

TRENDS IN OUR TIMES: An Occasional Access Almanac — Compiled by Charles Lave

TRAVEL AND DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGE IN THE U.S.

	1969	1977	1983	1990	1969-90 % CHANGE	
					ANNUAL RATE	OVERALL CHANGE
DEMOGRAPHICS (000)						
Population	197,213	213,141	229,453	239,416	0.9	21
All Households	62,504	75,412	85,371	93,347	1.9	49
One Person Households	10,980	16,214	19,354	22,999	3.6	109
Male Licensed Drivers	57,981	66,199	75,639	80,289	1.6	38
Female Licensed Drivers	45,005	61,353	71,376	82,707	2.9	84
Male Workers	48,487	55,625	58,849	63,996	1.3	32
Female Workers	27,271	37,394	44,395	54,334	3.3	99
Household Vehicles (000)	72,500	120,098	143,714	165,221	4.0	128
Household VMT (000,000)	775,940	907,603	1,002,039	1,409,600	2.9	82
Vehicles per Licensed Driver	0.70	0.94	0.98	1.01	1.8	44
ANNUAL PERSON TRIPS BY MODE						
Auto & Van (000)	123,519	149,597	167,736	189,526	2.1	53
Light Trucks (000)	8,128	17,589	23,874	27,006	5.9	232
JOURNEY TO WORK (MODAL SPLIT)						
By Auto/Truck (Percent)	90.8	93.0	92.4	91.4	0.0	1
By Public Transit (Percent)	8.4	4.7	5.8	5.5	-2.0	-35
By Other Mode (Percent)	0.8	2.3	1.8	3.1	6.7	288
Average Commute By Car (Miles)	9.9	9.2	9.9	10.6	0.3	7
Average Commute By Car (Minutes)	22	20.4	20.4	19.7	-0.5	-10
HOUSEHOLD VEHICLE OWNERSHIP (PERCENT)						
One-Adult Households (30% of 1990 HHs)						
Zero vehicles available	56.2	39.2	34.0	21.4	-4.5	-62
One or more vehicles available	43.8	60.8	66.0	78.6	2.8	79
Two-Adult Households (58% of 1990 HHs)						
Zero vehicles available	12.4	7.5	5.8	3.6	-5.7	-71
One vehicle available	57.3	33.1	29.2	20.4	-4.8	-64
Two or more vehicles available	30.3	59.4	65.0	76.0	4.5	151
Three (or more)-Adult Households (12% of 1990 HHs)						
Zero vehicles available	8.2	5.9	5.6	4.7	-2.6	-43
One or more vehicles available	32.2	15.9	13.4	14.3	-3.8	-56
Two vehicles available	42.6	34.4	27.1	28.5	-1.9	-33
Three or more vehicles available	17.0	43.8	53.9	52.5	5.5	209
Zero-Driver Households (10% of 1990 HHs)						
One-Driver Households (40% of 1990 HHs)						
Zero vehicles available	15.6	9.6	11.2	6.3	-4.2	-60
One or more vehicles available	84.4	90.4	88.8	9.4	0.5	11
Two-Driver Households (41% of 1990 HHs)						
Zero vehicles available	2.3	1.1	1.2	0.9	-4.4	-61
One vehicle available	52.5	24.1	22.0	16.5	-5.4	-69
Two or more vehicles available	45.5	74.8	76.8	82.6	2.9	83
Three (or more)-Driver Households (9% of 1990 HHs)						
Zero vehicles available	0.8	0.4	0.1	1.1	1.5	38
One vehicle available	17.2	5.7	4.6	5.0	-5.7	-71
Two vehicles available	51.7	30.7	24.4	24.2	-3.6	-53
Three or more vehicles available	30.3	63.2	7.9	69.7	4.0	130

Source: Preliminary figures from the 1990 Nationwide Personal Transportation Survey.