



# DISPARITIES IN CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY

MOTOR VEHICLE  
CRASHES are a leading  
cause of death for children\*

2010-2014  
**343**  
child passengers  
die per year  
(average 2010 through 2014)

When broken out by age groups, that comes to

**115**  
children  
<1-4  
years 

**100**  
children  
5-9  
years 

**128**  
children  
10-14  
years 

When broken out by race/ethnicity<sup>†</sup>, that comes to

- 261** White
- 80** Hispanic/Latino (H/L)
- 60** Black
- 10** American Indian/Alaskan Native (AI/AN)
- 7** Asian/Pacific Islander (PI)

child passenger deaths per year

Numbers do not add up to 343 due to rounding

But these numbers don't tell the **WHOLE STORY**...

**AI/AN child passengers** die at a *higher rate* than  
**any other racial/ethnic group**

This means that for every 1,000,000

WHITE children, **5.6** 

H/L children, **5.4** 

BLACK children, **6.5** 

AI/AN children, **16.7** 

ASIAN/PI children, **2.1** 

die as passengers

**AI/AN** child passengers are:

**2.6 times** more likely to die than **Black** child passengers

**3.0 times** more likely to die than **White** child passengers

**3.1 times** more likely to die than **H/L** child passengers

**7.8 times** more likely to die than **Asian/PI** child passengers

**AI/AN**

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BLACK

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WHITE

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H/L

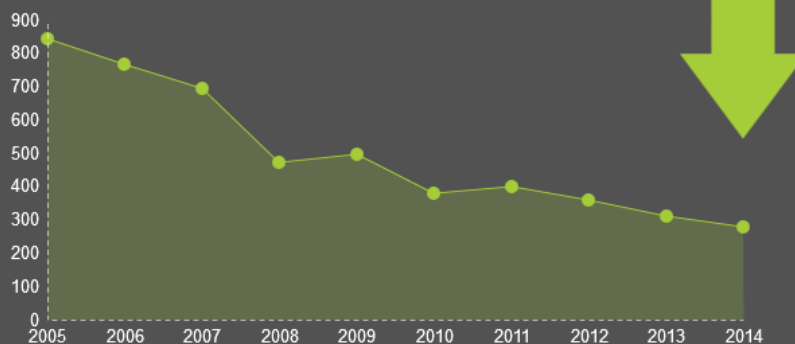
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Children in **RURAL** areas are **2 to 5 times more likely** to be seriously/fatally injured in a crash than in **URBAN** areas



## THE GOOD NEWS is that these deaths are **PREVENTABLE**

Child passenger deaths have decreased by **67%** from 2005 through 2014




Child safety seats can reduce fatalities by



**4/5**   
parents report that their child uses  
age-appropriate restraints on *every trip*



Parents who received information about child safety seats from their child's *doctor's office* were nearly **2X** **TWICE** as likely to use the correct restraints

*Child restraint system (CRS) checks* by certified child passenger safety technicians during **WELL-CHILD VISITS**   
**increase correct safety seat use**  
in urban, low-income communities



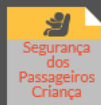
While the gap is closing,  
**DISPARITIES  
STILL EXIST**

## What can we do to fix it?



Provide *culturally competent outreach* to **vulnerable and underserved** populations

Tailor programs and campaigns to reach parents of *different cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds*



Distribute education materials in **MULTIPLE LANGUAGES**



Have *health care providers* talk to parents about age-appropriate child restraint systems



Provide **CRS CHECKS** at health centers in vulnerable communities



Distribute *free or low-cost child safety seats and booster seats* to parents in vulnerable and underserved populations



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\* Children are defined as <15, toddlers are defined as 1 through 4, and infants are defined as <1 year  
† White, Black, AI/AN, and Asian/PI are non-Hispanic  
For detailed sources and more information, visit: [ChildrensSafetyNetwork.org/infographics/cps-disparities](http://ChildrensSafetyNetwork.org/infographics/cps-disparities)

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Children in rural areas are 2 to 5 times more likely to be seriously or fatally injured in a crash than in urban areas (Huseth, 2013)

## The good news is that these deaths are preventable

Child passenger deaths have decreased by 67% from 2005 through 2014 (WISQARS)

Year	Deaths
2005	842
2006	763
2007	694
2008	470
2009	495
2010	376
2011	396
2012	356
2013	309
2014	277

Child safety seats can reduce fatalities by 71% for infants and 54% for toddlers (NHTSA, 2013)

4 out of 5 parents report that their child used the age-appropriate restraint on every trip (Macy, 2014)

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Child restraint system (CRS) checks by certified child passenger safety technicians during well-child visits increase correct safety seat use in urban, low-income communities (Quinlan, 2007)

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