## Trucking & Freight... 2004 and Beyond

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 General Trucking/Freight Economics

Trends & Strategic Issues

Freight Planning 101

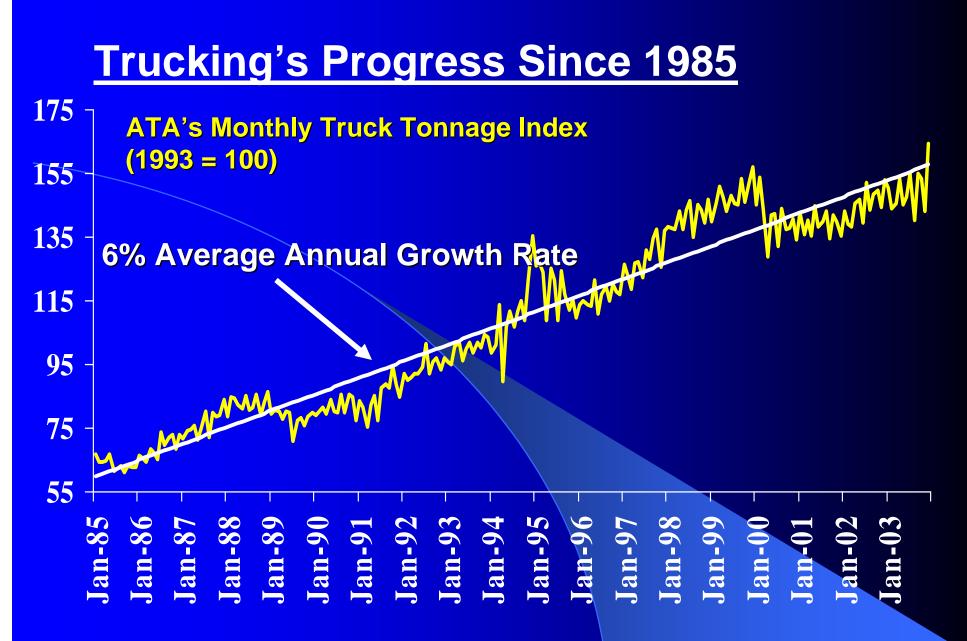


# Understanding the Economics...



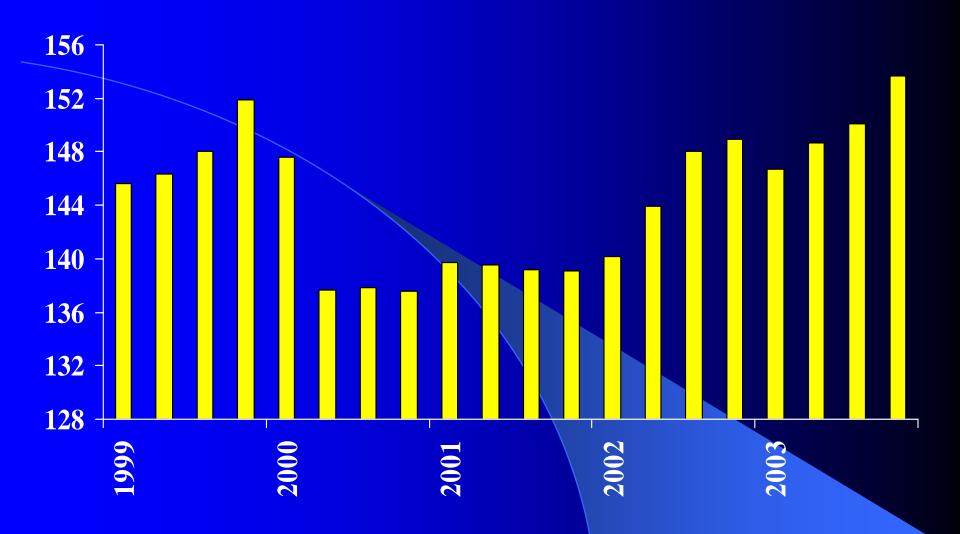


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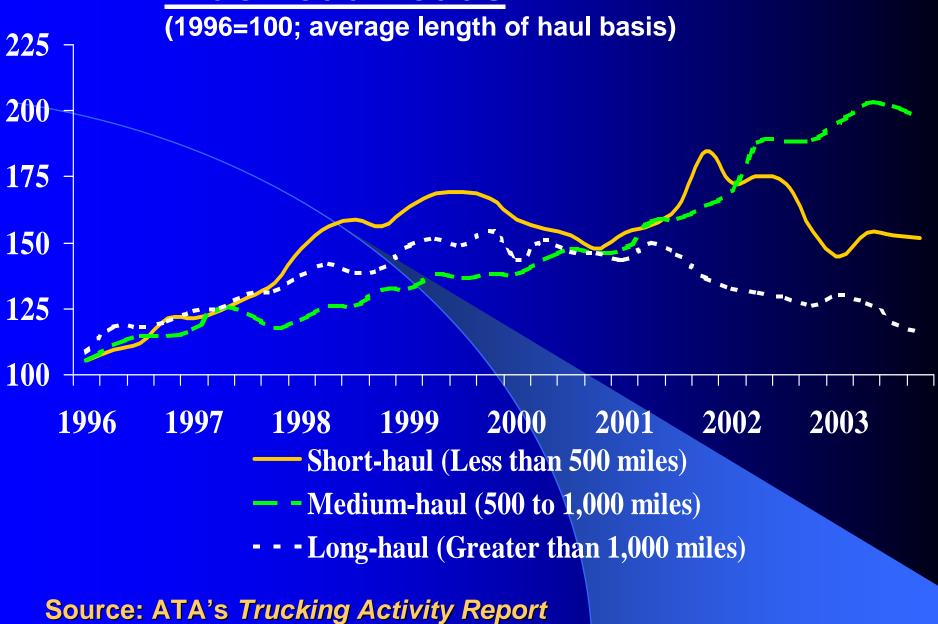
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#### ATA's Monthly Truck Tonnage Index 1993=100

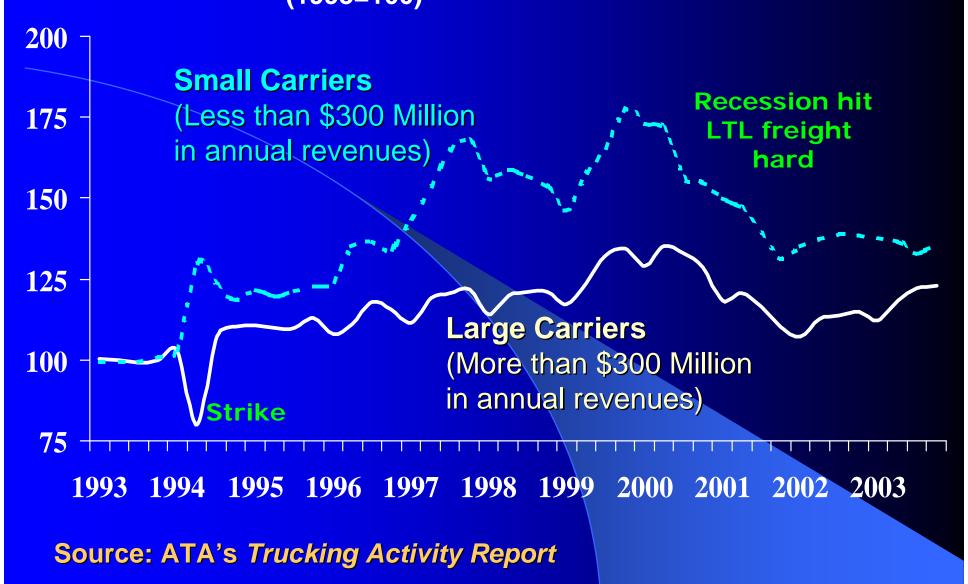


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#### **Truckload Loads**



#### LTL Volumes (1993=100)



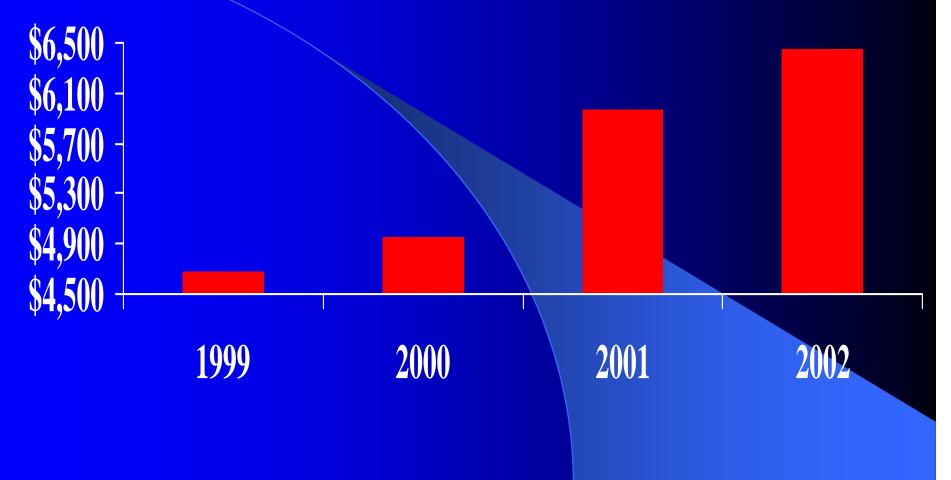
#### Higher Diesel Prices Lead To More Trucking Failures

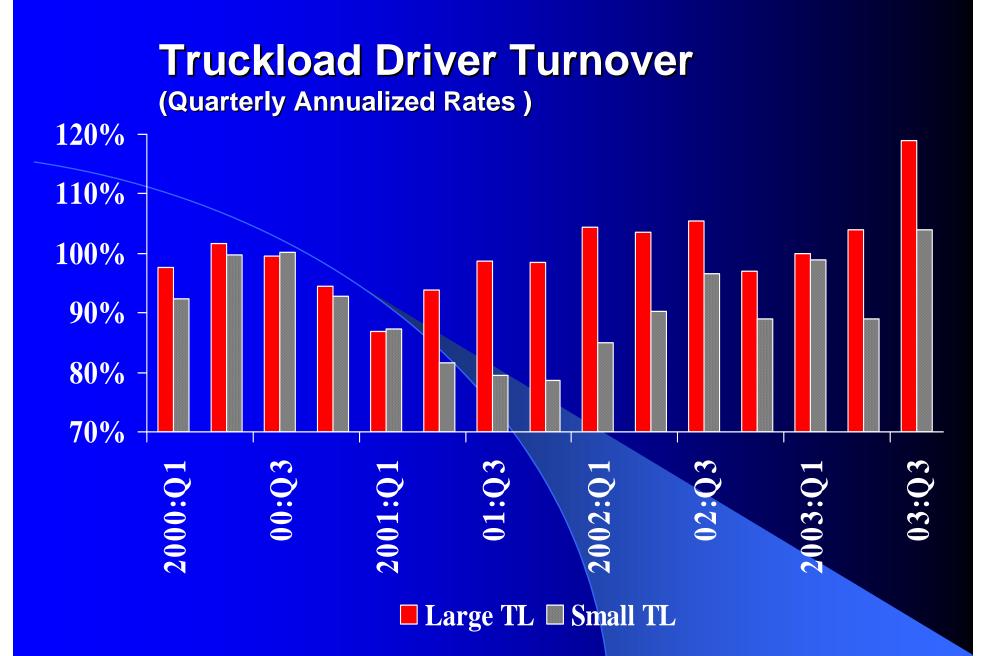


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#### **Insurance Cost per Truck**

Data based on publicly held truckload carriers which disclose this information.





## Trucking Trends & Strategic Issues



 Industry Snapshot: Freight Movement
 Total Tonnage Moved:

 2002 8.88 Billion Tons

 2008 10.1 Billion Tons

... A 13.7% increase in 6 years.

Trucks carry 67.9% of total domestic tonnage in the U.S.

U.S. Freight Transportation Forecast...To 2014

## Industry Snapshot: Revenue

Total Revenue:

2002 - \$585.3 Billion 2008 - \$745.0 Billion ... A 27.2% increase in 6 years.

 Trucking revenue represents 86.5% of all freight revenue

## Industry Snapshot: Firms, Employment & Equipment

• 610,000 Interstate for-Hire Carriers

• Total Employment:

- 10.1 million employees
- 3.2 million truck drivers (CDL)

2.6 Million Class 8 Trucks; 4.9 Million Trailers

## Strategic Issues

 Taxes and User Fees
 2003 Annual Taxes Paid on 5-Axle Semi: State- \$4,567
 Federal - \$6,139
 TOTAL - \$10,706

• New User Fees – SAFETEA & FAST Lanes

## **Strategic Issues**

#### Congestion

- Problematic but solutions may be worse
  - Tolls
  - Truck Bans
- Security Costs??
  - US Patriot Act
  - Truck Tracking
  - Port Systems

• Shipper-Carrier Relationships

# Freight Planning 101



## MPO Planning Opportunities

MPO Representation
 Mirrors Transit Representation
 Reflects HTF Contributions
 Mode-Neutral

#### Policy Plans

 Should be freight-friendly and economically rational

## **MPO Planning Opportunities**

#### • TIP

- Should be identified & developed by industry process
- UPWP
  - Don't Rationalize Freight Projects
- STIP

Must be (and usually is) integrated & seamless with corridors/borders

## **QUESTIONS?**

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