

Dear Washington Resident at [ADDRESS1] [ADDRESS2]:

Your household has been selected to participate in the YYYY Washington Traffic Safety Survey!

The Washington Traffic Safety Commission (WTSC) is fielding this survey to understand more about drivers' attitudes and behaviors towards safety of the traveling public. This is an important opportunity to share your opinions and experience about traffic and driving in Washington and we need your help to learn about your driving experiences.

Your experience and opinions will help the Washington State Traffic Safety Commission (WTSC) inform new initiatives to reduce traffic fatalities and serious injuries.

If there is more than one person over 18 in your household, **the person with the next birthday should take the survey.**

Your answers will be combined with those from other respondents in your area and across the state and will **NEVER** be presented on their own. This survey is completely anonymous and does not ask for any personally identifiable information. Please fill out this booklet with your answers and return it to us in the enclosed envelope before **DATE** to have your experiences be counted.

If you have any questions about the survey, or would like to take it online, please go to **www.watrafficsurvey.com** and enter your unique ID number: **[PIN]**

You can also contact the project manager, Adam Johnson, by email at *ajohnson@marketdecisions.com* or by phone at 1-800-293-1538, ext. 1601.

The Washington State Traffic Safety Commission appreciates your time and attention to this important project and we look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

Shelly Baldwin, Director
The Washington Traffic Safety Commission

ROADUSE1

Q1. How often do you...

	Never	A few times a year	About once a month	About once a week	Daily
Drive a motor vehicle on public roads?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Ride a bicycle on public roads?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Walk or jog on public roads (including shoulders and sidewalks)?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Use public transportation?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

ROADUSE2

Q2. Do you have a valid driver's license?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

ROADUSE3

Q3. What type of vehicle do you drive most often?

- ☐ Car
- ☐ Pickup
- ☐ SUV
- ☐ Van
- ☐ Motorcycle
- ☐ Semi/Large truck
- ☐ Other, specify _____
- ☐ I don't drive

ROADUSE4

Q4. Have you ever completed a driver's education class?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I don't know

ROADUSE5A

Q5. Have you driven a motorcycle in the previous five years?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No – **Please skip to question Q7**

ROADUSE5B

Q6. What is your primary reason for riding your motorcycle?

- ☐ Commuting or other task-related trips
- ☐ Recreation
- ☐ Both commuting and recreation

HIST1

Q7. In the past 12 months, how many vehicle accidents or crashes (even minor ones) have you been involved in that were NOT your fault? *(Since 2024. In 2023 the response options were None, 1-5, 6 or more.)*

- ☐ None
- ☐ 1
- ☐ 2
- ☐ 3 or more

HIST2

Q8. In the past 12 months, how many vehicle accidents or crashes (even minor ones) have you been involved in that were perhaps your fault? *(Since 2024. In 2023 the response options were None, 1-5, 6 or more.)*

- ☐ None
- ☐ 1
- ☐ 2
- ☐ 3 or more

HIST3

Q9 In the past 12 months, how many citations, tickets, or warnings have you received for the following? *(Since 2024. In 2023 the response options were None, 1-5, 6 or more.)*

	None	1	2	3 or more
Not wearing a seat belt	☐	☐	☐	☐
Speeding	☐	☐	☐	☐
Driving through a red light or not stopping at a stop sign	☐	☐	☐	☐
Driving under the influence	☐	☐	☐	☐
Distracted driving	☐	☐	☐	☐

HIST4 (Added in 2025)

Q9a In the past 12 months, have you or someone in your immediate family been struck by a car while walking, biking, or rolling?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I don't know

PEDCYC1 (Through 2024, removed in 2025)

Q10. Think about the times you have been a pedestrian or bicyclist in the last 6 months. What situations did you experience, if any? (Mark all that apply.)

- ☐ Drivers not stopping or going too fast
- ☐ Bicyclists not stopping
- ☐ Almost getting hit by a driver
- ☐ Lack of sidewalks or damaged sidewalks
- ☐ Drivers turning without looking for pedestrians or bicyclists
- ☐ Drivers looking down or away from the road
- ☐ Walk signals not long enough
- ☐ No signal where needed for a safer crossing

- ☐ Lack of ADA accessibility elements such as curb cuts or accessible pedestrian signals
- ☐ Other (specify): _____
- ☐ None

PEDCYC2 (Through 2024, removed in 2025)

Q11. Think about the times you have been a driver around pedestrians and bicyclists in the last 6 months. What situations did you experience, if any? (Mark all that apply.)

- ☐ Pedestrians not using marked crosswalks
- ☐ Pedestrians stepping off curb without looking
- ☐ Not seeing pedestrians/bicyclists until very close to them
- ☐ Pedestrians/bicyclists using phones, ear pods, headsets
- ☐ Bicyclists not stopping at stop signs or traffic lights
- ☐ Bicyclists in the road
- ☐ Other (specify): _____
- ☐ None

DRIVE1

Q12. How often do you wear a seat belt when you are in a vehicle (other than a bus)...

	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Usually	Always
Within a few miles of your home?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Many miles away from your home?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

DRIVE2

Q13. How often do you wear a seat belt when you are in the back seat of a vehicle?

- ☐ Never
- ☐ Seldom
- ☐ Sometimes
- ☐ Usually
- ☐ Always
- ☐ I don't ride in the back seat

IF you never drive a motor vehicle on public roads, please skip to question Q18 on page 4

DRIVE3

Q14. During the past 12 months, have you driven a vehicle while you were under the influence of alcohol?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I don't know

DRIVE4

Q15. During the past 12 months, have you driven a vehicle while you were under the influence of cannabis (marijuana, weed, pot, edibles)?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I don't know

DRIVE5

Q16. During the past 12 months, have you driven a vehicle while you were under the influence of alcohol and

cannabis?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I don't know

DRIVE6/7_A1-A3

Q17. In the past 30 days, how often have you...

	Never	Rarely	Some times	Often	Always	I don't drive
Q17a. driven 10 mph or more over the speed limit	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Q17b. Driven while holding and talking on a cell phone?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Q17c. Driven while reading or looking at your cell phone?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Q17d. Driven while manually typing or interacting with your cell phone with your hands?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

(Since 2024. In 2023 the response options were Never, Just once, A few times, Fairly Often, Regularly, I don't drive.)

DRIVE8

Q18. In the past 30 days, did you...

	Yes	No	I was never in that situation
Ask someone who was not using a seat belt to use a seat belt?	☐	☐	☐
Take some action to prevent someone who was going to drive who was perhaps too impaired to drive safely (like getting them a ride, asking them to stay, etc.)?	☐	☐	☐
Ask someone who was speeding or driving aggressively to slow down?	☐	☐	☐
Ask a driver who was using their cell phone or who was distracted to focus on driving?	☐	☐	☐

RULES1

Q19. Do you have a family rule about...

	Yes	No	I don't know	I don't have a family
Always using a seat belt	☐	☐	☐	☐
Never exceeding the speed limit	☐	☐	☐	☐
Never driving after consuming alcohol	☐	☐	☐	☐
Never driving after consuming cannabis	☐	☐	☐	☐
Never using a cell phone while driving	☐	☐	☐	☐

RULES2

Q20. Does your employer have a policy about...

	Yes	No	I don't know	I don't have an employer
Always using a seat belt	☐	☐	☐	☐
Never exceeding the speed limit	☐	☐	☐	☐
Never driving after consuming alcohol	☐	☐	☐	☐
Never driving after consuming cannabis	☐	☐	☐	☐
Never using a cell phone while driving	☐	☐	☐	☐

SAFE1

Q21. How dangerous do you feel it is to...

	Not at all dangerous	Slightly dangerous	Moderately dangerous	Very dangerous	Extremely dangerous
Drive a motor vehicle on public roads?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Ride a bicycle on public roads?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Walk or jog on public roads?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Use public transportation?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

SAFE2

Q22. How dangerous do you feel the following driving behaviors are?

	Not at all dangerous	Slightly dangerous	Moderately dangerous	Very dangerous	Extremely dangerous
Drivers holding and talking on cell phones	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Drivers reading or looking at their cell phones	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Drivers manually typing or interacting with their cell phones with their hands	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Drivers speeding 10 mph or more over the speed limit	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Driving shortly (within an hour) after consuming 1 drink of alcohol (12 oz of beer, 5 oz of wine, or 1.5 oz of liquor)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Driving shortly (within an hour) after consuming 2 or more drinks of alcohol	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Driving shortly (within an hour) after consuming cannabis	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

(Since 2024) Driving shortly (within one hour) after using prescription or over-the-counter drugs with side effects

☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
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(2023 ONLY) Driving after using potentially impairing prescription drugs

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(Since 2025) Drivers or passengers not wearing seat belts

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If you have NOT driven a motorcycle in the previous five years, please skip to question Q24

SAFE3

Q23. What do you believe are the greatest risks to motorcycle riders' safety? *(open text 2023-2024, response options since 2025, select all that apply)*

- ☐ Drivers engaging in distracted driving
- ☐ Drivers not adhering to safety or traffic laws
- ☐ Drivers not looking for/seeing motorcyclists or checking blind spots
- ☐ Road hazards
- ☐ Lack of protective/safety gear and/or experience
- ☐ I believe motorcyclists themselves are dangerous
- ☐ Other (specify):
- ☐ I don't know

SAFE4

Q24. How likely is a driver in your community to be caught by the police for the following behaviors?

	Not at all likely	Slightly likely	Moderately likely	Very likely	Extremely likely	I don't know
Driving while using a cell phone	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Driving 10 mph or more over the speed limit	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Driving under the influence of alcohol	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Driving under the influence of cannabis	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Driving while NOT wearing a seat belt (through 2024)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
NOT wearing a seat belt (since 2025)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

SAFE5

Q25. How likely is a driver in your community who is arrested by police for driving under the influence of alcohol or cannabis going to be prosecuted?

- ☐ Not at all likely
- ☐ Slightly likely
- ☐ Moderately likely
- ☐ Very likely
- ☐ Extremely likely
- ☐ I don't know

EXPECT1

Q26. How much do you believe people who are important to you would approve or disapprove of each of the following behaviors?

	Strongly disapprove	Somewhat disapprove	Neither approve nor disapprove	Somewhat approve	Strongly approve
Driving while using a cell phone	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Driving 10 mph or more over the speed limit	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Driving after consuming alcohol	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Driving after consuming cannabis	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Driving while NOT wearing a seat belt	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

EXPECT2

Q27. How much do you believe people who are important to you would approve or disapprove of each of the following behaviors?

	Strongly disapprove	Somewhat disapprove	Neither approve nor disapprove	Somewhat approve	Strongly approve
Asking someone who was not using a seat belt to use a seat belt	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Taking some action to prevent someone who was going to drive who was perhaps too impaired to drive safely (like getting them ride, asking them to stay, etc.)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Asking someone who was speeding or driving aggressively to slow down	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Asking a driver who was using their cell phone or who was distracted to focus on driving	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

PL1

Q28. In your opinion, how often do MOST PEOPLE in your community...

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Usually	Always
Wear a seat belt?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Drive after consuming alcohol?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Drive after consuming cannabis?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Drive 10 mph or more over the speed limit?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Drive while holding and talking on a cell phone?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Drive while reading or manually typing on a cell phone?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

(Since 2024. In 2023 the response options were Never, Seldom, Sometimes, Usually, Always.)

PPL2

Q29. In your opinion, how often do MOST PEOPLE in your community...

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Usually	Always
Ask someone who is not using a seat belt to use a seat belt?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Take some action to prevent someone who is going to drive who is perhaps too impaired to drive safely (like getting them ride, asking them to stay, etc.)?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Ask someone who is speeding or driving aggressively to slow down?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Ask a driver who is using their cell phone or who is distracted to focus on driving?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

(Since 2024. In 2023 the response options were Never, Seldom, Sometimes, Usually, Always.)

If you never drive a motor vehicle on public roads, please skip to question Q31.

CNTRL1

Q30. How easy or difficult would be it for you to...

	Very difficult	Somewhat difficult	Neither easy nor difficult	Somewhat easy	Very easy
NEVER talk on a cell phone while holding it and driving?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
NEVER read or manually type on a cell phone while driving?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
NEVER drive more than 10 mph over the posted speed limit? (Since 2025)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Always wear your seat belt? (Since 2025)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

CNTRL2

Q31. How comfortable would it be for you to...

	Not at all comfortable	Slightly comfortable	Moderately comfortable	Very comfortable	Extremely comfortable
Ask someone to use a seat belt?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Take some action to prevent someone who is going to drive who is perhaps too impaired to drive safely (like getting them ride, asking them to stay, etc.)?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Ask someone who is speeding or driving aggressively to slow down?

☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
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Ask a driver who is using their cell phone or who is distracted to focus on driving?

☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
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TRFC1

Q32.How much do you agree or disagree with the following?

"I believe the only acceptable number of deaths and serious injuries on our roadways should be zero."

- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Somewhat disagree
- ☐ Neither Agree nor Disagree
- ☐ Somewhat agree
- ☐ Strongly agree

(Since 2024. In 2023 the response options were Strongly disagree, Moderately disagree, Somewhat disagree, Neither agree nor disagree, Somewhat agree, Moderately agree, Strongly agree.)

TRFC3 (Added in 2025)

Q32a. How important are traffic deaths of people walking, biking, or rolling?

- ☐ Extremely Important
- ☐ Very Important
- ☐ Moderately Important
- ☐ Slightly Important
- ☐ Not at all Important

TRFC2

Q33.How much do you support or oppose law enforcement enforcing the following traffic safety violations?

	Strongly oppose	Somewhat oppose	Neither support nor oppose	Somewhat support	Strongly support
Driving while using a cell phone	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Driving 10 mph or more over the speed limit	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Driving through a red light or not stopping at a stop sign	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Driving under the influence of alcohol	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Driving under the influence of cannabis	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Driving while NOT wearing a seat belt	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

WORK1

Q34. What is your employment status? (Choose the one most applicable)

- ☐ Employed
- ☐ Student
- ☐ Homemaker
- ☐ Retired
- ☐ Disabled
- ☐ Unemployed
- ☐ I prefer not to answer

If you are not employed, please skip to question Q36.

WORK2

Q35. In a few words, please describe the kind of work you do (like finance, delivery, construction, etc.) _____

- ☐ I prefer not to answer

If you are not a student, please skip to question Q37.

STUDENT

Q36. Do you attend school online or on campus?

- ☐ Online
- ☐ On campus
- ☐ Both online and on campus
- ☐ I prefer not to answer

GEND

Q37. How do you identify?

- ☐ Female
- ☐ Male
- ☐ Transgender, Non-binary, or another gender
- ☐ I prefer not to answer

EDU

Q38. What is the highest level of education that you completed?

- ☐ Less than high school degree
- ☐ High school graduate (includes GED)
- ☐ Some college, no degree
- ☐ 2-year college degree (Associate's degree)
- ☐ 4-year college degree (Bachelor's degree)
- ☐ Graduate or professional degree
- ☐ I prefer not to answer

ETHN

Q39. Are you Hispanic, Latino/Latina/Latinx, or of Spanish origin?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I prefer not to answer

RACE

Q40. How do you identify? Mark all that apply.

- ☐ American Indian or Alaskan Native
- ☐ Asian or Asian American
- ☐ Black or African American
- ☐ Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- ☐ White
- ☐ Other _____
- ☐ I prefer not to answer

AGECHECK

Q41. How old are you? _____[ENTER AGE]

INCOME

Q42. What is your annual household income?

- ☐ Less than \$5,000
- ☐ \$5,000 to \$14,999
- ☐ \$15,000 to \$29,999
- ☐ \$30,000 to \$49,999
- ☐ \$50,000 to \$74,999
- ☐ \$75,000 to \$99,999
- ☐ \$100,000 or more
- ☐ I don't know
- ☐ I prefer not to answer

VETERAN

Q43. Have you ever served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces, either in the regular military or in a National Guard or military reserve unit?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I prefer not to answer

ALC

Q44. Have you consumed any alcohol in the past 30 days?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I prefer not to answer

MJA

Q45. Have you consumed any cannabis in the past 30 days? Please consider all forms of cannabis (pot, "grass") including hashish and hash oil. It may be smoked (including vaping) or added to foods (edibles) or drinks.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I prefer not to answer

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey! Would you be interested in participating in future surveys on this topic? If so, please provide your email below.
