Executive Summary

In 2019, the Transportation and Warehousing sector comprised 4.5 percent of all public and private sector employment in Iowa with 70,083 jobs and an annual average wage of $47,181. The statewide average for all industries was $48,672.

Truck transportation has the largest employment impact with 31,354 jobs, making up 45.0 percent of employment in this sector. Warehousing and Storage is the second highest employment with 14,815 jobs, or 21.0 percent of the employment in this sector.

From 2018 to 2019, we have seen a slight increase in both the average wage and jobs within the Transportation and Warehousing sector.

Pipeline transportation continues to bring the highest wage at $103,981, second is Postal Service with $56,097, while Support Activities for Transportation is third with $51,614.

This industry is dominated by men who account for 75.3 percent of the workforce.
What is Transportation & Warehousing?

The Transportation and Warehousing sector includes industries providing transportation of passengers and cargo, warehousing and storage for goods, scenic and sightseeing transportation, and support activities related to modes of transportation.

Establishments in these industries use transportation equipment or transportation-related facilities as a productive asset. The type of equipment depends on the mode of transportation: air, rail, water, road, and pipeline.

Excluded from this sector are civic and social organizations; amusement and recreation parks; theaters; and other recreation or entertainment facilities providing food and beverage services.

Source: www.bls.gov/cew/bls_naics/Bls_naics_app.htm

Source: Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW), Iowa Workforce Development

2009–2019 Employment in Accommodation & Food Services in Iowa

Source: Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW), Iowa Workforce Development

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In 2019, employers in the **Transportation & Warehousing** sector had 4,868 locations in Iowa. The sector’s employment is distributed between a couple of major categories. The larger is the **Truck Transportation** which had 2,826 establish and employed 31,354 employees. The next largest was the **Postal Services** with 826 establishments. The **Warehousing and Storage** provided the second largest employment with 14,815.

The employers listed to the left are classified in the subsector that reflects their primary industry, although each company may be engaged in other economic activities.

**Label Key:**
First line is the county name followed by average employment and finally, average annual wage.

**Source:** Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW), Iowa Workforce Development
**2019 Average Annual Wage for Covered Employment in Transportation & Warehousing**

*State Comparisons by Private Ownership*

- **North Dakota** $66,395
- **South Dakota** $44,995
- **Nebraska** $47,865
- **Iowa** $46,742
- **Kansas** $46,815
- **Missouri** $47,413
- **Minnesota** $54,196
- **Wisconsin** $44,268
- **Illinois** $55,579
- **Indiana** $47,508
- **Michigan** $56,116
- **Ohio** $51,066

**United States Average: $54,365**

Source: Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW), Bureau of Labor Statistics

**Industry Distribution by Age and Gender, 2nd Quarter 2019**

Source: Local Employment Dynamics, Iowa Workforce Development and U.S. Census Bureau

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