

Southeast CMV Safety Summit

August 26, 2025



U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration



Topics

- CDL Driver Controlled Substance Prohibitions
- Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse Overview
- Clearinghouse Public Data
- Return-to-Duty Process
- The New Clearinghouse II Regulation





Prohibitions – Controlled Substances

- Marijuana
- Cocaine
- Opiates – opium and codeine derivatives
- Amphetamines and methamphetamines
- Phencyclidine – PCP

Overview of the Clearinghouse

The Clearinghouse Rules

- **Initial Rule:**
 - Mandated by Congress in MAP-21
 - Published: December 5, 2016
 - Established requirements for the Clearinghouse
 - Implemented: **January 6, 2020**
- **Second rule:**
 - State Driver's Licensing Agency Non-Issuance/Downgrade of Commercial Driver's License
 - Published: October 7, 2021
 - Effective date: November 8, 2021
 - Implementation date: **November 18, 2024**



FMCSA CDL Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse

- The Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse prevents impaired operation of CMVs by giving employers access to **real-time information** about which CDL drivers have **drug and alcohol program violations**, enabling employers to determine which drivers to **remove from safety-sensitive**



Verified positive drug test



Alcohol test 0.04 or greater BAC



Refusal to test



Actual knowledge of a drug and alcohol program violation

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Drug & Alcohol Clearinghouse. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links for 'My Profile', 'Learn', 'About', and 'Contact'. The main heading reads 'Welcome to the Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse', followed by a subtext: 'An online database that gives employers and government agencies real-time access to information about CDL driver drug and alcohol program violations.' Below this are 'Register' and 'Log In' buttons. A section titled 'Before You Register' includes a red octagonal icon with a white hand and text asking if the user needs help with registration, with a 'Read More' link. To the right, a list of services is shown: 'Record', 'Consent', 'Query', and 'Safety', each with a green checkmark icon. The 'Learn More' section features five circular icons with corresponding text: 'Find Answers to Commonly Asked Questions / Read FAQs', 'Download Resources and Job Aids / Visit the Learning Center', 'Learn About Purchasing Query Plans / Get Pricing Info', 'Get the Latest from FMCSA / Sign Up for Email Updates', and 'Clearinghouse Activity / Read Monthly Summary Reports'. The bottom section, 'Clearinghouse-II Final Rule: CDL Downgrades', includes a 'RULE II' icon and text explaining the new requirements for State Driver Licensing Agencies (SDLAs) starting November 18, 2024.

Who is required to use the Clearinghouse?

- ☑ Drivers who hold commercial driver's licenses (CDLs) or commercial learner's permits (CLPs)
- ☑ Employers of CDL drivers who operate commercial motor vehicles (CMVs)
- ☑ Consortia/Third-Party Administrations (C/TPAs)
- ☑ Medical Review Officers (MROs)
- ☑ Substance Abuse Professionals (SAPs)
- ☑ State Drivers Licensing Agencies (SDLAs)



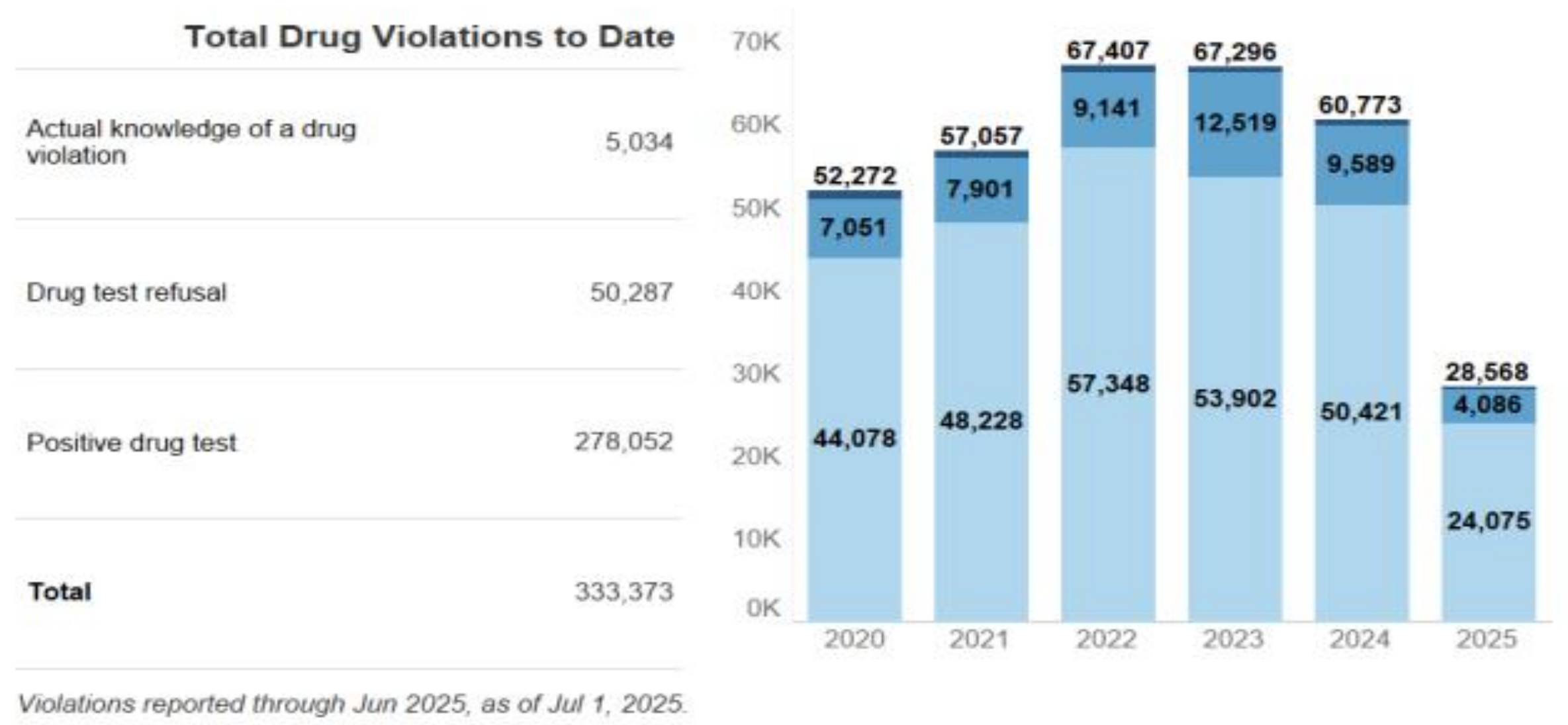
Clearinghouse Data:

Registered Users as of July 1, 2025

CDL/CLP Holder and Organization Registrations by Type

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total
Driver	199,165	1,408,926	1,003,269	939,333	858,513	843,129	417,392	5,669,727
Employer	37,911	134,165	106,491	79,858	69,366	78,673	42,499	548,963
Owner Operators*	7,657	55,340	57,467	43,243	35,319	41,179	23,956	264,161
CTPA	2,731	5,794	3,344	2,879	2,751	3,243	1,853	22,595
MRO	910	687	261	246	184	197	93	2,578
SAP	1,058	1,556	799	757	694	775	392	6,031

Reported Drug Testing Violations by Calendar Year



Drug Violation Data as of July 1, 2025

Number of Positive Tests with Substances Identified							
Substance	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025*	Total†
Marijuana Metabolite (Δ9-THCA)	29,204	32,288	39,410	37,833	34,947	16,746	190,428
Cocaine Metabolite (BZE)	7,923	9,108	10,546	10,388	10,081	4,484	52,530
Methamphetamine (MET/MAMP)	5,202	5,217	5,381	4,523	4,588	2107	27,018
Amphetamine (AMP)	4,907	4,955	5,166	4,254	3,876	1800	24,958
Oxymorphone (OXYM)	1,333	1,292	1,359	1,098	974	505	6,561
Oxycodone (OXYC)	1,067	1,068	1,093	926	802	408	5,364
Hydrocodone (HYC)	958	931	910	807	717	360	4,683
Hydromorphone (HYM)	1,032	1041	995	829	703	323	4,923
Morphine (MOP)	429	376	415	369	388	210	2,187
Codeine (COD)	371	348	411	356	318	170	1,974
6-Acetylmorphine (6-AM)	301	192	176	117	100	48	934
Phencyclidine (PCP)	62	63	65	77	85	39	391
Ecstasy (MDMA)	136	122	132	92	77	35	594
Methylenedioxyamphetamine (MDA)	28	35	43	50	54	20	230
All substances	52,953	57,036	66,102	61,719	57,710	27,255	322,775

Individual Driver Status as of July 1, 2025

CDL/CLP Holders in the Return-to-Duty (RTD) Process as of July 1, 2025

RTD STATUS	# DRIVERS
All Drivers (with at least 1 violation)	304,432
CDL/CLP holders in Prohibited Status	190,402
RTD Process Not Started	148,276
Substance Abuse Professional (SAP) Request Sent	2,021
SAP Designation Confirmed	5,754
SAP Request Declined	1,207
Initial SAP Assessment Complete	9,597
Determined Eligible for RTD Testing	23,547
CDL/CLP Holders in Not-Prohibited Status*	114,030
RTD Test with Negative Results	80,120
Follow-Up Testing Plan Complete	33,910

Return-to-Duty Process

Return-to-Duty Process Overview



- Driver selects a Substance Abuse Professional (SAP)
- Driver completes treatment, SAP determines driver is eligible for RTD testing



- Driver's employer (or C/TPA) orders RTD test
- Driver takes RTD test



- If driver tests negative, Clearinghouse status will update to "Not Prohibited"
- Driver is eligible for safety-sensitive functions, must complete follow-up testing plan

Clearinghouse-II Final Rule

Clearinghouse-II Final Rule

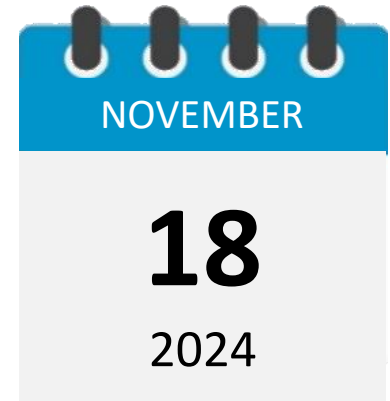
Beginning November 18, 2024, States Driver's Licensing Agencies were required to implement:

- **Mandatory CDL Downgrades**

- Remove CDL/CLP privileges when driver's Clearinghouse status changes to "Prohibited"
- CDL/CLP privileges will be reinstated if driver's Clearinghouse status changes to "Not Prohibited"

- **Non-Issuance of CDLs**

- Deny commercial licensing transaction if the driver has a "Prohibited" Clearinghouse status



Commercial licensing transaction = issuing, duplicates, renewing, transferring, or upgrading a CDL or issuing, duplicates, renewing, or upgrading a CLP

Number of Prohibited Drivers In Each State – Subject to CDL Downgrade

State	# of Prohibited Drivers
	8/14/2025
AK	377
AL	3,431
AR	2,215
AZ	3,030
CA	12,711
CO	2,497
CT	1,868
DC	167
DE	571
FL	7,437
GA	7,630
HI	267
IA	1,624

State	# of Prohibited Drivers
	8/14/2025
ID	1,051
IL	8,690
IN	2,818
KS	1,479
KY	1,765
LA	3,106
MA	1,300
MD	1,824
ME	574
MI	4,269
MN	1,854
MO	4,344
MS	3,176

State	# of Prohibited Drivers
	8/14/2025
MT	560
NC	7,118
ND	442
NE	1,200
NH	392
NJ	2,403
NM	972
NV	1,889
NY	6,530
OH	4,962
OK	2,869
OR	1,460
PA	4,422

State	# of Prohibited Drivers
	8/14/2025
RI	220
SC	2,909
SD	383
TN	4,033
TX	15,995
UT	1,357
VA	3,113
VT	207
WA	2,095
WI	2,571
WV	773
WY	425

Questions?

For more information:

- Visit the Clearinghouse Learning Center at <https://clearinghouse.fmcsa.dot.gov/Learn> for resources and answers to common questions

Contact Clearinghouse Team:

- <https://clearinghouse.fmcsa.dot.gov/Contact>
- Call 800-832-5660

