



Sectoral Profile

Trucking

Atlantic Region

2017



ABSTRACT

The Trucking sector contributes over \$1 billion dollars annually to the Atlantic region's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and is a valuable service responsible for transporting many different types of goods.

This profile provides an overview of recent labour market conditions for the trucking sector. It highlights the excess demand forecasted to occur by 2020, in large part due to growing retirements. Long-term projections are also tied closely to overall economic growth because truck transportation is necessary to move a large proportion of all goods from producers to customers. The specific occupations covered in this report are: Truck drivers, Administration, Materials handlers, Management, and Maintenance/Mechanics. Trends and outlooks for employment in the Atlantic Region are provided when relevant and sufficient data are available.

The following are some key highlights:

- The Trucking sector contributes over \$1 billion dollars annually to the Atlantic economy and it is estimated that 90% of all goods are transported at least partially by trucks.
- The sector employs nearly 15,000 workers in the Atlantic Region, and 65% are truck drivers.
- Truck drivers are older than the overall workforce in the Atlantic Region.
- Excess demand for truck drivers in Atlantic Canada is expected to be about 2,000 workers by the year 2020.
- Trucking sector employment is expected to increase in three of the four Atlantic Provinces, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, between 2017 and 2019 on an annual average basis. In Newfoundland and Labrador employment in the Trucking sector is project to fall on an average annual basis due to declines in 2017 and 2018.

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