

2014-2015 NATIONAL SCHOOL BUS LOADING AND UNLOADING SURVEY



The National School Bus Loading and Unloading Survey is a collection of fatality accident records provided by the state agencies responsible for school transportation safety and/or accident records*. Only those fatalities involving school children in or around the loading or unloading areas of a school bus or transit bus are included in this survey. On-board fatalities are excluded.

This survey is provided annually to the school transportation industry in an effort to alert individuals and organizations of the dangers involved in loading and unloading school children. Fatalities continue to occur at the bus stop, caused by a variety of circumstances and errors on the part of the school bus driver or passing motorist. It points out 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 the driving public about the requirements of the school bus stop law.

** Numbers are only as accurate as the reporting agency has provided.*

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Please note, that this edition (National School Bus Loading and Unloading 2014-2015) is only available online. Please feel free to reproduce and utilize the survey data as desired, as it is provided specifically for this purpose.

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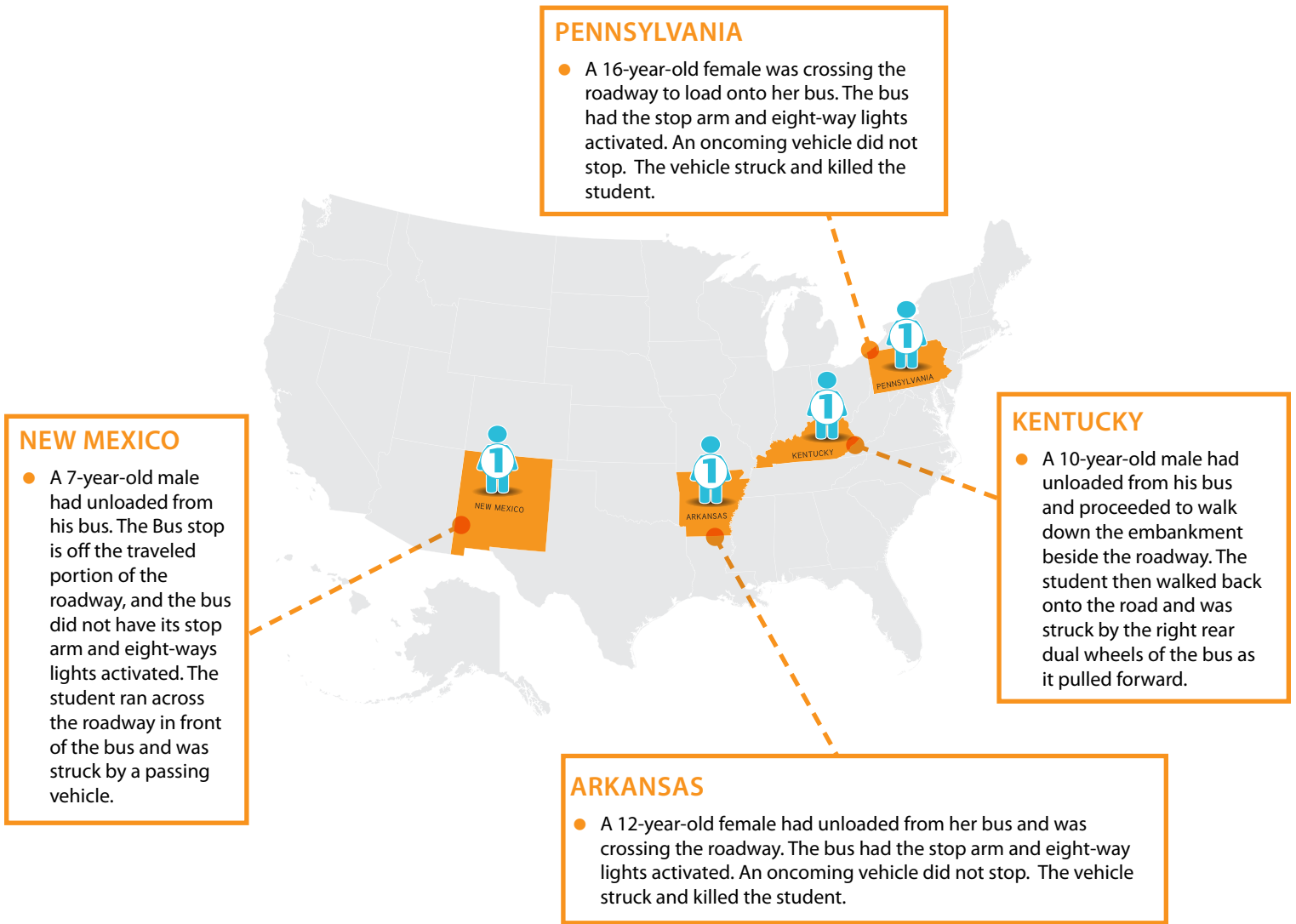
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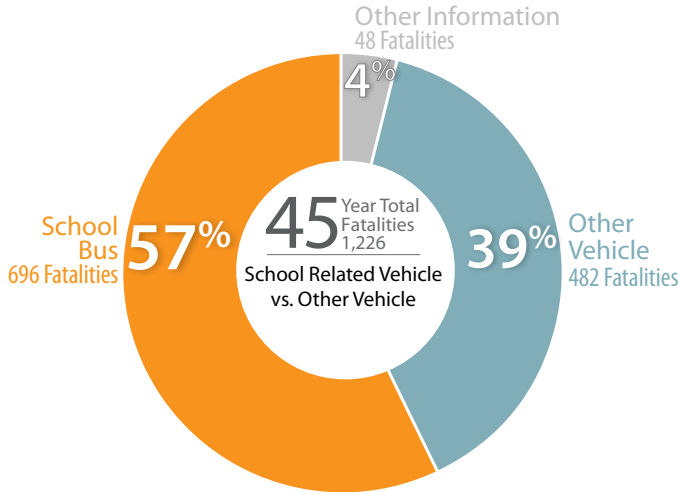
	2011	2012	2013	2014
Number reporting fatalities	8	5	7	4
Number reporting no fatalities	43	46	42	46
Number not Reporting	0	0	2	1

Total Fatalities: 4

* Washington D.C. did not respond to the survey.

Vehicle and Destination

School Related Vehicle vs. Other Vehicle



Vehicle Type

School Bus:	2011	2012	2013	2014
Type A	0	0	0	1
Type B	0	0	0	0
Type C	1	3	3	0
Type D	2	0	1	0
Public Transit	0	0	0	0
Other Vehicle	0	0	0	0
Unknown	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	3	3	4	1

School Children Killed by Vehicle Passing School Bus

	2011	2012	2013	2014
Other Vehicle	6	6	6	3
Other Information	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	6	6	6	3

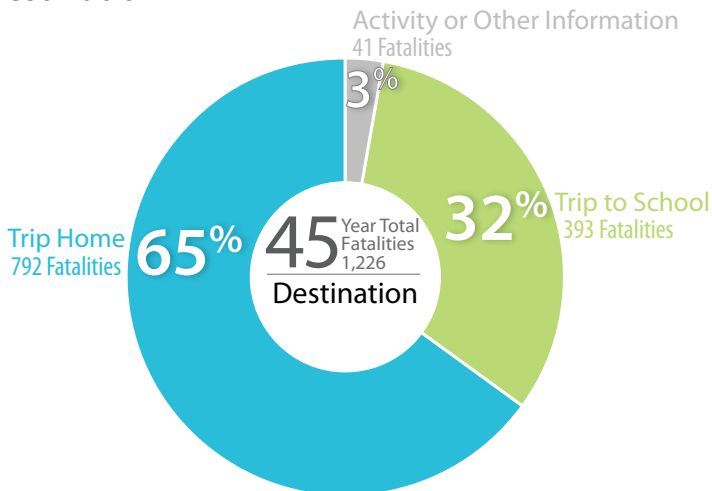
Objects Caught, Dropped Objects or Fell Down

Object caught in:	2011	2012	2013	2014
Handrail	0	0	0	0
Closed Door	0	0	0	0
Dropped Object	1	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	1	0	0	0

School Children's Position when Killed by School Bus

SCHOOL BUS:	2011	2012	2013	2014
Front	2	1	3	0
Back	1	2	1	1
TOTAL	3	3	4	1

Destination

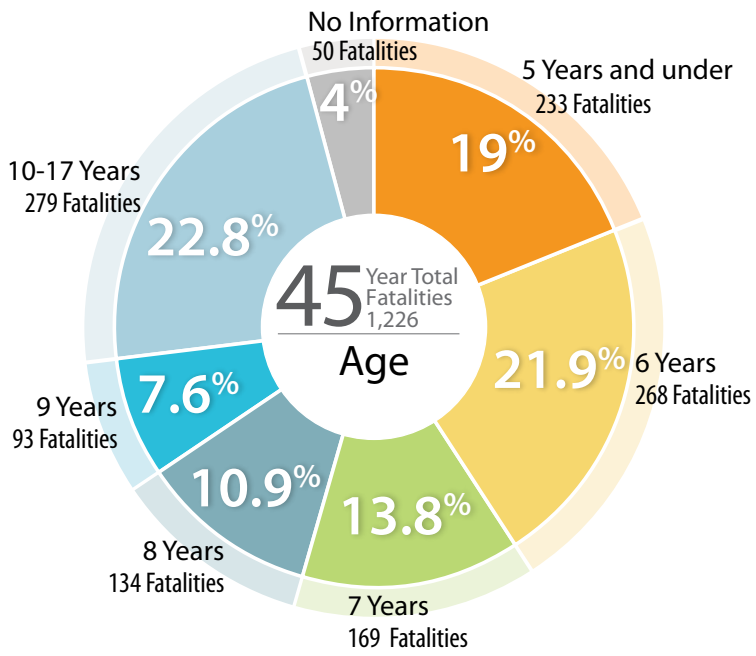


	2011	2012	2013	2014
Trip to School	5	6	7	1
Going Home	3	3	3	3
Activity or Other Information	1	0	0	0
TOTAL	9	9	10	4

Location of Fatality

	2011	2012	2013	2014
SCHOOL BUS STOP:				
Walking/Running to a.m.	2	2	5	0
Walking/Running from p.m.	2	1	0	1
Waiting a.m.	3	5	1	1
Loading a.m.	0	0	0	0
Unloading p.m.	2	1	3	2
SCHOOL GROUND:				
Unloading a.m.	0	0	1	0
Loading p.m.	0	0	0	0
Road, Street or Highway	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0
No Information	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	9	9	10	4

Age and Gender of Fatalities



	2011	2012	2013	2014	
5 years and younger	1 years	0	1	0	0
	2 years	0	0	0	0
	3 years	0	0	0	0
	4 years	0	0	0	0
	5 years	0	1	0	0
10-17 Years	6 years	0	0	5	0
	7 years	0	2	0	1
	8 years	0	1	1	0
	9 years	0	0	1	0
	10 years	1	1	0	1
	11 years	5	1	0	0
	12 years	1	1	0	1
	13 years	1	0	0	0
	14 years	0	1	1	0
	15 years	0	0	0	0
	16 years	0	0	0	1
	17 years	1	0	2	0
No information	0	0	0	0	
TOTAL	9	9	10	4	

Gender of Fatality

	2011	2012	2013	2014
Female	4	4	3	2
Male	5	5	7	2
Number not reporting	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	9	9	10	4



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Day, Month and Area Conditions

Day of the Week Fatality Occurred

(2014 only)

Day:	Fatalities
Monday	2
Tuesday	0
Wednesday	0
Thursday	2
Friday	0
Saturday	0
Sunday	0
Unknown	0

Light Conditions

	2011	2012	2013	2014
Dawn	2	2	2	1
Dusk	1	0	0	0
Daylight	4	3	5	3
Dark	2	4	3	0
Unknown	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	9	9	10	4

Area Fatality Occurred

	2011	2012	2013	2014
Urban	3	1	8	1
Rural	6	8	2	3
No Information	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	9	9	10	4

Month of Fatality

	2011	2012	2013	2014
January	0	1	1	0
February	0	2	3	0
March	1	1	0	2
April	2	1	3	0
May	0	1	1	0
June	0	0	0	0
July	0	0	0	0
August	0	0	0	0
September	1	1	0	0
October	1	1	1	1
November	1	0	0	0
December	3	1	1	1
Unknown	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	9	9	10	4

Weather Conditions

	2011	2012	2013	2014
Clear	7	7	6	4
Cloudy	0	1	1	0
Cloudy/ Raining	0	0	1	0
Rain	1	1	1	0
Snow/ Sleet/Ice	0	0	0	0
Fog	1	0	1	0
Unknown	0	0	0	0
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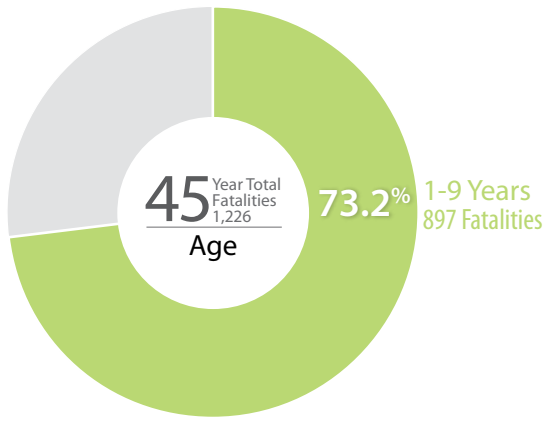
Road Type

	2011	2012	2013	2014
Gravel	1	1	0	0
City Street	1	0	4	1
State Highway	2	6	2	3
Federal Highway	1	0	0	0
Interstate	0	0	0	0
County Road	4	2	0	0
Other	0	0	4	0
TOTAL	9	9	10	4

Road Conditions

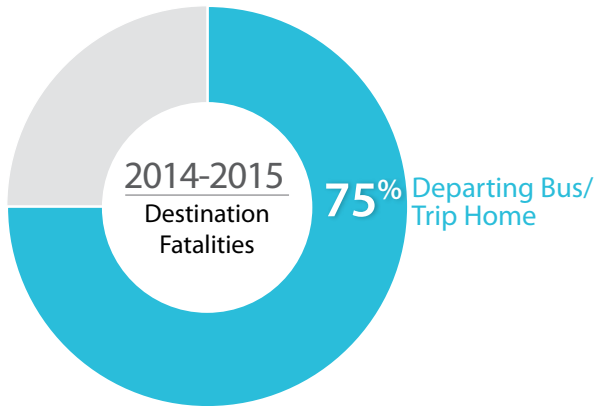
	2011	2012	2013	2014
Dry	7	8	7	4
Wet	2	1	3	0
Snow/ Slush	0	0	0	0
Ice/Snow Packed	0	0	0	0
Mud/Dirt/ Sand	0	0	0	0
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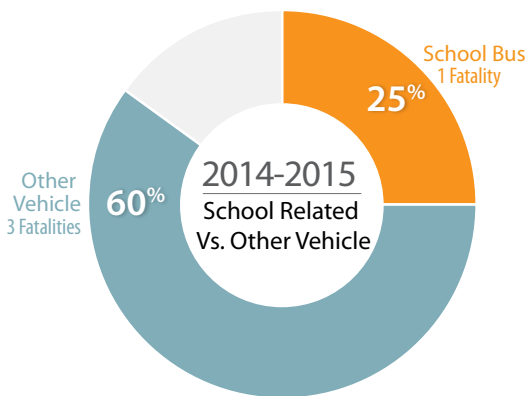
Survey Summary:

- During the past 45 years the largest percentage of fatalities, 73.2% (897 fatalities), occurred to students 1-9 years of age.



In 2014-2015:

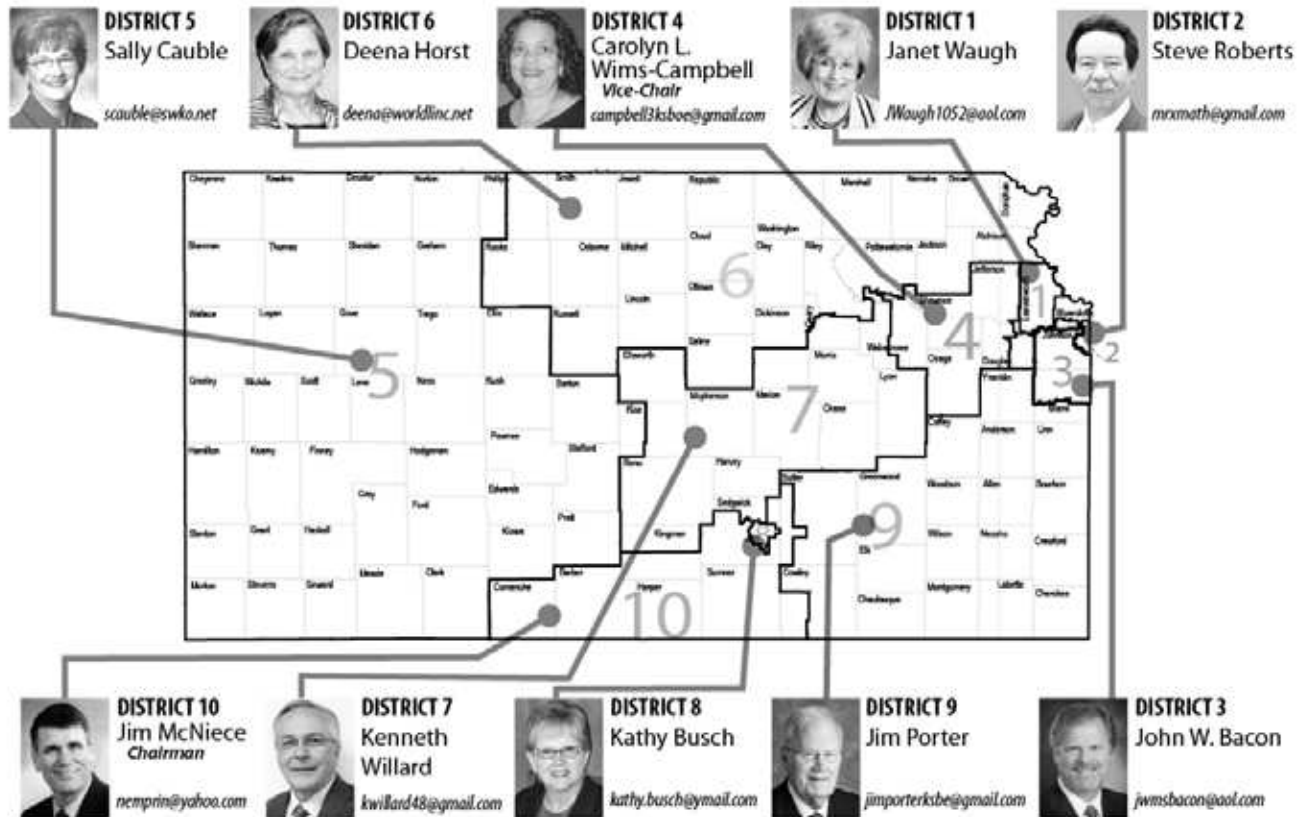
- Students departing from the bus or on their way home involved 75% of all fatalities.
- 25% of fatalities were attributed to the school bus. Those involving the "other vehicle" were 60%.



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- Provide a flexible delivery system to meet our students' changing needs.
- Provide an effective educator in every classroom.
- Ensure effective, visionary leaders in every school.
- Promote and encourage best practices for early childhood programs.
- Develop active communication and partnerships with families, communities, business stakeholders, constituents and policy makers.

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