



TRUCKING

Moves America Forward



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.

Trucking Drives the Economy

Employment | 34,410 jobs in the trucking industry in West Virginia, or one out of 16 jobs in the state.

Wages | Trucking industry wages exceeded \$1.3 billion, with an average annual trucking industry salary of \$38,456. (Truck drivers held 16,160 of these jobs at an annual salary of \$33,305.)

Transportation of Essential Products | Trucks transported 67 percent of total manufactured tonnage in the state or 162,521 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 \$246 million in federal and state roadway taxes and fees. The industry paid 37 percent of all taxes and fees owed by West Virginia motorists, despite trucks representing only 15 percent of vehicle miles traveled in the state.

Individual Companies | A typical five-axle tractor semi-trailer combination paid \$8,357 in state highway user fees and taxes in addition to \$8,906 in federal user fees and taxes. These taxes were over and above the typical taxes paid by businesses in West Virginia.

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TRUCKING IS IMPORTANT TO WV WITHOUT TRUCKS WV STOPS!

Safety Matters

Continually Improving

At the national level, the truck-involved fatal crash rate for 2011 was 1.25 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. Since that time it has dropped 73%.

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 West Virginia school superintendents where by they have endorsed the showing of the Share the Road video to all high school students. We also 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.

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