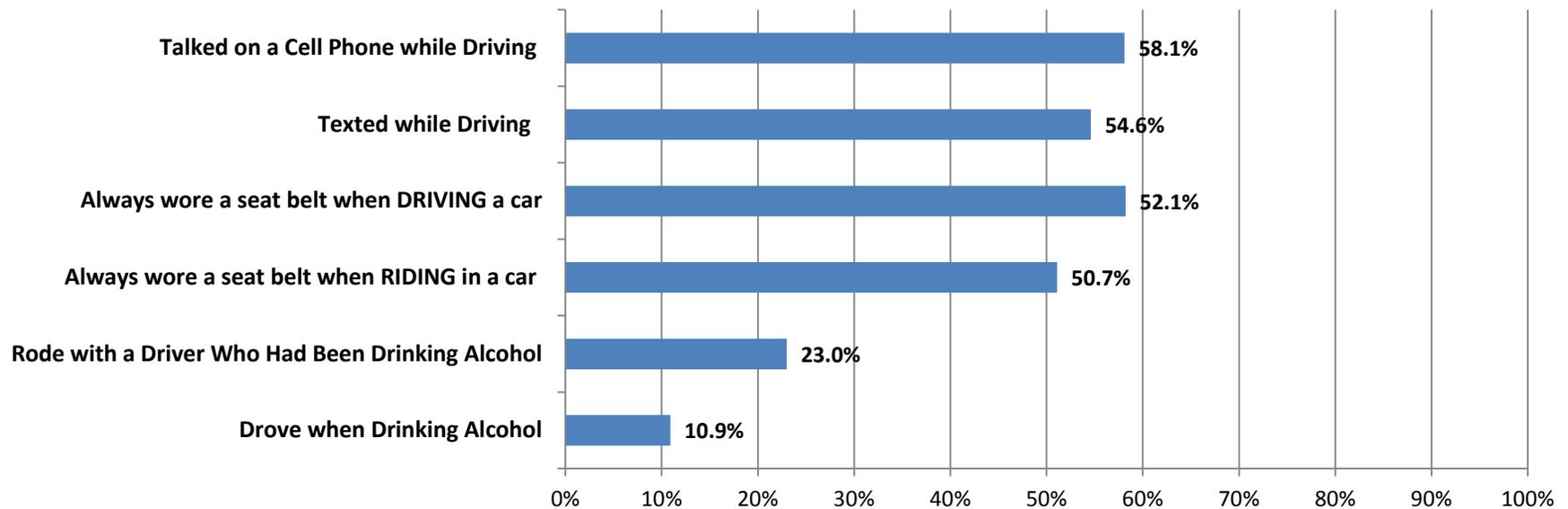


## Miles to Go: Montana Teen Driver Facts

### 2015 Montana Youth Risk Behavior Survey

Source: [www.opi.mt.gov/YRBS](http://www.opi.mt.gov/YRBS)

The percentage of Montana high school students who during the past 30 days:



### Montana Teen Driver Facts

- **Teen Crashes** Montana realized a 57 % reduction in the number of teens involved in fatal and serious injury crashes five years after Montana's Graduated Driver License law went into effect in July 2006. In ten years, 189 teens died in fatal crashes and 58% were not wearing a seatbelt.<sup>1</sup>
- **Distractions:** 721 people were seriously injured or killed in crashes due to teen driver careless, inattentive or cell phone use while driving during the ten years from 2004 to 2013. Roadway departures cause 64% of teen fatal crashes.<sup>1</sup>
- **Seat Belts:** Research shows that seat belts reduce serious crash-related injuries and deaths by about half.<sup>2</sup> In 2013, 55% of people killed in crashes involving a teen driver (age 14-18) were not wearing a seatbelt, a decrease from 74% in 2004.<sup>1</sup>
- **Speeding:** Speeding-related crashes involving teen drivers and serious injuries and fatalities decreased 79% from 67 in 2004 to 14 in 2013.<sup>1</sup>
- **Impaired:** Alcohol-related serious injury and fatal crashes involving teen drivers decreased 37% from 54 in 2004 to 34 in 2013.<sup>1</sup>

#### Data Sources:

1. Montana Department of Transportation Crash Data ([www.mdt.mt.gov](http://www.mdt.mt.gov))  
Crashes involving teen drivers age 14 to 18 during the ten year period from 2004 to 2013
2. CDC Teen Drivers [http://www.cdc.gov/motorvehiclesafety/teen\\_drivers/teendrivers\\_factsheet.html](http://www.cdc.gov/motorvehiclesafety/teen_drivers/teendrivers_factsheet.html)