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THE AAOS-HARRIS INTERACTIVE SURVEY RESULTS

Survey results reveal how American drivers feel about multitasking, their own behavior behind the wheel as well as the choices of other drivers.

- Drivers are more likely to report observing distracted behaviors in other drivers than say they engage in the activity themselves, for instance, 99% report seeing other drivers talking on a cell phone and only 61% report that they have done this.
- Eighty-seven percent (87%) said they have seen other drivers grooming themselves whereas only one out of five (18%) report that they have done this.
- Of the more than 1,500 driving-age adults surveyed, NONE of them reported their own driving as unsafe. In fact, 83 percent claim to drive safely. And, yet they believe only 10 percent of *other* drivers drive “safely.”
- Although drivers are aware that distracted driving compromises the ability of *others* to drive safely, one in five (20%) agree that they are a good enough driver that they can do other things while driving without compromising [their driving ability].
- Among those who self-reported distracted driving behaviors overall, 30-44 year olds seem to be the worst offenders who most frequently admitted to eating or drinking, talking on a cell phone or reaching in the back seat of the car while driving.
- Many drivers who have experienced a near-accident due to their own distracted driving behavior say they will continue the behavior that caused them to swerve or slam on the breaks to avoid an accident.
- The results showed that 94 percent of drivers in America believe that distracted driving is a problem in the U.S. and 89 percent believe it is a problem within their own communities.
- Drivers report that nearly half of all drivers (46%) say they encounter on a typical day are distracted driving.
- Nine out of ten drivers say that distracted driving is a very serious or serious problem among teenagers (90%) and young adults 20-24 (86%).
- Half of all drivers think about their driving before they get behind the wheel.
- Virtually all (96%) of passengers say they sometimes or always mention a distracting behavior to the driver.
- Four out of five (81%) drivers have avoided an accident with another driver who appeared to be distracted while driving.
- Men (24%) are more likely than women (18%) to believe they can multi-task while driving.

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