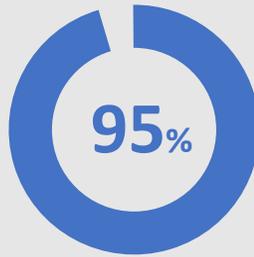




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Railroad Crossing Safety and Trespass Prevention

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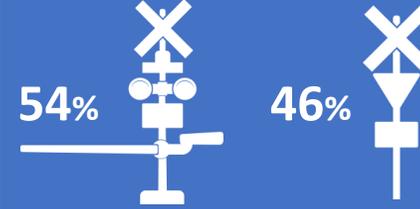


Combined, railroad crossing and trespasser deaths have accounted for approximately 95% of all rail-related deaths over the past ten years.

About every 3 hours, a person or vehicle is hit by a train



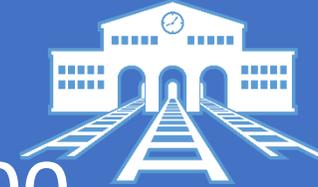
Crossings in the U.S.



Just over one half of all public crossings are **active** (includes gates, bells, and/or flashing lights) while just under half are **passive** (includes signs and markings, but does not include active warning devices). Always expect a train on any track at anytime.

The U.S. Railroad System

830
Railroads



134,000
Miles of track

210,000
Railroad crossings

Safety Trends

Overall crossing fatalities have declined but trespasser fatalities have increased...

-6%

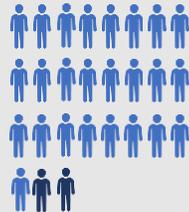
In the past 10 years fatalities at U.S. crossings have declined.

25%

Unfortunately, over the same 10 year period, trespassing fatalities have substantially increased.

Note: Information is subject to change.

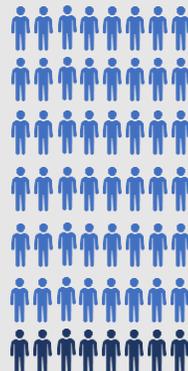
2017 saw railroad crossing fatalities increase compared to the previous year...



In 2017 there were approximately 270 fatalities at railroad crossings, an increase of 20 from the previous year.

= 10 fatalities

Similarly trespasser fatalities increased in 2017.



In 2017 there were approximately 560 trespasser fatalities at railroad tracks, an increase of 80 from the previous year.



More than two-thirds of railroad crossing accidents occur in clear weather conditions

Trains cannot stop quickly! A train traveling at 55 MPH takes a mile or more to stop!



For more information on rail safety, visit our Statistics page: <https://www.fra.dot.gov/Page/P0841>