

# Which careers involve driving?

- Ten percent of all industrial truck and tractor operators working in warehousing and storage businesses earned less than \$19,710 per year, and 10 percent earned more than \$38,630 per year.
- Wage variability could have been due to geographic wage variation, work experience, or other economic factors.

**Figure 9** Career choices of drivers in the United States, May 2006

What businesses employ the most of each kind of driver, and how much do they pay? How do drivers' wages compare to those of their supervisors?

Driving occupation	Industry in which they were most employed	Employment in industry	Hourly mean wage in industry
Truck drivers, heavy and tractor-trailer	General freight trucking	583,710	\$18.60
Bus drivers, school	Elementary and secondary schools	247,620	11.80
Truck drivers, light or delivery services	Couriers	150,360	18.06
Driver/sales workers	Limited-service eating places	131,070	7.84
Industrial truck and tractor operators	Warehousing and storage	77,880	13.53
Refuse and recyclable material collectors	Waste collection	44,320	14.84
Taxi drivers and chauffeurs	Taxi and limousine service	42,630	11.66
Bus drivers, transit and intercity	Urban transit systems	20,600	14.74
Subway and streetcar operators	Local government	6,170	22.36
First-line supervisors/managers of transportation and material-moving machine and vehicle operators	General freight trucking	23,210	25.58

## for example

In the warehousing and storage industry, what was the salary range for industrial truck and tractor operators?

Wage percentile	Hourly wage	Annual wage
10th	\$ 9.47	\$19,710
25th	11.03	22,930
Median	13.04	27,120
75th	15.69	32,630
90th	18.57	38,630

How much did different driving occupations earn nationwide, on average, per hour?



- Truck drivers, heavy and tractor-trailer, \$17.46
- Driver/sales workers, \$11.72
- Taxi drivers and chauffeurs, \$10.62
- Bus drivers, school, \$12.08
- Industrial truck and tractor operators, \$13.99
- Bus drivers, transit and intercity, \$15.89
- Truck drivers, light or delivery services, \$13.23
- Refuse and recyclable material collectors, \$14.96
- Subway and streetcar operators, \$22.20