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School Safety Index

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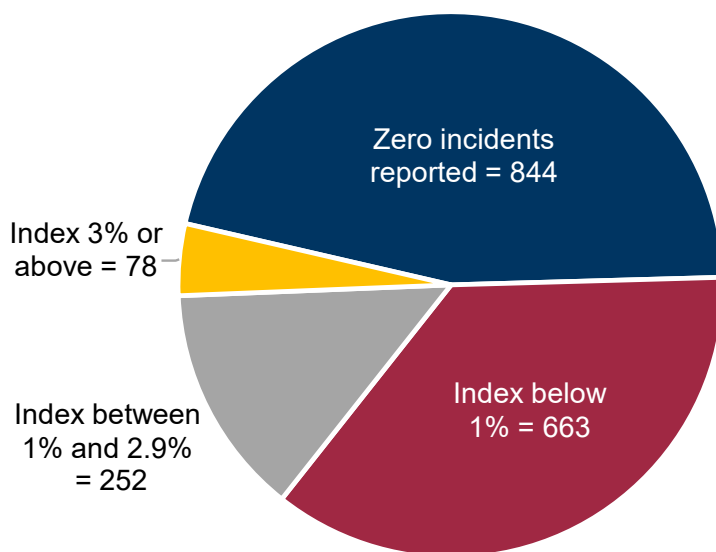


Every year, the Tennessee Department of Education (TDOE) publishes its Tennessee Safe Schools Report, as required by law. The report contains a school safety index along with a variety of information including schools' and districts' emergency operations safety plans, emergency drills, school resource officers, and federal and state grants for school safety.

Each school's safety index is based on the number of reported violent or disruptive incidents as a percentage of the school's enrollment (i.e., average daily membership (ADM)). The violent or disruptive incidents are defined as those that fall into at least one of 10 categories:

- possession of a handgun
- possession of a rifle or shotgun
- possession of an explosive/incendiary device
- possession of a weapon other than a firearm
- assault of a teacher or staff member
- assault of a student
- sexual assault
- aggravated assault of a teacher or staff member
- aggravated assault of a student
- attempted homicide

Number of Schools by School Safety Index Category | 2021-22



The most current data available for school year 2021-22 shows that 46 percent (844) of Tennessee's K-12 schools reported no violent or disruptive incidents. Of the 54 percent (993) of K-12 schools that reported at least one incident, most (663 schools) had a school safety index of below 1 percent. A higher index score indicates a higher proportion of reported incidents for the school's student enrollment.

See OREA's recap of 2023-24 school security laws at tncot.cc/schoolsecurity.