



Consequences of Driver Detention: Driver Survey

The American Transportation Research Institute (ATRI), the trucking industry's not-for-profit research organization, is studying the various impacts that truck driver detention has on supply chains. ATRI's Research Advisory Committee (RAC), which includes truck driver organizations, identified this issue as a top industry priority in 2023.

This survey asks drivers to provide input on their experience with several different components of driver detention. Responses will be incorporated into research that identifies solutions for managing and reducing truck driver detention. All responses will be kept completely **confidential**.

You can also complete the survey online here - <https://www.research.net/r/Driver-Detention-Survey>

Demographics

1. What is your gender?

- Woman
- Man
- Non-binary
- Prefer not to answer

2. What is your age?

3. How many years of professional driving experience do you have?

4. What is your employment status?

- (check one)
- Employee Driver
 - Owner-Operator with own authority
 - Owner-Operator/Independent Contractor leased to motor carrier

5. In which sector of the trucking industry do you operate? (check one)

- For-hire
- Private
- Don't know

6. If you operate in the for-hire sector, what is your primary type of business? (check one)

- Truckload
- Less-than-truckload
- Specialized
- Other (please specify): _____

7. What is the primary vehicle configuration that you typically drive? (check one)

- 5-axle Dry Van
- 5-axle Refrigerated Trailer
- 5-axle Flatbed
- 5-axle Tanker/HazMat
- 5-axle Bulk/Food
- Straight Truck
- Longer Combination Vehicles (Doubles, Triples, etc.)
- Other (please specify): _____

8. How many power units are operated by your fleet? (check one)

- Less than 5
- 6-15
- 16-50
- 51-250
- 251-500
- 501-1000
- 1,000+
- Don't know

9. What is your average length of haul? (check one)

- Local (less than 100 miles per trip)
- Regional (100-499 miles per trip)
- Inter-regional (500-999 miles per trip)
- Long-Haul (1,000+ miles per trip)

10. How are you primarily paid? (check one)

- Per hour
- Percentage of freight bill
- Per load
- Per mile
- Other (please specify): _____

Detention

11. Please estimate what percent of your stops had the following delay times in 2023. Do not include scheduled breaks or early arrival. (total must sum to 100%)

Delay Time	% (should total 100%)
0-30 Minutes	
30-60 Minutes	%
1-2 Hours	%
2-3 Hours	%
3-4 Hours	%
4-6 Hours	%
6+ Hours	%
Total =	100%

12. How many stops per week did you make at customer facilities (shippers + receivers) in 2023 on average?

13. Does the company you drive for provide driver detention pay for excessive delays?

- Yes
 No

14. If yes, how much time must pass after the scheduled arrival before detention pay starts?

_____ hours

15. What is the detention pay rate? *If you receive different rates based on load source or type, please estimate the average hourly rate (USD).*

USD _____ per hour

16. If you are a solo driver, in 2023, how many times did you run out of available on-duty hours unexpectedly *while at a shipping or receiving facility* as a result of being detained at a customer's facility? *If this did not happen to you, write "0."*

17. If you are a solo driver, in 2023, how many times were you late to or had to cancel your next scheduled pick-up or delivery as a result of being detained at a customer's facility? *If this did not happen to you, write "0."*

18. What percent of customer facilities that you visited in 2023 allow you to park in the facility while waiting to load/unload?

_____ %

19. What percent of customer facilities that you visited in 2023 allow you to use the bathroom?

_____ %

20. What percent of customer facilities that you visited in 2023 have a truck driver lounge or waiting area?

_____ %

21. Have you left a previous job as a driver due to excessive or undercompensated detention time?

- Yes
 No

22. How frequent would detention – delays of more than two hours – need to become for you to change jobs?

_____ % of stops

Thank you! We greatly appreciate your participation.

OPTIONAL: If you would like a copy of the final study, please provide the following:

Name: _____

Email Address: _____