School Bus Safety in the U.S. | Which states have the safest and most accident-prone school bus fleets?
The average probability rate of accidents in all school buses within a vehicle’s lifespan (roughly 15 years) is 9.5%, according to safety data from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration. The states listed below have accident rates that are higher or lower relative to the average.
States with the Lowest School Bus Accident Rates (Beginning with the lowest rates)

1. Maryland
2. California
3. Vermont
4. Nebraska
5. Maine
6. Montana
7. North Dakota
8. Minnesota
9. Virginia
10. Alabama
States with the Highest School Bus Accident Rates (Beginning with the highest rates)

1. Utah
2. Michigan
3. Rhode Island
4. Texas
5. Idaho
6. Indiana
7. Wisconsin
8. Tennessee
9. New York
10. Florida
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Heinrich’s Safety Pyramid

- 1 Fatality
- 10 Serious
- 30 Minor
- 600 Near Miss
- 300,000 Unsafe Act