

Rhode Island

TRUCKING FAST FACTS

TRUCKING DRIVES THE ECONOMY



CAREERS

18,810

Trucking industry jobs in Rhode Island

1 in 23 jobs in the state



SMALL BUSINESS EMPHASIS

3,950

Trucking companies located in Rhode Island

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



COMPETITIVE WAGES

Total trucking industry wages paid in Rhode Island in 2023 exceeded **\$1.1 billion**, with an average annual trucking industry salary of **\$57,524**.

Heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers held **3,370** jobs in Rhode Island in 2023. The national average annual salary of an over-the-road truck driver is **\$75,144**.



TRANSPORTING THE ESSENTIALS

98.4% of manufactured tonnage transported by trucks in Rhode Island.
38,330 tons per day

87.7% of communities in the state depend exclusively on trucks to move their goods.

SAFETY MATTERS



SAFETY FIRST

Rhode Island 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

2022 U.S. fatal crash rate: USA: 1.59 / Rhode Island: 1.06 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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TRUCKING PAYS THE FREIGHT



THE INDUSTRY

The trucking industry in Rhode Island paid approximately

\$60 million

in federal and state roadway taxes

The industry paid **23%** of all taxes owed by Rhode Island motorists ...

... despite trucks representing only **6%** 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

\$6,964

FEDERAL

\$10,556

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



ROADWAY USE

6,531

Miles of public roads in Rhode Island

Miles driven on public roads:
All Motorists: **7.5 billion**

Trucks: **500 million**



Traffic congestion in Rhode Island cost the trucking industry **\$500 million** in 2022.

DELIVERING A CLEANER TOMORROW



EMISSIONS



of Rhode Island 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 **6%** 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 2022:

- ✓ Combination trucks accounted for just **16%** of the total highway transportation fuel consumed.
- ✓ Combination trucks consumed nearly **116 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.



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