



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

A Detailed Analysis of Labor Market Information

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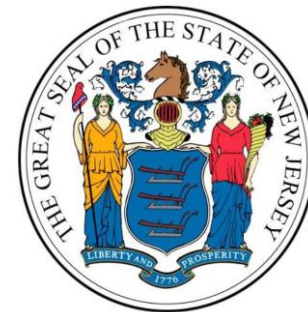


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Industries included in this sector

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: 2024

New Jersey TDL Sector Highlights

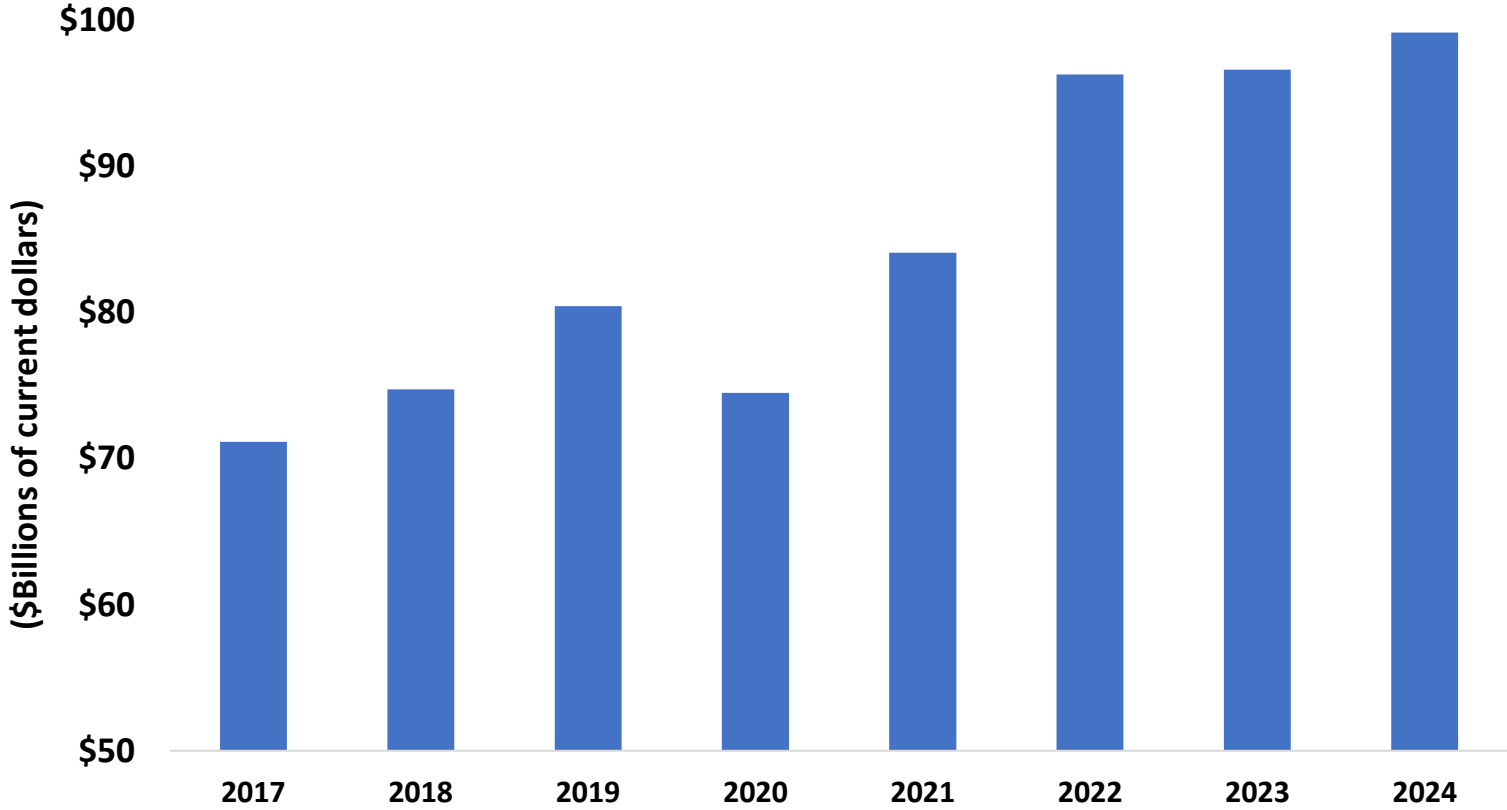
- TDL Employment: 447,500 workers (12.2% of the private sector workforce)
- Average Annual Wage: \$88,000 (5.1% above state average)
- Total Wages Paid: \$39.4 billion (12.8 percent of all wages paid)
- Gross Domestic Product: \$99.1 billion (11.7% of total output)



Economic Overview



The transportation, distribution and logistics industry contributed over \$99.1 billion (11.7%) to the Gross State Product

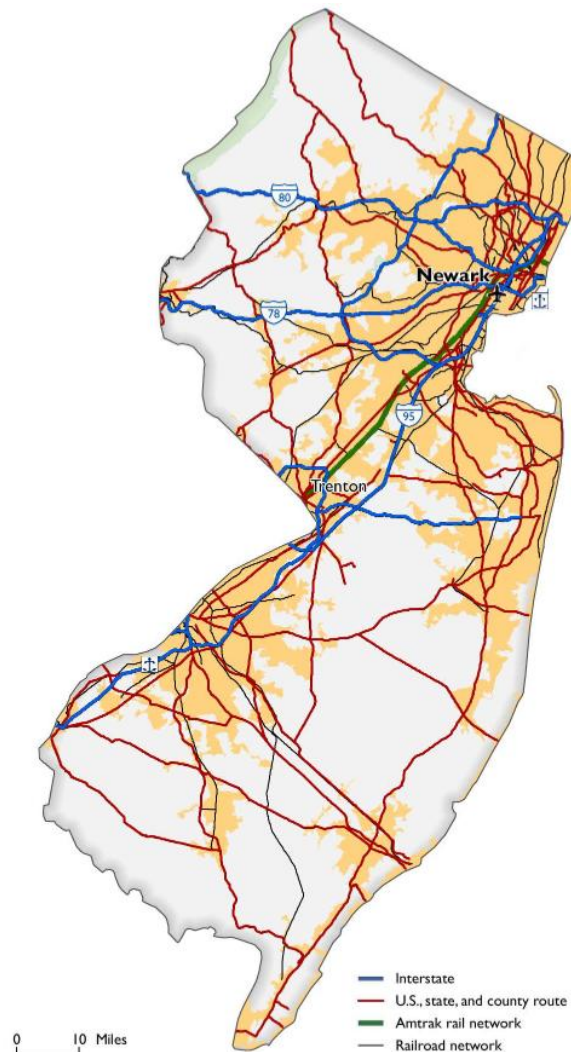


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SOURCE United States Bureau of Economic Analysis

New Jersey's land infrastructure contributions includes:

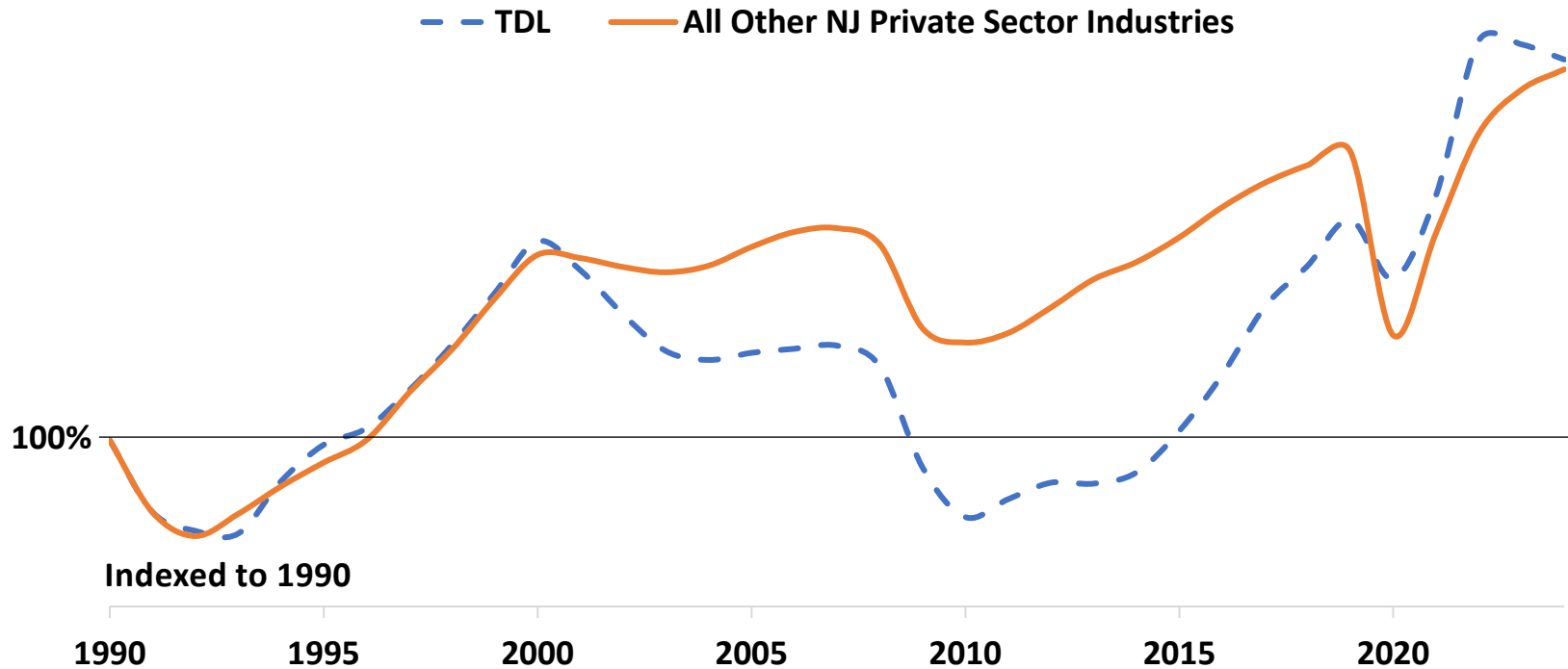
- Nearly 39,000 miles of public roadways.
- 1,079 miles of freight railroads
- NJ Transit System covering rail, light rail, bus and paratransit services



Industry Analysis



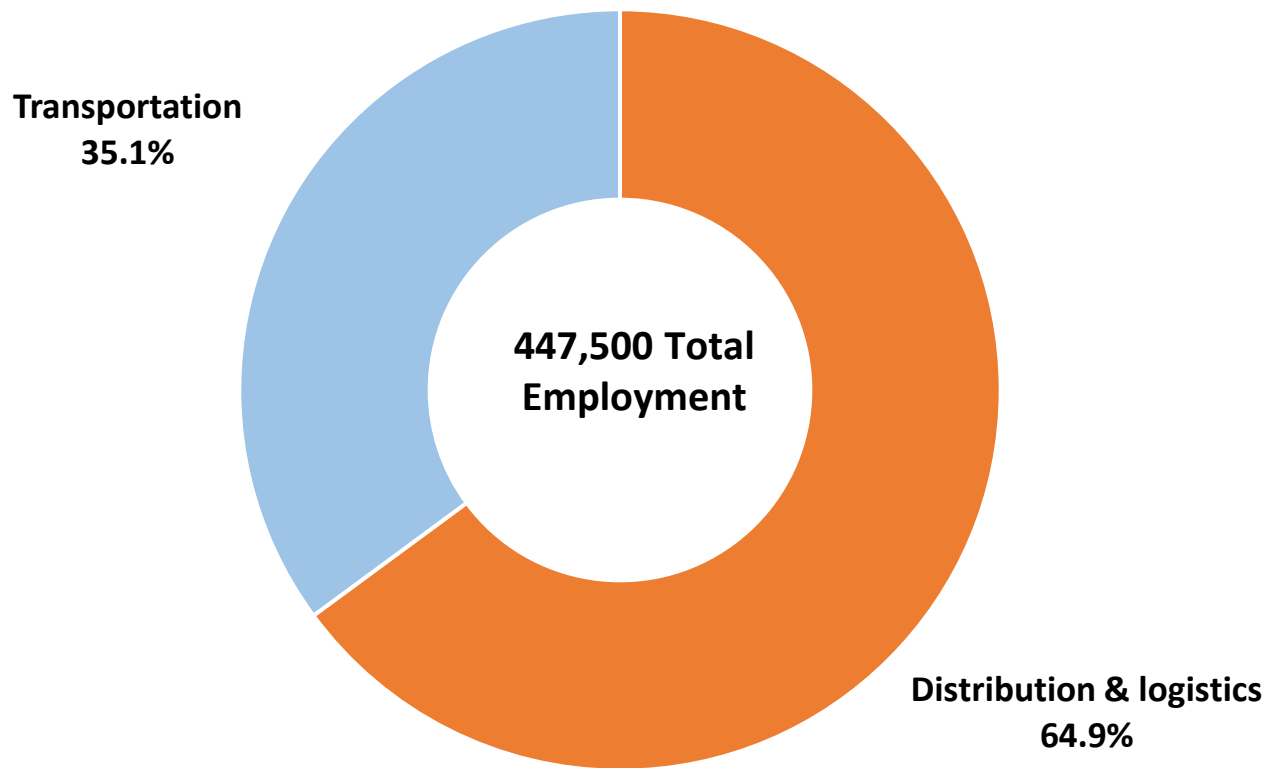
TDL employment has grown rapidly since 2014



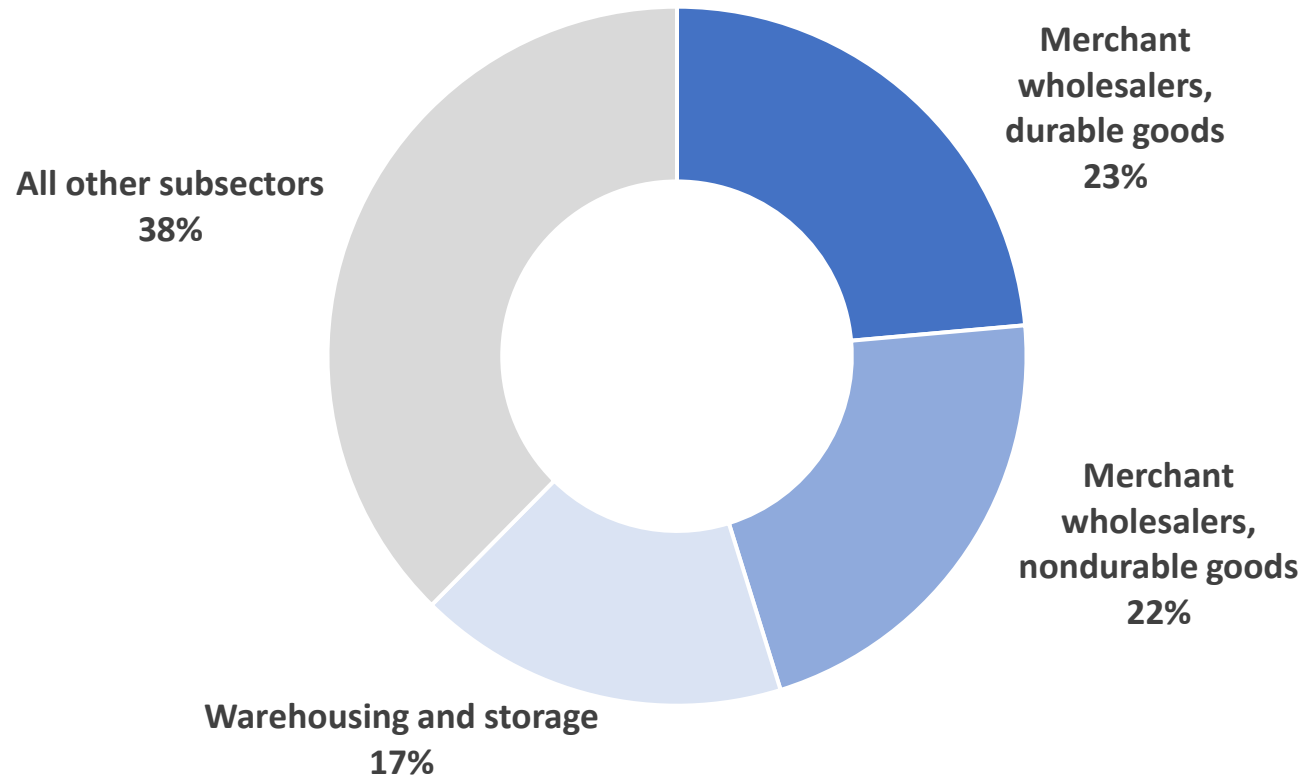
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SOURCE NJDOL, Current Employment Statistics, Annual Averages

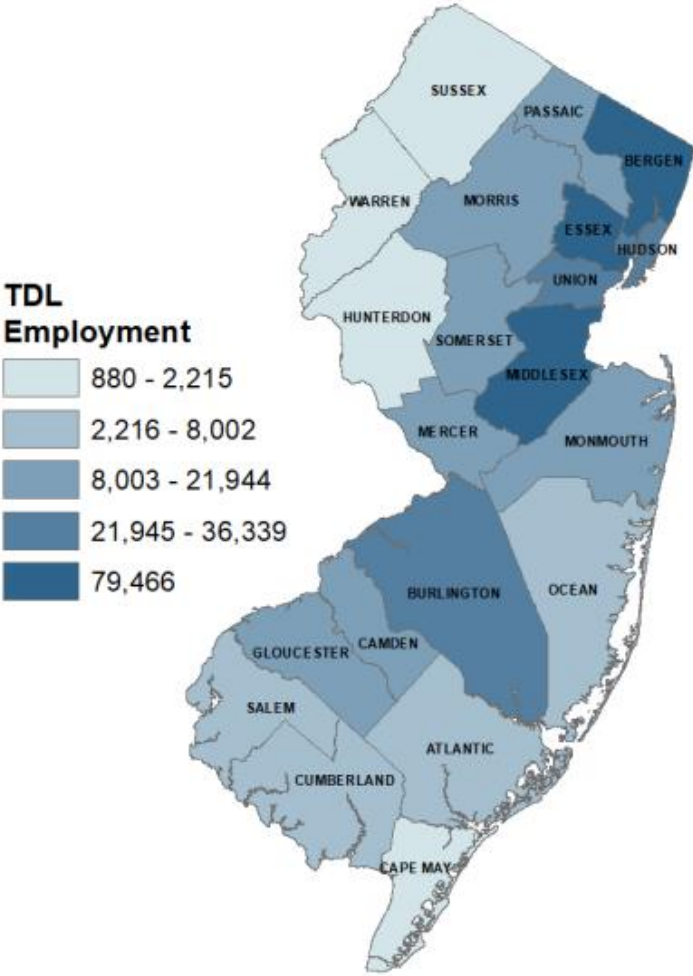
The distribution and logistics component constitutes 64.9 percent of TDL employment (highlighted in orange)



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



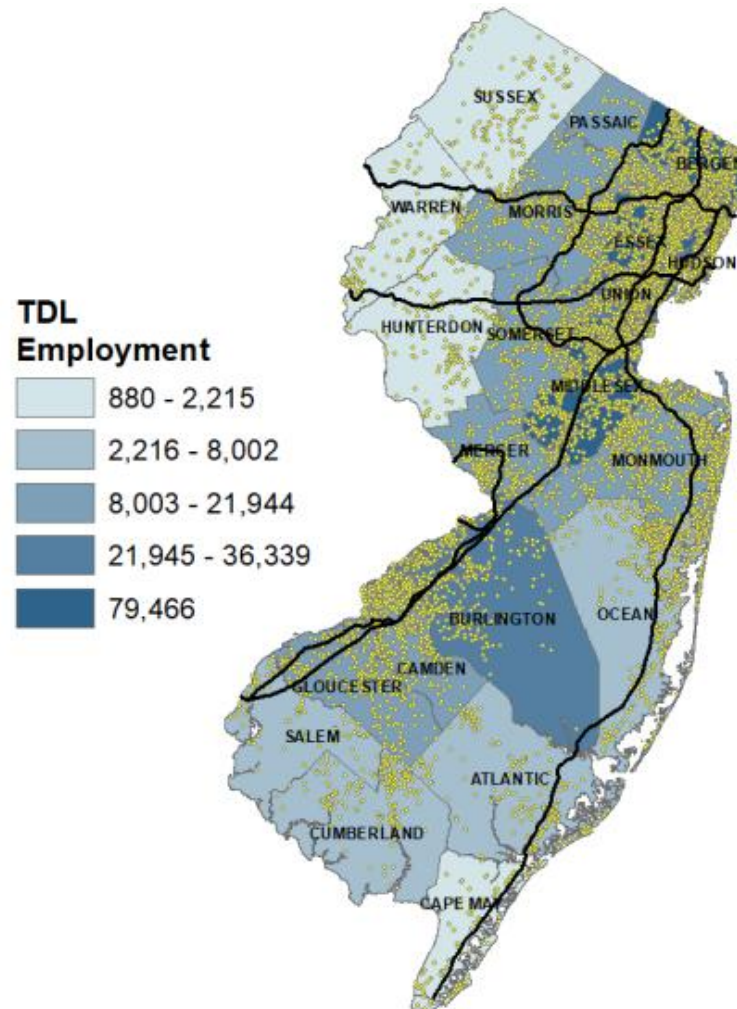
Five counties surrounding the ports of Newark and Elizabeth accounted for more than half of TDL jobs



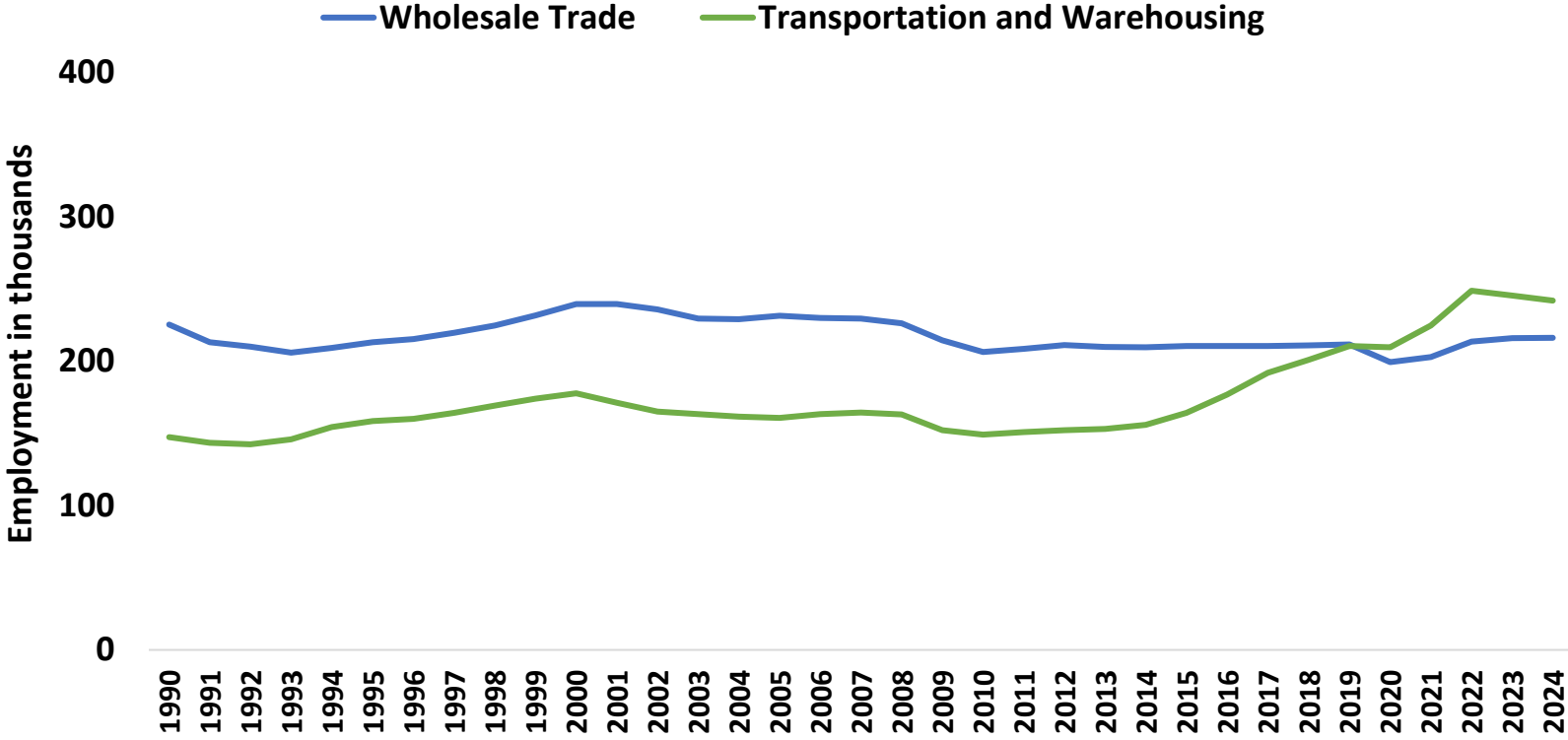
Middlesex (17.8%)
Bergen (11.1%)
Essex (10.5%)
Hudson (8.1%)
Union (6.2%)



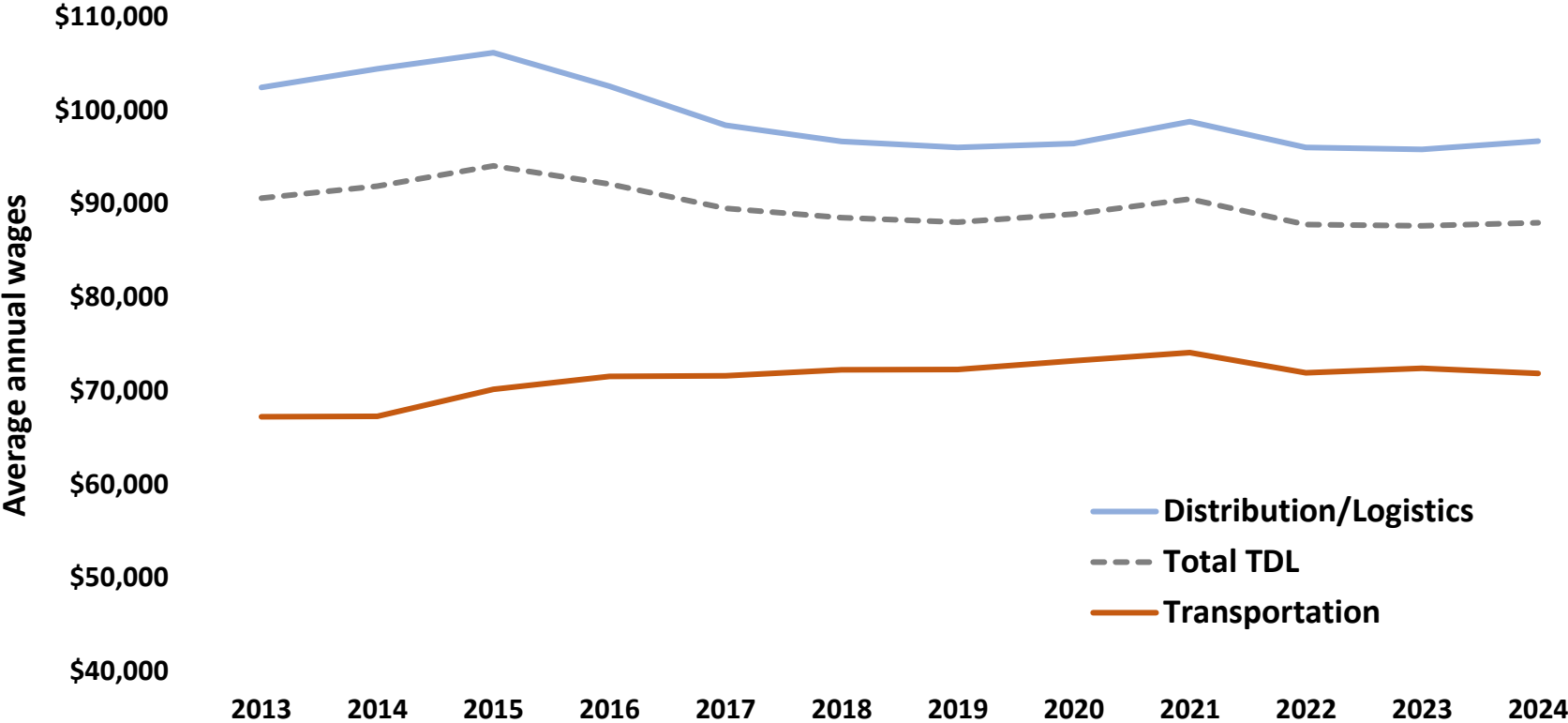
TDL establishments are typically located near major roadways and highlight the significance of our ports and highway systems



In 2019, transportation and warehousing surpassed wholesale trade as the larger component of TDL employment



Since 2013, average wages in distribution and logistics have consistently exceeded wages in transportation



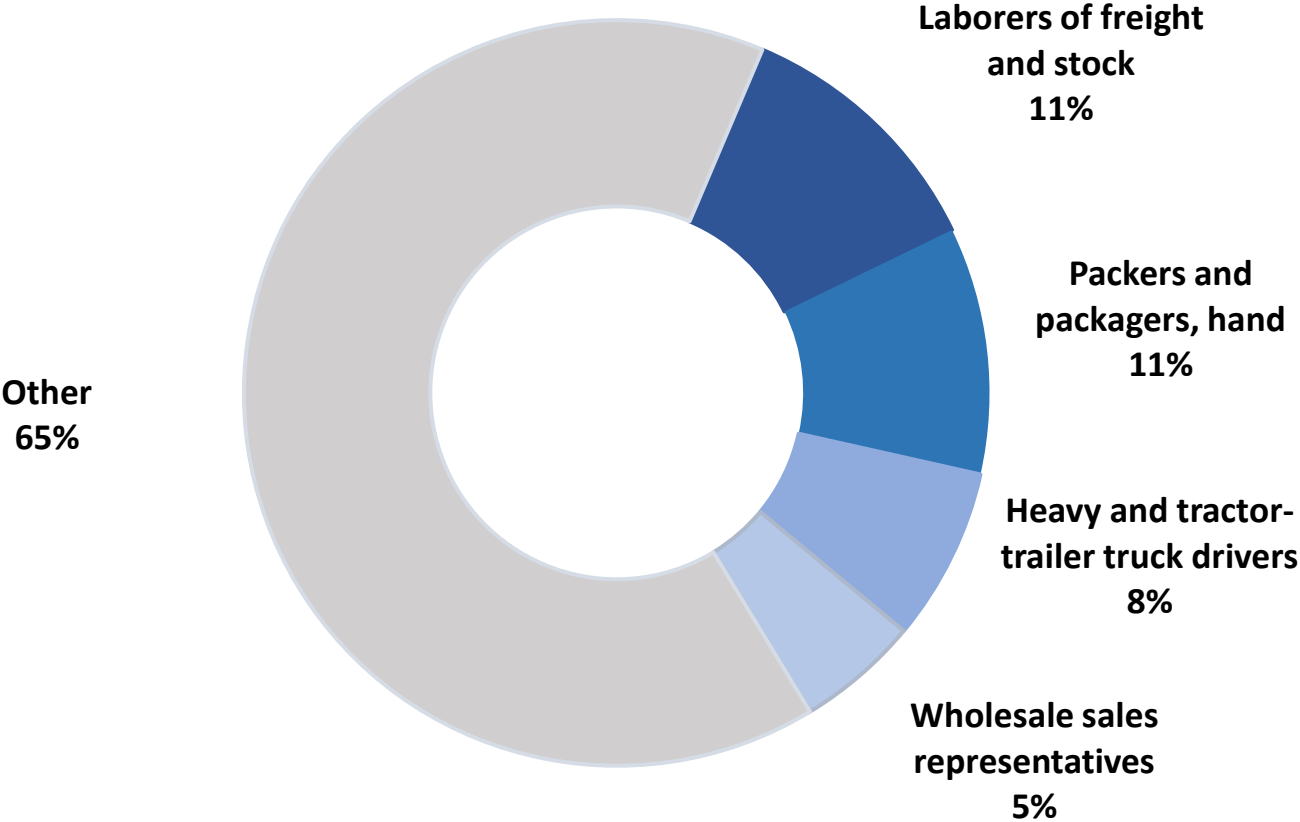
*Adjusted for inflation in 2024 dollars



Occupational Analysis



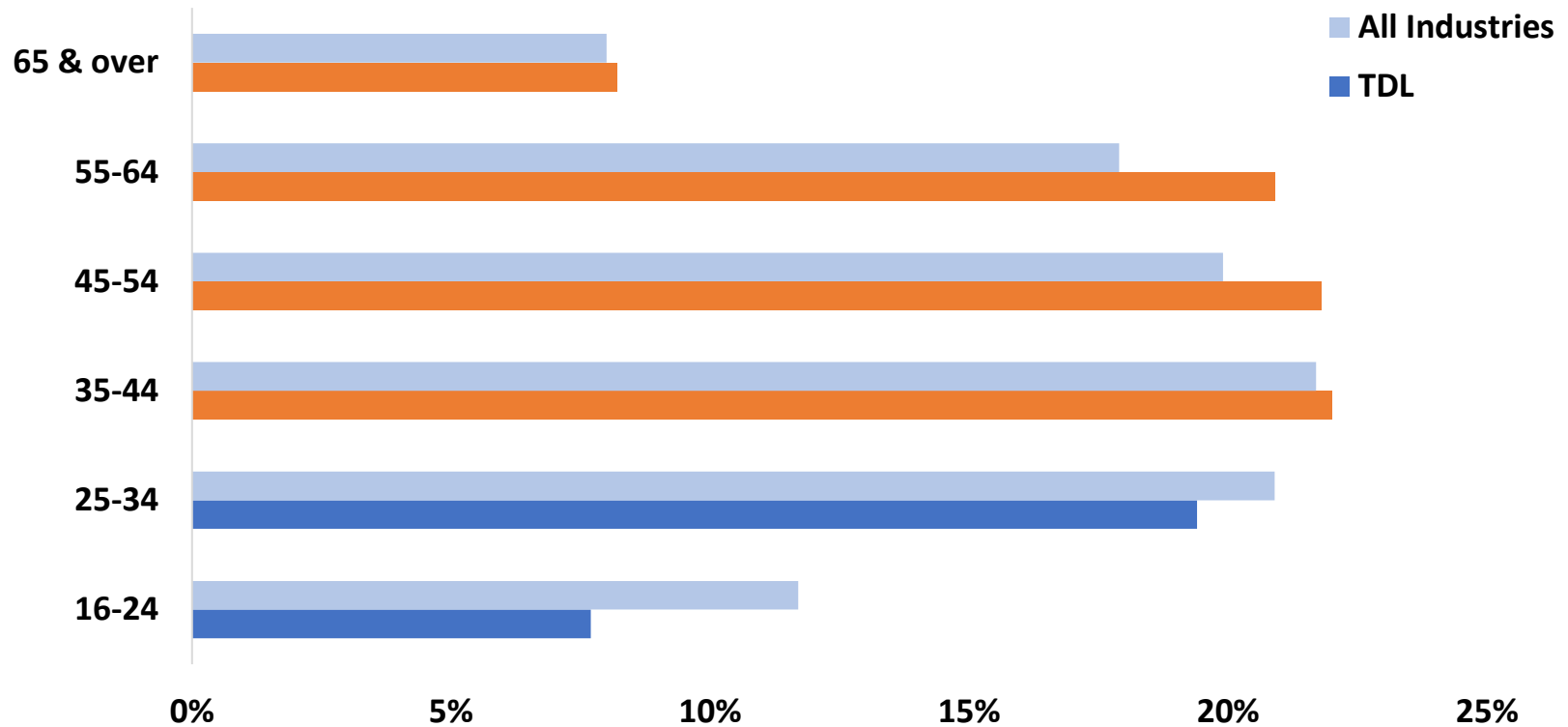
Four occupations in the TDL cluster accounted for 35 percent of employment



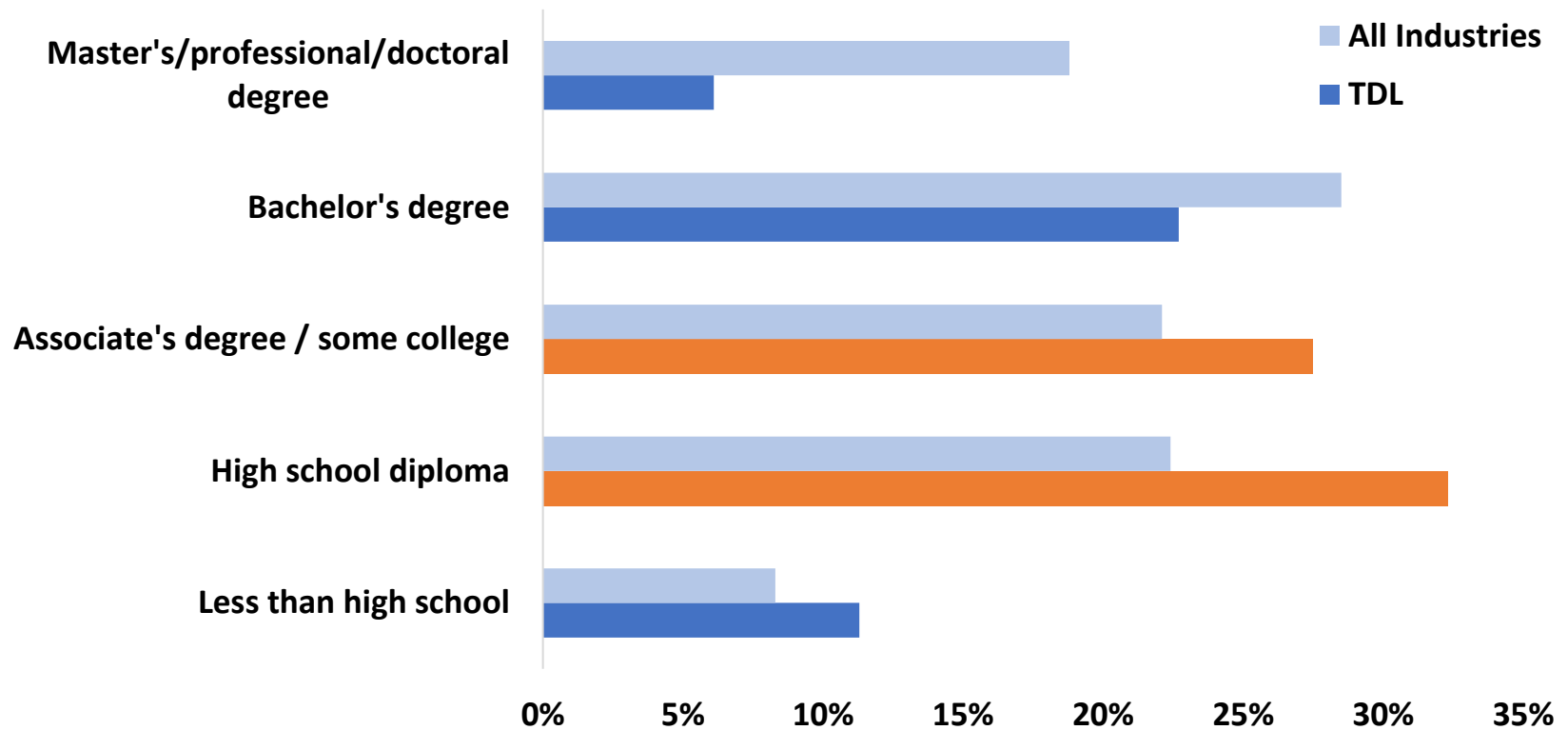
Demographic Profile



The resident workforce in TDL skews older, with 73 percent aged 35 or above (highlighted in orange)



60 percent of TDL resident workers hold either a high school diploma or associate's degree/some college (highlighted in orange)



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