

WHERE MID-AIRS OCCUR

The AOPA Air Safety Institute reports more than half of all midair collisions occur within five miles of an airport. Ninety-six percent occur at or below 3000 feet agl, and 40 percent occur at or below 500 feet. Thirty-nine percent occur while converging in a side impact—usually one aircraft is on final and the other is turning from base to final—and 47 percent occur as one aircraft overtakes another on final approach or during departure. As much as one-third of the time, midair collisions occur when both aircraft are under ATC control.

