



# YRBSS

National Youth Risk Behavior Survey: 1991-2003

*Trends in the Prevalence of Behaviors That Contribute to Unintentional Injury*

## What Is the National Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS)?

The national YRBS monitors priority health risk behaviors that contribute to the leading causes of death, disability, and social problems among youth and adults in the United States. The national YRBS is conducted every two years during the spring semester and provides data representative of 9th through 12th grade students in public and private schools throughout the United States.

1991	1993	1995	1997	1999	2001	2003	Changes from 1991 – 2003 <sup>1</sup>	Change from 2001 – 2003 <sup>2</sup>
<b>Rarely or never wore seatbelts</b> (When riding in a car driven by someone else.)								
25.9 (±5.3) <sup>3</sup>	19.1 (±2.6)	21.7 (±3.4)	19.3 (±3.4)	16.4 (±2.8)	14.1 (±1.7)	18.2 (±4.2)	Decreased, 1991 – 2003	No change
<b>Rarely or never wore bicycle helmets</b> (Among students who had ridden a bicycle during the 12 months preceding the survey.)								
96.2 (±1.2)	92.8 (±2.4)	92.8 (±1.5)	88.4 (±4.3)	85.3 (±3.6)	84.7 (±2.9)	85.9 (±3.2)	Decreased, 1991 – 2001 No change, 2001 – 2003	No change
<b>Rode with a driver who had been drinking alcohol</b> (In a car or other vehicle one or more times during the 30 days preceding the survey.)								
39.9 (±2.2)	35.3 (±2.6)	38.8 (±3.7)	36.6 (±2.1)	33.1 (±2.2)	30.7 (±2.0)	30.2 (±2.1)	Decreased, 1991 – 2003	No change
<b>Drove after drinking alcohol</b> (In a car or other vehicle one or more times during the 30 days preceding the survey.)								
16.7 (±1.8)	13.5 (±1.9)	15.4 (±3.3)	16.9 (±2.8)	13.1 (±1.2)	13.3 (±1.5)	12.1 (±1.2)	Decreased, 1991 – 2003	No change

<sup>1</sup> Based on linear and quadratic trend analyses using a logistic regression model controlling for sex, race/ethnicity, and grade.

<sup>2</sup> Based on T-test analyses.

<sup>3</sup> 95% confidence interval.

### Where can I find more information?

More information about the YRBSS is available at [www.cdc.gov/yrbss](http://www.cdc.gov/yrbss) or call (888)231-6405.



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