

What would happen if truck drivers disappeared?

A world without truck drivers is not a pretty world. Some would argue it isn't even a very habitable world. The U.S. transportation system moves a daily average of about 53.6 million tons of freight—valued at over \$54 billion. If truck drivers stopped working, even for a day, the ramifications would be far-reaching.

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What would the world look like with no truck drivers?

WITHIN **24** HOURS



All **mail delivery** would cease. Hospitals would begin running low of basic **medical supplies**.

Medical supplies would quickly run out because most hospitals have moved to the just-in-time delivery system, waiting until essentials have gone before ordering more. If the trucking delivery network were interrupted, hospitals, clinics and pharmacies would soon run out of medicine and supplies.

WITHIN **48** HOURS

Gas supplies will start to run low. **Food supplies** in stores will dwindle and prices will rise.



Most retail stores and groceries operate on a just-in-time basis, meaning they wait until stock levels are almost gone before they re-order. Without truck drivers, grocery stores and retailers would soon run low on supplies. Food shortages would suddenly be a reality. Drinking water would be in short supply in regions where the chemicals needed to purify water are delivered by trucks.

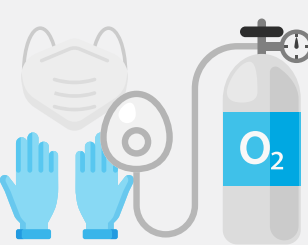
WITHIN **72** HOURS



The essentials like bread, milk, water, canned goods would run out, due to lack of delivery, panic and hoarding. **ATMs and banks** would run out of cash and not be able to complete transactions. **Gas stations** would be completely out of all fuel, **garbage** would start piling up and **cargo ships** would remain moored in their docks.

WITHIN **1** WEEK

All **automobile travel and public transit** would stop. People would not be able to get to work, grocery stores or seek medical care.



Hospitals would have **depleted medical supplies**, including oxygen.



WITHIN **2** WEEKS



All **clean water supplies** would run dry.

WITHIN **1** MONTH



The country would be **completely disabled** and in complete chaos.

THE BOTTOM LINE

Drivers are the unsung heroes of our daily lives.

Without drivers, essential goods wouldn't make it into our homes. Drivers are the heart of the road and our lifeline to keep America moving. Thank you to the drivers who make sure we have everything we need.

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