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National Transit Database Data Overview

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NTD – Codified at 49 U.S.C. 5335

- Recipients or Beneficiaries of Section 5307 (Urban Formula) or 5311 (Rural Formula) Grants:
    - Must Report Annually on Finances, Operations, & Assets
- Urbanized Area Reporters with More than 30 Vehicles:
    - Safety Event Reports
    - Monthly Service (Ridership, Vehicle Miles) Reports
- Rural Systems Have Reduced Requirements

More Than 2,300 Transit Systems Report

- Annual Reports
  - 866 Urbanized Area Systems
    - 533 Submit Full Reports
      (includes both FTA grant recipients and voluntary reporters)
    - 306 with Fewer than 30 Vehicles Submit Reduced Reports
  - 1,481 Rural Subrecipient Reports (reduced requirements)
    - 54 States
    - 134 Indian Tribes
- Monthly Service Reports (533 Reporters)
- Safety Event Reporting (533 Reporters)

Safety Reporting

- Full Urban reporters must submit event level safety data monthly
  - 533 full reporters in 2016
- Agencies must report an event within 30 days
- Event Reports Include
  - Info on Persons Killed and Injured
  - Info on Each Vehicle Involved
 - Short Narrative

Safety Data

- Event Reports for Each Event Meeting Threshold
  - One or More Fatalities
  - One or More Serious Injuries
  - Rail Collisions at a Grade Crossing, with a Person, or with a Rail Vehicle
  - Derailments
  - Property Damage Greater than $25,000 (bus only); substantial damage (rail only)
  - Evacuations Due to Life Safety Reasons
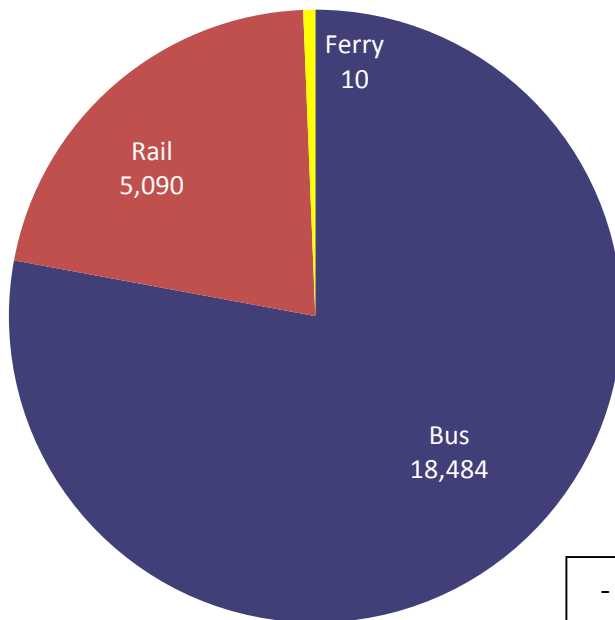 - Runaway Trains

Safety Events

There were 23,584 major events reported to the NTD in 2014, 2015, and 2016. When an event meets the major event threshold, the reporting agency is required to report on details of the event.

These 23,584 events resulted in 31,841 reported injuries and 745 fatalities.

23,584 Reported Event Types 2014-2016

Not Otherwise Classified
1,227
5%

Fire
29...

Derailment
160
1%

Security
3,774
16%
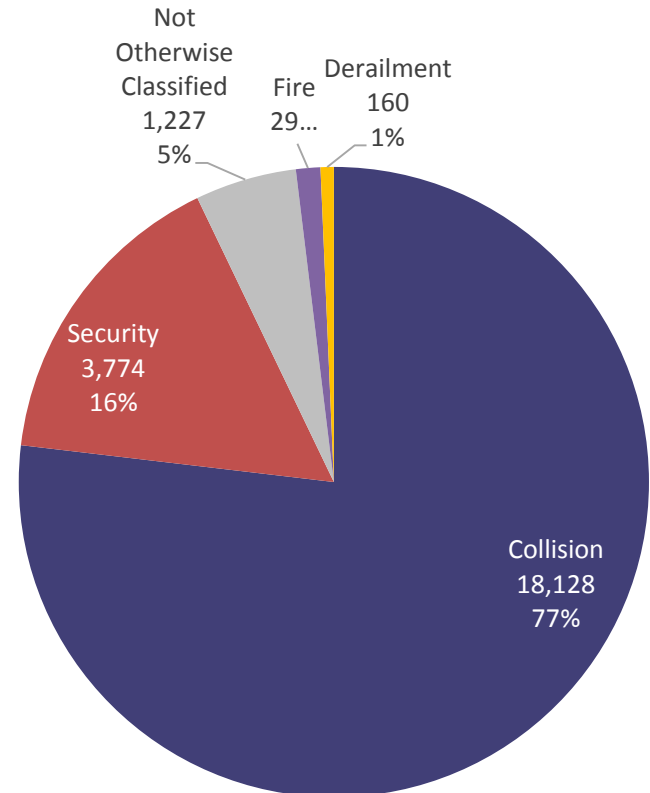
Collision
18,128
77%

23,584 Recorded Events by Mode 2014-2016

Ferry
10

Rail
5,090

Bus
18,484

- Bus: 268 events per billion PMT.
- Rail: 82 events per billion PMT.
- Ferry: 8 events per billion PMT.

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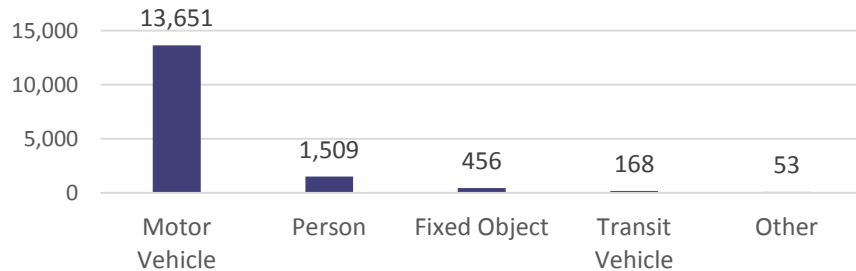
Collisions

18,128 Collisions 2014-2016
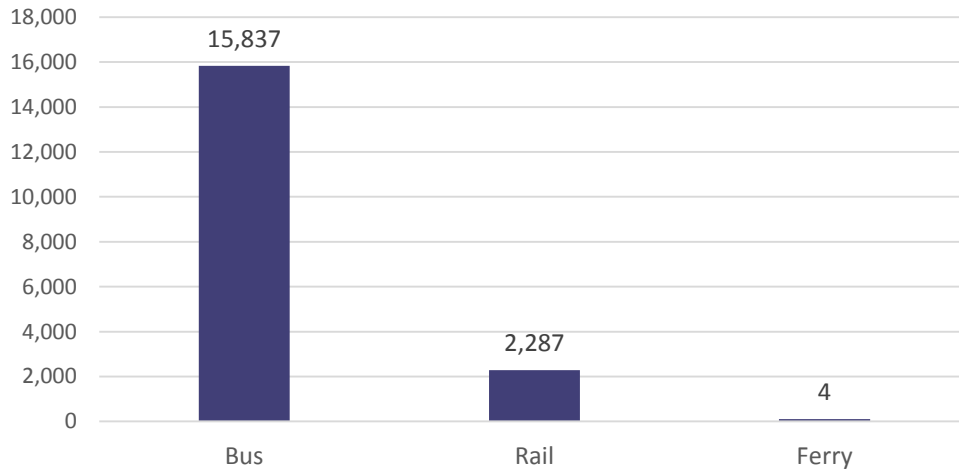
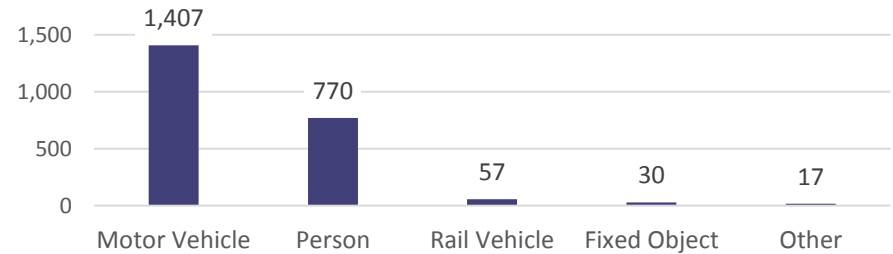The majority of collisions are with motor vehicles for both Bus and Rail modes.

Ferries reported four total collisions, three with fixed objects and one with another vessel.

- Bus: 1.8 collisions per million VRM.
- Rail: 1.0 collisions per million VRM.
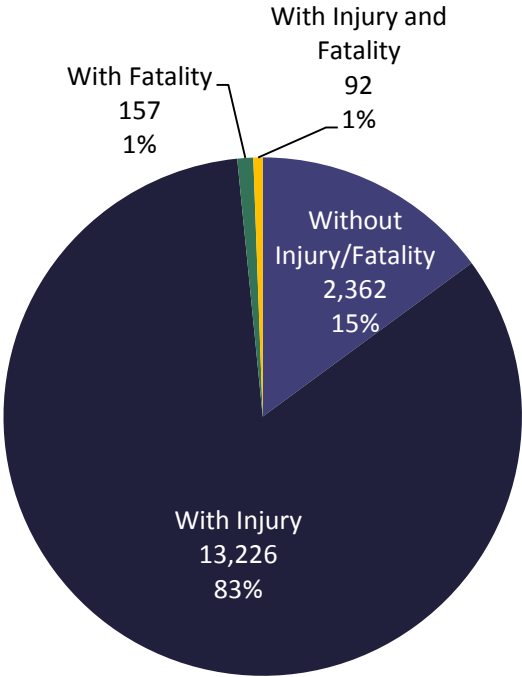- Ferry: 0.4 collisions per million VRM.

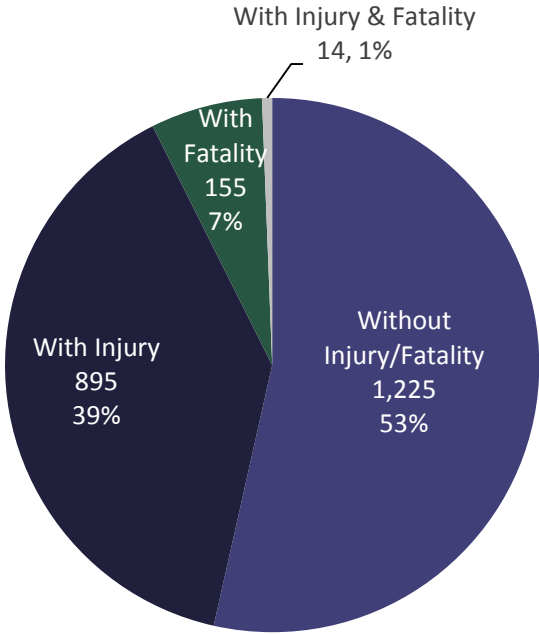## 15,837 Bus Collisions

2,281 Rail Collisions

Collisions

Bus Collisions

With Injury and Fatality
92
1%

With Fatality
157
1%

Without Injury/Fatality
2,362
15%

With Injury
13,226
83%

Rail Collisions

With Injury & Fatality
14, 1%

With Fatality
155
7%

Without Injury/Fatality
1,225
53%

With Injury
895
39%

- ■ Collisions without Injury or Fatality
- ■ Collisions with Injury
- ■ Collisions with Fatality
- ■ Collisions with Injury and Fatality

Fatalities

In 2014, 2015, and 2016 there were 727 events reported to the NTD that resulted in 745 fatalities. These fatalities include 433 from rail events, 310 from bus events, and 2 from ferryboat events. Both ferryboat fatalities are identified as suicides.
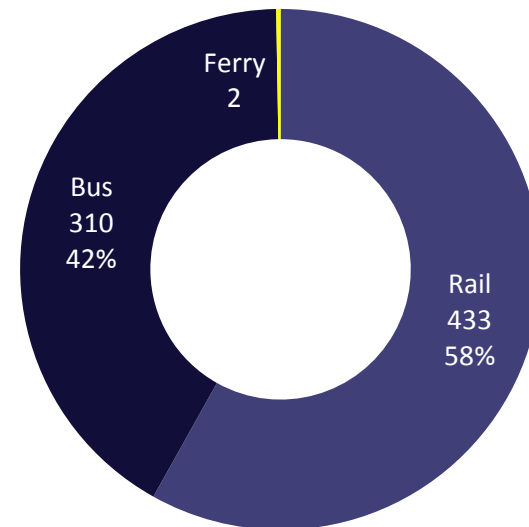
Fatality Rate

A total of 132.2 billion passenger miles traveled (PMT) were provided in 2014, 2015, and 2016.

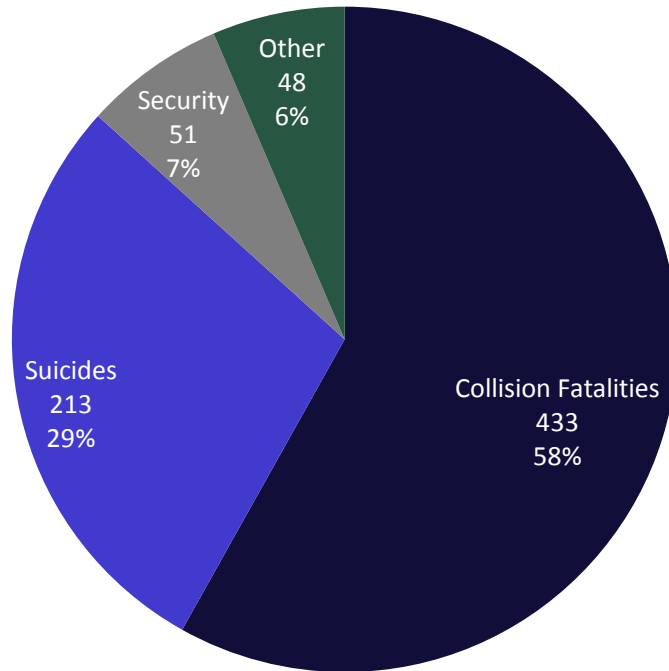The combined fatality rate in that time was 5.6 fatalities per billion PMT.

 - Bus: 4.5 fatalities per billion PMT.
 - Rail: 7.0 fatalities per billion PMT.
 - Ferry: 1.5 fatalities per billion PMT.
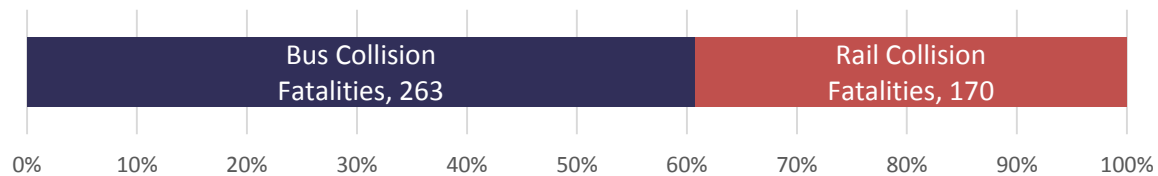
745 Fatalities by Mode

Ferry 2

Bus 310 42%

Rail 433 58%

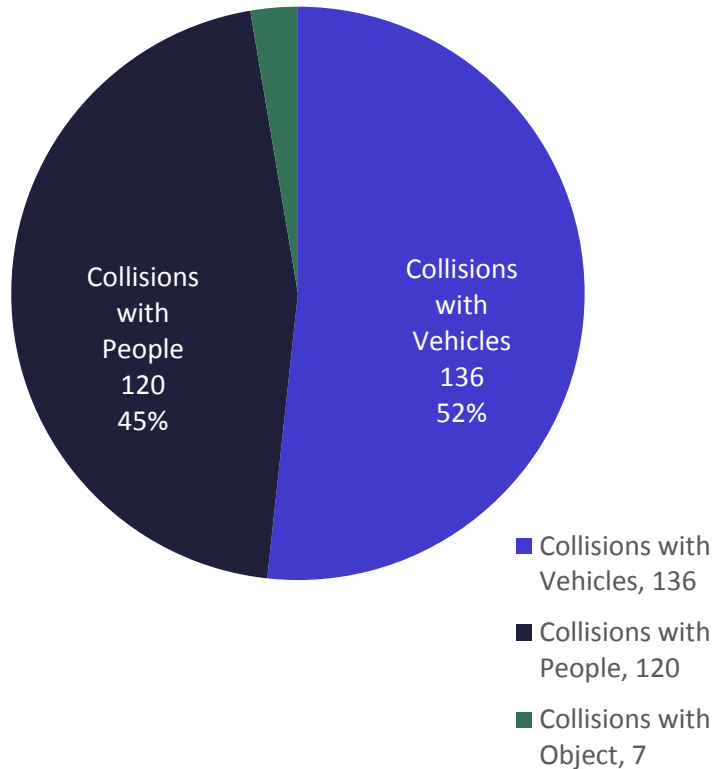# Fatalities

745 Fatalities by Event Type

The 'Other' category includes fatalities due to smoke, hard-breaking, slips & falls, electric shock events, and trespassers with unknown cause of death.
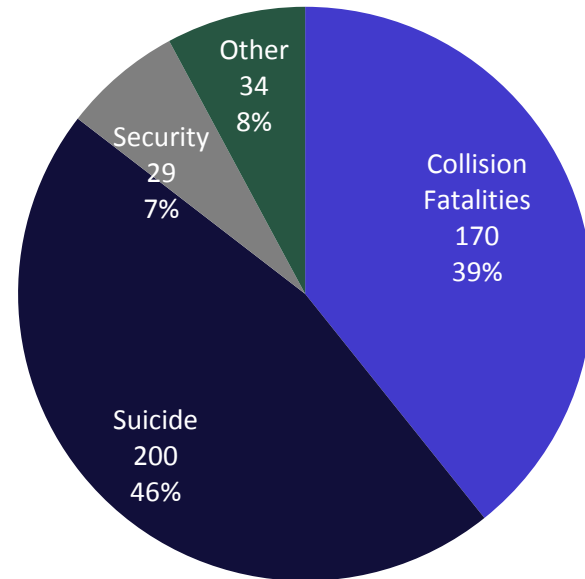
- Other 48 6%
- Security 51 7%
- Suicides 213 29%
- Collision Fatalities 433 58%

433 Collision Fatalities by Mode

Bus Collision Fatalities, 263

Rail Collision Fatalities, 170

0% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90% 100%

Fatalities

263 Collision Fatalities on Bus Modes

- ■ Collisions with Vehicles, 136
- ■ Collisions with People, 120
- ■ Collisions with Object, 7
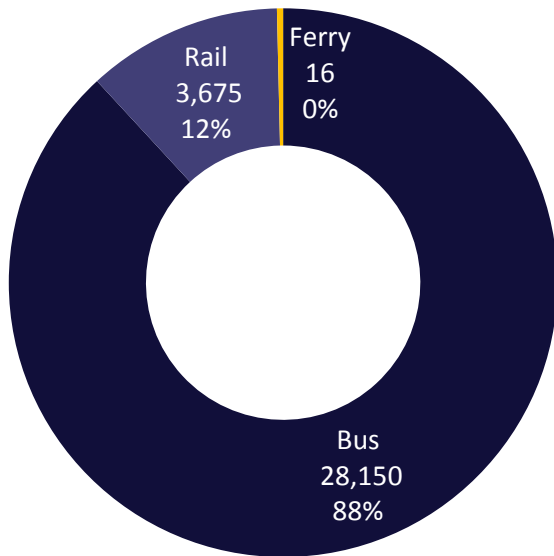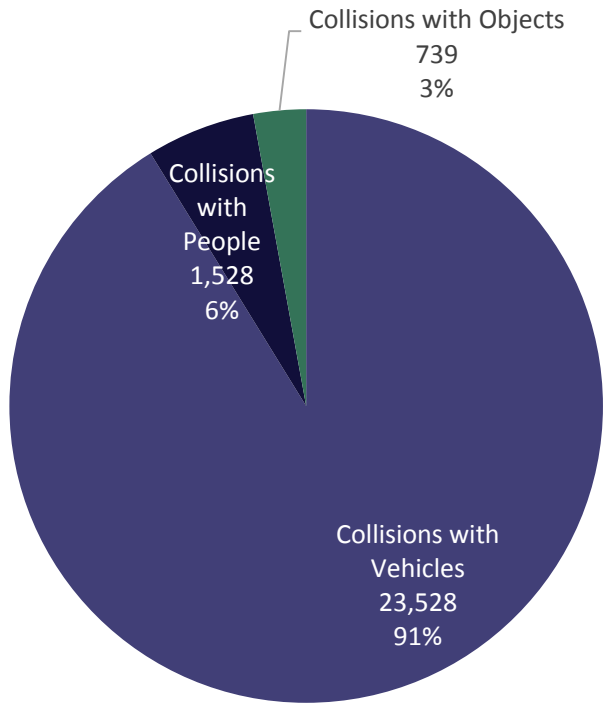
433 Rail Fatalities by Event Types

Heavy rail fatalities account for 68% of the 433 fatalities across all rail modes, while 29% are from light rail.

Rail mode fatalities are comprised of 46% suicides and 39% collisions.

Injuries

31,841 Injuries by Mode
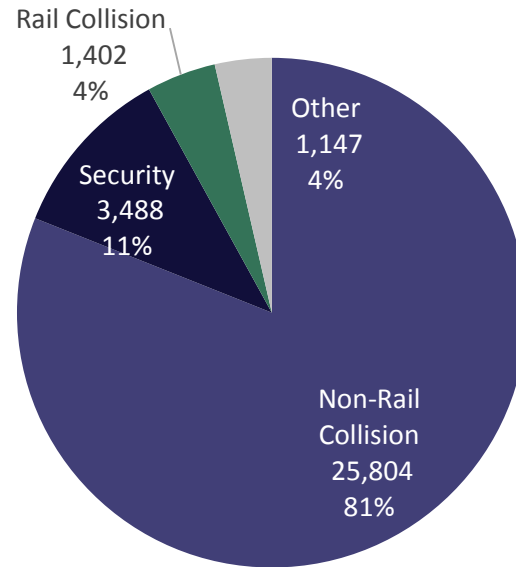
The 'Other' category includes injuries due to derailments, fire, smoke, hard-breaking, slips & falls, and electric shock events.

Injury Rate

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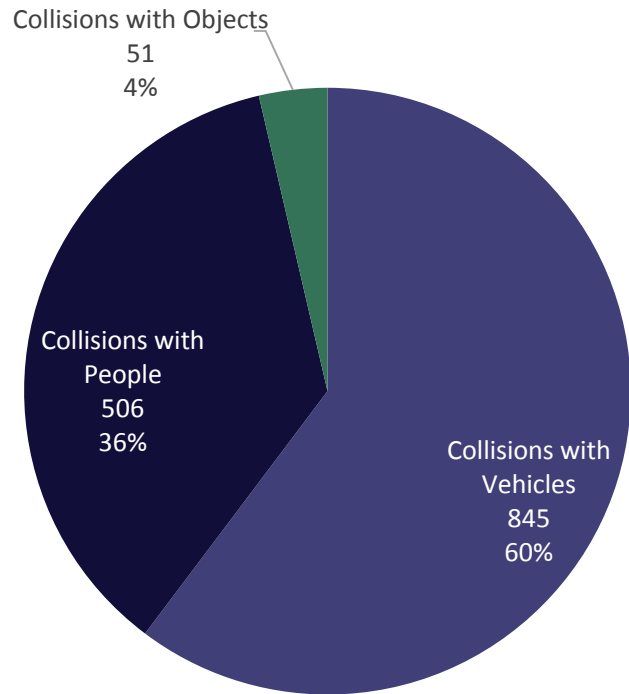The combined injury rate in that time was 241 injuries per billion PMT.

- Bus: 407 injuries per billion PMT.
- Rail: 59 injuries per billion PMT.
- Ferry: 12 injuries per billion PMT.

Injuries

25,795 Collision Injuries on Bus Modes

Collisions with Objects
739
3%

Collisions with People
1,528
6%

Collisions with Vehicles
23,528
91%

1,402 Collision Injuries on Rail Modes

Collisions with Objects
51
4%

Collisions with People
506
36%

Collisions with Vehicles
845
60%

NTD Data Products

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