

Occupational Profile
Truck Drivers, Heavy
OES (Occupational Employment Statistics) CODE: 97102

Cameron County		Hidalgo/Starr/Willacy Counties	
Employment 2000	Projected Employment 2010	Employment 2000	Projected Employment 2010
1,480	1,780	2,510	2,970
Absolute Change		Absolute Change	
#	%	#	%
300	20.3	460	18.3
Is License Required?	Growth to Replacement	Is License Required?	Growth to Replacement
Yes	1:0.6	Yes	1:0.7
Hourly Wage 2002		Hourly Wage 2002	
Mean	Median	Mean	Median
\$12.30	\$11.31	\$13.53	\$12.33

Job Description:

Truck drivers are a constant presence on the Nation's highways and interstates, delivering everything from automobiles to canned foods. Due to their ability to link up with ships, trains, and airplanes, trucks usually make the initial pickup and final delivery of goods. Trucks carry nearly all goods at some point in their journey from producer to consumer. Before leaving the terminal or warehouse, truck drivers check their trucks for fuel and oil. They also inspect the trucks to make sure the brakes, windshield wipers, and lights are working and that a fire extinguisher, flares, and other safety equipment are aboard and in working order.

Average Education Required

These occupations may require a high school diploma or GED certificate. Some may require a formal training course to obtain a license.

Related Occupations

Other driving occupations include ambulance driver, [bus driver](#), [chauffeur](#), and [taxi driver](#).

Skills Required

- Operation and Control -- Controlling operations of equipment or systems
- Equipment Maintenance - - Performing routine maintenance and determining when and what kind of maintenance is needed

Industrial Employment Patterns		
Industry Code	Industry	Percent of Employees
4210	Trucking & Courier Services, ex. Air	45.4%
8820	Self-employed & Unpaid Family Workers	8.5%
3270	Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Products	5.1%
5140	Groceries & Related Products	4.5%
1380	Oil & Gas Field Services	2.4%
9300	Local Government, except Education	2.2%