

PRESS RELEASE

The Italian truck fleet keeps shrinking The number of trucks circulating in Italy dropped by 0.2% in 2014

In 2014, the Italian commercial truck fleet suffered a slight volume reduction (-0.2%). It therefore seems logical to conclude that the negative trend, which saw the Italian truck fleet shrink between 2011 and 2013, due to the economic crisis and to harsh competition from other EU countries, is not over yet. Figures on the Italian truck fleet are taken from a study by the *Osservatorio Airp on Sustainable Mobility* (Airp – Italian Tyre Retreaders Association), data courtesy of Aci.

This study also provides the chart of the Italian commercial truck fleet by region, which shows that Lazio is the region with the largest reduction (-3.1%), followed by Umbria (-1.1%), and Marche (-0.9%). At the opposite end of the chart are the Aosta Valley and Trentino – South Tyrol, which registered an increase of over 9% compared to 2013.

Italian commercial truck fleet in 2013-2014 by region

REGIONS	2014	2013	% CHANGE 2014/20113
LAZIO	340,627	351,370	-3.1
UMBRIA	62,731	63,424	-1.1
MARCHE	116,163	117,184	-0.9
LOMBARDY	593,206	597,879	-0.8
LIGURIA	84,133	84,762	-0.7
PIEDMONT	313,909	316,020	-0.7
EMILIA ROMAGNA	334,422	336,482	-0.6
CAMPANIA	301,286	302,996	-0.6
VENETO	321,926	323,183	-0.4
FRIULI VENEZIA GIULIA	72,890	73,131	-0.3
ABRUZZO	101,394	101,456	-0.1
CAMPANIA	217,620	217,224	0.2
CALABRIA	143,542	143,249	0.2
TUSCANY	270,354	268,261	0.8
SARDINIA	124,764	123,785	0.8
SICILY	330,218	327,502	0.8
BASILICATA	44,569	44,129	1.0
MOLISE	29,202	28,840	1.3
TRENTINO - SOUTH TYROL	94,979	86,910	9.3
AOSTA VALLEY	30,583	27,858	9.8
TOTAL	3,928,518	3,935,645	-0.2

Source: Osservatorio Airp on Sustainable Mobility, data courtesy of Aci

According to the *Osservatorio Airp on Sustainable Mobility*, the decline in the Italian commercial truck fleet is partly due, as previously stated, to harsh competition from East European countries, where labor costs a lot less than in Italy. Owing to this, a growing number of Italian transportation entrepreneurs have decided to partly or fully relocate their activities there.

Besides reducing the number of trucks on the road, the serious economic crisis, from which Italy seems to be slowly recovering, has also caused circulating commercial trucks to become outdated, with negative effects on the environment and road safety. In this regard, Airp reminds all end users that periodical vehicle checks, as well as strict compliance with vehicle inspection regulations, are essential to ensure transport efficiency. Retreaded tires can undoubtedly provide a precious contribution to cost reduction without compromising vehicle performance and safety; in fact, they cost less

than new tires but guarantee the same safety levels and are more environmentally friendly, since they allow a longer tire life and are widely employed both by private fleet owners and local public transport authorities.

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