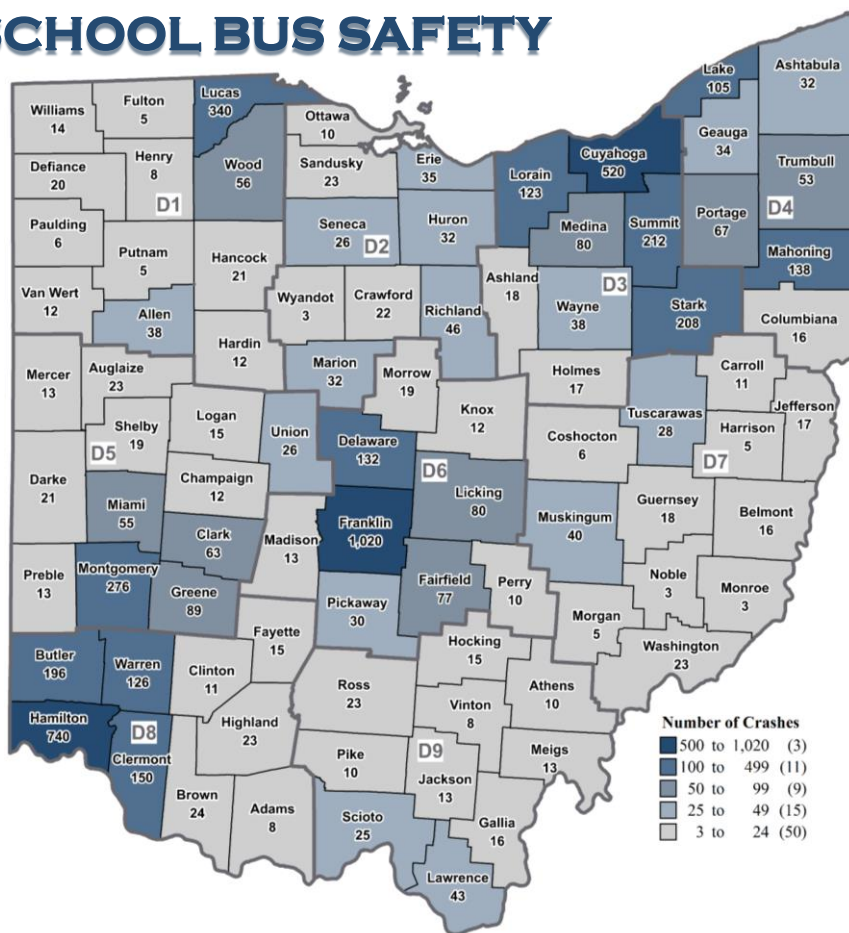




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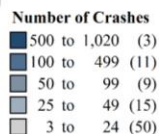
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SCHOOL BUS SAFETY



Map and Table
2018-2023¹
Motor Vehicle Crashes
Involving a School Bus

OSHP District	Number of Crashes
District 1	537
District 2	229
District 3	1,216
District 4	445
District 5	625
District 6	1,393
District 7	175
District 8	1,293
District 9	176



Total 6,089

School Bus Crashes

- Since 2018¹, 6,089 traffic crashes involving school buses have been reported in Ohio.² Among these were seven fatal crashes that killed seven people. Another 1,847 people were injured in school bus crashes over this time. The last crash that involved a death on a school bus occurred in 2010.
- Three of the fatal crashes involving a school bus happened in 2022. All three involved another vehicle going left of center and either striking the school bus or avoiding the bus and driving off of the roadway. All three of the deceased drivers had either alcohol and/or drugs in their systems.
- 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 2018, OSHP troopers have written over 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 2018, OSHP personnel have performed more than 200,000 such inspections.

¹ 2023 YTD as of 7/26/2023 and is provisional as of 7/27/2023. ² School buses with 16 or more seats only.