

Economics and Industry Data

Trucks moved roughly 72.7% of the nation's freight by weight in 2024. That is just one of many statistics calculated and tracked by American Trucking Associations' economics department.

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Revenue:

In 2024, the nation's trucking freight bill was estimated at \$906 billion in gross freight revenues (primary shipments only).

Tonnage:

In 2024, the nation's domestic truck tonnage shipped was estimated at 11.27 billion tons of freight transported (primary shipments only).

Taxes:

- \$30.26 billion paid by commercial trucks in federal and state fuel taxes in 2023.
- 24.4¢ in federal fuel tax paid for each gallon of diesel fuel as of January 2025.
- 18.4¢ in federal fuel tax paid for each gallon of gasoline as of January 2025.
- 31.8¢ paid on average in state fuel tax for each gallon of diesel fuel as of 2023.
- 29.9¢ paid on average in state fuel tax for each gallon of gasoline as of 2023.

Number of Trucks:

- 14.89 million single-unit (2-axle, 6-tire or more) and combination trucks registered in 2023, representing 5% of all motor vehicles registered.

Mileage:

- 329.86 billion miles traveled by single-unit and combination trucks in 2023.
- 195.76 billion miles traveled by combination trucks in 2023.

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Number of Companies:

According to the U.S. Department of Transportation, as of June 2025, there were almost 580,000 active US motor carriers registered with FMCSA that own or lease at least one tractor. Out of those carriers:

- 91.5% operate 10 or fewer trucks.
- 99.3% operate 100 or fewer trucks.

International Trucking:

- Trucks transported 67% of the value of surface trade between the U.S. and Canada in 2024.
- Trucks transported 85% of the value of surface trade between the U.S. and Mexico in 2024.

Employment:

- 8.4 million people employed throughout the economy in jobs that relate to trucking activity in 2024, excluding the self-employed.
- 3.58 million truck drivers employed in 2024 (a decrease of 0.8% from 2023).

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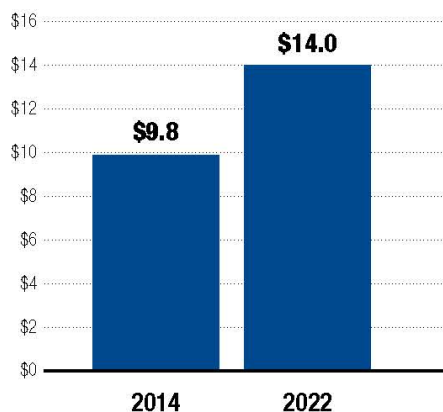
TRUCKING INDUSTRY INVESTS **\$14 BILLION** IN SAFETY ANNUALLY



Updated Survey Shows the Trucking Industry Significantly Increased Safety Investment Over the Last Eight Years

The American Trucking Associations' 2023 safety investment survey determined that the industry invested almost \$14 billion in safety in 2022. Last conducted in 2015, this update shows a significant increase from \$9.8 billion in industry-wide safety spending in 2014. This survey included participants from all sectors of the trucking industry – for-hire truckload, less-than-truckload, and private carriers – and covered almost 170,000 drivers and 160,000 trucks. This survey shows that the trucking industry invests in safety above and beyond regulatory requirements. Fleets are also investing in voluntary, progressive safety initiatives like cutting edge on-board safety technology, safe-driving incentives, and preventative maintenance. Investments being made today are certain to pay dividends in highway safety in the years to come.

Annual Trucking Industry
Safety Investment (Billions\$)



Methodology:

ATA surveyed a wide variety of carriers, from as small as a few trucks to as large as over 10,000, to determine how much carriers were spending on the five biggest areas of safety-related expenditures (detailed below). In combination with data from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's Motor Carrier Management Information System, the median safety spend per truck by carrier size was extrapolated out to the total number of registered trucks in the US to estimate the trucking industry's annual investment in safety.

The Five Main Areas Included:



On-Board Safety
Technology



Safety Training



Safety Incentives



Safety-related
Maintenance



Safety Compliance

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