

Roadside Inspection

Roadside Inspections are examinations of commercial motor vehicles and/or drivers by Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP) Inspectors.

MCSAP Inspectors conduct roadside inspections on commercial motor vehicles and drivers to check that they are in compliance with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) and/or Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMRs). If an inspection results in serious violations, the driver will be issued a driver or vehicle Out-of-Service Order. These violations must be corrected before the driver or vehicle can return to service. This module gives data for five fiscal or calendar years of roadside inspections conducted on motor carriers that transport property or passengers in interstate or intrastate commerce.

Summary of Roadside Inspections



Roadside Inspection Activity (National)	FY 2020		
	Fed	State	Total
Number of Inspections	49,238	2,669,722	2,718,960
I. Full	33,506	777,952	811,458
II. Walk-Around	4,867	937,168	942,035
III. Driver Only	9,694	842,012	851,706
IV. Special Study	5	11,982	11,987
V. Terminal	1,166	100,016	101,182
VI. Radioactive Materials	0	592	592
Driver OOS Rate	1.24%	5.31%	5.23%
Vehicle OOS Rate	22.58%	20.62%	20.66%
Hazmat OOS Rate	4.56%	4.49%	4.49%

Data Source: FMCSA's Motor Carrier Management Information System (MCMIS) data snapshot as of 12/18/2020.

The data presented above are accurate as of this date, but are subject to updates as new or additional information may be reported to MCMIS following the snapshot date.