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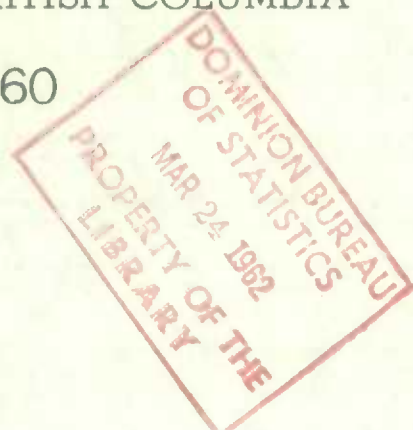
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PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31, 1960

CHART - 1

TRUCK REGISTRATIONS BY TYPE OF OPERATION

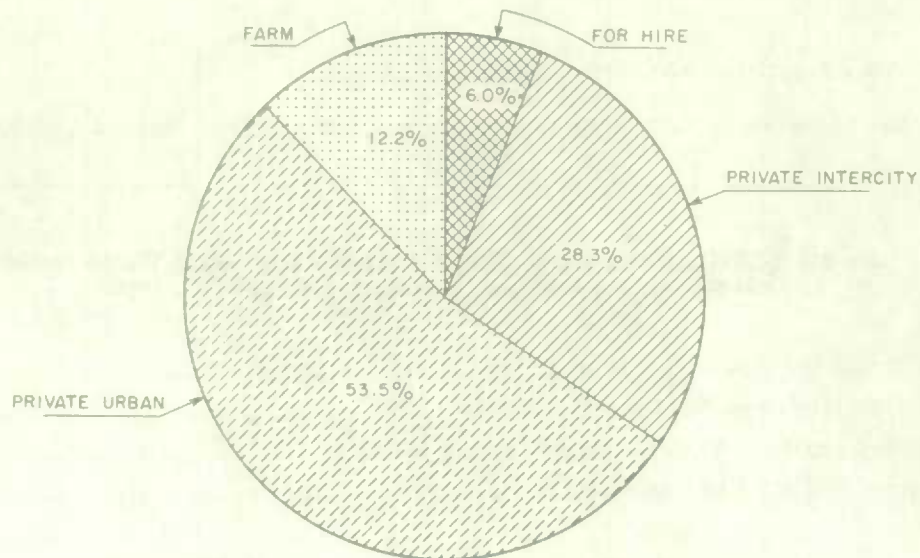
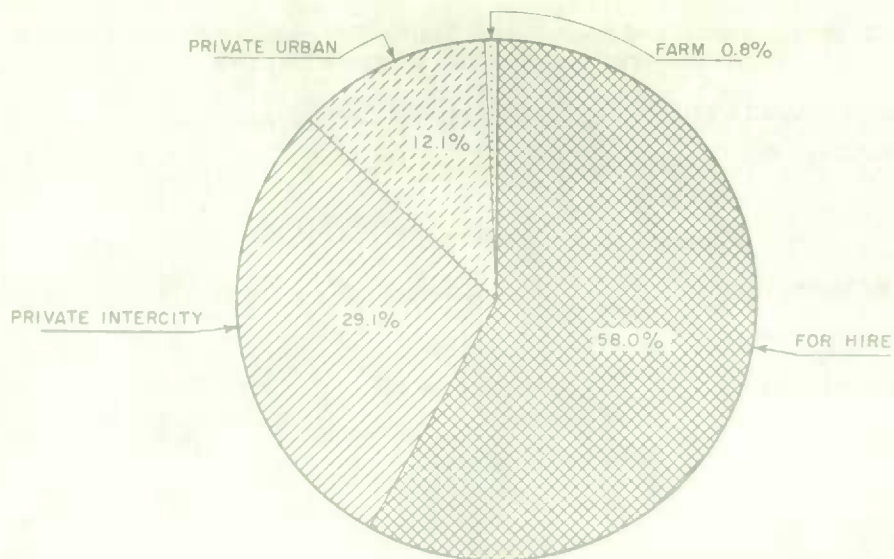


CHART - 2

NET TON MILES BY TYPE OF OPERATION



INTRODUCTION

The 1960 annual report of motor transport traffic in the Province of British Columbia is based upon a sample of approximately 11 per cent of trucks registered in the province. To allow for seasonal variations in traffic and to ensure that the selected vehicles represented current registrations the sample was selected in four quarterly segments with approximately one fourth of the total selected each quarter. Each quarterly sample was spread over three survey weeks with one third of the sample being used for a seven day period, Sunday through Saturday, per month. The surveys were therefore spread over twelve weeks during the year.

All trucks registered in the province are represented except: (a) those not engaged in transportation services; and (b) military and other government-owned vehicles. Trailers as such were excluded from the sample, but details of tractor-trailer combinations were obtained by including the power units or tractors in the survey.

Prior to 1959 a sample survey of intercity buses was conducted in conjunction with the truck traffic survey. However, it was not possible to survey buses in all provinces and, as some traffic data are also collected for the annual publication "Passenger Bus Statistics", catalogue no. 53-215, it was decided to discontinue the sample survey of buses for the present.

Vehicles in the sample are stratified by type of operation and by gross vehicle weight group. The four functional categories used are: for hire, private intercity, private urban and farm. For hire vehicles

are those operated for compensation or gain according to licence; private intercity vehicles are those owned and operated by firms and individuals on intercity routes to transport their own goods; private urban vehicles are those operated only within urban areas; and farm trucks are those operated by farmers primarily to transport farm produce and supplies.

Since for hire trucks ("E", "G", "H" and "J" carriers) are the only class to be registered separately in British Columbia, it is necessary to use completed questionnaires to classify privately operated vehicles in the sample as "intercity", "urban" and "farm".

In this report vehicles have been classified into the four functional categories as follows:

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|-------------------|---|
| For hire | - "E", "G", "H" and "J" carrier licensed vehicles operated in intercity service and/or urban areas. |
| Private intercity | - private non-farm vehicles operating beyond urban areas. |
| Private urban | - private vehicles operating only within urban areas. |
| Farm | - private vehicles owned and operated by farmers. |

Further information on the history and the organization of motor transport traffic surveys may be found in the reports entitled "Motor Transport Traffic, National Estimates", catalogue no. 53-207, for 1957, 1958 and 1959.

Expansion of Survey Results

Prior to 1959 the distribution of sample vehicles by gross vehicle weight group and by type of operation was used to provide population estimates as at the time of the sample selection. Sample results were then expanded to represent the operations of all trucks registered in the province by multiplying the sample results by the inverse ratio of the sample to the population and by the ratio of three months to one week. The expanded data for each of the four quarterly segments were added together to obtain annual provincial estimates.

Using this method it was found that in some provinces the truck population varied greatly from quarter to quarter. In many cases these changes were not due to an increase or decrease in the

actual truck population but were merely the result of the sample being chosen from an incomplete set of registration files.

To improve the accuracy of the provincial estimates the sample results, since 1959, have been blown up to represent the characteristics of a constant average population throughout the year rather than the population as at four different periods during the year. For this purpose the peak quarterly registration population of the preceding year is deemed to be the average population for the current year. The breakdown of the average population into classes and gross vehicle weight groups is based upon the distribution reported in the whole of the previous year.

Review of Survey Results

The estimated population of trucks performing transportation services in British Columbia during the year rose 3.3 per cent to 100,000 from 96,772 in 1959. Of these 6,000 or 6.0 per cent were for hire trucks; 28,270 or 28.3 per cent were private intercity vehicles; 53,555 or 53.5 per cent were private vehicles operating wholly within urban areas; and 12,175 or 12.2 per cent were farm trucks.

In the following tables blanks appear for some breakdowns of diesel fuel and other fuel by type of operation and by gross vehicle weight. In most of these instances no vehicles were chosen belonging to these classifications in any of the quarterly sample selections. However in one or two cases a few vehicles were selected but the data collected were considered too unreliable to publish. Even where no vehicles were selected it does not necessarily follow that there were no vehicles in the province belonging to these classifications.

Section I: Traffic Inside and Outside the Province

Section I contains estimates of total traffic performed both inside and outside the province by British Columbia registered trucks.

A new table has been added to this section which summarizes for the year the quarterly commodity tables included in the quarterly report "Motor Transport Traffic, National Estimates", catalogue no. 53-004.

Although comprising only 6.0 per cent of British Columbia's truck population for hire vehicles accounted for 58.0 per cent of the total net ton miles and 33.6 per cent of the total tons of goods carried during 1960. This results from the high average yearly mileage of these trucks, 18,600 miles as compared with 6,200 miles for all trucks, and from the heavy average load carried of 10.0 tons compared to 5.0 tons for all trucks. Since approximately two thirds of all for hire vehicles have a gross vehicle weight

of over 10 tons the heavier loads carried by these trucks are to be expected. The predominance of heavier vehicles in the for hire class also explains the low estimate of miles per gallon of gasoline 6.3 compared with 10.3 for all trucks.

It is estimated that urban operations accounted for 9 per cent of the total ton miles performed by British Columbia registered for hire trucks and 3 per cent of the total ton miles performed by private intercity vehicles.

Some trucks in British Columbia under 10,000 lb. gross vehicle weight are used essentially for personal transportation. Such vehicles accounted for about 23 per cent of the total mileage travelled by British Columbia registered trucks.

Section II: Traffic Within the Province

This section presents estimates of traffic performed by British Columbia registered trucks entirely inside the province and excludes the "outside the province" portion of interprovincial and international traffic as well as any traffic performed entirely outside the province. Comparing the data in Section I and Section II it will be noted that for hire vehicles accumulated 41.4 per cent and private intercity 30.3 per cent of their total net ton miles outside British Columbia.

Section III: Interprovincial and International Traffic

Interprovincial and international traffic accounted for a significant proportion of the total traffic performed by for hire vehicles, representing approximately one third of the total net ton miles performed and one fifth of the revenue earned by these vehicles. Over nine tenths of the total tons of goods carried in this type of traffic by British Columbia registered for hire trucks was transported to or from Alberta and the United States.

Appendix

During the year survey questionnaires were sent to the owners or operators of 10,213 trucks. Of this number 4,050 were returned completed and 3,015

trucks were reported not used during the survey week. The remaining 3,148 were either returned incomplete and unusable or not returned at all.

February 5, 1962.

**SECTION 1. TRAFFIC PERFORMED BY BRITISH COLUMBIA REGISTERED TRUCKS INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE PROVINCE
JANUARY 1-DECEMBER 31, 1960**

TABLE 1. All Trucks by Type of Operation

		For hire	Private			Total
			Intercity	Urban	Farm	
Mileage:						
Total mileage travelled	'000	111,500	225,171	238,769	43,120	618,560
Average yearly mileage per truck		18,600	8,000	4,500	3,500	6,200
Average distance each ton was carried		49.7	34.3	8.6	14.5	28.7
Percentage of total mileage travelled empty		29.0	65.0	58.5	70.8	56.4
Fuel:						
Total gallons of gasoline consumed	'000	11,562	18,755	21,274	3,236	54,827
Miles per gallon of gasoline		6.3	11.1	11.2	13.3	10.3
Total gallons of diesel oil consumed	'000	6,812	2,500	—	—	9,312
Miles per gallon of diesel oil		5.7	6.1	—	—	5.8
Total gallons of other fuel consumed	'000	—	217	—	—	217
Miles per gallon of other fuel		—	6.3	—	—	6.3
Weight of goods carried:						
Total tons of goods carried	'000	15,868	11,518	19,105	777	47,268
Average weight carried ¹	ton	10.0	5.0	1.7	0.9	5.0
Net ton miles:						
Total net ton miles performed	'000	787,941	394,557	163,980	11,251	1,357,729
Average net ton miles per truck		131,300	14,000	3,100	900	13,600
Capacity ton miles:						
Total capacity ton miles ²	'000	1,406,256	953,684	525,339	54,339	2,939,618
Average capacity ton miles per truck		234,400	33,700	9,800	4,500	29,400
Percentage of capacity utilized		56.0	41.4	31.2	20.7	46.2
Gross ton miles:						
Total gross ton miles ³	'000	1,754,944	1,169,356	741,753	91,259	3,757,312
Average gross ton miles per truck		292,500	41,400	13,900	7,500	37,600
Revenue:						
Total revenue	\$'000	63,985	—	—	—	—
Revenue per ton mile	¢	8.1	—	—	—	—
Revenue per mile (total mileage travelled)	¢	57.4	—	—	—	—
Average revenue per truck	\$	10,700	—	—	—	—
Estimated annual population		6,000	28,270	53,555	12,175	100,000

TABLE 2. All Trucks by Gross Vehicle Weight Group

	0-2½ tons 0-5,000 lb.	2½-5 tons 5,001-10,000 lb.	5-7½ tons 10,001-15,000 lb.	7½-10 tons 15,001-20,000 lb.	10-15 tons 20,001-30,000 lb.	Over 15 tons 30,001 lb. and over	Total
Mileage:							
Total mileage travelled	'000	192,039	212,046	24,875	22,904	55,397	618,560
Average yearly mileage per truck		4,400	5,800	5,100	5,600	9,500	6,200
Average distance each ton was carried		21.0	24.0	13.6	16.3	12.9	28.7
Percentage of total mileage travelled empty		76.5	61.7	35.6	31.2	36.8	56.4
Fuel:							
Total gallons of gasoline consumed	'000	12,839	16,979	2,750	2,966	8,152	54,827
Miles per gallon of gasoline		15.0	12.5	9.0	7.7	6.6	10.3
Total gallons of diesel oil consumed	'000	—	—	—	—	—	9,312
Miles per gallon of diesel oil		—	—	—	—	—	5.8
Total gallons of other fuel consumed	'000	—	—	—	—	188	217
Miles per gallon of other fuel		—	—	—	—	6.5	6.3
Weight of goods carried:							
Total tons of goods carried	'000	719	2,205	2,050	3,187	13,462	47,268
Average weight carried ¹	ton	0.3	0.7	1.7	3.3	4.9	5.0
Net ton miles:							
Total net ton miles performed	'000	15,125	52,985	27,792	52,018	173,087	1,357,729
Average net ton miles per truck		300	1,500	5,700	12,800	29,800	13,600
Capacity ton miles:							
Total capacity ton miles ²	'000	157,907	273,736	81,491	125,114	427,214	2,939,618
Average capacity ton miles per truck		3,600	7,500	16,600	30,800	73,600	29,400
Percentage of capacity utilized		9.6	19.4	34.1	41.6	40.5	46.2
Gross ton miles:							
Total gross ton miles ³	'000	325,419	479,302	110,763	144,850	441,658	3,757,312
Average gross ton miles per truck		7,500	13,200	22,600	35,700	76,100	37,600
Estimated annual population		43,442	36,375	4,908	4,060	5,802	100,000

See footnotes at end of Table 6, page 9.

TABLE 3. Selected Statistics by Gross Vehicle Weight Group

Gross vehicle weight	For hire						
	Weight of goods carried	Total miles travelled with load	Total net ton miles	Average weight carried	Average distance per ton	Total revenue	Revenue per ton mile
	'000 tons	'000	'000	tons	miles	\$'000	¢
20,000 lb. and under	1,174	14,718	23,743	1.6	20.2	10,304	43.4
20,001-30,000 lb.	4,501	14,247	71,064	5.0	15.8	12,455	17.5
30,001-50,000 lb.	6,537	16,646	158,770	9.5	24.3	14,893	9.4
50,001 lb. and over	3,656	33,578	534,364	15.9	146.2	26,333	4.9
Totals	15,868	79,189	787,941	10.0	49.7	63,985	8.1
	Private intercity						
	Weight of goods carried	Total miles travelled with load	Total net ton miles	Average weight carried	Average distance per ton		
	'000 tons	'000	'000	tons	miles		
10,000 lb. and under	696	36,342	20,318	0.6			29.2
10,001-20,000 lb.	959	9,510	23,418	2.5			24.4
20,001-30,000 lb.	2,982	11,492	57,005	5.0			19.1
30,001 lb. and over	6,881	21,449	293,816	13.7			42.7
Totals	11,518	78,793	394,557	5.0			34.3

TABLE 4. Selected Statistics by Commodity Group

Commodity group	For hire						
	Weight of goods carried	Total miles travelled with load	Total net ton miles	Average weight carried	Average distance per ton	Total revenue	Revenue per ton mile
	'000 tons	'000	'000	tons	miles	\$'000	¢
Agricultural products	199	3,860	60,552	15.7	303.5	1,940	3.2
Animals and animal products	472	5,371	37,725	7.0	80.0	2,841	7.5
Mine products	6,476	5,987	70,702	11.8	10.9	5,832	8.2
Forest products	2,544	5,112	74,610	14.6	29.3	5,411	7.3
Manufactures and miscellaneous	4,231	36,990	336,133	9.1	79.4	29,272	8.7
N.O.S. general freight	1,946	21,869	208,219	9.5	107.0	18,689	9.0
Totals	15,868	79,189	787,941	10.0	49.7	63,985	8.1
	Private intercity						
	Weight of goods carried	Total miles travelled with load	Total net ton miles	Average weight carried	Average distance per ton		
	'000 tons	'000	'000	tons	miles		
Agricultural products	132	2,824	29,417	10.4			223.6
Animals and animal products	442	9,087	25,363	2.8			57.4
Mine products	3,701	4,419	47,756	10.8			12.9
Forest products	4,048	7,533	88,829	11.8			21.9
Manufactures and miscellaneous	2,967	49,165	171,184	3.5			57.7
N.O.S. general freight	228	5,765	32,008	5.6			140.0
Totals	11,518	78,793	394,557	5.0			34.3

SECTION II. TRAFFIC PERFORMED BY BRITISH COLUMBIA REGISTERED TRUCKS WITHIN THE PROVINCE
JANUARY 1-DECEMBER 31, 1960

TABLE 3. All Trucks by Type of Operation

		For hire	Private			Total
			Intercity	Urban	Farm	
Mileage:						
Total mileage travelled	'000	85,567	211,338	238,769	43,120	578,795
Average yearly mileage per truck		14,300	7,500	4,500	3,500	5,800
Average distance each ton was carried		29.6	25.1	8.6	14.5	19.6
Percentage of total mileage travelled empty		33.2	67.2	58.5	70.8	58.8
Fuel:						
Total gallons of gasoline consumed	'000	10,366	17,819	21,274	3,236	52,695
Miles per gallon of gasoline		6.4	11.3	11.2	13.3	10.4
Total gallons of diesel oil consumed	'000	3,362	1,317	—	—	4,679
Miles per gallon of diesel oil		5.8	6.3	—	—	5.9
Total gallons of other fuel consumed	'000	—	195	—	—	195
Miles per gallon of other fuel		—	6.3	—	—	6.3
Weight of goods carried:						
Total tons of goods carried	'000	15,588	10,938	19,105	777	46,408
Average weight carried ¹	ton	8.1	4.0	1.7	0.9	3.8
Net ton miles:						
Total net ton miles performed	'000	461,697	274,896	163,980	11,251	911,824
Average net ton miles per truck		76,900	9,700	3,100	900	9,100
Capacity ton miles:						
Total capacity ton miles ²	'000	946,223	747,682	525,339	54,339	2,273,583
Average capacity ton miles per truck		157,700	26,400	9,800	4,500	22,700
Percentage of capacity utilized		48.8	36.8	31.2	20.7	40.1
Gross ton miles:						
Total gross ton miles ³	'000	1,102,588	910,510	741,753	91,259	2,846,110
Average gross ton miles per truck		183,800	32,200	13,900	7,500	28,500
Revenue:						
Total revenue	\$'000	50,571	—	—	—	—
Revenue per ton mile	¢	11.0	—	—	—	—
Revenue per mile (total mileage travelled)	¢	59.1	—	—	—	—
Average revenue per truck	\$	8,400	—	—	—	—
Estimated annual population		2,000	28,270	53,555	12,175	100,000

TABLE 5. All Trucks by Gross Vehicle Weight Group

	0-2½ tons 0-5,000 lb.	2½-5 tons 5,001-10,000 lb.	5-7½ tons 10,001-15,000 lb.	7½-10 tons 15,001-20,000 lb.	10-15 tons 20,001-30,000 lb.	Over 15 tons 30,001 lb. and over	Total
Mileage:							
Total mileage travelled	'000	191,347	211,853	24,369	22,251	52,539	578,794
Average yearly mileage per truck		4,400	5,800	5,000	5,500	9,100	5,800
Average distance each ton was carried		21.0	24.0	13.0	16.2	12.3	19.6
Percentage of total mileage travelled empty		76.5	61.7	35.4	32.1	36.4	58.8
Fuel:							
Total gallons of gasoline consumed	'000	12,800	16,974	2,678	2,903	7,783	52,695
Miles per gallon of gasoline		14.9	12.5	9.1	7.7	6.6	10.4
Total gallons of diesel oil consumed	'000	—	—	—	—	—	4,679
Miles per gallon of diesel oil		—	—	—	—	—	5.9
Total gallons of other fuel consumed	'000	—	—	—	—	182	195
Miles per gallon of other fuel		—	—	—	—	6.4	6.3
Weight of goods carried:							
Total tons of goods carried	'000	719	2,205	2,046	3,177	13,307	46,408
Average weight carried ¹	ton	0.3	0.7	1.7	3.4	4.9	3.8
Net ton miles:							
Total net ton miles performed	'000	15,125	52,985	26,590	51,453	164,334	911,824
Average net ton miles per truck		300	1,500	5,400	12,700	28,300	9,100
Capacity ton miles:							
Total capacity ton miles ²	'000	157,408	273,550	79,078	121,397	404,056	2,273,583
Average capacity ton miles per truck		3,600	7,500	16,100	29,900	69,600	22,700
Percentage of capacity utilized		9.6	19.4	33.6	42.4	40.7	40.1
Gross ton miles:							
Total gross ton miles ³	'000	324,349	478,991	107,911	141,490	419,110	2,846,110
Average gross ton miles per truck		7,500	13,200	22,000	34,900	72,200	28,500
Estimated annual population		43,442	36,375	4,908	4,080	5,802	100,000

¹ Net ton miles divided by miles travelled with load.

² Capacity ton miles are determined by multiplying the actual number of miles travelled by the estimated capacity or the weight of the heaviest load carried, whichever is larger.

³ Gross ton miles performed are determined by adding to the total ton miles performed the weight of the vehicle empty (tare) multiplied by total miles travelled.

**SECTION III. INTERPROVINCIAL AND INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC PERFORMED BY BRITISH COLUMBIA REGISTERED TRUCKS
JANUARY 1-DECEMBER 31, 1960**

TABLE 7. Tons of Goods Carried by Province of Origin and Destination

Origin and destination	For hire			Private intercity ¹			Total ¹		
	Into British Columbia	Out of British Columbia	Total	Into British Columbia	Out of British Columbia	Total	Into British Columbia	Out of British Columbia	Total
	'000 tons								
Newfoundland	—	—	—						
Prince Edward Island	—	—	—						
Nova Scotia	—	—	—						
New Brunswick	—	—	—						
Quebec	—	1	1						
Ontario	16	17	33						
Manitoba	3	—	3						
Saskatchewan	—	2	2						
Alberta	155	92	247						
Yukon and Northwest Territories	2	2	4						
United States	136	132	268						
Totals	312	246	558						

¹ Reliable estimates not available.**TABLE 8. Selected Statistics by Commodity Group**

Commodity group	For hire						
	Weight of goods carried	Total miles travelled with load	Total net ton miles	Average weight carried	Average distance per ton	Total revenue	Revenue per ton mile
	'000 tons	'000	'000	tons	miles	\$'000	¢
Agricultural products	66	2,079	35,262	17.0	536.4	831	2.4
Animals and animal products	20	1,028	14,583	14.2	742.4	467	3.2
Mine products	16	115	1,972	17.2	125.7	81	4.1
Forest products	46	640	13,334	20.8	288.7	379	2.8
Manufactures and miscellaneous	280	10,987	148,104	13.5	528.7	6,127	4.1
N.O.S. general freight	130	6,000	94,340	15.7	723.8	4,886	5.2
Totals	558	20,849	307,595	14.8	551.5	12,771	4.2
	Private intercity ¹						
	Weight of goods carried	Total miles travelled with load	Total net ton miles	Average weight carried	Average distance per ton		
	'000 tons	'000	'000	tons	miles		
Agricultural products							
Animals and animal products							
Mine products							
Forest products							
Manufactures and miscellaneous							
N.O.S. general freight							
Totals							

¹ Reliable estimates not available.

APPENDIX

Type of operation	A. Population						
	0-2½ tons 0-5,000 lb.	2½-5 tons 5,001-10,000 lb.	5-7½ tons 10,001-15,000 lb.	7½-10 tons 15,001-20,000 lb.	10-15 tons 20,001-30,000 lb.	Over 15 tons 30,001 lb. and over	Total
Estimated British Columbia truck population in 1960							
Per hire	84	700	458	793	1,855	2,111	6,000
Private:							
Inter-city	12,897	10,156	913	988	1,400	1,916	28,270
Urban	24,069	20,861	2,798	2,013	2,445	1,369	53,555
Farm	6,393	4,658	739	266	102	17	12,175
Totals	43,442	36,375	4,908	4,060	5,802	5,413	100,000
B. Survey Response							
	Total number of trucks selected in samples	Number of questionnaires returned completed		Number of sampled trucks reported not in use during survey week		Number of questionnaires not returned or returned incomplete and unusable	
Per hire	1,972	1,059		487		426	
Private:							
Inter-city	2,806	1,022		863		921	
Urban	4,769	1,731		1,455		1,583	
Farm	666	238		210		218	
Totals	10,213	4,050		3,015		3,148	

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