

Means of Transportation to Work for the U.S.: 1990 Census

1990 Census		
Means of Transportation to Work	Number	Percent
Workers 16 years and over.....	115,070,274	100.0
Car, truck, or van.....	99,592,932	86.5
Drove alone.....	84,215,298	73.2
Carpooled.....	15,377,634	13.4
Public transportation.....	6,069,589	5.3
Bus or trolley bus.....	3,445,000	3.0
Streetcar or trolley car.....	78,130	0.1
Subway or elevated.....	1,755,476	1.5
Railroad.....	574,052	0.5
Ferryboat 1/.....	37,497	0.0
Taxicab.....	179,434	0.2
Motorcycle.....	237,404	0.2
Bicycle.....	466,856	0.4
Walked only.....	4,488,886	3.9
Other means.....	808,582	0.7
Worked at home.....	3,406,025	3.0

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Means of Transportation to Work	Number	Percent
Workers 16 years and over.....	96,617,296	100.0
Car, truck, or van.....	81,258,496	84.1
Drove alone.....	62,193,449	64.4
Carpooled.....	19,065,047	19.7
Public transportation.....	6,175,061	6.4
Bus or trolley bus 2/.....	3,924,787	4.1
Streetcar or trolley car 2/....	N/A	...
Subway or elevated.....	1,528,852	1.6
Railroad.....	554,089	0.6
Ferryboat 1/.....	N/A	...
Taxicab.....	167,133	0.2
Motorcycle.....	419,007	0.4
Bicycle.....	468,348	0.5
Walked only.....	5,413,248	5.6
Other means.....	703,273	0.7
Worked at home.....	2,179,863	2.3

## Means of Transportation to Work for the U.S.: 1970 Census

1970 Census		
Means of Transportation to Work	Number	Percent
Workers 14 years and over.....	76,852,389	100.0
Car, truck, or van.....	59,722,550	77.7
Drove alone 3/.....	N/A	...
Carpooled 4/.....	N/A	...
Public transportation.....	6,810,458	8.9
Bus or trolley bus 2/.....	4,244,862	5.5
Streetcar or trolley car 2/....	N/A	...
Subway or elevated.....	1,767,594	2.3
Railroad.....	501,556	0.7
Ferryboat 1/.....	N/A	...
Taxicab.....	296,446	0.4
Motorcycle 5/.....	N/A	...
Bicycle 5/.....	N/A	...
Walked only.....	5,689,819	7.4
Other means.....	1,944,418	2.5
Worked at home.....	2,685,144	3.5

## Means of Transportation to Work for the U.S.: 1960 Census

1960 Census		
Means of Transportation to Work	Number	Percent
Workers 14 years and over.....	64,655,805	100.0
Car, truck, or van 6/.....	41,368,062	64.0
Drove alone.....	N/A	...
Carpooled.....	N/A	...
Public transportation.....	7,806,932	12.1
Bus or trolley bus 2/.....	5,322,651	8.2
Streetcar or trolley car 2/....	N/A	...
Subway or elevated 7/.....	2,484,281	3.8
Railroad 7/.....	N/A	...
Ferryboat 1/.....	N/A	...
Taxicab 8/.....	N/A	...
Motorcycle 5/.....	N/A	...
Bicycle 5/.....	N/A	...
Walked only.....	6,416,343	9.9
Other means.....	1,619,842	2.5
Worked at home.....	4,662,750	7.2
Not reported (1960 only).....	2,781,876	4.3

N/A Not available.

... Not applicable.

- 1/ This category was included in "Other means" prior to 1990.
- 2/ This category was "Bus or streetcar" in 1980, 1970, and 1960.
- 3/ This category was "Private automobile, driver" in 1970.
- 4/ This category was "Private automobile, passenger" in 1970.
- 5/ This category was included in "Other means" in 1970 and 1960.
- 6/ This category was "Private automobile or carpool" in 1960.
- 7/ This category was "Railroad, subway, or elevated" in 1960.
- 8/ This category was included in "Other means" in 1960.

Source: 1990 Census of Population, STF3C.  
1980 Census of Population, General Social and Economic  
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1970 Census of Population, Characteristics of the  
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