# New Trucking Authority Report

## September 2026

FMCSA granted operating authority to 4,732 new for-hire carriers in September 2026, about 189 per business day. 96% were first-time authorities, and the median wait from application to grant was 24 days. Texas, California and Florida had the most new carriers.

Covers September 1, 2026 to September 30, 2026. Rookiefeed analysis. Frozen on October 27, 2026.

## Headline numbers

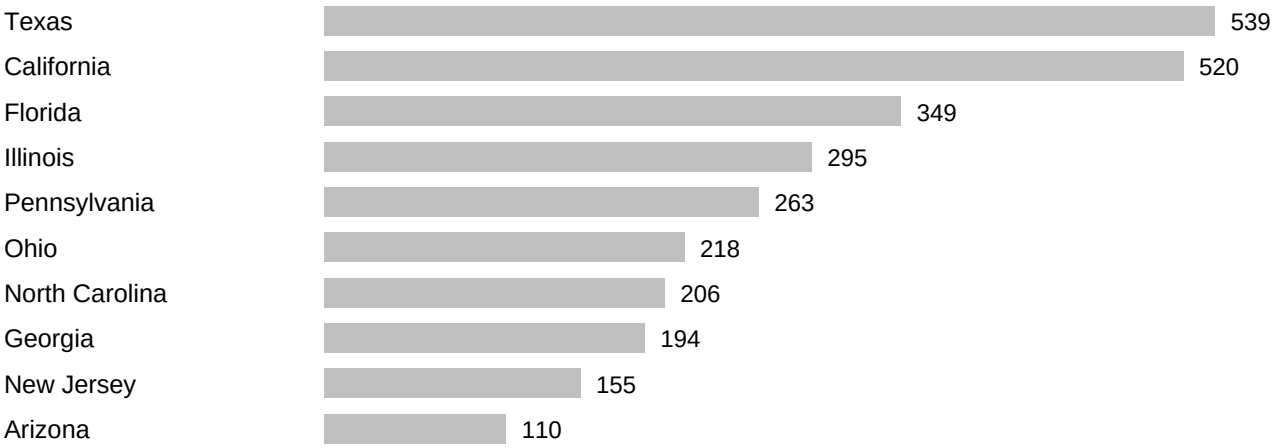
| Measure | September 2026 |
|---|---|
| New for-hire carriers | 4,732 |
| Per business day | 189 |
| New carrier applications | 10,095 |
| New broker authorities | 274 |
| First-time authorities | 96% |
| Liability insurance on file | 98.9% |

## Time to authority

First-time carrier authorities, calendar days from the first application to the grant (n = 4,374).

| 25th pct | Median | Mean | 75th pct | 90th pct |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 14 | 24 | 33 | 43 | 69 |

## Where: top 10 states



| State | New carriers | Median wait (days) |
|---|---|---|
| Texas | 539 | 26 |
| California | 520 | 30 |
| Florida | 349 | 24 |
| Illinois | 295 | 22 |
| Pennsylvania | 263 | 25 |
| Ohio | 218 | 25 |
| North Carolina | 206 | 24 |
| Georgia | 194 | 22 |
| New Jersey | 155 | 24 |
| Arizona | 110 | 24 |

## Top 15 cities

| City | New carriers |
|---|---|
| Houston, TX | 71 |
| Philadelphia, PA | 55 |
| Chicago, IL | 46 |
| Charlotte, NC | 40 |
| Columbus, OH | 40 |
| Fresno, CA | 40 |
| Brampton, ON | 39 |
| Indianapolis, IN | 34 |
| Dallas, TX | 31 |
| Las Vegas, NV | 31 |
| Bakersfield, CA | 30 |
| Phoenix, AZ | 29 |
| Miami, FL | 28 |
| Sacramento, CA | 26 |
| San Antonio, TX | 24 |

## Who: fleet size and equipment

| Power units | Share |
|---|---|
| 1 | 66.1% |
| 2-5 | 29% |
| 6-10 | 2.7% |
| 11-50 | 1.4% |
| 51+ | 0.2% |
| Not reported | 0.6% |

| Equipment (a carrier can count in several) | Share |
|---|---|
| Dry van | 88.3% |
| Flatbed | 14.4% |
| Car hauler | 9% |
| Hopper/Bulk | 7.4% |
| Reefer | 6.1% |
| Intermodal | 4% |
| Livestock | 1.5% |
| Tanker | 1.3% |

## Insurers

| Insurer on the latest liability filing | Share |
|---|---|
| United Financial Casualty Company | 11.6% |
| GEICO Marine Insurance Company | 8.6% |
| Artisan & Truckers Casualty Company | 7.3% |
| Progressive Southeastern Insurance Company | 4.7% |
| Progressive County Mutual | 4% |
| Progressive Northern Insurance Company | 4% |
| Progressive Preferred Insurance CO. | 3.6% |
| GEICO County Mutual Insurance Company | 3.4% |

| State | Leading insurer | Share |
|---|---|---|
| Texas | Progressive County Mutual | 35.3% |
| California | Universal Casualty Risk Retention Group, INC | 11% |
| Florida | Progressive Express Insurance Company | 38.1% |
| Illinois | Artisan & Truckers Casualty Company | 75.9% |
| Pennsylvania | United Financial Casualty Company | 41.8% |
| Ohio | Progressive Preferred Insurance CO. | 70.2% |
| North Carolina | Progressive Southeastern Insurance Company | 72.3% |
| Georgia | Progressive Mountain Insurance Company Of Ohio | 54.1% |
| New Jersey | Drive New Jersey Insurance Company | 45.2% |
| Arizona | United Financial Casualty Company | 67.3% |

## How we count

New carrier: A for-hire motor carrier docket (MC number) that FMCSA moved to "Granted", dated by the day of the grant. Brokers and freight forwarders are counted separately.

Window: The 30 days ending on the newest grant date in the data (inclusive), so a quiet weekend doesn't shrink the totals.

Per business day: Total grants on Monday to Friday dates in the window, divided by the number of those

dates with grants.

First-time: The docket had no earlier active authority.

Days to grant: Calendar days from the day the carrier first applied for the docket to the day FMCSA granted it. First-time authorities only, values from 0 to 365 days.

State: The physical business address the carrier registered with FMCSA.

One truck: One power unit (truck or tractor) on the carrier's FMCSA registration.

Insurer: The insurer on the carrier's latest BMC-91 or BMC-91X liability filing. Shares are of all new carriers, including those with no filing yet.

Equipment: Inferred from the cargo classes the carrier registered. One carrier can count toward several types.

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