

Walmart: A Leader in Logistics

Since the early days of our company, the ability to move product from place to place quickly and efficiently has been a key driver in Walmart's success. Today, technology, innovation and the commitment of our associates continue to drive Walmart Logistics' mission of providing Walmart customers and Sam's Club members an outstanding shopping experience that is not only uniquely tailored to their community, but saves them money so they can live better.

Quick Facts:

Walmart Logistics has approximately:

- 85,000 associates
- 147 distribution centers
- 51 transportation offices
- 7,200 tractors
- 53,000 trailers
- 7,950 drivers

Walmart's distribution network began in a rented garage in the 1960s. We opened our first distribution center in 1970, as part of Wal-Mart's current Home Office facility.

Logistics Facts:

- Walmart's private fleet is one of America's safest fleets with 2.2 million miles per preventable accident.
- Collectively, Walmart's fleet drivers log approximately 800 million miles per year. The average Walmart truck driver logs more than 100,000 miles annually – the equivalent of about four trips around the world!
- Walmart distribution centers typically employ 500-1000 associates.
- An average facility will serve 75-100 stores, many with a unique merchandise assortment for each specific store, within a 250 mile radius.
- A regional distribution center can have twelve miles of conveyor belts, which can move hundreds of thousands of cases through the center each day. Last year, we moved more than 5.5 billion cases of merchandise.
- A Walmart grocery distribution center is equipped to house up to four million bananas at one time. Ice cream freezers at a grocery DC are cooled to -20 degrees Fahrenheit.
- By doing things like reducing the number of "empty miles" our trucks drive and optimizing how merchandise is stacked in our trailers, Walmart drivers logged 87 million fewer miles last year while transporting 161,000 more cases. This enabled the company to save 15 million gallons of diesel fuel.
- Walmart's truck fleet is working with the trucking industry and truck and trailer manufacturers to improve the fuel efficiency of our trucks. Since 2005, we've improved efficiency by more than percent, with more improvements to come.
- In 2009, Walmart began testing new innovations designed to save fuel, including the introduction of hybrid tractors as well as those powered by liquid natural gas and by brown grease recycled from our in-store deli operations.
- Walmart has nine disaster distribution centers strategically located across the country stocked with relief supplies needed to assist communities recover in the event of a disaster.
- Walmart Logistics supports communities across the nation. In 2008, more than \$60 million in cash and in-kind contributions were made to local charities on behalf of our distribution centers, transportation offices and other logistics facilities.
- Logistics associates registered approximately 140,000 volunteer hours in their local communities last year.