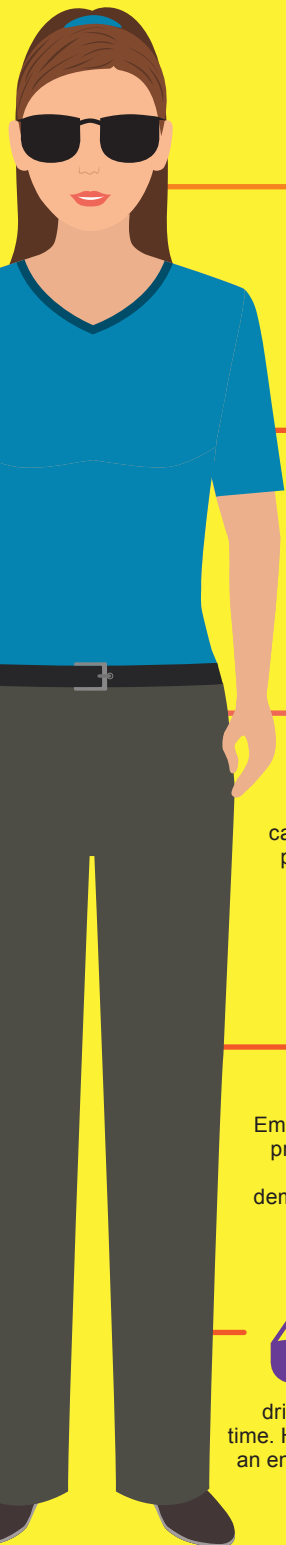


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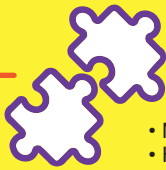
HEAVY & TRACTOR-TRAILER TRUCK DRIVERS

LABORER & FREIGHT, STOCK & MATERIAL MOVERS



EDUCATION

Usually a high school diploma and attend a professional truck driving school. They must have a commercial driver's license (CDL).



IMPORTANT QUALITIES

- Near and far vision
- Hand-eye-foot coordination
- Quick reaction time
- Depth perception
- Problem solving skills



WHAT THEY DO

Transport goods from one location to another. Most tractor-trailer drivers are long-haul drivers and operate trucks with a gross vehicle weight (GVW) capacity—that is, the combined weight of the vehicle, passengers, and cargo—exceeding 26,000 pounds. These drivers deliver goods over intercity routes, sometimes spanning several states.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

MEDIAN HOURLY WAGES **\$19.23 TO \$23.85**

Employment of heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers is projected to grow 6 percent from 2016 to 2026, about as fast as the average for all occupations. As the demand for goods increases, more truck drivers will be needed to keep supply chains moving.



WORK ENVIRONMENT

Working as a long-haul truck driver is a major lifestyle choice because these drivers can be away from home for days or weeks at a time. Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers are typically in an enclosed vehicle or equipment. Drivers can also work outdoors and be exposed to weather conditions.



High school diploma or equivalent



- Physical stamina
- Manual dexterity
- Work with team
- Accuracy
- Communication skills
- Time management



Move freight, stock, or other materials. Some of these workers may feed or remove material to and from machines, clean vehicles, pick up unwanted household goods, and pack materials for moving.

MEDIAN HOURLY WAGES **\$12.86 TO \$16.68**

Overall employment of hand laborers and material movers is projected to grow 7 percent from 2016 to 2026, about as fast as the average for all occupations. Job prospects should be good because of the need to replace workers who leave these occupations.



Most laborers and material movers work full time. Because materials are shipped around the clock, some workers, especially those in warehousing, work overnight shifts. These workers typically wear common protective or safety equipment such as safety shoes, glasses, gloves, hearing protection or hard hats.



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