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CHART-I

# TRUCK REGISTRATIONS BY TYPE OF OPERATION

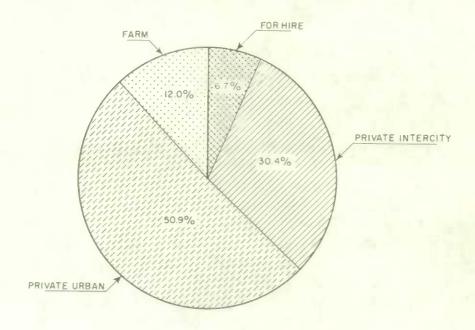
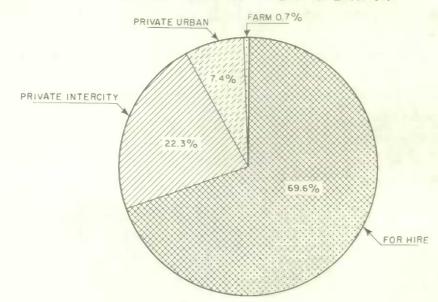


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# NET TON MILES BY TYPE OF OPERATION



## INTRODUCTION

The 1963 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 tractortrailer combinations were obtained by including the power units or tractors in the survey.

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.

For hire trucks ("E" "G" "H" and "J" carriers) are registered separately in British Columbia while a restricted "F" licence is available to farmers. Vehicles falling in these categories therefore can be easily allocated to the appropriate class. However, for other trucks it is necessary to use completed questionnaires to classify privately operated vehicles in the sample as "intercity", "urban" or "farm".

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

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 - "F" licensed vehicles and other 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 to 1962.

#### Expansion of Survey Results

As this survey is conducted on a sample basis the data obtained for the vehicles included in the sample have to be expanded to represent the traffic of the total truck population. The methods used in this expansion of the raw data have been continually improved. Current procedures are:

- 1. A total truck population has to be determined. Fortunately an exact count of "E", "G", "H" and "J" licensed vehicles is available each quarter so it is only necessary to estimate the private truck population. This is done by multiplying the number of private vehicles chosen in each sample by the inverse of the sample selection ratios. In this way a total truck population is determined for each quarter. Prior to 1959 the data for each quarterly sample were expanded to represent the total traffic of the estimated population of the same quarter. In 1959, however, it was decided to expand data for the four quarterly surveys using a constant population. This constant population would be the peak quarterly population of the previous year calculated as described
- 2. The constant population has to be broken down into gross vehicle weight groups and functions. This is already done for for hire vehicles as the population of these vehicles received each quarter gives the gross vehicle weight of each truck. The gross vehicle weight group distribution of the

for hire constant truck population is therefore the actual distribution recorded for that population. For private vehicles this problem is also partially solved as sample selections are stratified by weight group. Therefore it is only necessary to multiply the sample of private trucks in each weight group by the inverse of the appropriate selection ratio to arrive at a quarterly population broken down by weight group. The four quarterly private truck populations by gross vehicle weight are added together and an average weight group distribution for the year is computed. This weight group distribution is applied to the constant private truck population.

The private truck population then has to be distributed by function. This is done by using the average distribution obtained from the previous year's completed questionnaires. The above procedure for private vehicles was introduced in 1959. Prior to that year the distribution by function was determined from completed questionnaires for each quarter separately.

3. When the constant population has been calculated and broken down by function and gross vehicle weight group, it is necessary to allocate vehicles included in current surveys in the same manner. For private intercity, private urban and most farm vehicles this can only be done from completed questionnaires as they do not have distinctive licence categories. For hire vehicles can be identified immediately by their "E", "G", "H" and "J" licences while some farm vehicles obtain an "F" licence.

- 4. Expansion ratios for each gross vehicle weight group of each functional category are then calculated by determining for each breakdown the number of vehicles for which completed questionnaires were received or which were not in use during the survey period and dividing this sum into the constant population.
- 5. As the survey results for sample vehicles relate to one week's operations the expansion ratios calculated in (4) have to be multiplied by 13 to cover the three month period.
- 6. The expanded data for the four quarters are added together to arrive at an annual total.

While the changes and improvements in methods of compilation mentioned above will to some extent influence comparisons of data between years the effects should not be overly significant. In addition it is emphasized that since the statistics contained in this report are calculated from a sample survey they are only estimates and not actual figures.

It should be noted that in 1961 the description of commodities transported by trucks was changed to conform with the revised "Standard Commodity Classification" produced by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Formerly commodities were classified according to the "Railway Freight Commodity Statistics Classification". The change will enable these data to be compared more easily with other commodity data produced by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

#### Review of Survey Results

The estimated population of trucks performing transportation services in British Columbia during the year rose 1.4 per cent to 103.700 from 102.300 in 1962. Of these 6,900 or 6.7 per cent were for hire trucks; 31,477 or 30.4 per cent were private intercity vehicles; 52,863 or 50.9 per cent were private vehicles operating wholly within urban areas; and 12,460 or 12.0 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.

Although comprising only 6.7 per cent of British Columbia's truck population for hire vehicles accounted for 69.6 per cent of the total net ton miles and 43.7 per cent of the total tons of goods carried during 1963. This results from the high average yearly mileage of these trucks, 24,000 miles as compared with 7,000 miles for all trucks, and from the heavy average load carried of 12.8 tons compared to 7.1 tons for all trucks. Since more than three quarters 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 milesper gallon of gasoline 6,3 compared with 10,2 for all trucks.

It is estimated that urban operations accounted for 8.3 per cent of the total ton miles performed by British Columbia registered for hire trucks and 3.1 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 to about 19.9 per cent of the total mileage travelled british Columbia registered trucks.

#### Section II: Traffic Inside 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 60.3 per cent and private intercity 73.4 per cent of their total net ton miles inside 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 over one half of the total net ton miles performed and over one quarter of the revenue earned by these vehicles. Over four fifths 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 or the United States.

#### Appendix

During the year survey questionnaires were sent to the owners or operators of 11,702 trucks. Of this number 4,616 were returned completed and 3,157

trucks were reported not used during the survey week. The remaining 3,929 were either returned incomplete and unusable or not returned at all.

# SECTION I. TRAFFIC PERFORMED BY BRITISH COLUMBIA REGISTERED TRUCKS INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE PROVINCE JANUARY 1 – DECEMBER 31, 1963

TABLE 1. All Trucks by Type of Operation

		For hire				
		Loi mie	Intercity	Urban	Farm	Total
Mileage:						
Total mileage travelled Average yearly mileage per truck Average distance each ton was carried Percentage of total mileage travelled empty	000	165, 385 24,000 61.0 27.8	268,535 8,500 44.0 69.7	251, 048 4, 700 8.1 62. 7	44,094 3,500 15.4 65.8	729,062 7,000 38.3 57.6
Fuel:		30 1				
Miles per gallon of gasoline Total gallons of diesel oil consumed Miles per gallon of diesel oil	000	12, 395 6. 3 16, 149 5. 4	21,851 11.1 4,468 5.4 185 7.2	22, 236 11. 2 75 5. 7 146 9, 7	3,530 12.5 — — —	60,012 10.2 20,692 5.4 331 8.3
Weight of goods carried:						
	ton	25, 014 12, 8	11,065 6.0	20, 159	957 1.0	57, 195 7, 1
Net ton miles:	U					
Total net ton miles performed	000	1,525,345 221,100	487, 370 15, 500	162,602 3,100	14.750 1,200	2,190,067 21,100
Capacity ton miles:	711					
Total capacity ton miles*	000	2,673,524 387,500 57.1	1,194,726 38,000 40.8	604,001 11,400 26.9	73,790 5,900 20.0	4,546,041 43,800 48.2
Gross ton miles:						
Total gross ton miles	'000	3,480,378 504,400	1,531,944 48,700	804,790 15,200	110,855 8,900	5,927,967 57,200
Revenue:						
Total revenue	\$'000 ¢ ¢ \$	123,223 8.1 74.5 17,900		_	-	-
stimated annual population		6,900	31,477	52,863	12,460	103,700

TABLE 2. All Trucks by Gross Vehicle Weight Group

		0-2½ tons 0-5,000 lh.	2½-5 tons 5,001-10,000 lb.	5-7½ tons 10,001-15,000 lb.	7½-10 tons 15,001-20,000 lb.		Over 15 tons 30,001 lb. and over	Total
Mileage:								
Total mileage travelled	'000	172,304 4,500 13.7 79.1	268, 075 6, 200 23, 1 70, 8	21,491 5,800 16.0 41.3	27,930 6,000 12,4 36,1	57,690 8,400 12.2 36.9	181,572 27,900 51.4 29.5	729,062 7,000 38,3 57,6
Fuel:								
Total gallons of gasoline consumed Miles per gallon of gasoline Total galions of diesel oil consumed Miles per gallon of diesel oil Total gallons of other fuel consumed Miles per gallon of other fuel	'000	11, 130 15.5 — — —	21,542 12.3 54 8.9 178 9.8	2,273 9.3 17 9.0 33 9.5	3,588 7.7 — — 23 6.6	7,987 7.1 9 7.0 97 5.5	13, 492 5. 2 20, 612 5. 4 —	60,012 10,2 20,692 5.4 331 8.3
Weight of goods carried:								
Total tons of goods carried	'000 ton	545 0. 2	1,895 0.6	1,045 1.3	3, 288 2, 3	12,994 4.3	37,428 15.0	57, 195 7, 1
Net ton miles:								
Total net ton miles performed	000	7,493 200	43,825 1,000	16,694 4,500	40,677 8,700	157,969 23,100	1,923,409 295,800	2, 190, 067 21, 100
Capacity ton miles:								
Total capacity ton miles <sup>2</sup> Average capacity ton miles per truck  Percentage of capacity utilized	'000	133,655 3,500 5.8	339,758 7,800 12.9	66,412 17,900 25,1	141, 252 30, 200 28, 8	447, 218 65, 400 35. 3	3,417,746 525,600 56.3	4,546,041 43,800 48,2
Gross ton miles:								
Total gross ton miles <sup>2</sup>	000	277,011 7,200	806, 785 14, 000	90, 167 24, 300	153,808 32,900	448, 186 65, 200	4,354,010 669,500	5,927,967 57,200
Estimated annual population		38,514	43,449	3,716	4,678	6,840	6,503	103, 700

See footnotes at end of Table 8, page 9.

TABLE 3. Selected Statistics by Gross Vehicle Weight Group

	For hire										
Gross vehicle weight	Weight of goods carried	trav	miles elled 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	903		11,716 15,72		1.3	17.4	10, 518	66. 9			
20,001 - 30,000 lb	4,529	1	15,612	65,330	4.2	14.4	18,557	28. 4			
30,001 - 50,000 lb	8, 699	1	13, 425	112, 205	8.4	12. 9	14, 369	12.8			
50,001 lb. and over	10, 883	78, 650		1, 332, 083	16.9	122. 4	79,779	6.0			
Totals	25, 014	11	119, 403 1, 525, 34		12.8	61.0	123, 223	8. 1			
	Private intercity										
	Weight of goods carried		trav	l miles velled n load	Total net ton miles	Averag weight carried		Average distance per ton			
	'000 tons		0	000	'000	tons		miles			
10,000 lb. and under		370		34, 697	20,011		0.6	54.0			
10,001 - 20,000 lb		729		8, 482	14,626		1.7	20.0			
20,001 - 30,000 lb	2,	112		8, 689	40,949		4. 7	19.4			
30,001 lb. and over	7,	854		29, 373	411, 784		14.0	52. 4			
Totals	11	. 065		81, 241	487, 370		6.0	44. 0			

TABLE 4. Selected Statistics by Commodity Group

40 February 201				For hire							
Commodity group	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	¢				
Live animals	60	1, 065	13, 588	12.8	224.2	844	6. 2				
Food, feed, beverages and tobacco	1,818	20, 229	301, 618	14. 9	165. 9	13, 234	4.4				
Crude materials, inedible	10,796	9, 387	144, 506	15.4	13.4	10,920	7.6				
Fabricated materials, inedible	5, 969	24, 260	388, 753	16. 0	65. 1	29,069	7.5				
End products, inedible	1,684	19, 208	175, 467	9.1	104. 2	29, 479	16.8				
General freight	4,687	45, 254	501, 413	11.1	107.0	39,677	7.9				
Totals	25, 014	119, 403	1, 525, 345	12.8	61.0	123, 223	8. 1				
	Private intercity										
	Weight of goods carried	tra	ul miles velled h load	Total net ton miles	Averag weigh carrie	t	Average distance per ton				
	'000 tons		000	'000	tons		miles				
Live animals		18	260	740		2. 8	41.3				
Food, feed, heverages and tobacco	1,	460	20, 359	109,711		5. 4	75.1				
Crude materials, inedible	4,	465	5, 452	68, 612		12.6	15.4				
Fahricated materials, inedible	4,	227	15, 848	176, 380		11.1	41.7				
End products, inedihle		517	26, 736	64, 977		2.4	125. 1				
General freight		378	12, 586	66, 950	E C	5. 3	177.0				
Totals	11	, 065	81, 241	487, 370		6. 0	44. 9				

### SECTION II. TRAFFIC PERFORMED BY BRITISH COLUMBIA REGISTERED TRUCKS WITHIN THE PROVINCE JANUARY 1-DECEMBER 31, 1963

TABLE 5. All Trucks by Type of Operation

		Dec bles	Private					
		For hire	Intercity	Urban	Farm	Total		
Mileage:								
Total mileage travelled Average yearly mileage per truck Average distance each ton was carried Percentage of total mileage travelled empty	000	122,444 17,700 37.5 30.7	242, 223 7, 700 32. 8 72. 1	251,048 4,700 8.1 62.7	44, 094 3, 500 15, 4 65, 8	659, 809 6, 400 25, 7 60, 4		
Fuel:	- 1							
Miles per gallon of gasoline Total gallons of diesel oil consumed Miles per gallon of diesel oil	000	11, 026 6. 5 9, 706 5. 2	20, 123 11.2 2, 919 5.4 185 7.2	22,236 11.2 75 5.7 146 9.7	3,530 12.5 —	56, 915 10. 4 12, 700 5. 3 331 8. 3		
Weight of goods carried:								
	ton	24, 498 10. 8	10, 915 5. 3	20, 159	957 1.0	56,529 5.6		
Net ton miles:			į					
Total net ton miles performed	000	919, 324 133, 200	357, 806 11, 400	162, 602 3, 100	14,750	1, 454, 482 14, 000		
Capacity ton miles:								
Total capacity ton miles 2	000	1,777,009 257,500 51.7	946, 411 30, 100 37, 8	604,001 11,400 26,9	73, 790 5, 900 20, 0	3, 401, 211 32, 800 42, 8		
Gross ton miles:								
Total gross ton miles a	000	2,240,308 324,700	1, 206, 453 38, 300	804, 790 15, 200	110, 855 8, 900	4, 362, 406 42, 100		
Revenue:					0,000			
Total revenue \$  Revenue per ton mile Revenue per mile (total mileage travelled)  Average revenue per truck	000	88, 237 9. 6 72. 7 12, 800	-			-		
atimated annual population		6, 900	31, 477	52,863	12,460	103.700		

TABLE 6. All Trucks by Gross Vehicle Weight Group

	0-2½ tons 0-5,000 1b.	2½-5 tons 5,001-10,000 1b.	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	167, 988 4, 400 13. 7 78. 5	260.365 6,000 22.2 71.1	21, 491 5, 800 16.0 41.3	26, 458 5, 700 12, 2 35, 4	56, 294 8, 200 11. 9 36. 7	127, 213 19, 600 32, 4 33, 5	859, 809 6, 400 25, 7 60, 4
Fuet:							
Total gallons of gasoline consumed "000 Miles per gallon of gasoline Total gallons of diesel oil consumed "000 Miles per gallon of diesel oil Total gallons of other fuel consumed "000 Miles per gallon of other fuel	15.5	21,005 12.3 54 8.9 178 9.8	2, 273 9. 3 17 9. 0 33 9. 5	3, 419 7. 7 — 23 6. 6	7.782 7.2 9 7.0 97 5.5	11,580 5.3 12,620 5.3	56, 915 10. 4 12, 700 5. 3 331 8. 3
Weight of goods carried:							
Total tons of goods carried '0000 Average weight carried ton	545 0. 2	1,894 0.6	1,045 1.3	3,288 2.3	12. 975 4. 3	36,782 14.1	<b>56, 529</b> 5. 6
Net ton miles:							
Total net ton miles performed	7. 493 200	42.111 1,000	16,694 4,500	40.169 8.600	154,901 22,600	1, 193, 114 183, 500	1.454,482 14.000
Capacity ton miles:							
Total capacity ton miles 2	130,384 3,400 5.7	327.544 7,500 12.9	66, 413 17, 900 25, 1	133,945 28,600 30.0	436, 807 63, 900 35. 5	2,306,118 354,600 51.7	3,401,211 32,800 42.6
Gross ton miles:							
Total gross ton miles of truck	270, 481 7, 000	586, 725 13, 500	90, 167 24, 300	147, 403 31, 500	436, 349 63, 800	2,831,281 435,400	4, 362, 406 42, 100
Estimated annual population	38,514	43, 449	3,716	4.678	6,840	6, 503	103,700

Net ton miles divided by miles travelled with load.

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

Toross 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, 1963

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

		For hire		Pi	ivate interci	ty	Total				
Origin and destination	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	-	1	1	_	-	eripo	-	1	1		
New Brunswick	-		-	_	-1	_		_	_		
Quebec	11	25	36	-	-	_	11	25	36		
Ontario	16	62	78	2	7	9	18	89	87		
Manitoba	6	5	11	-	1	1	6	6	12		
askatchewan	3	34	37	_	6	6	3	40	43		
Alberta	442	314	756	104	71	175	546	385	931		
Cukon and Northwest Territories	4	4	8	24	85	109	28	89	117		
United States	67	108	175	16	69	85	83	177	260		
Totals	549	553	1, 102	146	239	385	695	792	1, 487		

TABLE 8. Selected Statistics by Commodity Group

	For hire										
Commodity group	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	¢				
Live animals	4	280	5,596	20.0	1,238.0	218	3.9				
Food, feed, beverages and tobacco	219	11,060	200,486	18.1	916.7	4,931	2. 5				
Crude materials, inedibie	15	240	3, 139	13.0	213.2	261	8.3				
Fabricated materials, inedible	451	6,345	157, 217	18.8	348.3	5, 258	3.3				
End products, inedible	78	8, 386	110,377	13. 2	1,422.8	16, 335	14. 8				
General freight	335	17,076	309,552	18. 1	924. 1	6,911	2. 2				
Totals	1, 102	45, 387	786, 367	17.3	713. 6	33, 914	4.3				
	Private intercity										
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	'000 tons		000	'000	tons		miles				
Live animals		_	*****	-		_	-				
Food, feed, beverages and tobacco		35	1,834	29,689		16. 2	840.6				
Crude materials, inedible		42	579	11,989		20.7	285. 2				
Fabricated materials, Inedible		170	2,612	41,697		16.0	246.6				
End products, inedible		87	8,705	35,805	4	4.1	412.8				
General freight		51	2,464	35, 141		14.3	689.				
Totals		385	16, 194	154, 521		9. 5	401.4				

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					A. Popul	lation					
Type of operation	0-2½ tons 0-5,000 1b. 2½-5 ton 5,001-10,0		000 10	5-7½ tons 0,001-15,000 lb. 7½-10 tons 15,001-20,000 lb.		-20,000	10-15 tons 20,001-30,000 lb.	Over 15 tons 30,001 lb. and over	Total		
	Estimated British Columbia truck population in 1963										
For hire	101		97	373		570	1,851	3,408	6,900		
Private:											
Intercity	11.050	15,7	01	619		937	1,530	1,640	31,477		
Urban	22,627	21,	29	2,229		2,523	3,020	1,435	52,863		
Farm	4,736	6,1	22	495		648	439	20	12,460		
Totals	38, 514	43,	149	3, 716		4,678	6, 840	6, 503	103,700		
	B. Survey Response										
	Total number of trucks selected in samples		Number of questionnaires returned completed			trucks	ber of sampled reported not in ring survey week	not returne	Number of questionnaires not returned or returned incomplete and unusable		
For hire		2,325	1		1,161		46	37	697		
Private:											
Intercity		3,411			1,273		94	8	1,190		
Urban		4,945	1.		1,811		1,44	3	1,691		
Farm		1,021		371			29	19	351		
Totals		11,702			4,616		3, 15	57	3,929		



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