



# Exploring Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics Careers in Kankakee County

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## Industry Overview

Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics (TDL) is a growing industry that plays a key role in our region. Kankakee 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

Kankakee Workforce Services has identified 15 high-demand jobs with available training programs in the TDL field. They 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 Kankakee 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 Kankakee 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

- Truck Driver
- Laborer and Material Mover, Hand
- Electrician

### 2 Years

#### Associate Degree

- Logistician
- Supervisor of Transportation and Vehicle Operators

[www.kcc.edu/wioa](http://www.kcc.edu/wioa) provides information about careers in transportation, distribution, and logistics. It also includes local Kankakee 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 Kankakee 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

### Automotive Technician And Repairer

- Bus and Truck Mechanic and Diesel Engine Specialist

### 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**



# Kankakee County In-Demand Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics Jobs

Job Title	Annual Job Openings Chicago Metro	Annual Job Openings Kankakee County	Average Starting Hourly Wage	Average Hourly Wage with Experience
<b>Certificate</b>				
 Automotive Technicians and Repairers*	1,608	37	\$12.28	\$33.32
 Bus Drivers	1,359	~10	\$16.95	\$41.16
 Customer Service Representatives*	10,558	85	\$10.15	\$25.06
 Dispatchers*	538	~10	\$13.79	\$38.21
 Electricians*	1,794	18	\$27.16	\$51.24
 Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators	2,305	27	\$12.83	\$19.67
 Industrial Machinery Installation, Repair, and Maintenance Workers*	280	~10	\$10.35	\$40.78
 Laborers and Material Movers, Hand	17,072	174	\$10.69	\$21.27
 Shipping, Receiving, and Traffic Clerks*	3,200	33	\$12.61	\$25.19
 Transportation, Storage and Distribution Managers*	468	~10	\$24.73	\$61.82
 Truck Drivers and Driver Sales Workers	5,302	40	\$10.40	\$38.47
<b>Associate Degree</b>				
 Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel Engine Specialists	797	~10	\$17.30	\$31.99
 Logisticians	769	11	\$14.00	\$50.61
 Secretaries and Administrative Assistants	4,611	72	\$10.07	\$24.22
 Supervisors of Transportation and Vehicle Operators	1,295	14	\$13.70	\$32.73

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