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What are Crash Profiles?

- Crash Profiles are summarized crash statistics for truck and bus crashes. The Analysis Division of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration compiles crash statistics into two types of profiles: State and National Profiles.
- ◆ The profiles contain information that can be used to identify safety problems in specific geographical areas or to compare state statistics to the national crash figures.

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What is Crash Profiles Online?

- An internet application that delivers the following online:
 - ◆ **About Crash Profiles:** A general description of Crash Profiles and the terms associated with Crash Profiles.
 - ◆ State Profiles: Crash statistics that are summarized by Nation and State.
 - ◆ National Profiles: Contains national summary statistics on large truck crashes that occurred in the U.S.

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What Data Sources are used to Compile Crash Profiles?

Two data sources are used:

- ◆ The Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS) database which is maintained by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).
- ◆ The Motor Carrier Management Information System (MCMIS) which is maintained by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

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FARS Data Source Description

◆ FARS is a census of crashes involving all types of vehicles, but only fatal crashes. Crash Profiles use FARS data for large trucks only. A large truck is one with a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating of more than 10,000 pounds.

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MCMIS Crash File Data Source Description

◆ The MCMIS Crash file is intended to be a census of all trucks and buses involved in fatal, injury, and tow-away crashes, but some states are not yet reporting all eligible crashes. MCMIS crash file data for non-fatal truck crashes is used in the Non-Fatal columns of the Crash Profiles. The Crash Profiles use the National Governors' Association (NGA) recommended data elements reported to FMCSA by states through the SAFETYNET computer reporting system.

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- State Profiles are summarized crash results for large trucks and buses involved in fatal and non-fatal crashes that occurred in the U.S. These reports are organized into two areas:
 - State Crash Reports
 - State Comparison Reports

State Crash Reports

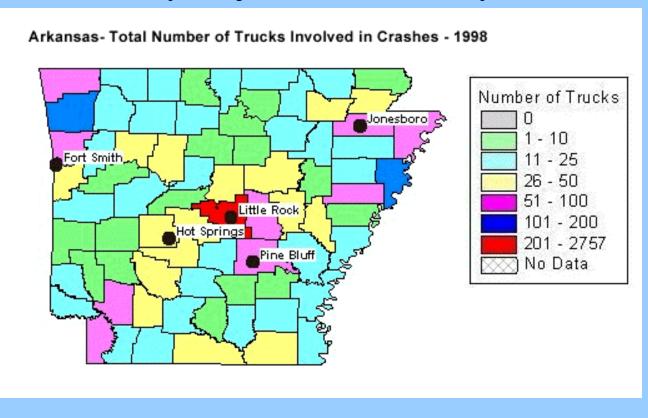
- Crash statistics are compiled for individual states and compared to national statistics.
 - ◆ Each state's crash profile contains summary tables and graphs in the following areas: Vehicle, Driver, Environment, Crash, Carrier, Location.
 - ◆ Users can access historical crash profile data from previous years for all State Crash Reports.

State Comparison Reports

◆ These reports compare summarized crash results between all states over multiple years. These reports may be used to analyze the number of crashes reported over a period of time and to compare crash results among states.

- ◆ Crash Statistics are displayed in Table Format
- Crash Statistics are displayed in Graph Format
- Crash Statistics provide a <u>Textual</u> explanation of the report contents

◆ The Geographic Location data is displayed in a GIS format that shows county, major corridor and city information.



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National Profiles Overview

- Crash statistics that are summarized on a national level. These reports highlight carriers with the most reported crashes in a calendar year and depict truck, driver and environment characteristics for large truck crashes. Reports include:
 - Carriers with the Most Reported Crashes in the Nation
 - National Truck Crash Profiles
 - National Truck Crash Profiles Executive Summaries

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• Neither FARS nor MCMIS crash file databases contain information on crash causation, contributing factors, or fault. The data can only be suggestive about why truck and bus crashes occur.