



COMMERCIAL VIOLATIONS & FATAL CRASHES

Figure 1. Violations Placing Commercial Vehicles Out of Service, 2001-2005

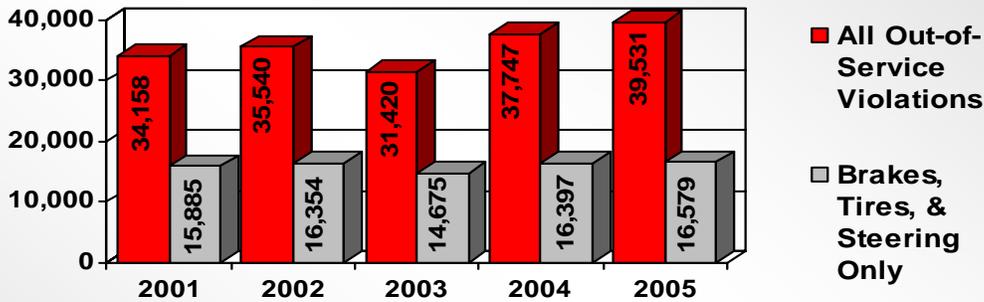
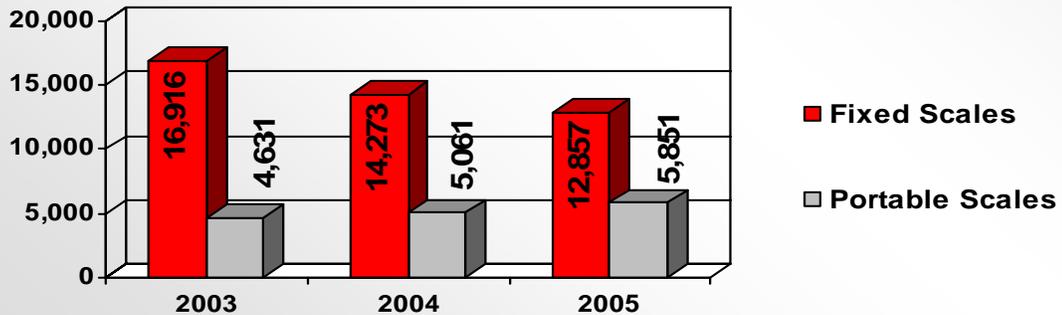


Figure 2. Commercial Vehicle Weight Violations Issued, 2003-2005



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- There have been 243 fatal crashes involving commercial vehicles (269 fatalities) from 2005 to 2006.¹
- Drivers of commercial vehicles were cited as being at fault in 30% of fatal crashes and 58% of injury crashes in which they were involved. Of those, 33% of the fatal crashes and 42% of the injury crashes were caused by *speeding*.
- Inspections are conducted on commercial vehicles to ensure compliance with laws regarding driver qualifications, vehicle conditions, and cargo. Nearly half (47%) of the 168,381 violations from 2001 to 2005 that placed a commercial vehicle out of service were related to brakes, tires/wheels, or steering/suspension (see Figure 1).
- Approximately 20,000 weight violations are reported each year. Over 6.6 million commercial motor vehicles per year are weighed on platform/fixed scales. Approximately 6,250 commercial vehicles are weighed on portable scales (see Figure 2).
- The combination of brakes, tires/wheels, steering/suspension, and weight are directly related to a vehicle's stopping ability.

¹2006 data is provisional as of approximately 05/15/2006.