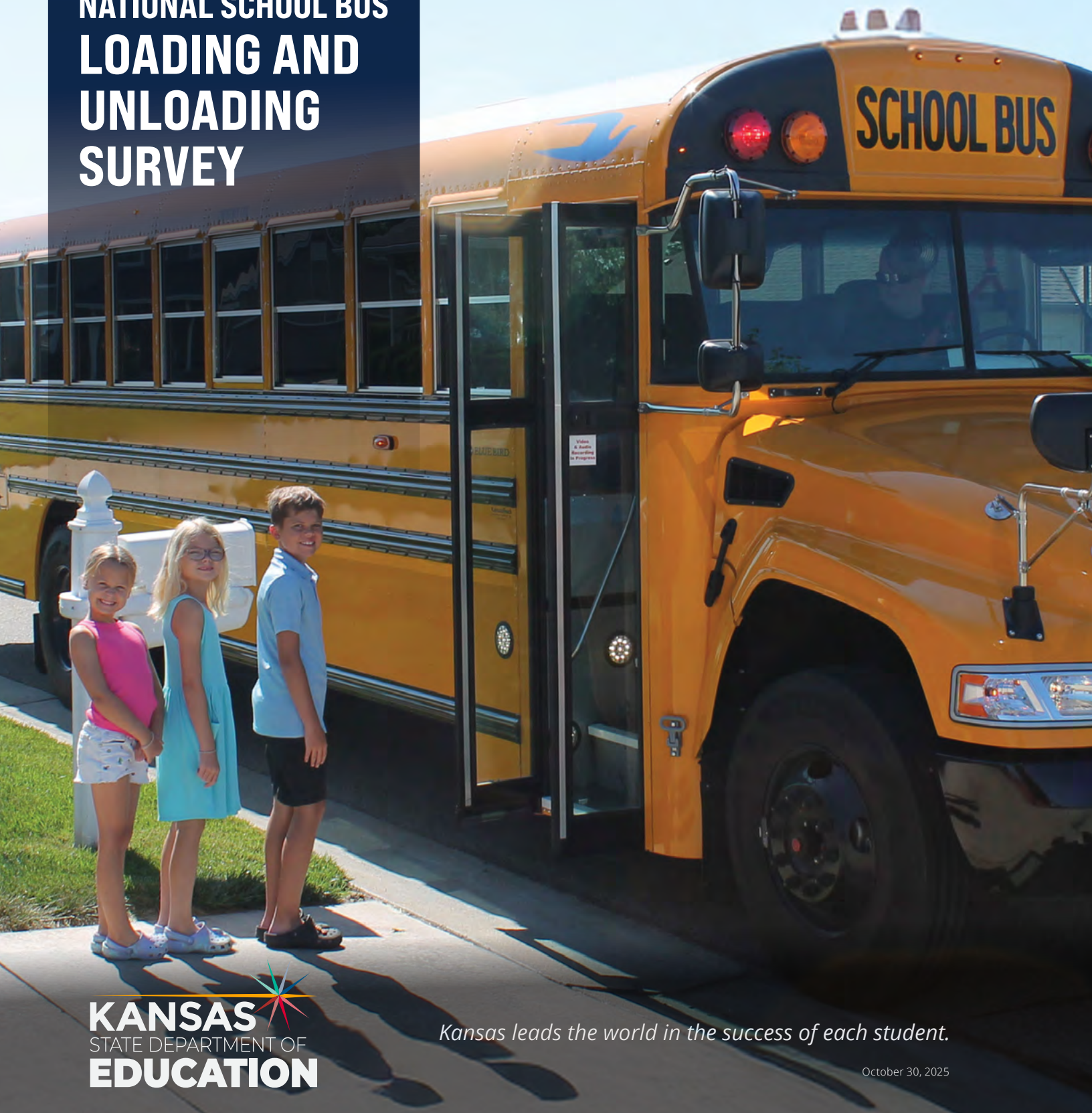


2024- 2025

NATIONAL SCHOOL BUS LOADING AND UNLOADING SURVEY



The Kansas State Department of Education School Transportation 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 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; 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 educate 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 arm law.

The 2024-25 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 provides.*

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Reports of Fatalities By State

Missouri

A 9-year-old girl had unloaded from the school bus. The bus pulled away and began negotiating a left turn as the student was running along the left side of the bus. She was struck and killed by the left rear wheels of the bus.

Wisconsin

A 5-year-old boy had unloaded from the school bus at school. The student dropped an unknown item and crawled under the bus to retrieve it. The student was struck and killed by the left rear dual wheels of the bus.

Massachusetts

A 5-year-old boy had unloaded from the school bus. The bus moved forward, and the student was struck and killed by the left front wheel of the bus.

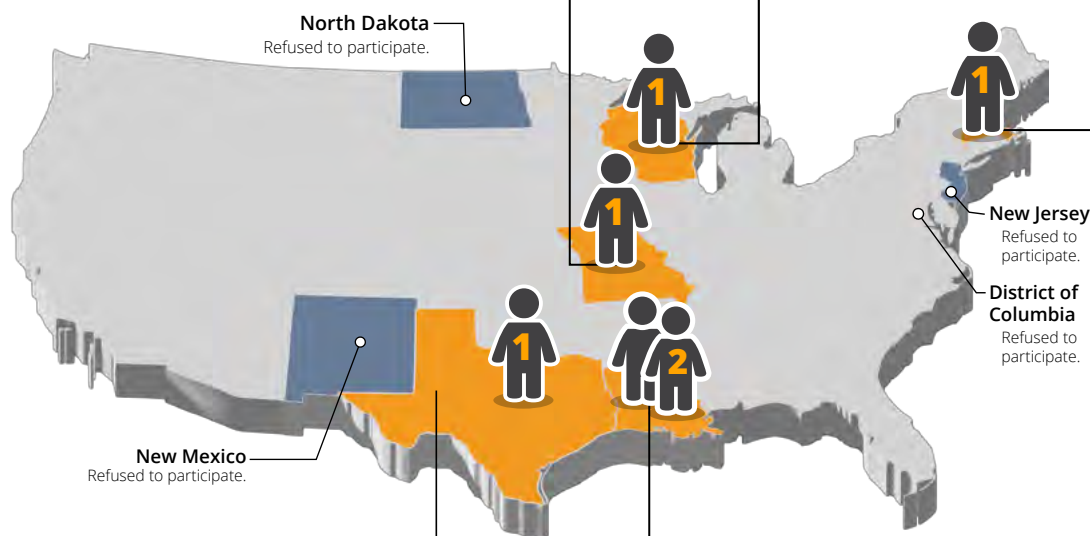
Louisiana

A 6-year-old boy was running to catch the bus. He was in front of the bus as the bus pulled away from the stop. He was struck and killed by the front of the bus.

A 7-year-old boy had unloaded from the school bus. He was in front of the bus as the bus pulled away from the stop. He was struck and killed by the right front and right rear dual wheels of the bus.

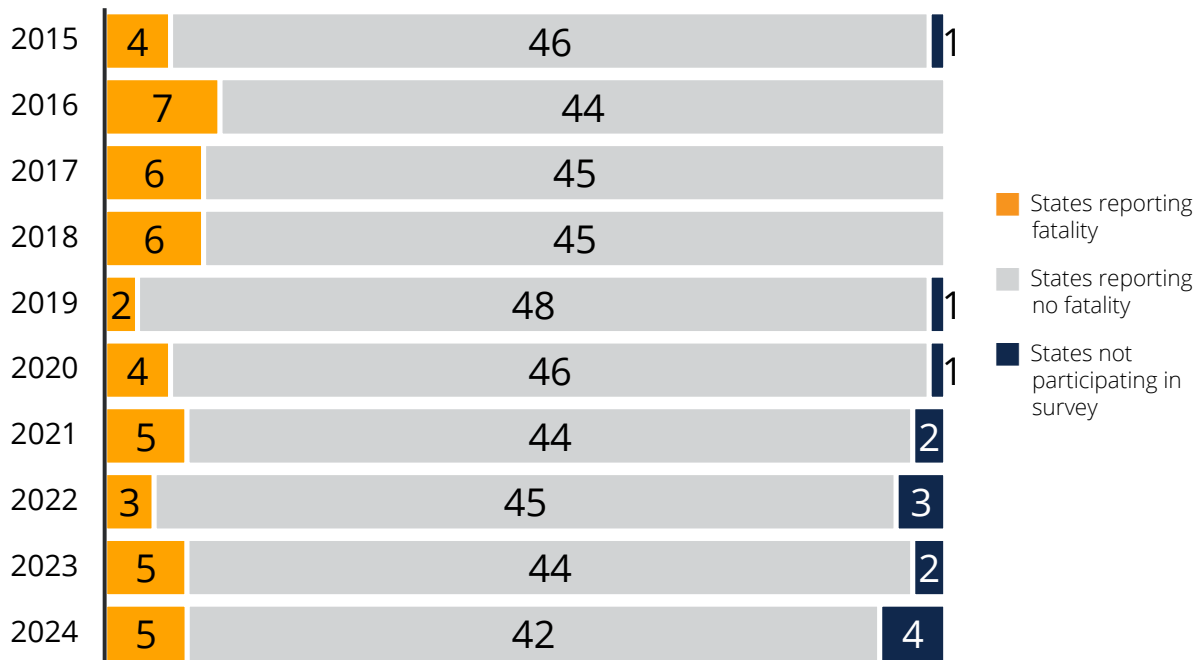
Texas

A 5-year-old boy was running to catch the bus. He was in front of the bus as the bus pulled away from the stop. He was struck and killed by the left front wheel of the bus.



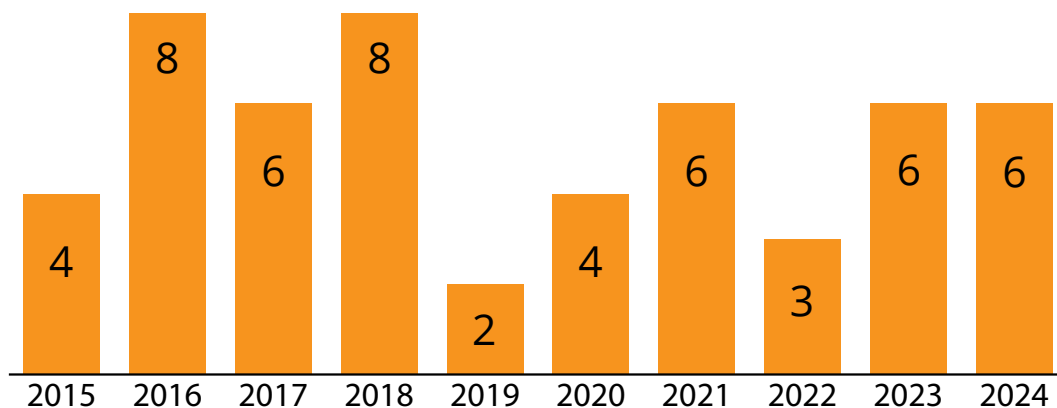
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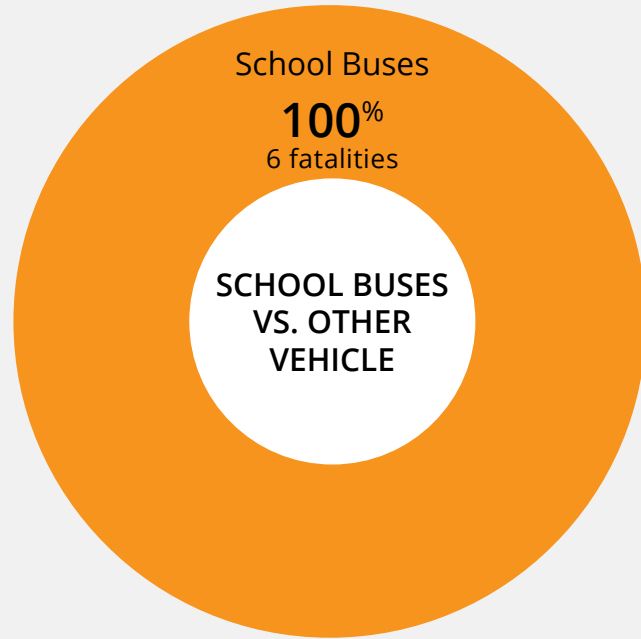
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Vehicle

School Buses vs. Other Vehicles

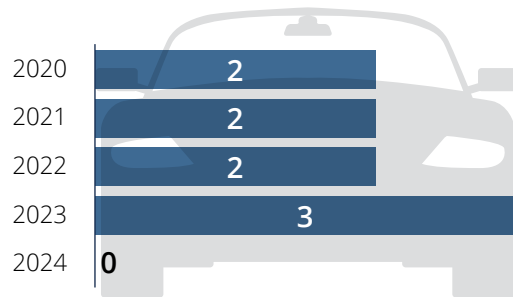


One hundred percent of fatalities were attributed to school buses during this time period.

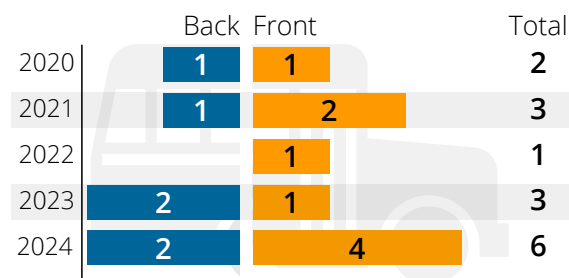
School Bus Type

Year	 Type A	 Type C	 Type D	Total
2020	0	1	1	2
2021	0	3*	1	4
2022	0	1	0	1
2023	0	3	0	3
2024	1	4	1	6

School Children Killed by Vehicle Passing School Bus



Position of Child When Killed by School Bus

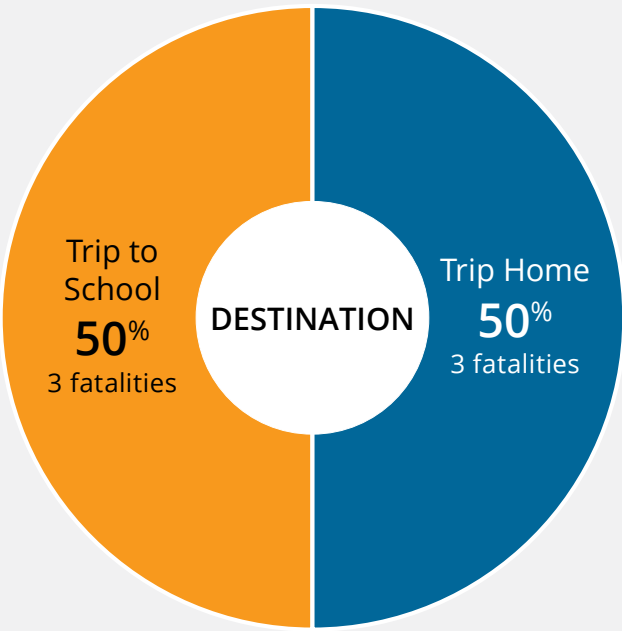


Objects Caught or Dropped

Year	Closed Door	Dropped Object	Total
2020	0	0	0
2021	0	0	0
2022	0	0	0
2023	0	1	1
2024	0	1	1

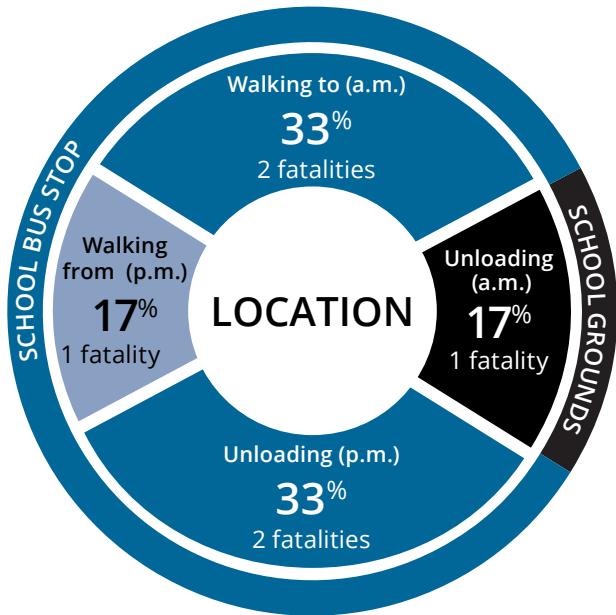
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Destination



Year	Trip to School	Trip Home	Total
2020	3	1	4
2021	3	3*	6
2022	3	0	3
2023	2	4	6
2024	3	3	6

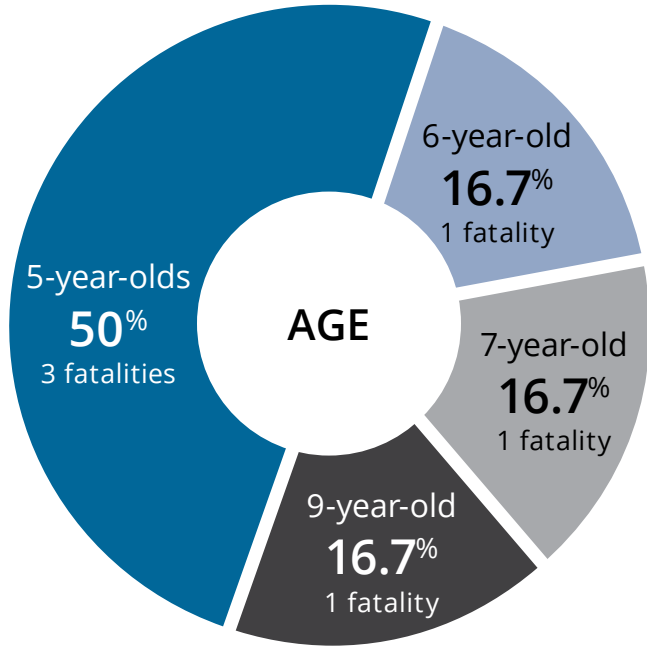
Location of Fatality



Year	SCHOOL BUS STOP				SCHOOL GROUNDS		TOTAL
	Walking to (a.m.)	Waiting (a.m.)	Unloading (p.m.)	Walking from (p.m.)	Unloading (a.m.)	Loading (p.m.)	
2020	2	1	1	0	0	0	4
2021	1	2	2	0	0	1*	6
2022	1	2	0	0	0	0	3
2023	2	0	3	0	0	1	6
2024	2	0	2	1	1	0	6

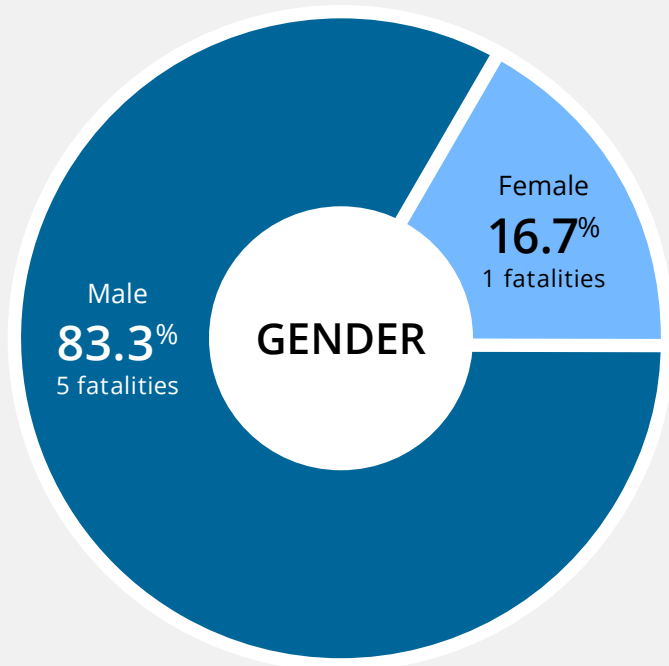
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Age



Age	Year				
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
1	0	0	0	0	0
2	0	0	0	0	0
3	0	0	0	0	0
4	0	0	0	0	0
5	0	0	1	1	3
6	2	2	0	0	1
7	2	0	0	0	1
8	0	0	0	2	0
9	0	0	0	1	1
10	0	1	0	0	0
11	0	1	0	0	0
12	0	0	0	0	0
13	0	0	1	0	0
14	0	0	0	0	0
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16	0	1	1	0	0
17	0	1*	0	0	0
Total	4	6	3	6	6

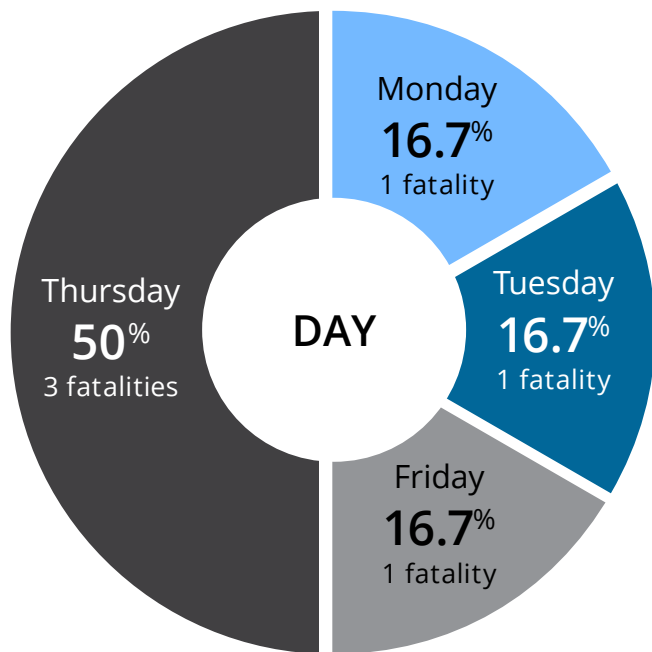
Gender



Year	Female	Male	Total
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2021	4	2*	6
2022	2	1	3
2023	3	3	6
2024	1	5	6

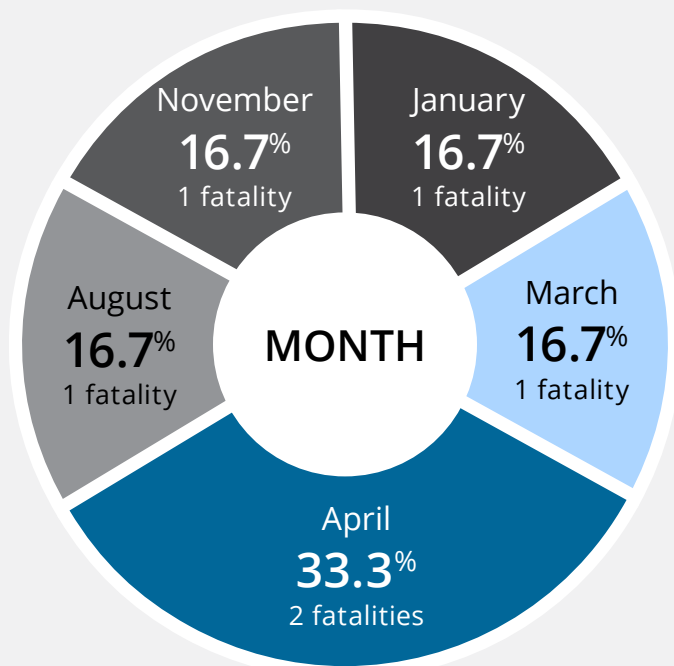
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Day of the Week Fatality Occurred



Year	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Total
2020	0	0	0	4	0	0	4
2021	0	3*	0	1	2	0	6
2022	1	0	0	1	0	1	3
2023	0	1	1	0	3	1	6
2024	0	1	1	0	3	1	6

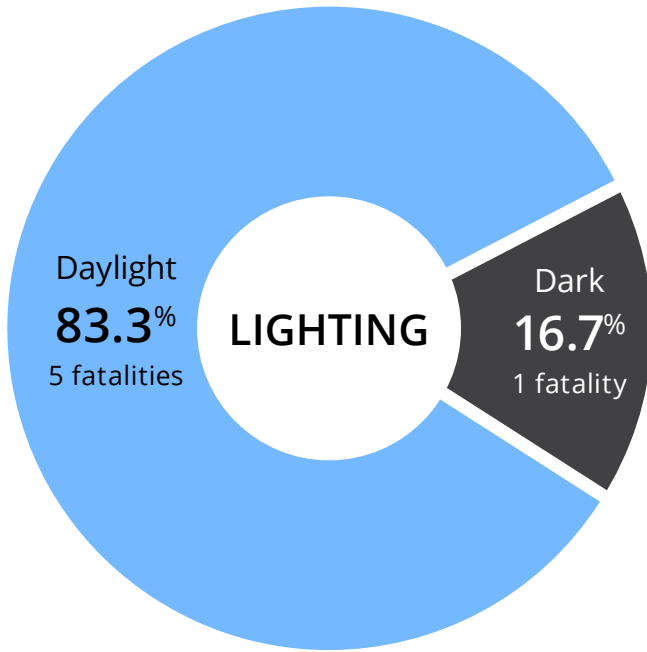
Month Fatality Occurred



Year	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Jan.	0	0	0	2	1
Feb.	1	0	0	2	0
Mar.	0	2*	0	0	1
Apr.	0	1	0	0	2
May	0	0	1	0	0
Jun.	0	0	0	0	0
Jul.	0	0	0	0	0
Aug.	0	1	0	0	1
Sept.	1	1	0	0	0
Oct.	0	0	1	1	0
Nov.	1	0	0	0	1
Dec.	1	1	1	1	0
Total	4	6	3	6	6

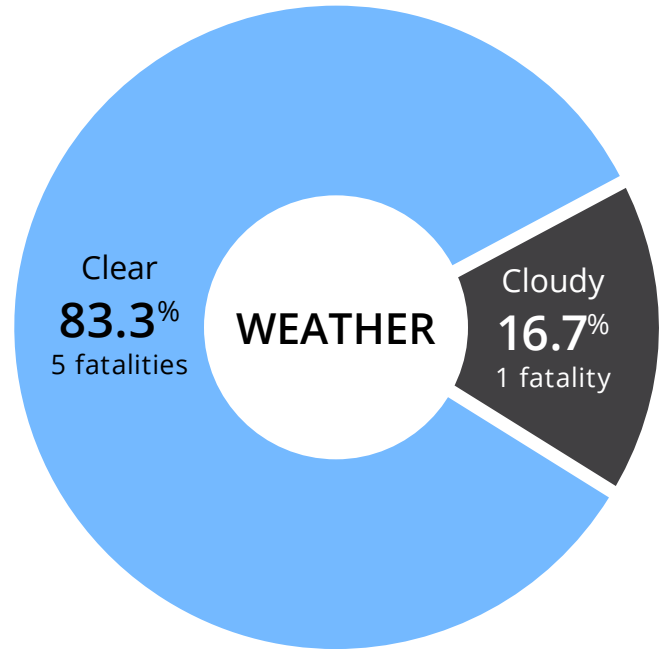
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Lighting Conditions



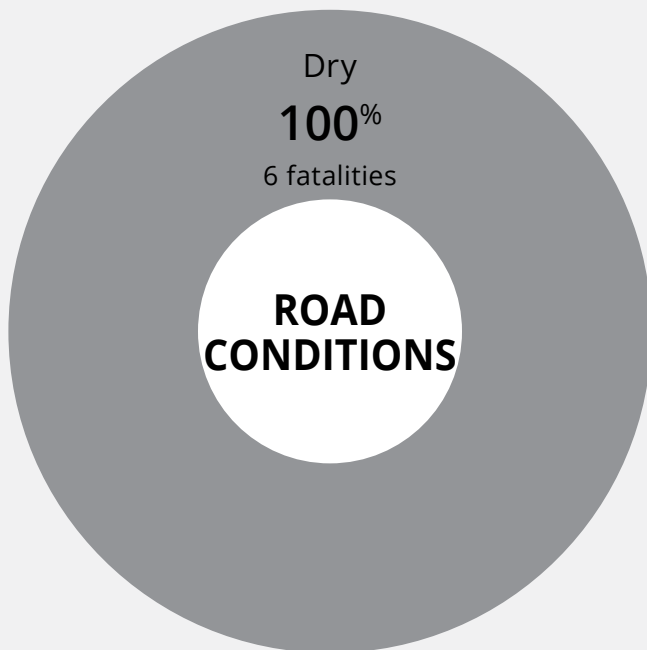
Year	Dawn	Daylight	Dark	Dusk	Total
2020	1	3	0	0	4
2021	2	4*	0	0	6
2022	0	2	1	0	3
2023	1	3	0	2	6
2024	0	5	1	0	6

Weather Conditions



Year	Clear	Cloudy	Fog	Rain	Total
2020	3	0	0	1	4
2021	6*	0	0	0	6
2022	3	0	0	0	3
2023	5	1	0	0	6
2024	5	1	0	0	6

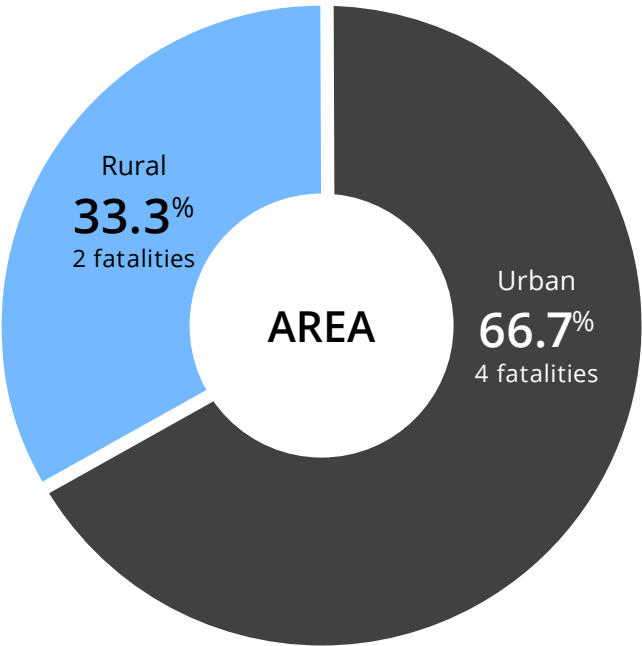
Weather-Related Road Conditions



Year	Dry	Wet	Snow/Slush	Total
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2022	3	0	0	3
2023	6	0	0	6
2024	6	0	0	6

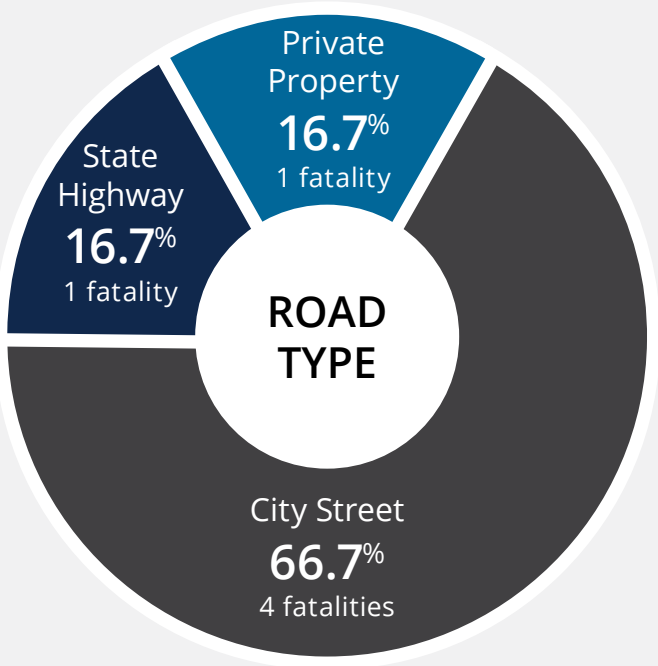
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Area Where Fatality Occurred



Year	Rural	Urban	Total
2020	2	2	4
2021	2	4*	6
2022	2	1	3
2023	3	3	6
2024	2	4	6

Road Type



Year	City Street	State Highway	Federal Highway	County Road	Private Property	Total
2020	2	1	0	1	0	4
2021	3	0	0	2	1*	6
2022	1	1	0	1	0	3
2023	1	1	1	1	2	6
2024	4	1	0	0	1	6

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55-Year Summary

Total student fatalities: 1,279

Age

During the past 55 years, the largest percentage of fatalities, 73 percent (934 fatalities), occurred to students 9 years of age and younger.

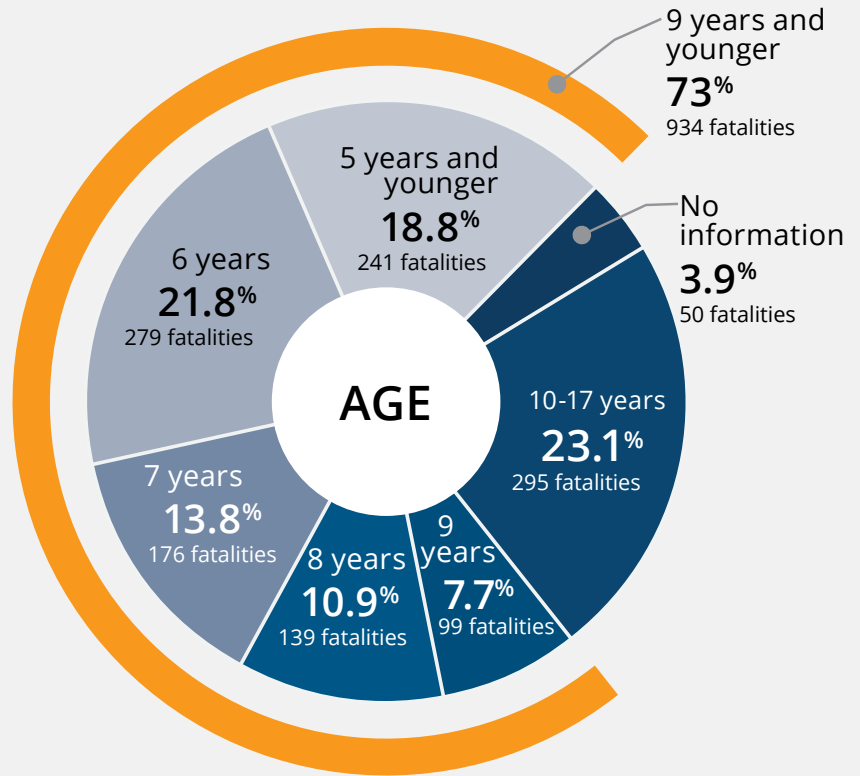
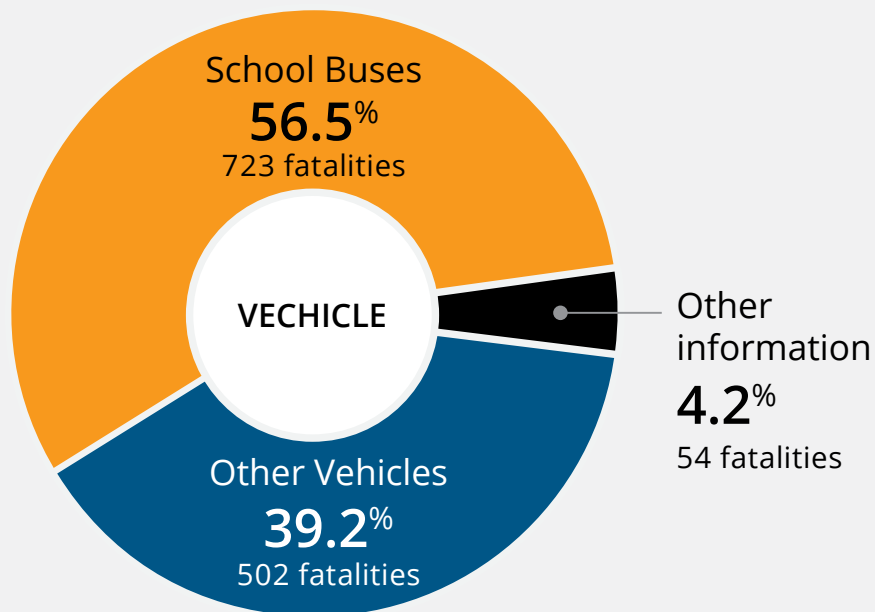
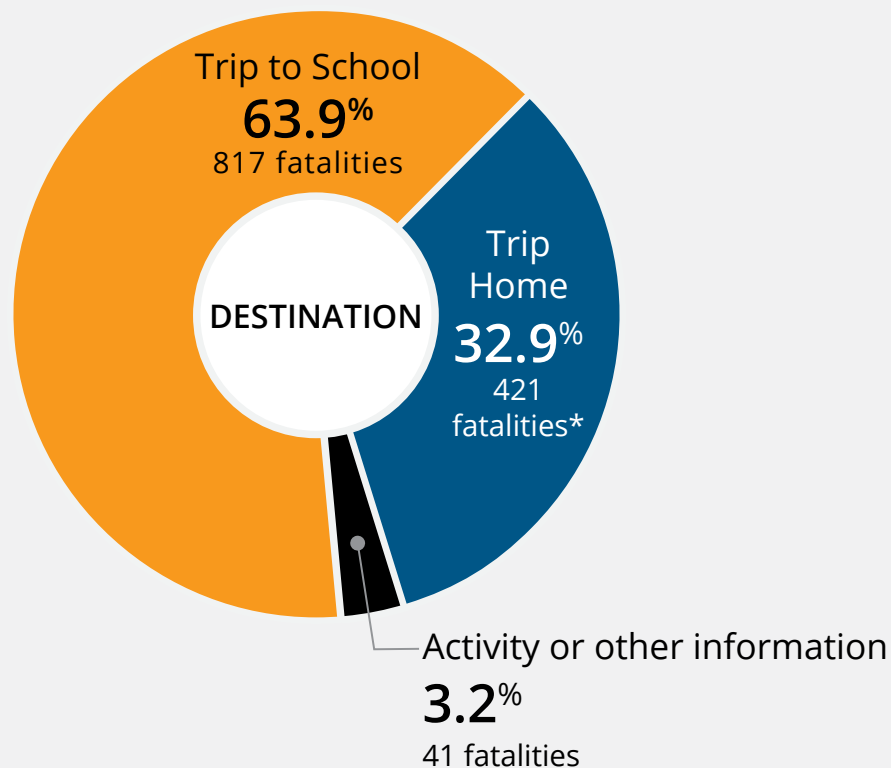


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School Buses vs. Other Vehicles



Destination



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