



Exploring Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics Careers in Livingston County

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Industry Overview

Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics (TDL) is a growing industry that plays a key role in our region. Livingston County relies on businesses in this industry to connect manufacturers and other companies to consumers. A strong TDL workforce is needed to transport goods from one location to another safely and on time.

For those working in the TDL industry, connecting communities and businesses is at the core of their jobs. To do this, they utilize a wide variety of highly technical and basic interpersonal skills.

- **Have you ever wondered how the transportation industry works?**
- **Do you like computers and technology?**
- **Do you have good communication skills?**
- **Do you like working on or with a team?**
- **Do you have good interpersonal skills?**



In-Demand TDL Jobs

The Livingston Workforce Services office has identified 15 high-demand jobs with available training programs in the TDL field which are listed on the back with related wage and training information. Certain occupations may require testing or licensure. Most require drug testing and criminal background checks.

Outlook & Growth

In Livingston County, employers are facing a shortage of reliable, hard-working individuals to fill many part-time and full-time TDL positions. Many of these jobs have low-level entry requirements. Explore the training section of this guide to learn how you can get started quickly in a career in this industry !



Training

Jobs in Livingston County's TDL industry require education and training after high school, yet they don't always require a four year degree. Depending on your career interests and professional goals, you can chose a training program from several weeks to more than four years. Here are some examples below:

1 Year or Less

Certificate Program

- Bus Driver
- Laborer and Material Mover
- Truck Driver

2 Years

Associate Degree

- Automotive Technician and Repairer
- Transportation, Storage, and Distribution Manager

livingstonworkforceservices.weebly.com provides information about careers in transportation, distribution, and logistics. It also includes local Livingston County job postings, available training programs, and advice on how to find financial aid. It is a resource which will introduce you to TDL jobs in Livingston County and help you figure out which ones could be the right fit for you.

Career Opportunities

There are many job opportunities within the field of TDL. Whether you are interested in being a truck driver, mechanic, or supervising a team of people, you can choose from a variety of professions in this industry.

Of course, you don't have to stick to one career pathway. You may start in one career, and advance with experience and education into something different.



Here are some TDL career pathway examples:

Industrial Truck and Tractor Operator

- Transportation, Storage, and Distribution Manager

Laborer or Material Mover

- Supervisor of Transportation and Material Movers

Shipping, Receiving, or Traffic Clerk

- Supervisor of Transportation and Vehicle Operators

These career pathway examples are just a way to get you started – the next step is up to you!

Required Skills & Abilities

Although completing the required technical training is critical to landing a job in these professions, there are additional skills employers look for. To move ahead in, and even begin your career, you will need to demonstrate good interpersonal and communication skills.


















Here are some examples of interpersonal and communication skills in the TDL industry.

How many of these skills do you see in yourself?

- **Communication - writing, presenting, computer literacy**
- **Adaptability – flexibility, resourcefulness, compromise**
- **Organization – time management, attention to detail**
- **Critical thinking - problem solving, creativity, judgement**



Livingston County In-Demand Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics Jobs

Job Title	Annual Job Openings Bloomington Peoria Region	Annual Job Openings Livingston County	Average Starting Hourly Wage	Average Hourly Wage with Experience
Certificate				
 Bus Drivers	57	~10	\$12.12	\$27.94
 Customer Service Representatives*	866	23	\$11.50	\$25.26
 Dispatchers*	24	~10	\$12.28	\$30.05
 Electricians*	163	16	\$15.85	\$45.21
 Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators	191	12	\$11.62	\$23.21
 Laborers and Material Movers	589	72	\$11.08	\$24.29
 Logisticians*	69	~10	\$17.41	\$58.14
 Shipping, Receiving, and Traffic Clerks*	109	11	\$10.98	\$24.82
 Transportation, Storage, and Distribution Managers*	43	~10	\$20.15	\$62.29
 Truck Drivers*	351	27	\$9.79	\$26.93
Associate Degree				
 Automotive Technicians and Repairers	186	10	\$10.65	\$32.31
 Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel Engine Specialists	50	7	\$9.29	\$29.62
 Industrial Machinery Installation, Repair, and Maintenance Workers	34	~10	\$14.11	\$30.32
 Secretaries and Administrative Assistants	371	19	\$10.24	\$27.08
 Supervisors of Transportation and Vehicle Operators	65	~10	\$13.55	\$42.09

*Earning an associate degree will also satisfy educational requirements for this job.

