



TRUCKING/TRANSPORTATION FACTS, NORTH CAROLINA

- North Carolina has a high rate of commercial intermodal transportation activity due to its airports, Atlantic Ocean port facilities, rail access, and 91,000 miles of paved roads.
- North Carolina is home to more than 26,000 trucking companies.
- There are 387,000 individuals with a Commercial Drivers License (CDL) in the state, one-third of whom are also licensed for hazmat shipments.
- The North Carolina economy depends on trucking companies for shipment of its textiles, furniture, tobacco and increasingly high tech electronics equipment such as computers and laptops – all goods originating from manufacturing, assembly or farming sites in the state.
- A typical 53-foot dry van trailer can hold:
 - 18,696 Apple iPod packaged units that have a retail value of more than \$3 million.
 - 19 million sheets of copy paper (8 ½ x11) with a retail value of several hundred thousand dollars.
 - Approximately 13,711 ten-pound boxes of six-ounce hamburger patties.
- The Road Information Program (TRIP), a national transportation research program, estimates that heavy truck travel will increase 47 percent nationally by the year 2020.
- According to the American Trucking Association's (ATA) *U. S. Freight Transportation Forecast...to 2015*, all modes of domestic freight carriers earned, in total, over \$610 billion of revenue in 2003. Trucking's share was 87 percent, by far the largest portion. This figure coincides with the fact that trucks are the sole means of freight delivery to nearly 80 percent of all communities within the U.S.

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