

Child Passenger Traffic Fatalities in Colorado Under Age 16 (1995-2005)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Under Age 4</u>	<u>Ages 4-5*</u>	<u>Ages 6- 15</u>	<u>Total Fatalities</u>	<u>Percent Unrestrained</u>
2005	8 (1)**	1 (1)	13 (7)	22	41%***
2004	9 (3)	3 (2)	17 (11)	29	55%
2003	6 (2)	3 (2)	37 (29)	46	72%
2002	7 (3)	2 (2)	24 (15)	33	61%
<u>Ages 4- 15</u>					
2001	7 (4)		31 (22)	38	68%
2000	9 (2)		23 (15)	32	53%
1999	7 (3)		23 (14)	30	56%
1998	10 (4)		18 (8)	28	43%
1997	4 (1)		31 (26)	35	77%
1996	7 (6)		30 (22)	37	76%
1995	11 (8)		38 (34)	49	86%

***Colorado's booster seat law took effect on August 1, 2003 with a year of education. On August 1, 2004, enforcement of the booster seat law started. The law requires children who weigh over 40 pounds or are at least 4 years old to be properly restrained in a child booster seat or with a child safety belt-positioning device. Children must ride in booster seats until they are 6 years old or 55 inches tall.**

****Figures in parentheses are the number of children killed while riding unrestrained.**

*****In addition to the nine unrestrained victims in 2005, eight children were riding in seat belts and car seats that were not used properly. Eleven of the unrestrained and improperly restrained children were partially or totally ejected from their vehicles and died.**

During 2005, occupant deaths for children under age 16 occurred in the following counties: Adams, Baca, Bent Crowley, Delta, Denver, Douglas, El Paso, Fremont, Hinsdale, Jefferson, Las Animas, Lincoln, Morgan, Pueblo and Weld.

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