

Maryland Motor Truck Association

Mission, Vision and Values

The Maryland Motor Truck Association is a not-for-profit trade association representing the trucking industry since 1935. In service to its members, the MMTA is committed to the following mission, vision and values:

Mission:

To support and advocate for a safe, efficient and profitable trucking industry across all sectors and industry types, regardless of size, domicile or type of operation.

Vision:

To serve the core needs of our diverse membership while proactively working to enhance the laws, perceptions, and industry practices that enable Maryland's trucking industry to deliver life's essentials in a safe, profitable, and socially responsible manner.

Values:

- Expertise. MMTA is an expert in the core products, services, information and training needed across all commercial vehicle operations; as such, it helps facilitate members' compliance with federal, state and local rules and set the standard for quality trucking operations.
- Diversity. Through its services, events, specialized councils and training MMTA welcomes all trucking interests, regardless of size, sector, or specialty.
- Integrity. MMTA will maintain the highest standards of ethics and integrity in its dealings with members, government officials, the press, the public, and other coalitions or associations.
- Responsiveness. Above all, MMTA derives its strength from its members and as such will listen and respond to its members' interests to best serve them and foster their future sustainability.

Maryland Trucking Industry Facts

The trucking industry drives Maryland's economy, delivering the goods and creating good jobs for our citizens.

People

- The trucking industry employs 148,000 people in Maryland—one out of every seventeen workers.
- Trucking pays over \$6.9 billion annually in wages and salaries—an average of \$46,475 for each employee, far higher than the state's overall average wage.
- Maryland has over 170,000 CDL holders.

Freight Movement and Economic Importance

- Trucks move 90% of the manufactured freight moving in and out of Maryland each year.
- Every business day, trucks move 533,000 tons of essential goods, such as clothing, electronics, farm supplies, and household necessities.
- Trucking serves every community in Maryland. Over 93% of all Maryland communities depend exclusively on trucks for freight service, making our state one of the most truck-dependent states in the country.

Safety

- Continuing efforts by the Maryland trucking industry to improve safety for all highway users through better regulation and enforcement, as well as public education and driver training, have succeeded. Heavy trucks in Maryland are involved in less than 10% of all accidents.
- Maryland law enforcement officers inspect over 95,000 trucks each year.
- The national fatal accident rate for heavy trucks is at its lowest point since the U.S. Department of Transportation began keeping these statistics in 1975.

Taxes

- An operator of a typical five-axle tractor trailer pays \$15,872 in state and federal highway user taxes. That includes \$6,913 paid directly to the state of Maryland.
- The Maryland trucking industry pays \$552 million in state and federal taxes and fees each year, or 31 percent of all taxes and fees paid by all motorists, even though trucks represent only 7.7% of the vehicle miles traveled in the state.