## Trucking Industry Facts 2010

## The Trucking Industry

- The U.S. trucking industry is comprised of over 227,930 for-hire carriers and more than 282,485 private carriers; $96.0 \%$ with less than 20 trucks.
- The tucking industry employs 7.3 million people employed throughout the economy in jobs that relate to trucking activity in 2008, excluding self-employed.
- In tonnage, trucks carried $68.8 \%$ of all freight - 10.2 billion tons in 2008.
- In 2007, trucks hauled over $\$ 8.3$ trillion worth of merchandise.


## Professional Truck Drivers

- There are 3.39 million truck drivers employed in the U.S., according to the U.S. Department of Labor.
- The average daily run for a long-haul, over-the-road truck driver is nearly 500 miles.
- A majority of long-haul, over-the-road truck drivers will drive, on average, 100,000 to 110,000 miles per year.


## Safety

- In 2007, the large truck fatal crash rate was a record low 1.85 fatal crashes per 100 million vehicle miles traveled. Compared with 1.93 fatal crashes per 100 million vehicles miles in 2006. This has decreased 60 percent from 4.58 in 1975, the first year the USDOT began keeping records.
- AAA found in July 2002 that 80 percent of crashes were caused by car drivers.
- For all fatal large truck crashes, the FMCSA estimated fatigue to be a primary factor in only 7.0 percent.


## Emission

- A new truck today produces $90 \%$ less smog-forming NOx emissions as a similar truck manufactured just four years ago.
- Sixty new trucks purchased this year will equal the particulate emissions of 1 truck purchased 20 years ago. Also, 30 new trucks purchased this year will equal the NOx emissions of 1 truck purchased 20 years ago.


## Taxes

- The federal and state governments collect an average of 49.1 cents in tax for each gallon of onhighway diesel fuel and 42.4 cents for each gallon of gasoline sold.
- Commercial trucks make up only $12.2 \%$ of all registered vehicles, but pay $\$ 38.0$ billion in combined federal and state highway-user taxes.
- Commercial truck taxes average nearly $\$ 18,000$ per vehicle.



## Mileage and Fuel

- Commercial Class 8 trucks logged 128.4 billion miles in 2007, the equivalent of making over 136,301 cross-country trip per day.
- The average Class 8 unit (vehicles weighing over 33,001 lbs.) travel more than 45,000 miles per year, the equivalent of driver nearly two times around the world.
- In 2007, commercial trucks consumed nearly 55.1 billion gallons of diesel fuel and gasoline.


## The Future of the Trucking Industry

By the Year 2020:

- The U.S. freight transportation industry will carry 18.8 billion tons of freight, generating $\$ 1.3$ trillion in revenue, representing a $68.5 \%$ increase over 2008 revenue of $\$ 794.9$ billion.
- Trucking will account for $\$ 1.3$ trillion of all freight transportation revenue, a $68.5 \%$ increase over 2008.
- The trucking industry will haul 70.9\% of total U.S. freight tonnage.

