

TRUCKING: INDUSTRY DATA

Trucks move roughly 71.4% of the nation's freight by weight. That is just one of many statistics calculated and tracked by American Trucking Associations' professional staff that you can learn about here.

Revenue:

\$796.7 billion in gross freight revenues (primary shipments only) from trucking, representing 80.3% of the nation's freight bill in 2018.

Tonnage:

11.49 billion tons of freight (primary shipments only) transported by trucks in 2018, representing 71.4% of total domestic tonnage shipped.

Taxes:

- \$42.6 billion paid by commercial trucks in federal and state highway-user taxes in 2017.
 - Commercial trucks make up 13.4% of all registered vehicles, and paid \$17.7 billion in federal highway-user taxes and \$25.8 billion in state highway-user taxes, in 2017.
 - 24.4¢ in federal fuel tax paid for each gallon of diesel fuel as of January, 2019.
 - 18.4¢ in federal fuel tax paid for each gallon of gasoline as of January, 2019.
 - 27.4¢ paid on average in state fuel tax for each gallon of diesel fuel as of 2019.
 - 26.2¢ paid on average in state fuel tax for each gallon of gasoline as of 2019.
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Number of Trucks:

- 36 million trucks registered and used for business purposes (excluding government and farm) in 2017, representing 24% of all trucks registered.
 - 3.68 million Class 8 trucks (including tractors and straight trucks) in operation in 201, nearly unchanged from 2016.
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Mileage:

- 297.6 billion miles traveled by all registered trucks in 2017
 - 181.5 billion miles traveled by combination trucks in 2017
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Number of Companies:

According to the U.S. Department of Transportation, as of May 2019, the number of for-hire carriers on file with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration totaled 892,078, private carriers totaled 772,011 and other* interstate motor carriers totaled 84,930.

** 'Other' motor carriers are those that did not specify their segment or checked multiple segments. All other categories were excluded.*

- 91.3% operate 6 or fewer trucks.
 - 97.4% operate fewer than 20 trucks.
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International Trucking:

- Trucks transported 67.4% of the value of surface trade between the U.S. and Canada in 2018.
 - Trucks transported 83.5% of the value of surface trade between the U.S. and Mexico in 2018.
 - In 2018, the value of truck-transported trade rose 10.2% to \$424.0 billion with Mexico; truck-transported trade with Canada rose 3.6% to \$348.3 billion.
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Employment:

- 7.8 million people employed throughout the economy in jobs that relate to trucking activity in 2018, excluding the self-employed
- 3.5 million truck drivers employed in 2018 (almost unchanged from 2017)