



# North Carolina

TRUCKING FAST FACTS



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## TRUCKING DRIVES THE ECONOMY



### CAREERS

# 277,040

Trucking industry jobs in North Carolina

1 in 15 jobs in the state



### SMALL BUSINESS EMPHASIS

# 47,650

Trucking companies located in North Carolina

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



### COMPETITIVE WAGES

Total trucking industry wages paid in North Carolina in 2022 exceeded **\$14.4 billion**, with an average annual trucking industry salary of **\$51,877**.

Heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers held **65,240** jobs in North Carolina in 2022. The national average annual salary of an over-the-road truck driver is **\$69,387**.



### TRANSPORTING THE ESSENTIALS

**96.6%** of manufactured tonnage transported by trucks in North Carolina.

**236,780 tons per day**

**85.6%**

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

## 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:**

<b>CURRENT MEMBERS</b>	<b>95.10</b> ★
<b>FORMER MEMBERS</b>	<b>121.21</b>
<b>NEVER MEMBERS</b>	<b>146.33</b>



### CONTINUALLY IMPROVING

**2021 U.S. fatal crash rate: North Carolina: 1.73 / 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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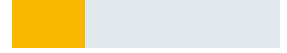


### THE INDUSTRY

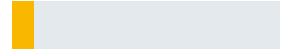
The trucking industry in North Carolina paid approximately

> **\$992 million** in federal and state roadway taxes

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



... despite trucks representing only **8%** 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** **\$8,284**

**FEDERAL** **\$10,556**

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



### ROADWAY USE

**108,074**

Miles of public roads in North Carolina

Miles driven on public roads: All Motorists: **117.7 billion**

Trucks: **8.8 billion**



Traffic congestion in North Carolina cost the trucking industry **\$2.9 billion** in 2021.

## DELIVERING A CLEANER TOMORROW



### EMISSIONS

**53%** of North Carolina 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).