

In 2008, a law was passed in Utah increasing the age of child safety seat use from up to age five years to up to age eight.

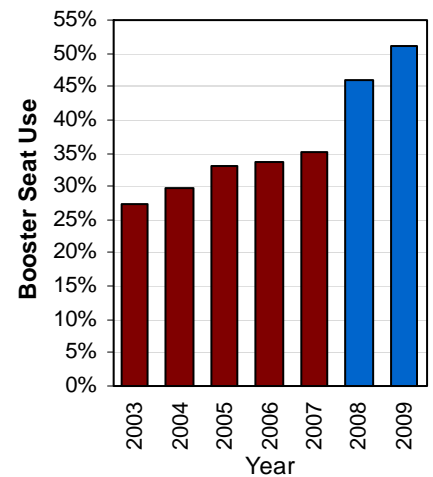
## Booster Seat Use Among Children 4 Through 7 Years



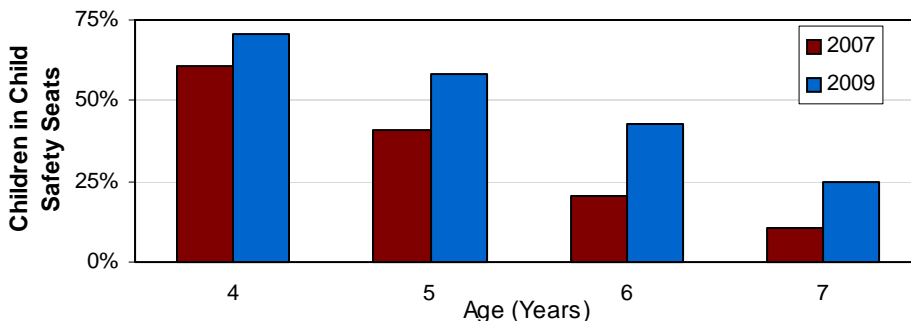
### Did you know in 2009:

- 3,493 children age 4-7 years were passengers in motor vehicle crashes in Utah, 470 of these children were injured and 3 were killed.
- Unrestrained child occupants were 4.8 times more likely to be injured in a crash than children in booster seats.
- Booster seat use increased 45% from 2007 to 2009, after passage of the booster seat law.
- Nearly half (41%) of unrestrained children in crashes were injured or killed compared to 13% of children in booster seats.
- Children unrestrained had the highest levels of injury while children in booster seats had the lowest levels of injury.
- \$928,000 was spent in Utah at hospitals and emergency departments to treat injuries to child occupants age 4-7 years in traffic crashes.  
- Utah Department of Health
- The estimated savings to society for each booster seat purchased is \$1,854. - Pediatrics. 2006;118:1994-8.

### Booster Seat Use (Utah 2003-2009)



### Percent of Children Aged 4-7 Years in Crashes Using Child Safety Seats (Utah 2007, 2009)

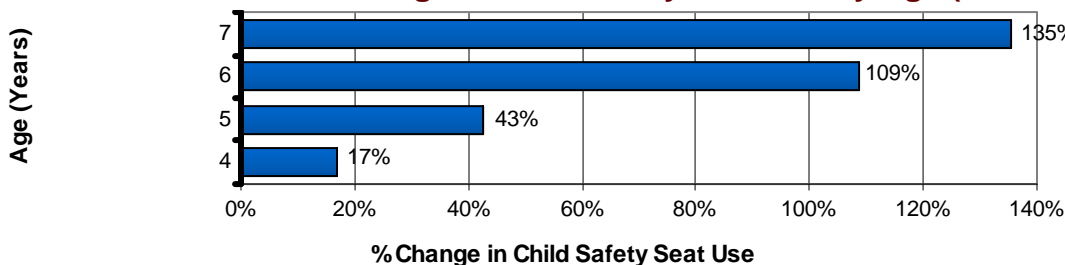


- Booster seat use increased from 35% in 2007 to 46% in 2008 and to 51% in 2009.

**Booster seats reduce injury risk by 45% compared to seat belts alone.**  
-Pediatrics. 2009;124:1281-6.

- Booster seat use increased for every age from 2007 to 2009.

### Percent Change in Child Safety Seat Use by Age (Utah 2007, 2009)



- Booster seat use increased 17% among 4-year-olds (yo), 43% among 5-yo, 109% among 6-yo, and 135% among 7-yo from 2007 to 2009.