

2018-2019 National School Bus Loading and Unloading Survey



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The Kansas State Department of Education School Bus Safety Unit wishes to thank the National Association of State Directors of Pupil Transportation Services for its assistance with this report.



The National School Bus Loading and Unloading Survey is a collection of fatality accident reports provided by state agencies that are responsible for school transportation and/or accident records.* The Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE), along with the help of the National Association of State Directors of Pupil Transportation Services, asks that all states and Washington, D.C., provide data to the agency, and then KSDE compiles it for this survey. Only fatalities involving school children in or around the loading or unloading areas of a school bus are included.

This survey is provided annually to the school transportation industry in an effort to raise awareness of the dangers involved in loading and unloading school children. Fatalities — which are caused by a variety of circumstances and errors by passing motorists and school bus drivers — continue to take place. This shows 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 drivers across the country about the requirements of the school bus stop law.

The 2018-2019 National School Bus Loading and Unloading Survey is only available online. Please reproduce and utilize the survey data as desired.

* Numbers are only as accurate as the reporting agency that provides them.

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REPORTS OF FATALITIES BY STATE

-WYOMING

While on school grounds, a 6-year-old girl attempted to catch her bus home by running alongside it, trying to get the driver's attention. The student tripped and fell and was struck by the right rear dual wheels. Student passed away a week later.

-MISSOURI

An 8-year-old girl was crossing the street to board the bus. The bus was stopped with stop arm and eight-way red lights activated. An oncoming vehicle didn't stop and the student was struck and killed.

MISSISSIPPI

A 9-year-old boy crossed the highway

to board the bus. The stop arm and

eight-way red lights were activated. An oncoming vehicle didn't stop. The

student was struck and killed.

— INDIANA

Four children were crossing the roadway to get on the bus. The bus was stopped with stop arm and eight-way red lights activated. An oncoming vehicle didn't stop and struck all four students. A 9-year-old girl and twin 6-year-old boys, all siblings, were killed.

– MARYLAND

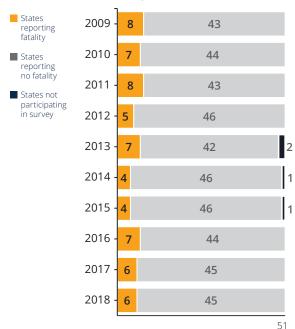
A 16-year-old boy was running to catch the bus. The bus had its eight-way amber lights activated, but the stop arm wasn't deployed. The student crossed the road and was struck and killed by an oncoming vehicle.

– GEORGIA

Two brothers, ages 10 and 7, crossed the street to board the bus. The bus was stopped with stop arm and eightway red lights activated. An oncoming vehicle didn't stop. The older brother was struck and killed while protecting the younger brother.

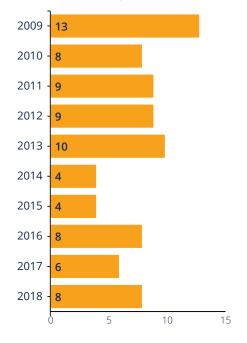
Number of States Reporting Fatalities

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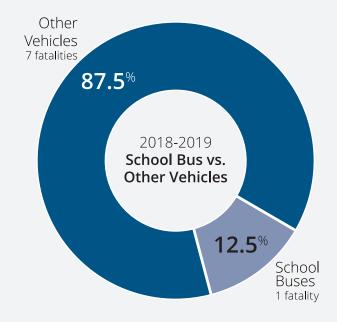
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Vehicle School Buses vs. Other Vehicles

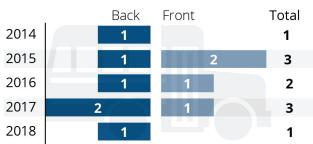


87.5 percent of fatalities were attributed to other vehicles during the 2018-2019 school year. 12.5 percent were attributed to school buses during the same time period.

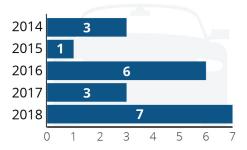
School Bus Type

Year	Туре А	Type C	Type D	Total
2014	1			1
2015		3		3
2016		2		2
2017		2	1	3
2018		1		1

Position of Child When Killed by School Bus



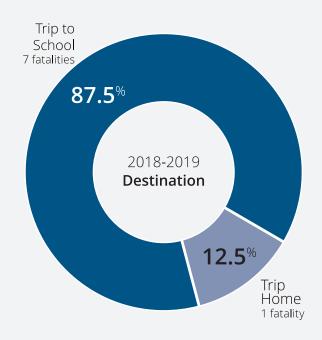
School Children Killed by Vehicle Passing School Bus



Objects Caught or Dropped

Year	Closed Door	Dropped Object	Total
2014			0
2015		2	2
2016	1		1
2017			0
2018			0

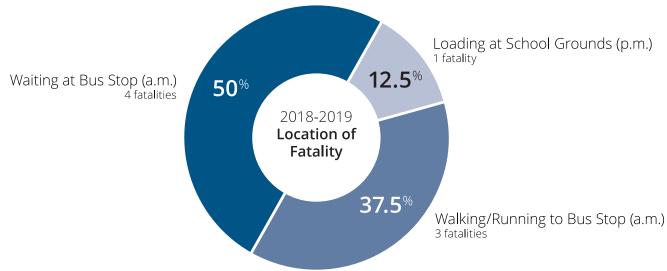
Destination



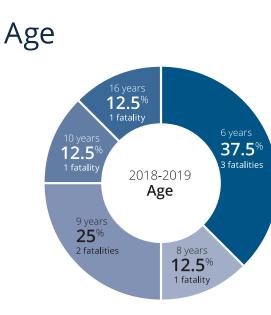
In 2018-2019 students traveling to school attributed to 87.5 percent of fatalities.

Year	Trip to School	Trip Home	Total
2014	1	3	4
2015	2	2	4
2016	4	4	8
2017	3	3	6
2018	7	1	8

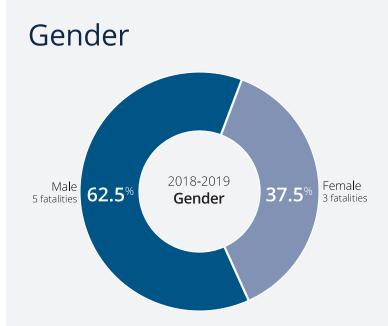
Location of Fatality



		SCHOOL	BUS STOP		SCHOOL GROUNDS	
	Walking/Running to (a.m.)	Waiting (a.m.)	Unloading (p.m.)	Walking/Running from (p.m.)	Loading (p.m.)	Total
2014		1	2	1		4
2015		2	2			4
2016	4		2	2		8
2017	3		2	1		6
2018	3	4			1	8



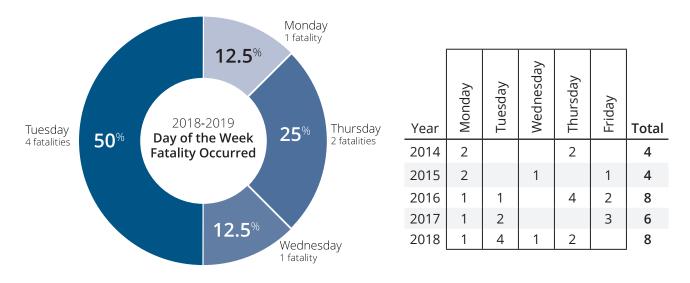
		YEAR				
		2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
	1					
	2		1			
	3					
	4					
	5		2			
	6			2	1	3
	7	1		3		
ш	8				2	1
AGE	9			1		2
	10	1			1	1
	11			1		
	12	1				
	13					
	14					
	15				2	
	16	1	1	1		1
	17					
	Total	4	4	8	6	8



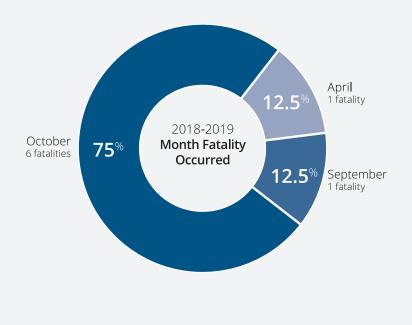
Year	Male	Female	Total
2014	2	2	4
2015	4	2	4
2016	4	4	8
2017	2	4	6
2018	5	3	8

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Day of the Week Fatality Occurred



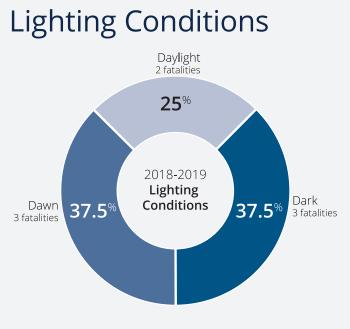
Month Fatality Occurred



YEAR

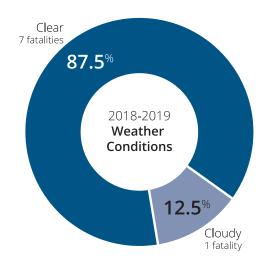
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Jan.					
Feb.			1	1	
Mar.	2		3	1	
Apr.		1		2	1
May					
Jun.		1			
Jul.					
Aug.					
Sept.		1			1
Oct.	1	1	3	1	6
Nov.			1	1	
Dec.	1				
Total	4	4	8	6	8

MONTH



Year	Dawn	Daylight	Dark	Total
2014	1	3		4
2015	1	2	1	4
2016		7	1	8
2017		5	1	6
2018	3	2	3	8

Weather Conditions



Year	Clear	Cloudy	Fog	Total
2014	4			4
2015	3		1	4
2016	7	1		8
2017	6			6
2018	7	1		8

Weather-Related Road Conditions

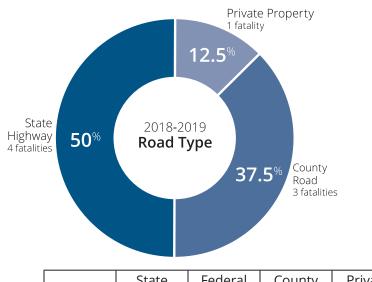


Area Where Fatality Occurred



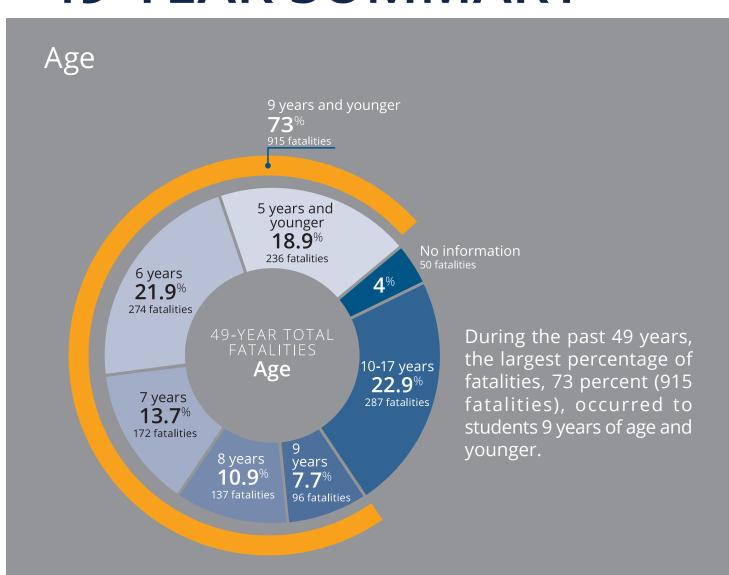
Year	Rural	Urban	Total
2014	3	1	4
2015	3	1	4
2016	7	1	8
2017	1	5	6
2018	6	2	8

Road Type



Voor	City Street	State	Federal	County Road	Private	Total
Year	City Street	Highway	Highway	ROAU	Property	Total
2014	1	3				4
2015	2	1		1		4
2016	2	5	1			8
2017	5			1		6
2018		3		4	1	8

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49-YEAR TOTAL STUDENT FATALITIES: 1,252





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