



Transportation, Distribution & Logistics

ABOUT Jobs in Transportation, Distribution & Logistics

If you are interested in working in this industry, you have three avenues. One is to move people and products by road, air, rail, or water. You would drive or pilot different means of transportation. The second is to repair and maintain the vehicles, trains, planes, and ships to keep people and products moving. The third option is to work behind the scenes to make sure the products and people get to the right place on time. Examples:

Facility & Mobile Equipment Maintenance

In the Facility and Mobile Equipment Maintenance pathway, you would keep machinery running and fueled. You would also look for ways to operate equipment safely but for less money.

Transportation Operations

In the Transportation Operations pathway, you would drive trucks or pilot trains, planes, or ships that carry goods and people around the country or world. Or you would provide the support to make sure that cargo and passengers are safe and secure and arrive on time.

Logistics Planning & Management Services

To get products to a location, a company may have to use different types of transportation. For example, to get a product from China to your home town, a company might use ships, trains, and trucks. This is a complex process. In the Logistics Planning and Management Services pathway, you would make sure products arrive when and where they should at the lowest cost.

Sales and Service

Workers in the Sales and Service pathway sell transportation services for people and freight

Transportation Systems/Infrastructure Planning, Management, and Regulation

In the Transportation Systems/Infrastructure Planning, Management, and Regulation pathway, you would design and operate transportation systems. These systems include airports, railroads, and interstate highways. Or you might enforce laws and regulations to make travel safer. Many of the employees in this pathway work for government agencies.

Health, Safety, and Environmental Management

People in the Health, Safety, and Environmental Management pathway are concerned about safety and environmental issues, especially related to transportation. Workers research, plan, and carry out activities to make the environment cleaner and safer.

Warehousing & Distribution Center Ops.

In the Warehousing and Distribution Center Operations pathway, employees work at parts, terminals, or warehouses. You would receive sort, label, and load products. Your job is to make sure items from all over the world are delivered to the right place on time.

Transportation, Distribution & Logistics STATS

Sample Jobs	Hourly Wage Ranges in our Area*			Projected Growth in our Area**	Annual Openings
	10%	Median	90%		
Freight Handler	\$10.12	\$13.50	\$22.83	8.1%	VERY HIGH
Light Truck Driver	\$10.01	\$16.51	\$29.14	4.2%	VERY HIGH
Heavy Equipment Mechanic	\$20.33	\$27.55	\$52.65	8.5%	VERY FEW
Storage & Transportation Manager	\$28.19	\$45.87	\$77.32	4.1%	FEW
Dispatcher	\$11.83	\$19.27	\$31.36	4.9%	HIGH

*The wage range shows the wage distribution for 90 percent of the workers in the occupation between the 10th percentile and the 90th percentile. Wages vary by employer, industry, and operator's education, skill level & experience.

**Employment and Outlook 2010-2020 Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics,

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General Labor Market Information & Research

U.S. Department of Transportation	Commercial Driver's License Program	www.dot.gov
O*NET OnLine	National database of occupational information for career exploration and job analysis.	www.onetonline.org
Bureau of Labor Statistics	Information and reports on labor market activity, working conditions, and price changes in the economy.	www.bls.gov
JobQuest	Massachusetts database for finding jobs, locating training courses & vendors, searching events and more.	www.mass.gov/jobquest
Department of Labor & Workforce Development	Labor market information specific to Massachusetts with links to Largest Employers and Employer Locator tool.	www.mass.gov/lmi
Workforce Central Career Center	Central Massachusetts connection to job services, programs, events, resources and more.	www.workforcecentralma.org

Resources specific to Transportation, Distribution & Logistics

Transportation, Distribution & Logistics Industry Job Club	Search for and join the Workforce Central Transportation, Distribution & Logistics Industry Job Club	www.linkedin.com
Massachusetts Motor Transportation Association	Find information, networking events and jobs	www.mass-trucking.org
American Society of Transportation and Logistics	Premier professional organization for transportation and logistics professionals.	www.astl.org
American Trucking Association	Largest national trade association for the trucking industry	www.truckline.com
Careers in Gear	Search engine for driving jobs	www.careersingear.com
Warehouse Jobs	Warehousing industry online job board	www.warehousejobs.com
Fleet Directory	Online directory of trucking, transport, logistics and industry related company websites	www.fleetdirectory.com

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Jobs.net	The starting point in a job search for transportation, warehouse and logistics jobs	www.jobs.net Click on the All Jobs tab, then click on the link for the desired job category
Logistics List	Logistics resources including jobs, associations and company directories	www.logistics.com
Massachusetts Department of Transportation	Transportation organization focused on customer service and safety covering four divisions: Highway, Transit, Aeronautics, and Registry of Motor Vehicles	www.massdot.state.ma.us
Virtual Career Network	For information on more than 50 related occupations within the transit industry. Also, research education and training requirements, then find the resources to obtain them.	www.vcn.org/transit
Industries at a Glance	Truck transportation information.	http://www.bls.gov/iag/tgs/iaq484.htm
Genco	American Trucking Industry Predicts Major Industry Growth	www.genco.com/Logistics-Articles/article.php?aid=800527429
American Trucking Associations	Forecast Projections Show Growth in U.S. Freight Transportation	www.trucking.org

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