



**CAREERS** 

**12,720** Trucking industry jobs in Alaska

1 in 19 jobs in the state



SMALL BUSINESS EMPHASIS

**Trucking companies** located in Alaska

Primarily small, locally owned businesses, these companies are served by a wide range of supporting businesses.



#### **COMPETITIVE WAGES**

Total trucking industry wages paid in Alaska in 2022 exceeded \$800 million, with an average annual trucking industry salary of \$61,446.

Heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers held 3,130 jobs in Alaska in 2022. The national average annual salary of an over-the-road truck driver is **\$69,387**.

#### TRANSPORTING THE ESSENTIALS



of manufactured tonnage transported by trucks in Alaska.

13,170 tons per day

94.3%

of communities in the state depend exclusively on trucks to move their goods.









**SAFETY** 

MATTERS

#### SAFETY FIRST

#### Alaska Trucking Association members put safety first through:

Improved driver training

Investment in advanced safety technologies

Active participation in industry safety initiatives

ATRI research shows the success of their efforts. Members of State Trucking Associations are involved in fewer crashes and receive fewer violations at roadside inspections than their industry peers.

Crashes per 100 Million Miles by STA Membership Status:

**CURRENT MEMBERS** 

95.10 (

FORMER MEMBERS

121.21

**NEVER** MEMBERS

146.33

#### **CONTINUALLY IMPROVING**

2021 U.S. fatal crash rate: Alaska: 2.02 / USA: 1.57 per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)



Between 1975 and 2021, the U.S. large truck fatal crash rate has dropped 65.7%

#### **COMMITMENT TO SHARING THE ROAD**

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 how to merge safely around large trucks.



# TRUCKING FAST FACTS



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#### THE INDUSTRY

The trucking industry in Alaska paid approximately

# \$45 million

in federal and state roadway taxes

The industry paid **35%** of all taxes owed by Alaska motorists ...

... despite trucks representing only **7%** of vehicle miles traveled in the state.





#### **INDIVIDUAL COMPANIES**

As of January 2024, a typical five-axle tractor-semitrailer combination paid highway user fees and taxes of ...

STATE

\$1,783 \$10,556

over and above the typical taxes paid by businesses in Alaska.

These taxes were

FEDERAL

#### **ROADWAY USE**

**17,690**Miles of public roads in Alaska

Miles driven on public roads:

All Motorists: **5.8 billion** 

Trucks: 400 million





**Traffic congestion** in Alaska cost the trucking industry **\$70 million** in 2021.

## DELIVERING A CLEANER TOMORROW

#### EMISSIONS

**46%** of Alaska commercial trucks are now powered by the newest-generation, near-zero emissions diesel technology.

Medium- and heavy-duty trucks contribute just **23%** of all transportation-related greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in the U.S. and represent only **7%** of total U.S. GHG emissions.



## FUEL CONSUMPTION The trucking industry

The trucking industry continues to improve energy and environmental efficiency even while increasing the number of miles driven. In 2021:

- Combination trucks accounted for just 17% of the total highway transportation fuel consumed.
- Combination trucks consumed nearly **113 billion** fewer gallons of fuel than passenger vehicles in the U.S.



#### **PARTNERSHIPS**

Through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) SmartWay



**Transport Partnership**, the trucking industry is working with government and businesses to quantify greenhouse gas emissions and take steps to reduce them.



The following data sources were utilized for the Fast Facts: United States Bureau of Labor Statistics (2022); Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration: Analysis & Information (2023); American Trucking Associations Driver Compensation Study (2022); Commodity Flow Survey Public Use Microdataset (2017); American Transportation Research Institute: Membership Counts - Associations with Safety (2023); Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration: Large Truck and Bus Crash Facts (2021); Federal Highway Administration: Highway Statistics Series (2021); Energy Information Administration: Fuel Taxe (2024); International Fuel Tax Association: Fuel Taxe Rates (OI 2024); International Fuel Tax Association: Fuel Taxe Rates (OI 2024); International Fuel Tax Association: Fuel Taxe Rates (OI 2024); International Fuel Tax Association: Fuel Taxe Rates (OI 2024); International Fuel Tax Association: Fuel Taxe Rates (OI 2024); International Fuel Tax Association: Fuel Taxe Rates (OI 2024); International Fuel Taxes Rates (OI 2024); International Fuel Tax







# **Trucking Association Members Are Among the Industry's Safest**

New research from the American Transportation Research Institute (ATRI) statistically corroborates that motor carriers who are active in industry associations are safer than both former association members and carriers who have never been association members.

It has always been anecdotally assumed that association membership supports safety through a variety of association services and resources. This new empirical research confirms the relationship between association membership and safety performance.

#### THE HOW

ATRI's research compared motor carrier crash and violation safety data from the FMCSA Motor Carrier Management Information System (MCMIS) for trucking fleets that held a membership status of either Current, Former, or Never members. The Current and Former member carrier status data came from a geographically representative sample of state and national trucking associations. A representative random sample of Never members was identified in MCMIS census data. Statistical tools, including the Welch's Two Sample T-Test, were utilized in the analysis.

### **FINDINGS**

Both the state and national data analyses found that current members of associations are involved in fewer crashes than former and never members and receive fewer violations per inspection than former and never members.

The relationship between membership in industry associations and motor carrier safety is clear. When you join an industry association and take advantage of the networking, education, and best practice sharing opportunities, your fleet's safety performance improves.

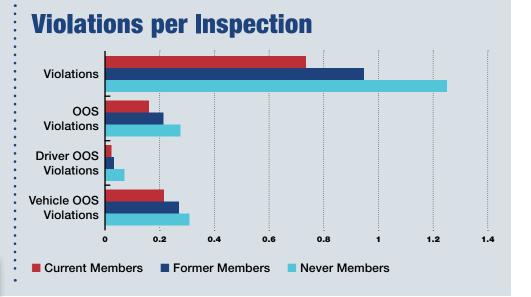


ATRI is the trucking industry's 501c3 not-for-profit research organization. It is engaged in critical research relating to freight transportation's essential role in maintaining a safe, secure, and efficient transportation system.

# **Membership Improves Safety**







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