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Table 1-38: Principal Means of Transportation to Work

(Thousands)

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| | 1989 | | 1993 | | 1997 | | 1999 | | 2001 | | 2003 | | 2005 | | 2006 | | 2007 | |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| All workers | 106,630 | 100.0 | 103,741 | 100.0 | 116,469 | 100.0 | 118,041 | 100.0 | 120,191 | 100.0 | 115,342 | 100.0 | 123,250 | 100.0 | 138,266 | 100.0 | 139,260 | 100.0 |
| Automobile, total | 93,943 | 88.1 | 91,301 | 88.0 | 101,908 | 87.5 | 103,467 | 87.7 | 105,586 | 87.8 | 101,664 | 88.1 | 109,005 | 88.4 | 119,898 | 86.7 | 120,442 | 86.5 |
| Drives self | 81,322 | 76.3 | 79,449 | 76.6 | 90,207 | 77.5 | 92,363 | 78.2 | 93,942 | 78.2 | 91,607 | 79.4 | 97,781 | 79.3 | 105,046 | 76.0 | 105,955 | 76.1 |
| Carpool, total | 12,621 | 11.8 | 11,852 | 11.4 | 11,701 | 10.0 | 11,104 | 9.4 | 11,644 | 9.7 | 10,057 | 8.7 | 11,224 | 9.1 | 14,852 | 10.7 | 14,488 | 10.4 |
| 2-person | 9,708 | 9.1 | 9,105 | 8.8 | 9,294 | 8.0 | 8,705 | 7.4 | 9,036 | 7.5 | 7,866 | 6.8 | 8,669 | 7.0 | 11,408 | 8.3 | 11,139 | 8.0 |
| 3-person | 1,748 | 1.6 | 1,684 | 1.6 | 1,526 | 1.3 | 1,454 | 1.2 | 1,635 | 1.4 | 1,351 | 1.2 | 1,501 | 1.2 | 1,992 | 1.4 | 1,963 | 1.4 |
| 4+ person | 1,165 | 1.1 | 1,063 | 1.0 | 881 | 0.8 | 945 | 0.8 | 973 | 0.8 | 840 | 0.7 | 1,054 | 0.9 | 1,451 | 1.0 | 1,385 | 1.0 |
| Public transportation^a | 4,880 | 4.6 | 4,740 | 4.6 | 5,337 | 4.6 | 5,779 | 4.9 | 5,627 | 4.7 | 5,081 | 4.4 | 5,424 | 4.4 | 5,933 | 4.3 | 6,801 | 4.9 |
| Taxicab | 152 | 0.1 | 117 | 0.1 | 139 | 0.1 | 144 | 0.1 | 133 | 0.1 | 128 | 0.1 | 131 | 0.1 | 178 | 0.1 | 179 | 0.1 |
| Bicycle or motorcycle | 795 | 0.7 | 744 | 0.7 | 738 | 0.6 | 749 | 0.6 | 847 | 0.7 | 691 | 0.6 | 705 | 0.6 | 895 | 0.6 | 949 | 0.7 |
| Walks only | 3,634 | 3.4 | 3,227 | 3.1 | 3,869 | 3.3 | 3,627 | 3.1 | 3,408 | 2.8 | 3,171 | 2.7 | 2,875 | 2.3 | 3,952 | 2.9 | 3,954 | 2.8 |
| Other means^b | 491 | 0.5 | 474 | 0.5 | 867 | 0.7 | 987 | 0.8 | 1,049 | 0.9 | 1,072 | 0.9 | 962 | 0.8 | 1,999 | 1.4 | 1,258 | 0.9 |
| Works at home | 2,736 | 2.6 | 3,137 | 3.0 | 3,611 | 3.1 | 3,288 | 2.8 | 3,401 | 2.8 | 3,536 | 3.1 | 4,148 | 3.4 | 5,411 | 3.9 | 5,677 | 4.1 |

^a Public transportation refers to bus, streetcar, subway, or elevated trains.

^b Other means include ferryboats, surface trains, and van service and other means not classified.

NOTES

Principal means of transportation refers to the mode used most often, when different means of transportation were used on different days of the week, or the mode used for the longest distance during the trip to work, when more than one mode is used to get to work each day.

Numbers may not add to totals due to rounding.

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