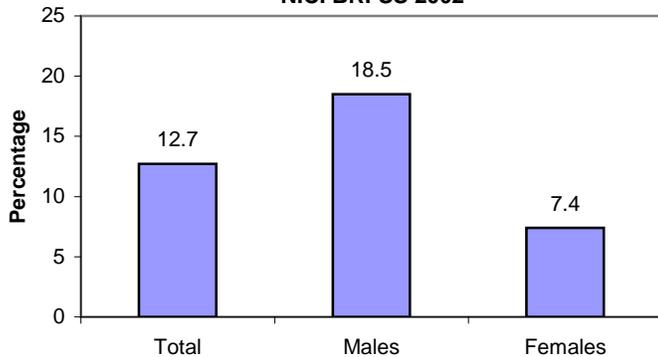


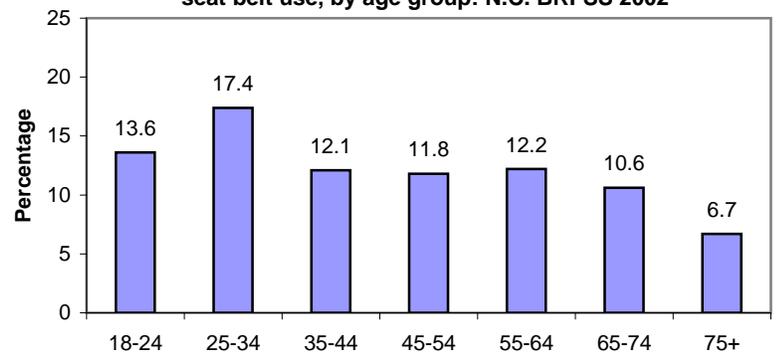
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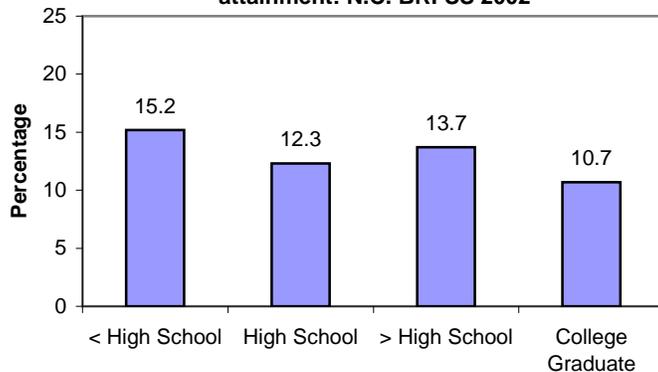
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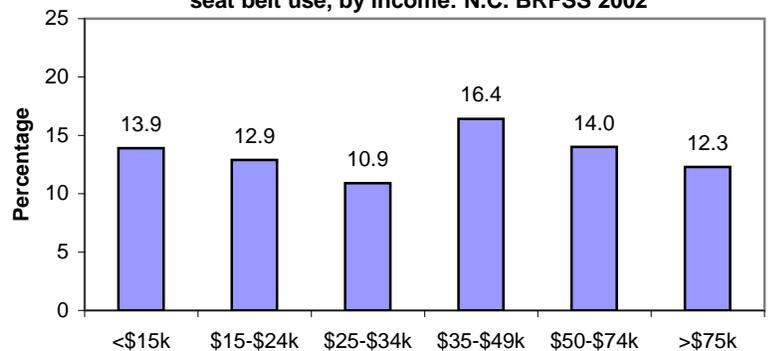
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Percentage of people in N.C. who reported inconsistent seat belt use, by educational attainment: N.C. BRFSS 2002



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Weighted to provide estimates representative of the adult non-institutionalized population; people who reported never, seldom, or sometimes wearing a seat belt when they drove or rode in a car. Specific data on 95 percent confidence intervals is at the N.C. BRFSS website: www.schs.state.nc.us/SCHS/brfss.

The N.C. Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (N.C. BRFSS) provides a critical source of public health data for understanding the scope of the injury-related problems and measuring progress toward overall statewide goals. N.C. BRFSS is a comprehensive telephone survey of adults ages 18 and older. The sample size for the 2002 N.C. BRFSS was nearly 7,000. Every year a core set of injury-related questions are asked. In 2002, twelve injury-related questions were asked on topics regarding seat belt use, firearms, sexual assault and physical assault. The sampling scheme has been designed to produce estimates for local levels (22 counties and 13 regions) and for special populations such as Native Americans and Spanish-speaking and English-speaking Hispanics. See the N.C. BRFSS website for more information, specific details on item responses, and data limitations: www.schs.state.nc.us/SCHS/brfss.