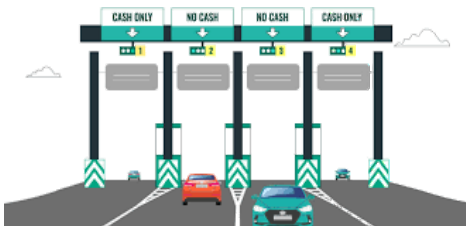


# Bus & Motorcoach Industry Fly-in

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## Toll Parity With Public Transit Buses

Congress enacted provisions in the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act in 2015 that 135 toll facilities within two covered programs must charge the same amounts for privately operated over-the-road buses as they do for public transit buses. If public transit buses are exempt from tolls, then private motorcoach providers must also be exempt. However, the provision has been interpreted to apply only to motorcoaches in scheduled service and not in charter service, a distinction not made in the statute; the parity is not extended to congestion pricing projects springing up around the country and there is no easy way for operators to determine what toll facilities are covered and what their policies are. The Bus Parity and Clarity Act will address these issues. **UMA URGES HOUSE MEMBERS TO COSPONSOR THE BIPARTISAN BUS PARITY AND CLARITY ACT (HR 2526) AND IS SEEKING SENATE SPONSORS FOR A SIMILAR BILL IN THE SENATE.**

## Preservation of Charter Service Protections

Since 1974, federal law prohibits public transit agencies from providing charter service in competition with private bus companies. Charter service is a specialized service outside of a public transit agency's scheduled service operations. Public transit agency buses and facilities are subsidized with federal tax dollars while private bus operations are not. Congress has chosen to continue this protection for over 50 years as an issue of fairness. Private companies cannot compete on a level playing field when transit systems receive federal dollars to fund 80% or more of the cost of a bus and associated facilities, while the private sector pays \$600,000 or more out of pocket for the cost of a new coach as well as taxes on their revenues. **UMA URGES CONGRESS TO CONTINUE SUPPORTING THIS WELL-ESTABLISHED PROTECTION IN LAW AND TO OPPOSE ANY EFFORTS TO WEAKEN THE CHARTER SERVICE PROTECTIONS.**

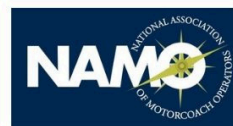


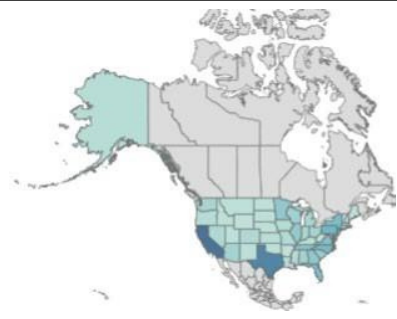
## Insurance (Financial Responsibility Limits)



The motorcoach industry is currently in an insurance crisis. Post COVID, the industry is one-half its size before the pandemic. While slowly recovering from the effects of the pandemic, outsized state court jury awards have caused insurance premiums to double, triple, or even more – if it is available at all! Motorcoaches operating in interstate travel are required by federal law to carry a minimum of \$5 million in liability insurance, significantly higher than most state requirements. No states require more than the Federal requirement. The current financial responsibility limit established by Congress is currently sufficient to cover over 99% of the claims. **UMA URGES CONGRESS TO AVOID INCREASING FEDERAL MINIMUM INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS.**

## PARTNERS SUPPORTING THE ANNUAL BUS & MOTORCOACH INDUSTRY FLY-IN:





SCOPE AND SIZE OF THE

# U.S. Motorcoach Industry

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
 FEDERAL MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY ADMINISTRATION  
 ANALYSIS & INFORMATION, REGISTRATION STATISTICS CUSTOM REPORTS

February 2026	1,399
December 2025	1,414
December 2024	1,510
December 2023	1,557
December 2022	1,538
December 2021	1,595
December 2019	2,976



1,399

# of Carriers



52,955

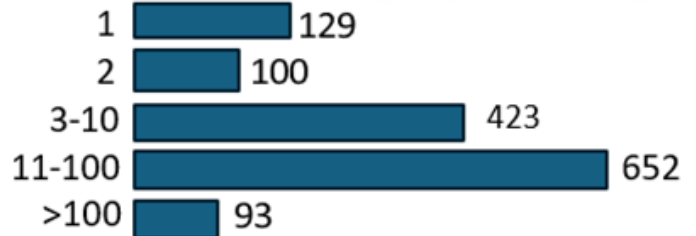
# of Drivers



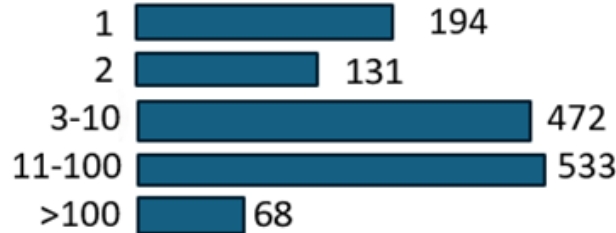
40,178

# of Vehicles

## # of Motorcoach Companies by Driver Size



## # of Motorcoach Companies by Fleet Size



The motorcoach industry provided jobs to **75,859** people in 2023.

On average, a motorcoach company provided **39** jobs or **1.6** jobs per motorcoach.

American Bus Association. 2025 Motorcoach Census. Retrieved from <https://www.buses.org/aba-foundation-research-summary/motorcoach-census-industry-size-and-scope-research/>

### ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY



**Clean machines!** Thanks to EPA regulations, diesel engines manufactured today are cleaner than ever before. (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency)

**Motorcoaches leave carbon in the dust!**  
 A couple traveling on a motorcoach will generate nearly 50 percent less global warming pollutants than they would driving a hybrid car.

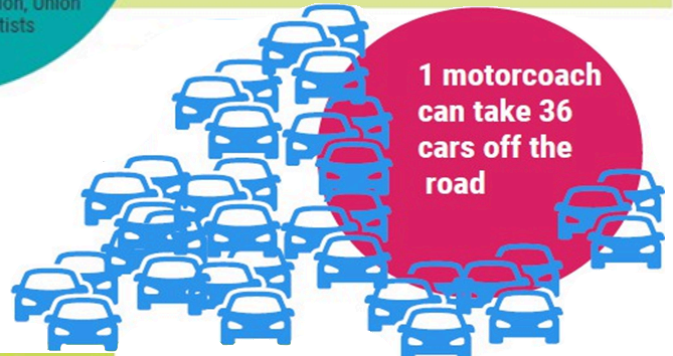
Getting There Greener: The Guide to Your Lower Carbon Vacation, Union of Concerned Scientists

### CLEAN AND EFFICIENT

Cleaner diesel fuel, advanced engines, and effective emissions control technology make up a new generation of diesel. (<https://www.dieselforum.org>)

### MOTORCOACHES REDUCE CONGESTION

One motorcoach carries an average of 36 people who may well choose to travel by personal automobile. If all travelers on motorcoaches chose personal autos instead of motorcoaches, the result could add more than 65 billion miles of personal auto travel on already congested roads.



**FUN FACT:** Motorcoach operators save travelers \$544 million annually by alleviating congestion on local roads, city streets, and major arteries by removing cars from travel lanes and adding productivity to the workforce.