

# BR Williams Trucking

## Safety Scorecard

Prepared for the Safety & Operations Team at BR Williams Trucking LLC

Data current as of January 30, 2026 | Source: FMCSA Safety Measurement System

### Key Finding

BR Williams' Unsafe Driving measure rose from 2.13 to 2.30 in the last month — a single-month jump driven by high-severity speeding violations. Vehicle Maintenance climbed from 2.96 to 3.08 over the same period. Both measures are trending in the wrong direction. Combined with a fatal crash on the 24-month record, the profile creates compounding risk: elevated measures attract FMCSA scrutiny AND drive insurance repricing simultaneously.

### Your CSA Scorecard

BASIC CATEGORY	MEASURE	TREND (MOM)	RISK LEVEL
Unsafe Driving	2.30	+8.0% (from 2.13)	ELEVATED
Vehicle Maintenance	3.08	+4.1% (from 2.96)	ELEVATED
HOS Compliance	0.23	Stable	Low
Driver Fitness	0.07	Stable	Low
Controlled Substances	0.00	Clean	None

Higher measure = worse. FMCSA uses these weighted violation scores to rank carriers against peers. Carriers above the 65th percentile in critical BASICs face investigation. Percentile rankings are not publicly displayed — measures are.

### What's Driving Your Scores

#### Unsafe Driving: 40 Violations Across 35 Inspections

The violations cluster around a single behavior: speeding.

VIOLATION CATEGORY	COUNT	SEVERITY (1-10)	IMPACT
Speeding 15+ mph over limit	3	10 (maximum)	Highest weight FMCSA assigns
Speeding 11-14 mph over	6	7	Second-tier, high cumulative
Speeding 6-10 mph over	7	4	Lower weight but high volume
Hand-held mobile phone	1	10 (maximum)	Same severity as 15+ mph
Failed to obey traffic device	5	5	Intersection/signal violations
Seatbelt non-use	1	7	Single instance, high severity

16 of 40 unsafe driving violations (40%) are speeding. Nine of those are in the 11+ mph tier where severity weights run 7–10. Speeding is the single largest contributor to your Unsafe Driving measure.

The one hand-held phone violation carries severity weight 10 — equal to speeding 15+ mph. Phone use is the fastest-escalating FMCSA enforcement priority.

#### Vehicle Maintenance: 58 Violations Across 46 Inspections

CATEGORY	VIOLATIONS	OUT-OF-SERVICE	OOS RATE
Tire underinflation/leaks	13	13	100%

Lighting defects	16	6	38%
ABS/brake system	10	2	20%
Missing inspection docs	5	0	0%

Every single tire violation resulted in an out-of-service order. Tires carry severity weight 8 out of 10. This one violation category — vehicles running on underinflated or leaking tires — is the largest single driver of your Vehicle Maintenance measure.

## Crash Record (24 Months)

TYPE	COUNT
Fatal	1
Injury	1
Towaway	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>

A fatal crash on the 24-month record amplifies every other risk factor. In Alabama, where a jury awarded \$160 million in a trucking crash case in 2024, the litigation environment makes every at-fault incident a potential catastrophic loss. Nationally, 135 trucking verdicts exceeded \$10 million in 2024 — totaling \$31.3 billion, a 52% increase over 2023, according to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

## Risk Assessment

**FMCSA Investigation Risk: Elevated.** Both critical BASIC measures are worsening month-over-month. FMCSA triggers carrier investigations when percentiles cross the 65th threshold. BR Williams' last compliance review was in 2010 — 16 years ago. A carrier with worsening measures, a fatal crash, and no recent compliance review fits the profile FMCSA's data-driven enforcement system is designed to flag.

**Insurance Repricing Risk: High.** Commercial auto liability premiums rose 9% in 2025, extending 14 consecutive years of underwriting losses for insurers. Carriers with elevated safety measures and crash history face steeper increases. Insurers now pull CSA data directly when pricing renewals — the same data in this scorecard is the data your underwriter is looking at.

**Shipper Qualification Risk: Moderate.** Institutional shippers and freight brokers increasingly use CSA data to qualify carriers. Elevated Unsafe Driving and Vehicle Maintenance measures can disqualify a carrier from freight contracts, particularly with shippers maintaining strict safety thresholds.

## Three Actions for This Quarter

**1. Target speeding violations.** Speeding accounts for 40% of your unsafe driving violations and carries the highest severity weights in the FMCSA system. Speed governors, real-time speed alerts, or in-cab coaching on speed-limit compliance would directly reduce the violations driving your Unsafe Driving measure. Focus on the 11+ mph tier first — those 9 violations carry severity weights of 7–10 and represent the majority of your score impact.

**2. Fix the tire problem.** 13 tire violations with a 100% out-of-service rate means pre-trip inspections are not catching underinflation and air leaks before vehicles leave the yard. Tire pressure monitoring systems or mandatory documented pre-trip tire checks can eliminate this entire violation category. Tires carry severity weight 8 — removing this cluster alone would meaningfully reduce your Vehicle Maintenance measure.

**3. Monitor your own data monthly.** Download your SMS data from the FMCSA DataHub after each monthly update. Track measure trends before FMCSA does. Your Unsafe Driving measure climbed 8% in one month — that kind of trajectory is exactly what triggers a compliance review, and catching it early gives you time to course-correct.

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