Massachusetts
TRUCKING FAST FACTS

TRUCKING DRIVES THE ECONOMY

CAREERS

129,360
Trucking industry jobs in Massachusetts (2018)

That’s 1 in 24 jobs in the state

SMALL BUSINESS EMPHASIS

16,590
Trucking companies located in Massachusetts (2019).
Primarily small, locally owned businesses, these
companies are served by a wide range of supporting businesses.

TRANSPORTING THE ESSENTIALS

86.9%
Percent of manufactured tonnage transported by
trucks in the state.
That’s 234,660 tons per day. (2012)

COMPARATIVE WAGES

• Total trucking industry wages paid in Massachusetts
in 2018 exceeded $7.2 billion, with an average
annual trucking industry salary of $55,508.
• Heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers held 27,650
jobs with an average annual salary of $50,310

SAFETY MATTERS

SAFETY FIRST

Trucking Association of Massachusetts members put safety first through:

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

CONTINUALLY IMPROVING

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

MA 0.87
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 crashes.

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**TRUCKING PAYS THE FREIGHT**

**THE INDUSTRY**

$394 million

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

**INDIVIDUAL COMPANIES**

The industry paid 27% of all taxes owed by Massachusetts motorists...

...despite trucks representing only 6% of vehicle miles traveled in the state.

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

$5,760 state highway user fees and taxes

$8,906 federal highway user fees and taxes

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

**ROADWAY USE**

Miles of public roads in Massachusetts (2018): 36,763

Miles driven on public roads:

All Motorists: 66.8 billion

Trucks: 3.7 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.

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