

Statutory Authority

Per 702 KAR 5:030, Section 3, The superintendent shall make reports annually to the Department of Education (KDE) on all school bus incidents that occurred during the year. Incidents involving serious student injury, or fatality, or failure of safety equipment shall be reported to KDE immediately. KDE shall then distribute this information to all districts. Personal injury or fatality reports shall include the occupants of the bus, of any other vehicle involved in the incident, and on any non-occupants of the bus or other vehicle. This includes pupils in the loading or unloading zone, pedestrians, and bystanders.

Note: This data is self-reported by school districts.

Total Bus Incidents for ALL Kentucky School Districts 2023-24

Total number of incidents is 1057.

Number of incidents that were urban is 715.

Number of incidents that were rural is 342.

Number of incidents occurring on morning bus runs: 519.

Number of incidents occurring on afternoon bus runs: 538.

Number of citations issued to school bus drivers for incidents: 3.

Bus incidents by day of the week.

Monday	223
Tuesday	194
Wednesday	200
Thursday	225
Friday	184
Saturday	20
Sunday	11

Incidents by month of the year.

January	109
February	100
March	110
April	99
May	92
June	11
July	0
August	112
September	136
October	103
November	108
December	77

Section 1 - School Bus Physically Involved

Type of incident.

between motor vehicles	760
fixed object	265
non collision	24
other	34
pedal cycle	2
pedestrian	4

Fixed object incident detail if reported in the section above.

bridge rail	2
building	5
culvert-headwall	3
curb	4
embankment	2
fence	10
fire hydrant	3
guardrail	5
mailbox	50
median barrier	1
other	50
parked vehicle	41
sign	20
tree	43
utility pole	26

Incidents resulting in student or district personnel injury

fatality	1
serious incapacitating injury	3
moderate or possible injury	4
minor non-incapacitating injury	29
property damage only	1020

Incidents resulting in personal injury in other vehicles, drivers, occupants, pedestrian(s)

fatality	0
serious incapacitating injury	0
moderate or possible injury	1
minor non-incapacitating injury	3
property damage only	0

Manner of collision between school bus and other vehicle or object

angle	221
head-on	52
rear-end	171
sideswipe	360
backing	193
broadside	25
other	67

Section 2 - Bus Direction Analysis

Collision with pedestrian

Intersection

Bus going straight	0
Bus turning right	0
Bus turning left	1
Bus backing	0
Other action	0

Non intersection

Bus going straight	3
Bus turning right	0
Bus turning left	0
Bus backing	0
Other action	1

Collision with another vehicle

Intersection

Entering at angle, both moving	26
Entering same direction, both moving	14
Entering opposite direction, both moving	16
Entering at angle one vehicle stationary	22
Entering same direction one vehicle stationary	8
Entering opposite direction one vehicle stationary	1
One vehicle backing at intersection	4
Other action	6

Non-intersection

Same direction, both moving	87
Opposite direction, both moving	143
One vehicle stopped	285
One vehicle backing	82
Sideswipe	67
Other action	22

All other collisions

Intersection

Fixed object	16
Other type vehicle, i.e. train, pedal cycle, motorcycle	0
Other object, animal	0

Non-intersection

Fixed object	216
Other type of vehicle, i.e. train, pedal cycle, motorcycle	12
Other object, animal, etc.	23

Non-collisions

Intersection

Overturn	0
Other non-collision	1

Non intersection

Overturn	2
Other non-collision	31

Total number of lanes on roadway

One lane	55
Two lanes	540
Three lanes	40
Multilane (four or more)	117
Parking lot or area other than roadway	305

Section 3 - Other Information

Bus driver age

21-30	64
31-40	133
41-50	188
51-60	285
Over 60	419

Driver gender

Male	613
Female	476

School bus driving experience

6 months or less	98
6-12 months	85
1-2 years	114
2-5 years	207
5-10 years	240
10 years or more	345

Driver was wearing seatbelt when an incident occurred

Yes	1066
No	23

Type of school bus or another vehicle

TYPE A	4
TYPE B	0
TYPE C	842
TYPE D	244
Other	0

School bus use at time of incident

Regular bus route	948
Field/activity trip (school related)	68
Special needs bus route	28
Other use	45

Road condition at time of incident

Dry	925
Wet	153
Ice	3
Muddy	2
Snow packed	3
Holes or ruts	2
Under repair	3
Other	6

Light conditions at time of incident

Dawn	70
Daylight	857
Dusk	8
Dark, artificially illuminated	48
Dark, not artificially illuminated	74

Weather condition at time of incident

Clear	792
Rain	107
Fog	10
Snow	3
Sleet	1
Overcast/cloudy	139
Other	5

Section 4 – Loading and Unloading Zone Incidents

Location of school bus

Approaching loading zone	72
Stopped in loading zone	33
Leaving loading zone	106
Not in sight of loading zone	878

Location of pupils

Hit by the bus	3
Hit by another vehicle	1
On the bus	263
Other	1

Location of injured pupils

On the side of the road	2
In the roadway	2
On the sidewalk	0
On the bus	97
Other	1

Section 5 – Injury and or Fatality Totals for School Personnel

On board the bus

Age	Fatality	Serious	Moderate	Minor
Under 3	0	0	0	0
3	0	0	0	0
4	0	0	0	0
5	0	0	0	0
6	0	0	0	6
7	0	0	0	11
8	0	0	0	11
9	0	0	0	9
10	0	0	0	11
11	0	1	0	16
12	0	0	0	6
13	0	0	0	10
14	0	0	0	3
15	0	0	0	6
16	0	1	0	4
17	0	0	0	2
18	0	0	0	0
Over 18	0	0	0	0
Driver	1	0	4	11
Other	0	0	0	1
Totals	1	2	4	107

Off bus in loading or unloading zones

Age	Fatality	Serious	Moderate	Minor
Under 3	0	0	0	0
3	0	0	0	0
4	0	0	0	0
5	0	0	0	0
6	0	0	0	1
7	0	0	0	0
8	0	1	0	0
9	0	0	0	0
10	0	0	0	0
11	0	0	0	0
12	0	0	0	0
13	0	0	0	0
14	0	0	0	0
15	0	0	0	0
16	0	1	0	1
17	0	0	0	1
18	0	0	0	0
Over 18	0	0	0	0
Driver	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	2	2
Totals	0	2	2	5