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Rhode Island
TRUCKING FAST FACTS

TRUCKING DRIVES THE ECONOMY

CAREERS

18,560
Trucking industry jobs in Rhode Island (2016)

2,540
Trucking companies located in Rhode Island (2017). Primarily small, locally owned businesses, these companies are served by a wide range of supporting businesses.

SMALL BUSINESS EMPHASIS

87.7%
of Rhode Island communities depend exclusively on trucks to move their goods.

TRANSPORTING THE ESSENTIALS

96
Percent of total manufactured tonnage transported by trucks in the state. That’s 16,764 tons per day. (2012)

COMPEITIVE WAGES

• Total trucking industry wages paid in Rhode Island in 2016 exceeded $1.0 billion, with an average annual trucking industry salary of $52,176.
• Heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers held 3,180 jobs with an average annual salary of $45,290 (U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, May 2016).

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 at the local, state and national levels

CONTINUALLY IMPROVING

2015 fatal crash rate per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT):

RI 0.20
USA 1.29

71%
The amount by which the U.S. large truck fatal crash rate has dropped between 1975 and 2015.

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Miles of public roads in Rhode Island (2015).

**503 million**

Miles driven by trucks on public roads

**7.8 billion**

Miles driven by all motorists on public roads

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