

While the majority of workers, both male and female, drove themselves to work, female workers rode to work as passengers of a privately owned vehicle more frequently than

male workers. Female workers also tended to commute using public transit more than their male counterparts.

Table 6.6

Number of Journey to Work Person Trips by Sex and Actual Mode of Commuting<sup>1</sup>  
1983 and 1990 NPTS<sup>2</sup>  
(thousands)

Note: See Limitations of Data on Transit<sup>3</sup> in Chapter 1, Section 5

Mode	Male		Female		TOTAL <sup>4</sup>	
	1983	1990	1983	1990	1983	1990
Private Vehicle - Driver	20,639,563 (75.7%)	23,366,048 (85.0%)	12,439,840 (64.7%)	18,412,617 (80.6%)	33,079,403 (71.1%)	41,782,983 (83.0%)
Private Vehicle - Passengers	3,410,565 (12.5%)	1,748,889 (6.4%)	4,151,131 (21.6%)	2,324,588 (10.2%)	7,561,696 (16.3%)	4,073,477 (8.1%)
Public Transportation	951,223 (3.5%)	1,021,843 (3.7%)	1,146,386 (6.0%)	990,044 (4.3%)	2,097,609 (4.5%)	2,011,887 (4.0%)
Walk	1,318,106 (4.8%)	1,034,708 (3.8%)	1,012,680 (5.3%)	964,587 (4.2%)	2,330,785 (5.0%)	1,999,294 (4.0%)
Other	255,864 (0.9%)	284,748 (1.0%)	160,005 (0.8%)	122,918 (0.5%)	415,869 (0.9%)	407,665 (0.8%)
TOTAL <sup>4</sup>	27,271,019 (100.0%)	27,474,321 (100.0%)	19,222,600 (100.0%)	22,835,631 (100.0%)	46,493,619 (100.0%)	50,314,271 (100.0%)

<sup>1</sup> In tables containing BOTH 1983 AND 1990 NPTS data, the category "train" (included in the public transportation category) includes both commuter rail and Amtrak. These were collected as one mode in the 1983 survey, and the 1990 data were tabulated to be comparable to the 1983.

<sup>2</sup> For information on comparing 1983 and 1990 NPTS survey data, see Section 4 of Chapter 1.

<sup>3</sup> Estimates of "actual" transit use are based on 1240 person trips to work on travel day by bus, subway, elevated rail or commuter train. Note that the NPTS estimate of transit trips for all purposes is 20% lower than the Federal Transit Administration's Section 15 reporting system.

<sup>4</sup> Includes trips where sex, mode of transportation or both were unreported.