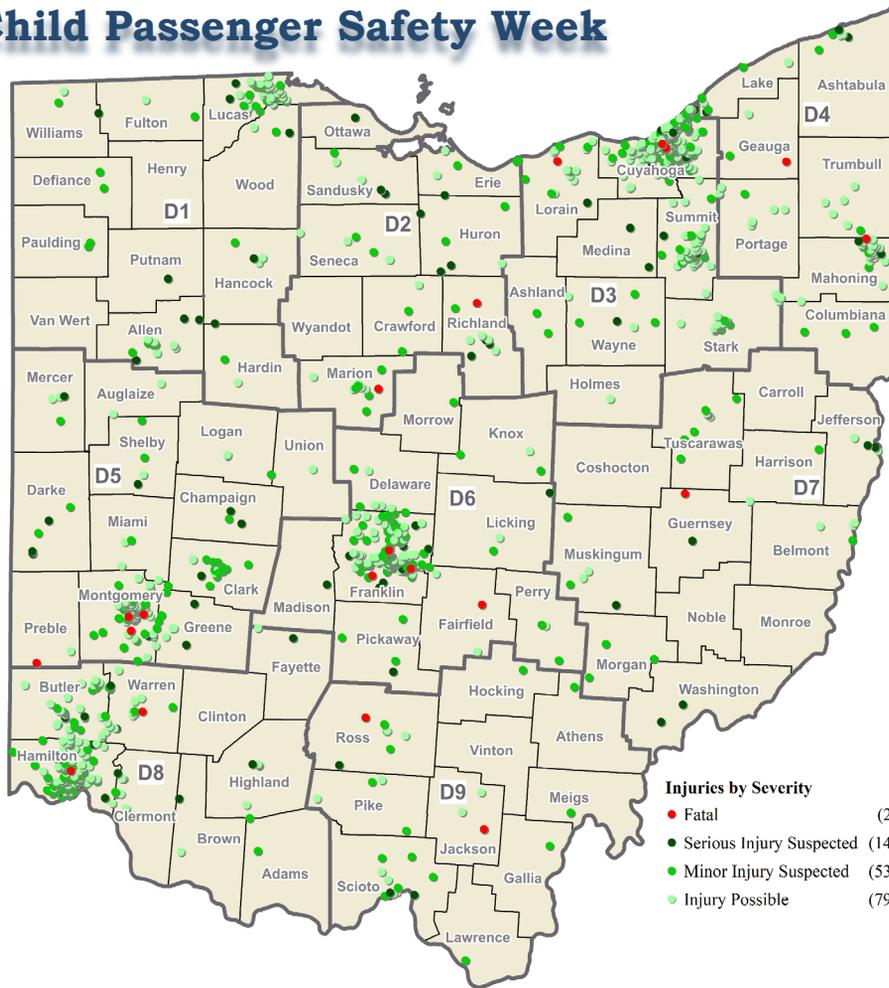


TRAFFIC SAFETY BULLETIN

SEPTEMBER 2020



Child Passenger Safety Week



Map and Table: 2017-2019 Children Under 13 Killed or Injured in Crashes¹

OSHP District	Count
District 1	121
District 2	65
District 3	467
District 4	76
District 5	206
District 6	224
District 7	43
District 8	254
District 9	44

Total 1,500

Seat Belt Crashes

- NHTSA has designated September 20-26, 2020 as Child Passenger Safety Week. In 2018, a child in the United States under the age of thirteen was killed or injured every 32 seconds in a passenger vehicle.
- In Ohio, from 2017 to 2019, 1,500 unbelted children under the age of thirteen were killed or injured while in a vehicle where safety equipment was available. This figure includes 24 deaths and 148 serious injuries.
- Over the last 3 years, Cuyahoga County led the state in the number of unbelted children killed or injured in traffic crashes (346). Franklin (192), Hamilton, (165), and Montgomery (132) Counties each recorded over 100 unbelted fatalities and injuries involving children. Combined these four counties accounted for 56% of all unbelted children killed or injured in traffic crashes in the state.

Seat Belt Usage

- Ohio conducts an observational study of seat belt usage every year. The observed usage rate among children 0-14 tops 95%². Additional information on Ohio's seat belt use rates can be found at: <https://ohiohighwaysafetyoffice.ohio.gov/otso-resources.aspx#gsc.tab=0>

Seat Belt Convictions

- From 2017 to 2019, OSHP troopers wrote 380,562 citations to drivers and passengers for failing to wear a seat belt. Among these were 8,540 child safety seat violations.

¹Includes only occupants with available belts and excludes vehicles such as motorcycles, ATVs, buses, and buggies. Also, excludes non-motorists such as pedestrians and bicyclists.

²Source: Ohio Department of Public Safety & Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services. 2019. "Observational Survey of Seat Belt Use in Ohio."