TRUCKING DRIVES THE ECONOMY

CAREERS

38,150
Trucking industry jobs in West Virginia (2018)

That’s 1 in 15 jobs in the state

SMALL BUSINESS EMPHASIS

5,170
Trucking companies located in West Virginia (2019). Primarily small, locally owned businesses, these companies are served by a wide range of supporting businesses.

TRANSPORTING THE ESSENTIALS

83.8% of West Virginia communities depend exclusively on trucks to move their goods.

Percent of manufactured tonnage transported by trucks in the state. That’s 43,000 tons per day. (2012)

COMPETITIVE WAGES

• Total trucking industry wages paid in West Virginia in 2018 exceeded $1.7 billion, with an average annual trucking industry salary of $45,021.

• Heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers held 12,110 jobs with an average annual salary of $39,520 (U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2018).

SAFETY MATTERS

SAFETY FIRST

West Virginia 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):

WV 1.79
USA 1.42

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.

West Virginia
TRUCKING FAST FACTS

Updated April 2020 with most recent data available.

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THE INDUSTRY

$393 million

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

INDIVIDUAL COMPANIES

The industry paid 48% of all taxes owed by West Virginia motorists …

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

$8,947 state highway user fees and taxes

$8,906 federal highway user fees and taxes

… despite trucks representing only 13% of vehicle miles traveled in the state.

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

ROADWAY USE

Miles of public roads in West Virginia (2018). 38,850

Miles driven on public roads:

All Motorists: 19.4 billion

Trucks: 2.5 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 trucking industry is working with government and businesses to quantify greenhouse gas emissions and take steps to reduce them.