AASM Sleep Prioritization Survey Drowsy Driving



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Survey Methodology

The American Academy of Sleep Medicine (AASM) commissioned an online survey of 2,003 adults in the United States. The margin of error is +/- 2 percentage points with a confidence interval of 95 percent. The fieldwork was performed Sept. 17-20, 2019 by Atomik Research, an independent creative market research agency.

Question

Have you ever struggled to stay awake while driving a vehicle?

Results

45% of those surveyed said they have struggled to stay awake while driving.

Overall Drowsy Driving Prevalence

Total	2,003
Yes	906 (45%)
No	957 (48%)
I don't drive	140 (4%)

Nearly half (45%) of Americans admit they have struggled to stay awake while driving.

Drowsy Driving Prevalence by Gender

	Male	Female	
Total	1,002	1,001	
Yes	498 (50%)	408 (41%)	
No	436 (44%)	521 (52%)	
I don't drive	68 (7%)	72 (7%)	

Men are more likely to have struggled to stay awake while driving (50%).

Drowsy Driving Prevalence by Age Group

	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+
Total	251	387	440	365	242	318
Yes	95 (38%)	164 (42%)	222 (50%)	181 (50%)	104 (43%)	140 (44%)
No	119 (47%)	186 (48%)	196 (45%)	168 (46%)	123 (51%)	165 (52%)
I don't drive	37 (15%)	37 (10%)	22 (5%)	16 (4%)	15 (6%)	13 (4%)

Drowsy Driving by Generation

	Gen Z (18-22)	Millennial (23-38)	Gen X (39-54)	Baby Boomer (55-73)	Silent Generation (74+)
Total	179	637	627	487	73
Yes	62 (35%)	299 (47%)	301 (48%)	214 (44%)	30 (41%)
No	89 (50%)	284 (45%)	296 (47%)	249 (51%)	39 (53%)
I don't drive	28 (16%)	54 (8%)	30 (5%)	24 (5%)	4 (5%)

Gen Z is least likely to have struggled to stay awake while driving and also is the most unlikely to drive.



Drowsy Driving Prevalence by Region

	Northeast South		Midwest	West		
Total	357	753	460	433		
Yes	149 (42%)	359 (48%)	199 (43%)	199 (46%)		
No	186 (52%)	346 (46%)	222 (48%)	203 (47%)		
I don't drive	22 (6%)	48 (6%)	39 (8%)	31 (7%)		

There is a slightly higher prevalence of those who have struggled to stay awake while driving in the South (48%).

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