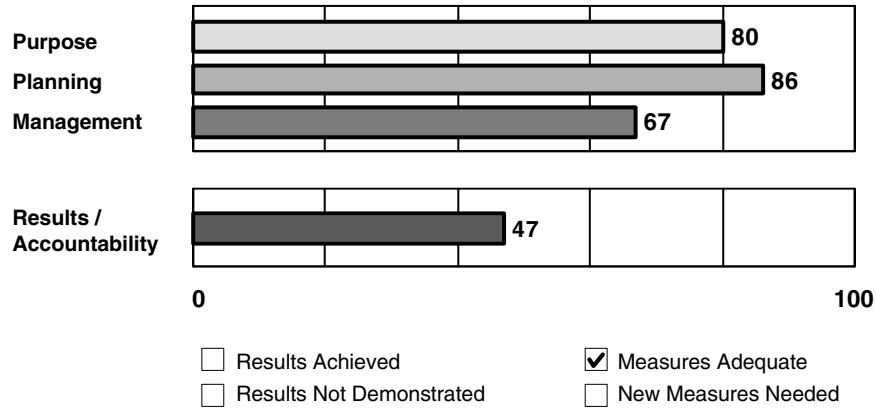


**Program:** *Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration Grant Program*

**Agency:** *Department of Transportation*

**Bureau:** *Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration*



**Key Performance Measures**

**Year Target Actual**

	Year	Target	Actual
Long-term Measure: Number per 100 million commercial Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) of fatalities in crashes involving large trucks	2000	4,934	5,282
	2001	4,830	5,082
	2002	4,710	4,984
	2003	4,540	
Annual Measure: Number per 100 million commercial Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) of injured persons in crashes involving large trucks	2000	125	140
	2001	122	142
	2002	121	131

**Rating:** *Adequate*

**Program Type:** *Block / Formula Grants*

**Program Summary:**

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's (FMCSA) grant program awards grants to states to continue aggressive state enforcement of Interstate commercial motor vehicle regulations. But, working with the states to ensure that commercial motor vehicles are in compliance with federal safety regulations, FMCSA is able to reduce large truck related fatalities on our nation's highways through Commercial Drivers License regulation, safety inspections, safety education and outreach.

1. The assessment indicated that the grant program's purpose is in close alignment with the agency's mission of saving lives and reducing injuries by preventing truck and bus crashes.
2. Unlike many federal programs, this program has good outcome-oriented performance measures. Through its strategic planning process, FMCSA is adopting a limited number of specific, ambitious long-term and annual performance goals to assess progress toward achieving long-term outcomes.
3. Although FMCSA has worked to align management of the grant program and states performance, FMCSA is not pro-active in demanding accountability for results from its partners. FMCSA also does not conduct many internal program evaluations aimed at identifying and remedying management deficiencies.
4. After declining for a number of years, the rate of fatalities and injuries involving large trucks is not decreasing, and, in fact, rose in 2001. Actual performance is below the annual safety stretch targets the agency has set for itself.

In response to these findings, the Administration will:  
Propose a budget increase and legislative improvements, such as streamlining the grant program to address management deficiencies and align states goals/results with Federal goals through awards of incentive grants. Through the reauthorization of surface transportation legislation in 2004 states will be held accountable for motor carrier safety by linking state safety performance with grant awards.

(For more information on this program, please see the Department of Transportation chapter in the Budget volume.)

**Program Funding Level (in millions of dollars)**

<u>2002 Actual</u>	<u>2003 Estimate</u>	<u>2004 Estimate</u>
206	190	223