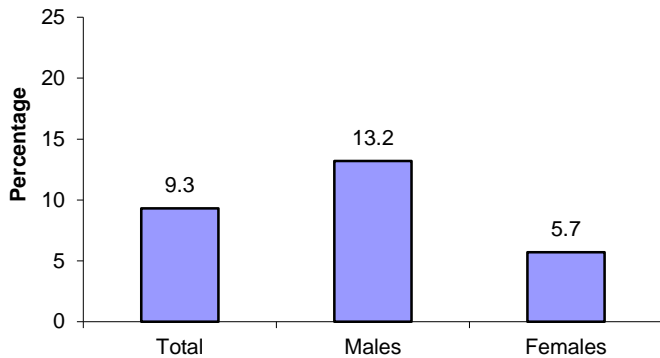


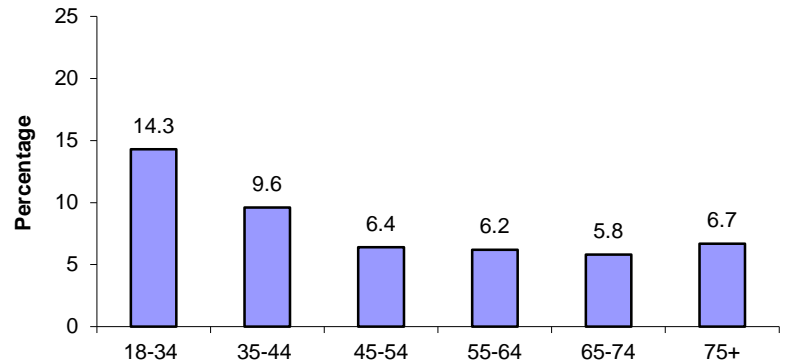
# SURVEILLANCE UPDATE

## Seat belt use: 2011 N.C. Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System

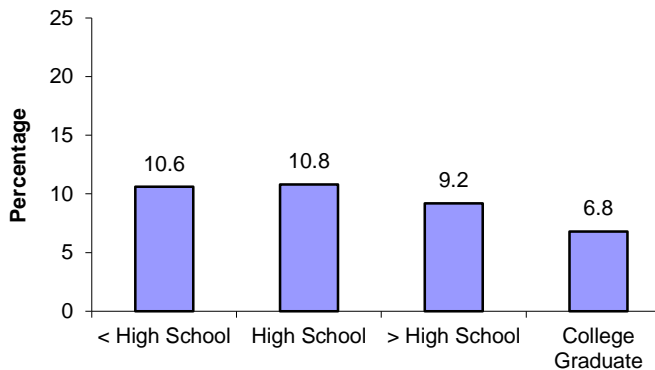
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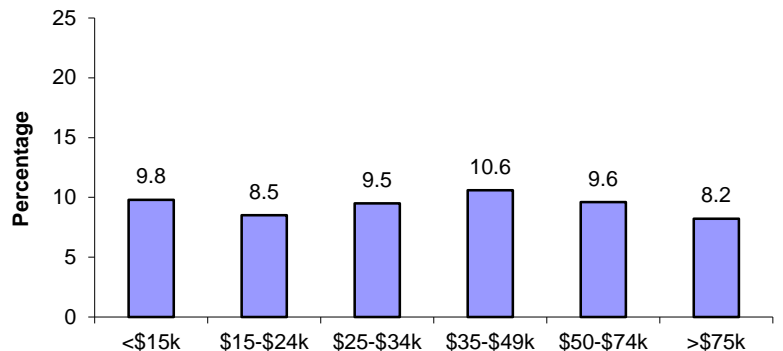
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