

PROFESSIONAL TRUCK DRIVERS AND THE TRUCKING INDUSTRY

- Professional truck drivers drove over 287.9 billion miles in 2016, more than double 25 years ago. Those miles accounted for 14.2% of all motor vehicle miles and 29.8% of all truck miles.
- The trucking industry paid \$43.5 billion in federal and state highway taxes in 2017. The trucking industry paid \$17.7 billion in federal highway-user taxes and \$25.8 billion in state highway-user taxes in 2017.
- The trucking industry consumed 54.9 billion gallons of diesel fuel and gasoline in 2016. Based on consumption and price, ATA reported that motor carriers spent \$142.9 billion in 2015.
- The federal fuel tax for diesel in 2018 is 24.4 cents per gallon; the average state tax for diesel fuel was 25.2 cents per gallon.
- There are 3.70 million class 8 trucks on the road in the United States and 11.49 million commercial trailers were registered in 2018.
- There are 3.5 million truck drivers in the United States. Total industry employment is 7.8 million or one out of every 16 people working in the United States.
- There are 892,078 for-hire carriers and 772,011 private carriers in the United States; 97.4% of them have fewer than 20 trucks and 91.3% are operating six trucks or less.
- In 2018, the trucking industry hauled 11.49 billion tons of freight, or 71.4% of total U.S. freight tonnage. Rail was the next busiest mode, moving 13.8% of the nation's freight tonnage.
- In 2018, the trucking industry was an astounding \$796.7 billion industry, representing 80.3% of the nation's freight bill.
- More than 80% of U.S. communities depend solely on trucking for delivery of their goods and commodities.
- A new truck produces one-tenth the fine particulate emissions and smog-forming NOx emissions as a similar truck manufactured just seven years ago.
- Fine particulate emissions from on-road diesel trucks have been cut by more than half over the past decade.

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