The Illinois Secretary of State (SoS) provides an annual count of Commercial Driver's Licenses (CDLs) issued during the calendar year to DCEO staff.   This report summarizes the data provided along with information on truck driver training funded by WIOA Title IB.

Key takeaways
- the number of active licenses issued by the Secretary of State (SoS) increased at the same rate as 2018 (1.1%, or approximately 4,900)

- 100% of the net increase is due to Class A CDLs, the category covering the heaviest trucks and tractor trailers, which increased by nearly 5,500 or 1.7%, while Class B and Class C licenses had reductions of 0.1% and 4.1%, respectively

Illinois Secretary of State Historical Counts of Commercial Drivers Licenses (CDLs): 2016-2019							
ACTIVE LICENSES BY CLASS						Updated:	2/3/2020
Class	**A-26,000+ lbs Combination of Vehicles**	**B-26,000+ lbs Single Vehicle or Towing another up to 10,000 lbs**	**C-16,001-26,000 lbs Single Vehicle**	**Total**	**Net Change**	**% Change**	
Oct. 2016	302,633	136,046	11,342	**450,021**	-	-	
Apr. 2017	303,470	135,729	11,217	**450,416**	395	0.1%	
Dec. 2017	306,517	135,890	10,905	**453,312**	2,896	0.6%	
Dec. 2018	312,312	135,478	10,453	**458,243**	4,931	1.1%	
Dec. 2019	317,777	135,323	10,025	**463,125**	4,882	1.1%	

A breakout of CDLs issued and renewed (see the table on p. 2) indicates:
- Over 400 new CDLs were issued to individuals that did not already have an Illinois driver license of any kind.

- Over 27,700 drivers already licensed in Illinois upgraded to a CDL or upgraded an existing CDL to a heavier weight class or added special endorsements, such as Hazardous Material transport.
  - SoS cannot break out how many of these are upgrades from a non-CDL
  - We can deduce the majority of upgrades were to a higher level CDL or to add an endorsement, otherwise the 27,700 upgrades would lead to more than the overall increase of 5,500 Class A CDLs.

- The number of straight CDL renewals, those that did not involve an upgrade, increased by nearly 1,200 or 1.7% over the number of renewals in 2018 and topped 70,000 for the first time since 2011.

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Illinois Secretary of State Historical Counts of Commercial Drivers Licenses (CDLs): 2010-2019															
Year	New CDLs Issued to Drivers w/out IL Driver License	Change	Percent Change	CDL Upgrades (Renewal) (1)	Change	Percent Change	CDL Upgrades (Non-Renewal) (2)	Change	Percent Change	Total New & Upgraded Licenses	Change	Percent Change	CDL Renewals	Change	Percent Change
2010	553			7,001			18,750			26,304			70,013		
2011	616	63	11.4%	NA			NA			NA			79,801	9,788	14.0%
2012	506	(110)	-17.9%	7,397			21,751			29,654			66,237	(13,564)	-17.0%
2013	615	109	21.5%	7,973	576	7.8%	20,963	(788)	-3.6%	29,551	(103)	-0.3%	67,486	1,249	1.9%
2014	661	46	7.5%	7,607	(366)	-4.6%	22,077	1,114	5.3%	30,345	794	2.7%	56,766	(10,720)	-15.9%
2015	580	(81)	-12.3%	7,249	(358)	-4.7%	22,271	194	0.9%	30,100	(245)	-0.8%	63,595	6,829	12.0%
2016	487	(93)	-16.0%	NA			NA			NA			61,693	(1,902)	-3.0%
2017	567	80	16.4%	6,741	(508)	-7.0%	20,755	(1,516)	-6.8%	28,063	(2,037)	-6.8%	69,812	8,119	13.2%
2018	521	(46)	-8.1%	6,440	(301)	-4.5%	21,681	926	4.5%	28,642	579	2.1%	69,925	113	0.2%
2019	432	(89)	-17.1%	6,777	337	5.2%	20,957	(724)	-3.3%	28,166	(476)	-1.7%	71,101	1,176	1.7%
(1) - Issued to drivers upgrading a non-CDL license or existing CDL to a higher level or additional endorsements within 1 year of the expiration date of their current license															
(2) - Issued to drivers upgrading a non-CDL license or existing CDL to a higher level or additional endorsements more than 1 year from the expiration date of their current license															

WIOA Truck Driver Training Activity				
PY July - June	**PY15**	**PY16**	**PY17**	**PY18**
Entered Training	1,445	1,243	869	899
Completed Training	1,382	1,035	741	597
Exiters Earned CDL	636	598	504	453
Exiters Entered Training Related Employment	606	563	375	397

Note – the WIOA Truck Driver Training Activity table indicates the number of WIOA-enrolled individuals in each of these activities at some point in the Program Year, and the data for "Completed Training" and beyond is comprised of participants that exited WIOA. The people counted in each category are not necessarily the same individuals.

Annual WIOA CDL Training Trends July 2015 - June 2019
Source: DCEO IWDS

WIOA enrollment in truck driver training and the number of trainees entering training-related employment edged up slightly in PY18, following a steady decline for both between PY15-PY17. This may signal the low point of enrollment decline attributed to the strength of the overall economy, where fewer workers view truck driving as an alternate career.

Other than the increase in Entering Employment, the most notable data trend from July 2015 to June 2019 is the significant narrowing of the gap between the number of WIOA participants that completed training and the number earning CDLs each year. The number of WIOA providers declined from 94 to 81 over this same period. It is possible this reduction removed some programs with lower success rates.

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Gap between the Number of Training Completers and Earning CDL Narrows