

2013-2014 NATIONAL SCHOOL BUS LOADING AND UNLOADING SURVEY



The National School Bus Loading and Unloading Survey is a collection of fatality accident records provided by the state agencies responsible for school transportation safety and/or accident records*. Only those fatalities involving school children in or around the loading or unloading areas of a school bus or transit bus are included in this survey. On-board fatalities are excluded.

This survey is provided annually to the school transportation industry in an effort to alert individuals and organizations of the dangers involved in loading and unloading school children. Fatalities continue to occur at the bus stop, caused by a variety of circumstances and errors on the part of the school bus driver or passing motorist. It points out the continuing need for forceful, advanced instruction to school bus drivers and students, as well as the need to increase our efforts to thoroughly inform the driving public about the requirements of the school bus stop law.

** Numbers are only as accurate as the reporting agency has provided.*

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Please note, that this edition (National School Bus Loading and Unloading 2013-2014) is only available online. Please feel free to reproduce and utilize the survey data as desired, as it is provided specifically for this purpose.

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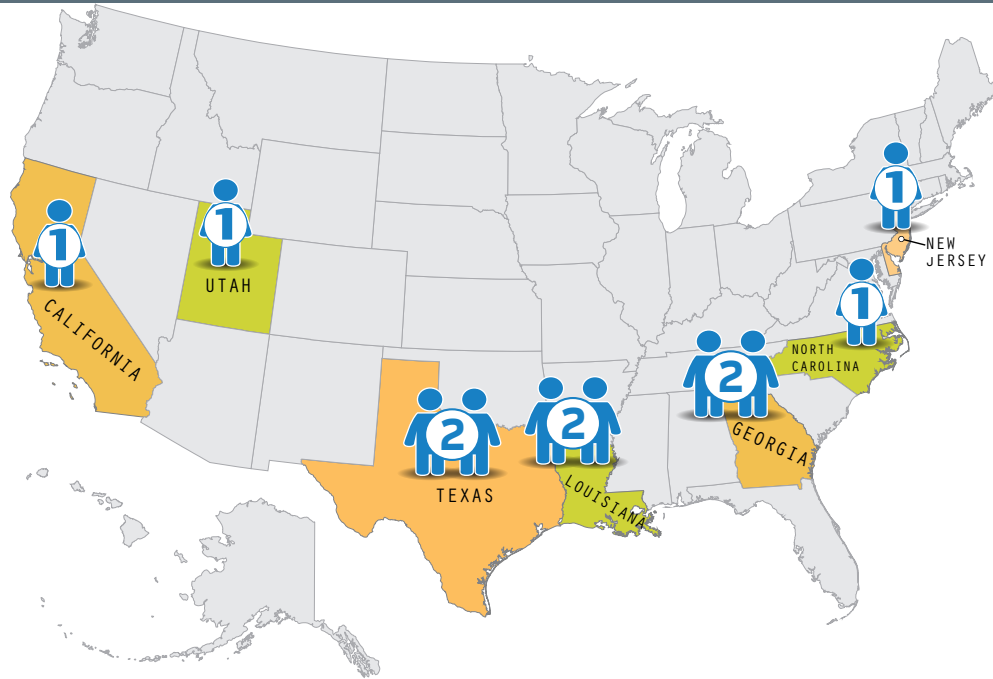
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Reports of Fatalities by State: 2013-2014



50 States and Washington, D.C. Surveyed*

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Number reporting fatalities	7	8	5	7
Number reporting no fatalities	43	43	46	41
Number not Reporting	0	0	0	2

TOTAL FATALITIES: 10

* Washington D.C. and New York did not respond to the survey.

California:

- A 14-year-old male exited his home and proceeded to his bus stop. It was still dark out. The bus was eastbound approaching the bus stop. The bus driver did not activate the eight-way light system. The student was struck and killed by an oncoming vehicle.

Georgia:

- An 8-year-old male was crossing the road to board his school bus. The stop arm was out and the eight-way lights were flashing when a van approached from the front of the bus which struck and killed the child.
- A 6-year-old male had exited the bus; as he crossed in front of the bus, the driver did not see him and the bus struck and killed him with the right front wheel of the bus.

Louisiana:

- A 6-year-old male was attempting to cross the street to his bus stop when an oncoming vehicle struck and killed him. The vehicle had stopped a short distance away from the accident, but later left the scene.
- A 6-year-old male had exited the bus. He bent down to tie his shoe and was struck and killed by the right front wheel of the bus.

New Jersey:

- A 6-year-old male was crossing in front of the bus when the bus started moving and the child was struck and killed by the left front wheel of the bus.

North Carolina:

- A 17-year-old male was crossing the road to board the bus. The bus had the stop arm and eight-way lights activated, but an oncoming vehicle did not stop. The vehicle struck and killed the student.

Texas:

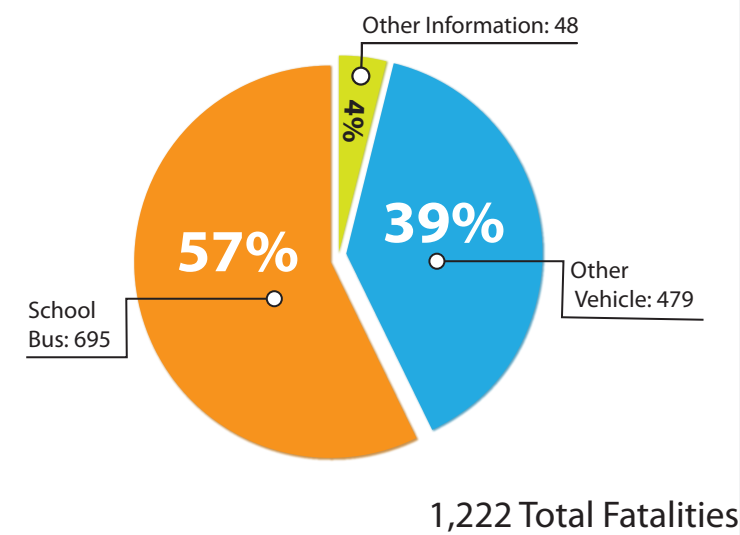
- A 6-year-old female was running towards her school when she fell underneath the school bus. She was run over by the left rear duals wheels of the bus.
- A 17-year-old female had exited the bus and was walking across the center turn lane when a passing vehicle failed to stop for the bus while it was unloading. The vehicle struck and killed the female.

Utah:

- A 9-year-old female had exited her school bus and was struck and killed by another passing school bus. The driver of the bus she exited had not activated the eight-way lights and stop arm, but had turned on the four-way hazard flashers when she began to cross the street.

44 Year Totals

School Related Vehicle versus Other Vehicle



School Children Killed by Vehicle Passing School Bus

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total	4	6	6	6
Other	0	0	0	0
Total	4	6	6	6

School Children's Position when Killed by School Bus

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Front of Bus	1	2	1	3
Back of Bus	3	1	2	1
Total	4	3	3	4

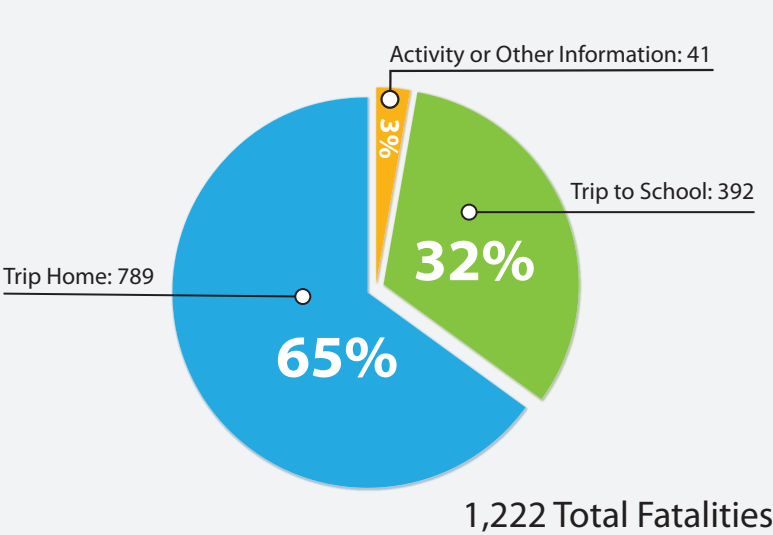
Objects Caught, Dropped Objects or Fell Down

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Object Caught in Handrail	0	0	0	0
Object Caught in Closed Door	1	0	0	0
Dropped Object	0	1	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0
Total	1	1	0	0

School Bus Size

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Type A	0	0	0	0
Type B	0	0	0	0
Type C	3	1	3	3
Type D	1	2	0	1
Public Transit	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0
Unknown	0	0	0	0
Total	4	3	3	4

Destination



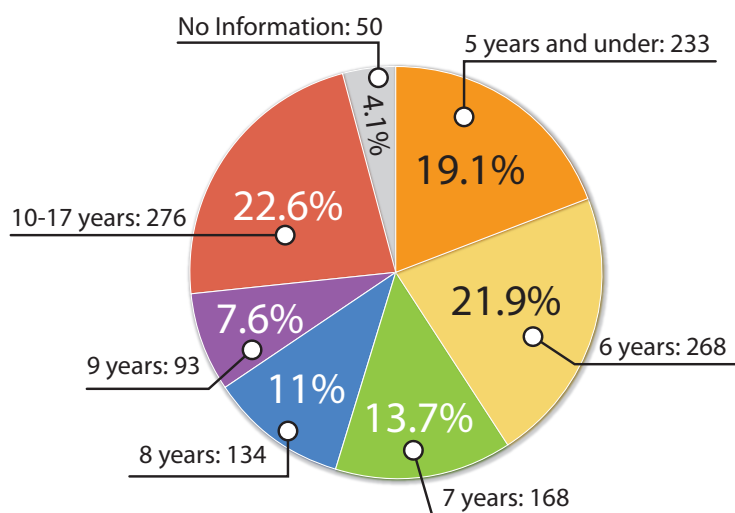
Destination

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Going to School	5	5	6	7
Activity Trip	0	1	0	0
Going Home	3	3	3	3
No Information	0	0	0	0
Total	8	9	9	10

Location Pupil was Killed

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Unloading on School Ground a.m.	0	0	0	1
Loading on School Ground p.m.	0	0	0	0
Waiting at Bus Stop a.m.	2	3	5	1
Getting on the Bus a.m.	2	0	0	0
Getting off the Bus p.m.	3	2	1	3
Walking/Running to Bus Stop a.m.	1	2	2	5
Walking/Running from Bus Stop p.m.	0	2	1	0
Road, Street or Highway	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0
No Information	0	0	0	0
Total	8	9	9	10

Fatalities by Age



1,222 Total Fatalities

Age of Pupil	2010	2011	2012	2013
1 years	0	0	1	0
2 years	0	0	0	0
3 years	0	0	0	0
4 years	0	0	0	0
5 years	0	0	1	0
6 years	2	0	0	5
7 years	2	0	2	0
8 years	2	0	1	1
9 years	0	0	0	1
10 years	1	1	1	0
11 years	0	5	1	0
12 years	0	1	1	0
13 years	0	1	0	0
14 years	0	0	1	1
15 years	1	0	0	0
16 years	0	0	0	0
17 years	0	1	0	2
No Information	0	0	0	0
Total	8	9	9	10

Sex of Child

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Female	1	4	4	3
Male	7	5	5	7
Number not reporting	0	0	0	0
Total	8	9	9	10

Day of the Week Fatality Occurred (2013 only)

Day	Number of Fatalities
Monday	4
Tuesday	2
Wednesday	1
Thursday	1
Friday	2
Saturday	0
Sunday	0
Unknown	0

Month of Fatality

	2010	2011	2012	2013
January	2	0	1	1
February	1	0	2	3
March	2	1	1	0
April	0	2	1	3
May	1	0	1	1
June	0	0	0	0
July	0	0	0	0
August	0	0	0	0
September	0	1	1	0
October	1	1	1	1
November	0	1	0	0
December	1	3	1	1
Unknown	0	0	0	0
Total	8	9	9	10

44 Year Totals

Light Conditions

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Dawn	2	2	2	2
Dusk	0	1	0	0
Daylight	6	4	3	5
Dark	0	2	4	3
Unknown	0	0	0	0
Total	8	9	9	10

Weather Conditions

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Clear	7	7	7	6
Cloudy	1	0	1	1
Cloudy/Raining	0	0	0	1
Rain	0	1	1	1
Snow/Sleet/Ice	0	0	0	0
Fog	0	1	0	1
Unknown	0	0	0	0
Total	8	9	9	10

Road Conditions

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Dry	8	7	8	7
Wet	0	2	1	3
Snow/Slush	0	0	0	0
Ice/Snow Packed	0	0	0	0
Mud/Dirt/Sand	0	0	0	0
Total	8	9	9	10

Area Fatality Occurred

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Urban	5	3	1	8
Rural	3	6	8	2
No Information	0	0	0	0
Total	8	9	9	10

Road Type

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Gravel	1	1	1	0
City Street	1	1	0	4
State Highway	2	2	6	2
Federal Highway	0	1	0	0
Interstate	0	0	0	0
County Road	3	4	2	0
Other	1	0	0	4
Total	8	9	9	10



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Summary:

- During the past 44 years the largest percentage of fatalities, 73.3% (896 fatalities), occurred to students 1-9 years of age.
- In 2013-2014, students departing from the bus or on their way home involved 30% of all fatalities.
- 40% of fatalities were attributed to the school bus. Those involving "other vehicle," were 60% for 2013-2014.



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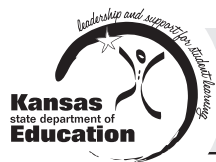
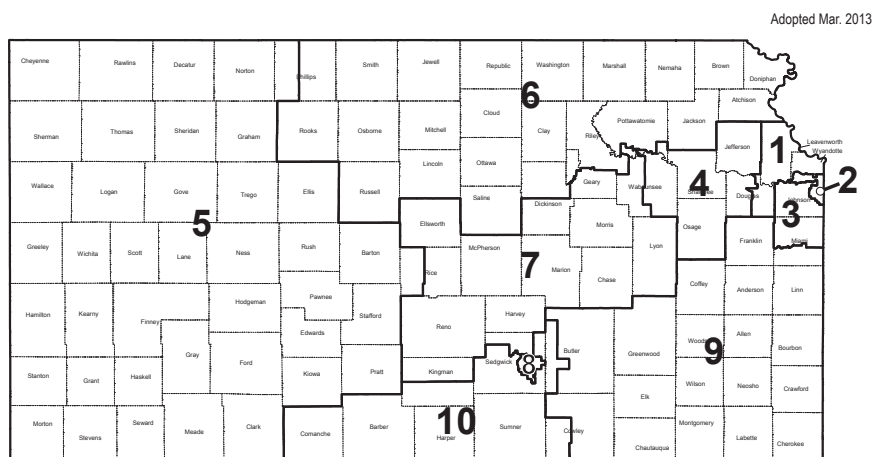
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