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*Rural Passenger Trips include data from standard rural reporters; not including data from reduced reporters.

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### Total Rural Transit Fatalities vs. Total Fatality

**Transit Agency Error**

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### Fatality per One Million Passenger Revenue Miles

- 2013
- 2014
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- 1 transit vehicle driver error. Transit vehicle driver went off the road, for no known reason, and traveled into a ditch and hit a tree. Unrestrained transit vehicle passenger fatality.
- 2 passenger vehicles hitting transit vehicles parked at bus stops. Two incidents. One non-transit vehicle fatality/driver and one motorcyclist fatality.
- 1 transit passenger lost his balance and fell backwards down the steps and onto the pavement after paying fare. Passed away a few days later.
- 1 Pedestrian clipped by a passenger vehicle in front of the transit vehicle. Pedestrian fell into the street and was then hit by transit vehicle.
- 1 wrong-way driver of passenger vehicle with a medical incident was the fatality. Transit vehicle avoided serious collision and no one on board the transit vehicle was injured.
- 2 transit vehicle passengers had medical events on the transit vehicles. Two incident.
- 1 passenger car driver fatality. Flat bed trailer came loose from a truck, the flat bed deflected off of the transit vehicle, and hit a passenger car causing a fatality of the driver of the passenger car.
- 1 racing passenger vehicle driver lost control, crossing the centerline and collided with the transit vehicle. Passenger car driver fatality.

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Rural Transit Safety Data

January 2021

### Rural Transit Fatalities

- **2019 Fatalities**
- **10 total**
- 1 transit driver error. 9 non-transit vehicle/driver error.