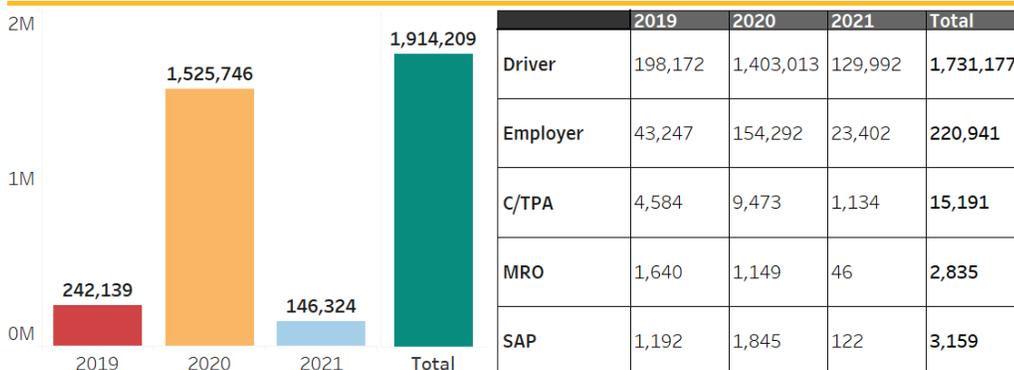# DRUG & ALCOHOL CLEARINGHOUSE

January 2021 Monthly Summary Report

REGISTRATIONS

Registration for the FMCSA Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse (Clearinghouse) began for all user roles on September 28, 2019. User roles include: drivers, employers, consortia/third-party administrators (C/TPAs), medical review officers (MROs), and substance abuse professionals (SAPs). The graph below illustrates the number of registrations for each type of user, by month, as well as the total number of unique registrations.

User Registrations

	2019	2020	2021	Total
Driver	198,172	1,403,013	129,992	1,731,177
Employer	43,247	154,292	23,402	220,941
C/TPA	4,584	9,473	1,134	15,191
MRO	1,640	1,149	46	2,835
SAP	1,192	1,845	122	3,159

Number of completed registrations through January 2021, as of 2/1/2021.

This chart reflects the number of Clearinghouse users who have registered as each role (users may register with multiple roles).

In many cases, more than one user account is associated with a single organization. For a summary of the number of organizations that registered in the Clearinghouse, see the table below.

Total Organizations Registered in the Clearinghouse
as of 2/1/2021

204,948
EMPLOYERS

79,917
AS OWNER-OPERATORS

114,008
LINKED TO FMCSA PORTAL ACCOUNT

10,636
C/TPAs

2,991
SAPs

1,665
MROs

QUERIES

Employers are required to conduct queries in the Clearinghouse when hiring a new commercial driver's license (CDL) holder and annually for all CDL drivers they currently employ.
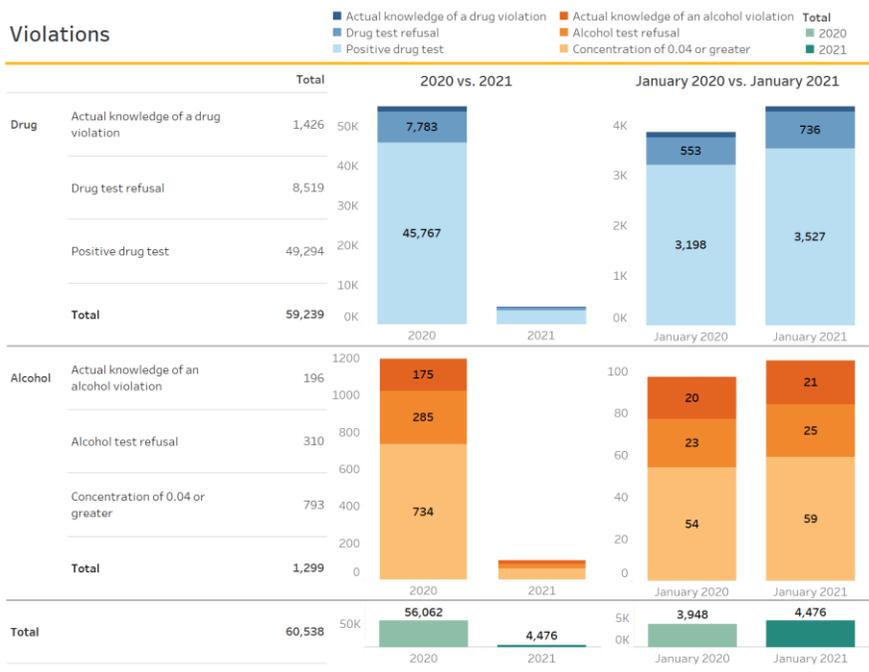
Queries Conducted

	Total
Limited	3,314,660
Full (Pre-Employment)	1,580,541
Full	173,516
Total	5,068,717

2020: 2,701,586 / 2021: 613,074
January 2020: 60,207 / January 2021: 613,074

2020: 1,429,842 / 2021: 150,699
January 2020: 106,872 / January 2021: 150,699

2020: 136,983 / 2021: 36,533
January 2020: 4,884 / January 2021: 36,533

2020: 4,268,411 / 2021: 800,306
January 2020: 171,963 / January 2021: 800,306

The graph illustrates the number of each type of query conducted by employers, or their designated service agents. The full query total includes limited queries that have been elevated to full.

Queries conducted through January 2021, as of 2/1/2021.

VIOLATIONS REPORTED TO CLEARINGHOUSE

Employers or their designated consortia/third-party administrators (C/TPA), and medical review officers (MROs) are required to report violations of the drug and alcohol program.

Violations

Legend:
- Actual knowledge of a drug violation
- Drug test refusal
- Positive drug test
- Actual knowledge of an alcohol violation
- Alcohol test refusal
- Concentration of 0.04 or greater
- Total 2020
- Total 2021

		Total
Drug	Actual knowledge of a drug violation	1,426
	Drug test refusal	8,519
	Positive drug test	49,294
	Total	59,239
Alcohol	Actual knowledge of an alcohol violation	196
	Alcohol test refusal	310
	Concentration of 0.04 or greater	793
	Total	1,299
Total		60,538

2020 vs. 2021 (Drug):
2020 — 7,783 / 45,767; 2021
January 2020 — 553 / 3,198; January 2021 — 736 / 3,527

2020 vs. 2021 (Alcohol):
2020 — 175 / 285 / 734; 2021
January 2020 — 20 / 23 / 54; January 2021 — 21 / 25 / 59

Total:
2020 — 56,062 / 2021 — 4,476
January 2020 — 3,948 / January 2021 — 4,476

The graph to the left illustrates the number of violations that have been reported to the Clearinghouse.

Violations reported or modified through January 2021, as of 2/1/2020.

VIOLATIONS REPORTED TO CLEARINGHOUSE CONTINUED

Drug and Alcohol Test Results By Test Type
as of 2/1/2021

TEST TYPE	DRUG	ALCOHOL	TOTAL
Total Violations	**59,233**	**1,297**	**60,530**
None (Actual Knowledge)	**1,426**	**196**	**1,622**
Follow Up	**1,285**	**42**	**1,327**
Refusal	169	6	
Positive	1,116	36	
Post-Accident	**2,356**	**113**	**2,469**
Refusal	288	44	
Positive	2,068	69	
Pre-Employment	**30,828**	**47**	**30,875**
Refusal	3,924	8	
Positive	26,904	39	
Random	**21,644**	**595**	**22,239**
Refusal	3,681	177	
Positive	17,963	418	
Reasonable Suspicion	**922**	**294**	**1,216**
Refusal	371	73	
Positive	551	221	
Return to Duty	**772**	**10**	**782**
Refusal	83	2	
Positive	689	8	

The table to the left notes the number of test results reported to the Clearinghouse, by type of test, for controlled substance (drug) tests, alcohol tests, and a combined total.

Note: This table does not include 8 violations (6 drug and 2 alcohol) for which a "reason for test" was not indicated during entry.

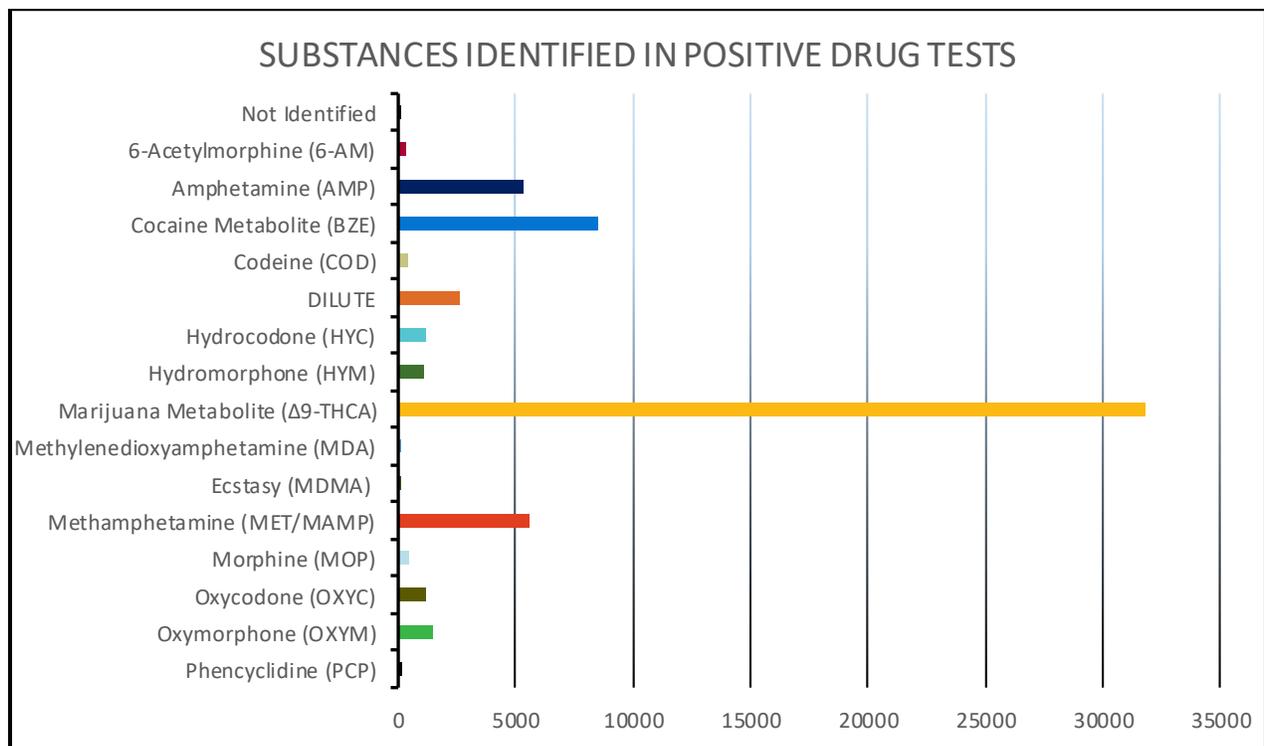## VIOLATIONS REPORTED TO CLEARINGHOUSE CONTINUED

Positive drug tests account for **81%** of the total violations reported.

See chart to the right and the graph below for a breakdown of the number of times a driver tested positive for each substance.

SUBSTANCES IDENTIFIED IN POSITIVE DRUG TESTS
as of 2/1/2021

Substance	# Tests Identified
Not Identified	43
6-Acetylmorphine (6-AM)	316
Amphetamine (AMP)	5,336
Cocaine Metabolite (BZE)	8,501
Codeine (COD)	407
DILUTE	2,610
Hydrocodone (HYC)	1,160
Hydromorphone (HYM)	1,073
Marijuana Metabolite (Δ9-THCA)	31,823
Methylenedioxyamphetamine (MDA)	32
Ecstasy (MDMA)	68
Methamphetamine (MET/MAMP)	5,579
Morphine (MOP)	461
Oxycodone (OXYC)	1,183
Oxymorphone (OXYM)	1,478
Phencyclidine (PCP)	148
All substances	60,218

Note: More than one substance can appear in a positive drug test

SUBSTANCES IDENTIFIED IN POSITIVE DRUG TESTS

Positive drug tests reported as of 2/1/2021

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RETURN-TO-DUTY PROCESSES

If a driver has a drug and alcohol program violation recorded in the Clearinghouse, the driver must be removed from safety-sensitive functions, including operating a commercial motor vehicle, until the return-to-duty (RTD) process is completed. Select milestones of a driver's RTD process are recorded in the Clearinghouse. The table below provides a snapshot of the number of drivers with an open or resolved RTD process in the Clearinghouse as of February 1, 2021.

Drivers in the Return-to-Duty (RTD) Process
as of 2/1/2021

RTD STATUS	# DRIVERS
All Drivers (with at least 1 violation)	55,901
Drivers in Prohibited Status	47,995
RTD Process Not Started	36,369
Substance Abuse Professional (SAP) Request Sent	440
SAP Designation Confirmed	1,065
SAP Request Declined	153
Initial SAP Assessment Complete	2,394
Determined Eligible for RTD Testing	7,574
Drivers in Not-Prohibited Status	7,906
RTD Test with Negative Results	7,906
Follow-Up Testing Plan Complete	0