

Texas Motor Vehicle Crashes

in children younger than 15 years old



In 2021,
46.2% of people
killed in a motor
vehicle were **not
restrained** at the
time of the crash.



1 reportable crash occurred
every minute.



1 person was injured every
2 minutes.



1 person was killed every 2 hours.

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) 2021 Texas Motor Vehicle Crashes



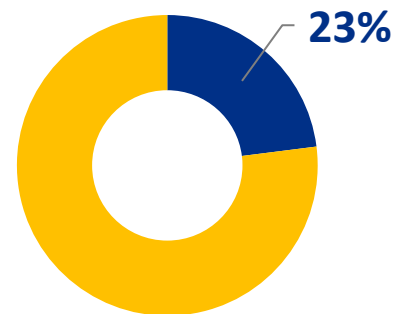
In 2020, **1,501** children died in the
U.S. in a motor vehicle crash. Of
those, **150** were children in Texas.

Most fatalities (**41.1 %**) were children
ages 10-14.

WISQARS 2020 Motor Vehicle Traffic Deaths

Overall Restraint Use

For children ages 0-15, **23%** were completely
unrestrained at the time of the crash.



Injury Prevention Unit EMS, Trauma, and TxDOT CRIS 2019-2020 linkage



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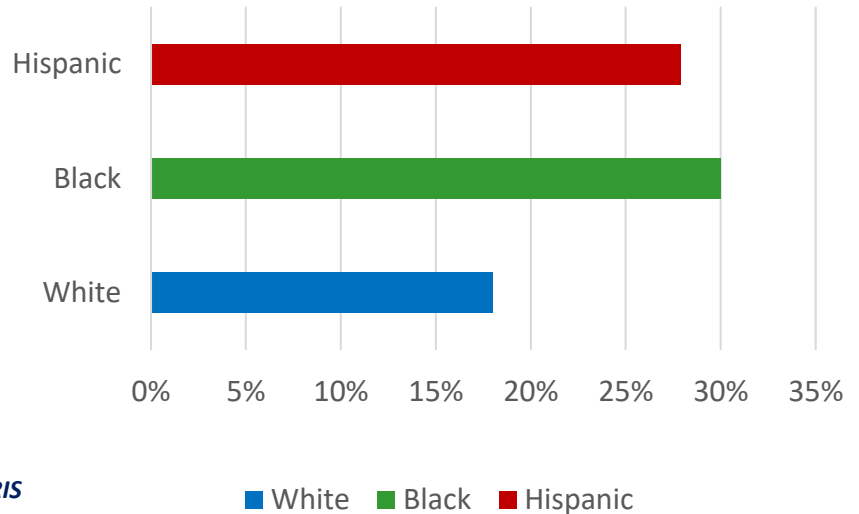


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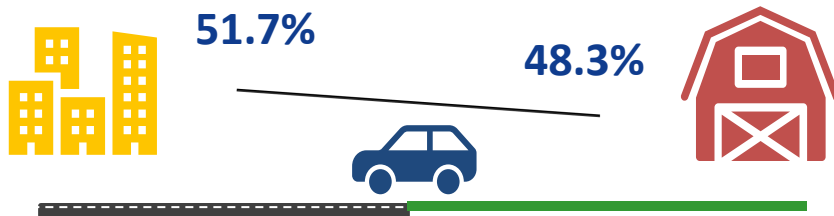
Non-Restraint Percentage by Race and Ethnicity

More **Hispanic** and **Black** children were **unrestrained** when compared to **White** children (**27.9%** and **30%** compared to **18%**).



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Urban vs. Rural Motor Vehicle Crash Injuries



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More crashes occurred in urban areas (**51.7%**) vs. rural areas (**48.3%**).

But more rural injuries (**42.1%**) were considered disabling compared to urban areas (**33.6%**).

Resources

DSHS Safe Riders dshs.texas.gov/injury-prevention/safe-riders

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration nhtsa.gov/

Texas Department of Transportation txdot.gov/

American Academy of Pediatrics Child Safety Seat Information [Child Passenger Safety | Pediatrics | American Academy of Pediatrics \(aap.org\)](https://www.aap.org/child-passenger-safety)

Safe Kids Worldwide safekids.org/