The driver shortage was expected to reach the highest level on record by end of 2017

If current trends hold, the shortage could swell to over 174,000 by 2026 (ATA)

The issues at the heart of the driver shortage include:

- Gender Stereotypes: Women are about 8% of the US workforce, but only 6% of commercial truck drivers.

- Drastic Lifestyle Change: New truck drivers often only go home a few times a month, which holds less appeal for younger generations.

- Health: Fast food and gas station snacks: the sedentary lifestyle of a driver can lead to diabetes, high blood pressure, and digestive issues.

Sources