



DRIVER LICENSE STATUS IN FATAL CRASHES BETWEEN LARGE TRUCKS AND/OR BUSES AND PASSENGER VEHICLES

The summary data in the table and graph for 'Driver License Status in Fatal Crashes between Large Trucks and/or Buses and Passenger Vehicles' report were taken from FARS. FARS contains information on the status of each driver's license. The summary table is divided vertically into two subsections: the top section focuses on license status of the truck or bus driver, and the bottom section of the table focuses on the license status of the passenger vehicle driver. Since Commercial Drivers Licenses (CDLs) are not required to drive all large trucks or buses, the presence of another valid license can be sufficient to comply with the law. As of April 1, 1992, all states require a driver to have a CDL for driving commercial motor vehicles in excess of 26,000 lbs.; or for transporting hazardous materials in sufficient amounts to be placarded; or for transporting 16 or more passengers, including the driver. If a truck or bus driver does not have a CDL, but was not driving a truck or bus that required a CDL, and the driver had another valid drivers license, then that driver's license status would be coded 'No CDL and Valid Other License'.

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

Driver's License Status of Large Trucks:

Valid CDL - The driver of a truck with a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) in excess of 26,000 lbs.; or a truck transporting hazardous materials in sufficient amounts to be placarded; or for transporting 16 or more passengers, including the driver, who has a valid CDL.

No CDL and Valid Other License - The truck driver does not have a CDL, but has a valid non-CDL driver's license.

No CDL and No Valid Other License or Unknown - The truck driver does not have a CDL, and the status of the non-CDL license is not valid or unknown.

Suspended - The driver's license has been suspended by the state.

Revoked, Expired, Canceled/Denied, Disqualified - The truck driver's CDL has been revoked or canceled, has expired, or the driver has been disqualified.

Other not valid and license status = Valid - The truck driver's CDL is surrendered or not valid due to the lack of medical clearance, and the status of the non-CDL license is valid.

Other not valid and license status = Not valid or unknown - The truck driver's CDL is surrendered or not valid due to the lack of medical clearance, and the status of the non-CDL license is not valid or unknown.

Unknown - The large truck driver's license status is 'unknown'.

Driver's License Status of Passenger Vehicles:

Valid Non-CDL - The passenger vehicle driver has a valid non-CDL license.

Suspended - The passenger vehicle driver has a suspended non-CDL license.

Revoked, Expired, Canceled/Denied - The passenger vehicle driver's non-CDL license has been revoked, canceled, or has expired.

Not Licensed - The passenger vehicle driver does not have a license.

Unknown - The passenger vehicle driver's license status is 'unknown'.

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.