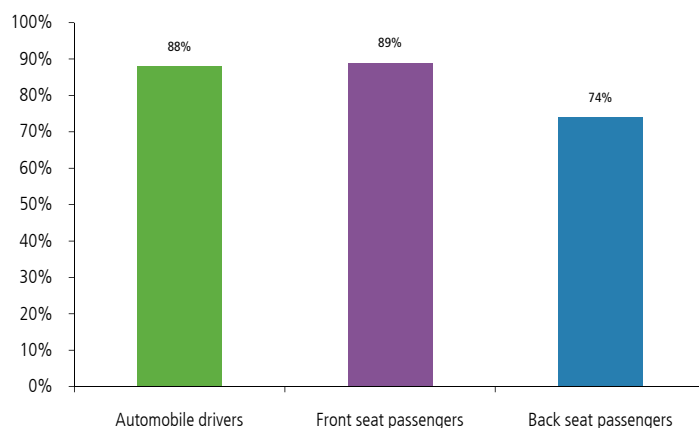


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## Seat belt use in Switzerland

**Proportion of automobile drivers, front seat passengers and back seat passengers wearing seat-belts, in per cent, 2010**



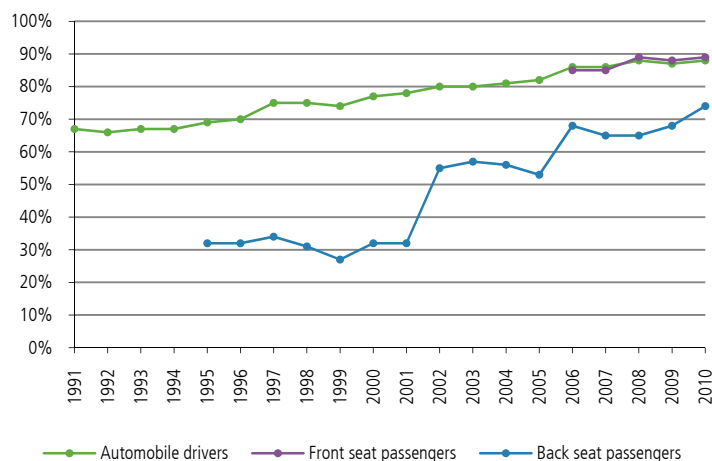
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In 2010, the increase in the proportion of automobile drivers and front-seat passengers wearing seat belts was insignificant. The proportion of back-seat passengers wearing seat belts continued to increase, but is still clearly short of the other two figures.

The proportion of drivers and passengers wearing seat belts in the Ticino fell short of the previous year's figures. The very positive result achieved in 2009 is presumably attributable to the public discussion on road safety. Current results do not confirm any lasting effect due to media presence.

**Proportion of automobile drivers, front seat passengers and back seat passengers wearing seat-belts, in per cent, 1991–2010**



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The development of the proportion of automobile drivers and front-seat passengers wearing seat belts indicates a degree of «saturation». It will be increasingly difficult to achieve even better figures in prevention work. Only surveys over the next few years will indicate whether any «saturation» occurs sooner among back-seat passengers, or whether the proportion of them wearing seat belts is roughly as high as the figure for drivers and front-seat passengers.

**Method:** The survey on seat belt use is carried out every May by suitably trained bfu personnel. At a total of 73 observation sites (driver and front seat passenger: 59, back seat passengers: 14) throughout Switzerland, details are recorded for some 45,000 automobiles with Swiss registration plates. Children under the age of 7 and special-purpose vehicles (police, taxi, etc) are not included. The calculation of the proportion of seat-belt wearers takes into consideration the population in the particular Swiss language region, plus the kilometrage by road type.

**Seatbelt wearing rates among car drivers, in percent, 1980–2010**

(+/- statistical error in percentage points)

Region	1995	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
<b>Motorways</b>												
German-speaking Switzerland	87	90 (3)	91 (2)	90 (4)	92 (3)	90 (4)	91 (2)	92 (2)	92 (1)	93 (2)	90 (6)	94 (2)
French-speaking Switzerland	82	89 (3)	87 (3)	89 (0)	87 (3)	84 (1)	88 (4)	87 (2)	84 (2)	93 (2)	92 (3)	93 (3)
Ticino	63	78 (2)	78 (1)	87 (5)	86 (8)	72 (5)	70 (6)	87 (0)	78 (5)	89 (2)	96 (1)	86 (6)
<b>Total on motorways</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>89 (2)</b>	<b>90 (2)</b>	<b>89 (3)</b>	<b>90 (2)</b>	<b>88 (3)</b>	<b>90 (2)</b>	<b>90 (2)</b>	<b>90 (1)</b>	<b>93 (1)</b>	<b>91 (4)</b>	<b>93 (2)</b>
<b>Outside built-up areas</b>												
German-speaking Switzerland	78	80 (4)	83 (4)	86 (4)	84 (4)	85 (3)	86 (3)	89 (2)	90 (3)	91 (3)	90 (4)	91 (3)
French-speaking Switzerland	60	70 (6)	67 (8)	77 (7)	74 (7)	78 (6)	78 (8)	80 (7)	79 (4)	83 (5)	84 (4)	81 (5)
Ticino	44	50 (8)	47 (8)	61 (7)	60 (15)	65 (10)	50 (7)	78 (8)	74 (4)	76 (4)	82 (3)	78 (2)
<b>Total outside built-up areas</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>76 (3)</b>	<b>78 (3)</b>	<b>83 (3)</b>	<b>81 (3)</b>	<b>83 (3)</b>	<b>82 (3)</b>	<b>87 (2)</b>	<b>87 (2)</b>	<b>89 (2)</b>	<b>88 (3)</b>	<b>88 (2)</b>
<b>In built-up areas</b>												
German-speaking Switzerland	63	73 (6)	72 (6)	73 (6)	71 (6)	76 (5)	79 (5)	83 (3)	85 (3)	86 (3)	86 (3)	86 (3)
French-speaking Switzerland	39	48 (9)	52 (10)	57 (13)	57 (13)	60 (14)	64 (6)	69 (11)	70 (8)	69 (11)	70 (9)	76 (8)
Ticino	20	37 (9)	40 (13)	41 (7)	44 (8)	47 (17)	44 (15)	59 (13)	66 (7)	62 (2)	72 (15)	66 (9)
<b>In built-up areas</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>66 (5)</b>	<b>66 (5)</b>	<b>69 (5)</b>	<b>67 (5)</b>	<b>71 (5)</b>	<b>74 (4)</b>	<b>79 (3)</b>	<b>81 (3)</b>	<b>81 (3)</b>	<b>82 (3)</b>	<b>83 (3)</b>
<b>All types of roads</b>												
German-speaking Switzerland	75	81 (3)	82 (3)	83 (3)	83 (3)	84 (2)	85 (2)	88 (2)	89 (1)	90 (1)	89 (3)	90 (2)
French-speaking Switzerland	58	69 (4)	68 (4)	75 (5)	73 (5)	74 (4)	77 (4)	79 (4)	78 (3)	82 (4)	82 (3)	83 (3)
Ticino	40	55 (4)	55 (5)	63 (4)	63 (6)	61 (6)	55 (6)	75 (5)	73 (3)	76 (2)	83 (5)	77 (4)
<b>Total Switzerland</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>77 (2)</b>	<b>78 (2)</b>	<b>80 (2)</b>	<b>80 (2)</b>	<b>81 (2)</b>	<b>82 (2)</b>	<b>86 (1)</b>	<b>86 (1)</b>	<b>88 (1)</b>	<b>87 (2)</b>	<b>88 (1)</b>

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Persons recorded in vehicles (sample), 2010: 29 794 ; seatbelt wearing compulsory since 01.07.1981

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**Seatbelt wearing rates among front-seat passengers in cars, in percent, 2006–2010**

(+/- statistical error in percentage points)

Region	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
<b>Motorways</b>					
German-speaking Switzerland	92 (2)	92 (2)	92 (1)	91 (5)	94 (2)
French-speaking Switzerland	85 (15)	71 (15)	94 (1)	91 (4)	92 (3)
Ticino	88 (5)	76 (5)	85 (2)	94 (4)	83 (5)
<b>Total on motorways</b>	<b>90 (3)</b>	<b>87 (3)</b>	<b>92 (1)</b>	<b>91 (4)</b>	<b>93 (2)</b>
<b>Outside built-up areas</b>					
German-speaking Switzerland	88 (2)	91 (2)	91 (4)	92 (4)	93 (2)
French-speaking Switzerland	81 (4)	79 (4)	89 (3)	88 (4)	85 (4)
Ticino	76 (6)	75 (6)	77 (10)	82 (4)	83 (2)
<b>Total outside built-up areas</b>	<b>86 (2)</b>	<b>88 (2)</b>	<b>90 (3)</b>	<b>91 (3)</b>	<b>91 (2)</b>
<b>In built-up areas</b>					
German-speaking Switzerland	83 (3)	84 (3)	86 (2)	85 (3)	86 (3)
French-speaking Switzerland	74 (7)	69 (7)	75 (9)	72 (10)	76 (8)
Ticino	65 (4)	66 (4)	74 (4)	76 (10)	71 (8)
<b>In built-up areas</b>	<b>80 (2)</b>	<b>80 (2)</b>	<b>83 (2)</b>	<b>82 (3)</b>	<b>83 (3)</b>
<b>All types of roads</b>					
German-speaking Switzerland	87 (1)	89 (1)	90 (1)	89 (2)	91 (1)
French-speaking Switzerland	80 (6)	73 (6)	86 (3)	84 (4)	84 (3)
Ticino	77 (3)	73 (3)	79 (4)	84 (4)	79 (3)
<b>Total Switzerland</b>	<b>85 (2)</b>	<b>85 (2)</b>	<b>89 (1)</b>	<b>88 (2)</b>	<b>89 (1)</b>

Source: bfu

Persons recorded in vehicles (sample), 2010: 14 744 ; seatbelt wearing compulsory since 01.07.1981

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**Seatbelt wearing rates among rear-seat passengers in cars, in percent, 1995–2010**

(+/- statistical error in percentage points)

	1995	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
<b>Total Switzerland</b>	<b>32 (9)</b>	<b>32 (5)</b>	<b>32 (9)</b>	<b>55 (13)</b>	<b>57 (4)</b>	<b>56 (9)</b>	<b>53 (11)</b>	<b>68 (8)</b>	<b>65 (12)</b>	<b>65 (7)</b>	<b>68 (6)</b>	<b>74 (9)</b>

Source: bfu

Persons recorded in vehicles (sample), 2010: 2068 ; seatbelt wearing compulsory since 01.10.1994

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