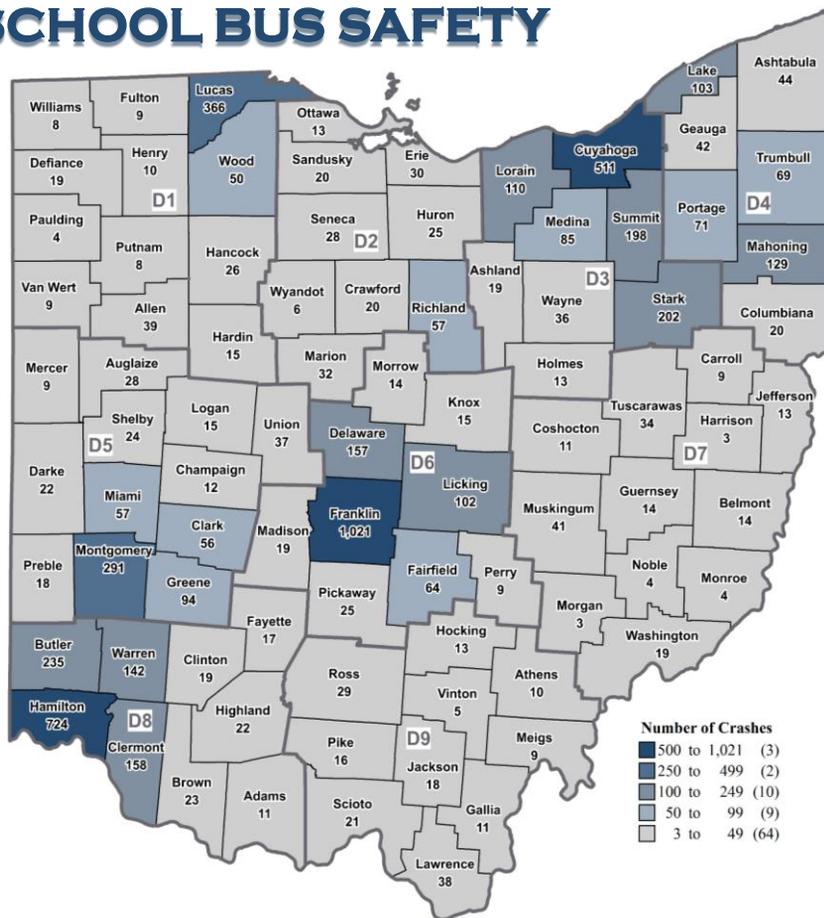




TRAFFIC SAFETY BULLETIN

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SCHOOL BUS SAFETY



**Map and Table
2020-2025¹
Motor Vehicle Crashes
Involving a School Bus**

OSHP District	Number of Crashes
District 1	563
District 2	231
District 3	1,174
District 4	478
District 5	663
District 6	1,425
District 7	169
District 8	1,351
District 9	170
Total	6,225

School Bus Crashes

- Since 2020¹, 6,225 traffic crashes involving school buses have been reported in Ohio.² Among these were five fatal crashes that killed five people. Of the five people killed, one was a student on a school bus who was killed in 2023. Additionally, there have been 889 school bus occupants injured in crashes during this time frame.
- Franklin County (1,021) led the state in school bus crashes, followed by Hamilton (724), Cuyahoga (511), Lucas (366), and Montgomery (291). Combined, these counties have accounted for 47% of school bus crashes since 2020.
- Additional information on school bus crashes is available on the Ohio Statistics and Analytics for Traffic Safety (OSTATS) crash dashboard at <https://statepatrol.ohio.gov/ostats>

School Bus Violations

- Motorists approaching a school bus from either direction should remember they are required to stop at least 10 feet back from buses displaying red flashing lights and an extended stop arm. Drivers may not resume driving until the school bus begins moving. Since 2020, OSHP troopers have written nearly 15,000 citations for passing a stopped school bus and other school zone violations.

School Bus Inspections

- Ohio law requires that OSHP conduct school bus inspections for the state. Every bus used to transport pupils is inspected before the beginning of each school year and once randomly during the year. Since 2020, OSHP personnel have performed nearly 195,000 such inspections.

¹ 2025 YTD as of 6/30/2025 and is provisional as of 7/1/2025. ²School buses with 16 or more seats only.