



WEIGH STATIONS

Weigh stations are an important part of Minnesota's truck size and weight enforcement efforts. They play a key role in protecting the state's roadway infrastructure and protecting motorists from unsafe vehicles and unqualified drivers.



Weigh stations are a partnership between MnDOT and the Minnesota State Patrol. MnDOT owns and maintains the facilities. The State Patrol's Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division operates them.

In addition to weighing operations, State Patrol also conducts commercial vehicle safety inspections and driver qualification checks at weigh stations.



Cost benefits of weigh stations:

- Less road and bridge repair work needed
- Save taxpayer money on road and bridge maintenance and repair
- Reduce crashes. In 2014, there were 5,023 truck-involved crashes, a 6% increase from 2013. Most of the crashes happened on interstate highways

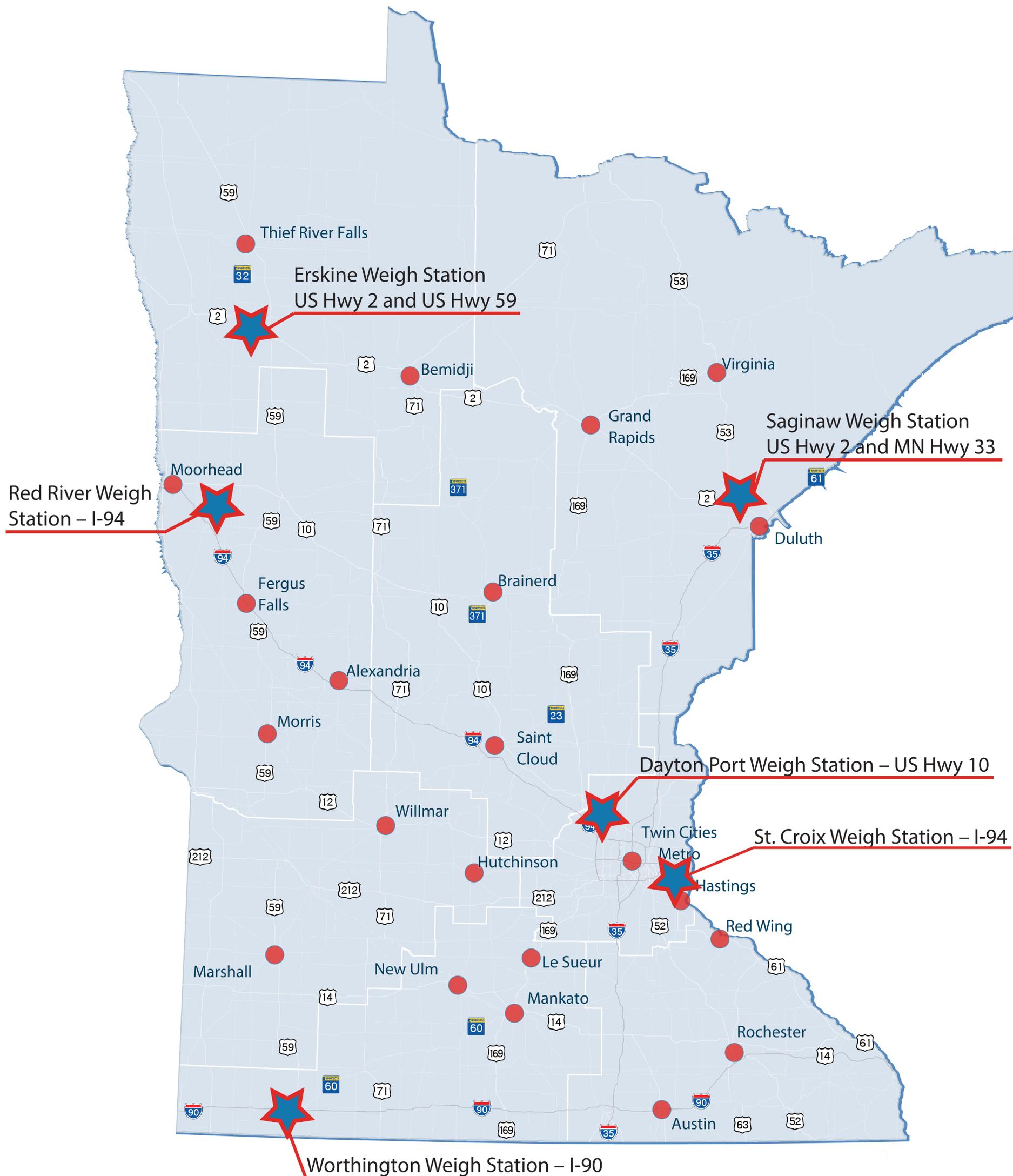
Why weigh stations are important:

- 2.74 billion commercial vehicle miles traveled in 2014 in Minnesota
- Minnesota is ranked 38th nationally for pavement condition
- By 2040, Minnesota is projected to have one million new residents, increasing the demand on our infrastructure
- Minnesota truck freight is projected to increase 30 percent by 2030



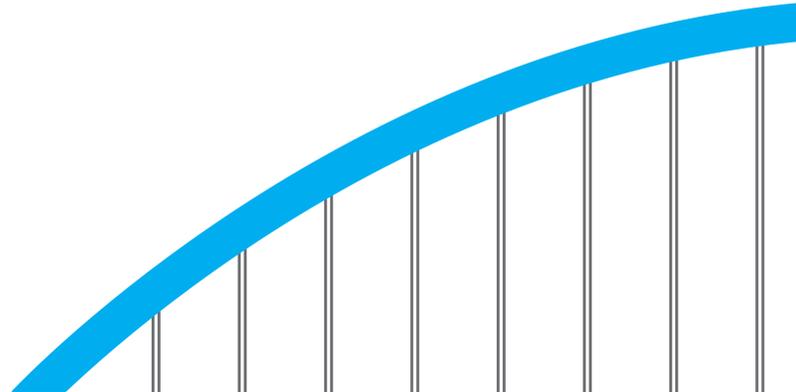
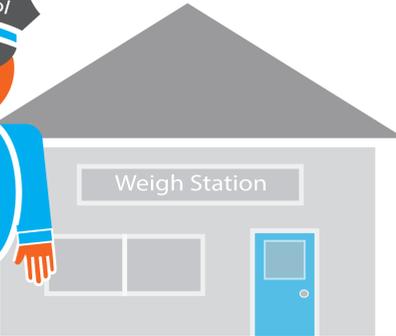
WEIGH STATION SITES

MnDOT owns and maintains 6 weigh stations in the state: 3 on interstates and 3 on trunk highways. In 2016, there were 1,189,473 vehicles weighed at these 6 facilities.

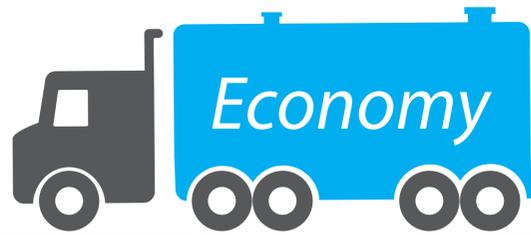




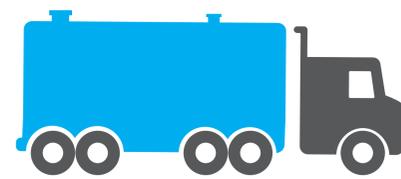
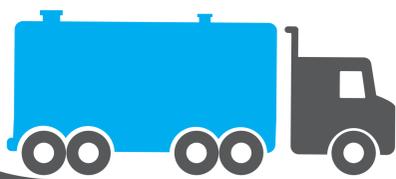
WHY WEIGH STATIONS MATTER



Weigh stations protect roads and bridges from illegally overweight vehicles.



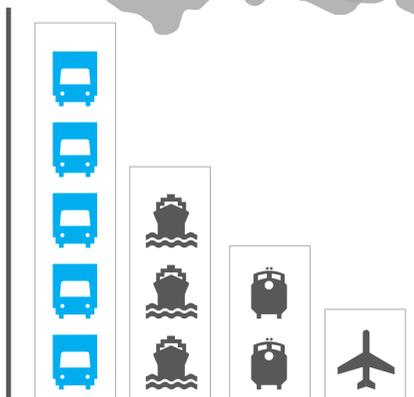
Good roads help our economy move - trucks bring us our goods and services.



Roads and bridges deteriorate faster when weight restrictions are not followed.



Trucks are the most commonly used mode to move freight.



Minnesota has the 5th largest state highway transportation system in the U.S.