ECONOMIC IMPACT OF TRUCKING IN TEXAS

Trucking in Texas

Trucking supports producers and consumers and the entire Texas economy, and provides both domestic and international cross-border trade connectivity. It also provides critical connections for airports, seaports, freight rail terminals, and pipeline terminals.

Trucking Means Business in Texas

Enterprise Impacts capture effects of trucking as a business. This includes the direct employment in the trucking industry, indirect impacts arising from spending by the trucking industry, and induced impacts generated by the trucking industry’s employee spending.

Annually, trucking supports 1.1 million jobs, $62.7 billion in labor income, $91.6 billion in Gross State Product, and $7 million in state and local tax revenues.

Direct Employment by Texas Trucking Freight Industries

- In-House Truck Transportation: 257,450 (52%)
- General Freight Trucking: 96,136 (20%)
- Self Employed Truck Transportation: 86,967 (18%)
- Specialized Freight Trucking: 50,669 (10%)

Trucking by the Numbers in Texas

Annually, trucking moves about:
- 1.5 billion tons of freight (49 million cross-border)
- $1.2 trillion in freight (182 billion cross-border)

To move this freight in Texas, trucks travel 8.1 billion miles on the THFN and make 3.3 million northbound border crossings.

Moving Freight Door to Door

Annually, trucks carry 43 percent of Texas freight tonnage and 44 percent of Texas freight value on the Texas Highway Freight Network (THFN), including domestic and international trade. The top truck commodities by value are:

- Warehouse/distribution and intermodal (17%)
- Chemicals (14%)
- Nonelectrical machinery (11%)
- Food (8% truck)
- Electrical machinery (7%)

The information provided comes from the TxDOT Economic Role of Freight in Texas Study and represents year 2018.
Economic Impact of Trucking in Texas

Annual Enterprise Impacts (direct, indirect, and induced impacts from trucking as a business)
- 1.1 million jobs
- $62.7 billion in income
- $91.6 billion in Gross State Product
- $19.2 billion in tax revenue

Annual User Impacts (direct impacts in truck-dependent industries)
- 3.3 million jobs
- $226.4 billion in income
- $471 billion in Gross State Product

Economic Importance of Trucking in Texas

Trucking supports a wide variety of freight-producing and consuming industries in Texas.

- 4.4 million jobs
- 289.1 billion in personal income
- 562.6 billion in Gross State Product
- 19.2 billion in tax revenues

Freight Moving in Texas by Truck

Annually, trucks carry 1.5 billion tons of freight worth $1.2 trillion to, from, and within Texas. Another 195 million tons and $664 billion in value passed through Texas. Around two-thirds of freight tonnage and nearly one-half of freight value moved between origins and destinations in Texas.