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TITLE: California Driver Survey: The Habits and Opinions of Drivers on Selected Traffic Safety Related Issues

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PROTECT OBJECTIVE:

To collect information on driving exposure, socioeconomic factors, and attitudes about driving for a random sample of motorists.

SUMMARY:

From a sample of 9,495 California drivers, 5,631 responded to a 10-item questionnaire dealing with driver opinion, exposure (mileage), seat-belt use, and socioeconomic indicators. Respondents indicated strong support for provisional licensing of young drivers and for proof of auto insurance before car licensure, but strong opposition to expansion of mail-in license renewal to include all drivers, regardless of prior driving record. Opinions differed somewhat by level of education and prior driving record. Tabulations are presented on respondents' driving exposure, frequency of seat-belt use, and such socioeconomic indicators as education level, year of vehicle driven most often, employment status, whether respondent usually drove a four-cylinder car, and whether respondent was a housewife. Some of the driving exposure and socioeconomic items were similar to questions on the 1975 California Driver Survey.

IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

None. Mileage is used as a variable in other Research and Development reports on driver-record correlates ..

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

None.