

North Carolina



TRUCKING FAST FACTS



TRUCKING DRIVES THE ECONOMY



COMPETITIVE WAGES

In 2024, trucking industry wages paid in North Carolina averaged **\$57,509**, and exceeded **\$15.6 billion** in total.

Heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers held **64,610** jobs in North Carolina in 2024. The national average annual salary of an over-the-road truck driver is **\$75,144**.

TRANSPORTING THE ESSENTIALS



SAFETY MATTERS

SAFETY FIRST

North Carolina 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

2023 U.S. fatal crash rate:

USA: 1.48 • **North Carolina: 1.96**
per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)

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



DELIVERING A CLEANER TOMORROW

EMISSIONS



of North Carolina 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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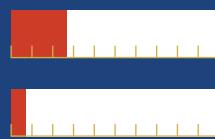
THE INDUSTRY

The trucking industry in North Carolina paid approximately

\$1.0 billion
in federal and state roadway taxes

The industry paid **27%** of all taxes owed by North Carolina motorists ...

... despite trucks representing only **7%** 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 **\$8,653**
FEDERAL **\$11,351**

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

ROADWAY USE

108,588

Miles of public roads in North Carolina

Miles driven on public roads:

All Motorists: **122.3 billion**

Trucks: **8.8 billion**



Traffic congestion in North Carolina cost the trucking industry **\$3.3 billion** in 2024.

EDUCATING OUR POLICY-MAKERS



TOP 10

ISSUES FACING NORTH CAROLINA'S TRUCKING INDUSTRY

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