

Rural Transit Safety Data

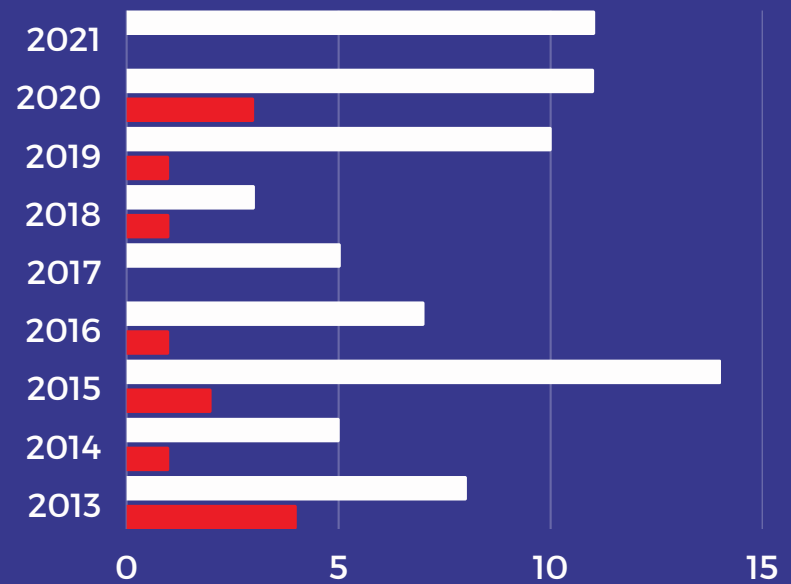


The data collected below is a compilation of all fifty state DOTs and NTD reports. David Harris, NMDOT, coordinated with each DOT or transit agency to confirm the specifics of each fatality incident.

2021 Rural Transit Fatality Summary

- 11 fatalities (13 reported, 2 found to be urban)
- **Zero** transit driver error. 11 non-transit vehicle/driver error.
- 9 fatalities and 5 incidents were caused by a private vehicle crossing the centerline.
- 1 transit passenger fatality was caused due to passenger boarding challenges.
- 1 transit passenger fatality was caused due to passenger refusal to be properly secured in their wheelchair.
- **The rural public transit safety data reported here is further underscored by the fact it is achieved along rural roads that are acknowledged as disproportionately unsafe.**

Total Rural Transit Fatalities vs. Total Fatality Transit Agency Error



	Total Rural Bus Fatalities	Total Urban Bus Fatalities	Total Highway Fatalities in Passenger Vehicles
2018	3	85	36,835
2017	5	98	37,473
2016	7	111	37,806
2015	14	101	35,484
2014	5	108	32,744
2013	8	127	32,893

The data shown to the left was gathered from the [FTA's Bus Safety Data Report](#), along with rural transit fatality data shown above.

Trips on buses have continued to be proven as the safest mode of transportation outside of air travel.