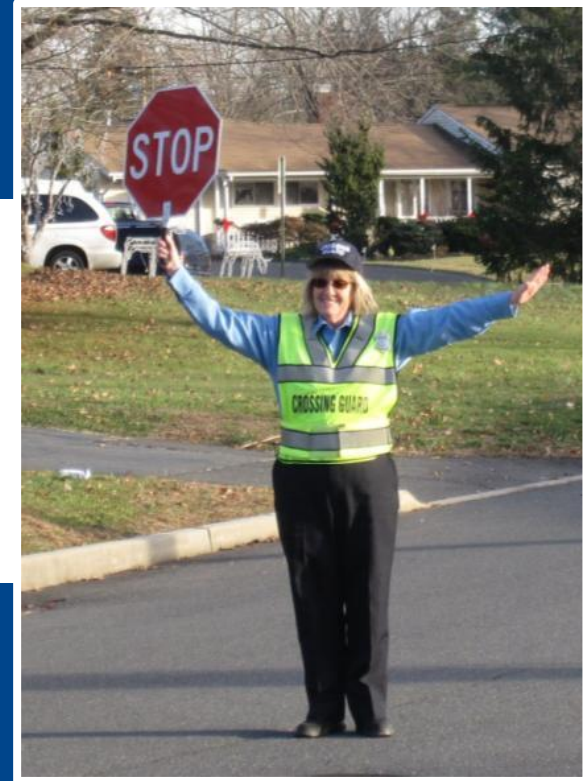




NEW JERSEY
Safe Routes to School

New Jersey Crossing Guard Training and Resources Program 2015



CROSSING GUARD TRAINING PROGRAM BACKGROUND

Trainings

2013 (pilot)

- Essex, Middlesex, and Burlington
- 75 officers

2014

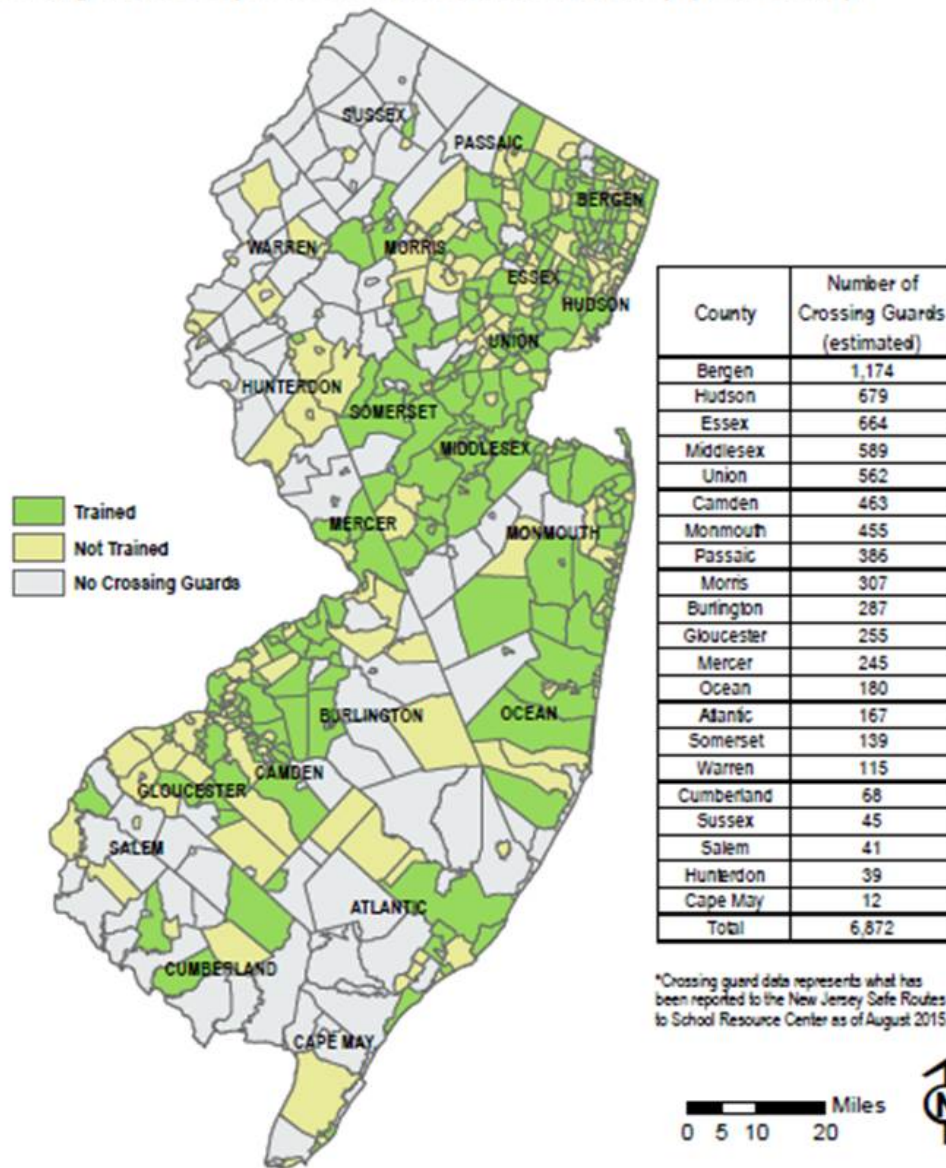
- Mercer, Monmouth, Bergen, Atlantic, and Union
- 179 participants from 130 municipalities

2015

- Ocean, Camden, Essex/Hudson, Morris, and Passaic
- 146 participants from 110 municipalities



Crossing Guard Supervisors Trained in New Jersey (2013-2015)



Over three years, supervisors from 231 municipalities have been trained. The training has reached approximately 60% of the municipalities that have crossing guards.


Over the years, municipalities have sent multiple officers to the training, as well as new supervisors as they take on the supervisory role.

CROSSING GUARD TRAINING PROGRAM SUMMARY THIRD PROGRAM YEAR


- 146 crossing guard supervisors/trainers trained
 - Ocean County Police Academy
 - Camden County College Regional Emergency Training Center
 - Essex County Public Safety Academy
 - Morris County, Madison Borough Public Safety Complex
 - Passaic County Police Academy
- 4-hour session included classroom & field instruction



CROSSING GUARD TRAINING PROGRAM FEEDBACK



"Excellent training – covered good points with enough detail."

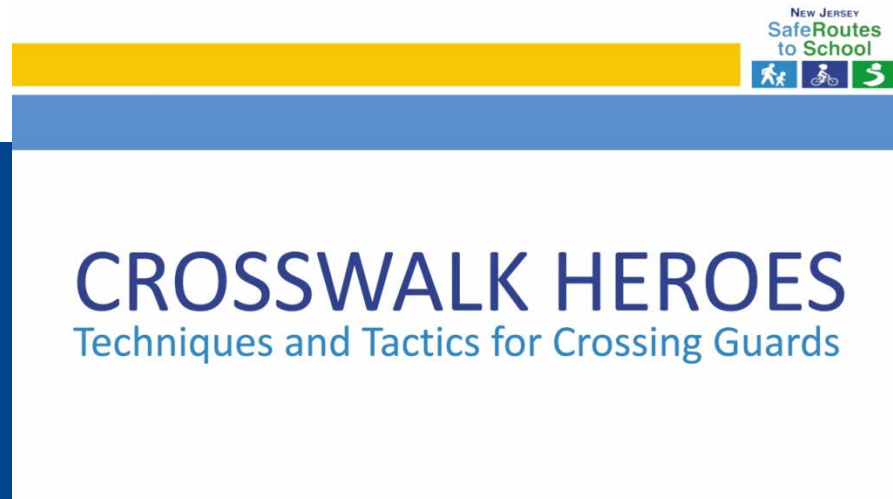


"Great class, well presented."

"Class very helpful and should have been done a long time ago."

"Instructors extremely knowledgeable and exhibit genuine concern for pedestrians and public safety."

CROSSING GUARD TRAINING PROGRAM VIDEO



- Distributed DVDs of the crossing guard training film in Summer 2015
- CROSSWALK HEROES:
Crossing Guard Post Placement
- HÉROES DE CRUCE DE PEATONES:
Técnicas y Tácticas para Guardias de Cruce

CROSSING GUARD TRAINING PROGRAM BEST PRACTICE

- Presentation of Crossing Guard Training Program at the New Jersey Bike & Walk Summit, February 2015
- Presentation of video at Pedestrian Injury Prevention Partnership meeting, December 2015
- Requests for information and material from the Overland Park, Kansas and Kirkwood, Missouri crossing guard programs
- Crosswalk Heroes video has over 4,300 YouTube views



CROSSING GUARD TRAINING PROGRAM REQUESTS

Traffic safety officers requested:

- assistance with evaluation of crossing guard posts to determine optimum placement.
- assistance with conducting crossing guard training directly.
- model crossing guard job description
- Information on STOP paddle size

New Jersey Crossing Guard Equipment

REQUIRED EQUIPMENT	BEST PRACTICE	USEFUL EQUIPMENT	NEVER
Safety Vest STOP Paddle Municipal ID	Hat with Brim Whistle 3-in-1 Jacket Sturdy Shoes	Reflective Gloves LED Stop Paddle Stop and Stay Stopped Sign Orange Cones	Umbrella Headphones Open-Toed Shoes Sitting
			

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N.J.S.A. 40A:9-154.3 Uniform provided to adult school crossing guard

Crossing guard shall be provided with a uniform which shall identify his/her function and which shall be distinct from the uniform of a member of the regular police department or force.

Such uniform shall include but not be limited to:

- Safety vest, worn over all other clothing. This vest shall be high-visibility retroreflective safety apparel.
- Hat, and
- Breast and hat badges which shall bear an identification number and the name of the municipality in which the crossing guard is employed.

Although the law requires breast and hat badges, departments are using other forms of identification such as lapel pins, clip badges, or patches. Badges help to identify the crossing guard as an official employee of the municipal police department.

N.J.S.A. 39:4-36 Driver to yield to pedestrians, exceptions; violations, penalties

The driver of a vehicle must stop and stay stopped for a pedestrian crossing the roadway within any marked crosswalks, but shall yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within an unmarked crosswalk at an intersection, except at an intersection where the movement of traffic is being regulated by police officers or traffic control signals, or where otherwise prohibited by municipal, county, or State regulation. (Additional exceptions.)



Federal Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) 2009 Edition with Revisions No. 1 and 2 Incorporated, May 2012

Section 6E.02 High-Visibility Safety Apparel

Standard:
01 Law enforcement officers performing school crossing supervision and adult crossing guards shall wear high-visibility retroreflective safety apparel labeled as ANSI 107-2004 standard.

Section 7D.05 Operating Procedures for Adult Crossing Guards

Standard:
02 Adult crossing guards shall use a STOP paddle. The STOP paddle shall be the primary hand-signaling device.
03 The STOP (R1-1) paddle shall be an octagonal shape. The background of the STOP face shall be red with at least 6-inch series upper-case white letters and border. The paddle shall be at least 18 inches in size and have the word message STOP on both sides. The paddle shall be retroreflective or illuminated when used during hours of darkness.
Standard:
06 If flashing lights are used on the STOP paddle, the flash rate shall be at least 50, but no more than 60, flash periods per minute.

Source: Federal Highway Administration

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Visit the NJ Safe Routes to School Resource Center website at www.njcrossingguards.org to find out about crossing guard supervisor training classes, crossing guard training materials, model policies, Crosswalk Heroes training video and other important information and resources.

The program is sponsored by the New Jersey Department of Transportation, and the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety with funding from the Federal Highway Administration, and by New Jersey Municipal Excess Liability (EEL) Insurance Fund.

Crossing guard struck by car in Asbury Park

ASBURY PARK - A

22-year-old woman was issued a summons for careless driving after hitting a crossing guard on Tuesday morning, police said.

The driver, Asbury Park resident Suldaishy Durrant, was traveling east on Third Avenue around 7:55 a.m. when she disregarded signs



A crossing guard was struck by a car in Asbury Park on Tuesday morning, police said. (Google Maps)

Day of worship turns into 'disaster' for crossing guard in Bergenfield

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The coat and chair of the crossing guard sit on the corner as police investigate the scene. TARIQ ZEHAIRI / STAFF PHOTO

For six years, Jo-Ann Hans has worked as a crossing guard in her hometown of Bergenfield to help her family make ends meet.

"The pay is not very good," her husband, Peter, said about the job of helping pedestrians navigate tricky and dangerous intersections. He knows — he and two of their son

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Driver charged with assault after hitting Leonia school crossing guard with SUV

LEONIA — A Closter woman is facing criminal charges after, borough police allege, she hit a school crossing guard with her sport utility vehicle and then refused police orders to return to the scene.

The guard, Charlie Lee, a popular figure in the borough who has served since 2003, was back on the job the day after the incident, which occurred Wednesday afternoon.

Oaklyn police: Crossing guard struck by vehicle hospitalized with minor injuries

OAKLYN — A crossing guard struck by a vehicle shortly before 8 a.m. Monday morning had to be transported to a local hospital, borough police said.

The crossing guard, whose identity was not immediately released by police, was at West Clinton Avenue and Kendall Boulevard at 7:55 a.m. when they were hit by the passing vehicle.

Millburn crossing guard struck by car suffers head trauma

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THE ITEM OF MILLBURN AND SHORT HILLS



STAFF PHOTO BY MATTHEW KADOSH BUY THE ITEM

The township crossing guard struck by a car at this intersection on May 15 has been released from the hospital.

A township crossing guard remained in the hospital to be treated for a head injury Tuesday afternoon after being struck by a car, police said.

She was transported to Morristown Memorial Hospital after a Volvo turning southbound from Short Hills Avenue onto Millburn Avenue hit her shortly before 8 a.m., said Police Lt. Edward Blazinski.

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Elementary school crossing guard in Westwood struck by car

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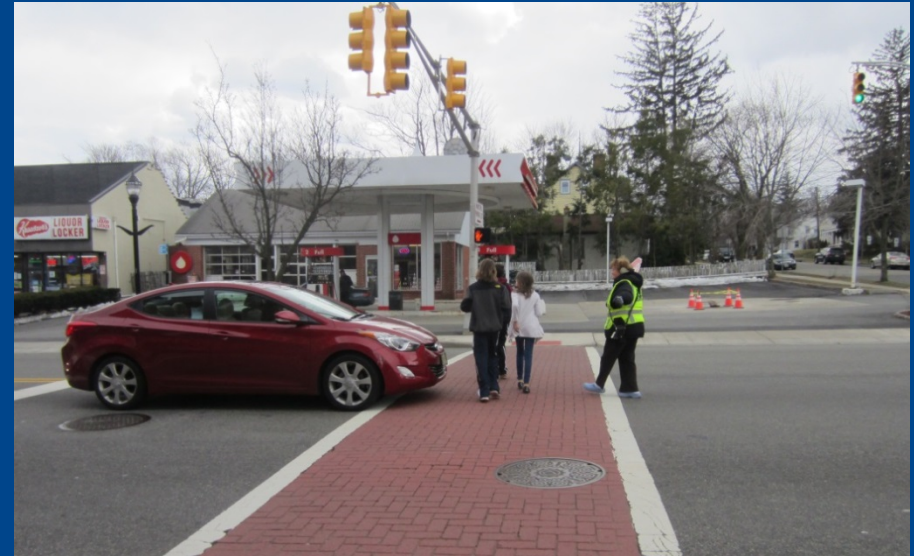
Police investigate a car crash that sent a Westwood school crossing guard to the hospital.

WESTWOOD — A retired engineer who in recent years has been a familiar and reassuring presence as a crossing guard at a busy intersection outside Berkeley Elementary School was being treated for serious head and leg injuries that he suffered when he was struck by a car on Wednesday morning.

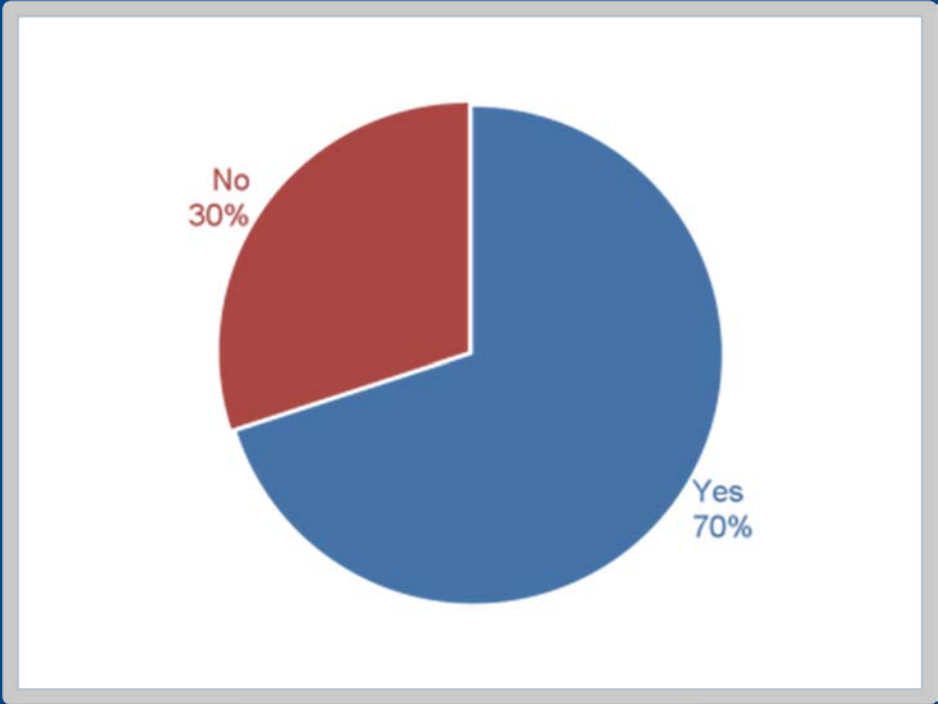
TRAFFIC SAFETY OFFICER SURVEY

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AT SCHOOL CROSSINGS

- Survey link emailed to officers trained through Crossing Guard Program
- Email encouraging participation sent through the NJPTOA
- Survey link emailed to members of NJSACOP
- Respondents
 - 169 valid responses
 - 109 gave information

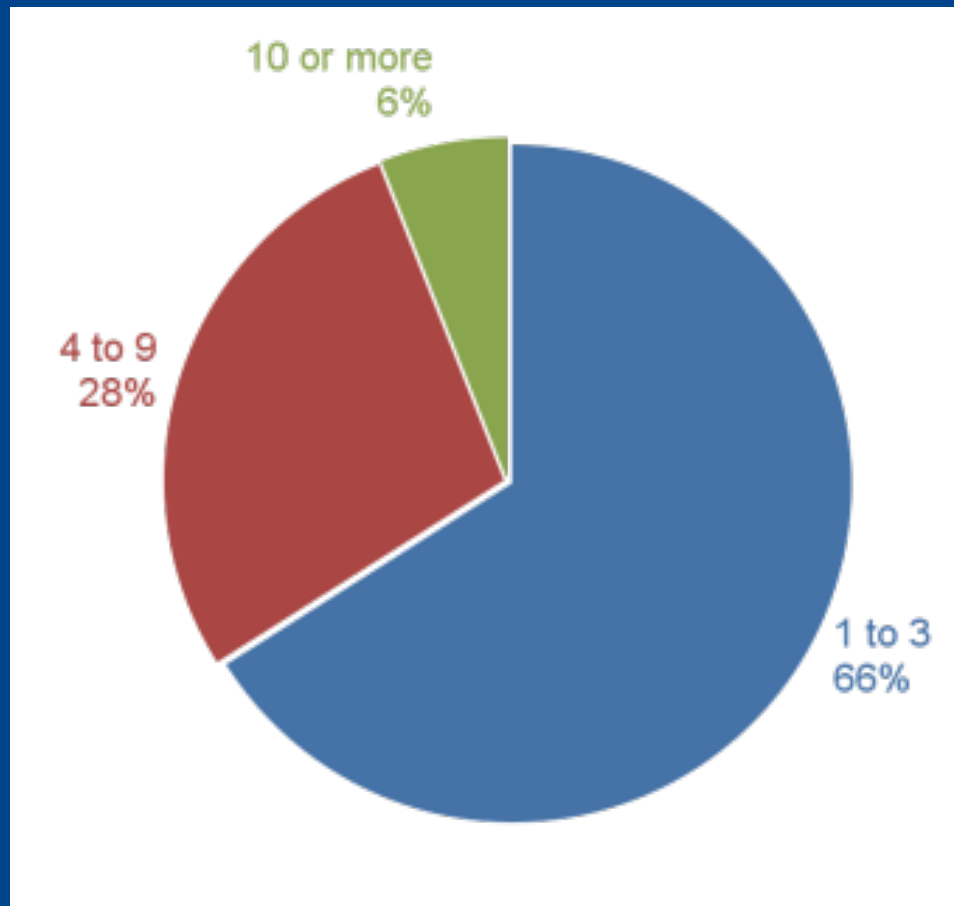


Are there any school crossings you consider challenging for pedestrians in the municipality(s) you serve?



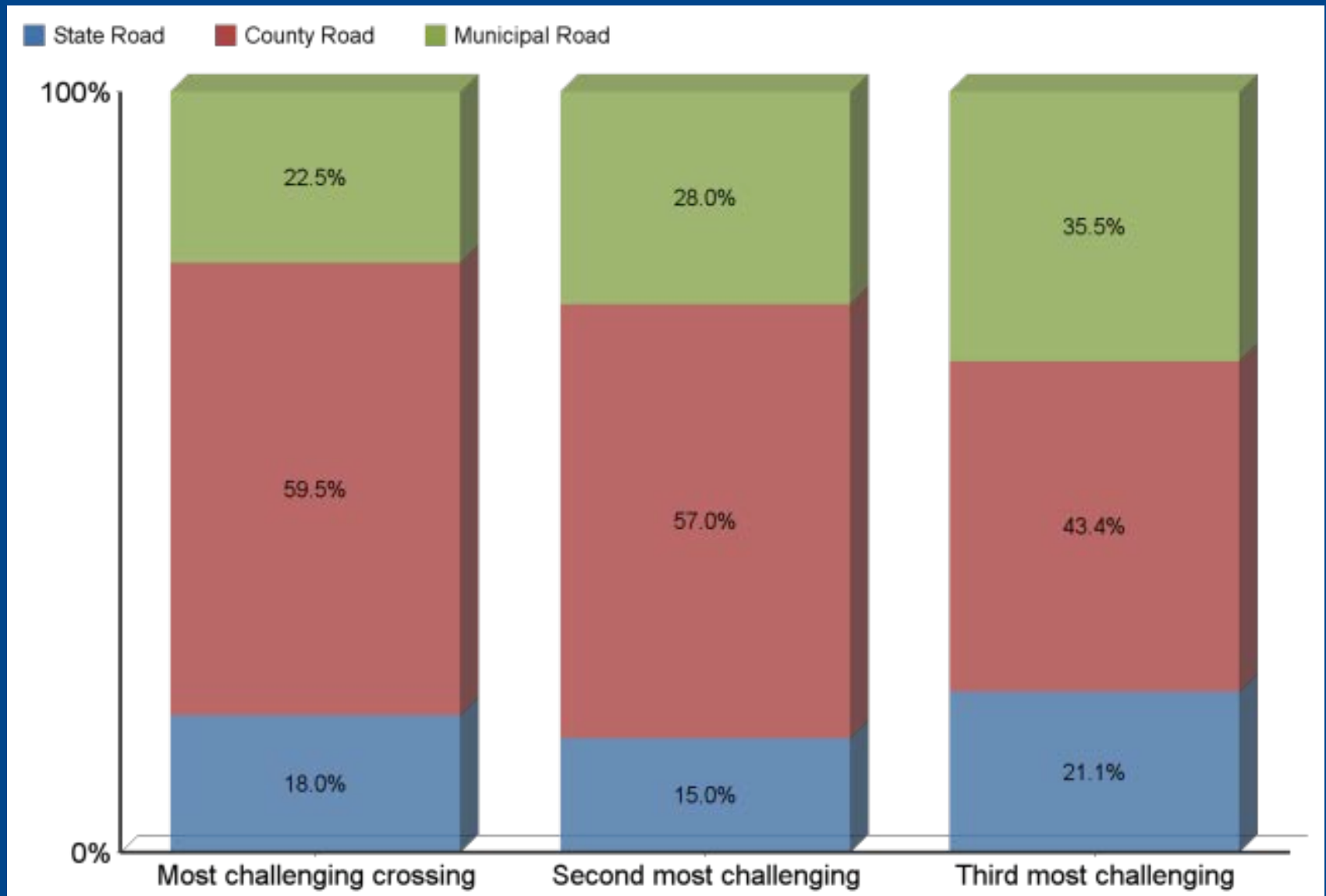
	Count	Percent
Yes	124	70.5%
No	52	29.5%
Total	176	100.0%

How many school crossings in the municipality(s) you serve do you consider challenging for pedestrians?

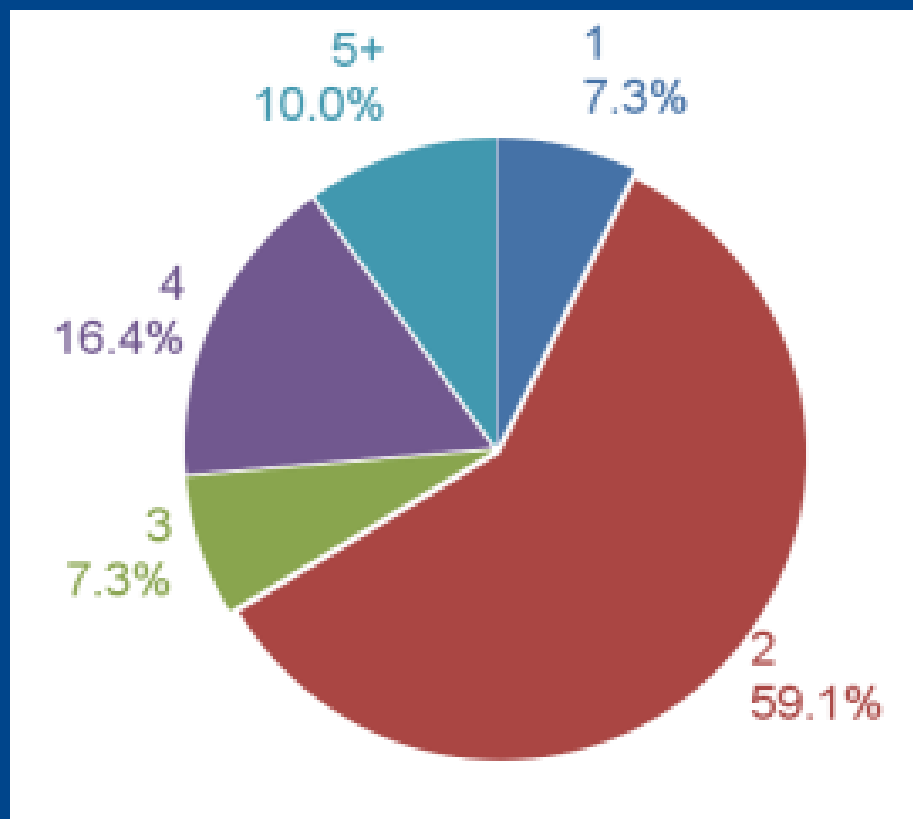


	Count	Percent
1 to 3	72	66.1%
4 to 9	30	27.5%
10 or more	7	6.4%
Total	109	100.0%

Is the crossing located on a State, County or Municipal Road?

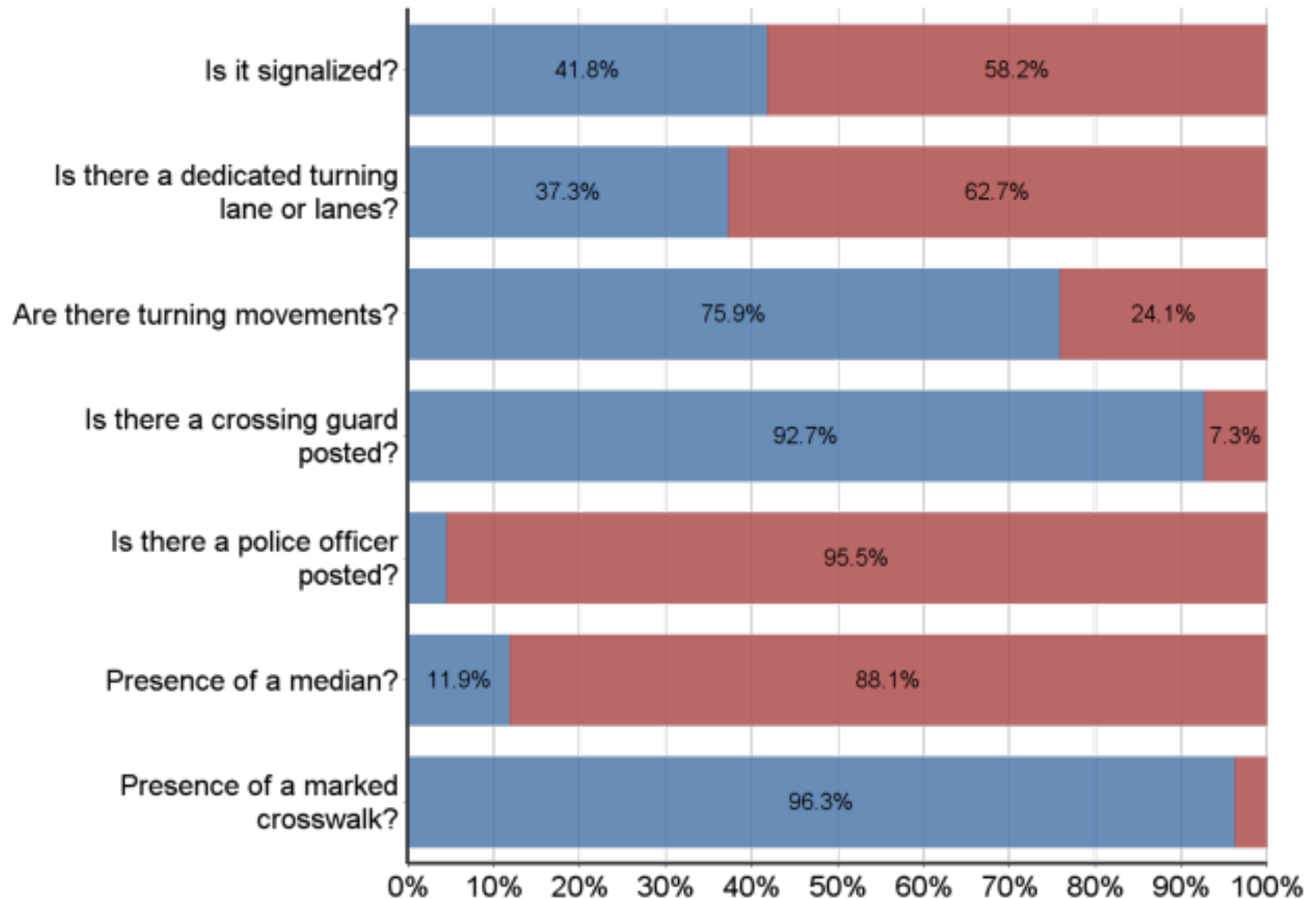


How many lanes does Intersection #1 have?

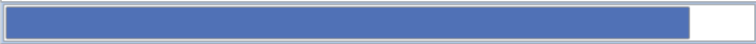



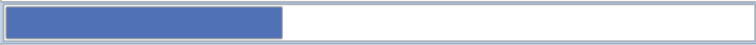








Number of Lanes	Percent	Count	Percent
1	<div></div>	8	7.3%
2	<div></div>	65	59.1%
3	<div></div>	8	7.3%
4	<div></div>	18	16.4%
5+	<div></div>	11	10.0%
Total	<div></div>	110	100.0%








■ YES ■ NO



What makes Intersection #1 challenging for pedestrians?

	Percent	Count	Percent
Amount of traffic on roads		101	91.8%
Turning vehicles		78	70.9%
Number of pedestrians using crossing		60	54.5%
Speed of traffic on roads		55	50.0%
Road geometry (e.g. curves in road, crossing distance, sight distance, sun glare, etc.)		41	37.3%
Transit stop/driveways		16	14.5%
Signal timing/crossing distance		14	12.7%
Other		10	9.1%
Nearby railroad crossing		6	5.5%
Availability of sidewalks		6	5.5%
Lack of clearly marked crosswalk		4	3.6%

Are you aware of any of the following related to Intersection #1?

	Percent	Count	Percent
Pedestrian near misses with vehicles		59	62.1%
Crossing guard observation of pedestrian issues		58	61.1%
Complaints related to pedestrian issues		53	55.8%
Tickets and/or warnings issued		39	41.1%
Police officer observation of pedestrian issue		35	36.8%
Pedestrian crashes with vehicles		28	29.5%
Other		3	3.2%

CROSSING GUARD TRAINING PROGRAM

NEXT STEPS

- New Jersey has over 6,800 crossing guards.
- The training program has reached 60% of municipalities with guards.
- Spring 2016 trainings
 - Gloucester (255)
 - Hunterdon/Warren (39/115)
 - Morris (307)
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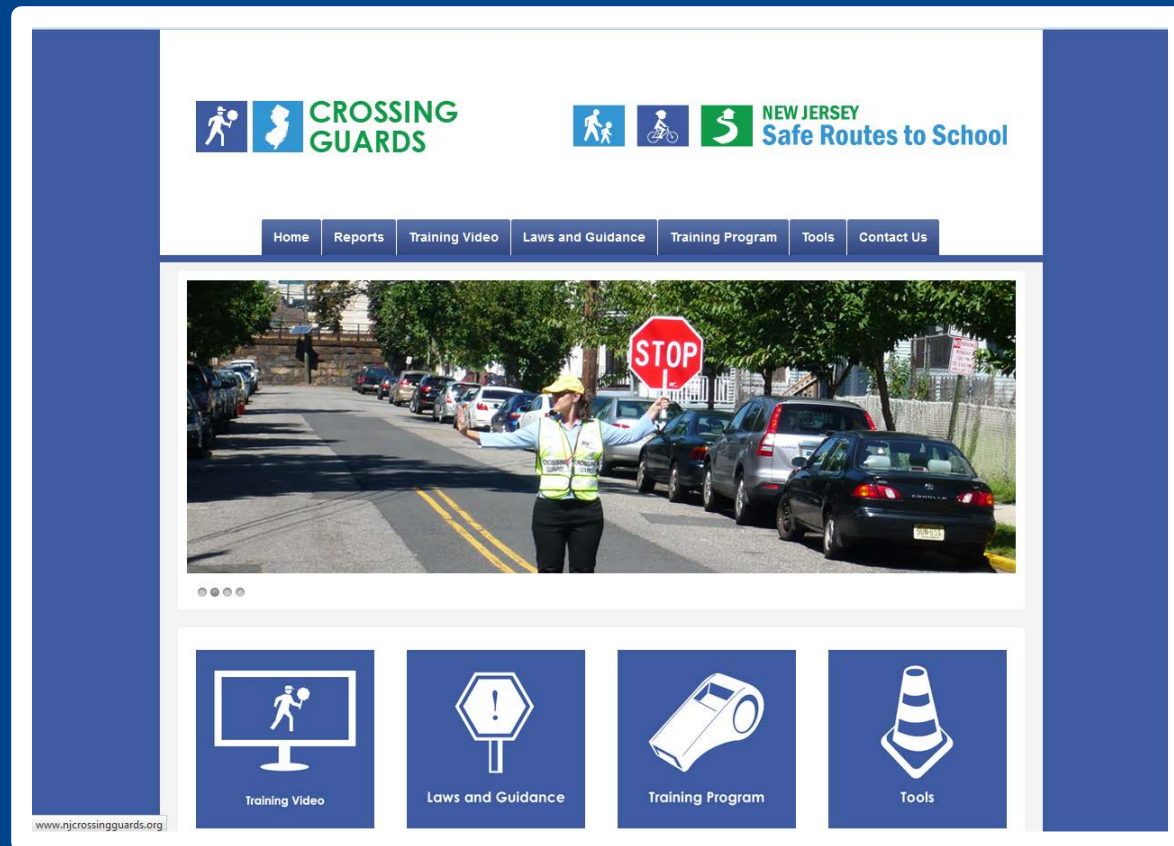
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NEXT STEPS

- Training resources to instruct crossing guards and assist supervisors
 - video clips for crossing guard supervisors
 - field exercise for use inside
- Crossing Guard appreciation events/awards
- Reach communities with no local police department
- Collaborate with others working on pedestrian safety



CROSSING GUARD TRAINING PROGRAM WEBSITE



www.njcrossingguards.org

New Jersey School Zone Design Guide



PARTNERSHIPS

- NJ Department of Transportation
- NJ Division of Highway Traffic Safety
- Federal Highway Administration
- NJ MEL-JIF
- AAA
- NJ Department of Health, Division of Occupational Safety & Health
- NJ Police Traffic Officers Association
- NJ State Association of Chiefs of Police
- NJ Highway Traffic Safety Policy Advisory Council
- County and regional police academies

