



LARGE TRUCKS AND/OR BUSES INVOLVED IN CRASHES BY VEHICLE CONFIGURATION

The summary data in the table and graph for the 'Large Trucks and/or Buses Involved in Crashes by Vehicle Configuration' report were taken from FARS and MCMIS. Information was tabulated using the total number of vehicles involved in crashes for the Nation and State for fatal and non-fatal crashes and presented by vehicle configuration types. FARS was used for all fatal crashes and MCMIS was used for non-fatal crashes.

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

Bus, 9-15 seats - A motor vehicle with seats for 9-15 people, including the driver.

Bus, more than 15 seats - A motor vehicle with seats for more than 15 people, including the driver.

Single Unit Truck, 2-axle - A truck consisting of a single motorized transport device having two axles and at least six tires.

Single Unit Truck, 3+axle - A truck consisting of a single motorized transport device having three or more axles.

Truck/Trailers - A motor vehicle consisting of a Single Unit Truck with one or more trailers. A trailer is any non-powered vehicle designed to be towed by a motor vehicle. A trailer is designed for carrying property and so is constructed that no part of its weight rests upon or is carried by the towing road vehicle.

Truck/Tractor (bobtail) - A motor vehicle consisting of a single motorized transport device designed primarily for pulling semi-trailers.

Tractor/Semi-Trailer - A motor vehicle combination consisting of a truck tractor and a semi-trailer. A semi-trailer is a trailer, other than a pole trailer, designed for carrying property and so constructed that part of its weight rests upon or is carried by the towing road vehicle.

Tractor/Double - A motor vehicle combination consisting of a truck tractor towing a semi-trailer and a trailer.

Tractor/Triple - A motor vehicle combination consisting of a truck tractor towing a semi-trailer and two trailers.

Other - A non-standard truck and/or trailer combination. For example, a truck towing a passenger vehicle.

Unknown - All 'unknown' vehicle configuration types represent that the vehicle configuration type was identified as being 'unknown'.

Missing - All 'missing' vehicle configuration types represent a blank data field in FARS or MCMIS.

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.