

Transportation, Distribution & Logistics Cluster



Planning, management and movement of people, materials and goods by road, pipeline, air, rail and water and related professional support services such as transportation infrastructure planning and management, logistics services, mobile equipment and facility maintenance.

Data Sources

Bureau of Labor
Statistics
CareerInfoNet
CareerClusters
The College
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Truck Driver

Truck drivers load and unload cargo or passengers, shipping papers, record keeping and more. They usually drive trucks alone and must adhere to tight deadlines.

Do you enjoy working independently, and are you good at meeting deadlines? If so, a career as a **truck driver** may be for you.

Truck drivers drive gas, diesel and electric trucks, buses and other commercial vehicles.

Are You Ready To...?

- Load and unload cargo
- Meet clients' deadlines
- Drive carefully, sometimes with toxic or flammable cargo
- Work long hours by yourself
- Make sure you get enough sleep to stay alert on the road

It Helps To Be...

Someone who is independent, a good, calm driver and detail oriented enough to meet tight deadlines. Truck drivers must also be physically fit to load and unload cargo into their trucks.

A Day In The Life...

- Check vehicles to ensure that mechanical, safety and emergency equipment is in good working order
- Maneuver trucks into loading or unloading positions, following signals from loading crew and checking that vehicle and loading equipment are properly positioned
- Collect delivery instructions from appropriate sources, verifying instructions and routes
- Secure cargo for transport, using ropes, blocks, chain, or binders
- Load or unload cargo or help crew

Salary and Opportunity in the Austin-area

Median Hourly Wage: \$17.76

*That comes out to more than
\$36,933 a year.*

**In 2016, we had
4,820 Truck Drivers.
By 2026, we'll need 5,518.**

Could you be one of the 698?

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After High School...

In addition to a high school diploma, most employers for truck drivers require an associate's degree.



Top 5 Industries for Truck Drivers

1. General Freight Trucking
2. Specialized Freight Trucking
3. Grocery and Related Product Merchant Wholesalers
4. Support Activities for Mining
5. Cement and Concrete Product Manufacturing

For more Career Profiles, visit our website:

<http://www.wfscapitalarea.com/YouthServices/CareerPlanning.aspx>.

Related College Majors

- Air Transportation
- Automotive Technology
- Business Administration and Management
- Electrical Engineering Technology
- Engineering Technology
- HVAC Technology
- Mechanical Engineering

Related Industry Certifications

- National Truck Drivers Commercial Vehicle Driving Certificate
- Professional Truck Driver Certification

Related Careers

- Aircraft Controllers
- Aircraft Pilots
- Automotive Technicians
- Automotive-Body Repairers
- Diesel Technicians
- Electronics Technicians
- Engineering Technicians

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