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Trends in CMV Crashes



Our Mission

FEDERAL MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY ADMINISTRATION



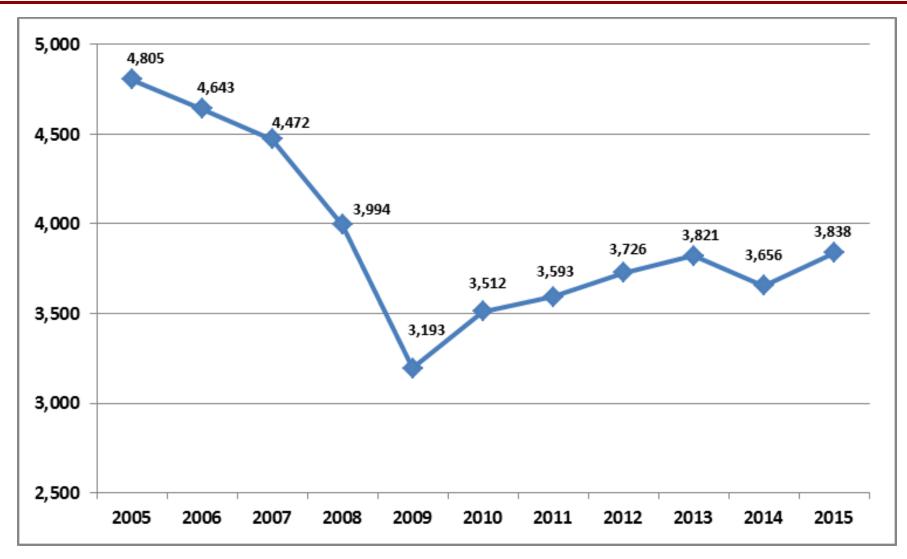
Placing <u>safety</u> as our highest priority: Reduce crashes, injuries, and fatalities involving **CMV** transportation through education, innovation, regulation, enforcement, financial assistance, partnerships, and full accountability.

Overview: Large Truck and Bus Fatal Crash Data, 2013-2015

| | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2013-2015 Percent Change |
|---|-------|-------|-------|--------------------------------|
| Fatal <u>Crashes</u> Involving Large Trucks and/or Buses | 3,821 | 3,656 | 3,838 | 0.4% |
| Large <u>Trucks</u> <u>and Buses</u> Involved in Fatal Crashes | 4,203 | 3,985 | 4,311 | 2.6% |
| <u>Fatalities</u> in Large Trucks and/or Bus Crashes | 4,278 | 4,168 | 4,337 | 1.4% |
| Large Truck and Bus <u>Occupant</u> <u>Fatalities</u> | 749 | 700 | 716 | -4.4% |

Sources: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS)

Large Truck and Bus Fatal Crashes, 2005-2015



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Buses in Fatal Crashes by Type of Bus, 2013-2015

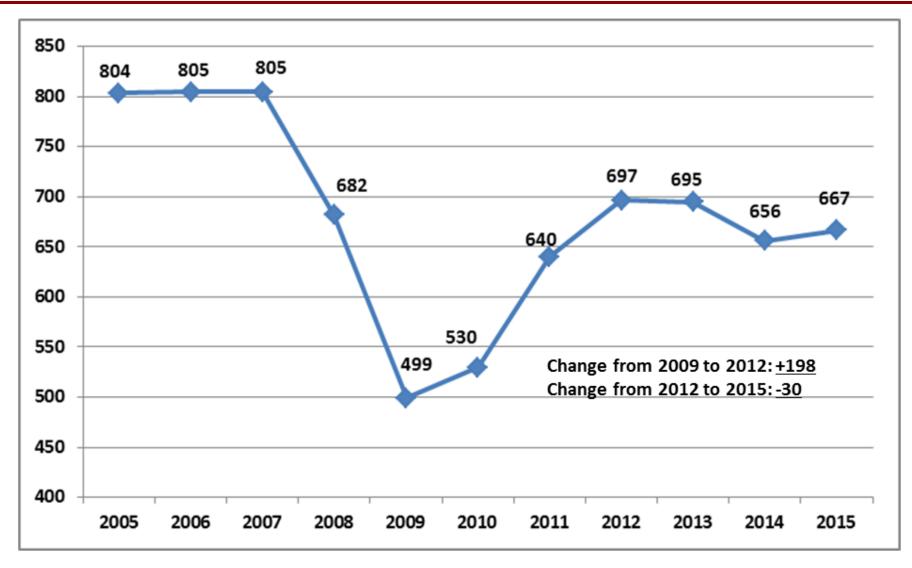
| | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2013-2015 Percent Change |
|-------------------------------|------|------|------|--------------------------------|
| School Bus | 114 | 91 | 99 | -13.2% |
| Intercity Bus (Motorcoach) | 44 | 32 | 33 | -25.0% |
| Transit Bus | 82 | 79 | 93 | 13.4% |
| Other/Unknown Bus Type | 42 | 34 | 36 | -14.3% |
| Total | 282 | 236 | 261 | -7.4% |

Fatalities in School Bus Crashes, 2015

| Person Type | Number | Percent |
|--|--------|---------|
| School Bus Driver | 5 | 4.6% |
| School Bus Passenger | 5 | 4.6% |
| Passenger Vehicle Occupant (Driver or Passenger) | 70 | 64.8% |
| Motorcycle Driver | 10 | 9.3% |
| Other Vehicle Type Driver | 2 | 1.9% |
| Pedestrian | 12 | 11.1% |
| Bicyclist | 4 | 3.7% |
| Total | 108 | 100.0% |

Source: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS)

Large Truck Occupant Fatalities, 2005-2015



Sources: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS)

Large Truck Occupants in Fatal Crashes by Restraint Use and Injury Severity, 2015

| | Injury Severity | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------|-----------------|--------------------------|--------|------------------------|--------|----------|--------|---------|--------|---------|
| | No lı | Unknown Injury Injury | | Injury (non- fatal) | | Fatality | | Total | | |
| Restraint Use | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| No | 161 | 5.7% | 48 | 9.1% | 122 | 20.5% | 253 | 37.9% | 584 | 12.6% |
| Yes | 2,552 | 90.2% | 446 | 85.0% | 435 | 73.0% | 286 | 42.9% | 3,719 | 80.6% |
| Unknown | 116 | 4.1% | 31 | 5.9% | 39 | 6.5% | 128 | 19.2% | 314 | 6.8% |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | 2,829 | 100.0% | 525 | 100.0% | 596 | 100.0% | 667 | 100.0% | 4,617 | 100.0% |

Source: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS)

Top Driver-Related Factors for Large Truck and Bus Drivers in Fatal Crashes, 2015

| Driver-Related Factor | Number | Percent |
|--|--------|---------|
| Speeding | 305 | 7.2% |
| Distraction/inattention (cell phone, lost in thought, eating etc.) | 261 | 6.1% |
| Vision Obscured (by Weather, Roadway Design, Vehicles, etc.) | 212 | 5.0% |
| Failure to Yield Right of Way | 193 | 4.5% |
| Careless Driving | 135 | 3.2% |
| Impairment (fatigue, alcohol, illness, etc.) | 134 | 3.1% |
| Failure to Keep in Proper Lane | 113 | 2.7% |
| Failure to Obey Traffic Sign, Control Devices, Safety Zone Laws | 82 | 1.9% |
| Ice, Water, Snow, Slush, Sand, Dirt, Oil, Wet Leaves on Road | 80 | 1.9% |
| Following Improperly | 80 | 1.9% |

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Top 10 States for Large Truck and Bus

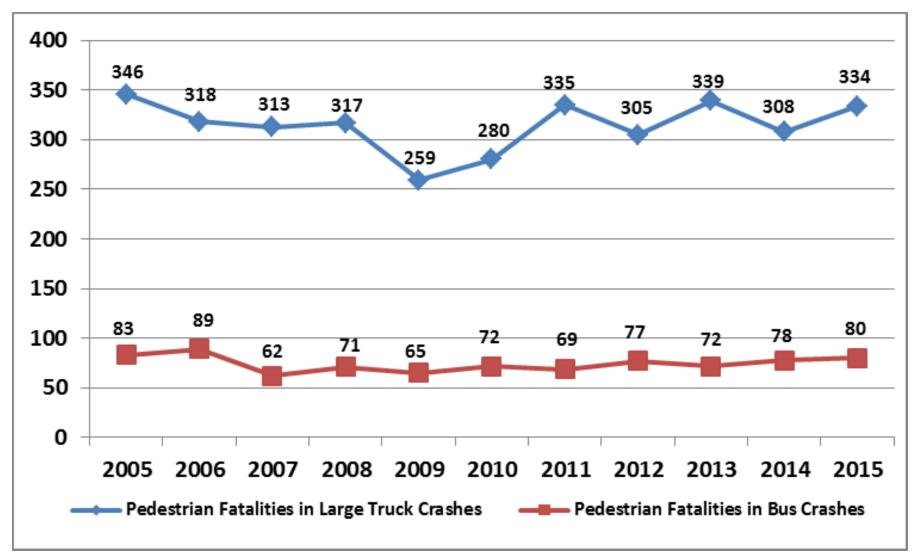
Fatalities by State, 2013-2015

| | | | | 2013-2015 Three-Year | Change, |
|----------------|------|------|------|-------------------------|-----------|
| State | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | Average | 2013-2015 |
| Texas | 554 | 570 | 593 | 572.3 | 7.0% |
| California | 295 | 325 | 313 | 311.0 | 6.1% |
| Florida | 225 | 207 | 244 | 225.3 | 8.4% |
| Georgia | 173 | 162 | 188 | 174.3 | 8.7% |
| Pennsylvania | 176 | 170 | 175 | 173.7 | -0.6% |
| Ohio | 136 | 142 | 167 | 148.3 | 22.8% |
| New York | 146 | 128 | 156 | 143.3 | 6.8% |
| North Carolina | 146 | 129 | 138 | 137.7 | -5.5% |
| Illinois | 151 | 121 | 116 | 129.3 | -23.2% |
| Indiana | 123 | 134 | 122 | 126.3 | -0.8% |

In 2015, these States accounted for about 51% of all large truck and bus fatalities

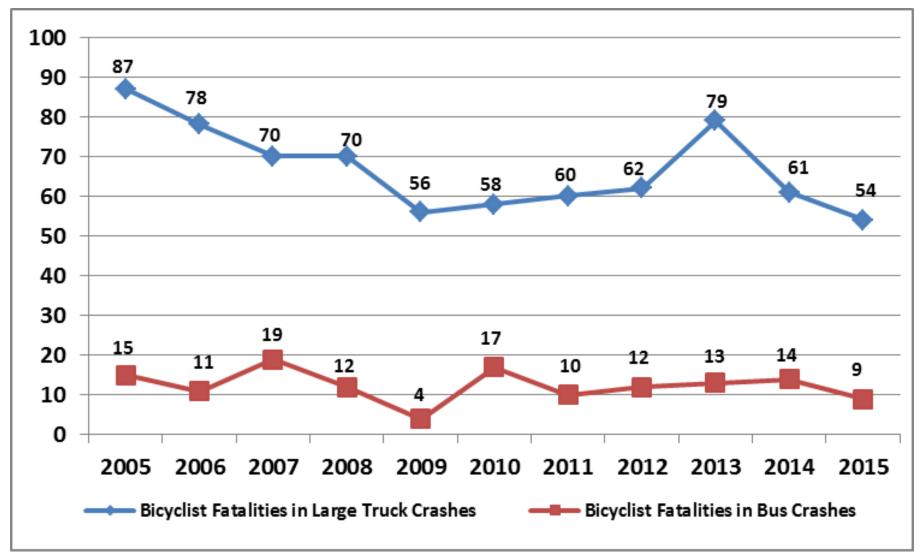
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Pedestrian Fatalities in Large Truck and Bus Crashes, 2005-2015



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Bicyclist Fatalities in Large Truck and Bus Crashes, 2005-2015



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Fatal Crashes by Work Zone, 2011-2015

| | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Percentage of Fatal Work-Zone Crashes that Involved at Least One Large Truck | 27.2% | 23.8% | 28.2% | 30.1% | 26.9% |
| Percentage of ALL Fatal Crashes that Involved at Least One Large Truck | 11.3% | 11.2% | 11.8% | 11.4% | 11.2% |

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Automated Commercial Motor Vehicles

- Potential to save lives
- Support and encourage this kind of technological innovation
- SAE Level 3 will ensure the level of safety needed

Automated Commercial Motor Vehicles

- January 5 Automated CMVs Roundtable, D.C.
- January 23 CVSA Enforcement and Industry Modernization Committee, Savannah GA
- April 26 CVSA Enforcement and Industry Modernization Committee, Atlanta GA
- Federal Register Notice
- Public Comments
- Summer 2017 Publication
- Companion document to NHTSA's policy

Crash Prevention Strategies

RULEMAKING

- Electronic Logging Devices Final Rule
- Entry-Level Driver Training Final Rule
- Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse Final Rule

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

- Large CMV traffic enforcement train-the-trainer curriculum
- MCSAP grants to allow States to conduct traffic enforcement
- Traffic enforcement in conjunction with inspection

WORK ZONE WARNING TECHNOLOGY

 Making Innovative Technology Deployment (ITD) grant funds available to research, test, and deploy a work zone & incident electronic notification system

<u>CDL</u>

• Working with State Driver Licensing Agencies to assure suspension of CDL holders

Our Vision

FEDERAL MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY ADMINISTRATION

STRATEGIC PLAN



Save lives by striving toward a *crash-free* and *fully accountable* CMV transportation life-cycle.