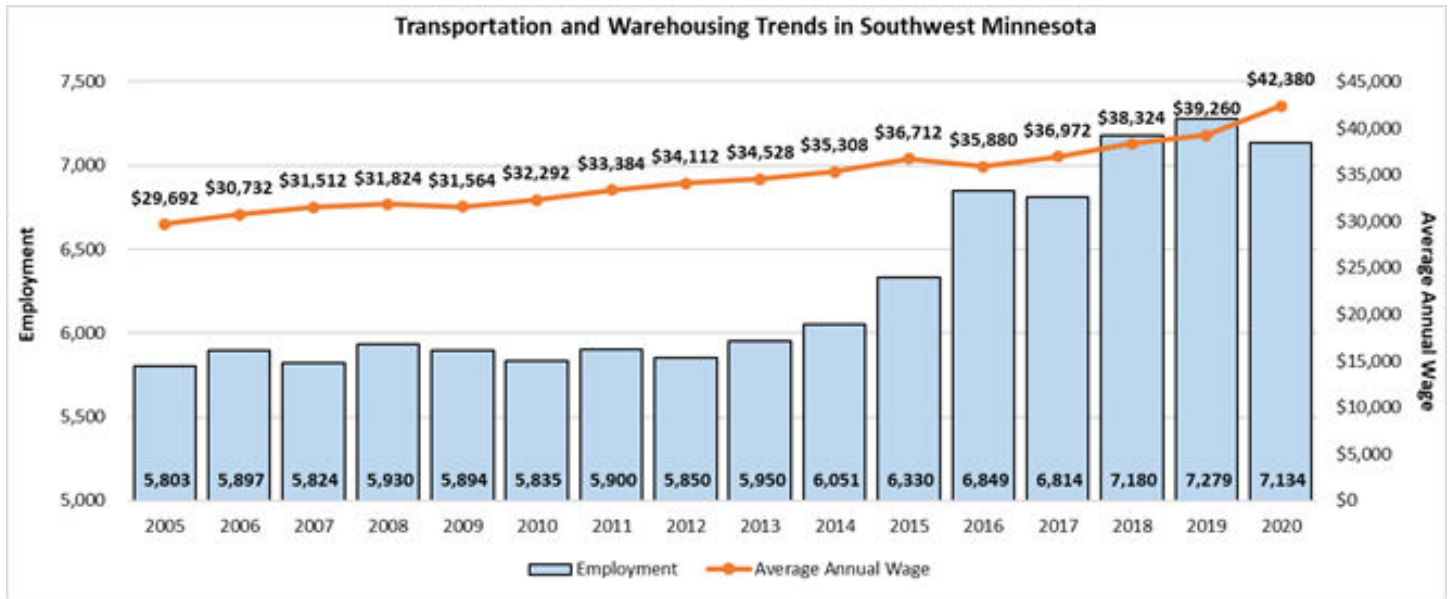
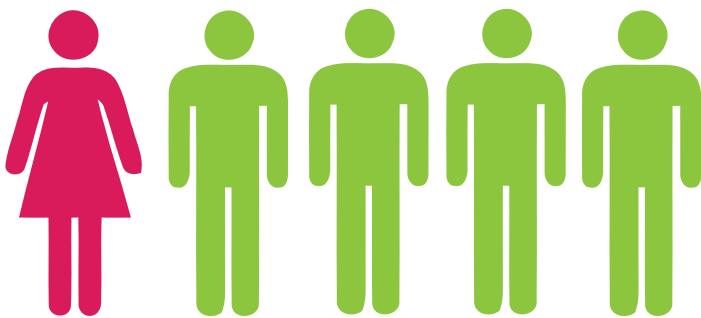


TRANSPORTATION CAREERS

IN SOUTHWEST AND SOUTH CENTRAL MINNESOTA



Transportation and warehousing is the second fastest growing industry in south central and southwest Minnesota, adding almost 1,300 jobs from 2005 to 2020, an increase of 22.9%. Increasing demand for workers and large numbers of openings has driven median wages higher than typical in the region, to \$20.37 per hour in 2020.

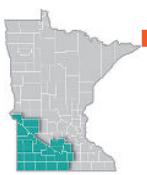


FEMALES HOLD 1 OUT OF EVERY 5 JOBS IN TRANSPORTATION AND WAREHOUSING

The growing share of jobs held by women represent an increase of 5.4% from 2005 to 2020.

| Non-Traditional Transportation Careers for Women in Southwest/South Central Minnesota | |
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| Transportation, Storage and Distribution Managers \$39.75/HR | Heavy and Tractor Trailer Truck Drivers \$21.89/HR |
| Diesel Engine Specialists \$23.42/HR | Automotive Service Technician \$17.85/HR |
| Automotive Body and Repairer \$18.59/HR | Light or Delivery Service Truck Drivers \$17.15/HR |





TRANSPORTATION CAREERS

IN SOUTHWEST AND SOUTH CENTRAL MINNESOTA

The transportation and warehousing industry has a bright outlook in south central and southwest Minnesota, with a projected growth rate of 5.8%. Nearly 13% of all new jobs in southwest and south central Minnesota are projected to be in this industry.



CAREER PATHS IN TRANSPORTATION IN SW/SC MN

4-YEAR OR MORE COLLEGE DEGREE AND/OR EQUIVALENT EXPERIENCE

- Transportation, Storage & Distribution Manager: \$39.74
- Logistics: \$31.62

1-2 YEAR COLLEGE DEGREE (OR CREDENTIAL)

- Diesel Engine Specialist: \$23.42
- Auto Service Tech/Mechanic: \$17.84

HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR GED / ON-THE-JOB TRAINING

- Highway Maintenance Worker: \$25.46
- Dispatcher: \$21.80
- Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Driver: \$25.89
- Laborers & Freight, Stock & Material Movers: \$15.45

WHY CHOOSE A CAREER IN TRANSPORTATION?

Transportation is an essential industry. The transport and logistics industry is one that cannot be replaced by technology, and it is fact may even be enriched by it — at least in the future. Technology must be produced and transported, and you could be the person behind that. There are abundant opportunities. Earn a great income!

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CAREER PATHS IN TRANSPORTATION

4-YEAR OR MORE COLLEGE DEGREE AND/OR EQUIVALENT EXPERIENCE

- TRANSPORTATION, STORAGE & DISTRIBUTION MANAGER \$39.74 Plan, direct, or coordinate transportation, storage, or distribution activities in accordance with organizational policies and applicable government laws or regulations. Includes logistics managers.
- LOGISTICIAN \$31.62 Analyze and coordinate the logistical functions of a firm or organization. Responsible for the entire life cycle of a product, including acquisition, distribution, internal allocation, delivery, and final disposal of resources.

1-2 YEAR COLLEGE DEGREE (OR CREDENTIAL)

- DIESEL ENGINE SPECIALIST \$23.42 Diagnose, adjust, repair, or overhaul trucks and buses, or maintain and repair all types of diesel engines. Includes mechanics working primarily with automobile or marine diesel engines.
- AUTO SERVICE TECH/MECHANIC \$17.84 Diagnose, adjust, repair, or overhaul automotive vehicles.

HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR GED AND/OR EXPERIENCE

- HEAVY & TRACTOR-TRAILER TRUCK DRIVER \$25.89 Drive a tractor-trailer combination or a truck with a capacity of at least 26,000 pounds Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW). May be required to unload truck. Requires commercial driver's license.
- LABORERS & FREIGHT, STOCK & MATERIAL MOVERS \$15.45 Manually move freight, stock, or other materials or perform other general labor.
- DISPATCHER \$21.80 Schedule and dispatch workers, work crews, equipment, or service vehicles for conveyance of materials, freight, or passengers, or for normal installation, service, or emergency repairs rendered outside the place of business. Duties may include using radio, telephone, or computer to transmit assignments and compiling statistics and reports on work progress.
- HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE WORKER \$25.46 Maintain highway, municipal and rural roads, airport runways, and rights-of-way. Duties include patching potholes or gravel pavement, repaving guard rails, highway markers, and snow fences. May also mow or clear brush from along road or provide snow from roadway.

In Demand Transportation Careers

HEAVY & TRACTOR-TRAILER TRUCK DRIVERS

AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE TECHNICIAN

EDUCATION

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

High school diploma or equivalent. Typically need to complete a vocational or other postsecondary education program in automotive service technology.

IMPORTANT QUALITIES

- Near and far vision
- Hand-eye-foot coordination
- Quick reaction time
- Depth perception
- Problem solving skills
- Customer-service skills
- Detail oriented
- Dexterity
- Mechanical skills
- Organizational skills
- Physical strength
- Troubleshooting skills

WHAT THEY DO

Most tractor-trailer drivers are long haul drivers. There are opportunities for Heavy Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers in road construction, you local and state highway departments, excavating, quarries, and agriculture.

Inspect, maintain, and repair cars and light trucks. They use computers and scanning tools frequently to test parts and systems to identify problems, perform basic maintenance, including oil changes and tire rotations, and repair or replace worn parts. Explains automotive problems and repairs to clients.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

MEDIAN HOURLY WAGES

Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers: \$18.36 to \$24.98

Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics: \$11.97 to \$22.59

Employment of heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers is projected to grow 7.3 percent from 2018 to 2028, 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.

Employment of automotive service technicians and mechanic is projected to have 1,411 openings in the area between 2018 to 2028. More entry-level automotive service technicians will be needed to perform basic maintenance and repairs as the number of vehicles in use continues to rise.

These jobs are in demand in Southwest and South Central Minnesota and these are SW/SC Minnesota Median wages. Data collected from Department of Employment and Economic Development.

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.

Most service technicians work full time, and many work evenings or weekends. Overtime is common.

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