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Annual NASDPTS Survey Highlights Danger of Passing School Buses

Montpelier, Vermont - Today, the national association representing state directors of pupil transportation released the results of its tenth survey on illegal passing of school buses. In 34 states throughout the country over 22 percent of the nation's school bus drivers participated in a one-day survey to report motorists who passed their stopped school buses. In the survey, 79,859 school bus drivers reported that 51,593 vehicles passed their buses illegally on a single day during the 2021-22 school year. Given the lower number of drivers participating this year versus our 2019 survey, we think it is helpful to compare the years. Adjusting for 100% of the school bus drivers in the U.S., we would have seen just over 232,000 illegal passings in both 2019 and 2022. Throughout a 180-day school year, these sample results point to more than 41.8 million violations per year among America's motoring public.

"These numbers, when adjusted for 100% of the school bus drivers across the country, show that unfortunately illegal passings of stopped school buses are at an epidemic level. Too often the safety of our nation's children is put into question simply because motorists are either not paying attention or are in a hurry. This is simply unacceptable," said Pat McManamon, President of the National Association of State Directors of Pupil Transportation Services. "Motorists must understand the rules of the road and must follow them every single day," he continued.

This survey has been conducted annually since 2011, with the exception of 2020 and 2021, when the survey was not conducted due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and the resulting school closures across the country. The survey results have brought greater attention by state and federal policy makers to the need for greater safety countermeasures. In recent years, several states have increased penalties for violations, authorized the use of photo evidence for issuing citations, or enacted other measures designed to deter this dangerous practice.

As the new school year ramps up throughout the country, the National Association of State Directors of Pupil Transportation Services encourages state directors, local school districts, law enforcement agencies, legislators, and America's motoring public to redouble their efforts to reduce the ongoing threat to the safety of students posed by distracted driving and illegal passing of school buses.

Complete information on the project, including the detailed results from the 2022 survey and prior years, can be found at <https://www.nasdpts.org/stop-arm-violations/#results>.

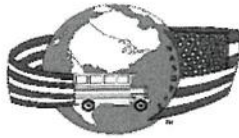
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2018 Survey on Illegal Passing of School Buses - Summary Results

Name of Person	State	Survey Date	Number of Participating Bus Drivers	Illegal Passes Observed			Passed From		Passed On	
				AM	Mid-day	PM	The Front (opposite direction of bus)	The Rear (same direction as bus)	The Left (bus driver's side of bus)	The Right (student door side of bus)
CHAD CARPENTER	AL	04/04/2018	1,390	637	0	753	1,103	287	1,333	57
Jerry Owens	AR	04/24/2018	3,234	319	3	535	717	140	856	1
Patricia Martinez	AZ	04/12/2018	9	2	2	7	11	11	11	0
Anna Borges	CA	05/08/2018	4,474	12,502	1,845	13,773	12,697	15,423	28,120	0
Local Results	CO	05/16/2018	1,186	213	24	712	336	169	488	17
Gretchen Brumley	DC	04/11/2018	503	257	22	109	190	198	388	8
Lee Dean	DE	05/04/2018	1,108	280	8	256	261	282	539	8
Local Results	FL	05/09/2018	9,092	5,407	231	5,337	5,716	4,793	10,044	449
Pat Schoffl	GA	04/25/2018	10,988	3,657	66	3,742	5,110	2,355	7,369	96
Mark Lindstrom	HI	04/19/2018	538	393	0	361	508	246	735	19
Max Christensen	IA	05/02/2018	2,239	134	6	145	190	95	281	4
Local Results	IL	05/09/2018	4,735	1,083	169	1,121	1,465	860	2,209	76
Michael A. LaRocco	IN	04/24/2018	7,596	1,424	107	1,546	2,481	596	3,018	59
Keith Dreiling	KS	04/18/2018	1,030	453	58	519	716	314	1,002	28
Elsa Hanley	KY	04/25/2018	2,667	270	64	394	489	239	705	23
Gabriel Rose	MD	04/25/2018	5,668	1,856	126	1,830	2,575	1,237	3,666	146
Local Results	ME	05/31/2018	225	24	4	60	68	21	85	2
Local Results	MI	05/09/2018	1,154	232	20	273	336	165	497	12
Brian Reu	MN	04/18/2018	2,802	285	11	287	449	133	566	17
Local Results	MO	04/13/2018	3,676	392	39	443	537	314	821	23
Donny Gray	MS	05/02/2018	755	50	3	77	103	27	129	1
Donnell Rosenthal	MT	05/23/2018	104	15	1	24	33	7	39	1
Kevin Harrison	NC	03/21/2018	12,751	1,321	41	1,564	2,010	914	2,812	109
Harlow's School Bus Service	ND	04/10/2018	32	4	1	4	7	2	9	0
Lisa Bennett	NH	05/09/2018	32	7	2	4	15	6	21	2
Local Results	NJ	05/09/2018	1,086	281	41	299	439	147	523	56
Diana Hollander	NV	05/17/2018	744	505	85	598	723	465	1,184	4
Tina Spence	OK	01/22/2018	25	5		2				
Flo Nguyen	OR	04/17/2018	2,704	918	81	986	1,705	276	1,936	45
Shelie Harter	PA	10/18/2017	54	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Richard Podmore	SC	05/16/2018	595	182	10	277	261	199	437	13
Tammy P. Knipp	TN	04/27/2018	2,749	484	20	609	867	246	1,083	30
Christie Hebert	TX	04/25/2018	8,913	3,558	220	3,651	4,711	2,626	6,957	377
Ron Litchfield	UT	05/23/2018	1,906	418	90	504	730	265	964	20
Patrick McManamon	VT	04/11/2018	315	26		18	31	13	43	1
Glenn Gorton	WA	05/03/2018	4,312	667	46	775	803	682	1,434	52
Local Results	WI	05/02/2018	1,538	148	19	196	274	76	340	9
Sherry Sadler	WV	05/01/2018	2,291	72	2	117	167	24	180	11
David Koskelowski	WY	02/07/2018	1,086	32	5	51				
TOTALS	38 States plus DC		106,306	38,513	3,472	41,959	48,823	33,853	80,824	1,768
				45.88%	4.14%	49.98%	59.05%	40.95%	97.86%	2.14%
				Total Illegal Passes Reported: 83,944			82,676		82,592	

Percentage of Total:
Total Illegal Passes Reported:



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2019 Survey on Illegal Passing of School Buses--Summary Results

Name of Person Reporting	State	Primary Survey Date	Number of Participating Bus Drivers	Illegal Passes Observed			Passed From		Passed On	
				AM	Mid-day	PM	Front	Rear	Left	Right
Chad Carpenter	AL	04/10/19	6,948	712		893	1,316	289	1,573	32
Jerry Owens	AR	04/24/19	3,896	390	0	494	711	173	872	12
Anna Borges	CA	05/08/19	4,867	11,878	1,917	12,360	11,772	14,383	26,155	0
Local Results	CO	Various	1,273	298	19	258	392	183	559	17
Gretchen Brumley	DC	07/17/19	382	112	0	63	76	99	175	0
Tyler Bryan	DE	05/10/19	1,100	329	10	319	320	327	645	13
Local Results	FL	Various	10,158	6,555	945	6,140	6,645	5,533	11,319	526
Pat Schofill	GA	04/24/19	13,754	4,106	85	4,636	5,932	2,895	8,690	137
James Kauhi	HI	04/24/19	549	376	0	323	494	205	671	28
Max Christensen	IA	05/01/19	1,796	79	14	84	125	52	170	7
Local Results	IL	05/01/19	6,756	1,694	216	1,451	1,824	1,409	2,966	217
Michael A. LaRocco	IN	04/23/19	6,863	1,241	94	1,318	2,144	509	2,549	104
Keith Dreiling	KS	04/17/19	3,300	410	86	544	758	282	1,021	19
Elisa Hanley	KY	04/24/19	2,848	146	19	310	329	146	467	8
Local Results	LA	Various	1,352	342	9	481	478	312	732	41
Gabriel Rose	MD	04/24/19	9,187	3,074	274	3,040	2,270	924	3,074	120
Local Results	ME	Various	445	62	5	106	136	36	167	4
Local Results	MI	05/08/19	1,373	194	19	295	365	120	494	18
Brian Reu	MN	04/17/19	2,360	277	7	341	513	112	617	8
Local Results	MO	04/10/19	3,294	401	38	405	496	268	749	26
Janice M. Grant	MS	04/23/19	1,251	98	3	142	182	60	237	5
Donell Rosenthal	MT	05/23/19	388	37	0	53	77	13	85	5
Kevin Harrison	NC	04/03/19	12,705	1,400	56	1,736	2,247	945	3,136	56
Don Williams	ND	04/17/19	210	10	0	17	26	1	27	0
Local Results	NE	04/11/19	338	47	23	63	66	59	102	3
Local Results	NJ	05/21/19	1,394	374	43	376	563	163	634	34
Diana Hollander	NV	05/22/19	953	591	79	702	801	571	1,364	8
Local Results	NY	05/01/19	1,326	355	13	482	524	284	723	18
Pete Japikse	OH	03/20/19	4,145	682	45	775	1,091	411	1,471	31
Tina Spence	OK	04/01/19	N/A	180	9	230	308	111	416	3
Brock Dittus	OR	04/16/19	1,822	637	33	701	1,153	183	1,302	26
Richard Podmore	SC	05/22/19	1,227	105	5	113	156	70	216	8
Dr. Tammy P. Knipp	TN	04/26/19	2,104	837	35	1,061	1,593	340	1,850	83
Christie Hebert	TX	04/24/19	10,100	4,259	308	5,036	6,289	3,314	9,285	318
Ron Litchfield	UT	03/25/19	1,661	404	52	461	646	268	892	18
Patrick McManamon	VT	05/08/19	143	8	3	16	21	6	27	0
Patti Enbody	WA	05/01/19	4,233	779	39	847	893	760	1,628	29
Local Results	WI	05/08/19	1,820	153	8	299	260	84	347	4
Sherry Sadler	WV	05/01/19	1,963	94	7	164	231	34	254	11
Justin Budd	WY	02/06/19	1,061	54	5	56				
TOTALS	39 States		131,345	43,780	4,523	47,191	54,223	35,934	87,661	1,997
				45.85%	4.74%	49.42%	60.14%	39.86%	97.77%	2.23%

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				AM	Mid-day	PM	Front	Rear	Left	Right	
Chad Carpenter	AL	04/13/2022	5445	664	0	731	1176	219	1345	50	
Mike Simmons	AR	04/26/2022	2176	262	2	332	503	93	576	20	
Anna Borges	CA	05/03/2022	1883	4251	812	4266	4156	5173	9329	0	
Local Results	CO	04/19/2022	648	125	7	142	199	55	256	8	
Kenneth King	DC	05/18/2022	517	325	0	218	305	238	543	0	
Tyler Bryan	DE	05/05/2022	1166	316	13	394	390	333	704	19	
Local Results	FL	Various	6416	3870	193	3804	4601	3087	7104	299	
Local Results	GA	4/26/2022	684	36	0	59	68	16	86	1	
Mark Lindstrom	HI	4/11/2022	805	410	0	447	690	167	839	18	
Local Results	IL	4/26/2022	5106	1744	1180	1439	1330	963	2173	80	
Michael A. LaRocco	IN	04/26/2022	6665	877	73	1091	1637	404	2011	30	
Max Christensen	IA	05/11/2022	1409	55	12	71	99	39	136	2	
Keith Drelling	KS	04/13/2022	2669	342	54	486	659	223	836	46	
Elisa Hanley	KY	06/20/2022	2267	1077	51	1206	1190	1137	2307	10	
Local Results	LA	Varied	1053	118	4	161	229	56	282	3	
Local Results	ME	6/7/2022	233	25	4	43	63	8	70	2	
Gabriel Rose	MD	05/18/2022	5189	1256	141	1611	2070	792	2760	118	
Brian Reu	MN	04/13/2022	4343	450	27	490	809	185	969	25	
Local Results	MS	Varied	1279	85	2	131	148	58	194	27	
Local Results	MO	05/11/2022	1116	829	1215	447	173	96	262	3	
Local Results	NE	Varied	813	224	28	83	117	89	183	7	
Jeremy Silva	NV	04/19/2022	665	490	31	719	683	551	1228	6	
Local Results	NY	04/28/2022	37	0	0	2	2	0	2	0	
Kevin Harrison	NC	03/30/2022	9648	1255	57	1436	1898	843	2593	142	
Albany McClure	OK	04/29/2022	58	27	0	25	40	11	44	4	
Brock J Dittus	OR	05/17/2022	1787	437	46	550	874	143	1013	4	
Mike Bullman	SC	05/18/2022	82	13	0	12	13	12	25	0	
Robert A. Group	TN	05/17/2022	168	319	2	233	420	129	534	20	
Christie Hebert	TX	04/27/2022	5615	3584	158	4984	5512	2695	7905	302	
Ron Litchfield	UT	05/25/2022	1736	335	58	351	550	180	728	15	
Patrick McManamon	VT	05/10/2022	221	20	0	13	32	1	33	0	
Patti Embody	WA	05/04/2022	2286	348	25	400	364	368	713	12	
Sherry Sadler	WV	05/03/2022	2371	87	3	168	200	58	240	18	
Local Results	WI	5/4/2022	898	184	14	167	241	75	332	8	
TOTALS	34 States		79,859	24,440	4,212	26,712	31,441	18,497	48,355	1,299	
				44.14%	7.60%	48.26%	62.96%	37.04%	97.38%	2.62%	
					100%		100%		100%		