



November 6, 2020:

Below is a recap of key items impacting transportation today. It is a compilation of information from our team, carrier partners, customers, and industry sources.

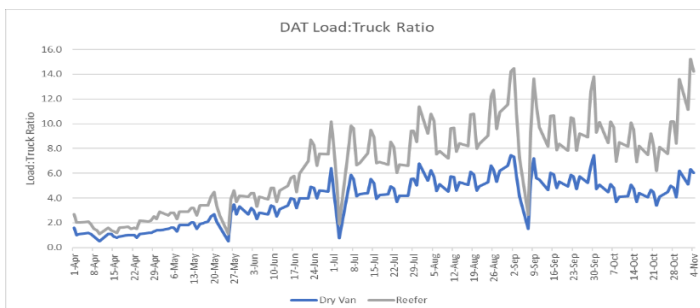
Regulatory/Governmental Updates:

- The US/Canada and US/Mexico border closures have been extended through November 21.
- The comment period for a pilot program proposed by FMCSA to allow 18-20 year olds to operate commercial vehicles in interstate commerce closes on November 9th. Currently 49 states and the District of Columbia allow 18-20 year olds to operate commercial vehicles in intrastate commerce.
- [13% of vehicles inspected](#) during Brake Safety Week (Aug 23-29) were placed out of service.

Market Updates

Bulk, LTL & Truckload (Van/Reefer/Flatbed):

- [Driver shortages](#) remain throughout the industry. As of August 1, approximately 26,000 drivers were disqualified via the new Drug & Alcohol Clearinghouse that went live in January. Of that pool, approximately 21,000 have not applied for reinstatement. Additionally, social distancing requirements have impacted the number of drivers that can progress through driving schools.
- During this week's election five states voted to legalize marijuana (AZ, MT, MS, NJ, SD). Potential increased legal use of recreational marijuana may adversely impact the driver pool due to the random drug testing requirements. Something to keep an eye on in the future.
- There has been some slight moderation in the DAT Load to Truck ratio for vans in October. August and September averaged about 5.5 loads per truck, October dropped to 4.5 loads per truck on average. The first week of November is off to a strong start at a 5.8 loads per truck average, however.



Source: DAT Solutions, LLC.

Considering a Tank Truck Outsource?:

The CLX whitepaper on outsourcing tank truck logistics is available [here](#).

