

Texas

TRUCKING FAST FACTS



TRUCKING DRIVES THE ECONOMY



CAREERS

864,020

Trucking industry jobs in Texas

1 in 14
jobs in
the state

SMALL BUSINESS EMPHASIS

165,250

Trucking companies located in Texas

Primarily small, locally owned businesses, these companies are served by a wide range of supporting businesses.

COMPETITIVE WAGES

In 2024, trucking industry wages paid in Texas averaged **\$58,267**, and exceeded **\$50.3 billion** in total.

Heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers held **212,700** jobs in Texas in 2024. The national average annual salary of an over-the-road truck driver is **\$75,144**.

TRANSPORTING THE ESSENTIALS



% of manufactured tonnage transported by trucks in Texas.

That's 2,209,080 tons per day



% of communities in the state depend exclusively on trucks to move their goods.



SAFETY MATTERS

SAFETY FIRST

Texas Trucking Association members put safety first through:

- ✓ Improved driver training
- ✓ Investment in advanced safety technologies
- ✓ Active participation in industry safety initiatives

ATRI research shows the success of their efforts. Members of State Trucking Associations are involved in fewer crashes and receive fewer violations at roadside inspections than their industry peers. **Crashes per 100 Million Miles by STA Membership Status:**

CURRENT MEMBERS	95.10 ★
FORMER MEMBERS	121.21
NEVER MEMBERS	146.33

CONTINUALLY IMPROVING

2023 U.S. fatal crash rate: 1.48
per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)

Between 2019 and 2023, the large truck fatal crash rate in Texas has dropped **13%**.



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DELIVERING A CLEANER TOMORROW

EMISSIONS



of Texas commercial trucks 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.

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THE INDUSTRY

The trucking industry in Texas paid approximately

\$4.0 billion
in federal and state roadway taxes

The industry paid **41%** of all taxes owed by Texas motorists ...



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



INDIVIDUAL COMPANIES

As of January 2026, a typical five-axle tractor-semitrailer combination paid highway user fees and taxes of ...

STATE → **\$4,040**
FEDERAL → **\$11,351**

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

ROADWAY USE

322,113
Miles of public roads in Texas

Miles driven on public roads:

All Motorists: **300.3 billion**

Trucks: **36.5 billion**



Traffic congestion in Texas cost the trucking industry **\$9.2 billion** in 2024.

EDUCATING OUR POLICY-MAKERS



TOP 10

ISSUES FACING TEXAS'S TRUCKING INDUSTRY

- 1 Lawsuit Abuse Reform
- 2 Compliance, Safety, Accountability (CSA)
- 3 Insurance Cost / Availability
- 4 Driver Distraction
- 5 Economy
- 6 Driver Shortage
- 7 Diesel Emissions Regulations
- 8 Driver Retention
- 9 English Language Proficiency (ELP) for Drivers
- 10 Driver Training Standards



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