

Nebraska

TRUCKING FAST FACTS



TRUCKING DRIVES THE ECONOMY



CAREERS

68,070

Trucking industry jobs in Nebraska

1 in 13 jobs in the state

SMALL BUSINESS EMPHASIS

27,140

Trucking companies located in Nebraska

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 Nebraska averaged **\$57,352**, and exceeded **\$3.9 billion** in total.

Heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers held **24,160** jobs in Nebraska 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 Nebraska.

That's 88,680 tons per day



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



SAFETY MATTERS

SAFETY FIRST

Nebraska 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 • Nebraska: 2.09

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 Nebraska 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 Nebraska paid approximately

\$382 million

in federal and state roadway taxes

The industry paid **45%** of all taxes owed by Nebraska motorists ...



... despite trucks representing only **11%** of vehicle miles traveled in the state.



ROADWAY USE

95,571

Miles of public roads in Nebraska

Miles driven on public roads:

All Motorists: **21.3 billion**

Trucks: **2.4 billion**



Traffic congestion in Nebraska cost the trucking industry **\$400 million** in 2024.

INDIVIDUAL COMPANIES

As of January 2026, a typical five-axle tractor-semitrailer combination paid highway user fees and taxes of ...

STATE

\$6,428

FEDERAL

\$11,351

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

EDUCATING OUR POLICY-MAKERS



TOP 10

ISSUES FACING NEBRASKA'S TRUCKING INDUSTRY

- 1 Economy
- 2 Lawsuit Abuse Reform
- 3 Insurance Cost / Availability
- 4 English Language Proficiency (ELP) for Drivers
- 5 Cargo Theft
- 6 Artificial Intelligence in Trucking
- 7 Truck Parking
- 8 Compliance, Safety, Accountability (CSA)
- 9 Driver Retention
- 10 Driver Distraction



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