

School Bus Crashes (2013)



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no school bus
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School Bus Involved Fatal Crashes & Fatalities
Five-Year Trend

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
School Bus Fatal Crashes	1	3	2	0	2
Total Fatal Crashes	646	616	609	672	621
School Bus Fatal Crashes as Percentage of Total Fatal Crashes	.15%	.49%	.33%	.00%	.32%
Fatalities Occurring in School Bus Crashes	1	3	2	0	2
Total Fatalities	737	668	696	708	678
School Bus Fatalities as Percentage of Total Fatalities	0.14%	.45%	.29%	.00%	.29%

Crashes, Injuries & Fatalities

In 2013, 174 crashes involving a school bus were reported in Oklahoma – less than one percent of the total 69,430 crashes. There were two fatal crashes and 45 injury crashes. These crashes resulted in two fatalities and 85 persons injured.

- One fatality in 2013 was an occupant of a van and the other was an occupant of a passenger vehicle.
- 2005 was the last year in which a school bus occupant was killed in a traffic crash.
- Of the 85 persons injured, 48 were occupants of school buses.
- Fatalities in school bus involved crashes increased from zero in 2011 to two in 2013.
- School bus involved crashes decreased 10.8% from 195 in 2012 to 174 in 2013.
- There were 85 persons injured in school bus involved crashes in 2013 – a decrease of 10.5% from the 95 persons injured in 2012.
- There were 43 occupants of a school bus injured in crashes in 2013 – a decrease of 17.3% from the 52 persons injured in 2012.

Other Facts

- 91.4% of school bus involved crashes involved the school bus and one other vehicle.
- 39.1% of school bus involved crashes occurred in business localities.
- 64.4% of school bus involved crashes occurred on city streets.
- 34.7% of school bus involved crashes occurred between 12:00 Noon and 3:59 p.m.
- 26.6% of school bus involved crashes occurred on Friday.

Driver Age & Sex

Of the 175 school bus drivers in 2013 crashes, 23.4% were age 45-54, 22.9% were age 55-64 and 22.3% were age 65-74. Of the 156 drivers of other vehicles, 25.0% were age 16-24, 18.6% were age 35-44 and 16.0% were age 25-34. Of the 175 school bus drivers in crashes, 60.6% were male. Of the 156 drivers of other vehicles, 51.6% were male.

Drivers in School Bus Involved Crashes (2011)				
Driver Age & Vehicle Type				
Driver Age	School Bus Drivers		Other Vehicle Drivers	
	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total
Unknown	3	1.7%	8	5.1%
16 - 24	2	1.1%	39	25.0%
25 - 34	19	10.9%	25	16.0%
35 - 44	25	14.3%	29	18.6%
45 - 54	41	23.4%	21	13.5%
55 - 64	40	22.9%	19	12.2%
65 - 74	39	22.3%	8	5.1%
75+	6	3.4%	7	4.5%
Total	175	100.0%	156	100.0%

Driver Contributing Factors

The three primary contributing factors by school bus drivers involved in crashes were: Inattention (12.6%), Improper Turn (10.3%) and Failed to Yield (9.7%).

The three primary contributing factors by drivers in other vehicles were: Inattention (9.6%), Followed Too Closely (7.1%), Failed to Stop (6.4%) and Unsafe Speed (6.4%).

Other Improper Act/Movement includes: failed to signal, disregarded warning signal, improper use of lane, improper backing, apparently sleepy, failed to secure load and other/unknown.

Drivers in School Bus Involved Crashes (2013)						
Driver Contributing Factor						
Driver Contributing Factor	Drivers				All Drivers	
	School Bus		Other Vehicle			
	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total
Changed Lanes Unsafely	2	1.1%	5	3.2%	7	2.1%
Failed To Stop	1	0.6%	10	6.4%	11	3.3%
Failed To Yield	17	9.7%	9	5.8%	26	7.9%
Followed Too Closely	4	2.3%	11	7.1%	15	4.5%
Improper Overtaking	4	2.3%			4	1.2%
Improper Parking			1	0.6%	1	0.3%
Improper Start			2	1.3%	2	0.6%
Improper Turn	18	10.3%	3	1.9%	21	6.3%
Inattention	22	12.6%	15	9.6%	37	11.2%
Left of Center			3	1.9%	3	0.9%
Unknown/No Improper Action	2	1.1%			2	0.6%
Other Action - No Improper Action by Driver	86	49.1%	71	45.5%	157	47.4%
Other Improper Act/Movement	19	10.9%	12	7.7%	31	9.4%
Stopped in Traffic Lane						
Unsafe Speed			10	6.4%	10	3.0%
Unsafe Vehicle			2	1.3%	2	0.6%
Wrong Way						
DUI-Alcohol			2	1.3%	2	0.6%
DUI-Drugs						
Total	175	100.0%	156	100.0%	331	100.0%