

## **Texas School Bus Transportation Statistics 2000**

The **average daily number of students** transported at public expense has risen 16.7% from 1.2 million students in the 1992-1993 school year to 1.4 million students in 2001-2002.

The **number of buses** used to transport those students has risen at a rate of 18.7% from 28,334 buses in 1992-1993 to 33,642 buses in 2001-2002.

Over the same time period, the **total mileage** (including route miles and extracurricular miles) has increased 27.9%, from 301 million miles to 385 million miles.

Although **less than .5% of Texas roadway accidents involve a school bus--making it the safest form of transportation**--children occasionally get hurt.

Statewide, school bus accident statistics indicate that injury-producing accidents directly or indirectly involving a school bus have increased steadily from a 1991 total of 701 accidents to 952 accidents in 2000 a 35.8% of increase.

Injuries among passengers and drivers on school buses increased from 826 in 1991 to 1,272 in 2000, marking a 54.0% increase.

There has been a one-student fatality on a school bus during the years 1991 to 2000. During this same time period one school bus driver and three adult passenger fatalities have occurred.

Accidents coded as Loading/un-loading accidents covering 1991 to 2000 have produced a total of 9 student pedestrian fatalities and produced a ten year average of 21 student pedestrian injuries each year.