement Survey on Seat Belt Use in Iron County, Utah, conducted by the Center for Health and Safety Culture at Montana State University between June 29 and September 2, 2020. The survey was implemented online. An email was sent to each of the law enforcement leaders of the law enforcement agencies in Iron County (municipal police departments, sheriff office, and Utah Highway Patrol Section office) by the law enforcement liaison with the Utah Highway Safety Office. These leaders were asked to send an email to their officers requesting their participation.

Approximately 122 officers were eligible to take the survey, and 88 responded (or 72%).

### 1. Q1 While on duty, when was the last time you drove without wearing your seat belt?

N	today	in the past week	in the past month	in the past 3 months	in the past year	more than a year ago	never	
75	9.3%	14.7%	8.0%	4.0%	6.7%	9.3%	48.0%	100.0%

### 2. Q2A In general, when you are on duty and driving, how often do you wear your seat belt?

N	(2)	(3)	About half the time (4)	(5)	(6)	Always (7)	
75	1.3%	1.3%	5.3%	8.0%	26.7%	57.3%	100.0%

### 3. Q2B In your opinion, when on duty and driving, how often do most people in your agency wear their seat belts? Even if you are not sure, just give your best guess.

N	(2)	(3)	About half the time (4)	(5)	(6)	Always (7)	
72	1.4%	1.4%	9.7%	20.8%	41.7%	25.0%	100.0%

4. Why do you not always wear your seat belt when driving on duty?

- Occasionally I will drive a short distance and due to the short distance I just don't think to put the seat belt on.
- i just forget to put it on till it beeps at me
- While in the area of Suspicious or ATL Persons.
- Uncomfortable while on duty.
- Because it obstructs my gun
- I am worried I will get trapped in my vehicle
- Duty Gear gets in the way and its easier to get out of the vehicle
- going on slow back roads, with no to little traffic
- Sometimes it isn't practical. Depending on the situation.
- Didn't put it on before starting to drive but did after a minute.
- I don't always remember to put it back on immediately and drive a short distance before putting it back on. I also sometimes don't put it on when driving on back roads or making quick contacts.
- Blocks my gun
- To get out of the car faster
- Getting ready for a call or traffic stop
- I feel it is better to be able to get out of the vehicle quickly and when I am running code or in a pursuit it is for sure one.
- Going a short distance 100 yards or so
- Type of call I am working. Or short distance to drive (1 block or less)
- Quick getaway or moving from one spot to another
- Our area is very small and low traffic.
- Forgetfulness
- short trips around town
- Only if driving a short distance or it is released when arriving on a scene, but not fully stopped.
- Sometimes when only travelling a block or two and there is a possibility to exit the vehicle quickly.

5. Q3\_1 When off duty and driving within a few miles from home... - How often do you wear your seat belt?

N	About half of the time			Always	
	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	
71	14.1%	8.5%	23.9%	53.5%	100.0%

6. Q3\_2 When off duty and driving within a few miles from home... - How often do most adults in your county wear their seat belt?

N	(2)	(3)	About half of the time		Always		
			(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	
71	4.2%	2.8%	42.3%	32.4%	12.7%	5.6%	100.0%

7. Q4\_1 When off duty and driving many miles from home... - How often do you wear your seat belt?

N	About half of the time			Always	
	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	
71	1.4%	1.4%	11.3%	85.9%	100.0%

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8. Q4\_2 When off duty and driving many miles from home... - How often do most adults in your county wear their seat belt?

N	(3)	About half of the time (4)	(5)	(6)	Always (7)	
70	2.9%	31.4%	32.9%	25.7%	7.1%	100.0%

9. Q5\_1 In general, when off duty... - How often do you wear your seat belt?

N	About half of the time (4)	(5)	(6)	Always (7)	
71	7.0%	4.2%	32.4%	56.3%	100.0%

10. Q5\_2 In general, when off duty... - How often do most adults in your county wear their seat belt?

N	(2)	(3)	About half of the time (4)	(5)	(6)	Always (7)	
71	4.2%	2.8%	35.2%	38.0%	16.9%	2.8%	100.0%

11. Q6\_1 How would people in the following categories respond to this statement? "It is important to protect myself by always wearing a seat belt." - YOU

N	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Mostly agree	Strongly agree	
70	1.4%	1.4%	1.4%	4.3%	27.1%	64.3%	100.0%

12. Q6\_2 How would people in the following categories respond to this statement? "It is important to protect myself by always wearing a seat belt." - MOST people in your agency

N	Strongly disagree	Mostly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Mostly agree	Strongly agree	
70	1.4%	1.4%	1.4%	1.4%	8.6%	45.7%	40.0%	100.0%

13. Q6\_3 How would people in the following categories respond to this statement? "It is important to protect myself by always wearing a seat belt." - MOST adults in your county

N	Somewhat disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Mostly agree	Strongly agree	
70	4.3%	17.1%	37.1%	27.1%	14.3%	100.0%

14. Q7\_1 Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements. - "I wear a seat belt because I want to set a good example for my community."

N	Strongly disagree	Mostly disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Mostly agree	Strongly agree	
68	4.4%	2.9%	17.6%	19.1%	11.8%	44.1%	100.0%

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14. Q7\_1 Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements. - "I wear a seat belt because I want to set a good example for my community."

N	Strongly disagree	Mostly disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Mostly agree	Strongly agree	
68	4.4%	2.9%	17.6%	19.1%	11.8%	44.1%	100.0%

15. Q7\_2 Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements. - "I wear a seat belt because I want to set a good example for my children."

N	Strongly disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Mostly agree	Strongly agree	
68	2.9%	2.9%	8.8%	14.7%	70.6%	100.0%

16. Q7\_3 Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements. - "I wear a seat belt because my agency requires that I do."

N	Strongly disagree	Mostly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Mostly agree	Strongly agree
68	8.8%	2.9%	1.5%	16.2%	11.8%	11.8%	47.1%
							100.0%

17. Q7\_4 Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements. - "Seat belts are just as likely to harm you as help you."

N	Strongly disagree	Mostly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Mostly agree	
68	45.6%	26.5%	7.4%	14.7%	2.9%	2.9%	100.0%

18. Q7\_5 Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements. - "People are less likely to be seriously injured or killed if they always wear their seat belt."

N	Strongly disagree	Mostly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Mostly agree	Strongly agree
68	4.4%	1.5%	1.5%	4.4%	2.9%	13.2%	72.1%
							100.0%

19. Q8\_1 Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements. - "I believe I should always wear a seat belt."

N	Strongly disagree	Mostly disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Mostly agree	Strongly agree	
68	4.4%	1.5%	4.4%	7.4%	13.2%	69.1%	100.0%

20. Q8\_2 Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements. - "My supervisor expects me to always wear a seat belt."

N	Strongly disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Mostly agree	Strongly agree	
68	4.4%	1.5%	2.9%	14.7%	76.5%	100.0%

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21. Q8\_3 Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements. - "My Chief/Sheriff/Colonel expects me to always wear a seat belt."

N	Strongly disagree	Somewhat agree	Mostly agree	Strongly agree	
68	4.4%	2.9%	8.8%	83.8%	100.0%

22. Q8\_4 Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements. - "I want people I care about to always wear a seat belt."

N	Strongly disagree	Somewhat agree	Mostly agree	Strongly agree	
68	4.4%	2.9%	10.3%	82.4%	100.0%

23. Q8\_5 Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements. - "People who care about me want me to always wear a seat belt."

N	Strongly disagree	Somewhat agree	Mostly agree	Strongly agree	
68	4.4%	5.9%	14.7%	75.0%	100.0%

24. Q9\_1 How would people in the following categories respond to this statement? "I believe local law enforcement should enforce Utah seat belt laws." - YOU

N	Strongly disagree	Mostly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Mostly agree	Strongly agree	
67	3.0%	1.5%	3.0%	11.9%	14.9%	26.9%	38.8%	100.0%

25. Q9\_2 How would people in the following categories respond to this statement? "I believe local law enforcement should enforce Utah seat belt laws." - MOST people in your agency

N	Strongly disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Mostly agree	Strongly agree	
67	3.0%	13.4%	17.9%	35.8%	29.9%	100.0%

26. Q9\_3 How would people in the following categories respond to this statement? "I believe local law enforcement should enforce Utah seat belt laws." - YOUR supervisor

N	Strongly disagree	Mostly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Mostly agree	Strongly agree	
67	3.0%	1.5%	1.5%	6.0%	13.4%	25.4%	49.3%	100.0%

27. Q9\_4 How would people in the following categories respond to this statement? "I believe local law enforcement should enforce Utah seat belt laws." - The highest leader in your agency

N	Strongly disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Mostly agree	Strongly agree	
67	3.0%	6.0%	7.5%	20.9%	62.7%	100.0%

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28. Q9\_5 How would people in the following categories respond to this statement? "I believe local law enforcement should enforce Utah seat belt laws." - MOST adults in your county

N	Strongly disagree	Mostly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Mostly agree	Strongly agree	
67	1.5%	1.5%	13.4%	29.9%	26.9%	19.4%	7.5%	100.0%

29. Q10\_1 Please indicate how much YOU agree or disagree with the following statements: - "I am comfortable wearing my seat belt if others in the vehicle are not."

N	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Mostly agree	Strongly agree	
67	1.5%	1.5%	1.5%	1.5%	13.4%	80.6%	100.0%

30. Q10\_2 Please indicate how much YOU agree or disagree with the following statements: - "I don't always wear a seat belt because I have to be able to get out of my vehicle quickly."

N	Strongly disagree	Mostly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Mostly agree	Strongly agree	
67	29.9%	22.4%	1.5%	10.4%	11.9%	10.4%	13.4%	100.0%

31. Q10\_3 Please indicate how much YOU agree or disagree with the following statements: - "I find it difficult to always use a seat belt because of all the equipment I am wearing."

N	Strongly disagree	Mostly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Mostly agree	Strongly agree	
67	29.9%	20.9%	3.0%	6.0%	17.9%	10.4%	11.9%	100.0%

32. Q11 Does your family have a rule about always wearing a seat belt?

N	No	Yes	I don't know	I live alone	
67	6.0%	88.1%	1.5%	4.5%	100.0%

33. Q12 Does your agency have a policy about always wearing a seat belt?

N	Yes	I don't know	
67	97.0%	3.0%	100.0%

34. Q13\_1 Thinking back over the past 12 months, how often did the following people enforce Utah's seat belt law when in a situation with an adult who was in violation? Even if you are not sure, give your best guess. - YOU

N	Never (1)	(2)	(3)	About half of the time (4)	(5)	(6)	Always (7)	
64	17.2%	6.3%	7.8%	15.6%	15.6%	21.9%	15.6%	100.0%



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35. Q13\_2 Thinking back over the past 12 months, how often did the following people enforce Utah's seat belt law when in a situation with an adult who was in violation? Even if you are not sure, give your best guess. - MOST officers in your agency

	Never			About half of the time			Always	
N	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	
63	4.8%	14.3%	11.1%	25.4%	15.9%	20.6%	7.9%	100.0%

36. Q14\_1 Thinking back over the past 12 months, how often did you enforce Utah's seat belt law when in a situation with... - a child (age 8 to 18) who was in violation?

	Never			About half of the time			Always	
N	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	
64	10.9%	3.1%	6.3%	12.5%	7.8%	23.4%	35.9%	100.0%

37. Q14\_2 Thinking back over the past 12 months, how often did you enforce Utah's seat belt law when in a situation with... - a child younger than age 8 who was in violation?

	Never			About half of the time			Always	
N	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	
64	9.4%	3.1%	3.1%	7.8%	4.7%	21.9%	50.0%	100.0%

38. Q15\_1 Please indicate how much YOU agree or disagree with the following statements. - "I believe my agency supports enforcement of Utah's seat belt laws for adults."

	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Mostly agree	Strongly agree	
N							
64	3.1%	1.6%	4.7%	10.9%	18.8%	60.9%	100.0%

39. Q15\_2 Please indicate how much YOU agree or disagree with the following statements. - "My supervisor has made it clear to me that I am expected to enforce Utah's seat belt laws for adults."

	Strongly disagree	Mostly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Mostly agree	Strongly agree	
N								
64	4.7%	3.1%	3.1%	20.3%	6.3%	21.9%	40.6%	100.0%

40. Q16 To the best of your knowledge, does your agency participate in the "Click It or Ticket" campaign?

	No	Yes	I don't know	
N				
64	14.1%	57.8%	28.1%	100.0%

41. Q17 To the best of your knowledge, how often does your agency engage in any special seat belt enforcement activities?

	Never	Once a year	Twice a year	More than twice a year	
N					
64	29.7%	31.3%	12.5%	26.6%	100.0%