TRUCKING DRIVES THE ECONOMY

CAREERS

123,370
Trucking industry jobs in Massachusetts
1 in 24 jobs in the state
(2020)

SMALL BUSINESS EMPHASIS

31,870
Trucking companies located in Massachusetts. Primarily small, locally owned businesses, these companies are served by a wide range of supporting businesses.
(2021)

COMPETITIVE WAGES

Total trucking industry wages paid in Massachusetts in 2020 exceeded $7.2 billion, with an average annual trucking industry salary of $58,494.

Heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers held 25,900 jobs with an average annual salary of $52,750.

TRANSPORTING THE ESSENTIALS

Percent of manufactured tonnage transported by trucks in Massachusetts. 256,770 tons per day
(2017)

95.0%

86.9% of Massachusetts communities depend exclusively on trucks to move their goods.

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 at the local, state and national levels

CONTINUALLY IMPROVING
2019 U.S. fatal crash rate per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT):
Massachusetts: 0.90  USA: 1.49

Between 1975 and 2019, the U.S. large truck fatal crash rate has dropped 67.5%

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

The trucking industry in Massachusetts paid approximately

$352 million

in federal and state roadway taxes (2020)

The industry paid 29% of all taxes owed by Massachusetts motorists ...

... despite trucks representing only 11% of vehicle miles traveled in the state.

INDIVIDUAL COMPANIES

As of January 2022, a typical five-axle tractor-semitrailer combination paid:

$5,760 state highway user fees and taxes

$8,906 federal highway use 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 (2020)

36,815

Miles driven on public roads:

All Motorists: 54.1 billion

Trucks: 6.2 billion

DEVELOPING A CLEANER TOMORROW

EMISSIONS

✓ 49% of U.S. commercial trucks are now powered by the newest-generation, near-zero emissions diesel technology.

✓ Medium- and heavy-duty trucks contribute just 24.5% of all transportation-related greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in the U.S. and represent only 7% 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 2020:

Combination trucks accounted for just 18% of the total highway transportation fuel consumed.

Combination trucks consumed nearly 113 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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