

Table 4.39

Number of Person Trips by Mode of Transportation and Trip Purpose
1990 NPTS (millions)Note: See Limitations of Data on Transit¹ in Chapter 1, Section 5

Mode	Earning a Living	Family & Personal Business	Civic, Educational & Religious	Social & Recreational	Other	TOTAL ²
PRIVATE VEHICLE						
Auto, Van—Driver	36,289 (67.4%)	63,044 (60.8%)	7,798 (27.5%)	28,136 (45.5%)	910 (49.7%)	136,212 (54.6%)
Auto, Van—Passenger	3,865 (7.2%)	21,630 (20.9%)	8,550 (30.1%)	18,828 (30.5%)	414 (22.6%)	53,314 (21.4%)
Pickup	8,244 (15.3%)	10,426 (10.1%)	1,144 (4.0%)	5,670 (9.2%)	143 (7.8%)	25,633 (10.3%)
Other Private Vehicle	637 (1.2%)	843 (0.8%)	54 (0.2%)	686 (1.1%)	14 (0.8%)	2,233 (0.9%)
Subtotal—Private	49,035 (91.1%)	95,943 (92.6%)	17,546 (61.8%)	53,320 (86.3%)	1,480 (80.8%)	217,392 (87.1%)
PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION						
Bus, Streetcar	1,228 (2.3%)	809 (0.8%)	942 (3.3%)	536 (0.9%)	29 (1.6%)	3,543 (1.4%)
Rail/Subway ³	856 (1.6%)	173 (0.2%)	134 (0.5%)	181 (0.3%)	3 (0.2%)	1,349 (0.5%)
Subtotal—Public	2,084 (3.9%)	983 (0.9%)	1,076 (3.8%)	717 (1.2%)	32 (1.7%)	4,892 (2.0%)
OTHER MEANS						
Amtrak	22 (0.0%)	26 (0.0%)	** (0.0%)	5 (0.0%)	2 (0.1%)	54 (0.0%)
Walk	2,153 (4.0%)	5,835 (5.6%)	3,650 (12.9%)	6,128 (9.9%)	241 (13.2%)	18,007 (7.2%)
Bike	174 (0.3%)	347 (0.3%)	249 (0.9%)	979 (1.6%)	17 (0.9%)	1,767 (0.7%)
School Bus	64 (0.1%)	155 (0.2%)	5,748 (20.2%)	104 (0.2%)	21 (1.1%)	6,092 (2.4%)
Airplane	52 (0.1%)	42 (0.0%)	6 (0.0%)	92 (0.1%)	11 (0.6%)	203 (0.1%)
Taxi	107 (0.2%)	133 (0.1%)	30 (0.1%)	152 (0.2%)	** (0.0%)	422 (0.2%)
Other	104 (0.2%)	97 (0.1%)	53 (0.2%)	257 (0.4%)	16 (0.9%)	527 (0.2%)
Subtotal—Other	2,676 (5.0%)	6,635 (6.4%)	9,735 (34.3%)	7,718 (12.5%)	307 (16.8%)	27,071 (10.8%)
TOTAL²	53,843 (100.0%)	103,608 (100.0%)	28,397 (100.0%)	61,799 (100.0%)	1,831 (100.0%)	249,562 (100.0%)
Avg. Trip Length (Miles) ⁴	11.8	7.1	5.4	13.2	10.3	9.5

** Indicates no data reported.

¹ Estimates of transit use are based on a total of 2870 travel day trips on transit in the NPTS sample. The NPTS estimate of transit trips is 20% lower than the Federal Transit Administration's Section 15 reporting system.² Includes trips where mode of transportation, trip purpose, or both were unreported.³ Rail/Subway includes trips by subway, elevated rail and commuter train.⁴ Information based only on observations with valid trip length data.