



State Top Industry Issues Report 2025 Idaho

1. Diesel Emissions Regulations

- Identify the financial impacts associated with compliance of mandated diesel emission regulations.
- Quantify low-cost alternative pathways for achieving emission reductions.
- Research the performance of emission control technologies.

2. Economy

- Quantify the impact of increasing trucking operational costs on supply chains and the nation's economy, including the impact of new tariffs.
- Research the patterns and causes of the current, prolonged freight recession.
- Research why industry supply has been slow to adjust to changes in freight demand including potential factors such as the illegal use of B-1 drivers, delayed equipment repossession, and factoring services, among others.

3. Compliance, Safety, Accountability (CSA)

- Work with FMCSA to update its carrier prioritization methodology, improve its accuracy, continuously review and evaluate crash preventability factors, and enhance transparency in CSA.
- Support FMCSA's work to speed up the DataQ process by improving internal processes for reviewing Request for Data Reviews (RDRs).

4. Driver Retention

- Research the primary factors behind drivers leaving trucking careers.
- Quantify and promote the retention strategies of carriers that continuously experience low driver turnover.
- Evaluate the impact of truck driver benefits, including health insurance and retirement benefits, on driver retention.

5. Insurance Cost / Availability

- Educate the public about lawsuit abuse leading to increased consumer prices and insurance costs.
- Research trends in carrier safety management practices and their impact on insurance premium costs.
- Develop framework for potential upfront insurance premium reductions when drivers and carriers adopt proven safety technologies.

6. Driver Training Standards

- Advocate for an FMCSA audit of its Training Provider Registry to ensure that training providers are meeting the basic Entry-Level Driver Training standards and are compliant with all requirements.
- Work with driver training schools to develop and/or update best practices and model curricula.
- Research the impact of Entry-Level Driver Training regulations on highway safety.

7. Artificial Intelligence in Trucking

- Research the role and applications of AI in trucking operations, including positive and negative impacts on the labor force.
- Produce a comprehensive primer and guidebook on AI Applications in Trucking for motor carriers and truck drivers.

Issues and strategies are listed in order as ranked by Idaho-based respondents.

8. Predatory Towing

- Advocate for state-level caps on nonconsensual/police-initiated tow rates.
- Encourage FMCSA to engage industry stakeholders to identify predatory towing solutions.

9. Fuel Prices

- Advocate for federal policies and actions that help stabilize the supply of fuel and minimize price increases.
- Quantify the impact of alternative and renewable fuel sources on motor carrier operational costs.
- Research potential factors that may be affecting fuel availability and pricing volatility.

10. Diesel Technician Shortage

- Encourage partnerships between motor carriers, truck dealers, high schools and local community colleges/tech schools to promote diesel technician training and placement.
- Identify new training and curriculum needs relating to emerging technologies, such as those pertaining to electric, automated and/or autonomous truck maintenance, and the application of artificial intelligence to maintenance and repair.
- Assist fleets in implementing technician mentoring programs to reduce new technician turnover in their first two years of employment.