

Tennessee

TRUCKING FAST FACTS



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TRUCKING DRIVES THE ECONOMY



CAREERS

249,000 Trucking industry jobs in Tennessee **1 in 11 jobs** in the state



SMALL BUSINESS EMPHASIS

22,070 Trucking companies located in Tennessee

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



COMPETITIVE WAGES

Total trucking industry wages paid in Tennessee in 2022 exceeded **\$13.1 billion**, with an average annual trucking industry salary of **\$52,802**.

Heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers held **61,070** jobs in Tennessee in 2022. The national average annual salary of an over-the-road truck driver is **\$69,387**.



TRANSPORTING THE ESSENTIALS

93.8% of manufactured tonnage transported by trucks in Tennessee. **286,050 tons per day**

90.5% of communities in the state depend exclusively on trucks to move their goods.

SAFETY MATTERS



SAFETY FIRST

Tennessee 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

2021 U.S. fatal crash rate: Tennessee: 2.01 / USA: 1.57 per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)

Between 1975 and 2021, the U.S. large truck fatal crash rate has dropped **65.7%**



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.

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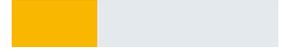


THE INDUSTRY

The trucking industry in Tennessee paid approximately

> **\$740 million** in federal and state roadway taxes

The industry paid **32%** of all taxes owed by Tennessee motorists ...



... despite trucks representing only **10%** of vehicle miles traveled in the state.



INDIVIDUAL COMPANIES

As of January 2024, a typical five-axle tractor-semitrailer combination paid highway user fees and taxes of ...

STATE

\$5,706

FEDERAL

\$10,556

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



ROADWAY USE

96,319

Miles of public roads in Tennessee

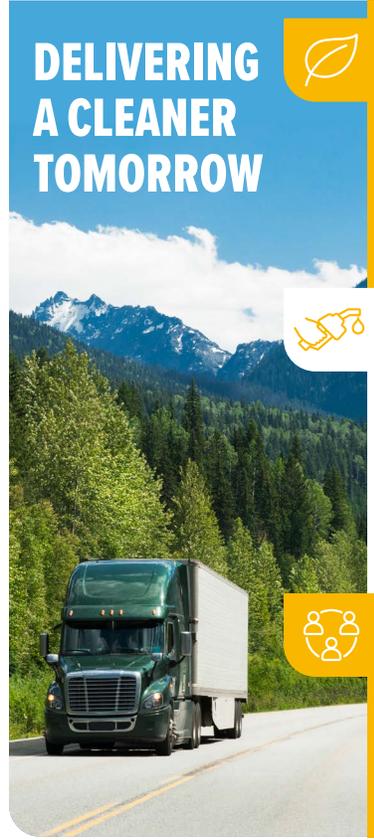
Miles driven on public roads:

All Motorists: **82.6 billion**

Trucks: **8.2 billion**



Traffic congestion in Tennessee cost the trucking industry **\$3.2 billion** in 2021.



DELIVERING A CLEANER TOMORROW



EMISSIONS

57% of Tennessee 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 **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 2021:

- ✓ Combination trucks accounted for just **17%** 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.



The following data sources were utilized for the Fast Facts: United States Bureau of Labor Statistics (2022); Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration: Analysis & Information (2023); American Trucking Associations Driver Compensation Study (2022); Commodity Flow Survey Public Use Microdataset (2017); American Transportation Research Institute: Membership Counts - Associations with Safety (2023); Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration: Large Truck and Bus Crash Facts (2021); Federal Highway Administration: Highway Statistics Series (2021); Energy Information Administration: Fuel Taxes (2024); International Fuel Tax Association: Fuel Tax Rates (Q1 2024); International Registration Plan, Inc.: Jurisdiction Data (2024); American Transportation Research Institute: Cost of Congestion to the Trucking Industry (2023); Diesel Technology Forum Clean Diesel Powers in Your State (2022); Environmental Protection Agency Fast Facts on Transportation Greenhouse Gas Emissions (2021).