



Explore a Career as a

# TRUCK DRIVER

## What do Truck Drivers do?

Truck drivers transport goods from one location to another. Most truck drivers are long-haul drivers and operate trucks with a gross vehicle weight over 26,000 pounds. They can travel on inner city routes or to different states. Some drivers have one or two routes that they drive regularly, and others take many different routes throughout the country. Some drivers will also be responsible for loading and unloading their truck. A driver must know which roads allow trucks and which do not. Drivers also must plan legally required rest periods into their trip.

## Training & Educational Opportunities

You will have plenty of employment opportunities as a truck driver, but first you will have to complete training and earn a certificate. In truck driving school, you will learn how to drive defensively, perform vehicle safety inspections, navigate, park and dock vehicles. You may also want to obtain a Commercial Driver's License through the Secretary of State.

## As a Truck Driver you will:

- Drive long distances
- Inspect trailers before and after the trip, and record any defects found
- Keep trucks and associated equipment clean and in good working order
- Maintain a log of working hours, following all federal and state regulations
- Report to a dispatcher any incidents encountered on the road

## Truck Drivers are in demand in Livingston County!

Livingston County employment of truck drivers is expected to increase through the year 2032. Truck drivers are a key aspect to our community and businesses.

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## Training Providers

The following certified training providers offer programs and certifications to train for a career as a truck driver.

- 160 Driving Academy
- Advantage Driver Training
- Heartland Community College
- Illinois Central College

Career scholarships may be available if you qualify.



## Types of Employers

There are many different types of employers of heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers, including:

- Freight carrier companies
- Grocery stores
- Manufacturing companies
- Shipping companies



## Wages & Openings

### Truck Driver Employment Data for Livingston County

Average Starting Hourly Wage	\$17.53
Average Hourly Wage With Experience	\$30.79
Average Annual Job Openings Livingston County Area	206
Annual Job Openings Bloomington Peoria Region	323

## Opportunities

After you receive your certificate as a truck driver, you will have many opportunities for specialization and advancement. Some opportunities include:

- Automobile Carrier Driver
- Freight Truck Driver
- Gasoline Truck Driver
- Long Haul Truck Driver
- Truck Owner Operator



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