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NATIONAL SCHOOL BUS LOADING AND UNLOADING SURVEY



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School Bus Safety Unit
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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 2021-2022 National School Bus Loading and Unloading Survey is only available online. Please reproduce and utilize the survey data as desired.

It should be noted that schools across the United States and other countries are still struggling with the COVID-19 pandemic. This in turn decreased the number of students transported for the 2021-2022 school year.

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

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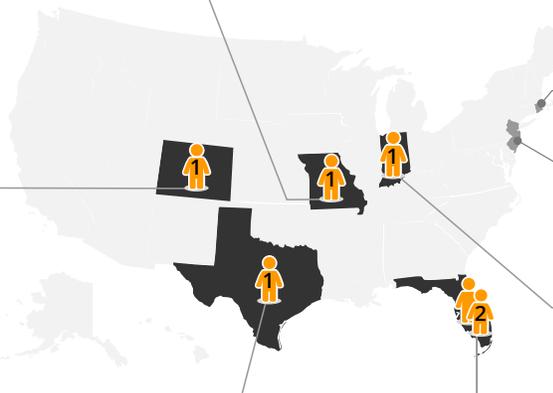
REPORTS OF FATALITIES BY STATE

Missouri

A 6-year-old boy had unloaded from the school bus. The bus driver did not see him as he crossed in front of the bus. The bus moved forward, and the student was struck and killed by both the left front and left rear dual wheels.

Colorado

An 11-year-old girl was running to catch the school bus. The student tripped and fell and was struck and killed by the right rear dual wheels of the bus.



Rhode Island

Refused to participate.

New Jersey

Refused to participate.

Indiana

A 16-year-old girl was crossing the street to catch the school bus. The bus was stopped with the stop arm and eight-way lights activated. An oncoming vehicle did not stop, and the student was struck and killed.

Texas

A 6-year-old girl unloaded from the school bus. The bus driver did not see her as she crossed in front of the bus. The bus moved forward, and the student was struck and killed by the right front wheel of the bus.

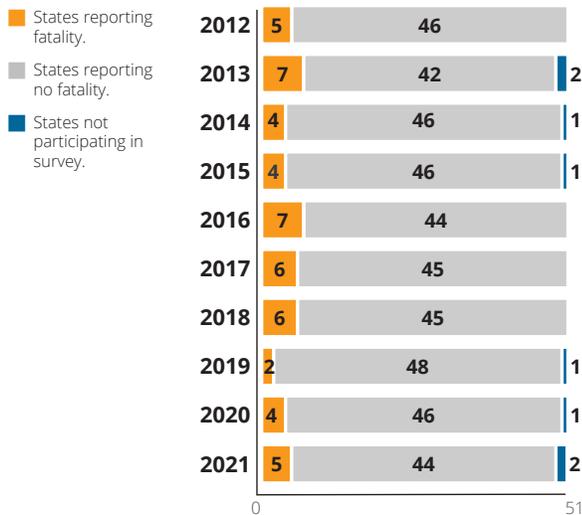
Florida

* A 19-year-old male student with special needs, along with his motorized wheelchair, fell off the lift while being loaded into the school bus. He later died from the injuries he sustained in the fall.

A 10-year-old girl was crossing the street to board the bus. The bus was stopped with the stop arm and eight-way lights activated. An oncoming vehicle did not stop, and the student was struck and killed.

Number of States Reporting Fatalities

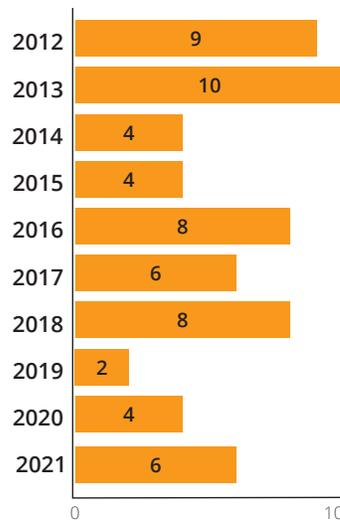
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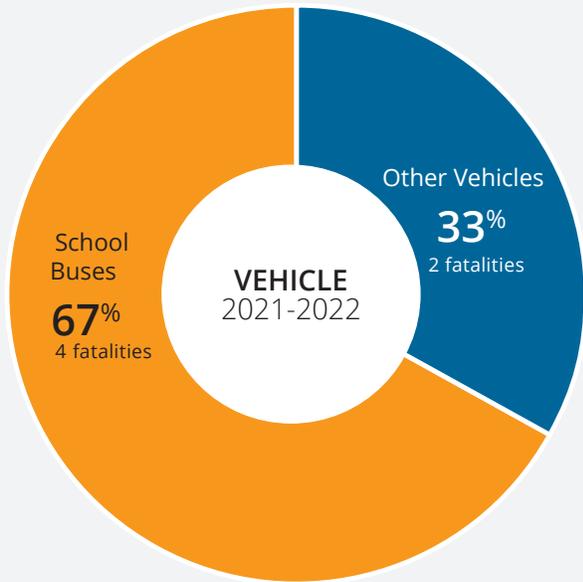
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Vehicle

School Buses vs. Other Vehicles

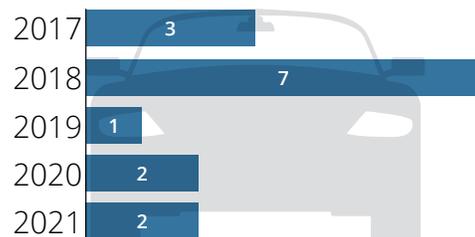


Thirty-three percent of fatalities were attributed to other vehicles during the 2021-2022 school year. Sixty-seven percent were attributed to school buses during the same time period.

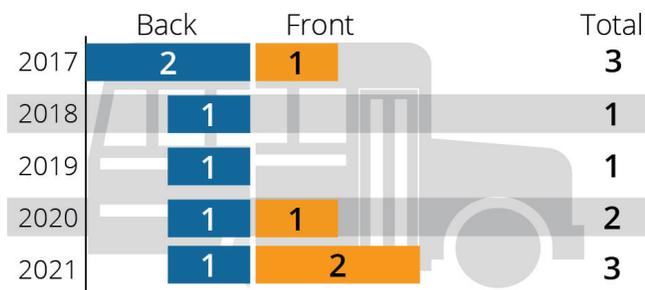
School Bus Type

Year	Type A 	Type C 	Type D 	Total
2017		2	1	3
2018		1		1
2019			1	1
2020		1	1	2
2021		3*	1	4

School Children Killed by Vehicle Passing School Bus



Position of Child When Killed by School Bus

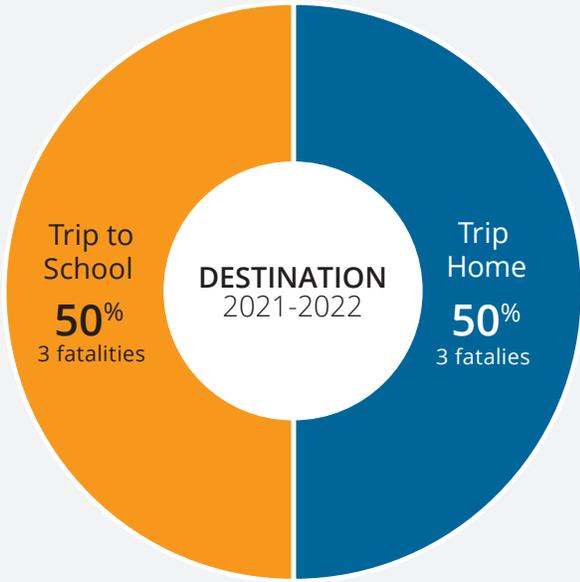


Objects Caught or Dropped

Year	Closed Door	Dropped Object	Total
2017	0	0	0
2018	0	0	0
2019	0	0	0
2020	0	0	0
2021	0	0	0

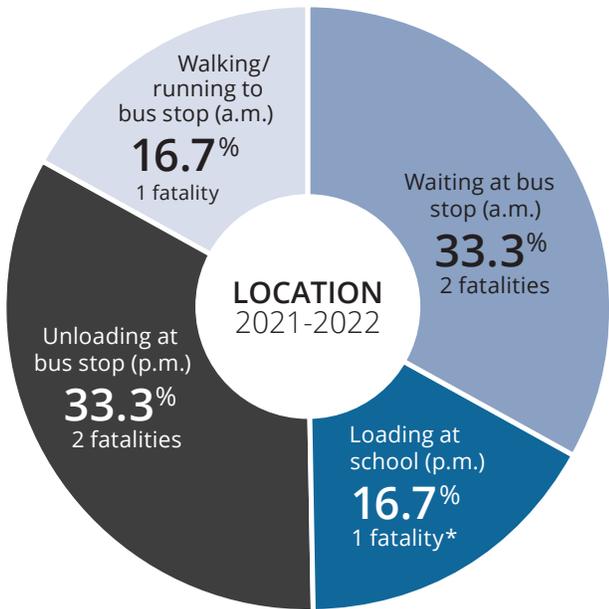
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Destination



Year	Trip to School	Trip Home	Total
2017	3	3	6
2018	7	1	8
2019	1	1	2
2020	3	1	4
2021	3	3*	6

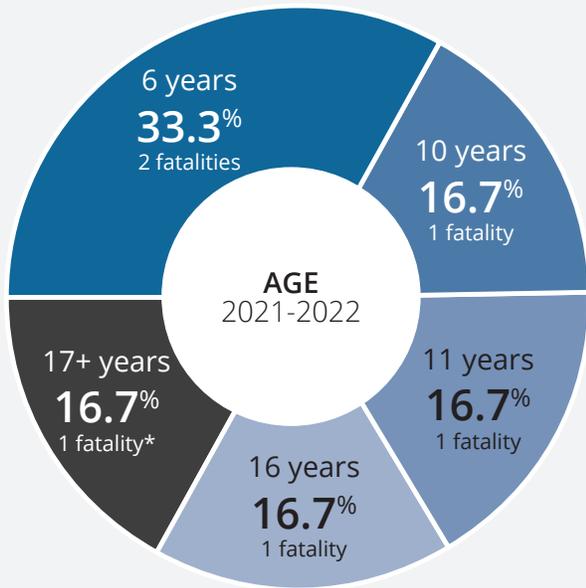
Location of Fatality



	SCHOOL BUS STOP				SCHOOL GROUNDS	TOTAL
	Walking/running to (a.m.)	Waiting (a.m.)	Unloading (p.m.)	Walking/running from (p.m.)	Loading (p.m.)	
2017	3		2	1		6
2018	3	4			1	8
2019		1		1		2
2020	2	1	1			4
2021	1	2	2		1*	6

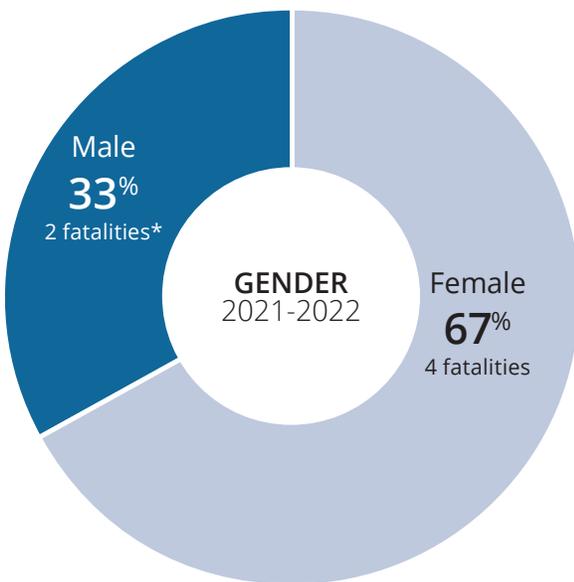
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Age



AGE	YEAR				
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6	1	3		2	2
7			1	2	
8	2	1			
9		2	1		
10	1	1			1
11					1
12					
13					
14					
15	2				
16		1			1
17					1*
Total	6	8	2	4	6

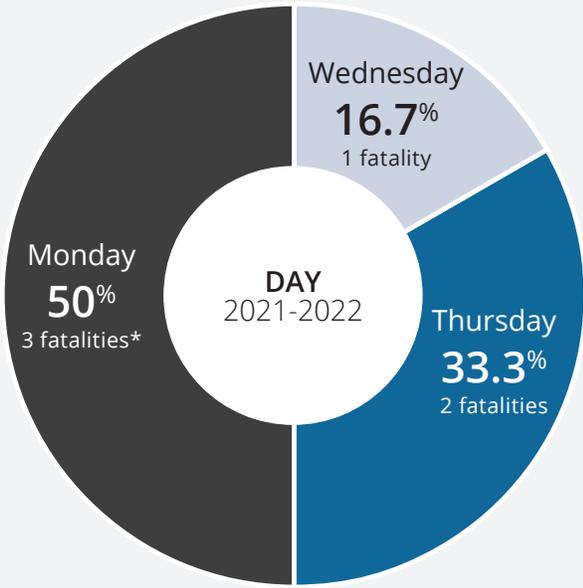
Gender



Year	Male	Female	Total
2017	2	4	6
2018	5	3	8
2019		2	2
2020	1	3	4
2021	2*	4	6

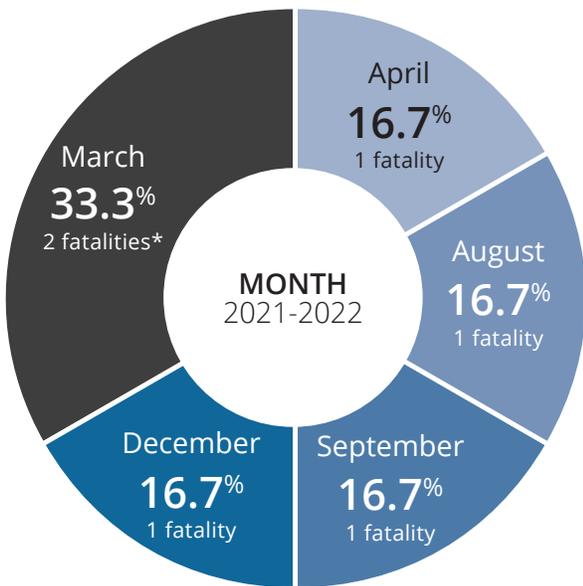
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Day of the Week Fatality Occurred



Year	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Total
2017	1	2			3	6
2018	1	4	1	2		8
2019	1			1		2
2020			4			4
2021	3*		1	2		6

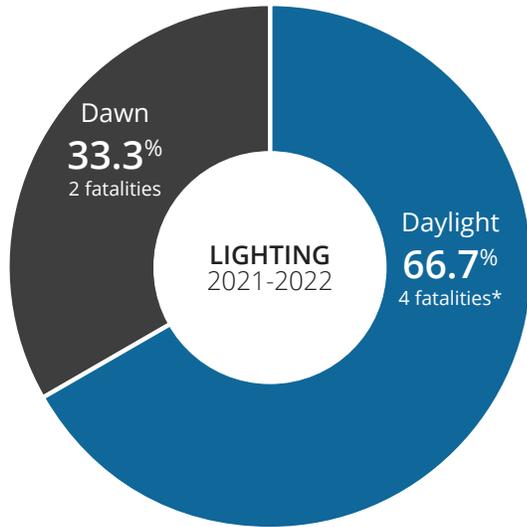
Month Fatality Occurred



MONTH	YEAR				
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Jan.					
Feb.	1		1	1	
Mar.	2				2*
Apr.	2	1			1
May					
Jun.					
Jul.					
Aug.					1
Sept.		1		1	1
Oct.	1	6			
Nov.	1			1	
Dec.			1	1	1
Total	6	8	2	4	6

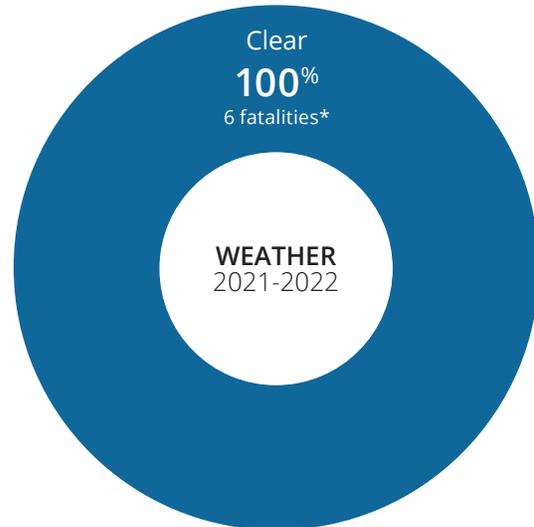
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Lighting Conditions



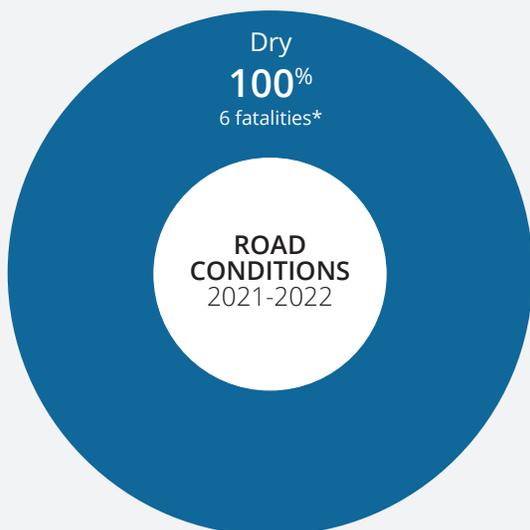
Year	Dawn	Daylight	Dark	Dusk	Total
2017		5	1		6
2018	3	2	3		8
2019	1			1	2
2020	1	3			4
2021	2	4*			6

Weather Conditions



Year	Clear	Cloudy	Fog	Rain	Total
2017					6
2018	3				8
2019	1				2
2020	1				4
2021	2				6

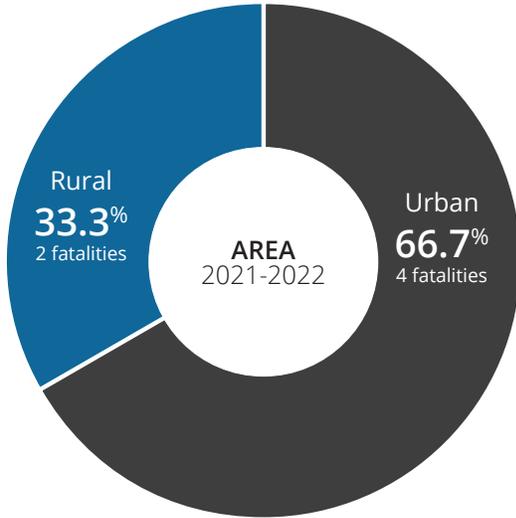
Weather-Related Road Conditions



Year	Dry	Wet	Snow/ Slush	Total
2017	6			6
2018	8			8
2019	1		1	2
2020	2	2		4
2021	6*			6

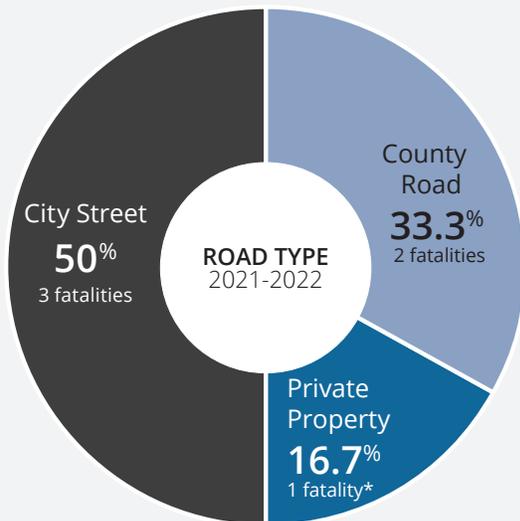
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Area Where Fatality Occurred



Year	Rural	Urban	Total
2017	1	5	6
2018	6	2	8
2019	1	1	2
2020	2	2	4
2021	2	4*	6

Road Type



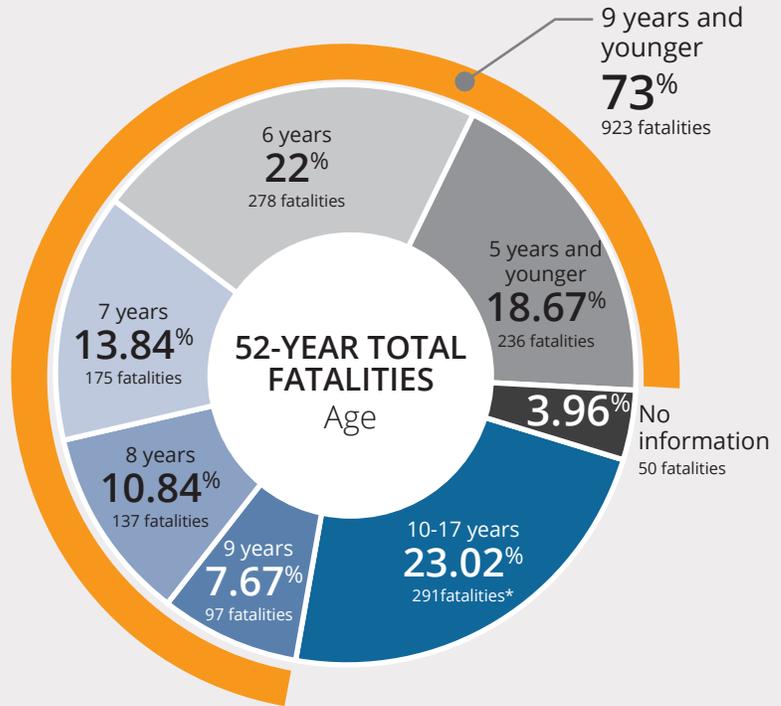
Year	City Street	State Highway	Federal Highway	County Road	Private Property	Total
2017	5			1		6
2018		3		4	1	8
2019	1	1				2
2020	2	1		1		4
2021	3			2	1*	6

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52-YEAR SUMMARY

Age

During the past 52 years, the largest percentage of fatalities, 73 percent (923 fatalities), occurred to students 9 years of age and younger.

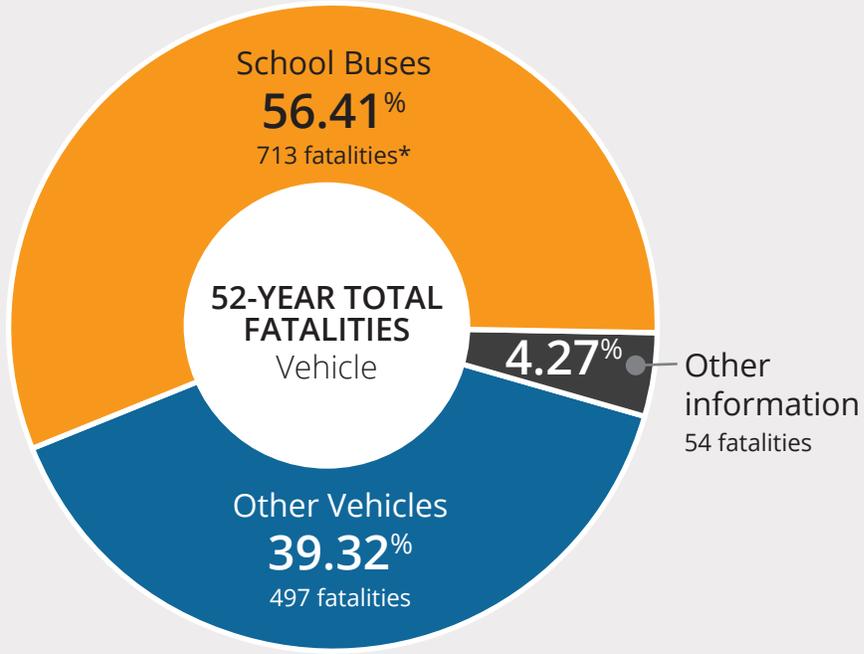


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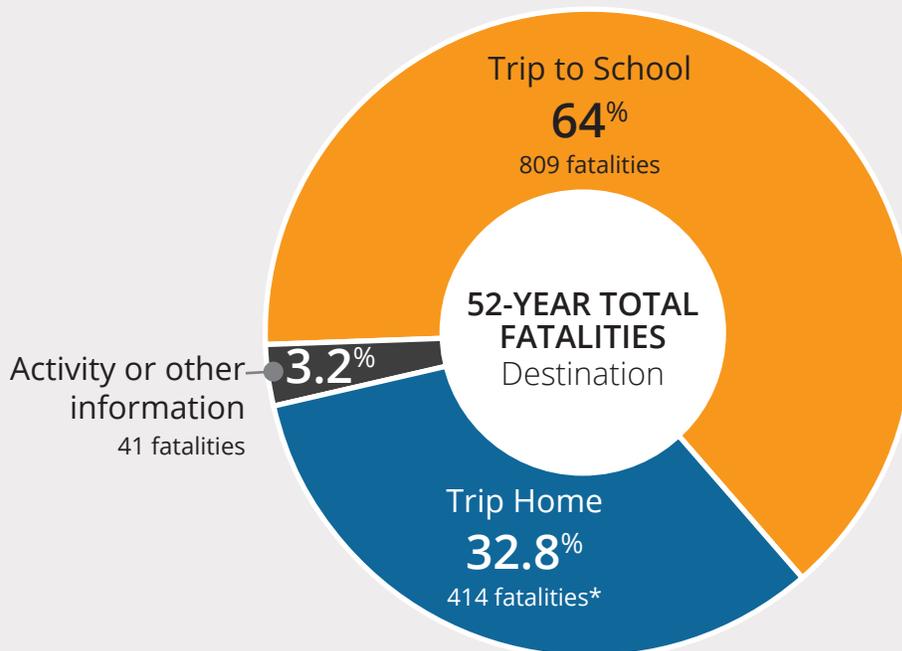


52-Year Total Student Fatalities: 1,264

School Buses vs. Other Vehicles



Destination



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Mission

To prepare Kansas students for lifelong success through rigorous, quality academic instruction, career training and character development according to each student's gifts and talents.

Vision

Kansas leads the world in the success of each student.

Motto

Kansans Can

Success defined

A successful Kansas high school graduate has the **academic preparation, cognitive preparation, technical skills, employability skills** and **civic engagement** to be successful in postsecondary education, in the attainment of an industry recognized certification or in the workforce, without the need for remediation.

Outcomes

- Social-emotional growth
- Kindergarten readiness
- Individual Plan of Study
- Civic engagement
- Academically prepared for postsecondary
- High school graduation
- Postsecondary success

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