



## South Dakota High Demand & High Wage Career

**Career Cluster: Transportation,  
Distribution & Logistics**

# Light Truck Drivers

## What They Do

Drive a light vehicle, such as a truck or van, to deliver or pick up merchandise or to deliver packages. May load and unload the vehicle. The vehicles they drive normally have a capacity of less than 26,000 pounds.

## Is This For You?

**Work Interests** are described in the following categories (compatible with Holland's Model). People who tend to succeed in this career are:

**Realistic (Doers)** — Prefer to work with objects, things, machines, tools, plants or animals. They have mechanical ability, enjoy being outdoors and working with their hands.

**Conventional (Organizers)** — Detail oriented and organized. They like to analyze data, keep financial records and do research. They can be counted on to be accurate and enjoy structure and closure.



*Standard Occupational Code 53-3033*

**Work Values** are aspects of work that are satisfying to you. The following work values are generally associated with this career.

**Support** — Offer supportive management that stands behind employees.

**Independence** — Allow employees to work on their own and make decisions.

**Working Conditions** — Offer job security and good working conditions.

**Abilities** reflect a person's aptitude to acquire skills and knowledge. The following abilities are important for success in the career.

- Far Vision
- Multilimb Coordination
- Spatial Orientation
- Near Vision
- Problem Sensitivity
- Control Precision
- Deductive Reasoning
- Manual Dexterity

## Basic Skills You Need

- Active Listening
- Monitoring
- Operation and Control
- Reading Comprehension
- Speaking
- Critical Thinking
- Time Management

## Education & Training

Light truck or delivery services driver positions generally require a high school diploma or an equivalent. A good driving record is important in getting hired.

A registered apprenticeship is another option for preparing for this occupation. To learn more, visit [StartTodaySD.com](http://StartTodaySD.com) or contact your local Job Service office to get started.

## Recommended Levels\* for the National Career Readiness Certificate

Applied Math	3
Workplace Documents	3
Graphic Literacy	3

\*Using the median skill level.

## Where They Work

The South Dakota industries which employ the largest number of light truck or delivery services drivers are:

- Couriers and Express Delivery Services
- Self Employment
- Local Messengers and Local Delivery
- Automobile Dealers
- Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods

## South Dakota Employment & Wages

2022 Employment	2032 Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Average Annual Openings	Annual Median Wage	Annual Average Wage
3,744	4,246	502	13.4%	465	\$40,480	\$43,830

## Additional References

### Labor Market Information Center

[www.dlr.sd.gov/lmic](http://www.dlr.sd.gov/lmic)

### Career OneStop

[www.careeronestop.org](http://www.careeronestop.org)

### O\*Net Online

[www.onetonline.org](http://www.onetonline.org)

### mySkills myFuture

<https://www.myskillsmyfuture.org/>

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