

# Kentucky

## TRUCKING FAST FACTS

### TRUCKING DRIVES THE ECONOMY

#### CAREERS

**109,290**

Trucking industry jobs  
in Kentucky (2018)



That's **1 in 15** jobs in the state

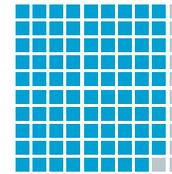


#### SMALL BUSINESS EMPHASIS



Trucking companies located in  
**Kentucky (2019)**. Primarily small,  
locally owned businesses, these  
companies are served by a wide range  
of supporting businesses.

#### TRANSPORTING THE ESSENTIALS



**89.2%**

of Kentucky communities  
depend exclusively on  
trucks to move their  
goods.



Percent of manufactured  
tonnage transported by  
trucks in the state.  
**That's 158,110 tons  
per day. (2012)**

#### COMPETITIVE WAGES

- Total trucking industry wages paid in Kentucky in 2018 exceeded **\$5.1 billion**, with an average annual trucking industry salary of **\$46,999**.
- Heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers held **24,850** jobs with an average annual salary of **\$45,550** (U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2018).

### SAFETY MATTERS

#### SAFETY FIRST

Kentucky Trucking Association members put safety first through:

- ✓ Improved driver training
- ✓ Investment in advanced safety technologies
- ✓ Active participation in industry safety initiatives at the local, state and national levels

#### CONTINUALLY IMPROVING

2017 fatal crash rate per  
100 million Vehicle Miles  
Traveled (VMT):



**69%** The amount by which the U.S.  
large truck fatal crash rate has  
dropped between 1975 and 2017.

#### COMMITMENT TO SHARING THE ROAD



The Share the Road program sends a team of professional truck drivers to communities around the country to teach car drivers about truck blind spots, stopping distances and how to merge safely around large trucks, all designed to reduce the number of car-truck accidents.

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#### THE INDUSTRY

**\$670 million**

Amount the trucking industry in Kentucky paid approximately in federal and state roadway taxes (2018).

The industry paid **43%** of all taxes owed by Kentucky motorists ...



... despite trucks representing only **12%** of vehicle miles traveled in the state.



#### INDIVIDUAL COMPANIES

As of January 2020, a typical five-axle tractor-semitrailer combination paid:

**\$10,276** + **\$8,906**  
state highway user fees and taxes federal highway user fees and taxes

These taxes were over and above the typical taxes paid by businesses in Kentucky.



#### ROADWAY USE

Miles of public roads in Kentucky (2018) **80,180**

Miles driven on public roads:

**All Motorists: 49.5 billion**



**Trucks: 6.1 billion**

### TRUCKS DELIVER A CLEANER TOMORROW

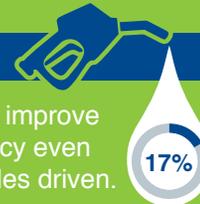
#### EMISSIONS

- ✓ **43%** of U.S. commercial trucks are now powered by the newest-generation, near-zero emissions diesel technology.
- ✓ Medium- and heavy-duty trucks contribute just **23%** of all transportation-related greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in the U.S. and represent only **6%** of total U.S. GHG emissions.

#### FUEL CONSUMPTION

The trucking industry continues to improve energy and environmental efficiency even while increasing the number of miles driven. In 2018:

- Combination trucks accounted for just **17%** of the total highway transportation fuel consumed
- Combination trucks consumed nearly **100 billion** fewer gallons of fuel than passenger vehicles in the U.S.



#### PARTNERSHIPS

Through the **U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) SmartWay Transport Partnership**, the Kentucky Trucking Association alongside the trucking industry, is working with government and businesses to quantify greenhouse gas emissions and take steps to reduce them.

