



A Florida Essential Industry

FLORIDA TRUCKING ASSOCIATION: WITHOUT TRUCKS, FLORIDA STOPS!

The FTA works at every level to promote the success of Florida's trucking industry. From small trucking companies to large operations and specialized fleets, we represent the unique needs and concerns of the transportation logistics industry in our state. Here are just a few reasons why trucking is essential to Florida's economy and every citizen in Florida:



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TRUCKING + THE ECONOMY

- > In 2011, there were over 21,350 trucking companies in Florida, most of them small, locally-owned businesses. These companies are served by a wide range of supporting businesses, both large and small.*
- > Trucks are the only major mode of freight transport that can deliver point-to-point—even to your front door.
- > Trucks transported 83% of total manufactured tonnage in the state in 2010—1,200,530 tons per day.*
- > In 2010, Florida's trucking industry provided more than 40,800 jobs—one out of every 166 jobs in the state.†
- > Total trucking industry wages paid in Florida in 2010 exceeded \$1,588,689,600, with a median trucking industry salary of \$34,674.‡
- > In 2009, the trucking industry in Florida paid approximately \$1.4 billion in federal and state roadway taxes and fees. The industry paid 34% of all taxes and fees owed by Florida motorists, despite trucks representing only 8% of vehicle miles traveled in the state.*
- > In 2011, a typical five-axle tractor-semitrailer combination paid \$6,490 in state highway user fees/taxes, in addition to the \$7,771 in federal user fees/taxes. These were over and above typical business taxes.*
- > In 2010, all motorists traveled 195.8 billion miles on Florida roads. Trucking's use of those roads was 16.5 billion that year.‡



SAFETY IS PRIORITY ONE

- > Safety on the roadway is the #1 goal of every trucking company. Unless loads and drivers arrive safely, the industry cannot operate.
- > The number of fatal crashes involving commercial motor vehicles in Florida decreased by 46.7% from 2001–2010. In just five years (2005–2010), these fatalities dropped by 55.8%.†
- > Florida Trucking Association members put safety first through improved driver training, investment in advanced safety technologies, and active participation in industry safety initiatives at the local, state, and national levels.



GREEN MEANS CLEAN

- > The trucking industry continues to improve energy efficiency, even while increasing the number of miles driven. In 2009, combination trucks consumed over 57 billion fewer gallons of fuel than passenger vehicles in the U.S., and accounted for just 17% of the total highway transportation fuel consumed.*
- > Every 60 new trucks purchased today roughly equal the NOx (harmful nitrogen-based emissions linked to acid rain) and PM (particulate matter linked to smog) emissions produced by a single new truck purchased nearly 30 years ago.⁹

*If you wear it, if you hold it,
If you play it, if you eat it,
A Florida truck brought it*



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