



Louisiana

TRUCKING FAST FACTS



TRUCKING DRIVES THE ECONOMY



CAREERS

93,750

Trucking industry jobs in Louisiana

1 in 17
jobs in
the state

SMALL BUSINESS EMPHASIS

10,540

Trucking companies located in Louisiana

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 Louisiana averaged **\$56,539**, and exceeded **\$5.3 billion** in total.

Heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers held **26,260** jobs in Louisiana 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 Louisiana.

That's 170,450 tons per day



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



SAFETY MATTERS

SAFETY FIRST

Louisiana Motor Transport 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:

USA: 1.48 • Louisiana: 1.42

per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)

Between 1975 and 2023, the U.S. large truck fatal crash rate has dropped **67.6%**



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DELIVERING A CLEANER TOMORROW

EMISSIONS



of Louisiana 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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TRUCKING PAYS THE FREIGHT

THE INDUSTRY

The trucking industry in Louisiana paid approximately

\$512 million

in federal and state roadway taxes

The industry paid **38%** of all taxes owed by Louisiana motorists ...

... despite trucks representing only **14%** 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

\$3,704

FEDERAL

\$11,351

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

ROADWAY USE

66,292

Miles of public roads in Louisiana

Miles driven on public roads:

All Motorists: **55.6 billion**

Trucks: **7.6 billion**



Traffic congestion in Louisiana cost the trucking industry **\$3.7 billion** in 2024.

EDUCATING OUR POLICY-MAKERS



TOP 10

ISSUES FACING LOUISIANA'S TRUCKING INDUSTRY

- 1 Lawsuit Abuse Reform
- 2 Insurance Cost / Availability
- 3 Economy
- 4 Driver Distraction
- 5 Driver Shortage
- 6 Compliance, Safety, Accountability (CSA)
- 7 Transportation Infrastructure / Congestion / Funding
- 8 Driver Training Standards
- 9 Diesel Emissions Regulations
- 10 Truck Parking



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