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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Safety belt use data were first collected in Virginia in 1974. Early data (1974-77 and 1983-86) were collected from only the four metropolitan areas (Northern Virginia, Tidewater, Richmond, and Roanoke) of the state. Between 1987 and 1992, data were also collected in nine communities with a population under 15,000. In 1991 and 1992, data were collected in four communities with a population between 50,000 and 100,000. It was only with the initiation of this project in 1992 that the state had a true statewide survey.

This report describes the methodology used for site selection and data collection and adds the results of the December 2002 survey to those conducted previously. It should be noted that the dates for the summer 2002 survey and the December 2002 survey differed from those of previous surveys. From 1992 to 2001, summer surveys had begun the last Thursday in May and generally ended the second week in July, depending on the number of sites “rained out.” In 2002, at the request of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the summer survey was begun the fourth week of April so that the results would be available before the end of June. The December 2002 survey was conducted beginning December 2 and ending December 18, with rescheduling of “rained out” sites during the week ending December 23. Since the winter survey was conducted during a time period when days were very short and during which daylight saving time was not in effect, some of the later sites could not be surveyed because of darkness. New times were randomly selected for these sites during daylight hours. Thus, differences between use rates in 2002 and in other years may be attributable to seasonal differences in travel patterns and restraint/helmet use, rather than solely to changes in driver and occupant behavior.

The results show that Virginia’s December 2002 safety belt use rate was 71.1% and its motorcycle helmet use rate was 95.7%. In each of the 10 years of the survey, virtually all of the motorcycle drivers and passengers observed were using a helmet. For the passenger car drivers and right-front passengers observed in the 11 years of the study, use rates varied from a low of 67.1% in 1997 to a high of 73.6% in 1998. The December 2002 use rate of 71.1% is a slight increase from the 70.4% use rate in the summer of 2002 (see Figure ES-1).

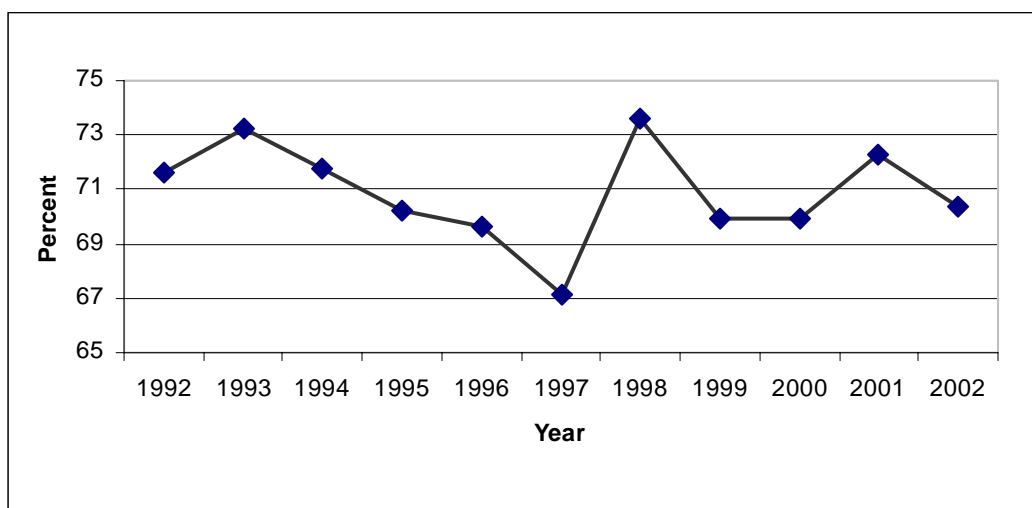


Figure ES-1. Trends in Safety Belt Use

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#### **INTRODUCTION**

The Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 added a section (153) to Title 23 of the U.S. Code. The section authorized the U.S. Secretary of Transportation to establish a grant program to support states in adopting and implementing laws governing the use of safety belts and motorcycle helmets. To qualify for first-year funds, a state was required to have laws requiring the use of a helmet by all motorcycle riders and the use of a belt or child safety seat by all front-seat occupants in passenger vehicles. To qualify for second- and third-year funding, a state was required to have mandatory use laws *and* demonstrate a specified level of compliance.

On June 29, 1992, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) published the final guidelines for conducting surveys of belt and helmet use in the states.<sup>1</sup> The guidelines required that the selection of survey samples be based on a single probability-based survey design and that only direct observational data be used to demonstrate compliance. The sample design had to include predetermined protocols for (1) determining sample size; (2) selecting sites; (3) selecting alternate sites when necessary; (4) determining which route, lane, and direction of traffic flow were to be observed; (5) collecting the observational data; and (6) beginning and concluding an observation period. The guidelines further stated that the relative error of the estimate could be no more than  $\pm 5\%$  and that all drivers, outboard front-seat passengers, and motorcycle drivers and passengers had to be eligible for observation. The guidelines also required that at least 85% of the state's population be eligible for inclusion and that only the smallest counties, based on population, could be eliminated from the sampling frame. Finally, data for all daylight hours and all days of the week had to be eligible for inclusion in the sample, and the scheduling of the time and day for each sample site had to be done randomly.

On January 23, 1997, President William Clinton directed the U.S. Secretary of Transportation to develop a plan to increase safety belt use in the United States. On April 16, 1997, a plan was presented to the president that established a goal of 85% use by the year 2000 and 90% use by 2005. As part of the Transportation Efficiency Act for the 21st Century, Section 157 of Title 23 was added, which established a new grant program for allocating funds to the states. NHTSA published new guidelines to become effective September 1, 1998, for conducting

safety belt use surveys. The new guidelines were essentially the same as the previous guidelines except they required that data for occupants of passenger cars, pickup trucks, vans, minivans, and sport utility vehicles be included.

## **PURPOSE AND SCOPE**

The purpose of this project was to conduct a survey of safety belt and motorcycle helmet use in Virginia in accordance with NHTSA's guidelines. Even though the Section 153 funding program ended in 1994, safety belt and motorcycle helmet data have continued to be collected at the request of Virginia's Department of Motor Vehicle's Transportation Safety Services.

This report describes the methodology used for site selection and data collection and adds the results of the December 2002 survey to those of previous surveys. The dates for the summer 2002 survey and the December 2002 survey differed from those of previous surveys. From 1992 to 2001, summer surveys began the last Thursday in May and generally ended the second week in July, depending on the number of sites "rained out." In 2002, at NHTSA's request, the summer survey was begun the fourth week of April so that the results would be available before the end of June. The December 2002 survey was conducted beginning December 2 and ending December 18, with rescheduling of "rained out" sites during the week ending December 23. Since the winter survey was conducted during a time period when days were very short and during which daylight saving time was not in effect, some of the later sites could not be surveyed because of darkness. New times were randomly selected for these sites during daylight hours. Thus, differences between use rates in 2002 and in other years may be attributable to seasonal differences in travel patterns and restraint/helmet use, rather than solely to changes in driver and occupant behavior.

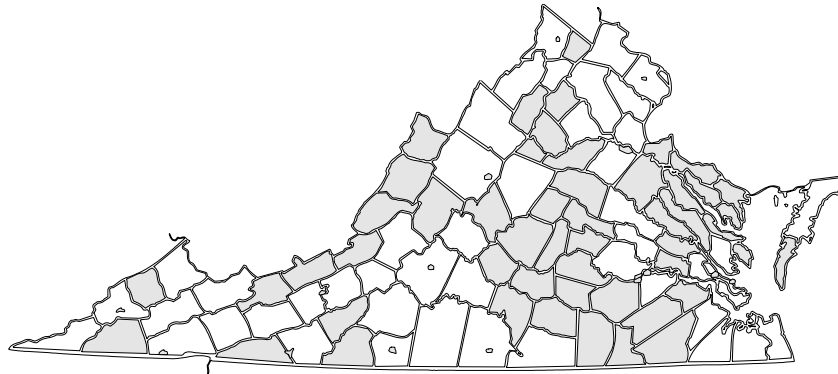
## **METHODS**

This survey required five tasks: (1) defining the population from which the sample was drawn, (2) determining the number of survey sites, (3) developing the sampling plan, (4) developing procedures and collecting data, and (5) determining how estimates would be weighted to approximate statewide figures.

### **Population**

According to federal guidelines, localities with the smallest populations and that made up less than 15% of the state's total population could be removed from the study population. In Virginia, determining which localities made up 15% of the population was difficult. In most states, a city is a part of the surrounding county. In Virginia, although towns are considered to be a part of the surrounding county, the 41 independent cities are not. To accommodate this arrangement of political jurisdictions, both counties and independent cities were considered in establishing the sampling population.

Table 1 shows the 136 counties and independent cities in Virginia ranked by population. According to 1990 census figures (the data available when the study sites were first selected), Virginia's total population was about 6.2 million. However, most of the population is located in the four population centers: Northern Virginia, Tidewater, Richmond, and Roanoke. Thus, there is a great disparity between the populations of rural and urban areas. For instance, the least populated county, Highland County, had fewer than 2,700 residents, and the least populated city, Norton, had fewer than 4,300. Twenty-seven of the 136 political jurisdictions had a population less than 10,000, and another 40 had a population between 10,000 and 20,000. Nearly 50% (49.3%) of the jurisdictions had fewer than 20,000 residents and accounted for 12.2% of the state's total population. On the other hand, 13 jurisdictions had a population of more than 100,000 and accounted for more than 48% of the total population of the state. Because of this disparity in population, the 74 least populated jurisdictions (the non-shaded portion of Table 1) made up just under 15% of the state's population; thus, they were excluded from sampling. Figure 1 shows the jurisdictions that were excluded (the shaded portion). All other locations in the state were equally eligible for inclusion in the sample.



**Figure 1. Areas Excluded from Sampling Procedures (Shaded)**

### **Number of Survey Sites**

The next step in the project was to determine the number of statewide sites necessary to fulfill NHTSA's requirements of a relative error of  $\pm 5\%$  and 95% confidence. When computations were carried out to determine the number of sites necessary to meet these requirements, it was found that 78 sites would be adequate. After reviewing the project work plan, NHTSA wrote (September 4, 1992) that they would require Virginia to use 120 sites that were to be allocated to urban and rural areas based on population.

**Table 1  
POPULATION BY POLITICAL JURISDICTION**

Jurisdiction	Jurisdiction Population	Cumulative Population	Cumulative Percent	Jurisdiction	Jurisdiction Population	Cumulative Population	Cumulative Percent
Highland County	2,635	2,635	0.04	Orange County	21,421	818,373	13.23
Norton	4,247	6,882	0.11	Page County	21,690	840,063	13.58
Craig County	4,372	11,254	0.18	Winchester	21,947	862,010	13.93
Clifton Forge	4,679	15,933	0.26	Hopewell	23,101	885,111	14.31
Bath County	4,799	20,732	0.34	Scott County	23,204	908,315	14.68
Emporia	5,306	26,038	0.42	Salem	23,756	932,071	15.06
Bedford	6,073	32,111	0.52	Staunton	24,461	956,532	15.46
Surrey County	6,145	38,256	0.62	Lee County	24,496	981,028	15.86
Charles City County	6,282	44,538	0.72	Botetourt County	24,992	1,006,020	16.26
King and Queen County	6,289	50,827	0.82	Isle of Wight County	25,053	1,031,073	16.66
Buena Vista	6,406	57,233	0.92	Wythe County	25,466	1,056,539	17.08
Bland County	6,514	63,747	1.03	Warren County	26,142	1,082,681	17.50
Rappahannock County	6,622	70,369	1.14	Carroll County	26,394	1,109,275	17.93
Galax	6,670	77,039	1.25	Prince George County	27,394	1,136,669	18.37
Manassas Park	6,734	83,773	1.35	Culpeper County	27,791	1,164,460	18.82
Lexington	6,959	90,732	1.47	Manassas	27,957	1,192,417	19.27
Covington	6,991	97,723	1.58	Amherst County	28,578	1,220,995	19.73
South Boston	6,997	104,720	1.69	Russell County	28,667	1,249,662	20.20
Richmond County	7,273	111,993	1.81	Halifax County	29,033	1,278,695	20.67
Cumberland County	7,825	119,818	1.94	Mecklenburg County	29,241	1,307,936	21.14
Franklin	7,864	127,682	2.06	Gloucester County	30,131	1,338,067	21.63
Mathews County	8,348	136,030	2.20	Harrisonburg	30,707	1,368,774	22.12
Middlesex County	8,653	144,683	2.34	Buchanan County	31,333	1,400,107	22.63
Essex County	8,689	153,372	2.48	Shenandoah County	31,636	1,431,743	23.14
Amelia County	8,787	162,159	2.62	Accomack County	31,703	1,463,446	23.65
Greensville County	8,853	171,012	2.76	Smyth County	32,370	1,495,816	24.18
Falls Church	9,578	180,590	2.92	Pulaski County	34,496	1,530,312	24.73
Sussex County	10,248	190,838	3.08	James City County	34,859	1,565,171	25.30
Greene County	10,297	201,135	3.25	Petersburg	38,386	1,603,557	25.92
New Kent County	10,445	211,580	3.42	Franklin County	39,549	1,643,106	26.56
Northumberland County	10,524	222,104	3.59	Wise County	39,573	1,682,679	27.20
Lancaster County	10,896	233,000	3.77	Charlottesville	40,341	1,723,020	27.85
King William County	10,913	243,913	3.94	York County	42,422	1,765,442	28.53
Poquoson	11,005	254,918	4.12	Bedford County	45,656	1,811,098	29.27
Lunenburg County	11,419	266,337	4.30	Frederick County	45,723	1,856,821	30.01
Williamsburg	11,530	277,867	4.49	Washington County	45,887	1,902,708	30.75
Charlotte County	11,688	289,555	4.68	Tazewell County	45,960	1,948,668	31.49
Madison County	11,949	301,504	4.87	Campbell County	47,572	1,996,240	32.26
Floyd County	12,005	313,509	5.07	Fauquier County	48,741	2,044,981	33.05
Clarke County	12,101	325,610	5.26	Suffolk	52,141	2,097,122	33.89
Appomattox County	12,298	337,908	5.46	Danville	53,056	2,150,178	34.73
Fluvanna County	12,429	350,337	5.66	Augusta County	54,677	2,204,855	35.65
Nelson County	12,778	363,115	5.87	Pittsylvania County	55,655	2,260,510	36.53
Buckingham County	12,873	375,988	6.08	Henry County	56,942	2,317,452	37.45
Northampton County	13,061	389,049	6.29	Spotsylvania County	57,403	2,374,855	38.38
Alleghany County	13,176	402,225	6.50	Rockingham County	57,482	2,432,337	39.31
King George County	13,527	415,752	6.72	Stafford County	61,236	2,493,573	40.30
Goochland County	14,163	429,915	6.95	Hanover County	63,306	2,556,879	41.32
Nottoway County	14,993	444,908	7.19	Lynchburg	66,049	2,622,928	42.39
Powhatan County	15,328	460,236	7.44	Albemarle County	68,040	2,690,968	43.49
Westmoreland County	15,480	475,716	7.69	Montgomery County	73,913	2,764,881	44.69
Radford	15,940	491,656	7.95	Roanoke County	79,332	2,844,213	45.97
Brunswick County	15,987	507,643	8.20	Loudoun County	86,129	2,930,342	47.36
Colonial Heights	16,064	523,707	8.46	Roanoke	96,397	3,026,739	48.92
Martinsville	16,162	539,869	8.73	Portsmouth	103,907	3,130,646	50.60
Grayson County	16,278	556,147	8.99	Alexandria	111,183	3,241,829	52.39
Giles County	16,366	572,513	9.25	Hampton	133,793	3,375,622	54.56
Prince Edward County	17,320	589,833	9.53	Chesapeake	151,976	3,527,598	57.01
Patrick County	17,473	607,306	9.82	Newport News	170,045	3,697,643	59.76
Southampton County	17,550	624,856	10.10	Arlington County	170,936	3,868,579	62.52
Dickenson County	17,620	642,476	10.38	Richmond	203,056	4,071,635	65.81
Rockbridge County	18,350	660,826	10.68	Chesterfield County	209,274	4,280,909	69.19
Bristol	18,426	679,252	10.98	Prince William County	215,686	4,496,595	72.67
Waynesboro	18,549	697,801	11.28	Henrico County	217,881	4,714,476	76.20
Fredericksburg	19,027	716,828	11.59	Norfolk	261,229	4,975,705	80.42
Caroline County	19,217	736,045	11.90	Virginia Beach	393,069	5,368,774	86.77
Fairfax	19,622	755,667	12.21	Fairfax County	818,584	6,187,358	100.00
Louisa County	20,325	775,992	12.54				
Dinwiddie County	20,960	796,952	12.88	<b>Total Population</b>	<b>6,187,358</b>		

## Sampling Plan

To select the sample of sites, a grid with sections measuring 1/4 by 1/4 in was placed over a standard map of Virginia issued by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and drawn to a scale of 1 in = 13 mi. Figure 2 is a sample section of the map. Each grid box contained an area of approximately 10.5 mi.<sup>2</sup> This procedure produced a system of 144 sections across the vertical axis. However, because Virginia is not perfectly rectangular and because political jurisdictions representing the smallest 15% of the population were excluded from the sample, some boxes fell outside the geographical area or were wholly within excluded areas. To keep these boxes from affecting the random nature of the sample, they were not defined as part of the study population. Each valid grid box containing at least one intersection in an included part of Virginia was numbered. Random numbers were generated to select 120 of the 2,572 valid grid boxes, without replacement, from which specific intersections were selected. Grid box selection was the first stage of the site selection process.

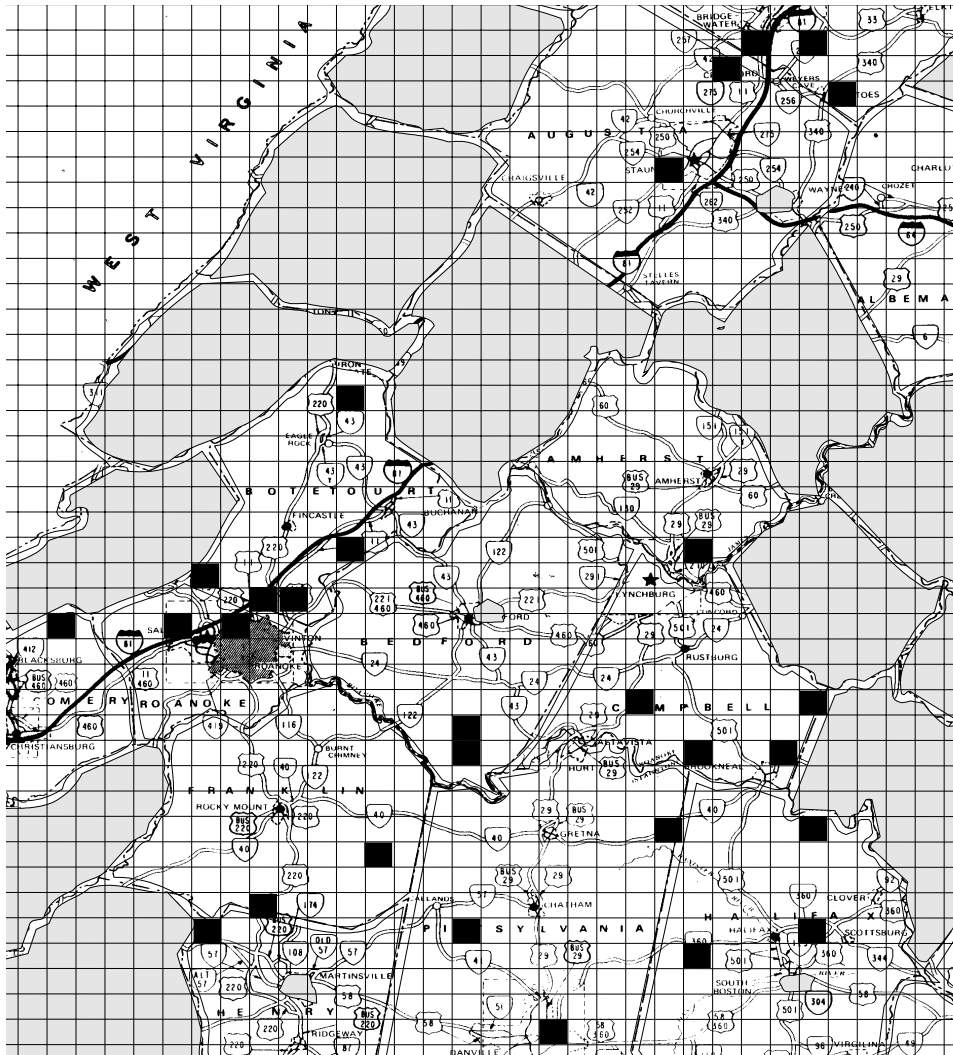


Figure 2. Sample Section of State Map Showing Grid Boxes



To respond to a concern expressed by NHTSA that a pure statewide random sample of 120 sites would overrepresent the nonurban areas of Virginia, the originally proposed procedures were changed. The selection of sites was based on the proportion of the population in the urban and rural areas of the state. Excluding the lowest 15% of the population, the urban areas had about 68% of the remaining population and the rural areas had about 32%. Of the 120 total sites, 84 were randomly selected from the four metropolitan areas and 36 were randomly selected from the remainder of the state.

By the use of detailed maps of urban areas available in book form from ADC of Alexandria, Inc.<sup>3-7</sup> and county maps prepared by VDOT, each intersection in a selected grid box was numbered and a random number was generated to select the specific intersection to be sampled. Two alternate sites were also selected randomly from the box. For each primary and alternate site, random numbers were used to select which route and direction of travel and whether traffic entering or exiting the selected intersection would be observed. This was the second stage in the process. Figures 3 and 4 are examples of urban and rural grid boxes and potential sites.

Staff of the Virginia Transportation Research Council visited and evaluated each site to determine whether data could be safely and adequately collected. The safety of the observer was the primary criterion for evaluating each site, followed by the ability to observe traffic. If an intersection was found to be inadequate, attempts were made to find an adequate observation point downstream if traffic exiting the intersection was to be observed and upstream if entering traffic was to be observed. In either case, if an adequate site could not be found before the next intersection was reached, an alternate site was investigated. Choosing a point before the next intersection ensured that the same traffic characteristics would be present at the upstream or downstream sites as would have been present at the original intersection. Very few original sites were discarded in favor of alternates. Those that were discarded had no safe area for the observer to stand or park or necessitated that the observer be below the level of the roadway, making observation impossible.

After selection, the sites were sorted geographically into seven groups. The days of the week were randomly assigned, without replacement, to each geographic group. Data were collected for 1 hour at each site all 10 years. From 1992 to 2001, surveys began the last Thursday in May and ended the second week in July. In December 2002, at the request of Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles, a survey was conducted during December of 2002, to evaluate the impact of a campaign designed to improve safety belt use that ran during the fall of that year. The December 2002 survey was conducted beginning December 2 and ending December 18, with rescheduling of "rained out" sites during the week ending December 23. For each day, the sites in a geographic group were assigned a random hour to begin, without replacement, from 7 A.M. to 6 P.M. Since the winter survey was conducted during a time period when days were very short and during which Daylight Saving Time was not in effect, some of the later sites could not be surveyed due to darkness. New times were randomly selected for these sites during daylight hours. Thus, differences between use rates in 2002 and in other years may be attributable to seasonal differences in travel patterns and restraint/helmet use, rather than solely to changes in driver and occupant behavior.

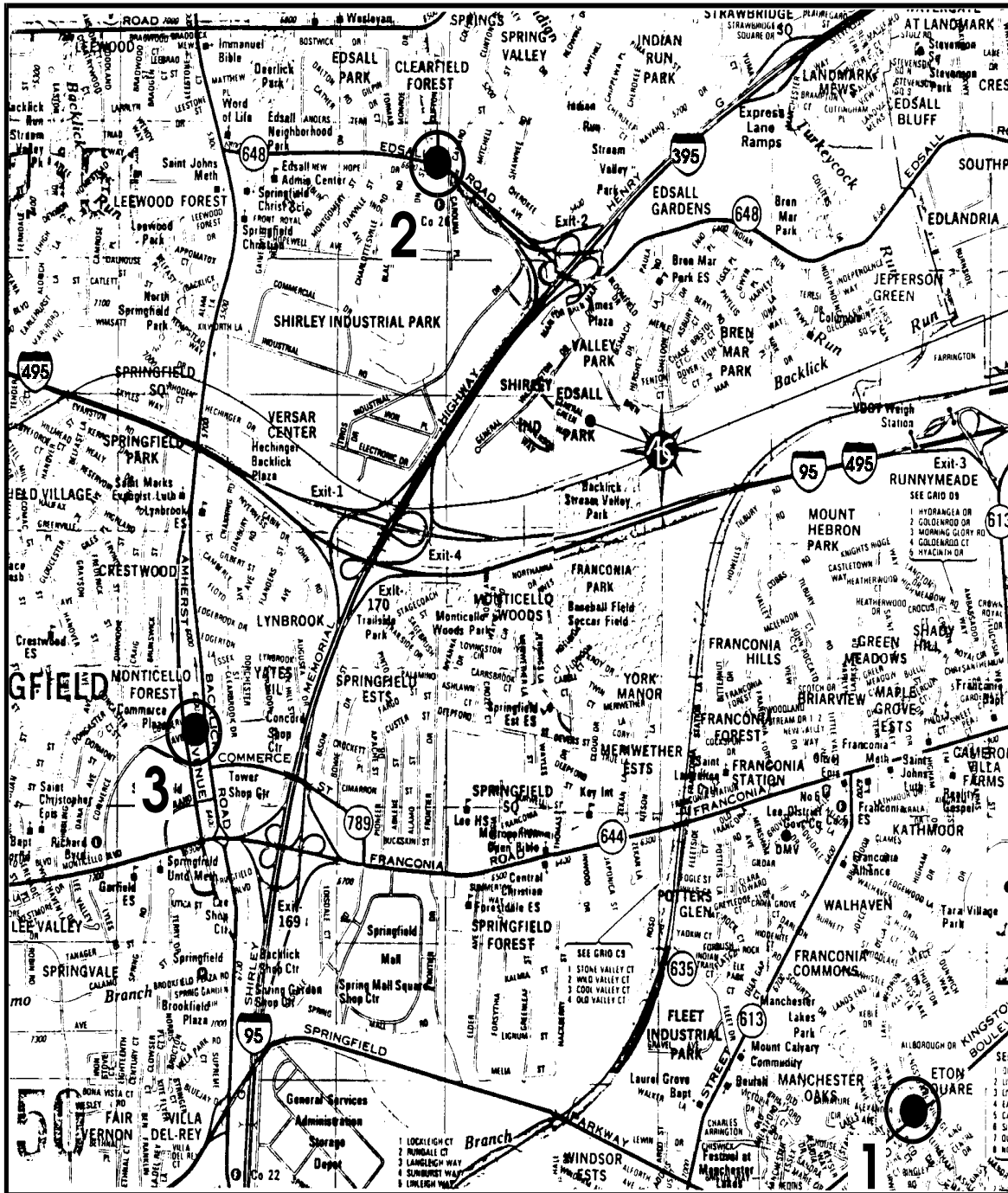


Figure 3. Detail of Urban Grid Showing Intersection Choices



any lane at the intersection. The data collectors were required to complete a training program on the use of the counter board and how the data were to be collected and recorded. The data collectors were checked for inter-rater reliability in training sessions before they began the survey. Since observation points were preselected at each site, the data collectors were instructed to use intersection diagrams and photographs to locate the point at which observations were to be made (see Figures 5 and 6).

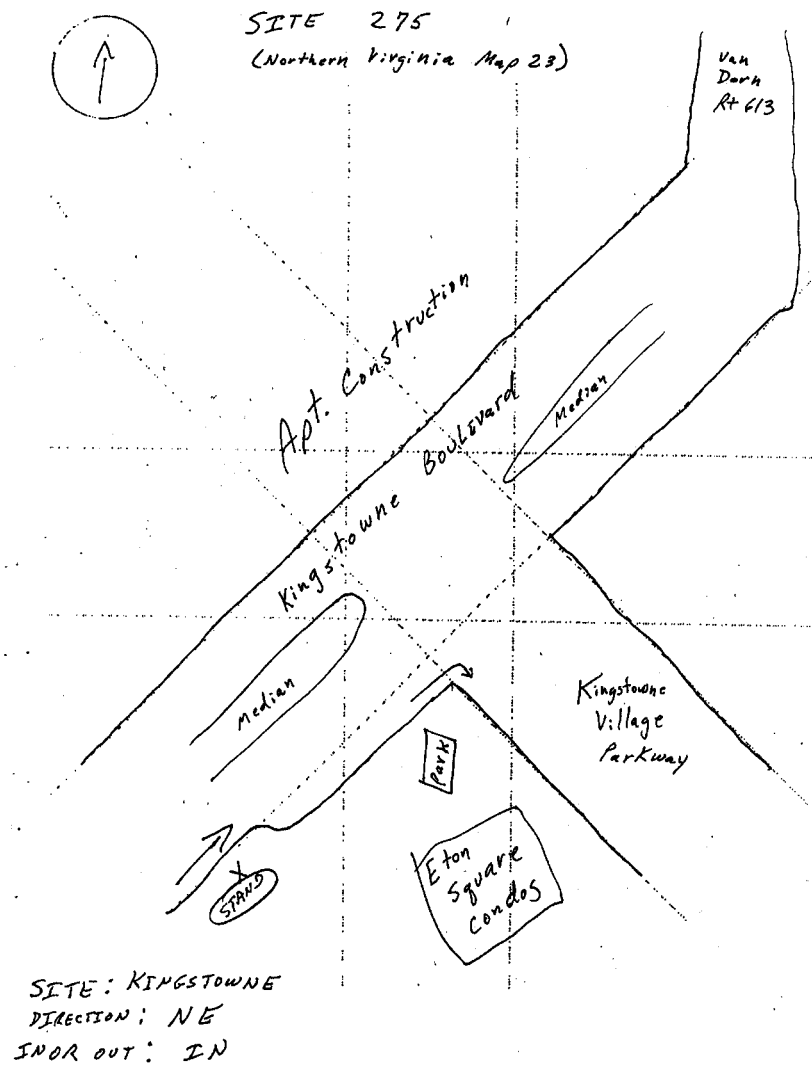


Figure 5. Urban Site Intersection Diagram

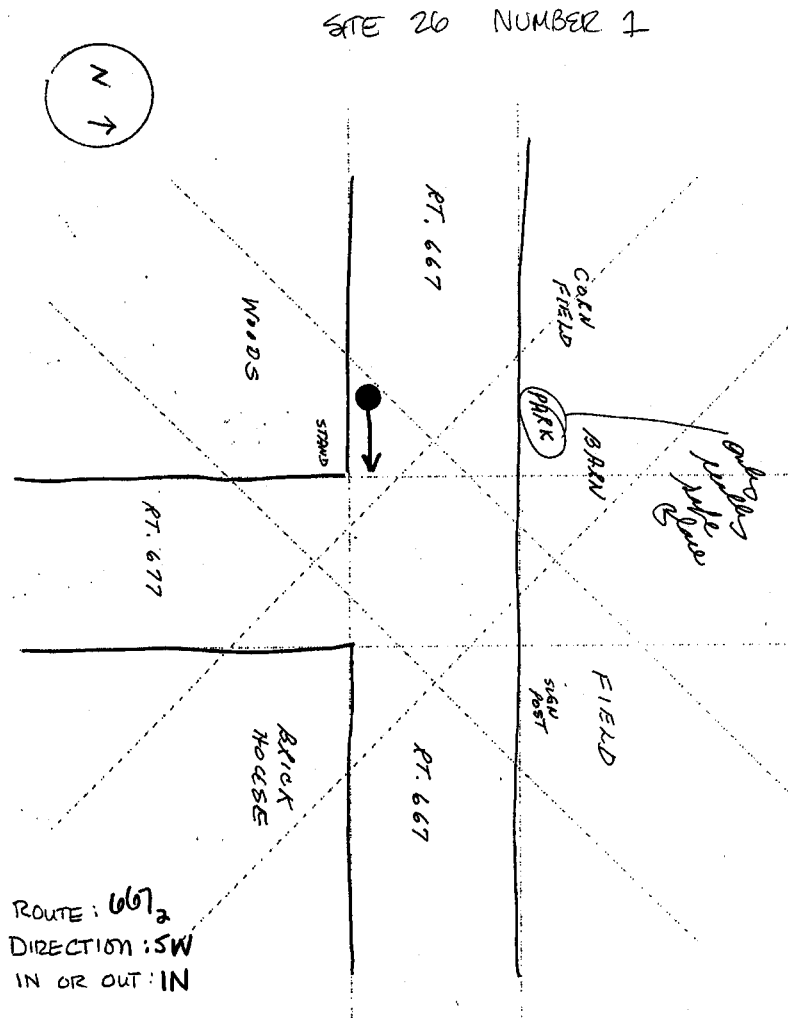


Figure 6. Rural Site Intersection Diagram

### Calculation of Use and Error Rates

Because safety belt use was observed only in the curb lane, NHTSA's guidelines required that the observations on multilane highways be weighted by the number of lanes of travel. However, no such weighting was necessary for motorcycles, which were observed in all lanes of travel. For passenger cars at each site, the number of driver and passenger observations was multiplied by the number of lanes in the observed direction of travel. Thus, at a site with two lanes in the travel direction, the number of observations was doubled to estimate the total number of drivers and passengers who crossed the site. This was the third stage.

As previously discussed, the selection of sites was stratified to represent urban and rural areas in proportion to their populations. Thus, more than two thirds of the sites were in urban areas.

In December 1992 correspondence, NHTSA's Washington Headquarters staff recommended that Virginia use the following formulas to compute the state's safety belt use rate. The use rate,  $P_B$ , is the estimated proportion of drivers and passengers using safety belts and is calculated by the formula:

$$P_B = \frac{\sum_{t=1}^2 \frac{N_t}{n_t} \sum_{i=1}^{n_t} N_{ii} B_{ii}}{\sum_{t=1}^2 \frac{N_t}{n_t} \sum_{i=1}^{n_t} N_{ii} O_{ii}}$$

where  $t$  = stratum (1 = urban, 2 = rural)

$ti$  = each site within a stratum

$N_t$  = total number of grid boxes within stratum  $t$

$n_t$  = number of grid boxes selected from each stratum  $t$

$N_{ii}$  = total number of intersections within each sampled grid box

$B_{ii}$  = number of belted occupants observed at site  $ti$  (weighted by lanes)

$O_{ii}$  = total number of occupants observed at site  $ti$  (weighted by lanes).

The variance of the estimated belt use,  $V(P_B)$ , was approximated by the formula:

$$V(P_B) = \frac{1}{\bar{O}^2} [V(B) + P_B^2 V(O) - 2P_B COV(B, O)]$$

where  $\bar{O}$  is the weighted average number of occupants observed per site and is computed by the formula:

$$\bar{O} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{t=1}^2 \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n_t} N_{ii} O_{ii}}{n_t}$$

and where  $V(B)$  is the variance of the number of belted occupants and is computed by the formula:

$$V(B) = \frac{1}{(N_1 + N_2)^2} \sum_{t=1}^2 \frac{N_t^2}{n_t(n_t-1)} \sum_{i=1}^{n_t} (N_{ti}B_{ti} - \bar{B}_t)^2$$

$$\text{where } \bar{B}_t = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n_t} N_{ti}B_{ti}}{n_t}$$

and where  $V(O)$  is the variance of the number of observed occupants and is computed by the formula:

$$V(O) = \frac{1}{(N_1 + N_2)^2} \sum_{t=1}^2 \frac{N_t^2}{n_t(n_t-1)} \sum_{i=1}^{n_t} (N_{ti}O_{ti} - \bar{O}_t)^2$$

$$\text{where } \bar{O}_t = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n_t} N_{ti}O_{ti}}{n_t}$$

and where  $COV(B, O)$  is the covariance of the number of belted and observed occupants and is computed by the formula:

$$COV(B, O) = \frac{1}{(N_1 + N_2)^2} \sum_{t=1}^2 \frac{N_t^2}{n_t(n_t-1)} \sum_{i=1}^{n_t} (N_{ti}B_{ti} - \bar{B}_t) (N_{ti}O_{ti} - \bar{O}_t)$$

The standard error of the estimate was calculated by the formula:<sup>8</sup>:

$$SE = \frac{SD}{\sqrt{n-1}}$$

where  $SE$  = standard error of the estimate  
 $n$  = total number of sites sampled

$SD$  = square root of variance.

The relative error of the estimate was calculated by the formula:

$$RE = \frac{SE}{P_B}$$

where  $RE$  = relative error of the estimate.

## RESULTS

The survey team observed 14,902 drivers and 3,522 right-front passengers for the use of a shoulder belt. Because the survey data were collected from moving traffic, the use of the lap portion of a belt system could not be observed. For computing a statewide use rate, the observations were weighted by the number of traffic lanes in the direction of traffic flow at the site where the data were collected (see Tables A-1 and A-2 for the complete data counts).

There were 19,544 weighted observations of occupants in passenger cars. There were 10,543 drivers and 2,305 right-front passengers who were observed to be using a shoulder belt. Passenger car occupants had a weighted safety belt use rate of 71.1%. The relative error of the estimate was 0.24%.

There were also 20 motorcycle riders observed (19 drivers and 1 passengers). The sample size for motorcycle drivers and passengers is considerably smaller than in the summer of 2002, probably due to cold weather. The rate of helmet use was 95.7%.

The results of the 1992 to 2002 surveys are summarized in Table 2. In each of the 11 years of the survey, virtually all of the motorcycle drivers and passengers observed were using a helmet. For the passenger car drivers and right-front passengers observed in the 11 years of the study, use rates varied from a low of 67.1% in 1997 to a high of 73.6% in 1998. The December 2002 use rate of 71.1% is a slight increase from the 70.4% use rate in the summer of 2002. It should be remembered, however, that these differences may be attributable to seasonal differences in travel patterns and restraint use, rather than solely to changes in driver and occupant behavior.



**Table 2. Survey Results for 1992 through 2002**

Year	Vehicle Type	Weighted Observations	Drivers Protected	Passengers Protected	Use Rate (%)	Variance (%)	Standard Error (%)	Relative Error (%)
December 2002	Cars	18,424	10,543	2,305	71.1	0.24	0.44	0.62
	Motorcycles	20	18	1	95.7	1.10	0.30	0.32
Summer 2002	Cars	20,911	11,718	2,577	70.4	0.60	0.71	1.01
	Motorcycles	87	77	10	100.0	0.00	0.00	0.00
2001	Cars	37,393	21,056	5,583	72.3	1.10	0.96	1.33
	Motorcycles	387	332	55	100.0	0.00	0.00	0.00
2000	Cars	38,668	21,014	5,539	69.9	0.47	0.63	0.89
	Motorcycles	222	201	20	99.9	0.00	0.004	0.004
1999	Cars	37,869	20,213	5,445	69.9	0.49	0.64	0.92
	Motorcycles	198	169	28	99.1	0.27	0.47	0.48
1998	Cars	31,877	17,987	4,686	73.6	1.33	1.06	1.44
	Motorcycles	229	205	23	99.6	0.00	0.04	0.04
1997	Cars	35,508	18,544	5,013	67.1	1.88	1.26	1.87
	Motorcycles	134	121	11	98.7	0.04	0.18	0.18
1996	Cars	26,975	14,278	4,577	69.6	1.63	1.17	1.68
	Motorcycles	99	85	14	100.0	0	0	0
1995	Cars	29,584	15,632	4,521	70.2	1.52	1.13	1.61
	Motorcycles	247	208	39	100.0	0	0	0
1994	Cars	25,291	14,146	4,271	71.8	0.74	0.79	1.10
	Motorcycles	105	90	15	100.0	0	0	0
1993	Cars	24,299	13,045	4,396	73.2	0.89	0.86	1.18
	Motorcycles	236	208	28	100.0	0	0	0
1992	Cars	26,320	14,701	4,233	71.6	1.11	0.97	1.35
	Motorcycles	53	47	6	100.0	0	0	0

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**APPENDIX: DECEMBER 2002 RAW DATA BY SITE**

**Table A-1. December 2002 Urban Raw Data by Site<sup>a</sup>**

<b>Site ID</b>	<b>Lanes</b>	<b>N<sub>ti</sub></b>	<b>B<sub>ti</sub></b>	<b>O<sub>ti</sub></b>	<b>MC B<sub>ti</sub></b>	<b>MC O<sub>ti</sub></b>
2	1	10	26	38	0	0
7	2	408	57	84	0	0
8	1	7	2	4	1	1
11	1	82	1	2	0	0
15	3	6	195	266	0	0
17	3	115	113	203	0	0
19	1	10	102	161	0	0
20	1	7	29	39	0	0
21	1	148	113	164	1	2
28	1	3	25	32	0	0
30	2	3	149	266	1	1
32	1	244	73	102	0	0
40	3	254	233	312	4	4
41	1	211	243	319	1	1
42	1	36	18	32	0	0
46	1	5	17	26	0	0
49	1	6	0	0	0	0
54	2	504	196	243	0	0
58	1	15	162	226	0	0
67	1	5	13	20	0	0
68	1	24	9	16	0	0
69	1	721	663	932	0	0
81	1	6	30	49	0	0
86	2	7	89	181	0	0
90	1	17	102	149	0	0
92	3	142	281	379	2	2
105	1	24	59	76	0	0
118	1	7	61	82	0	0
119	3	32	432	553	0	0
120	1	546	102	152	0	0
121	1	7	306	425	2	2
136	1	23	92	111	0	0
140	3	3	414	531	0	0
154	1	8	65	86	1	1
169	2	4	65	136	0	0
170	1	19	3	6	0	0
173	2	331	676	925	0	0
183	1	8	19	23	0	0
202	1	59	119	150	0	0
206	1	17	9	13	0	0
210	2	73	383	538	0	0
211	1	253	124	190	0	0
213	1	376	225	308	1	1
234	1	197	5	11	0	0
236	1	87	90	113	0	0
250	1	16	2	3	0	0
259	4	532	85	101	0	0

**Table A-1 (continued).**  
**December 2002 Urban Raw Data by Site**

<b>Site ID</b>	<b>Lanes</b>	<b>N<sub>ti</sub></b>	<b>B<sub>ti</sub></b>	<b>O<sub>ti</sub></b>	<b>MC B<sub>ti</sub></b>	<b>MC O<sub>ti</sub></b>
275	2	526	379	483	0	0
280	1	104	15	24	0	0
290	2	3	289	398	0	0
300	1	110	5	5	0	0
306	1	12	0	1	0	0
313	3	186	575	763	2	2
315	1	9	319	433	0	0
317	2	444	72	111	0	0
322	1	1	53	71	0	0
324	2	82	118	149	0	0
330	1	16	24	32	0	0
332	3	8	212	324	0	0
353	1	11	245	312	0	0
359	1	9	75	104	0	0
371	2	64	20	38	0	0
372	3	5	338	462	0	0
374	1	26	23	32	0	0
375	1	12	85	124	0	0
385	3	30	266	450	0	0
388	1	10	3	9	0	0
400	1	385	6	6	0	0
403	2	341	153	204	0	0
406	2	374	315	486	0	0
411	1	19	79	134	0	0
420	1	223	145	183	0	0
425	1	365	71	84	0	0
426	2	626	300	453	0	0
434	1	25	2	7	0	0
450	1	15	159	187	0	0
458	2	180	111	178	0	0
464	1	21	22	29	0	0
471	1	13	5	10	0	0
476	1	13	174	256	0	0
477	1	11	25	36	0	0
483	1	2	131	188	0	0
508	2	628	296	430	1	1
512	1	15	103	153	0	0

<sup>a</sup>Site ID = identifier of site sampled.

Lanes = number of lanes in sampled direction at site.

N<sub>ti</sub> = number of intersections within sample grid.

B<sub>ti</sub> = number of belted occupants observed at site.

O<sub>ti</sub> = number of occupants observed at site.

MC B<sub>ti</sub> = number of motorcycle occupants with helmets at site.

MC O<sub>ti</sub> = number of motorcycle occupants observed at site.

**Table A-2. December 2002 Rural Raw Data by Site<sup>a</sup>**

Site ID	Lanes	N <sub>ti</sub>	B <sub>ti</sub>	O <sub>ti</sub>	MC B <sub>ti</sub>	MC O <sub>ti</sub>
1	1	15	41	65	0	0
4	1	9	9	14	0	0
5	1	9	2	8	0	0
6	1	16	56	81	1	1
9	1	6	4	13	0	0
10	1	5	8	13	0	0
12	1	4	202	351	0	0
13	1	17	24	37	0	0
16	1	4	5	6	0	0
18	1	8	2	5	0	0
22	1	12	21	39	0	0
23	1	7	82	129	0	0
25	1	6	43	55	0	0
26	1	9	9	20	0	0
27	1	13	1	6	0	0
29	1	6	10	19	0	0
31	1	7	5	11	0	0
33	1	15	79	112	0	0
35	1	9	26	43	0	0
36	1	12	23	53	0	0
37	1	1	13	28	0	0
39	1	10	25	43	0	0
44	1	7	6	10	0	0
45	1	7	98	173	1	1
47	3	18	96	138	0	0
48	1	15	4	11	0	0
50	1	8	26	61	0	0
51	1	11	1	3	0	0
52	1	3	0	3	0	0
53	1	2	25	49	0	0
55	1	12	6	16	0	0
56	2	5	43	76	0	0
57	1	13	8	13	0	0
59	1	7	10	16	0	0
62	2	13	220	373	0	0
63	1	15	125	204	0	0

<sup>a</sup>Site ID = identifier of site sampled.

Lanes = number of lanes in sampled direction at site.

N<sub>ti</sub> = number of intersections within sample grid.

B<sub>ti</sub> = number of belted occupants observed at site.

O<sub>ti</sub> = number of occupants observed at site.

MC B<sub>ti</sub> = number of motorcycle occupants with helmets at site.

MC O<sub>ti</sub> = number of motorcycle occupants observed at site.