

## Review of Citations Issued to Overweight Vehicles in Kanawha County January-December 2001

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Citations Issued	293	
Citations Issued to Coal Trucks	207	70% of all trucks
Citations Issued to Other Trucks	88	30% of all trucks
Number of Overweight Trucks Assessed the Maximum Fine	106	
Number of Overweight Coal Trucks Assessed the Maximum Fine	50	24% of coal trucks
Number of Other Overweight Trucks Assessed the Maximum Fine	56	64% of other trucks
<b>(Coal trucks account for only 47% of the trucks assessed the maximum fine, but make up 70% of Citations.)</b>		
Number of Overweight Trucks Assessed a Reduced Fine	97	
Number of Overweight Coal Trucks Assessed a Reduced Fine	89	43% of coal trucks
<b>(75% of Coal Trucks received a fine reduction of 50% or more; 42% received a reduction of 75% or more)</b>		
Number of Other Overweight Trucks Assessed a Reduced Fine	8	9% of other trucks

**92% of all citations that received a reduced fine went to coal trucks, only 8% went to other trucks.**

Number of Reductions Given to Repeat Offenders	79	81% of reductions
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(One company received 16 reductions, one received 10, two others received 8 and another received 7.)

Number of Overweight Violations Dismissed	10	
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**100% of dismissals were given to coal trucks. Half were given to repeat offenders.**

Another 30 citations were issued and are in the system, but no fine has ever been assessed or paid and no warrant or other order has been issued. These account for 10% of all citations issued.

Another 10% never made it into the court system....

Total Revenue if Maximum Fine was Assessed	\$337,955	
Total Fines Assessed	\$154,784	46%

\* Data compiled from records of the WV Dept of Transportation and Kanawha Co. Magistrate Court