



# **Car Crashes: #1 Cause of Unintentional Death for Oklahoma Children >4**

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## Admitted to OU Trauma Center due to Motor Vehicle Crashes

249 patients 8 – 17 years old

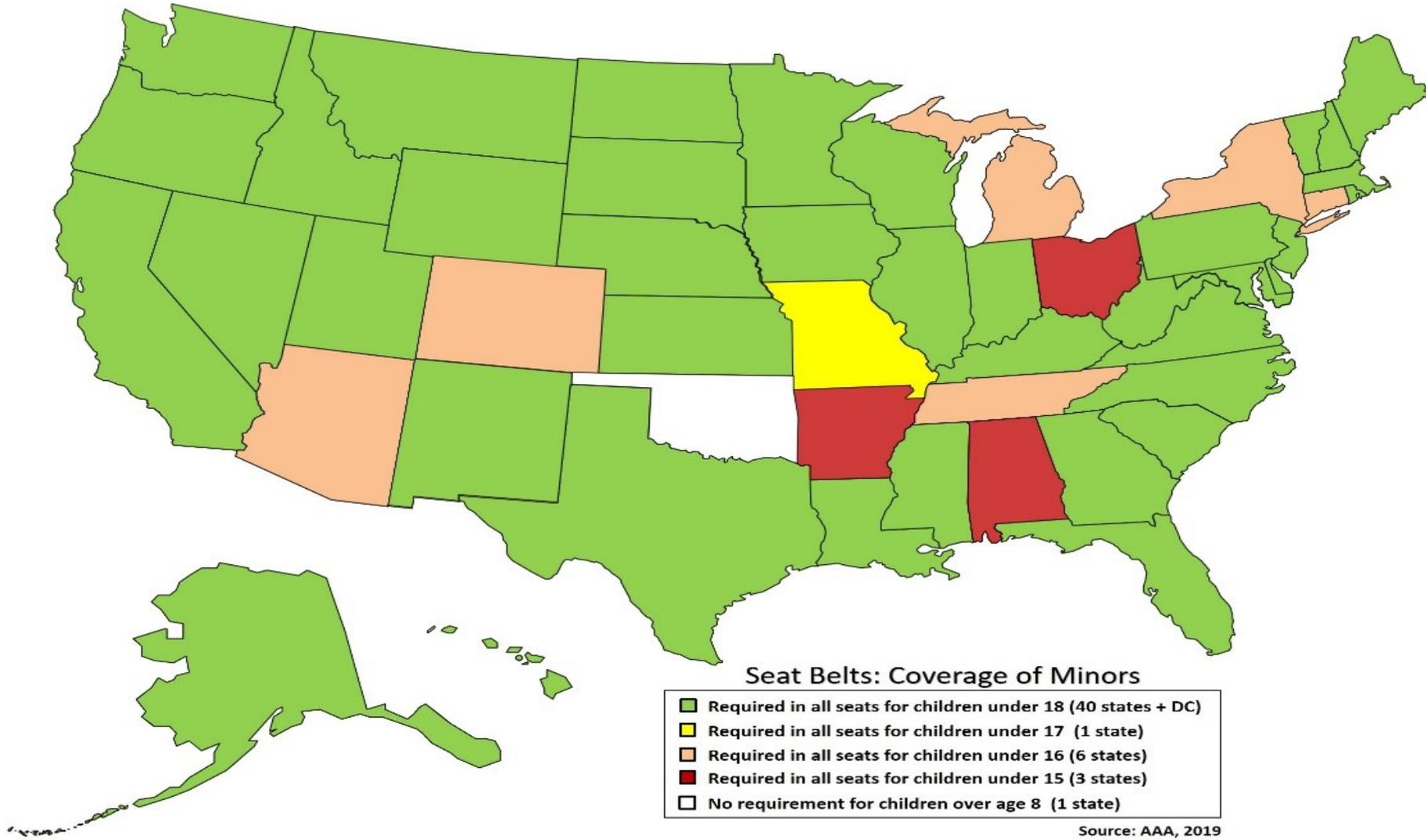
2 fatalities (9 & 15 years old)

108 seriously injured

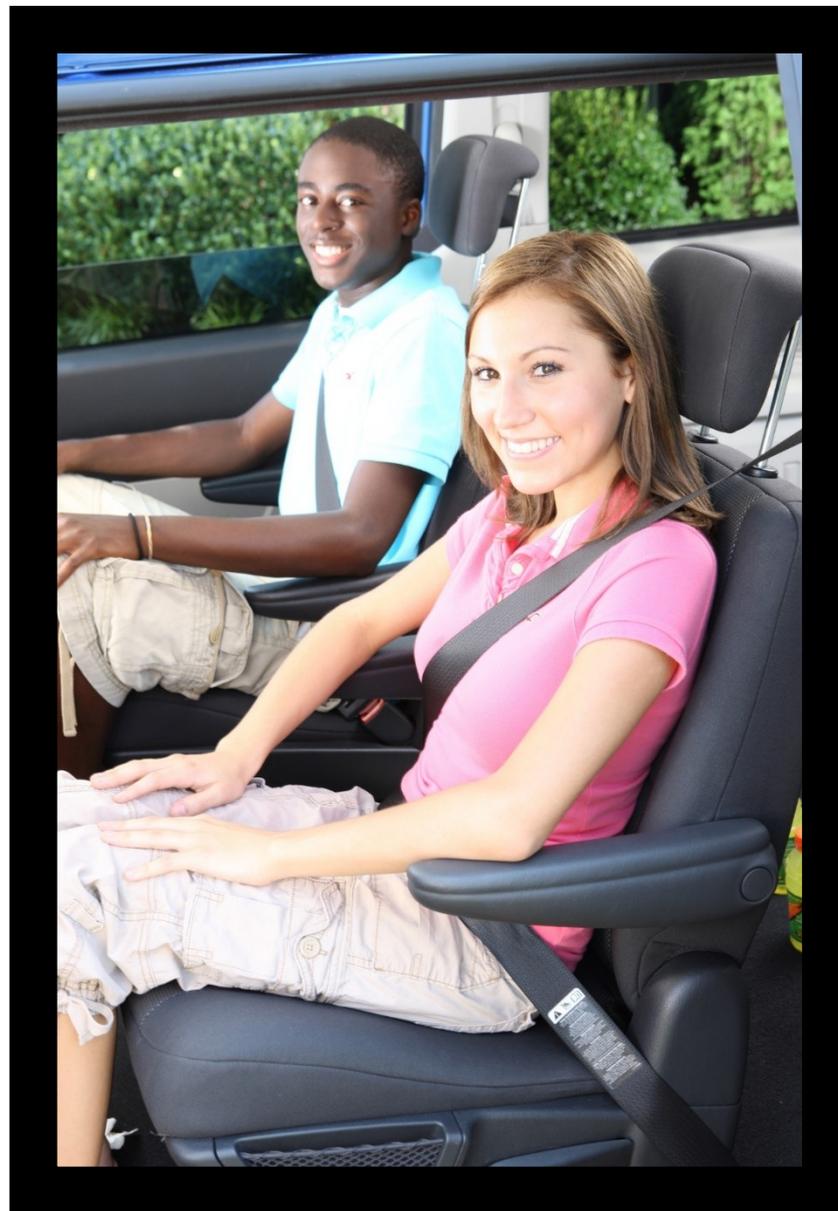


**Issue:** Oklahoma ranks #50 in protecting older children, 8 – 17, in vehicles as the **only state without a law** requiring children, 8 and older, to wear a seat belt when riding in the back seat.



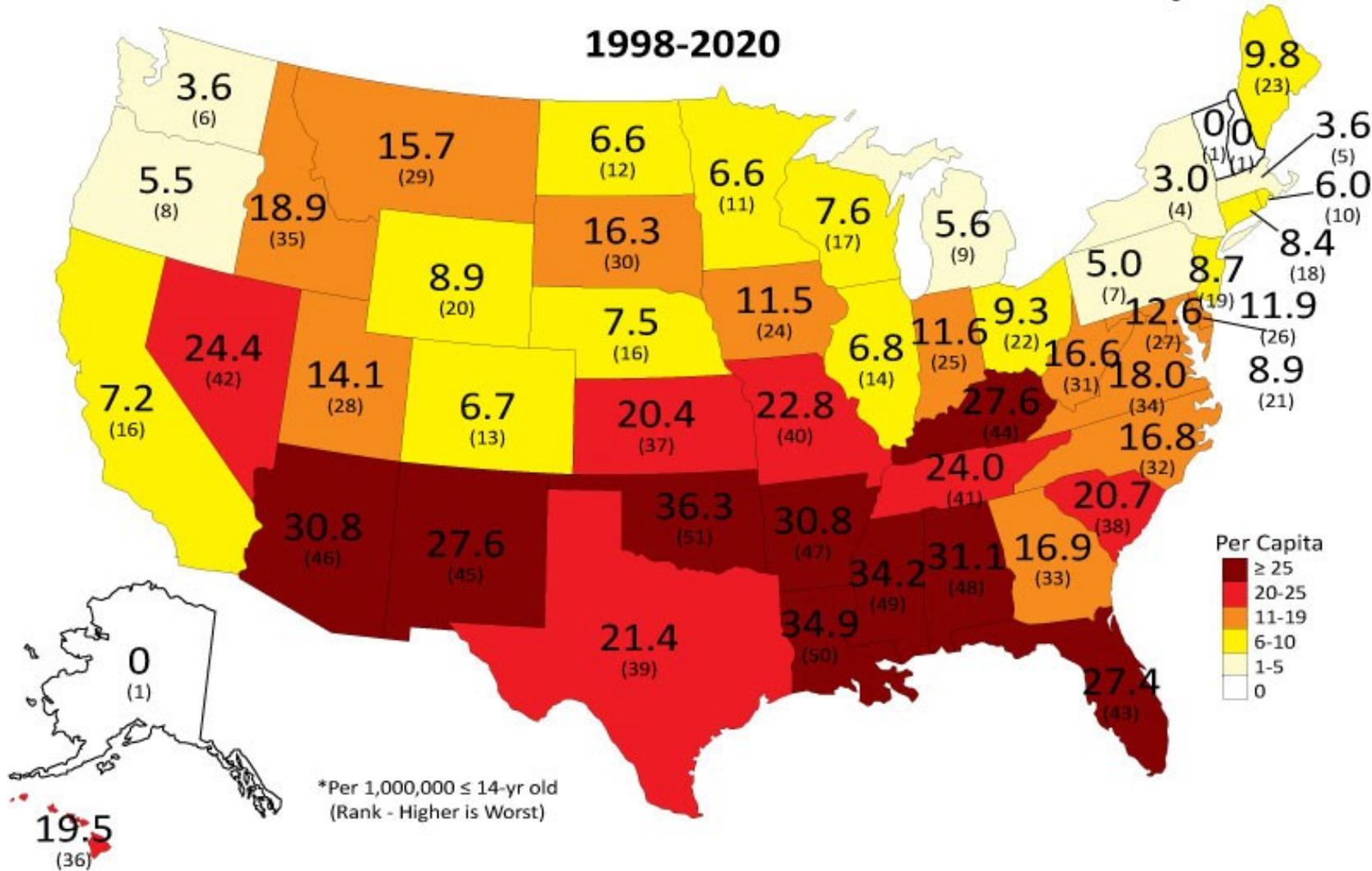


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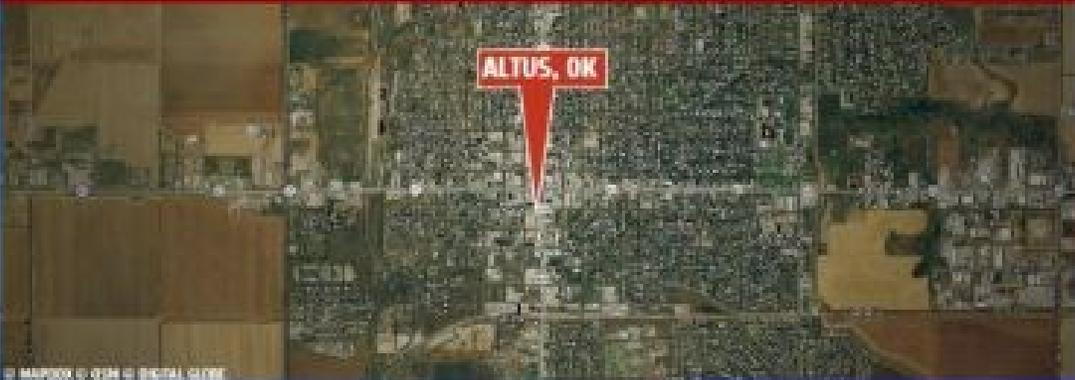


# Pediatric Vehicular Heatstroke Deaths Per Capita\*

1998-2020



## 17-YEAR-OLD KILLED IN TWO-VEHICLE CRASH



- Speed limits
- Drug & alcohol access
- Drivers' handheld device use
- Seat belt use
- Drivers Ed.
- ATVs on roads
- Pedestrian educ.
- Road infrastructure





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