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2026 Q2 US Transportation Labor Market Update

The Transportation vertical is showing some signs of life despite a decline in Driving job postings. Loading & Stocking job postings are up over the year, Driving wage growth is outpacing the labor market average, and Transportation quits are picking up speed.

Indeed Job Postings

Warehousing job postings pick up the pace

Indeed job postings, through July 17, 2026

Occupational category	% change in past year	% change from Feb 01, 2020
Loading & Stocking	12.7	8.6
Logistic Support	4.0	10.3
Aviation	3.6	10.5
Driving	-13.8	-14.5

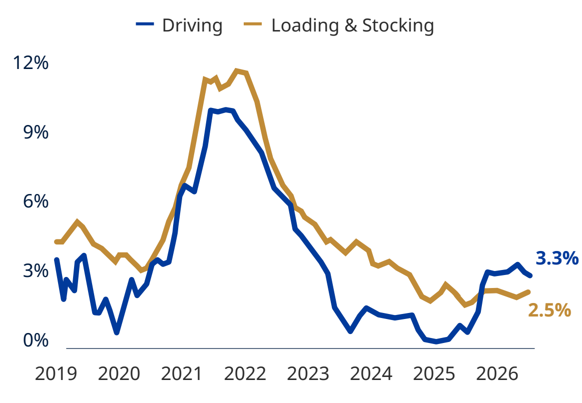
Source: Indeed

- Overall US job postings on Indeed appear to have stabilized near pre-pandemic levels, dipping just 2.3% in the year to July 17, 2026, and standing just over a percentage point above its February 2020 level.
- Most categories across the Transportation vertical have added postings over the past year, with Loading & Stocking leading the group, up 12.7% through July 17, 2026.
- Driving job postings have turned south, down nearly 14% over the past year.

Transportation Wage Growth

Driving wage growth levels out after picking up speed

Year-over-year growth in posted wages, 3-month average, January 2019 - May 2026



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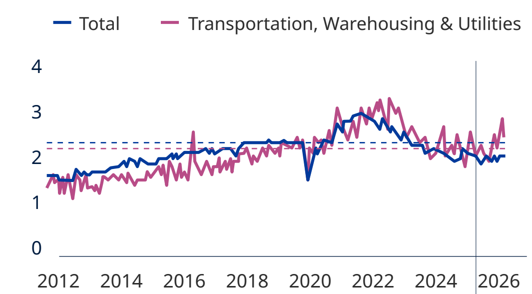
- Wage growth across the Transportation vertical is outpacing the overall labor market's 2.4% wage growth.
- Driving wage growth has leveled off after a strong 2025, but is still clocking in at 3.3% in May 2026.
- Loading and Stocking wage growth has remained relatively flat over the past 18 months and rests at 2.5% in May 2026.

Transportation Quits

Transportation quits spike in 2026

Quits rate, %, seasonally adjusted, through May 2026, dashed line = 2019 average



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

- Reduced quits is a main feature of the current labor market, as workers hold on tight to the jobs they have, leaving the quits rate well below its 2019 average.
- Transportation quits have risen sharply so far in 2026, making it one of the few industries with a quits rate above its 2019 average.
- This could indicate workers' willingness to take advantage of new opportunities as AI and data center buildouts boost construction and related industries.

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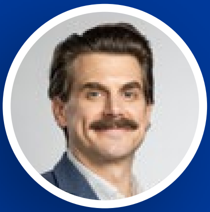

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