



CAREER PATH Industrial & Engineering Technology

CAREER CLUSTER
Transportation, Distribution & Logistics

CAREER PATHWAY
Transportation Operations



TRUCK DRIVER, HEAVY AND TRACTOR-TRAILER

Drive a tractor-trailer combination or a truck with a capacity of at least 26,000 GVW, to transport and deliver goods, livestock, or materials in liquid, loose, or packaged form. May be required to unload truck. May require use of automated routing equipment. Requires commercial drivers' license.

Knowledge and Skills Needed

In addition to courses required for high school graduation, essential skills and knowledge needed for a career as a truck driver, heavy and tractor-trailer are reinforced by taking rigorous and relevant courses, as well as participating in work-based experiences and student organization activities.

(See the Sample Personal Plan of Study for suggested coursework, activities, and knowledge and skills to pursue in preparation of an occupation in this Career Cluster.)

Education Requirements

Occupation	Percent of Missouri employees aged 25 to 44 in the occupation whose highest level of educational attainment is:		
	High School or Less	Some College	Bachelor Degree or More
Truck drivers, heavy and tractor-trailer	70.7%	25.2%	4.1%
Motor vehicle operators	65.5%	29.9%	4.6%
Transportation and material moving	58.6%	31.0%	10.4%

Most Common Educational Level: Moderate-term on-the-job training

Note: Be sure to learn whether your occupation has a specific requirement for education or licensing. Apprenticeships are available for more than 240 occupations. Visit www.oa.doleta.gov/bat.cfm

National and State Wage Information

Location	Pay Period	2007		
		Entry*	Median	Experienced**
United States	Hourly	\$13.79	\$17.41	\$21.81
	Yearly	\$28,700	\$36,200	\$45,400
Missouri	Hourly	\$13.42	\$17.00	\$21.83
	Yearly	\$27,900	\$35,400	\$45,400

Based on (*) lower 25% and (**) upper 25% percentile of wages

National and State Employment Trends

Truck Driver, Heavy and Tractor-Trailer	Employment		Percent Change	Job Openings*
	2006	2016		
United States	1,859,800	2,052,900	+ 10%	52,300
Missouri	44,290	47,320	+ 7%	1,030

*The estimate for Job Openings includes both turnover that results from people who leave the occupation (e.g. quit, retire, death) and new jobs that are created.

Educational Opportunities

Note: This list may not be all inclusive. For more information about Missouri schools and programs, visit www.dhe.mo.gov

American Truck Training

Kansas City, MO
(816) 241-7500
www.americantrucktraining.com

C-1 Truck Driver Training

Strafford, MO
(417) 831-0500
www.c1training.com/

Crowder College

Neosho, MO
(417) 451-3223
www.crowder.edu

Midwestern Training Center

Hazelwood, MO
(314) 895-4111

Nuway Truck Driver Training Centers

St. Louis, MO
(314) 261-0100
www.nuwaytruckschools.com

Southern Missouri Truck Driving School

Malden, MO
(888) 276-3860
www.smtds.com

Westwind CDL Training Center

Cuba, MO
(573) 885-1055
www.westwindcdl.com

Witte Truck Driving School

Troy, MO
(636) 462-8402



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