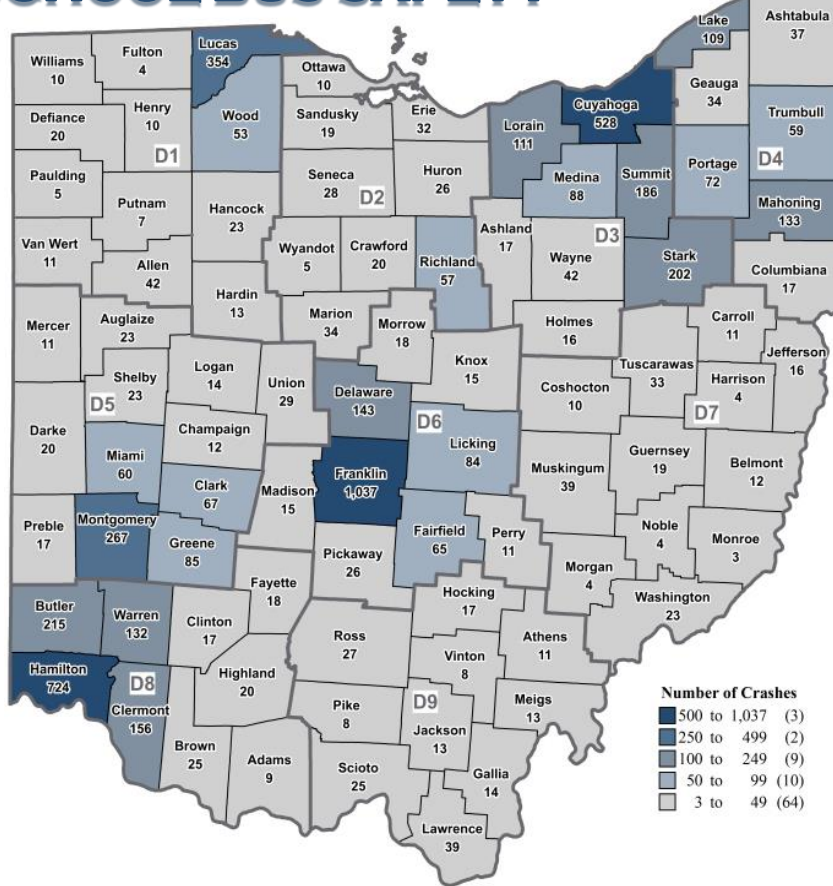




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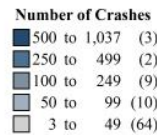
SCHOOL BUS SAFETY



Map and Table
2019-2024¹
Motor Vehicle Crashes
Involving a School Bus

OSHP District	Number of Crashes
District 1	552
District 2	231
District 3	1,190
District 4	461
District 5	628
District 6	1,414
District 7	178
District 8	1,316
District 9	175

Total 6,145



School Bus Crashes

- Since 2019¹, 6,145 traffic crashes involving school buses have been reported in Ohio.² Among these were eight fatal crashes that killed eight people. In August 2023, a school bus on State Route 41 in Clark County was struck by another vehicle and forced off the road. A student on the bus was killed. This marks the first fatality on a school bus since 2010.
- Franklin County (1,037) led the state in school bus crashes, followed by Hamilton (724), Cuyahoga (528), Lucas (354), and Montgomery (267). Combined, these counties have accounted for 47% of school bus crashes since 2019.
- 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 2019, OSHP troopers have written nearly 16,000 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 2019, OSHP personnel have performed nearly 200,000 such inspections.

¹ 2024 YTD as of 7/22/2024 and is provisional as of 7/23/2024. ²School buses with 16 or more seats only.