

**Table 1a. Financial Statistics for TL, LTL, and Combined (TL & LTL) firms for 1999**

(\$ million for revenue, expenses, income, and assets)

	Mean	Percent	Max.	Min.	s.d.
<b>LTL firms (24 firms)</b>					
Operating revenue	468.8	100%	2,219.4	6.7	642.4
Operating expenses ("operating ratio")	440.3	93.9%	2,217.6	8.3	610.9
Operating income	28.5	6.1%	215.9	(3.3)	52.2
Total assets (N = 20)	285.5		1,215.7	2.0	363.6
Total employment (20 firms)	5,392		23,009	32	6,645
<b>TL firms (97 firms)</b>					
Operating revenue	152.4	100%	1,559.6	0.15	252.1
Operating expenses ("operating ratio")	144.3	94.7%	1,541.6	0.15	241.4
Operating income	8.1	5.3%	102.2	(3.87)	15.8
Total assets (57 firms)	78.9		699.5	0.03	120.6
Total employment (54 firms)	1,199		12,032	11	2,395
<b>Combined firms (offer both TL &amp; LTL; 11 firms)</b>					
Operating revenue	373.0	100%	2,590.7	12.8	719.5
Operating expenses ("operating ratio")	356.4	95.5%	2,506.9	12.5	695.2
Operating income	16.6	4.5%	83.7	(10.0)	28.3
Total assets (8 firms)	142.8		749.4	5.1	256.1
Total employment (7 firms)	4,226		23,279	54	8,588
<b>Pooled sample (132 firms)</b>					
Operating revenue	234.6	100%	2,590.7	0.15	431.9
Operating expenses ("operating ratio")	221.8	94.5%	2,506.9	0.15	412.8
Operating income	12.8	5.5%	215.9	(10.0)	28.4
Total assets (85 firms)	133.5		1,215.7	0.03	229.3
Total employment (81 firms)	2,496		23,279	11	4,828

Source: Form M data for 1999 from the Bureau of Transportation Statistics

**Table 1b. Share of trucking in the U.S. economy (\$ billion)**

	1996		1992	
<b>A. Gross domestic product (GDP)</b>	\$ 7,825	<i>GDP share</i>	\$ 6,260	<i>GDP share</i>
For-hire motor freight & warehousing	\$ 101	1.3%	\$ 83	1.3%
Own-account (in-house) trucking	\$ 142	1.8%	\$ 120	1.9%
<i>Contribution of trucking industry</i>	\$ 243	3.1%	\$ 204	3.3%
Other transportation (rail, pipe, air, water, transit)	\$ 135	1.7%	\$ 109	1.7%
Total transportation	\$ 378	4.8%	\$ 313	5.0%
<b>B Total intermediate inputs (all industries)</b>	\$ 6,176	<i>Intermed. share</i>		
For-hire motor freight & warehousing	\$ 111	1.8%		
Own-account (in-house) trucking	\$ 58	0.9%		
<i>Contribution of trucking industry</i>	\$ 169	2.7%		
<b>C Total industry output</b>	\$14,001	<i>Output share</i>		
For-hire motor freight & warehousing	\$ 212	1.5%		
Own-account (in-house) trucking	\$ 200	1.4%		
<i>Contribution of trucking industry</i>	\$ 412	2.9%		
<b>D Total commodity output</b>	\$ 13,989	<i>Commod. share</i>		
For-hire motor freight & warehousing	\$ 200	1.4%		
In-house trucking	\$ 200	1.4%		
<i>Contribution of trucking industry</i>	\$ 400	2.9%		

**Sources**

A. U.S. Department of Transportation (July 2000) and Transtats (April 1998)

B-D. Survey of Current Business, May 2000, Table 2

Note: Across all industries, total commodity output equals GDP plus intermediate inputs

**Table 2. The TSA Commodity-by-Industry Direct Requirements, 1996**

(Direct requirements for commodity services per dollar of industry output, at producers' prices)

Commodity (Service sector)		Industry (Output sector)											Communications and utilities	
		Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	Mining	Construction	Manufacturing	Transportation								
						Railroad and passenger ground	Motor freight and warehousing	Water	Air	Pipelines and freight forwarders	State and local passenger transit	Own-account transportation		
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries		0.237	0.000	0.005	0.040	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Mining		0.001	0.175	0.007	0.032	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.004	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.091
Construction		0.011	0.020	0.001	0.007	0.048	0.005	0.001	0.002	0.014	0.277	0.004	0.004	0.053
Manufacturing		0.160	0.077	0.299	0.358	0.130	0.072	0.090	0.126	0.042	0.547	0.098	0.041	
Railroad and passenger ground		0.006	0.006	0.002	0.005	0.043	0.002	0.000	0.001	0.001	0.021	0.001	0.009	
Motor freight and warehousing		0.014	0.007	0.015	0.016	0.007	0.185	0.003	0.002	0.006	0.011	0.006	0.002	
Water transportation		0.001	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.005	0.193	0.000	0.001	0.002	0.001	0.001	
Air transportation		0.002	0.002	0.001	0.004	0.004	0.009	0.002	0.061	0.006	0.001	0.000	0.003	
Pipelines and freight forwarders		0.000	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.008	0.031	0.047	0.085	0.023	0.004	0.001	0.002	
Own-account transportation		0.052	0.021	0.056	0.006	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.002	
Communications and utilities		0.015	0.056	0.006	0.020	0.011	0.032	0.007	0.014	0.042	0.078	0.026	0.118	
Wholesale and retail trade		0.046	0.019	0.083	0.062	0.037	0.034	0.014	0.016	0.010	0.077	0.038	0.009	
Finance, insurance and real estate		0.071	0.136	0.016	0.017	0.028	0.040	0.056	0.030	0.053	0.019	0.010	0.026	
Services		0.025	0.030	0.091	0.059	0.073	0.101	0.166	0.085	0.229	0.029	0.100	0.108	
Other		0.001	0.006	0.001	0.008	0.006	0.007	0.099	0.075	0.013	0.001	0.003	0.016	
Total value added		0.357	0.443	0.416	0.365	0.605	0.477	0.322	0.501	0.557	-0.066	0.711	0.521	
Total output (%)		1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	
Total industry output (\$ billion)	13,989	290	173	868	3,666	69	212	35	118	42	7	200	661	

**Summaries**

Truck share (motor freight & own-account)		6.6%	2.8%	7.1%	2.2%	0.7%		0.3%	0.2%	0.6%	1.1%		0.4%
Truck share x Total industry output (\$ bln)	302.6	19.2	4.8	61.5	79.3	0.5		0.1	0.3	0.2	0.1		2.6
Weighted mean (omits intra-truck)		2.2%											

This table reports the contribution (direct requirement) of each commodity in producing \$1 output from an industry.

For example, "Manufacturing" requires 1.6 cents of "Motor freight" and 0.6 cents "Own-account" transport in order to generate \$1 output.

Source: Survey of Current Business (Table 1 and Table 3), May 2000

**Table 3. The TSA Industry-by-Commodity Total Requirements, 1996**

(Total direct and indirect requirements of services from industry, per dollar of commodity delivered to final demand, at producers' prices)

Industry (Service sector)	Commodity (Output sector)												Communications and utilities	Wholesale and retail trade	Finance, insurance and real estate
	Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	Mining	Construction	Manufacturing	Transportation										
					Railroad and passenger ground	Motor freight and warehousing	Water	Air	Pipelines and freight forwarders	Own-account transport					
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	1.334	0.014	0.038	0.088	0.021	<b>0.013</b>	0.016	0.015	0.011	<b>0.012</b>	0.011	0.010	0.011		
Mining	0.024	1.231	0.037	0.076	0.020	<b>0.016</b>	0.015	0.016	0.019	<b>0.013</b>	0.121	0.011	0.006		
Construction	0.028	0.041	1.013	0.023	0.081	<b>0.018</b>	0.016	0.014	0.026	<b>0.012</b>	0.066	0.017	0.041		
Manufacturing	0.401	0.212	0.550	1.649	0.360	<b>0.207</b>	0.248	0.262	0.157	<b>0.202</b>	0.161	0.129	0.067		
Railroad and passenger ground	0.011	0.010	0.005	0.009	0.939	<b>0.006</b>	0.003	0.003	0.003	<b>0.003</b>	0.011	0.002	0.002		
Motor freight and warehousing	<b>0.035</b>	<b>0.019</b>	<b>0.033</b>	<b>0.037</b>	<b>0.021</b>	<b>1.222</b>	<b>0.013</b>	<b>0.012</b>	<b>0.015</b>	<b>0.014</b>	<b>0.039</b>	<b>0.010</b>	<b>0.008</b>		
Water transportation	0.003	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	<b>0.008</b>	1.158	0.001	0.002	<b>0.001</b>	0.002	0.000	0.000		
Air transportation	0.007	0.006	0.006	0.009	0.007	<b>0.013</b>	0.006	1.013	0.009	<b>0.002</b>	0.006	0.006	0.003		
Pipelines and freight forwarders	0.004	0.002	0.003	0.005	0.020	<b>0.052</b>	0.066	0.119	1.025	<b>0.002</b>	0.004	0.002	0.001		
State and local passenger transit	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.096	<b>0.000</b>	0.000	0.000	0.000	<b>0.000</b>	0.001	0.000	0.000		
Own-account transportation	<b>0.080</b>	<b>0.034</b>	<b>0.071</b>	<b>0.025</b>	<b>0.014</b>	<b>0.009</b>	<b>0.010</b>	<b>0.008</b>	<b>0.010</b>	<b>1.008</b>	<b>0.014</b>	<b>0.045</b>	<b>0.007</b>		
Communications and utilities	0.044	0.085	0.036	0.052	0.038	<b>0.058</b>	0.034	0.037	0.063	<b>0.041</b>	1.027	0.047	0.027		
Wholesale and retail trade	0.098	0.047	0.131	0.118	0.079	<b>0.064</b>	0.043	0.041	0.031	<b>0.058</b>	0.034	1.035	0.014		
Finance, insurance and real estate	0.146	0.221	0.071	0.082	0.071	<b>0.095</b>	0.122	0.075	0.107	<b>0.041</b>	0.079	0.104	1.188		
Services	0.111	0.101	0.179	0.151	0.141	<b>0.191</b>	0.270	0.163	0.296	<b>0.143</b>	0.162	0.169	0.111		
Other	0.016	0.025	0.015	0.026	0.020	<b>0.024</b>	0.186	0.111	0.027	<b>0.013</b>	0.116	0.024	0.027		
Total industry output multiplier	2,340	2,050	2,189	2,353	1,928	<b>1,996</b>	2,204	1,892	1,800	<b>1,563</b>	1,852	1,610	1,515		
Total commodity output (\$ billion)	13,988	288	162	868	3,593	75	200	37	124	36	200	691	1,457	2,115	

**Summaries**

Truck share (motor freight & own-account)		11.4%	5.4%	10.4%	6.2%	3.5%		2.3%	2.0%	2.5%		5.3%	5.5%	1.5%
Truck share x Total commodity output	640	32.9	8.7	90.2	222.3	2.6		0.8	2.5	0.9		36.6	79.8	31.1
Weighted mean (omits intra-truck)	4.6%													

Source: Survey of Current Business (Table 1 and Table 4), May 2000

Table 3 shows how much demand for each industry's output will increase for an increase of \$1 in the demand for each of the commodities.

For instance, \$1 increase in demand for "Manufacturing" commodities would generate 3.7 cents new demand for "Motor freight and warehousing" services, plus 2.5 cents additional demand for "own-account tran

**Table 4. Value of U.S. Land Exports to and Imports from Canada and Mexico by Mode**  
(\$ millions)

<b>Exports to Canada</b>	<b>1994</b>		<b>1997</b>	
Truck	\$ 89,151	71%	\$ 102,743	74%
Rail	\$ 13,594	11%	\$ 15,679	11%
Other	\$ 21,956	18%	\$ 20,688	15%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 124,701</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$ 139,110</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Exports to Mexico**

Truck	\$ 39,066	84%	\$ 44,092	85%
Rail	\$ 4,192	9%	\$ 5,119	10%
Other	\$ 3,245	7%	\$ 2,542	5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 46,503</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$ 51,753</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Imports from Canada**

Truck	\$ 79,456	64%	\$ 98,401	63%
Rail	\$ 30,323	25%	\$ 39,811	25%
Other	\$ 13,726	11%	\$ 17,995	12%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 123,505</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$ 156,207</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Imports from Mexico**

Truck	\$ 35,014	80%	\$ 48,350	77%
Rail	\$ 7,769	18%	\$ 12,298	19%
Other	\$ 833	2%	\$ 2,665	4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 43,616</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$ 63,312</b>	<b>100%</b>

Source: National Transportation Statistics, 1999, p. 71, table 1-45

**Table 5. Firms using Internet for doing Business, 1999-2000**

Segment	Total No. of Firms in segment	No. Firms using Internet	Percentage Firms using Internet
TL	19	15	79%
LTL	36	26	72%
Combined	69	52	75%
Private	53	40	75%
Total	177	133	75%

Source: Survey Of the Transportation Management Industry Information Technology: Use, Resources, and Strategy University of Michigan Trucking Industry Program, 2000

**Table 6. ABF Freight System's Path to Internet Usage**

Year	Internet application
1994-1995	Downloadable personal computer rating software Routing and zip code directories General marketing information
1996-1997	Rating guide Shipment tracing Online bill of lading Customer pick-up request Customer-specific on-line pricing quotations
1998	ABF Toolkit (web site navigation tool) Shipping document retrieval Loss and damage claims online review
1999	Transparent Direct Links for shippers (data integration)
2000	Shipment Planner (shipment report timeline) Dynamic Rerouting (re-route in-transit shipments)

**Table 7. Internet-Based Load Matching Exchanges**

Name of Firm	Transaction Cost
EFlatbed (specialty)	Carrier \$ 24.95
Efr8 (TL)	Free trial period
Freightquote (LTL)	Commission
Getloaded (TL & LTL)	\$ 35 / month
Internet Freight Terminal (TL)	\$ 20 / month or \$ 50 / qtr
Loaddock (TL)	\$20
Massmotion (LTL)	\$49
National Transportation Exchange (TL & LTL)	Margin between charge to shippers and payment to carriers
Nettrans (TL), Nettrans Lite (OO)	\$ 15 / wk or \$ 49 / mon or \$ 429 / yr
Truckstop (TL & LTL)	\$35
Tranzlink (TL)	\$14.95
Transportal	Not active at time of writing

Source: Internet search by authors

**Table 8. Internet applications available at U.S. trucking firms in 1999/2000  
(130 survey respondents that report at least one internet application)**

<b>Internet Application</b>	<b>Firms with application (%)</b>
<b>1. Exploration</b>	
Attracting new customers	72%
Service customization	27%
<b>2. Exploitation of existing skills: Customer-related</b>	
Marketing your company's services	75%
Online shipment orders from existing customers	37%
Online pricing and rating software	31%
Freight pick up request	29%
Dedicated customer service	26%
Cargo claims status	16%
Offering special discounts	10%
<b>3. Exploitation of existing skills: Process-related</b>	
Office communications	61%
Recruiting drivers	39%
Recruiting personnel other than drivers	37%
Real time shipment tracking	30%
Forms and permits	30%
Online bill of lading and proof of delivery	28%
Load viewing and availability	23%
Recruiting owner operators	18%
Online bill payment	17%
Real time routing	14%
Real time trailer tracking	12%
Posting real time driver schedules	10%

Source: UMTIP survey of U.S. trucking firms

**Table 9. use of internet for business functions (130 cases)**

*Impact of internet on business functions 1=no effect, 5=significant effect (higher mean=more impact)*

<b>Business Activity</b>	<b>Mean Effect</b>
<b>1.- Exploration</b>	
Variety of services increase	2.3
Customization of services	2.3
<b>2. Exploitation of existing skills: Customer-related</b>	
Company image enhancement	2.8
Exchange of information with shippers and consignees	2.7
Market share	2.0
<b>3. Exploitation of existing skills: Process-related</b>	
Process improvement	2.6
Exchange of information with third parties	2.5
Exchange of information with other trucking firms	2.1
Service quality improvement	2.1
Security of transactions	1.7

Source: UMTIP survey of U.S. trucking firms

**Table 10. Role of internet in changes of business activity at the firms since 1996 (130 cases)**

Cases where firm changed in which internet had role in change (higher % = more common internet role)

Area where changed occurred	% firms reporting at least some of the change was due to Internet
<b>1.- Exploration</b>	
Acquisition of new customers	72%
Addition of new services	51%
Acquisition of new markets	45%
<b>2. Exploitation of existing skills: Customer-related</b>	
Improved shipper relationships	67%
Improved consignee relationships	63%
Enabled quicker service	57%
Enabled customer analysis	51%
Improved dedicated services	50%
Increased dependability	48%
Improved on-time delivery	46%
<b>3. Exploitation of existing skills: Process-related</b>	
Provided quality improvements in internal processes.	72%
Improved third-party relationships	64%
Enhanced the management of change .	64%
Provided time improvements in internal processes.	59%

Source: UMTIP survey of U.S. trucking firms, 177 responses

**Table 11. Correlation of No. of internet features in 1999/2000 & firm performance change since 1996 (177 cases)**

Performance change: 3=increase, 2=same, 1=decrease ( $r > 0$  = more Internet features  $\Leftrightarrow$  more of outcome)

Performance Measure	Correlation
Total assets increase	0.21
Profit increase	0.15
Market share increase	0.13
Revenue increase	0.12
Miles operated increase	0.12
Number of shipments increase	0.12
Tons of freight carried increase	0.10
Labor cost	0.04
Total costs including labor	0.02

Source: UMTIP survey of U.S. trucking firms, 177 responses

Table 12. Descriptive Statistics for Financial Indicators and Correlations with No. of Internet Features Used by Firms

Financial Indicator	Correlation with No. of Internet Features			
	All features	Exploration	Customer-related	Process-related
1. Operating revenue, 1999	0.59	0.51	0.30	0.59
2. Profitability: Return on operating revenue (Income / Revenue), 1999	0.27	0.31	0.18	0.22
3. Three-year growth, operating revenue, 1996-1999	0.10	0.11	0.07	0.07
4. Three-year growth, return on operating revenue, 1996-1999	0.02	0.03	-0.08	0.03

1999 figures: 113 firms (21 LTL, 80 TL, 12 combined)

1996-1999 growth figures: 97 firms (18 LTL, 70 TL, 9 combined)

Internet Features
<b>1.- Exploration</b>
Specialty Services Description
Special Service Charges Summary
<b>2. Exploitation of existing skills: Customer-related</b>
General Marketing Information
Shipping Information/Help, General
Pickup Request
Status Report
E-mail notification of Shipment Status / Delivery
Contact Information
Freight Bill Review w/ e-mail reply
<b>3. Exploitation of existing skills: Process-related</b>
Create Bill of Lading
Rating
Download Base Rates
Tracking
Document Retrieval (BOL, POD, Packing slip, wt.certificate)
Terminal (Service Center) Locator
Cargo Claims Status Check / Filing
Carrier Forms and Documents, View & Print

Sources

"Financial Indicators" from Form M reports for 1999 and 1996 from the Bureau of Transportation Statistics

"Internet Features" from Internet search by authors, August 2000

**Table 13. Estimates of how internet usage by the trucking industry will affect the economy**

**A. GDP contribution of changes within the trucking industry (*estimates in italics*)**

<i>Scenario assumptions</i>		<b>1. Optimistic</b>			<b>2. Modest</b>			<b>3. Pessimistic</b>			
Post-1999 GDP growth		5%			3%			1%			
Post-1999 trucking growth		10%			5%			3%			
(GDP and trucking figures: \$ trillion)		Year	GDP	Truck	GDP %	GDP	Truck	GDP %	GDP	Trucking	GDP %
		1992	\$6.3	\$0.20	3.2%	\$6.3	\$0.20	3.2%	\$6.3	\$0.20	3.2%
		1996	\$7.8	\$0.24	3.1%	\$7.8	\$0.24	3.1%	\$7.8	\$0.24	3.1%
		1999	\$9.3	\$0.30	3.2%	\$9.3	\$0.30	3.2%	\$9.3	\$0.30	3.2%
		2000	\$9.8	\$0.33	3.4%	\$9.6	\$0.31	3.3%	\$9.4	\$0.31	3.3%
		2001	\$10.3	\$0.36	3.5%	\$9.9	\$0.33	3.3%	\$9.5	\$0.32	3.3%
		2002	\$10.8	\$0.40	3.7%	\$10.2	\$0.34	3.4%	\$9.6	\$0.33	3.4%
<i>Impact on GDP: 2002 - 1999 GDP</i>					0.5%				0.2%		
<i>GDP contribution, 2002 (\$ bln) *</i>					\$52				\$19.3		

\* 2002 GDP x (2002 GDP share - 1999 GDP share)

**B. Contributions from trucking-industry internet usage that affects the larger economy**

	<b>1. High growth baseline economy</b>					<b>2. Modest growth baseline economy</b>				
	<i>Effective internet use</i>		<b>Baseline 1</b>	<i>Flawed internet use</i>		<i>Effective internet use</i>		<b>Baseline 2</b>	<i>Flawed internet use</i>	
	<b>1a</b>	<b>1b</b>	<b>1c</b>	<b>1d</b>	<b>1e</b>	<b>2a</b>	<b>2b</b>	<b>2c</b>	<b>2d</b>	<b>2e</b>
<i>Post-1999 GDP growth assumptions</i>	5.5%	5.25%	5%	4.75%	4.50%	3.5%	3.25%	3%	2.75%	2.50%
(GDP figures: \$ trillion)	Year	GDP	GDP	GDP	GDP	GDP	GDP	GDP	GDP	GDP
	1999	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3
	2000	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.7	9.7	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.5
	2001	10.4	10.3	10.3	10.2	10.2	10.0	9.9	9.9	9.8
	2002	10.92	10.84	10.77	10.69	10.61	10.31	10.24	10.16	10.09
<i>GDP contribution, 2002 (\$ bln) **</i>		\$155	\$77		-\$77	-\$153	\$149	\$74		-\$74
<i>Impact on 2002 GDP (Contribution/GDP)</i>		1.4%	0.7%		-0.7%	-1.4%	1.4%	0.7%		-0.7%

\*\* Difference between baseline GDP and GDP estimate in 2002