

***Start your career right here  
in Northeastern PA in  
one of the fastest-growing  
industries in the State!***

The Governor has identified several Industry Clusters within the State that are considered high-growth, and Logistics and Transportation is one of them. What this means to you is that there are specific occupations that have been deemed "In Demand," and well-respected, rapidly growing companies are committed to hiring and training qualified, talented people with your exceptional skills. There are over 80 companies in Northeast PA involved with Logistics & Transportation operations. The vast majority of these firms offer fantastic benefits, such as company-paid health, dental and optical insurance, short- and long-term disability insurance, life insurance and retirement plans.

So start your search now.

Visit [www.nepapeopleonthemove.org](http://www.nepapeopleonthemove.org) for more information about this and other careers in the NEPA Logistics and Transportation Industry. You'll find contacts and listings for local companies, local education and training providers, job openings, industry news and upcoming events.

We are People on the Move in Northeast PA - Working to provide you with a rewarding career in the Logistics & Transportation Industry!



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Northeast PA Logistics & Transportation Industry Partnership

A joint effort of the Luzerne, Schuylkill, Lackawanna, Pocono and Northern Tier Workforce Investment Boards

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For more information on these various career opportunities available within the Logistics & Transportation Industry visit our website at

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**Tractor-Trailer Driver**



Look inside to see how you can find a rewarding career as a Tractor-Trailer Driver in the Logistics & Transportation Industry!

## *What Does a Tractor-Trailer Driver Do?*

In the United States, the primary mode of transportation used to move goods from one place to another is by tractor-trailer. Tractor-Trailer Drivers are responsible for transporting goods ranging from livestock to electronics, from lumber to automobiles, over long distances. They are a key component for ensuring that a company gets its goods to the ultimate customer.

Tractor-Trailer Drivers maneuver their big rigs with precision and accuracy, as docking, backing, coupling/uncoupling, and shifting are key skills a driver must possess. Because they are most often away from their company's main hub, Tractor-Trailer Drivers must be able to perform routine maintenance and inspections on their trucks. They need to be able to effectively communicate any problems to repair personnel as well.

Tractor-Trailer Drivers also have the responsibility for creating trip reports and accurately and legally completing company log books. There are many federal regulations governing the operation, procedures, safety, and traffic laws applicable to Tractor-Trailer Drivers. Driver safety, as well as public safety, is of utmost importance.

Tractor-Trailer Drivers are very good at navigating their rigs, and can effectively follow maps and geographic directions. In addition to skillfully maneuvering their trucks, Tractor-Trailer Drivers must also possess customer service skills, as they are often the sole representative of their company interacting in person with the customer.

## *Is a Tractor-Trailer Driver the right job for me?*

Still not sure if this career is for you? Then ask yourself these questions:

- Do you like the thought of operating a “big rig”?
- Do you have the physical and mental stamina to drive within a large region or across the country for days at a time?
- Can you perform routine or even emergency maintenance on a vehicle?
- Are you good at record keeping? Can you write concise procedures and reports?
- Do you have a good, clean driving record?
- Are you good at navigating directions and reading maps?

If you answered “yes” to the majority of these questions, and have a high-school diploma, then starting your career in the

Logistics and Transportation Industry as a Tractor-Trailer Driver might be right move for you! Tractor-Trailer Drivers must successfully complete an accredited professional truck-driving program, leading to receipt of their Commercial Driver's License. And because this occupation is considered to be “In Demand,” there's no telling how quickly you can advance in your career!

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