



Trucking Industry and Jobs in Shambles; TruckingCrossing Strives to Increase Job Count

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"The trucking industry is in a terrible state, and jobs are being slashed at an alarming rate to support the bottom lines of many trucking companies," says A. Harrison Barnes, CEO of TruckingCrossing, a leading job board for trucking professionals.

Trucks move most of the nation's raw materials and crops to factories and processing plants. Then trucks transport those finished goods and spare parts to wholesalers and retailers. The trucking sector has always been a good indicator of broader economic health, reflecting the economy's boom-and-bust cycles. Four in five American communities consume goods that are delivered only by truck.

This year, Con-way's freight volume fell 3.8% in October from the year before, and 9.2% in November. The company announced 1,450 layoffs, cutting 8% of its workforce. Also, Oregon County has about 720 trucking jobs at a truck plant in peril due to the economic slowdown. A truck plant at Oshawa, Ontario, was closed down too, by General Motors, which is facing bankruptcy if not able to recover quickly. Various trucking companies are out of business because of less consumer spending and rising unemployment across other sectors too.

Barnes says, "The trucking sector is facing a lean period, the holiday season was below expectations too, and now is the crucial time to keep the industry operating as efficiently as possible. TruckingCrossing, the leading trucking job provider in the US, faces a Herculean task to scour for more and more [http:jobs for trucking professionals](#) as soon as possible."

"The job site is doing fairly well recently, with more than 5,755 jobs being active and currently posted on the site in spite of the looming recession," adds Barnes.

"There are still many [trucking jobs](#) out there. We want to find them all."

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