

MCS

MOTOR CARRIER SERVICES

2025

Safety & Compliance

MoDOT works to ensure carriers remain in compliance with Missouri statutes and federal motor carrier safety regulations from the beginning of a motor carrier's business.

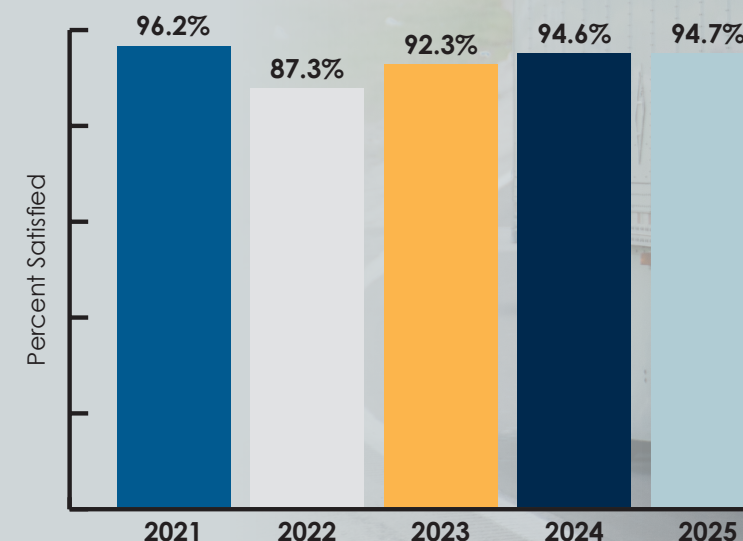
MCS investigators perform new entrant safety audits to guide and educate carriers from the start. Enforcement investigators stationed throughout the state address unsafe driving behaviors, regulatory compliance issues and economic fairness through investigations, education and when necessary, through enforcement penalties.



MCS conducts roughly 1,000 safety audits annually, helping new carriers master their safety responsibilities.

Every piece of paper, phone call and email we process has a **human being** and a **livelihood** attached.

MODOT MCS CUSTOMER SATISFACTION

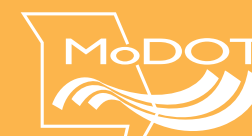


MoDOT Motor Carrier Services educates carriers and helps them get the information, credentials and permits needed to start and continue trucking in Missouri.

We enforce safety and economic regulations to help highways remain safe and fair places to earn a living while collecting and distributing more than \$204 million.

In fiscal year 2026, MCS' efforts resulted in a \$119.9 million contribution to the state road fund.

For more information, visit modot.org/mcs or call MoDOT MCS at 1-866-831-6277. MoDOT Carrier Express, our online service, is open 24/7 at www.modot.org/mce



PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

International Registration Plan

Through the International Registration Plan, carriers apply for annual registration and license plates in their home state to gain the privilege of operating in the 48 contiguous states, the District of Columbia and in 10 Canadian provinces.

Fees are based on the number of miles the registered equipment travels in each jurisdiction. The base state sends fees collected to a clearinghouse where they are distributed to individual jurisdictions.

In 2025, MCS registered 57,661 power units, ranking 14th of the 59 IRP jurisdictions.



The International Fuel Tax Agreement includes the 48 contiguous states and 10 Canadian provinces.

It simplifies the reporting of fuel tax owed by motor carriers who operate on an interstate basis and pay the majority of the fuel tax responsibility at the pump. The carrier receives an annual fuel tax license and files quarterly fuel tax returns in their home state or province. The base state transfers payments through the IFTA clearinghouse to the jurisdictions where the carrier traveled based on the amount of fuel purchased and the miles traveled in each jurisdiction – or obtains a refund for the carrier, depending on the case.

Unified Carrier Registration

Annual registration fees for interstate motor carriers, motor private carriers of property, freight forwarders, brokers and leasing companies fund motor carrier safety programs and regulatory enforcement.

Oversize Overweight Permitting

Motor carriers who haul loads that exceed Missouri’s legal weight and size limits must obtain a permit to travel in the state. Oversize Overweight permits outline specific routes and special requirements the carrier must follow when using Missouri’s highway system. In 2025, MoDOT MCS issued over 170,000 oversize overweight permits.

Intrastate Operating Authority

For-hire motor carriers that transport property or passengers in intrastate commerce – meaning that they operate only within Missouri’s borders; apply annually for authority to operate. This authority is similar to a business license.

Annually, MoDOT processes more than 3,500 documents related to intrastate carriers.



Household Goods Authority

Included in MCS’ Intrastate Operating Authority efforts is a special subset of carriers; those who transport household

goods. Missouri regulations protect consumers taking part in intrastate moves and define the rights and responsibilities of both consumers and the motor carriers who haul household possessions.

Every year, intrastate haulers of household goods must apply for registration, provide proof of insurance and economic health and provide evidence of public protection.



Hazardous Waste and Waste Tire Transporters

Carriers who transport hazardous waste or waste tires obtain an annual license to operate in Missouri. The application and compliance process helps provide environmental protection through proper disposal of these special categories of waste. Funds collected are distributed to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.

In 2025, MoDOT collected more than \$400,000 on behalf of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.