



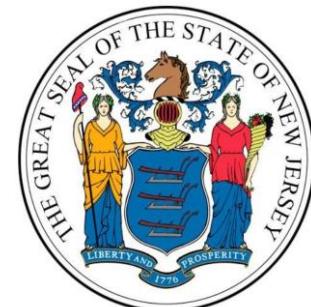
# New Jersey's Transportation, Distribution, & Logistics (TDL) Sector

A Detailed Analysis of Labor  
Market Information

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# Industries included in this sector

NAICS	Industry Description
42	Wholesale Trade
48-49	Transportation & Warehousing



- All information presented refers exclusively to New Jersey data, unless otherwise stated
- Data reflects the most recent year available: 2023

# Highlights of Transportation, Distribution, & Logistics Sector (TDL) to New Jersey's Economy

- TDL Employment: 451,900 workers (12.4% of the private sector workforce)
- Average Annual Wage: \$84,400 (4.3% above state average)
- Total Wages Paid: \$38.2 billion (12.9 percent of all wages paid)
- Gross Domestic Product: \$72.4 billion (12.2% of total output)



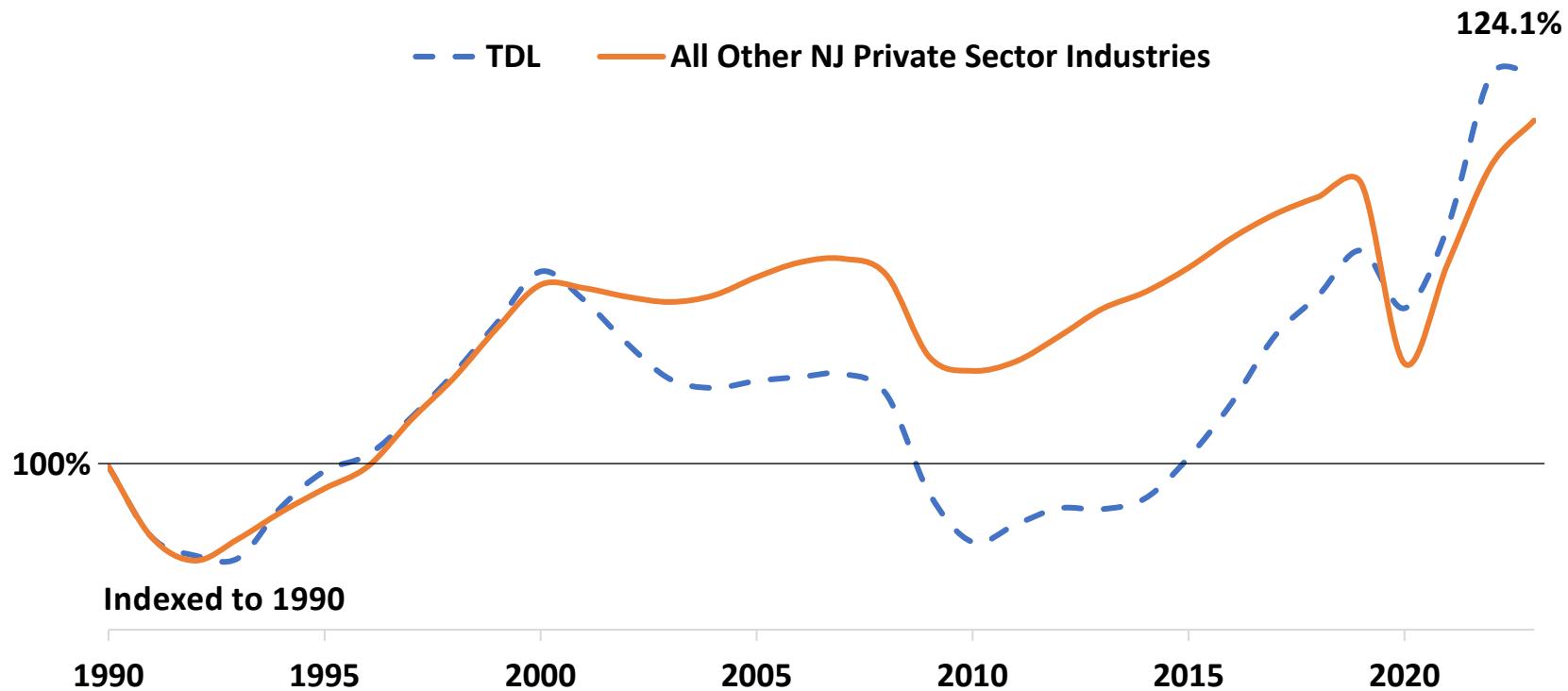
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Sources: Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, 2023 Annual Averages  
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# Industry Analysis and Economic Overview



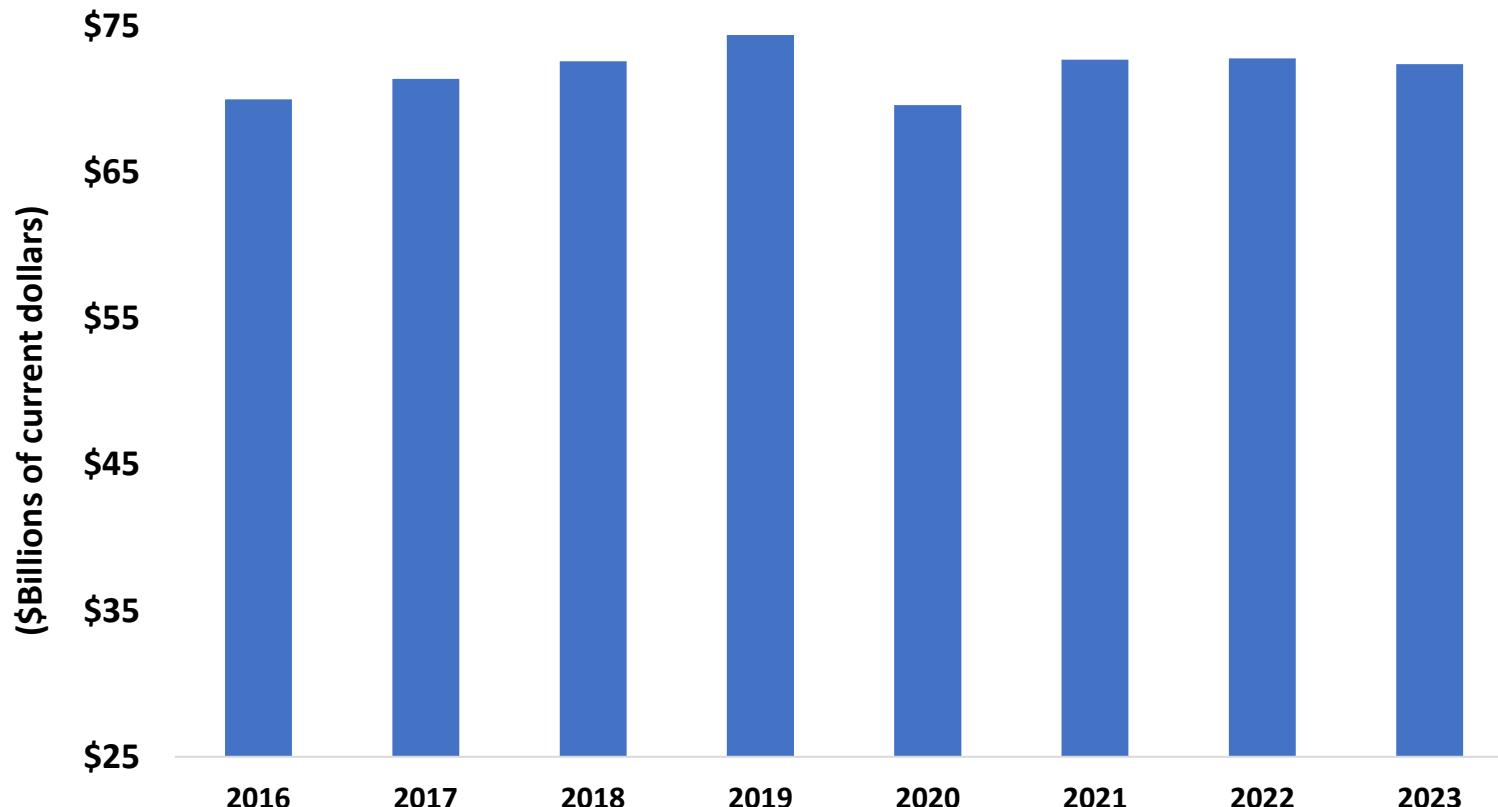
After trailing behind for 20 years, TDL employment has gained traction again to outgrow other industries



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Source: Current Employment Statistics, Annual Averages,  
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# The Transportation, Distribution & Logistics industry contributed over \$72.4 billion (12.2%) to the Gross State Product

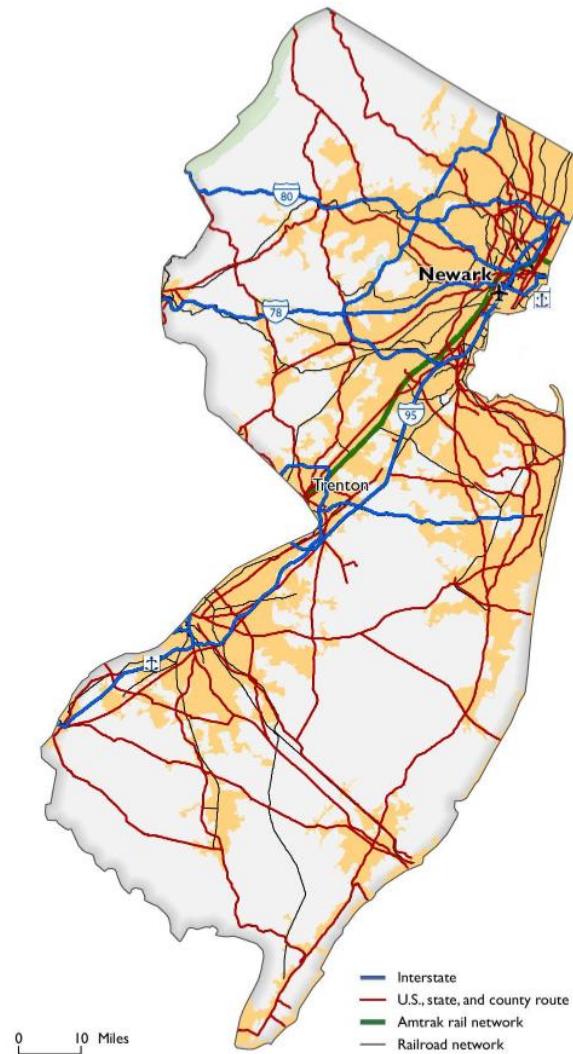


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# New Jersey's land infrastructure contributions includes:

- Nearly 39,000 miles of public roadways.
- 1,087 miles of freight railroads
- NJ Transit System (rail, light rail, bus and paratransit services)

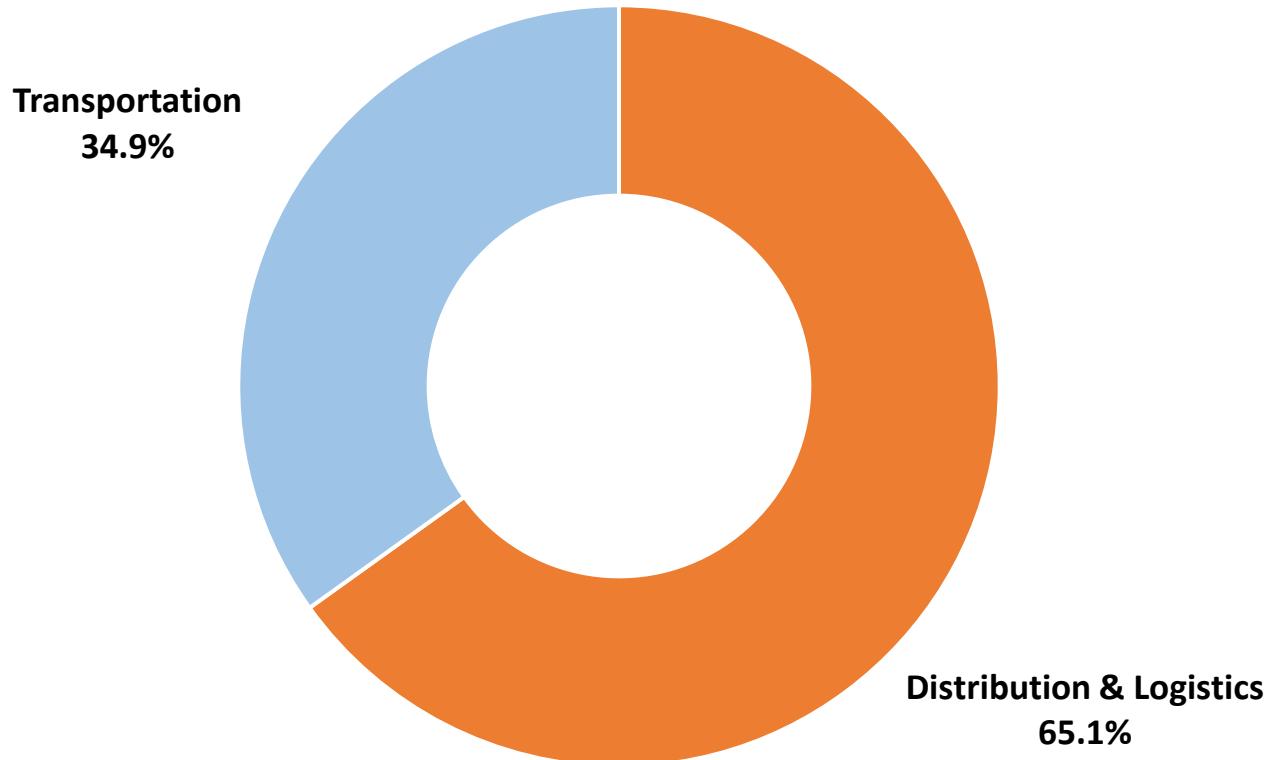


Sources: U.S. Dept. of Transportation (Bureau of Transportation Statistics)  
N.J. Dept. of Transportation, NJ Transit 2024 Annual Report  
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# Transportation, Distribution, & Logistics Industry Overview



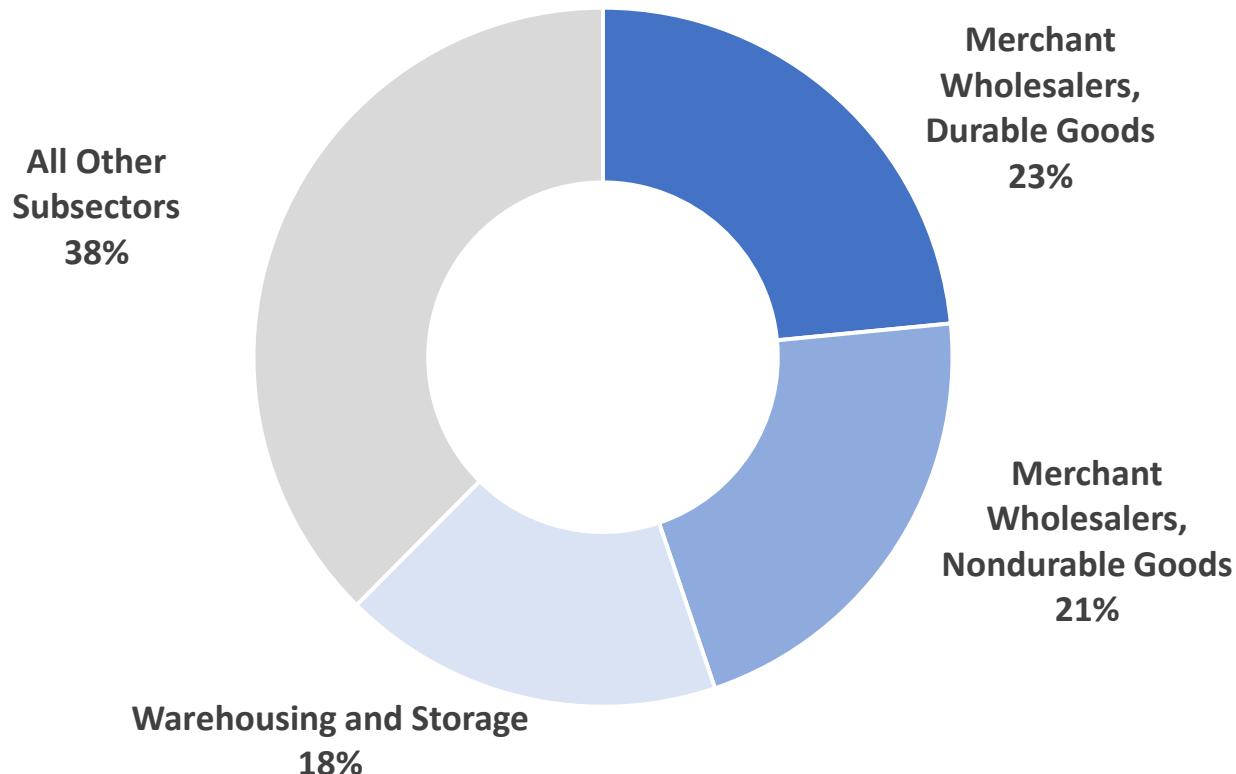
The Distribution and Logistics component constitutes two-thirds of TDL employment



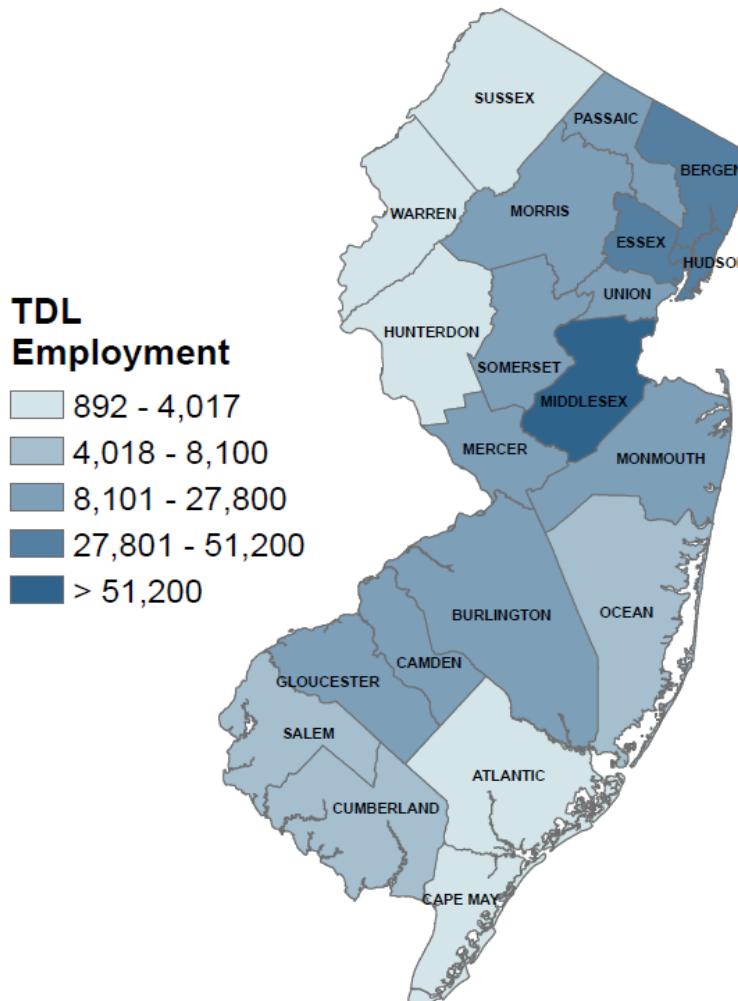
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The top three identified industries from TDL's 13 subsectors accounted for 62 percent of total jobs



Five counties surrounding the ports of Newark and Elizabeth accounted for more than half of TDL jobs



Middlesex (17.6%)  
Bergen (11.3%)  
Essex (10.3%)  
Hudson (7.9%)  
Union (6.1%)



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# Employment by Region

Almost half of TDL employment is in the northern region

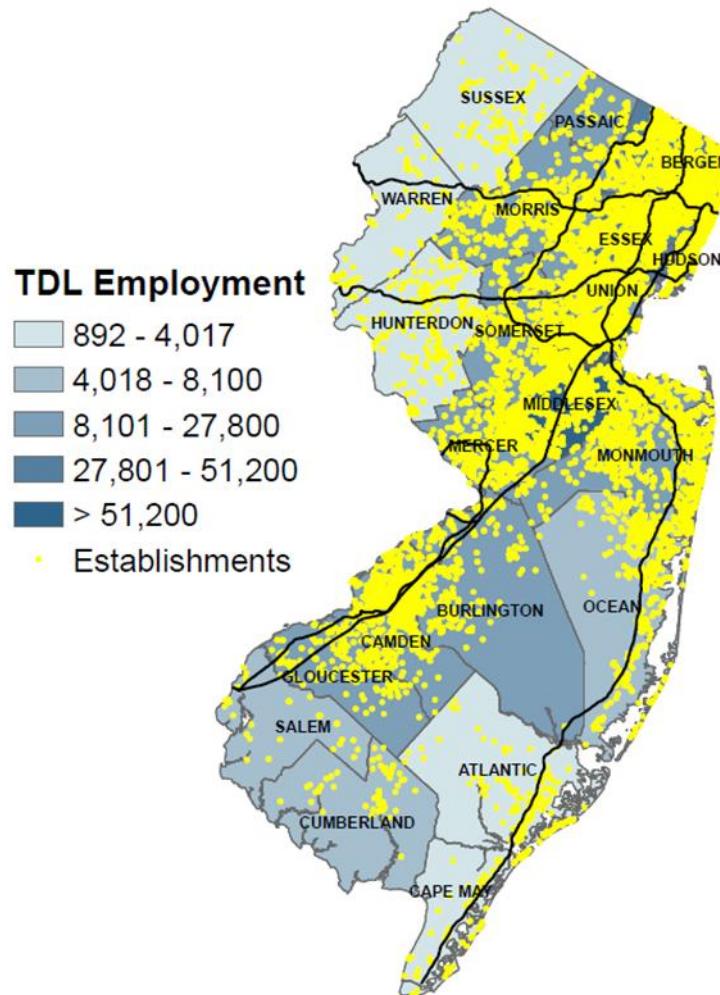
Area	Establishments	Annual Averages		Total Wages	Employment %
		Employment	Wages		
<b>New Jersey</b>	<b>25,674</b>	<b>451,942</b>	<b>\$84,435</b>	<b>\$38,159,893,323</b>	
<b>Northern Region</b>	12,231	222,456	\$90,752	\$20,188,228,541	49.2%
<b>Central Region</b>	5,703	120,710	\$68,788	\$8,303,406,484	26.7%
<b>Southern Region</b>	3,104	79,206	\$62,221	\$4,928,240,698	17.5%
<b>Undistributed</b>	4,636	29,570	\$160,298	\$4,740,017,600	6.5%



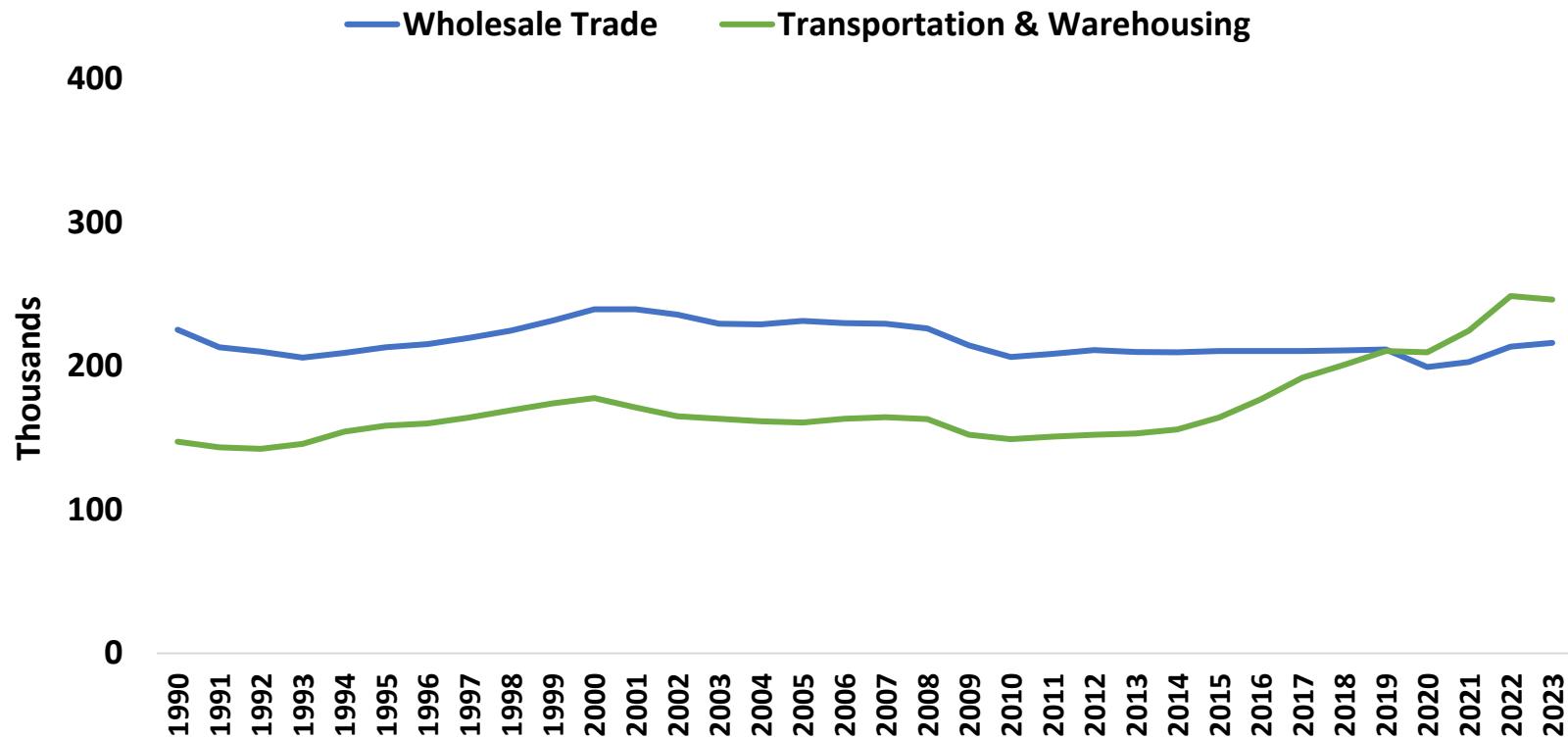
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TDL establishments are typically located near major roadways and highlight the significance of our ports and highway systems



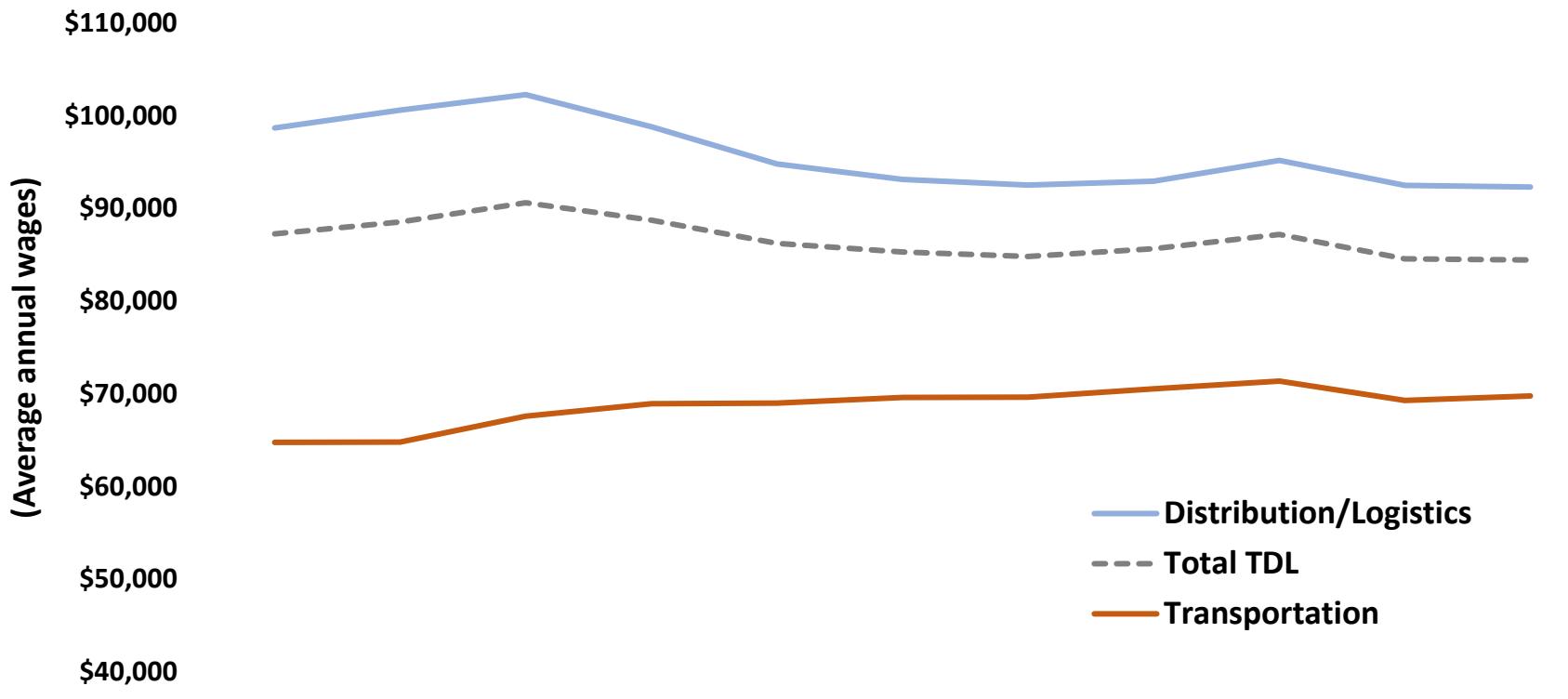
# Transportation & Warehousing overtook Wholesale Trade as the larger component of TDL employment



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Source: Current Employment Statistics, Annual Averages, 1990-2023  
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Since 2013, the Distribution/Logistics average wage ranged nearly 40 percent higher than Transportation



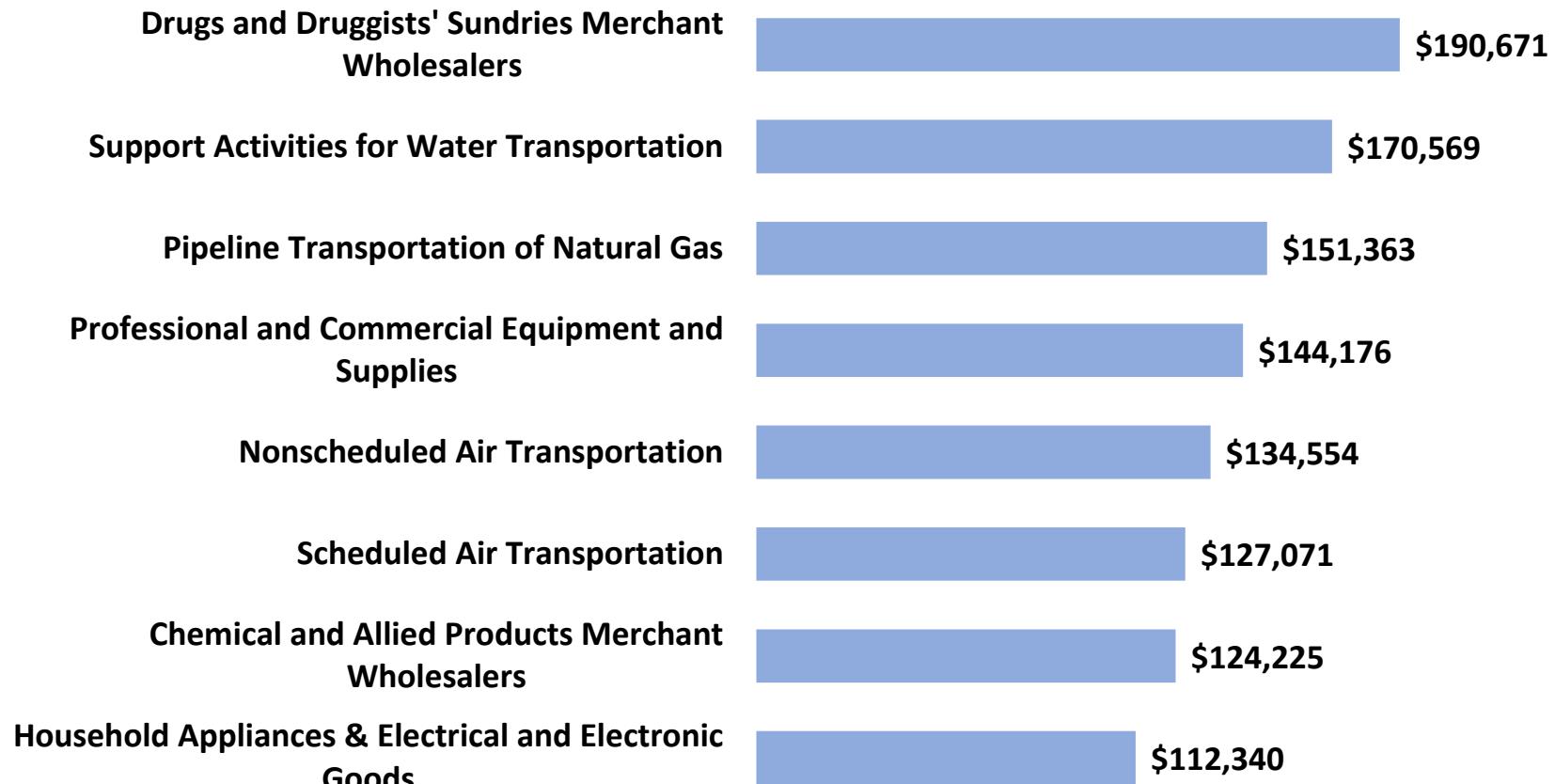
\*Adjusted for inflation in 2023 dollars



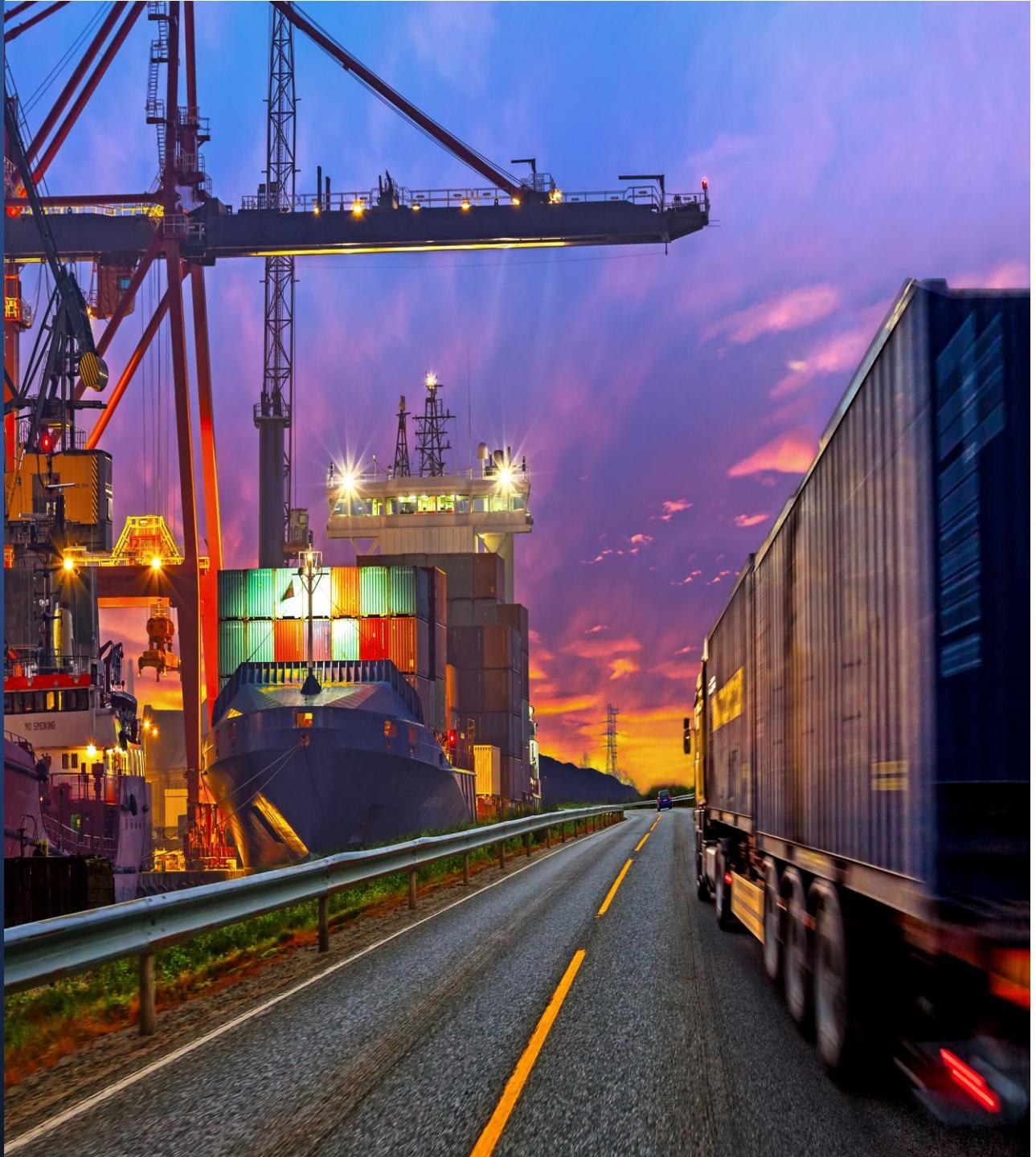
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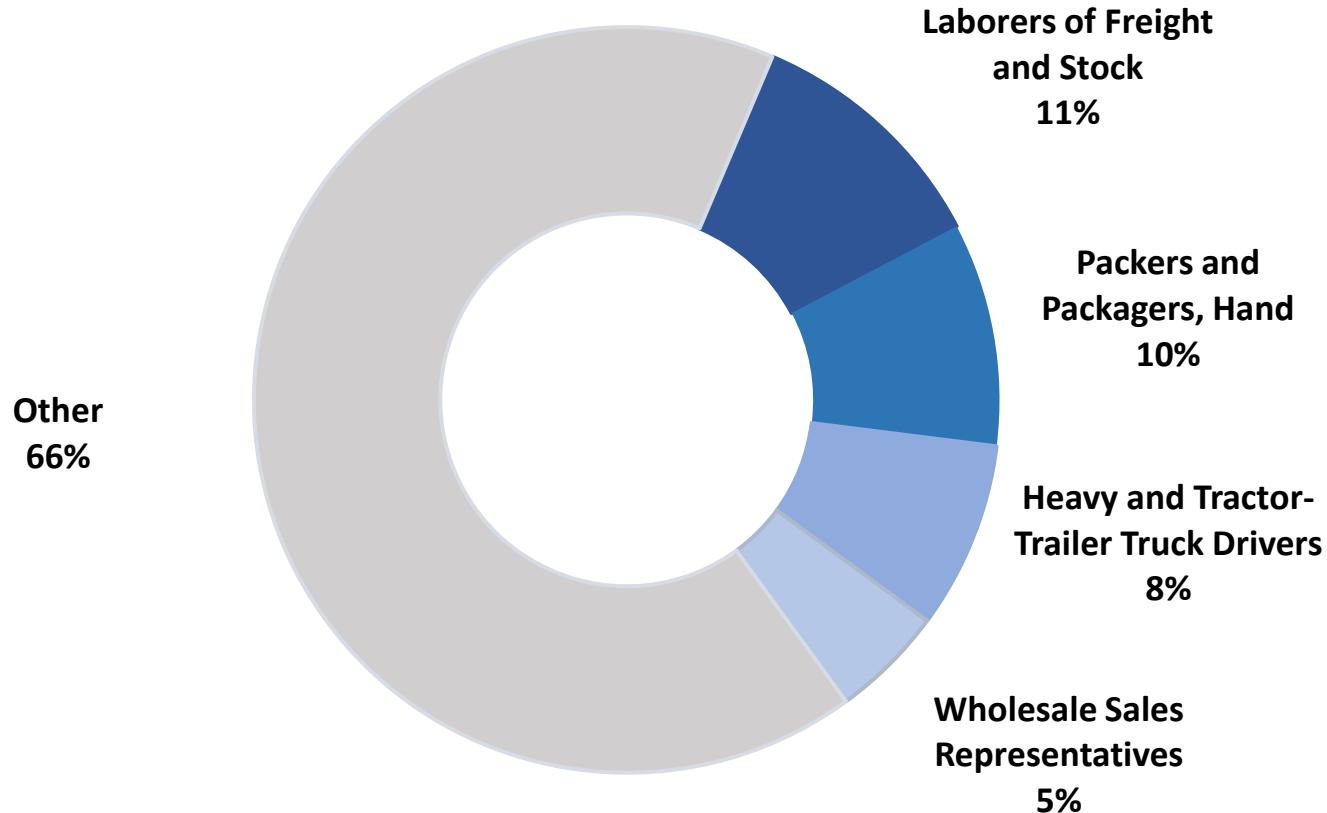
# Nearly a third of all TDL subsector industries paid an average annual wage above \$100,000



# Transportation, Distribution, & Logistics Cluster Occupational Overview



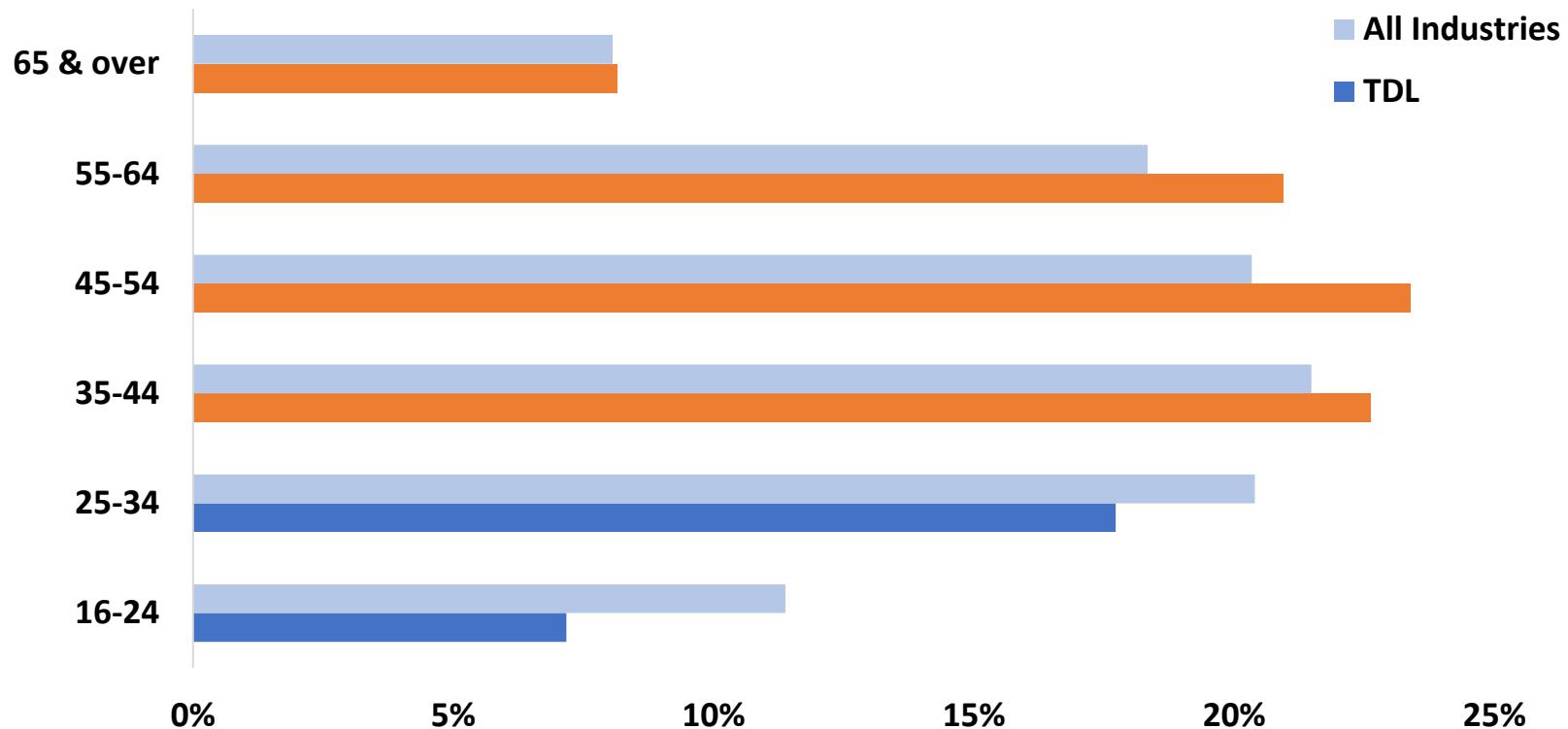
Four occupations in the TDL cluster accounted for about a third of TDL employment



# Transportation, Distribution, & Logistics Cluster Demographic Information



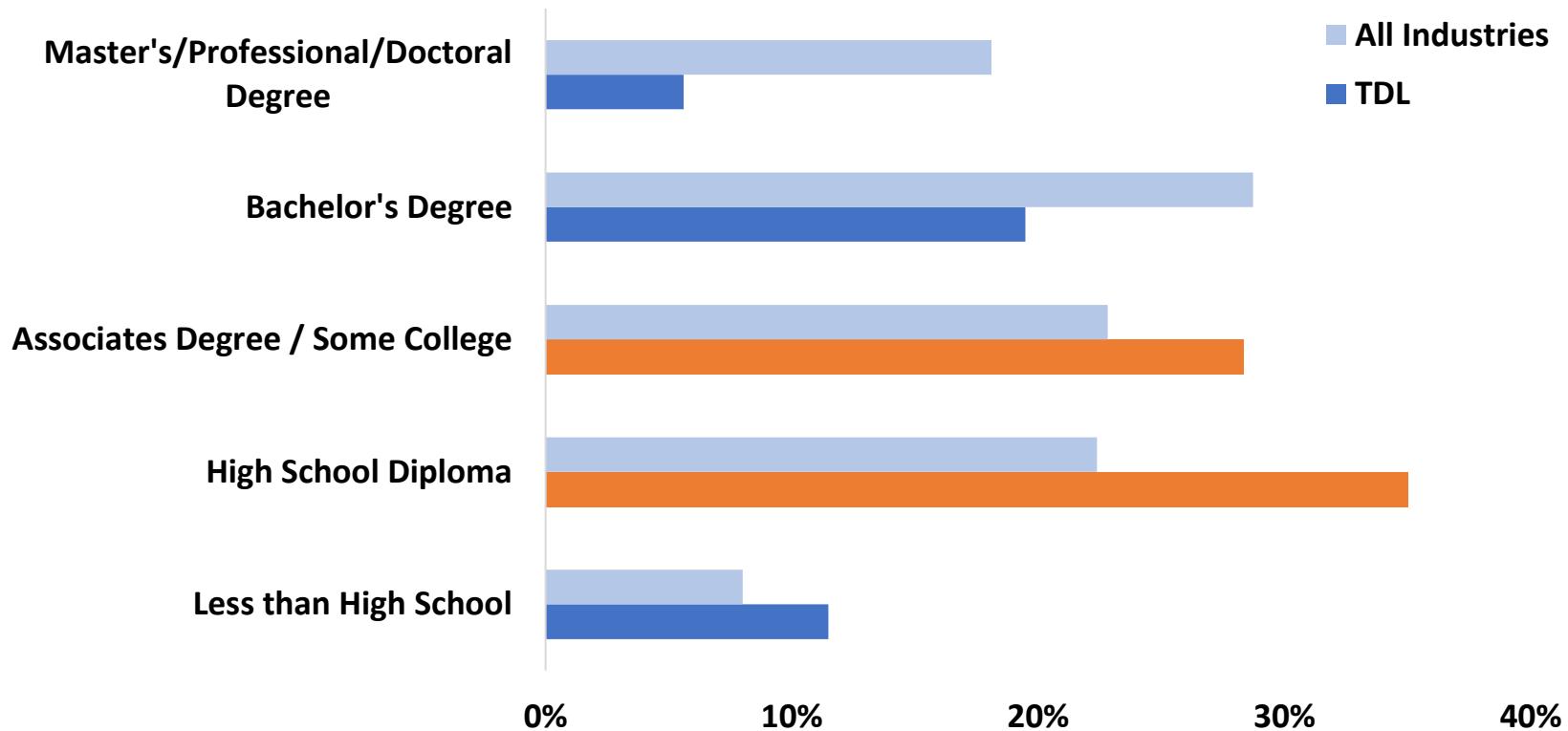
Resident workforce over 35 years old is seven percent older than that of all industries (75% of employment)



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Source: American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates, Public Use Microdata Sample, 2023  
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63 percent of resident workers hold a high school diploma or associate's degree



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