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News stories about the truck driver shortage in America are dominating media headlines. Every day, Americans hear constant opinions about how to make the profession more attractive to the current and future workforce. However, these discussions miss one very important fact:

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Being a professional truck driver in the **foodservice distribution industry** is a family-friendly, high-quality, well-paying and rewarding career. Our industry ensures a safe and efficient supply of food and products to more than one million restaurants and foodservice outlets in the U.S. every day. Foodservice distributors know that their drivers are critical to their success. These drivers are the face of their companies, as they visit each customer more than anyone else in the organization.

What are the benefits of being a professional truck drivers in the **foodservice distribution industry?**

- **Great pay:** Annual foodservice distribution driver pay averages up to \$79,000 plus benefits. Unlike other trucking jobs, foodservice distribution drivers are paid hourly, not by the mile.
- **Work-life balance:** Foodservice distribution drivers work an average of 50 hours a week and drive only about 200 miles per route, on average, meaning they are home every night. In addition, many foodservice distributors are moving away from weekend delivery.
- **Advancement opportunities:** The Foodservice distribution industry provides many advancement opportunities - many transportation leaders started as drivers.
- **Better retention:** A recent survey found foodservice distribution drivers have a 17% overturn rate, which is much lower than other trucking professions. This is an indicator of satisfaction in the field!

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