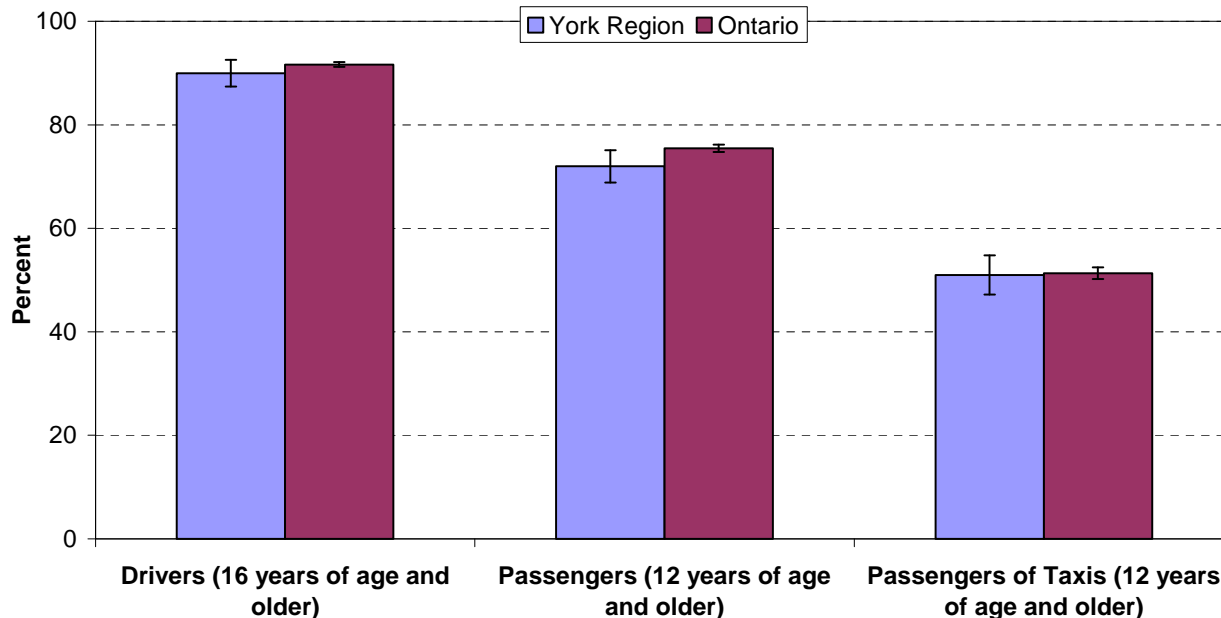


Seat Belt Use

This summary focuses on seat belt use for drivers of motor vehicles, passengers of private motor vehicles and passengers of taxis.

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Motor vehicle occupants who report always fastening their seat belt, York Region and Ontario, 2003

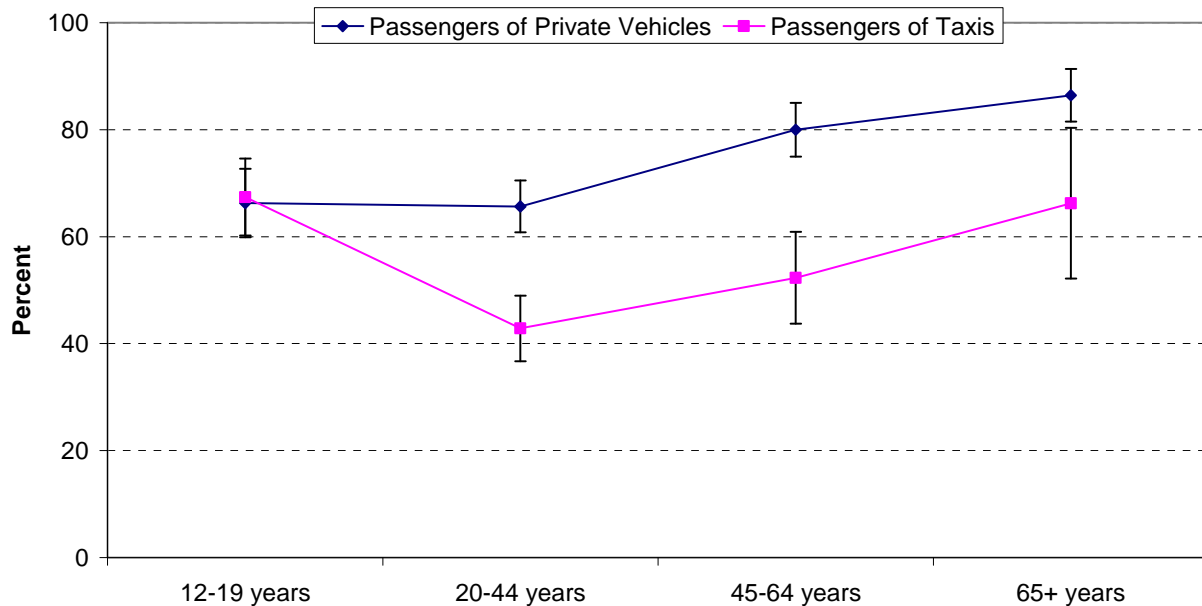


Data Source: Canadian Community Health Survey, 2003, Statistics Canada, Ontario Share File, Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.

Interpretation:

- In 2003, 90% (±3) of York Region drivers reported that they always fastened their seat belt. This was similar to the percent of Ontario drivers overall (92% ±0).
- For both York Region and Ontario, individuals were less likely to report fastening their seat belts when they were passengers. In York Region, 72% (±3) of passengers 12 years of age and older reported always fastening their seat belt in 2003. This was significantly lower than the percent of Ontario passengers that reported always fastening their seat belt (75% ±1).
- When travelling in taxis, even fewer passengers reported fastening their seat belts. In York Region, 51% (±4) of passengers of taxis 12 years of age and older reported that they always fastened their seat belt in 2003. Overall in Ontario, the seat belt use for passengers of taxis was the same (51% ±1).
- York Region and Ontario men were less likely to report always wearing a seat belt as drivers or passengers of private motor vehicles when compared to women (data not shown). In 2003, 85% (±4) of York Region men reported that they always fastened their seat belt while driving compared to 95% (±2) of women. As passengers of motor vehicles, 66% (±5) of York Region men reported that they always fastened their seat belt compared to 77% (±4) of women. The level of seat belt use in taxis was the same for men and women.

Passengers of motor vehicles that report always fastening their seat belt by age, York Region, 2003



Data Source: Canadian Community Health Survey, 2003, Statistics Canada, Ontario Share File, Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.

- Among York Region drivers, older adults aged 65 years and older were more likely to report always fastening their seat belts than adults between the ages of 20 and 44 (94% (± 4) and 88% (± 4), respectively). There were no significant differences between other age groups (data not shown).
- York Region residents 45 years of age and older were more likely to report always fastening their seatbelts as passengers than those between the ages of 12 and 44 years.
- As passengers of taxis, seat belt use was highest among 12 to 19 year olds and those 65 years of age and older, with 67% (± 7) and 66% (± 14) reporting always fastening their seat belts, respectively.

Data Source: Canadian Community Health Survey (CCHS), 2003, Driving and Safety Module. For more information on CCHS, visit <http://www.statcan.gc.ca/>

The CCHS is a federal survey of residents aged 12 years and older in all provinces and territories, excluding populations on Indian Reserves, Canadian Forces Bases and some remote areas. Data collection is done by a combination of computer assisted personal and telephone interviewing. The indicators from the survey are based on self-reported information and may be subject to biases, such as recall bias or social desirability bias, or result in high non-response. As such, the estimates may be an underestimate or overestimate of the true prevalence in the population.

\bar{I} and \pm represents the 95% confidence interval, meaning 19 times out of 20 the results will fall within this range.