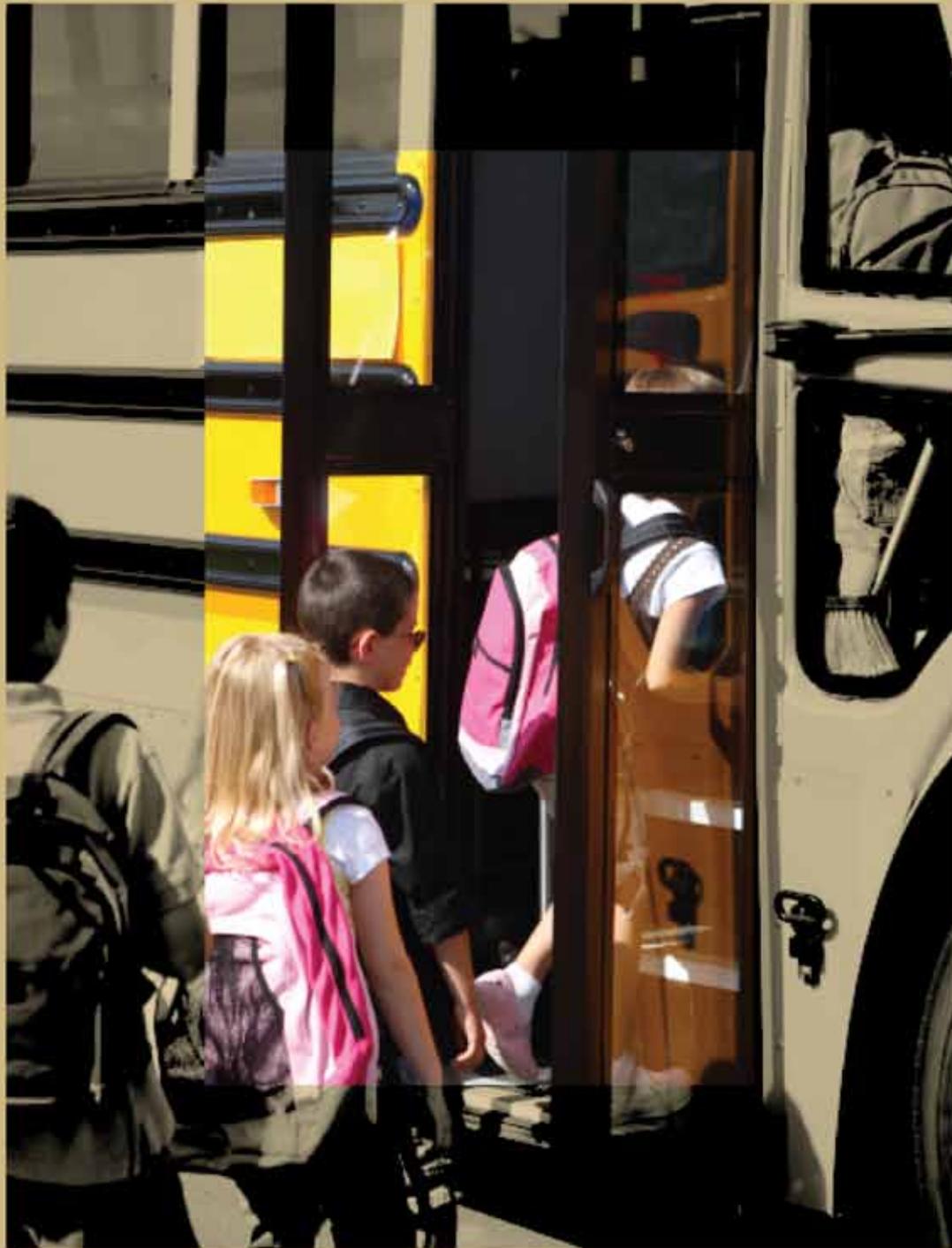


National School Bus Loading & Unloading Survey 2007-2008



January, 2009

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.

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

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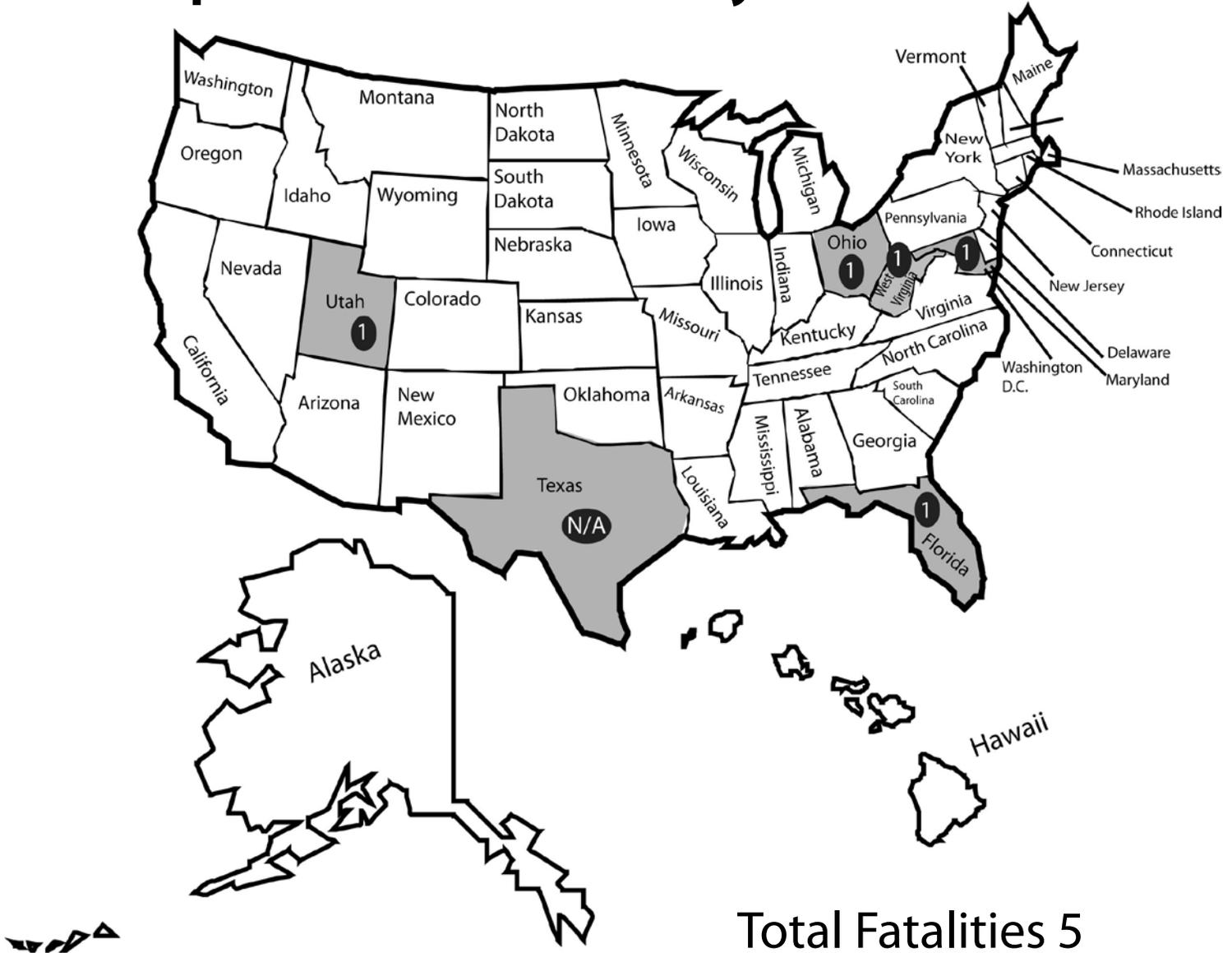


This survey is provided annually to the school transportation industry in an effort to alert individuals and organizations of the dangers involved in loading and unloading school children. Fatalities continue to occur at the bus stop, caused by a variety of circumstances and errors on the part of the 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.

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Reports of Fatalities by State - 2007



50 States & Washington, D.C. Surveyed

	2004	2005	2006	2007
Number reporting fatalities	15	9	5	5
Number reporting no fatalities	35	42	45	45
Number not Reporting	1	0	1	1

2007-2008 Fatality Report



Florida: A 6-year-old male was waiting in his parent's vehicle across the street from the school bus stop. As the school bus slowed to approach the stop with its amber lights flashing, the male exited his mother's vehicle and darted in front of an oncoming vehicle. The student was struck and killed.



Maryland: A 10-year-old male was waiting at his bus stop when a car drove up on the sidewalk striking the student from behind. The student was killed.



Ohio: A 17-year-old male exited the bus from the scheduled stop and was walking up the driveway to his home. The student was approximately 300 feet away from the bus when a motorist approached from behind the bus. The motorist was traveling at speeds reported to be as high as 103 mph and lost control of the vehicle, and left the roadway. The vehicle continued into the student's driveway and struck and killed him.



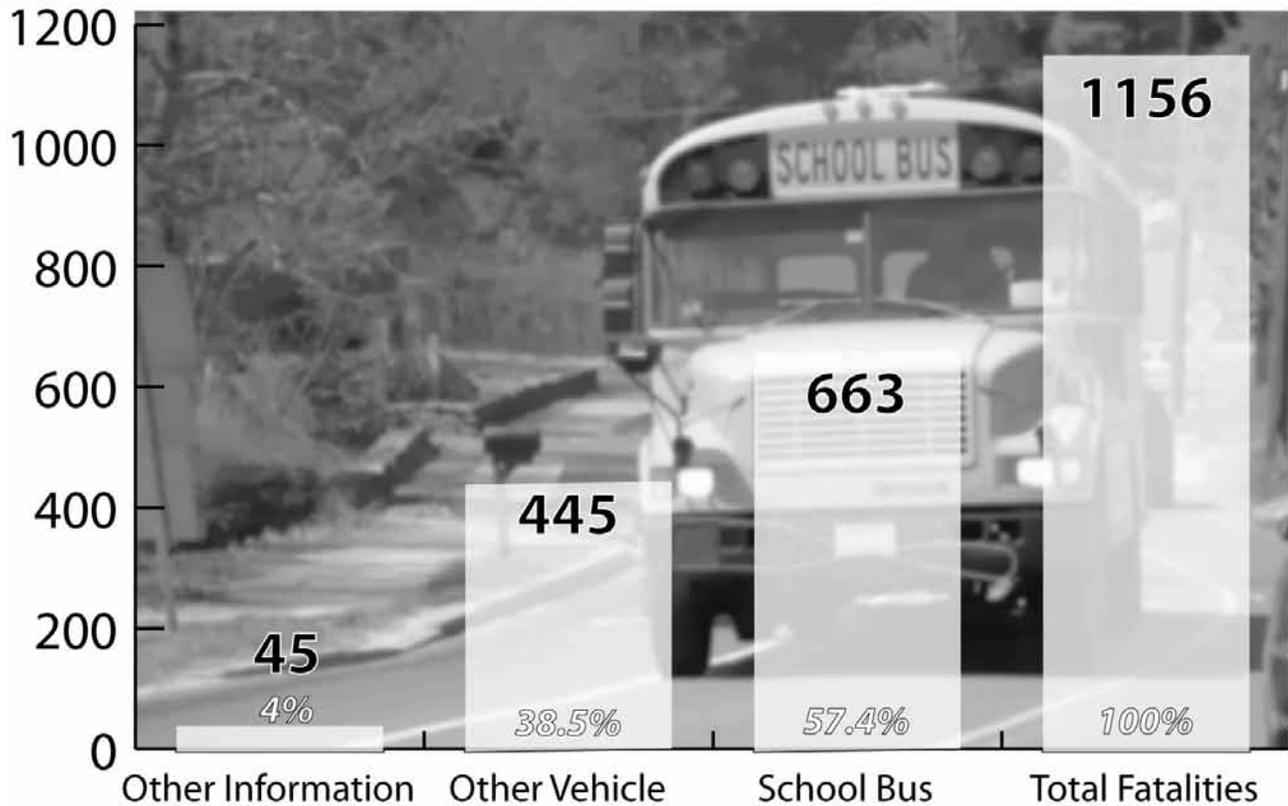
Utah: A 9-year-old male exited the school bus and crossed the street. The bus driver had cleared the student counts and pulled up to make a left turn. As the driver was turning, the student chose to run toward the bus and slipped on the ice and slid under the bus, being run over by the left rear duals.



West Virginia: A 5-year old female was exiting her bus after dark at her bus stop. An oncoming vehicle failed to stop for the flashing school bus lights and struck her with the left front bumper. There was no evidence that the driver applied the brakes. The female student died without regaining consciousness.



38 Year Totals: School Related Vehicle versus the Other Vehicle



School Bus Size	2004	2005	2006	2007
Type A	1	0	0	0
Type B	0	0	0	0
Type C	14	3	2	0
Type D	0	3	1	1
Public Transit	0	0	0	0
Other	5	7	3	0
Unknown	0	0	0	0
Total	20	13	7	1

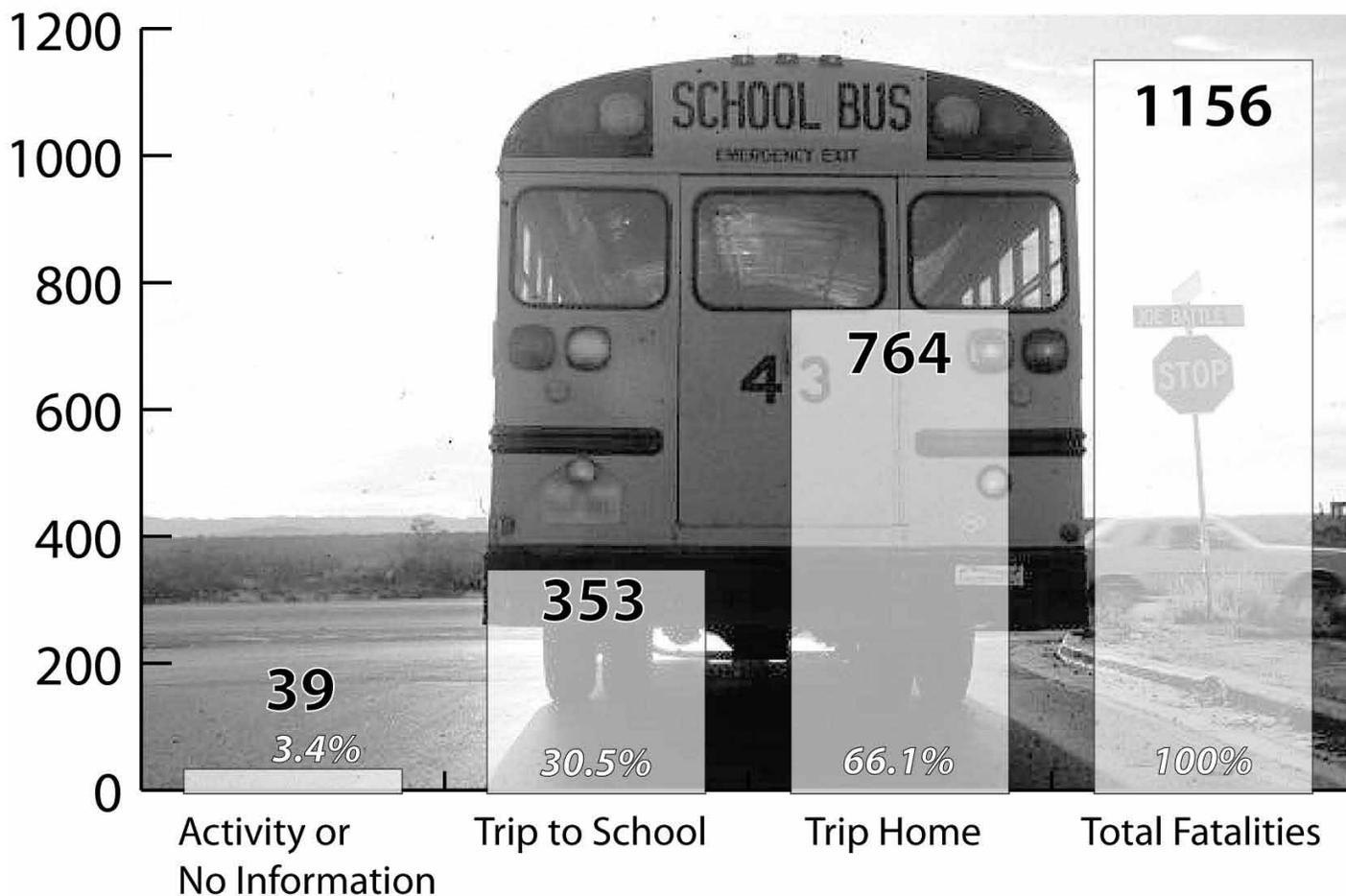
School Children Killed by Vehicle Passing School Bus	2004	2005	2006	2007
Total	6	6	4	4
Other	0	0	0	0
Number not Reporting	0	0	0	0
(School Bus & other vehicle) Total	20	13	7	5

School Children's Position When Killed by School Bus	2004	2005	2006	2007
Front of Bus	7	0	2	1
Back of Bus	7	7	1	0
Total	14	7	3	1

Objects Caught, Dropped Objects or Fell Down	2004	2005	2006	2007
Object Caught in Handrail	0	0	0	0
Object Caught in Closed Door	1	0	0	0
Dropped Object	0	2	0	0
Other	0	2	0	0
Total	1	2	0	0

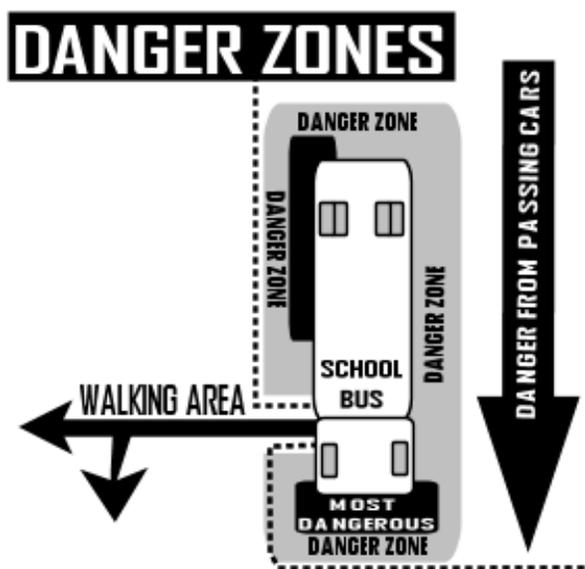


38 Year Totals: Destination

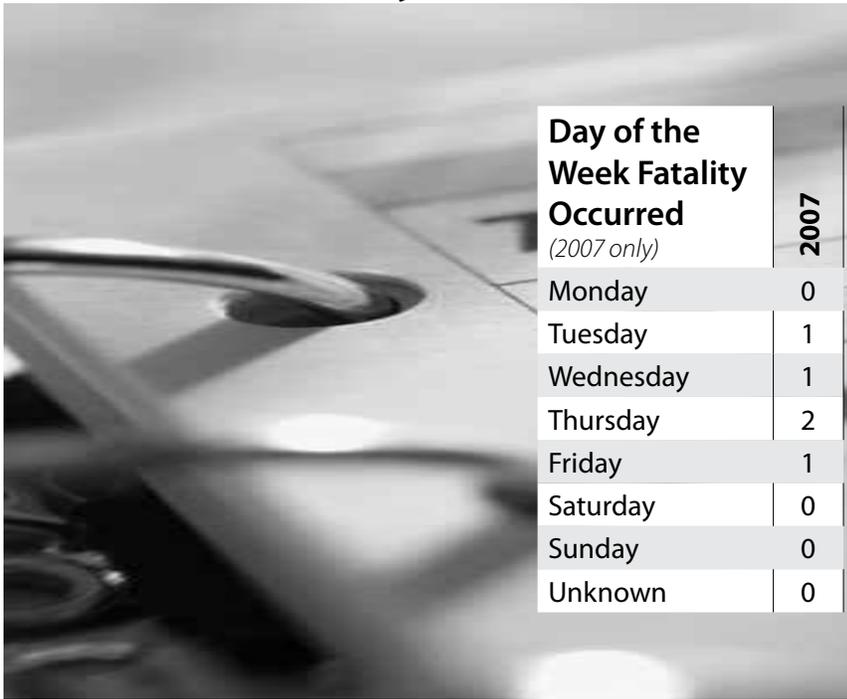


School Children Killed	2004	2005	2006	2007
Going to School	3	4	4	2
Activity Trip	0	1	0	0
Going Home	17	8	3	3
No information	0	0	0	0
Total	20	13	7	5

Place Pupil Was Killed	2004	2005	2006	2007
Unloading on School Ground A.M.	1	0	0	0
Loading on School Ground P.M.	0	1	0	0
School Ground	0	0	0	0
Waiting at Bus Stop A.M.	2	0	2	2
Getting off of Bus P.M.	12	6	3	0
Walking/Running to Bus Stop A.M.	1	5	2	0
Walking/Running from Bus Stop P.M.	4	1	0	3
Road, Street or Highway	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0
No Information	0	0	0	0
Total	20	13	7	5



Day and Month of Fatality



Day of the Week Fatality Occurred (2007 only)	2007
Monday	0
Tuesday	1
Wednesday	1
Thursday	2
Friday	1
Saturday	0
Sunday	0
Unknown	0

Month Fatality Occurred	2004	2005	2006	2007
January	4	1	1	2
February	1	2	1	0
March	4	1	0	0
April	2	0	1	0
May	0	0	0	0
June	0	1	0	0
July	0	0	0	0
August	0	1	0	0
September	1	3	2	2
October	2	0	0	0
November	3	0	2	0
December	3	3	0	1
Unknown	0	1	0	0
Total	20	13	7	5

Light and Weather Conditions



Light Condition	2004	2005	2006	2007
Dawn	1	3	2	0
Dusk	0	1	0	0
Daylight	19	9	3	4
Dark	0	0	2	1
Unknown	0	0	0	0
Total	20	13	7	5

Road Conditions	2004	2005	2006	2007
Dry	17	11	6	3
Wet	2	0	1	1
Snow/Slush	0	0	0	0
Ice/Snow Packed	1	2	0	1
Mud/Dirt/Sand	0	0	0	0
Total	20	13	7	5

Weather Conditions	2004	2005	2006	2007
Clear	14	11	6	4
Cloudy	3	1	0	1
Cloudy/Raining	0	0	1	0
Rain	2	0	0	0
Snow/Sleet/Ice	0	1	0	0
Fog	1	0	0	0
Unknown	0	0	0	0
Total	20	13	7	5

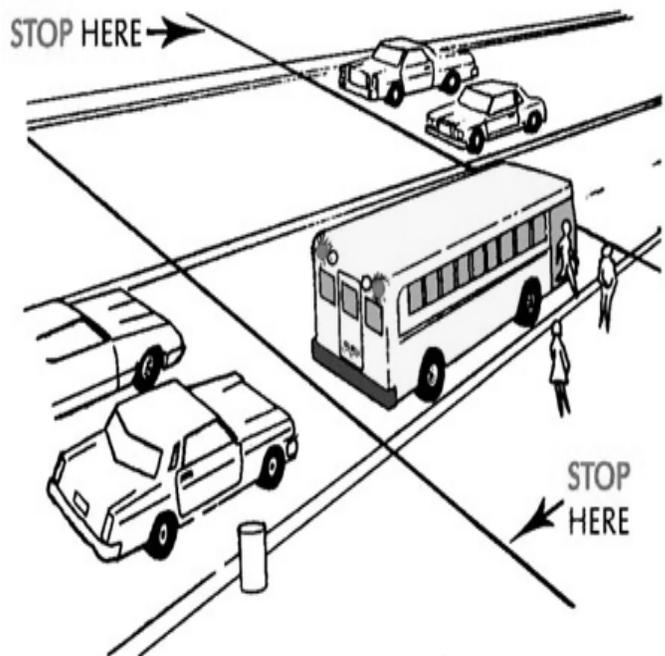
Area and Road Types

Area Fatality Occurred	2004	2005	2006	2007
Urban	12	7	3	2
Rural	8	6	4	3
No Information	0	0	0	0
Total	20	13	7	5

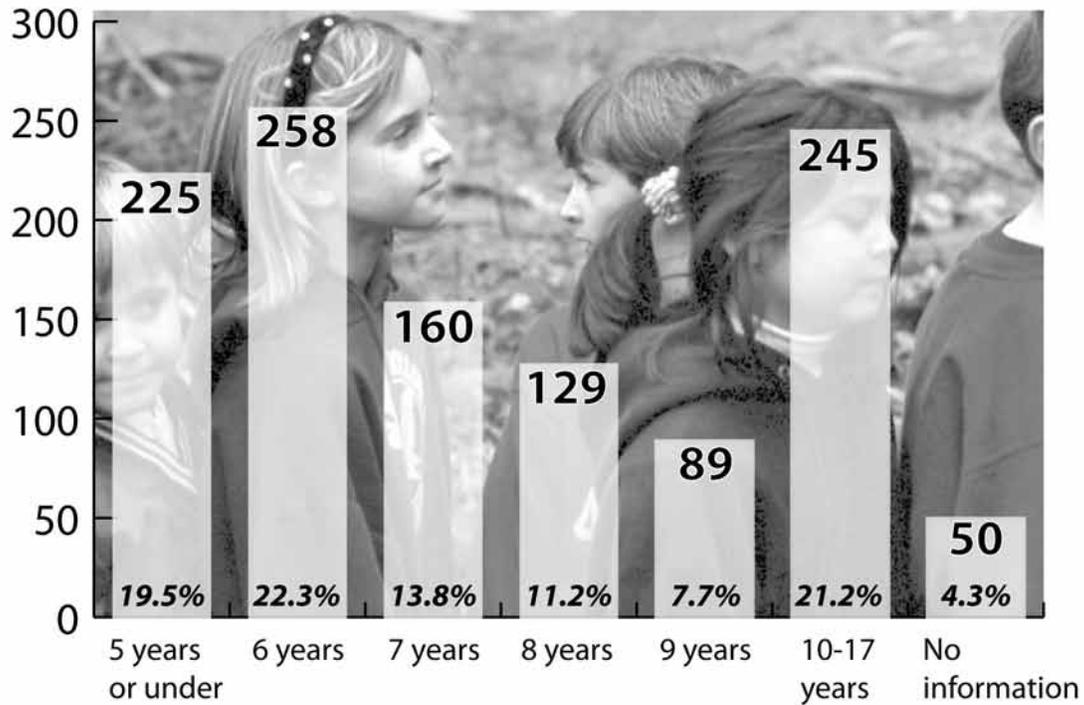
Type of Road	2004	2005	2006	2007
Gravel	2	0	0	0
City Street	15	6	2	1
State Highway	2	4	2	2
Federal Highway	0	1	1	0
Interstate	0	0	0	0
County Road	1	0	2	0
Other	0	2	0	2
Total	20	13	7	5



STOP ON UNDIVIDED HIGHWAY



38 Year Totals: Fatalities by Age



Age of Pupil Killed (years)	2004	2005	2006	2007
2	0	0	0	0
3	1	0	0	0
4	2	1	0	0
5	6	2	1	1
6	5	2	1	1
7	0	0	0	0
8	1	2	0	0
9	1	0	1	1
10	0	1	0	1
11	1	0	0	0
12	0	2	1	0
13	1	2	0	0
14	2	1	1	0
15	0	0	1	0
16	0	0	1	0
17	0	0	0	1
No Information	0	0	0	0
Total	20	13	7	5

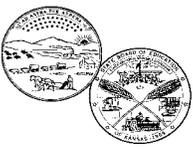
Sex of Child	2004	2005	2006	2007
Female	15	5	3	1
Male	5	8	4	4
Number not Reporting	0	0	0	0
Total	20	13	7	5



38 Year Summary

-  772 fatalities occurred to students 2 - 8 years of age or 67%.
-  Students departing from the bus or on their way home involved 60% of all fatalities.
-  Fatalities attributed to the school bus were 20%. Those involving "the other vehicle," were 80% for 2007-2008.





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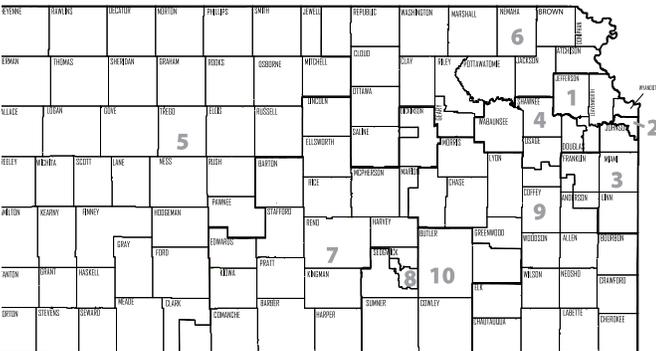


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