Back-to-School Safety By State

Background & Methodology

Conducted 5,000 surveys among residents in The Auto Club Group territory

- o Fielding took place July 11 21, 2025
- o Utilized a proprietary online research panel
- Weighted by age and gender within state

Key Measures

o Driving habits in school zones and bus stops

1. Do you typically drive past pedestrian students in your daily commute or	regular c	driving ro	ute durin	g the scho	ool year?									
	СО	FL	GA	IL	IA	MI	MN	NE	NC	ND	SC	TN	WI	Total
Base (n=)	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	200	400	400	400	5,000
Yes	57%	56%	56%	55%	53%	53%	46%	53%	47%	54%	49%	48%	55%	53%
No	43%	44%	44%	45%	47%	47%	54%	47%	53%	46%	51%	52%	45%	47%

2. Does your daily commute or regular driving route take you through scho	ol zones a	and/or sc	hool bus	stops?										
% Yes	СО	FL	GA	IL	IA	MI	MN	NE	NC	ND	SC	TN	WI	Total
Base (n=)	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	200	400	400	400	5,000
School zones	62%	65%	69%	64%	57%	62%	53%	63%	61%	62%	64%	65%	60%	63%
School bus stops	51%	61%	69%	61%	53%	60%	54%	49%	61%	54%	59%	57%	55%	60%

3A. How often have you caught yourself doing any of the following, whether	er it was a	accidental	ly or inte	ntionally	? - <u>Driving</u>	over the	speed lin	nit while	in an acti	ve school	zone (flas	shing light	ts on)	
	СО	FL	GA	IL	IA	MI	MN	NE	NC	ND	SC	TN	WI	Total
Base (n=)	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	200	400	400	400	5,000
Often	4%	6%	4%	5%	5%	5%	4%	4%	3%	3%	5%	6%	5%	5%
Sometimes	13%	9%	12%	13%	11%	14%	13%	11%	13%	16%	14%	12%	12%	12%
Rarely	35%	24%	25%	22%	33%	27%	24%	31%	24%	28%	24%	25%	29%	25%
Never	48%	61%	59%	60%	51%	54%	59%	54%	60%	53%	57%	57%	54%	58%

3B. How often have you caught yourself doing any of the following, whether	er it was a	accidental	ly or inte	ntionally	? - <u>Driving</u>	around a	school b	us while	its red fla	shing ligh	ts are on			
	СО	FL	GA	IL	IA	MI	MN	NE	NC	ND	SC	TN	WI	Total
Base (n=)	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	200	400	400	400	5,000
Often	3%	4%	5%	4%	3%	5%	4%	2%	3%	4%	3%	5%	3%	4%
Sometimes	8%	8%	7%	6%	4%	9%	7%	7%	6%	5%	5%	7%	6%	7%
Rarely	10%	5%	6%	6%	5%	6%	5%	7%	6%	6%	6%	4%	5%	6%
Never	79%	83%	82%	84%	88%	80%	84%	84%	85%	85%	86%	84%	86%	83%

3C. How often have you caught yourself doing any of the following, whether	er it was a	accidental	ly or inte	ntionally	? - <u>Using a</u>	a hand-he	ld cell ph	one while	in an act	ive schoo	l zone (fla	shing ligh	nts on)	
	СО	FL	GA	IL	IA	MI	MN	NE	NC	ND	SC	TN	WI	Total
Base (n=)	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	200	400	400	400	5,000
Often	6%	6%	6%	5%	4%	4%	3%	4%	3%	2%	5%	5%	5%	5%
Sometimes	11%	9%	9%	7%	10%	12%	9%	10%	12%	11%	13%	10%	6%	10%
Rarely	18%	15%	13%	16%	18%	17%	14%	20%	17%	16%	18%	15%	18%	16%
Never	65%	70%	72%	72%	68%	67%	74%	66%	68%	71%	64%	70%	71%	69%

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4. Do you know the laws for passing a school bus when its red flashing light	s are acti	ivated?												
	СО	FL	GA	IL	IA	MI	MN	NE	NC	ND	SC	TN	WI	Total
Base (n=)	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	200	400	400	400	5,000
Yes	87%	89%	87%	90%	91%	87%	93%	86%	90%	88%	86%	88%	89%	89%
No	8%	6%	7%	5%	4%	7%	3%	8%	6%	7%	8%	6%	6%	6%
Unsure	5%	5%	6%	5%	5%	6%	4%	6%	4%	5%	6%	6%	5%	5%

5. Do you believe distracted driving near school zones poses a major risk to	children	s safety?												
	СО	FL	GA	IL	IA	MI	MN	NE	NC	ND	SC	TN	WI	Total
Base (n=)	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	200	400	400	400	5,000
Yes	95%	96%	94%	95%	93%	94%	96%	96%	94%	94%	94%	95%	96%	95%
No	5%	4%	6%	5%	7%	6%	4%	4%	6%	6%	6%	5%	4%	5%

Respondent Profile

Gender														
	СО	FL	GA	IL	IA	MI	MN	NE	NC	ND	SC	TN	WI	Total
Base (n=)	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	200	400	400	400	5,000
Male	50%	49%	48%	49%	50%	49%	50%	50%	48%	51%	48%	48%	50%	49%
Female	50%	51%	52%	51%	50%	51%	50%	50%	52%	49%	52%	52%	50%	51%

Age Range														
	СО	FL	GA	IL	IA	MI	MN	NE	NC	ND	SC	TN	WI	Total
Base (n=)	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	200	400	400	400	5,000
18-29	21%	17%	21%	20%	21%	20%	19%	21%	20%	24%	19%	20%	20%	19%
30-39	20%	16%	18%	18%	16%	16%	17%	17%	17%	18%	16%	17%	16%	17%
40-49	17%	15%	17%	16%	16%	15%	16%	17%	16%	15%	15%	16%	15%	16%
50-59	14%	16%	16%	17%	15%	16%	15%	14%	16%	13%	16%	16%	16%	16%
60-69	14%	17%	15%	15%	16%	17%	17%	16%	16%	15%	17%	16%	17%	16%
70+	14%	19%	13%	14%	16%	16%	16%	15%	15%	15%	17%	15%	16%	16%

Statistical Statement:

The AAA Consumer Pulse™ Survey was conducted online among residents living in The Auto Club Group territory from July 11 - 21, 2025. A total of 5,000 residents completed the survey. Survey results have a maximum margin of error of ± 1.4% points. For individual states (except ND), the maximum margin of error is ± 4.9% points. Responses are weighted by age and gender within state to ensure reliable and accurate representation of the adult population (18+).

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