



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

The Kankakee Workforce Services office has identified 12 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 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 choose a training program from several weeks to more than four years. Here are some examples below:

1 Year or Less Certificate Program

- Bus Driver
- Maintenance and Repair Worker
- Truck Driver

1 to 2 Years Certificate Program

- Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics
- Industrial Machinery Mechanic

The Kankakee Workforce Services website 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:

Truck Driver

- Transportation, Storage, and Distribution Manager

Bus Driver

- Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel Engine Specialists

Maintenance and Repair Worker

- Industrial Machinery Mechanic

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 Cook County	Annual Job Openings Kankakee County Area	Average Starting Hourly Wage	Average Hourly Wage with Experience	
Short-Term On-The-Job Training					
	Laborers, Freight, Stock and Material Movers	11,599	406	\$16.54	\$22.39
	Stockers and Order Fillers	5,448	249	\$15.46	\$19.62
Certificate					
	Automotive Body Repairers	220	11	\$18.07	\$30.61
	Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics*	933	55	\$17.50	\$29.61
	Bus Drivers	795	28	\$18.70	\$27.98
	Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel Engine Specialists*	506	20	\$22.33	\$31.14
	Electricians*	1072	40	\$29.57	\$50.05
	Industrial Electronics Repairers*	52	2	\$24.07	\$37.25
	Industrial Machinery Mechanics*	536	39	\$25.00	\$47.35
	Maintenance and Repair Workers	3109	100	\$18.92	\$31.49
	Transportation, Storage, and Distribution Managers**	305	10	\$33.96	\$59.13
	Truck Drivers	3489	206	\$21.95	\$34.23

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

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