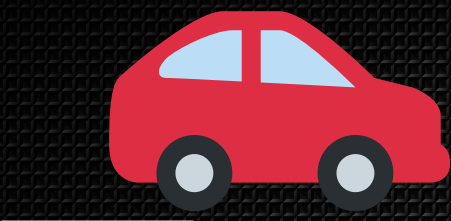


# Are Iowa Children Buckled Up?

Results from Iowa's 2023 Child Passenger Restraint Survey



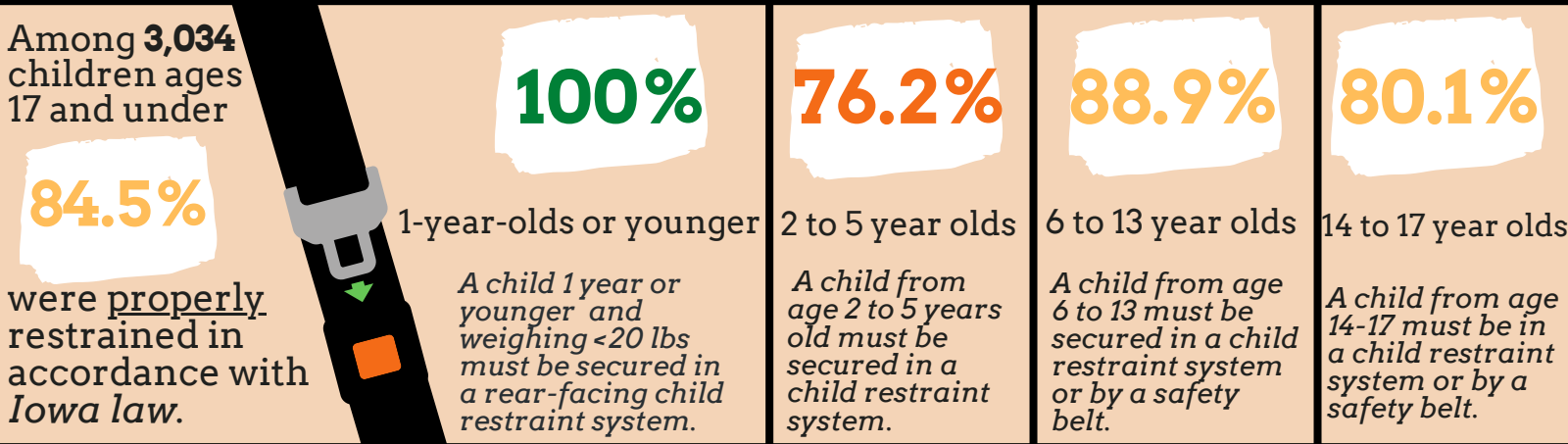
91.7%

of children were restrained by any means.

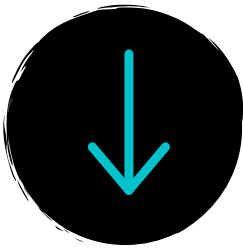
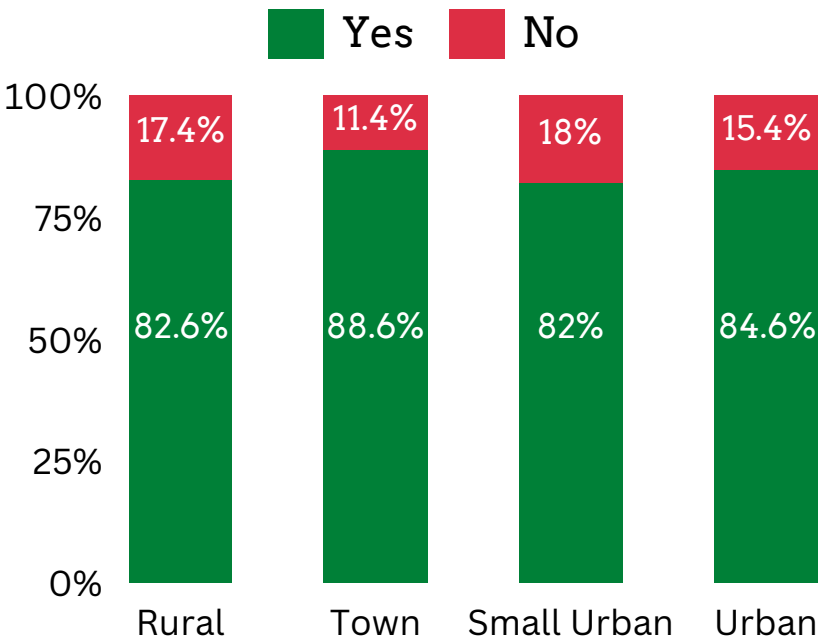
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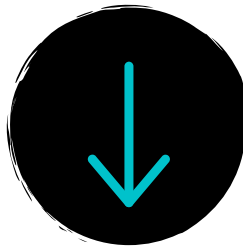
% Properly Restrained in Accordance with Iowa Law



## Proper Child Passenger Restraint Use by Community Size



7.4% Decrease in Properly Restrained Children in 2023 Compared to 2022



14.2% Decrease in Unrestrained Children in the Back Seat in 2023 Compared to 2022



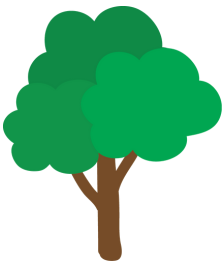
## Key Findings

- Children between the ages 2 to 5 had the highest rate of being improperly restrained (booster or seatbelt only instead of a child safety seat).
- The lowest proper restraint use rates occurred in the small urban communities (10,000-49,999), these communities also had the lowest restraint rates by any means.
- 2023 had the lowest rate of restrained children by any means in the past 5 years.
- Observed driver restraint rates in 2023 decreased by 6.5% with the previous year (93.3% vs 99.8%).

## Implications

The greatest potential impact for efforts to increase restraint are in small urban and rural areas and among young children, especially toddlers.

We surveyed 36 communities ranging in a population from 1,400 to 217,000.



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