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TRUCKING FAST FACTS

TRUCKING DRIVES THE ECONOMY

CAREERS

89,730 Trucking industry jobs in Louisiana

1 in 18 jobs in the state

SMALL BUSINESS EMPHASIS

10,910 Trucking companies located in Louisiana

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

COMPETITIVE WAGES

Total trucking industry wages paid in Louisiana in 2023 exceeded **$4.9 billion**, with an average annual trucking industry salary of **$55,067**.

Heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers held **24,450** jobs in Louisiana in 2023. The national average annual salary of an over-the-road truck driver is **$75,144**.

TRANSPORTING THE ESSENTIALS

62.6% of manufactured tonnage transported by trucks in Louisiana.

170,450 tons per day

78.2% 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

2022 U.S. fatal crash rate: USA: 1.59 / Louisiana: 1.44

per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)

Between 1975 and 2022, the U.S. large truck fatal crash rate has dropped **65.3%**

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 Louisiana paid approximately **$470 million** in federal and state roadway taxes

The industry paid **35%** of all taxes owed by Louisiana motorists ...

... despite trucks representing only **13%** of vehicle miles traveled in the state.

INDIVIDUAL COMPANIES

As of January 2025, a typical five-axle tractor-semitrailer combination paid highway user fees and taxes of ...

STATE **$3,704**

FEDERAL **$10,556**

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

ROADWAY USE

65,955

Miles of public roads in Louisiana

Miles driven on public roads:

All Motorists: **56.5 billion**

Trucks: **7.4 billion**

Traffic congestion in Louisiana cost the trucking industry **$3.7 billion** in 2022.

EDUCATING OUR POLICY-MAKERS

TOP 10

ISSUES FACING LOUSIANA'S TRUCKING INDUSTRY

1	Insurance Cost / Availability
2	Lawsuit Abuse Reform
3	Economy
4	Driver Shortage
5	Fuel Prices
6	Driver Distraction
7	Compliance, Safety, and Accountability (CSA)
8	Driver Training Standards
9	Transportation Infrastructure/Congestion/Funding
10	Autonomous Trucks

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