



HEAVY & TRACTOR- TRAILER TRUCK DRIVERS

Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Driver in the Forest Products Sector drive tractor-trailer combination or a truck with a capacity of at least 26,001 pounds Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW) to pick up raw materials from the forests and delivers them to woodmills, sawmills, and other production facilities to be processed. Drivers may be required to load or unload trucks. Requires commercial drivers' license.



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Current Jobs
in Maine,
across all sectors
(2022)



Job Openings per
Year in Maine,
across all sectors
(average 2022 -32)



1,362

Median Hourly
Wages
across all sectors
(2022)



\$22.27

Typical Entry Points

Workers are required to pursue a postsecondary training to gain a Commercial Driver's License and receive short-term on-the-job training. There are many training programs available to prepare for this licensure.

Short-Term Training

- ↑ Commercial Drivers License
- ↑ Large Equipment and Maintenance and Operation

Experience in Related Occupations

- ↑ Heavy Equipment Operator
- ↑ Log Truck Driver
- ↑ Earth Drillers
- ↑ Bus Drivers

Professional Certifications

- ↑ CDL A
- ↑ CDL B

Career Progression

Career progression can take multiple forms depending on the worker's interests, prior experience, and skill attainment. Typically, after about 2 years of experience workers may be able to advance by demonstrating leadership, experience, and capabilities in one or more of the following areas.



Specialization

- ↑ Crane Operator
- ↑ Self-loading
- ↑ Off-road



Management

- ↑ Team Lead
- ↑ Supervisor
- ↑ Manager



Cross-Training

- ↑ Logistics
- ↑ Production
- ↑ Mechanics



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Drive tractor-trailer combination or a truck with a capacity of at least 26,001 pounds Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW). May be required to unload truck. Requires commercial drivers' license. Includes tow truck drivers.

Skills

- ✦ Operation and Control
- ✦ Operations Monitoring
- ✦ Monitoring
- ✦ Critical Thinking
- ✦ Reading Comprehension

Typical Work Activities

- ✦ Operating Vehicles, Mechanized Devices, or Equipment
- ✦ Inspecting Equipment, Structures, or Materials
- ✦ Getting Information
- ✦ Identifying Objects, Actions, and Events
- ✦ Monitoring Processes, Materials, or Surroundings

Typical Work Context

- ✦ In an enclosed vehicle or equipment
- ✦ Outdoors, exposed to weather
- ✦ Frequent decision making
- ✦ Duration of typical work week is more than 40 hours
- ✦ Impact of decisions on co-workers or company results is very important



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Maine Employment Outlook 2022 - 2032

📌 Current Jobs (2022): **11,297**

📌 Projected Growth:

📌 -3% in Maine

📌 14% in the US

📌 Hires (2022): **6,527**

📌 Near-Term Retirements: **4,112 (36%)**

📌 Average Annual Openings: **1,362**

Average annual openings account for industry growth and worker replacements needed due to retirements or workers permanently leaving an occupation

Job Preparation Needed: Some

Typical requirements for entry:

- 📌 High school diploma or equivalent
- 📌 Short-term on-the-job training
- 📌 No work experience required

Workforce Demographics

- 📌 36% of workers are over the age of 55
- 📌 10% BIPOC workers
- 📌 4% female workers
- 📌 National education attainment:
 - 📌 47% high school graduates
 - 📌 23% some college, no degree
 - 📌 7% Associate's degree



Jobs Postings for Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers in Maine

Top Job Titles: CDL Truck Drivers | Local Truck Drivers | Delivery Drivers | Regional Truck Drivers

Specialized Skills:

- Truck Driving

Qualifications:

- Commercial Driver's License (CDL), Class A and Class B

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Wages by Years of Experience

Low (15% below median), Median, and High (15% above median)

Overall Median Hourly Wage: \$22.27



Top Compatible Occupations

The following occupations have comparable skills to *Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers* based on the levels and importance of knowledge, skills, and abilities. This means workers in these occupations could easily transfer their competencies to work in the forest products sector.

- ♣ Railroad Brake, Signal, and Switch Operators
- ♣ Crane and Tower Operators
- ♣ Operating Engineers & Other Construction Equipment Operators
- ♣ Light Truck Drivers
- ♣ Septic Tank Servicers and Sewer Pipe Cleaners



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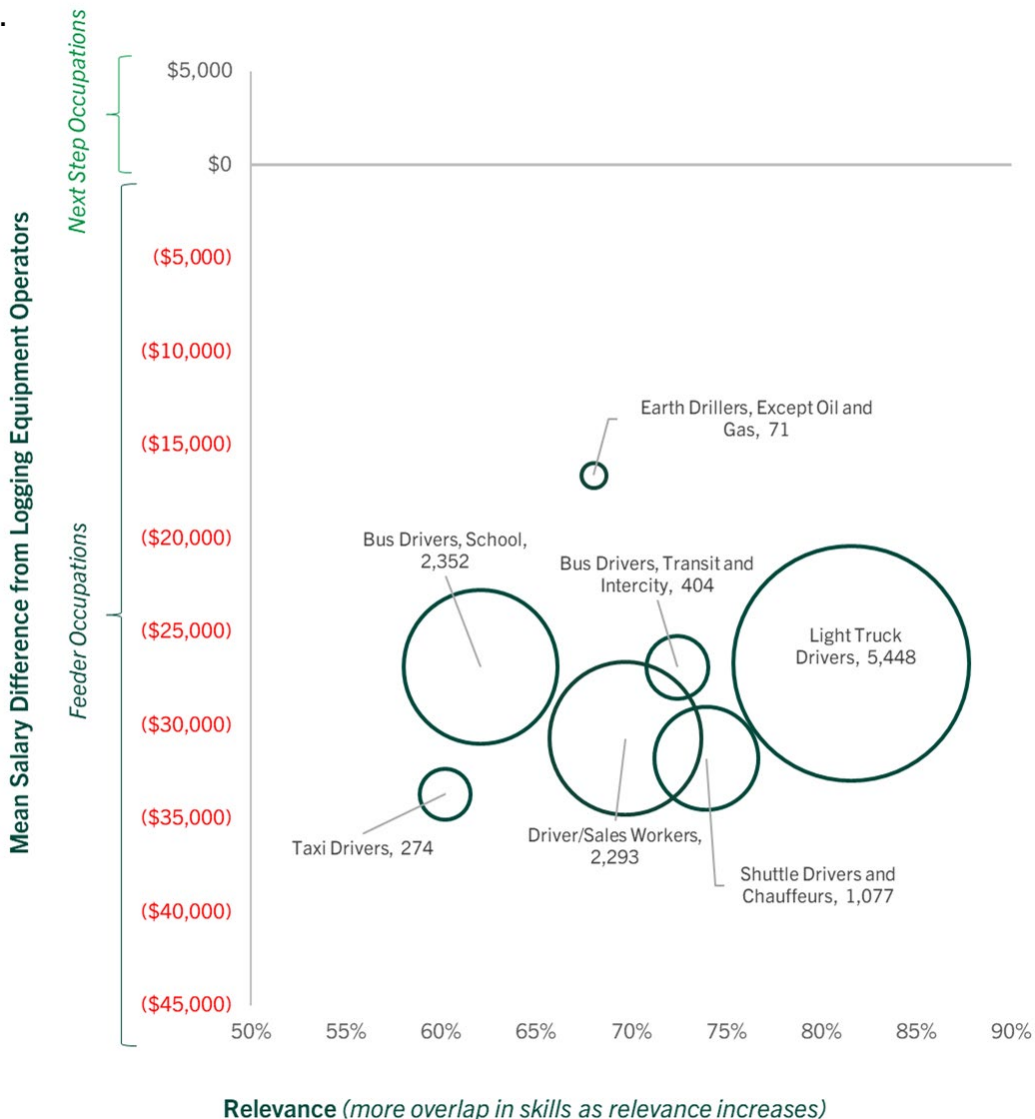
Feeder and Next Step Occupations

Related occupations are plotted based on their skills transferability to *Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers* (the x axis) and their salary difference (the y axis, with \$0 indicating the occupation has the same salary as *Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers*). Current employment in the occupation is represented by the bubble size (and in the data label) to indicate the size of the labor pool.

Feeder Occupations earn less than *Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers*; therefore, becoming a *Millwright* would represent upward mobility with minimal training. These are potential sources of labor that could be drawn from to meet demand for this occupation.



Next Step Occupations have higher wages than *Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers* and present opportunities for advancement with minimal upskilling.



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Education and Training Providers

The following institutions provide training for *Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers* within 2 – 4 months:

Type	Institution	Location	Program	Relevant Industry Credentials & Certifications
Career & Technical Education Programs	Northeast Technical Institute	Bangor	Commercial Driver's License	Short-Term Training
	Caribou Technology Center	Caribou	Large Equipment Maintenance and Operation	None listed
	Region 9 School of Applied Technology	Mexico	Commercial Drivers License	CDL Class A & B
	Somerset Career & Technical Center	Skowhegan	Commercial Truck Driving	CDL Class B
	Westbrook Regional Vocational Center	Westbrook	Commercial Drivers License	CDL Class A & B
	Tri-County Technical Center	Dexter	Commercial Drivers License	CDL Class A & B; Fork Lift Certification; MaineOxy Certification
	Saint Croix Regional Technical Center	Calais	CDL Truck Driving	American Welding Society
Community College	Northern Maine Community College	Presque Isle	Commercial Driver's License	CDL
	Eastern Maine Community College	Bangor	Commercial Driver's License	CDL
	Washington County Community College	Calais	Commercial Driver's License	CDL
	Kennebec Valley Community College	Fairfield	Commercial Driver's License	CDL
	York County Community College	Wells	Commercial Driver's License	CDL

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Avg. Hourly Salary Range: \$17.27-\$26.97

Depending on the entry point, workers will require short-term OTJ and licensure to develop the necessary skills to operate independently.

Behavioral Skills

- † Drug-free
- † Clean driving record
- † Work Ethic
- † Comfort being independent
- † Willingness to work in harsh environments

Technical Skills

- † CDL A and/or B
- † Mechanical aptitude
- † Experience with heavy hauling
- † Experience with off-road driving

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- † Willingness and comfort being in a disconnected environment
- † Problem solving

Technical Skills

- † Mechanical experience
- † Loader experience
- † Knowledge of geographic location
- † Wood road driving experience



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