



The mission of the WVTA is to serve and represent the interests of the trucking industry with One United Voice by:

- Promoting safety and security on our highways and among our drivers;
- Advancing the trucking industry's image;
- Providing educational programs;
- Influencing in a positive manner state governmental actions; and
- Promoting a healthy business environment in our state.

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Trucking Drives the Economy

Employment:

45,451 jobs in the trucking industry in West Virginia, or one out of 16 jobs in the state.

Wages:

Trucking industry wages exceeded \$1.7 billion, with an average annual trucking industry salary of \$37,059. (Truck drivers held 17,950 of these jobs at an annual salary of \$31,605.)

Transportation of Essential Products:

Trucks transported 76.1 percent of total manufactured tonnage in the state or 164,514 tons per day. Over 84 percent of communities depend exclusively on trucks to move their goods.

Trucking Pays the Freight

As an Industry:

Recent reports show the trucking industry in WV paid approximately \$269.3 million in federal and state roadway taxes and fees. The industry paid 42 percent of all taxes and fees owed by West Virginia motorists, despite trucks representing only 11.6 percent of vehicle miles traveled in the state.

Individual Companies:

A typical five-axle tractor semi-trailer combination paid \$9,021 in state highway user fees and taxes in addition to \$8,959 in federal user fees and taxes. These taxes were over and above the typical taxes paid by businesses in West Virginia.

Statistics are from 2007 and 2008.

Safety Matters

Continually Improving:

At the national level, the truck-involved fatal crash rate for 2007 was 1.85 fatal crashes per 100 million vehicle miles of travel (VMT). This rate is at its lowest point since the U. S. Department of Transportation (DOT) began keeping these records in 1975. The injury crash rate was 31.8 injury crashes per 100 million VMT, also at its lowest point since DOT recordkeeping began.



Sharing the Road:

The trucking industry is committed to sharing the road safely with all vehicles. 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 safe merging around large trucks, all designed to reduce the number of car-truck accidents. The West Virginia Trucking Association has entered into a partnership with the West Virginia superintendents of schools where by they have endorsed the showing of the Share the Road video to all high school students. We travel to give demonstrations to students each year.

Safety First:

The West Virginia Trucking Association puts safety first through improved driver training, investment in advanced safety technologies and active participation in safety initiatives at the local, state and national levels. Annually the Association holds a Truck Driving Championship and a Safety Banquet. These events promote safety and recognize professionals in our industry for their expertise.

