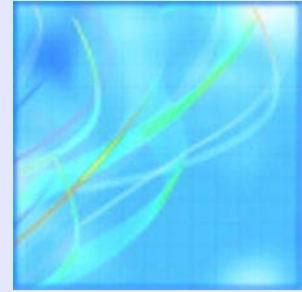


# Service Bulletin - Surface and Marine Transport Results of the Annual Motor Carriers of Freight Survey of Small For-hire Carriers and Owner Operators



2008

## Highlights

### Small for-hire carriers:

- In 2008, there were 7,759 small for-hire carriers with less than \$1 million in revenue. These represented 63% of carriers in the for-hire carriers segment.
- Small for-hire carriers generated total operating revenue of \$2.1 billion, for an average per carrier of \$274,000. Overall, small for-hire carriers generated 6% of total revenue for the sector.
- Small for-hire carriers reported operating expenses of \$2.0 billion or about \$258,000 per carrier. Their main expenses were fuel, which represented 25% of total expenses, salaries, wages and benefits (23%) and other expenses (17%).
- Compared to the previous year, both total operating revenue and expenses increased 3%.
- Intra-provincial movements were responsible for 66% of the total operating revenue (\$1.4 billion). These movements were followed by international movements which represented 23% of total revenue (\$491 million). Interprovincial movements were responsible for 11% of total revenue (\$224 million).
- A little more than half (51%) of these carriers were specialized in long-distance transportation. This activity generated 53% of all operating revenue for small for-hire carriers.
- Geographically, Quebec was home to the largest number of small for-hire carriers with 30% of the Canadian carriers, followed by Ontario (26%) and Alberta (19%).

### Owner operators :

- In 2008, there were 56,892 trucking firms who self-identified as owner operators. Of these carriers, more than 98% reported revenue less than \$1 million.
- Overall, owner operators generated \$10.9 billion in operating revenue, about \$191,500 per carrier.
- Compared to the previous year, total operating revenue improved 3%, while total operating expenses increased 4%.
- Operating expenses for these carriers totalled \$9.8 billion, or \$173,000 per carrier. The main operating expenses incurred by owner operators were fuel (31%), other expenses (20%) and salaries, wages and benefits (19%).
- Over three out of four owner operators offered their services exclusively to for-hire carriers, while 15% of them worked exclusively for private carriers.



- Intra-provincial movements accounted for 66% of the total operating revenue generated by owner operators (\$7.2 billion). These were followed by international movements with 22% (\$2.4 billion) of revenue. Interprovincial movements were the source of 12% (\$1.3 billion) of overall revenue.
- The majority (59%) of owner operators specialized in long distance transportation. This type of transportation service generated 63% of operating revenue.
- Ontario was home to the largest number of owner operators with 42%, followed by Alberta and British Columbia (15% each) and Quebec (14%).

## Analysis

### Annual Motor Carriers of Freight Survey of Small For-hire Carriers and Owner Operators: Financial and Operating Statistics, 2008

The Annual Motor Carriers of Freight Survey (AMCFS) provides information on the structure and performance of two distinct groups of carriers located in Canada: small for-hire carriers and owner operators.

**Small for-hire carriers** are carriers with annual operating revenue between \$30,000 and \$1 million. Combined with AMCFS data on medium and large carriers with revenue of \$1 million or more, this information helps to provide a more complete picture of the for-hire trucking industry.

**Owner operators** are independent operators who provide transport services under contract to for-hire carriers, private carriers, or both.<sup>1</sup> While most owner operators are small businesses, the data in this publication cover all those that generated revenue of \$30,000 or more in 2008. Thus, the estimates will likely include some owner operators who generated revenue of \$1 million or more in 2008.

The financial estimates for the survey (revenue and expense data) are based on administrative files from the Tax Estimates Program. The other types of data (on activities, territory served, employment, equipment, fuel and distance) are collected through computer-assisted telephone interviews.

The publication is in two parts: section 1 contains results for small for-hire carriers, section 2 for owner operators.

#### Important notes

Reference year 2008 marked the last release of the Small For-hire Carriers and Owner Operators Survey since the survey has been discontinued. However, the population covered by the survey has been integrated into two new surveys: the Quarterly Trucking Survey (QTS, record number 2748 ) and the Annual Trucking Survey (ATS, record number 2742).

For this reference year only, users are advised that the 2008 estimates were not produced using a sample survey directly, but were derived from the 2007 survey results and administrative data for 2008. Since the estimates were derived using a non-probabilistic method, no data accuracy measures can be provided. As a result, the estimates should be used with caution. More information about the survey's definitions, data sources and methods can be found on our web site ([www.statcan.gc.ca](http://www.statcan.gc.ca)) under "Survey 2800".

1. A **private carrier** is one for which trucking is not the main activity, but which owns or leases vehicles for the primary purpose of hauling its own goods. Private trucking is not part of the for-hire trucking industry. Note that, following persistent problems with data quality, the private carrier trucking survey was discontinued after reference year 1998. Since that date, therefore, it has no longer been possible to obtain data on this segment of the trucking industry.

## Statistical Tables

**Table 1**  
**Summary statistics by size, for-hire carriers, 2008**

	Small carriers \$30,000 to \$999,999 <sup>4</sup>	Medium and large carriers \$1 million to \$24.9 million <sup>5</sup>	Top carriers \$25 million and over	Total
Estimated number of carriers (no.)	7,759	4,388	97	12,244
	millions of dollars			
<b>Operating revenue</b>	<b>2,129</b>	<b>23,157</b>	<b>8,498</b>	<b>33,783</b>
<b>Operating expenses</b>	<b>2,002</b>	<b>21,863</b>	<b>8,034</b>	<b>31,899</b>
Salaries and wages <sup>1</sup>	464	6,184	1,930	8,578
Fuel	505	3,111	814	4,430
Owner operator expenses	60	3,492	2,131	5,682
Purchased transport <sup>2</sup>	267	2,567	1,347	4,181
Maintenance	189	1,661	501	2,351
Depreciation	171	1,286	354	1,811
Other expenses <sup>3</sup>	346	3,562	958	4,866
<b>Operating ratio (%)</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>0.94</b>	<b>0.95</b>	<b>...</b>
<b>Number of employees (no.)</b>	<b>25,754</b>	<b>140,928</b>	<b>41,354</b>	<b>208,036</b>
<b>Equipment operated (no.)</b>				
Straight trucks	5,245	15,651	1,645	22,541
Road tractors	11,519	75,461	19,936	106,916

1. Includes employee benefits.

2. Includes driver services, vehicle lease or rent, total purchased transportation and load broker services.

3. Includes terminal expenses and other operating expenses (insurance, administration, etc.).

4. See methodology in Section 3.

5. Includes carriers from the Annual survey of small for-hire carriers and owner operators with annual operating revenue greater than \$1 million.

**Note(s):** Totals may not add due to rounding. Data for top, medium and large carriers are collected from the Quarterly motor carriers of freight survey while the small carriers data are from the Annual survey of small for-hire carriers and owner operators.

**Table 2**  
**Summary statistics by type of activity, small for-hire carriers, 2008**

	Total	General freight	Household	Bulk liquids	Dry bulk materials	Forest products	Other commodities
Estimated number of carriers (no.)	7,759	2,809	243	418	1,702	882	1,705
	thousands of dollars						
<b>Operating revenue</b>	<b>2,129,019</b>	<b>906,254</b>	<b>45,869</b>	<b>138,886</b>	<b>325,181</b>	<b>266,663</b>	<b>446,166</b>
<b>Operating expenses</b>	<b>2,002,374</b>	<b>846,305</b>	<b>40,374</b>	<b>135,106</b>	<b>305,824</b>	<b>252,296</b>	<b>422,469</b>
Salaries and wages	457,196	177,013	14,843	28,698	66,527	63,094	107,021
Benefits	6,737	3,023	168	317	989	961	1,279
Fuel	505,309	220,609	13,082	24,706	57,426	64,276	125,210
Owner operator expenses	59,773	29,754	115	17,280	4,152	802	7,670
Purchased transport	266,762	155,261	1,141	15,862	31,006	22,557	40,935
Maintenance	189,149	67,702	1,190	11,523	47,161	29,141	32,432
Depreciation	171,050	53,859	745	14,149	42,996	20,246	39,055
Insurance	72,782	31,755	1,110	3,139	9,646	8,644	18,488
Rent	64,172	36,835	1,197	5,202	9,022	5,291	6,625
Other expenses	209,445	70,494	6,784	14,229	36,899	37,285	43,754
<b>Full time employees (no.)</b>	<b>20,007</b>	<b>8,630</b>	<b>741</b>	<b>1,623</b>	<b>3,468</b>	<b>1,639</b>	<b>3,906</b>
<b>Equipment operated (no.)</b>	<b>35,359</b>	<b>16,807</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>2,045</b>	<b>5,202</b>	<b>3,271</b>	<b>7,728</b>
Straight trucks (no.)	5,246	1,737	151	675	2,278	93	312
Distance travelled ('000 km)	277,708	105,271	8,050	29,847	110,995	7,807	15,738
Average distance ('000 km)	53	61	53	44	49	84	50
Road tractors (no.)	11,518	5,389	85	661	900	1,270	3,213
Distance travelled ('000 km)	1,410,594	629,343	10,717	109,755	103,853	176,682	380,244
Average distance ('000 km)	122	117	126	166	115	139	118
Semi-trailers (no.)	16,443	9,121	64	493	1,087	1,710	3,968
Other (no.)	2,153	560	5	216	938	199	235
<b>Total distance ('000 km)</b>	<b>1,688,303</b>	<b>734,614</b>	<b>18,767</b>	<b>139,602</b>	<b>214,848</b>	<b>184,489</b>	<b>395,983</b>
<b>Fuel consumed ('000 L)</b>	<b>769,509</b>	<b>316,282</b>	<b>7,329</b>	<b>38,530</b>	<b>124,687</b>	<b>104,416</b>	<b>178,265</b>

**Note(s):** Some totals may not add due to rounding.

**Table 3**  
**Summary statistics by type of activity, local transport<sup>1</sup>, small for-hire carriers, 2008**

Local carriers	Total	General freight	Bulk liquids	Dry bulk materials	Forest products	Other commodities
Estimated number of carriers (no.)	3,559	948	220	1,432	270	689
	thousands of dollars					
<b>Operating revenue</b>	<b>959,947</b>	<b>266,816</b>	<b>109,283</b>	<b>291,331</b>	<b>108,958</b>	<b>183,559</b>
<b>Operating expenses</b>	<b>896,292</b>	<b>238,524</b>	<b>106,590</b>	<b>274,174</b>	<b>101,607</b>	<b>175,397</b>
Salaries and wages	219,159	66,523	20,758	58,860	23,553	49,465
Benefits	2,632	794	201	956	582	99
Fuel	191,561	51,272	18,337	52,502	29,080	40,370
Owner operator expenses	26,953	2,187	17,280	4,139	522	2,825
Purchased transport	108,868	35,783	15,716	27,481	11,062	18,826
Maintenance	107,664	25,062	9,697	42,684	15,931	14,290
Depreciation	85,133	12,592	10,191	38,779	7,420	16,151
Insurance	29,001	8,488	1,945	7,842	3,764	6,962
Rent	31,341	13,433	3,674	8,440	2,982	2,812
Other expenses	94,261	22,004	8,487	32,874	7,068	23,828
<b>Full time employees (no.)</b>	<b>9,253</b>	<b>3,353</b>	<b>1,071</b>	<b>2,807</b>	<b>587</b>	<b>1,435</b>
<b>Equipment operated (no.)</b>	<b>14,004</b>	<b>4,901</b>	<b>1,119</b>	<b>4,036</b>	<b>1,046</b>	<b>2,902</b>
Straight trucks (no.)	3,776	764	675	2,068	51	218
Distance travelled ('000 km)	198,275	53,192	29,847	101,164	4,700	9,372
Average distance ('000 km)	53	70	44	49	92	43
Road tractors (no.)	3,609	1,359	196	541	431	1,082
Distance travelled ('000 km)	387,544	139,294	29,798	70,983	45,582	101,887
Average distance ('000 km)	107	102	152	131	106	94
Semi-trailers (no.)	5,499	2,535	120	809	514	1,521
Other (no.)	1,119	242	129	618	50	80
<b>Total distance ('000 km)</b>	<b>585,819</b>	<b>192,487</b>	<b>59,645</b>	<b>172,146</b>	<b>50,282</b>	<b>111,259</b>
<b>Fuel consumed ('000 L)</b>	<b>317,299</b>	<b>95,775</b>	<b>23,481</b>	<b>97,221</b>	<b>38,325</b>	<b>62,497</b>

1. Excludes household goods movers.

**Note(s):** Some totals may not add due to rounding.

**Table 4**  
**Summary statistics by type of activity, long-distance transport<sup>1</sup>, small for-hire carriers, 2008**

Long distance carriers	Total	General freight	Bulk liquids	Dry bulk materials	Forest products	Other commodities
Estimated number of carriers (no.)	3,958	1,862	198	270	612	1,016
	thousands of dollars					
<b>Operating revenue</b>	<b>1,123,201</b>	<b>639,438</b>	<b>29,603</b>	<b>33,850</b>	<b>157,704</b>	<b>262,606</b>
<b>Operating expenses</b>	<b>1,065,738</b>	<b>608,376</b>	<b>28,822</b>	<b>31,463</b>	<b>150,126</b>	<b>246,951</b>
Salaries and wages	223,194	110,490	7,940	7,667	39,541	57,556
Benefits	3,936	2,229	116	33	379	1,179
Fuel	300,666	169,337	6,368	4,924	35,196	84,841
Owner operator expenses	32,703	27,567	0	13	279	4,844
Purchased transport	156,753	119,478	146	3,525	11,495	22,109
Maintenance	80,297	42,641	1,826	4,478	13,210	18,142
Depreciation	85,172	41,267	3,958	4,217	12,826	22,904
Insurance	42,672	23,267	1,193	1,804	4,881	11,527
Rent	31,634	23,402	1,528	583	2,308	3,813
Other expenses	108,400	48,490	5,743	4,025	30,217	19,925
<b>Full time employees (no.)</b>	<b>10,015</b>	<b>5,277</b>	<b>553</b>	<b>662</b>	<b>1,052</b>	<b>2,471</b>
<b>Equipment operated (no.)</b>	<b>21,052</b>	<b>11,907</b>	<b>926</b>	<b>1,166</b>	<b>2,226</b>	<b>4,827</b>
Straight trucks	1,319	973	0	210	42	94
Distance travelled ('000 km)	71,384	52,079	0	9,832	3,107	6,366
Average distance ('000 km)	54	54	0	47	74	68
Road tractors (no.)	7,826	4,030	466	359	839	2,132
Distance travelled ('000 km)	1,012,334	490,049	79,957	32,871	131,099	278,358
Average distance ('000 km)	129	122	172	92	156	131
Semi-trailers (no.)	10,878	6,586	373	277	1,195	2,447
Other (no.)	1,027	318	87	319	149	154
<b>Total distance ('000 km)</b>	<b>1,083,718</b>	<b>542,128</b>	<b>79,957</b>	<b>42,702</b>	<b>134,207</b>	<b>284,724</b>
<b>Fuel consumed ('000 L)</b>	<b>444,880</b>	<b>220,507</b>	<b>15,049</b>	<b>27,465</b>	<b>66,091</b>	<b>115,768</b>

1. Excludes household goods movers.

**Note(s):** Some totals may not add due to rounding.

**Table 5**  
**Summary statistics by type of movement, small for-hire carriers, 2008**

	Intraprovincial carriers	Extraprovincial carriers						
		Total	Intraprovincial	Interprovincial	International			
					Sub <sup>1</sup> total	Into Canada	Out of Canada	
Estimated number of carriers (no.)	3,987	3,772	...	...	...	...	...	
			thousands of dollars					
<b>Operating revenue</b>	<b>993,443</b>	<b>1,135,575</b>	<b>419,941</b>	<b>224,392</b>	<b>491,242</b>	<b>231,693</b>	<b>259,549</b>	
<b>Operating expenses</b>	<b>934,962</b>	<b>1,067,411</b>	<b>396,993</b>	<b>209,430</b>	<b>460,988</b>	<b>216,249</b>	<b>244,739</b>	
Transportation expenses	693,000	831,260	313,354	156,539	361,367	168,108	193,259	
Maintenance and garage expenses	105,055	84,094	29,621	22,010	32,463	15,294	17,169	
Administrative and general office expenses	136,906	152,057	54,018	30,881	67,158	32,847	34,311	
<b>Full time employees (no.)</b>	<b>9,887</b>	<b>10,120</b>	...	...	...	...	...	
<b>Salaries and wages (\$'000)</b>	<b>249,793</b>	<b>207,402</b>	...	...	...	...	...	
			number					
<b>Equipment operated</b>	<b>14,795</b>	<b>20,564</b>	...	...	...	...	...	
Straight trucks	3,317	1,928	...	...	...	...	...	
Road tractors	4,348	7,171	...	...	...	...	...	
Semi-trailers	5,654	10,788	...	...	...	...	...	
Other	1,476	677	...	...	...	...	...	

**Note(s):** Total may not add due to rounding.

**Table 6**  
**Summary statistics by province or territory of domicile, small for-hire carriers, 2008**

	Canada	Newfoundland and Labrador	Prince Edward Island	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario
Estimated number of carriers (no.)	7,759	53	29	158	261	2,317	2,056
	thousands of dollars						
<b>Operating revenue</b>	<b>2,129,018</b>	<b>17,604</b>	<b>12,637</b>	<b>41,987</b>	<b>44,789</b>	<b>615,586</b>	<b>613,933</b>
<b>Operating expenses</b>	<b>2,002,373</b>	<b>16,496</b>	<b>12,266</b>	<b>38,457</b>	<b>40,129</b>	<b>571,726</b>	<b>590,764</b>
Salaries and wages	457,195	4,502	3068	8,446	6,602	123,705	128,616
Benefits	6,736	x	0	120	94	2,411	2,153
Fuel	505,308	5,269	4229	10,337	13,308	143,744	144,743
Owner operator expenses	59,773	0	0	1,197	311	17,046	20,829
Purchased transport	266,762	2,062	668	6,846	2,440	45,424	127,802
Maintenance	189,149	1,304	896	3,422	4,675	75,581	39,014
Depreciation	171,051	938	1057	2,636	6,320	57,627	38,689
Insurance	72,781	571	561	1,060	1,818	14,589	23,628
Rent	64,171	x	108	281	904	22,142	20,192
Other expenses	209,445	1,207	1680	4,113	3,657	69,456	45,097
<b>Full time employees (no.)</b>	<b>20,007</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>669</b>	<b>5,422</b>	<b>5,748</b>
	Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	British Columbia	Yukon	Northwest Territories	Nunavut
Estimated number of carriers (no.)	232	230	1,483	932	5	3	0
	thousands of dollars						
<b>Operating revenue</b>	<b>91,209</b>	<b>85,980</b>	<b>330,917</b>	<b>270,266</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Operating expenses</b>	<b>83,795</b>	<b>79,045</b>	<b>310,943</b>	<b>255,034</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>0</b>
Salaries and wages	15,650	18,141	79,558	67,758	x	x	0
Benefits	306	378	503	740	x	x	0
Fuel	28,752	22,489	72,123	59,421	x	x	0
Owner operator expenses	4,071	1,181	6,955	8,171	x	x	0
Purchased transport	8,749	7,872	31,479	33,105	x	x	0
Maintenance	4,086	9,324	24,705	25,789	x	x	0
Depreciation	5,327	5,039	33,330	19,630	x	x	0
Insurance	2,746	2,979	12,642	12,097	x	x	0
Rent	2,570	3,228	8,581	5,440	x	x	0
Other expenses	11,538	8,414	41,066	22,881	x	x	0
<b>Full time employees (no.)</b>	<b>551</b>	<b>582</b>	<b>3,811</b>	<b>2,407</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>0</b>

**Note(s):** Some totals may not add due to rounding.



**Table 7**  
**Number of employees by owned and leased vehicle and by province or territory of domicile, small for-hire carriers, 2008**

	Canada	Newfoundland and Labrador	Prince Edward Island	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario
	number						
Estimated number of carriers	7,759	53	29	158	261	2,317	2,056
<b>Employees</b>							
Drivers							
Full time	15,567	F	F	263	478	4,012	4,509
Part time	2,851	F	F	114	151	761	811
Other employees							
Full time	4,440	F	F	126	191	1,409	1,239
Part time	2,895	F	F	53	58	762	743
<b>Total - drivers and other employees</b>							
<b>Full time</b>	<b>20,007</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>669</b>	<b>5,422</b>	<b>5,748</b>
<b>Part time</b>	<b>5,747</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>1,523</b>	<b>1,554</b>
	Manitoba	Saskat- chewan	Alberta	British Columbia	Yukon	Northwest Territories	Nunavut
	number						
Estimated number of carriers	232	230	1,483	932	5	3	0
<b>Employees</b>							
Drivers							
Full time	447	487	3,133	1,895	F	x	0
Part time	142	144	318	324	x	x	0
Other employees							
Full time	104	94	678	512	F	x	0
Part time	99	101	579	471	x	x	0
<b>Total - drivers and other employees</b>							
<b>Full time</b>	<b>551</b>	<b>582</b>	<b>3,811</b>	<b>2,407</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Part time</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>897</b>	<b>795</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>0</b>

**Note(s):** Some totals may not add due to rounding.

**Table 8**  
**Equipment operated by province or territory of domicile, small for-hire carriers, 2008**

	Owned and leased				Total
	Straight trucks	Road tractors	Semi-trailers	Other equipment	
	number				
Newfoundland and Labrador	97	168	257	156	677
Prince Edward Island	F	71	362	F	473
Nova Scotia	104	256	308	33	701
New Brunswick	146	383	808	200	1,538
Québec	1,552	2,678	3,645	481	8,355
Ontario	1,296	3,722	5,438	591	11,046
Manitoba	F	496	548	F	1,168
Saskatchewan	F	380	477	F	997
Alberta	1,278	1,865	2,422	309	5,875
British Columbia	F	F	2,156	352	4,476
Yukon	x	F	F	x	F
Northwest Territories	x	x	x	x	x
Nunavut	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Canada</b>					
Owned and leased	5,245	11,519	16,442	2,153	35,360
Operated by owner operator	449	2,824	1,532	62	4,866

**Note(s):** Some totals may not add due to rounding.

**Table 9**  
**Estimated annual distance travelled by owned and leased vehicle and by province or territory of domicile, small for-hire carriers, 2008**

	Total	Straight trucks	Road tractors
	thousands kilometres		
Newfoundland and Labrador	21,058	5,770	15,288
Prince Edward Island	9,342	F	F
Nova Scotia	30,724	6,200	24,524
New Brunswick	48,733	9,913	38,820
Quebec	527,779	87,829	439,950
Ontario	425,034	67,322	357,712
Manitoba	54,209	F	F
Saskatchewan	70,545	F	F
Alberta	316,206	53,615	262,591
British Columbia	182,513	F	F
Yukon	1,641	x	F
Northwest Territories	520	x	x
Nunavut	0	0	0
<b>Canada</b>	<b>1,688,303</b>	<b>277,709</b>	<b>1,410,594</b>

**Note(s):** Some totals may not add due to rounding.

**Table 10**  
**Summary statistics, owner operators, 2004 to 2008**

	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
Estimated number of owner operators (no.)	56,892	52,583	43,951	37,591	35,609
	thousands of dollars				
<b>Operating revenue</b>	<b>10,896,140</b>	<b>10,616,282</b>	<b>9,451,122</b>	<b>7,769,747</b>	<b>7,443,278</b>
<b>Operating expenses</b>	<b>9,830,124</b>	<b>9,486,265</b>	<b>8,339,087</b>	<b>7,122,068</b>	<b>6,771,732</b>
Salaries and wages	1,792,477	1,779,032	1,634,378	1,568,729	1,465,703
Benefits	31,415	31,697	25,874	35,379	27,790
Fuel	3,009,204	2,718,311	2,462,384	1,750,750	1,719,729
Owner operator expenses	0	0	0	0	0
Purchased transport	1,263,255	1,232,489	948,448	848,650	721,180
Maintenance	880,581	898,445	806,748	768,567	774,732
Depreciation	916,751	927,853	874,196	737,157	676,058
Insurance	382,202	371,844	311,365	291,962	296,424
Rent	281,468	276,493	240,918	236,837	240,164
Other expenses	1,272,773	1,250,101	1,034,776	884,038	849,953
<b>Full time employees 1(no.)</b>	<b>82,654</b>	<b>80,507</b>	<b>67,723</b>	<b>60,765</b>	<b>58,604</b>
<b>Equipment operated (no.)</b>	<b>112,373</b>	<b>109,463</b>	<b>96,577</b>	<b>86,949</b>	<b>84,125</b>

1. Working owner included.

**Note(s):** Some totals may not add due to rounding.

**Table 11**  
**Distribution of owner operators by carrier types and by region of domicile, owner operators, 2008**

	Owner operator working for			Total
	For-hire carriers	Private carriers	Both	
	number			
Atlantic	2,511	443	99	3,053
Quebec	6,812	1,134	287	8,233
Ontario	19,502	3,329	1,127	23,958
Prairies	9,981	2,716	632	13,329
British Columbia	6,523	1,036	726	8,285
Territories	23	6	5	34
<b>Canada</b>	<b>45,352</b>	<b>8,664</b>	<b>2,876</b>	<b>56,892</b>

**Note(s):** Some totals may not add due to rounding.

**Table 12**  
**Summary statistics by size, owner operators, 2008**

	Total	Small enterprises (\$30,000 to \$999,999)	Medium and large enterprises (\$1 million and over)
Estimated number of owner operators (no.)	56,892	55,988	903
	thousands of dollars		
<b>Operating revenue</b>	<b>10,896,140</b>	<b>9,307,201</b>	<b>1,588,939</b>
<b>Operating expenses</b>	<b>9,830,124</b>	<b>8,290,249</b>	<b>1,539,876</b>
Salaries and wages <sup>1</sup>	1,823,891	1,461,377	362,515
Fuel	3,009,204	2,728,618	280,586
Purchased transport <sup>2</sup>	1,263,254	868,780	394,474
Maintenance	880,582	770,636	109,946
Depreciation	916,750	783,963	132,788
Other expenses <sup>3</sup>	1,936,443	1,676,877	259,567
<b>Number of employees <sup>4</sup>(no.)</b>	<b>82,653</b>	<b>76,441</b>	<b>6,212</b>
<b>Equipment operated (no.)</b>			
Straight trucks	17,707	17,228	479
Road tractors	53,512	50,194	3,317

1. Includes employee benefits.

2. Includes driver services, vehicle lease or rent, total purchased transportation and load broker services.

3. Includes terminal and insurance expenses.

4. Working owners, full and part time employees are included.

**Note(s):** Totals may not add due to rounding.

**Table 13**  
**Summary statistics by type of activity, local transport<sup>1</sup>, owner operators, 2008**

Local carriers	Total	General freight	Bulk liquids	Dry bulk materials	Forest products	Other commodities
Estimated number reporting (no.)	22,938	7,547	1,128	9,048	1,598	3,617
	thousands of dollars					
<b>Operating revenue</b>	<b>3,963,505</b>	<b>1,072,653</b>	<b>378,911</b>	<b>1,440,558</b>	<b>409,478</b>	<b>661,905</b>
<b>Operating expenses</b>	<b>3,535,801</b>	<b>955,349</b>	<b>340,796</b>	<b>1,269,754</b>	<b>385,583</b>	<b>584,319</b>
Salaries and wages	700,074	211,009	86,859	231,123	76,787	94,296
Benefits	9,744	3,047	1,004	3,320	1,069	1,304
Fuel	961,173	258,592	74,332	340,912	127,835	159,502
Owner operator expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
Purchased transport	460,508	122,642	36,275	161,711	31,478	108,402
Maintenance	354,675	88,697	41,816	130,055	52,685	41,422
Depreciation	352,761	72,215	39,915	146,170	36,984	57,477
Insurance	138,849	38,655	12,955	47,476	16,600	23,163
Rent	112,026	27,494	12,953	44,017	7,798	19,764
Other expenses	436,627	131,190	32,725	158,920	34,649	79,143
<b>Full time employees <sup>2</sup>(no.)</b>	<b>30,929</b>	<b>9,980</b>	<b>2,321</b>	<b>11,407</b>	<b>2,395</b>	<b>4,826</b>
<b>Equipment operated (no.)</b>	<b>41,442</b>	<b>11,374</b>	<b>2,104</b>	<b>17,412</b>	<b>4,256</b>	<b>6,296</b>
Straight trucks (no.)	12,141	2,205	602	7,235	703	1,396
Distance travelled ('000 km)	644,710	128,841	41,437	341,593	53,402	79,437
Average distance ('000 km)	53	58	69	47	76	57
Road tractors (no.)	15,876	6,457	991	3,899	1,725	2,804
Distance travelled ('000 km)	1,469,115	489,011	141,456	310,831	194,135	333,682
Average distance ('000 km)	93	76	143	80	113	119
Semi-trailers (no.)	10,884	2,161	467	4,998	1,457	1,801
Other (no.)	2,541	551	44	1,280	371	295
<b>Total distance ('000 km)</b>	<b>2,113,826</b>	<b>617,852</b>	<b>182,893</b>	<b>652,424</b>	<b>247,537</b>	<b>413,120</b>
<b>Fuel consumed ('000 L)</b>	<b>1,220,548</b>	<b>356,009</b>	<b>74,572</b>	<b>431,544</b>	<b>152,986</b>	<b>205,437</b>

1. Excludes household goods movers.

2. Working owner included.

**Note(s):** Some totals may not add due to rounding.

**Table 14**  
**Summary statistics by type of activity, long-distance transport<sup>1</sup>, owner operators, 2008**

Long distance carriers	Total	General freight	Bulk liquids	Dry bulk materials	Forest products	Other commodities
Estimated number of owner operators (no.)	33,286	16,650	2,166	2,857	1,903	9,710
	thousands of dollars					
<b>Operating revenue</b>	<b>6,821,025</b>	<b>3,075,410</b>	<b>508,690</b>	<b>418,470</b>	<b>606,329</b>	<b>2,212,126</b>
<b>Operating expenses</b>	<b>6,191,945</b>	<b>2,790,325</b>	<b>457,627</b>	<b>355,309</b>	<b>579,558</b>	<b>2,009,126</b>
Salaries and wages	1,058,260	427,573	95,574	51,657	112,558	370,898
Benefits	20,938	8,860	994	2,704	2,849	5,531
Fuel	2,027,342	915,804	128,427	155,955	176,014	651,142
Owner operator expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
Purchased transport	789,666	366,797	57,049	21,702	71,788	272,330
Maintenance	521,022	233,676	41,953	31,304	58,487	155,602
Depreciation	557,497	247,004	34,526	32,910	61,822	181,235
Insurance	240,529	104,836	24,509	13,121	22,544	75,519
Rent	164,630	83,624	11,917	7,237	13,285	48,567
Other expenses	822,618	404,467	62,888	41,413	59,832	254,018
<b>Full time employees <sup>2</sup>(no.)</b>	<b>50,336</b>	<b>25,239</b>	<b>3,110</b>	<b>3,604</b>	<b>4,514</b>	<b>13,869</b>
<b>Equipment operated (no.)</b>	<b>69,882</b>	<b>31,125</b>	<b>4,351</b>	<b>4,747</b>	<b>7,365</b>	<b>22,294</b>
Straight trucks (no.)	5,148	2,213	706	1,313	50	866
Distance travelled ('000 km)	357,935	188,375	51,042	61,484	2,361	54,673
Average distance ('000 km)	70	85	72	47	47	63
Road tractors (no.)	37,224	18,607	2,360	1,926	3,012	11,319
Distance travelled ('000 km)	5,606,400	2,699,427	408,597	297,180	437,409	1,763,787
Average distance ('000 km)	151	145	173	154	145	156
Semi-trailers (no.)	23,773	8,332	1167	1323	4,062	8,889
Other (no.)	3,736	1,973	117	185	241	1,220
<b>Total distance ('000 km)</b>	<b>5,964,335</b>	<b>2,887,802</b>	<b>459,638</b>	<b>358,665</b>	<b>439,770</b>	<b>1,818,460</b>
<b>Fuel consumed ('000 L)</b>	<b>3,119,429</b>	<b>1,517,609</b>	<b>195,406</b>	<b>238,358</b>	<b>255,754</b>	<b>912,302</b>

1. Excludes household goods movers.

2. Working owner included.

**Note(s):** Some totals may not add due to rounding.

**Table 15**  
**Summary statistics by type of activity, owner operators, 2008**

	Total	General freight	Household	Bulk liquids	Dry bulk materials	Forest products	Other commodities
Estimated number of owner operators (no.)	56,892	24,196	670	3,294	11,905	3,500	13,327
	thousands of dollars						
<b>Operating revenue</b>	<b>10,896,140</b>	<b>4,148,063</b>	<b>111,611</b>	<b>887,600</b>	<b>1,859,028</b>	<b>1,015,807</b>	<b>2,874,031</b>
<b>Operating expenses</b>	<b>9,830,124</b>	<b>3,746,182</b>	<b>101,186</b>	<b>796,671</b>	<b>1,621,706</b>	<b>965,064</b>	<b>2,599,315</b>
Salaries and wages	1,792,477	638,582	34,143	182,433	282,780	189,345	465,194
Benefits	31,415	11,907	733	1,997	6,024	3,918	6,836
Fuel	3,009,204	1,174,397	20,687	202,759	496,867	303,849	810,645
Owner operator expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Purchased transport	1,263,255	489,439	13,081	93,324	183,413	103,266	380,732
Maintenance	880,581	322,373	4,883	83,769	161,360	111,172	197,024
Depreciation	916,751	319,219	6,494	74,441	179,080	98,805	238,712
Insurance	382,202	143,491	2,824	37,464	60,597	39,144	98,682
Rent	281,468	111,118	4,814	24,870	51,253	21,083	68,330
Other expenses	1,272,773	535,657	13,528	95,613	200,332	94,482	333,161
<b>Full time employees 1 (no.)</b>	<b>82,654</b>	<b>35,218</b>	<b>1,389</b>	<b>5,432</b>	<b>15,010</b>	<b>6,910</b>	<b>18,695</b>
<b>Equipment operated (no.)</b>	<b>112,373</b>	<b>42,499</b>	<b>1,049</b>	<b>6,455</b>	<b>22,159</b>	<b>11,621</b>	<b>28,590</b>
Straight trucks (no.)	17,706	4,418	418	1,308	8,548	752	2,262
Distance travelled ('000 km)	1,022,634	317,216	19,990	92,478	403,077	55,763	134,110
Average distance ('000 km)	58	72	48	71	47	74	59
Road tractors (no.)	53,511	25,063	413	3,350	5,825	4,737	14,123
Distance travelled ('000 km)	7,112,780	3,188,439	37,263	550,053	608,012	631,544	2,097,469
Average distance ('000 km)	133	127	90	164	104	133	149
Semi-trailers (no.)	34,860	10,493	203	1634	6321	5,519	10,690
Other (no.)	6,292	2,524	14	162	1465	612	1,515
<b>Total distance ('000 km)</b>	<b>8,135,414</b>	<b>3,505,655</b>	<b>57,253</b>	<b>642,531</b>	<b>1,011,089</b>	<b>687,307</b>	<b>2,231,579</b>
<b>Fuel consumed ('000 L)</b>	<b>4,372,306</b>	<b>1,873,619</b>	<b>32,329</b>	<b>269,977</b>	<b>669,901</b>	<b>408,740</b>	<b>1,117,740</b>

1. Working owner included.

**Note(s):** Some totals may not add due to rounding.

**Table 16**  
**Summary statistics by type of movement, owner operators, 2008**

	Intraprovincial carriers	Extraprovincial carriers					
		Total	Intraprovincial	Interprovincial	International		
					Sub total	Into Canada	Out of Canada
Estimated number of carriers (no.)	30,030	26,861	...	...	...	...	...
			thousands of dollars				
<b>Operating revenue</b>	<b>5,270,560</b>	<b>5,625,581</b>	<b>1,936,792</b>	<b>1,319,380</b>	<b>2,369,409</b>	<b>1,174,642</b>	<b>1,194,767</b>
<b>Operating expenses</b>	<b>4,633,013</b>	<b>5,197,111</b>	<b>1,811,885</b>	<b>1,201,012</b>	<b>2,184,214</b>	<b>1,096,876</b>	<b>1,087,338</b>
Transportation expenses	3,348,989	3,914,164	1,371,191	888,317	1,654,656	846,100	808,556
Maintenance and garage expenses	452,989	427,593	165,814	98,519	163,260	78,045	85,215
Administrative and general office expenses	831,035	855,354	274,880	214,176	366,298	172,731	193,567
<b>Full time employees (no.)</b>	<b>42,118</b>	<b>40,535</b>	...	...	...	...	...
<b>Salaries and wages (\$'000)</b>	<b>921,295</b>	<b>871,182</b>	...	...	...	...	...
			number				
<b>Equipment operated</b>	<b>57,211</b>	<b>55,161</b>	...	...	...	...	...
Straight trucks	15,195	2,512	...	...	...	...	...
Road tractors	23,491	30,021	...	...	...	...	...
Semi-trailers	14,622	20,239	...	...	...	...	...
Other	3,903	2,389	...	...	...	...	...

**Note(s):** Total may not add due to rounding.



**Table 17**  
**Summary statistics by province or territory of domicile, owner operators, 2008**

	Canada	Newfoundland and Labrador	Prince Edward Island	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario
Estimated number of owner operators (no.)	56,892	365	160	884	1,644	8,232	23,958
	thousands of dollars						
<b>Operating revenue</b>	<b>10,896,140</b>	<b>95,649</b>	<b>32,646</b>	<b>180,454</b>	<b>349,952</b>	<b>2,096,979</b>	<b>3,622,188</b>
<b>Operating expenses</b>	<b>9,830,124</b>	<b>86,204</b>	<b>29,312</b>	<b>159,937</b>	<b>311,414</b>	<b>1,945,847</b>	<b>3,318,195</b>
Salaries and wages	1,792,477	19,153	5,677	25,658	49,834	420,038	524,092
Benefits	31,414	174	x	405	791	7,569	10,061
Fuel	3,009,204	27,562	12,195	63,758	129,315	445,845	1,114,622
Owner operator expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Purchased transport	1,263,254	9,480	1,331	12,147	17,851	280,216	533,822
Maintenance	880,582	6,438	2,095	12,459	28,390	222,928	236,852
Depreciation	916,750	7,632	3,229	16,314	29,165	187,364	262,296
Insurance	382,201	3,282	1,071	4,799	12,511	65,870	123,426
Rent	281,468	2,429	x	1,941	6,779	66,485	83,445
Other expenses	1,272,774	10,055	3,585	22,456	36,778	249,533	429,580
<b>Full time employees (no.)</b>	<b>82,653</b>	<b>741</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>1,460</b>	<b>2,586</b>	<b>16,053</b>	<b>30,522</b>
	Manitoba	Saskat- chewan	Alberta	British Columbia	Yukon	Northwest Territories	Nunavut
Estimated number of owner operators (no.)	2,634	2,292	8,403	8,285	17	15	2
	thousands of dollars						
<b>Operating revenue</b>	<b>484,679</b>	<b>519,846</b>	<b>2,022,520</b>	<b>1,484,349</b>	<b>3,759</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>x</b>
<b>Operating expenses</b>	<b>419,350</b>	<b>451,663</b>	<b>1,807,943</b>	<b>1,293,714</b>	<b>3,654</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>x</b>
Salaries and wages	64,882	85,995	366,526	229,316	622	x	x
Benefits	328	2,601	6,192	3,287	x	x	x
Fuel	170,567	144,144	491,754	407,552	1183	x	x
Owner operator expenses	0	0	0	0	0	x	x
Purchased transport	26,295	36,774	180,582	164,180	114	x	x
Maintenance	35,424	55,161	172,678	107,280	719	x	x
Depreciation	34,358	44,298	199,519	132,077	207	x	x
Insurance	15,366	14,810	85,644	55,060	168	x	x
Rent	9,338	14,550	69,018	27,193	x	x	x
Other expenses	62,792	53,330	236,031	167,769	490	x	x
<b>Full time employees (no.)</b>	<b>3,514</b>	<b>3,523</b>	<b>13,128</b>	<b>10,811</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>x</b>

**Note(s):** Some totals may not add due to rounding.

**Table 18**  
**Number of employees by type and by province or territory of domicile, owner operators, 2008**

	Canada	Newfoundland and Labrador	Prince Edward Island	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario
	number						
Estimated number of owner operators	56,892	365	160	884	1,644	8,232	23,958
<b>Employees</b>							
Drivers							
Full time	70,296	591	F	1,236	2,146	12,772	26,976
Part time	10,185	154	F	228	449	2,396	2,523
Other Employees							
Full time	12,357	150	F	224	440	3,281	3,546
Part time	11,191	124	F	170	571	2,046	3,968
<b>Total</b>							
<b>Full time</b>	<b>82,653</b>	<b>741</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>1,460</b>	<b>2,586</b>	<b>16,053</b>	<b>30,522</b>
<b>Part time</b>	<b>21,376</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>1,020</b>	<b>4,442</b>	<b>6,491</b>
	Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	British Columbia	Yukon	Northwest Territories	Nunavut
	number						
Estimated number of owner operators	2,634	2,292	8,403	8,285	17	15	2
<b>Employees</b>							
Drivers							
Full time	2,942	2,955	10,885	9,516	x	x	x
Part time	772	381	1,857	1,390	x	x	x
Other Employees							
Full time	571	567	2,243	1,294	x	x	x
Part time	507	565	1,686	1,532	x	x	x
<b>Total</b>							
<b>Full time</b>	<b>3,514</b>	<b>3,523</b>	<b>13,128</b>	<b>10,811</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>x</b>
<b>Part time</b>	<b>1,280</b>	<b>946</b>	<b>3,543</b>	<b>2,923</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>x</b>

**Note(s):** Some totals may not add due to rounding.

**Table 19**  
**Equipment operated by province or territory of domicile<sup>1</sup>, owner operators, 2008**

	Straight trucks	Road tractors	Semi-trailers	Other equipment	Total
	number				
Newfoundland and Labrador	96	503	336	88	1,023
Prince Edward Island	F	F	F	F	497
Nova Scotia	338	909	568	102	1,917
New Brunswick	227	1,951	1,321	213	3,712
Quebec	3,903	8,602	8,715	1,238	22,458
Ontario	6,748	21,124	10,028	1,947	39,847
Manitoba	325	2,771	1,704	200	5,000
Saskatchewan	435	2,484	1,643	299	4,861
Alberta	3,092	7,425	5,851	1,224	17,591
British Columbia	2,475	7,517	4,437	953	15,382
Yukon	x	x	x	x	57
Northwest Territories	x	x	x	x	F
Nunavut	x	x	x	x	F
<b>Canada</b>	<b>17,707</b>	<b>53,512</b>	<b>34,861</b>	<b>6,292</b>	<b>112,372</b>

1. Owned and leased by a company.

**Note(s):** Some totals may not add due to rounding.

**Table 20**  
**Estimated annual distance travelled by type of vehicle and by province or territory of domicile, owner operators, 2008**

	Total distance	Straight trucks	Road tractors
thousands kilometres			
Newfoundland and Labrador	66,389	3,528	62,861
Prince Edward Island	26,549	F	F
Nova Scotia	137,421	11,631	125,791
New Brunswick	287,299	7,894	279,405
Quebec	1,320,561	208,502	1,112,059
Ontario	3,172,208	412,230	2,759,978
Manitoba	454,575	18,034	436,540
Saskatchewan	399,802	26,941	372,860
Alberta	1,137,660	184,467	953,193
British Columbia	1,129,393	146,733	982,659
Yukon	1,879	x	x
Northwest Territories	x	x	x
Nunavut	x	x	x
<b>Canada</b>	<b>8,135,413</b>	<b>1,022,635</b>	<b>7,112,779</b>

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