

Oklahoma Highway Safety Fact Sheet

School Bus Involved Crashes

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Crashes & Injuries

In 2003, there were 273 reported crashes involving a school bus which is less than one percent of the total number of crashes. This involved 640 persons¹ and resulted in three fatalities and 181 persons injured.

None of the people who lost their lives in School Bus Involved crashes were occupants of the school bus.

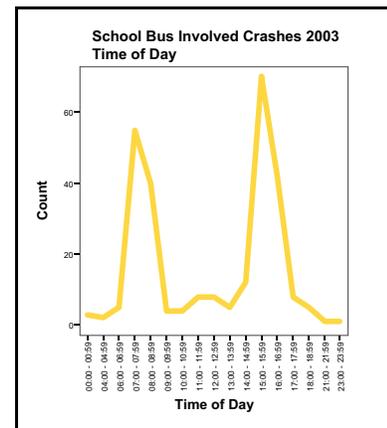
Of the three fatalities in 2003, one was a driver of a pickup truck, one was a passenger in a passenger vehicle, and one was a driver in a passenger vehicle.

Cause of Crashes

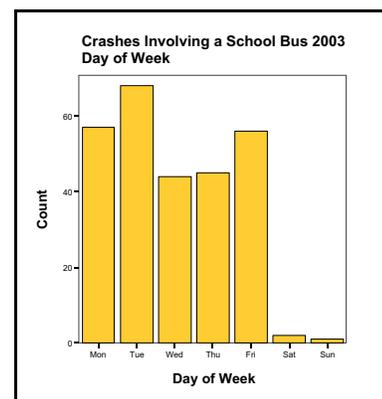
The primary causes of School Bus Involved crashes were: Failed To Yield (19.0%), Inattention (15.8%), Improper Turn (14.3%), and Other Improper Act/Movement (13.9%).

Time & Day

The peak hours of School Bus Involved crashes occurred between 7 a.m. and 8 a.m. and between 3 p.m. and 4 p.m.



Tuesday had the most frequent occurrence of School Bus Involved crashes.



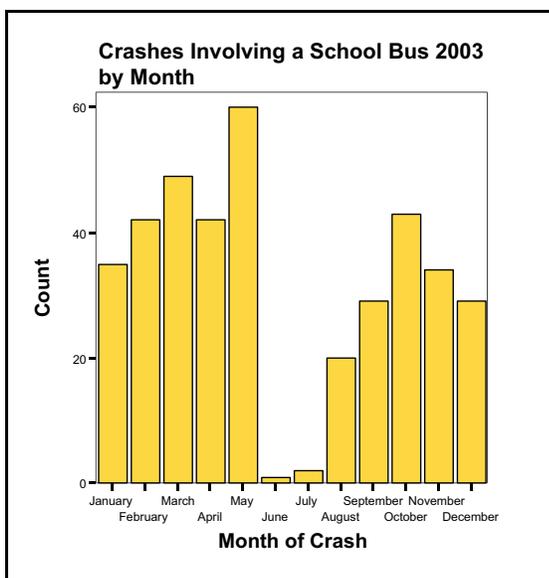
¹ Uninjured persons are not entered in the DPS database.

Number of Vehicles

Two vehicles were involved in 91.2% of the School Bus crashes. Some 5.5% of these crashes involved the school bus only and the remaining 3.3% involved three vehicles or more.

Month

Comparison of when School Bus crashes occur shows that there are more crashes during the last part of the school year than there are at the beginning of the school year.



Counties

Tulsa (26.7%), Oklahoma (21.2%), Cleveland (7.7%), and Comanche (5.9%) reported the highest incidence of School Bus Involved crashes. Thirty-one counties did not report any School Bus Involved crashes in 2003.

Highway Class

Some 69.2% of the School Bus Involved crashes in 2003 occurred on city streets and 12.1% occurred on county roads.

Other Facts

- ‡ 94.1% of School Bus Involved crashes occurred in daylight.
- ‡ 40.0% of School Bus Involved crashes occurred in residential areas and 29.7% occurred in business areas.
- ‡ 47.9% of School Bus Involved crashes occurred in cloudy weather and 42.5% occurred in clear weather.
- ‡ 30.8% of School Bus Involved crashes occurred in an intersection and 20.1% occurred in relation to an intersection.

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