



LARGE TRUCKS AND/OR BUSES BY DRIVER VIOLATIONS CHARGED

The summary data in the tables and graphs for 'Large Trucks and/or Buses by Driver Violations Charged' report were derived from FARS. Information was tabulated using the total number of large trucks and/or buses involved in fatal crashes for the Nation and State presented by driver violations data. FARS was used for all fatal crashes. The FARS database collects a maximum of three driver violations per driver record.

The first table presents the number of large trucks and/or buses in fatal crashes in the USA and the profile state by whether they had driver-related factors recorded.

The second table presents the types of driver violations recorded for large truck and/or bus fatal crashes. FARS includes 98 different driver violations. FARS records up to three driver violations for each driver involved in a crash. The table includes the number and percent of vehicles cited for each violation, whether that violation was the only one listed for the driver, or was the second or third violation. Thus, when adding the percentages for the major driver violations cited for large trucks and/or buses, the result may exceed the percent of total drivers recorded with factors. These percentages were calculated by dividing the number of times a violation was recorded by the total number of drivers that had factors recorded.

Definitions

Fatal crash - A crash where one or more persons dies within 30 days of the crash. The fatality does not have to occur at the scene of the crash. It includes any person involved in the crash, including pedestrians and bicyclists, as well as occupants of the passenger cars.

Non-fatal crash - A crash where one or more persons has non-fatal injuries requiring transportation by a vehicle for the purpose of obtaining immediate medical attention; or one or more of the vehicles were towed away from the scene due to "disabling damage". The towed vehicle need not be the truck or bus involved in the crash.

Categories

Commercial Driver Violations

Driving Uninsured Vehicle

Equipment Violations Generally

Fail to Stop for Red Signal

Fail to Obey Stop Sign

Fail to Yield Generally

Inattentive, Careless, Improper Driving

Manslaughter/Homicide

Missing - All 'missing' represent a blank data field in FARS.

None - No driver violations were charged.

Other Driver License Violations

Size, Weight, Load Violations

Speed Greater Than Reasonable & Prudent

Speeding (above the speed limit)

Unknown - A driver violation charged but is 'unknown'.

Unsafe Reckless Driving

Willful Reckless Driving

Note: The category names in the FARS database have changed between the years of 1996 and 1997. This page represents the most current categories in the FARS manual.

CAUTION: Although efforts have been made to provide the most accurate and complete MCMIS Crash data possible, data quality can vary from state to state. Please use caution when interpreting MCMIS crash data.