

## REPORTED RESTRAINT USE - CHILDREN

**On July 1, 2008, Michigan law was amended** (<http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?mcl-257-710e>)

**To:**

*Any child under four years of age must be in an approved Child Safety Seat (CSS)/Child Restraint Device (CRD), and riding in the rear seat.*  
and

*All children less than 8 years of age AND who are less than 4'9" in height, must be properly restrained in a child restraint system.*  
and

*All children ages 8 through 15 must wear a properly adjusted and fastened safety belt when riding in either the front or back seat of a vehicle.*

Note 1: These tables exclude drivers.

Restraint Usage	Children Age 0		Fatal	Injury		
	Number	% Total		A	B	C
Belts Used	33	18.4	0	1	8	24
No Belts Used	4	2.2	0	0	2	2
Child Restraint Used	126	70.4	2	1	21	102
Child Restraint Not Used	4	2.2	1	0	1	2
Restraint Failed	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
Unknown	12	6.7	0	0	5	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>137</b>

Restraint Usage	Children Age 1		Fatal	Injury		
	Number	% Total		A	B	C
Belts Used	17	9.0	0	0	3	14
No Belts Used	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
Child Restraint Used	152	80.4	0	11	29	112
Child Restraint Not Used	11	5.8	0	3	3	5
Restraint Failed	1	0.5	0	0	1	0
Unknown	8	4.2	0	0	1	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>138</b>

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Restraint Usage	Children Age 2		Fatal	Injury		
	Number	% Total		A	B	C
Belts Used	14	7.7	0	0	1	13
No Belts Used	3	1.7	0	0	1	2
Child Restraint Used	147	81.2	2	4	34	107
Child Restraint Not Used	13	7.2	1	0	5	7
Restraint Failed	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
Unknown	4	2.2	0	0	1	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>132</b>

Restraint Usage	Children Age 3		Fatal	Injury		
	Number	% Total		A	B	C
Belts Used	28	13.5	0	2	10	16
No Belts Used	3	1.4	0	1	1	1
Child Restraint Used	157	75.8	1	9	41	106
Child Restraint Not Used	14	6.8	0	2	4	8
Restraint Failed	1	0.5	0	1	0	0
Unknown	4	1.9	0	0	0	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>135</b>

Restraint Usage	Children Age 4-7		Fatal	Injury		
	Number	% Total		A	B	C
Belts Used	355	37.5	2	16	81	256
No Belts Used	62	6.5	0	11	17	34
Child Restraint Used	446	47.1	0	14	93	339
Child Restraint Not Used	47	5.0	0	6	22	19
Restraint Failed	2	0.2	1	1	0	0
Unknown	35	3.7	0	2	11	22
<b>Total</b>	<b>947</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>670</b>

Restraint Usage	Children Age 8-15		Fatal	Injury		
	Number	% Total		A	B	C
Belts Used	2,112	80.7	5	117	510	1,480
No Belts Used	275	10.5	5	37	89	144
Child Restraint Used	65	2.5	1	1	6	57
Child Restraint Not Used	8	0.3	0	1	3	4
Restraint Failed	3	0.1	0	0	2	1
Unknown	154	5.9	1	16	31	106
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,617</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>641</b>	<b>1,792</b>

Note 2: Safety equipment usage is often self-reported and may not reflect actual usage.

Note 3: Information about uninjured passengers does not have to be reported by the officer on the crash report, thus these tables relate the experience of only those children with injuries in crashes