

TRUCKING INDUSTRY DATA

Trucks move roughly 70% 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:

\$726.4 billion in gross freight revenues (primary shipments only) from trucking, representing 81.5% of the nation's freight bill in 2015.

Tonnage:

10.49 billion tons of freight (primary shipments only) transported by trucks in 2015, representing 70.1% of total domestic tonnage shipped.

Taxes:

- \$39.9 billion paid by commercial trucks in federal and state highway-user taxes in 2014.
 - Commercial trucks make up 12.1% of all registered vehicles, and paid \$18.4 billion in federal highway-user taxes and \$21.6 billion in state highway-user taxes, in 2014.
 - 24.4¢ in federal fuel tax paid for each gallon of diesel fuel as of January, 2015.
 - 18.4¢ in federal fuel tax paid for each gallon of gasoline as of January, 2015.
 - 27.4¢ paid on average in state fuel tax for each gallon of diesel fuel as of 2015.
 - 23.2¢ paid on average in state fuel tax for each gallon of gasoline as of 2015.
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Number of Trucks:

- 31.4 million trucks registered and used for business purposes (excluding government and farm) in 2014, representing 23.3% of all trucks registered.
 - 3.46 million Class 8 trucks (including tractors and straight trucks) in operation in 2014. 3.63 million Class 8 trucks were in operation in 2015.
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Mileage:

- 279.1 billion miles travelled by all registered trucks in 2014
 - 169.8 billion miles travelled by combination trucks in 2014.
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Number of Companies:

According to the U.S. Department of Transportation, as of May 2015, the number of for-hire carriers on file with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration totaled 586,014, private carriers totaled 747,781 and other* interstate motor carriers totaled 144,170.

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

- 90.8% operate 6 or fewer trucks.
- 97.3% operate fewer than 20 trucks.

International Trucking:

- Trucks transported 58.3% of the value of trade between the U.S. and Canada in 2015.
- Trucks transported 70.9% of the value of trade between the U.S. and Mexico in 2015.
- In 2015, the value of truck-transported trade jumped 4.4% to \$376.6 billion with Mexico; truck-transported trade with Canada slipped 5.3% to \$335.2 billion.

Employment:

- 7.3 million people employed throughout the economy in jobs that relate to trucking activity in 2014, excluding the self-employed
- 3.5 million truck drivers employed in 2015 (3.4 million in 2014)

Transportation Equipment Types Explained



Straight Truck

A straight truck, also known as a cube truck, cube van, box van, or box truck, is a truck that carries cargo on the same chassis as the power unit and cab. These types of trucks are often used to move furniture, home goods, and smaller items, or for “hot-shot” expedited freight deliveries.



Dry Van (Enclosed) Trailer

Dry Van trailers are generally enclosed and are commonly used to carry and protect freight from the harmful elements of the weather or the roads. Your shipment can be loaded on the rear of the trailer, normally using a loading dock. In cases where a loading dock is not available, some trailers come equipped with liftgates that can help get your freight from the ground to the trailer and back again.



Flatbed (Flat Bed) Trailers

Flatbeds are extremely popular and are widely used because they are very versatile. Generally, a flatbed is used to load freights on its top, sides, and rear. With these capabilities, flatbeds have become a primary and leading assets of the trucking industry.



Step Deck (Stepdeck) Trailers

Stepdeck Trailers are otherwise known as drop decks and they are actually a variation of the flatbed trailer design that mainly consists of a bottom and top deck. These trailers are specifically designed to haul freight that cannot be transported on a standard type of flatbed, often due to height restrictions. Step decks can be open or they can also be enclosed in a dry van or Conestoga style of trailer.



Conestoga Trailers

Conestoga trailers come with a rolling tarp system that is used to cover and uncover the trailer and gives protection to the freight. The benefit of a Conestoga trailer is that the tarp can be rolled back to allow side loading or unloading of freight.



RGN (Removable Gooseneck) Trailers

RGN or Removable Gooseneck Trailers are excellent for carrying tall or long freight. An RGN trailer comes with a detachable front, allowing the trailer to be dropped on the ground in order to create a ramp. It is capable of carrying freight weighing up to 150,000 pounds. It can go from 3 axles up to 20 plus axles for heavier shipments. RGN Trailers are more specialized so they are also generally more expensive.



Stretch RGN Trailers

The Stretch RGN or Removable Gooseneck Trailer is designed to haul freight that is too long to be carried by a standard type of RGN. Depending on the weight of the freight, axles may range from 3 axles or higher. This means that the heavier the load is the more axles are to be used.



Lowboy Trailer

A Lowboy Trailer is an unpowered trailer which is commonly used to haul freight. These kinds of trailers are generally designed to carry and transport taller items. This means that the items to be carried by a Lowboy Trailer are taller than the legal height of items that are commonly carried by flatbeds. The types of trailers are also good for hosteling freight between loading docks or within a freight yard.



Refrigerated (Reefer) Trailers

A refrigerated trailer is a temperature-controlled unit. It is generally used for transporting chilled or frozen products. The temperature inside the trailer can be controlled no matter the outside weather conditions. Refrigerated trailers are very specialized and take additional fuel to keep the cooling mechanism running, and therefore more difficult to source and more expensive than standard equipment.



Specialized Trailers

Specialized trailers are specifically made for certain types of freight commodities or substances and include such equipment types as tank, perimeter, double gooseneck, and dolly trailers.



Tesla \$150,000 to \$180,000



Freightliner \$130,000



Clean Truck (Low Emissions) Ports of LA/LGB \$105,000



Last Mile Sprinter Truck \$35,000



Coffee Truck (Café Mucci) \$25,000