

Understanding the For-Hire Vehicle Industry*

For-Hire Vehicle (FHV) Bases

The TLC licenses three types of bases. These include 'base stations' which provide livery or community car service, 'black car bases', and 'luxury limousine bases.' TLC rules state how each type of base operates. All FHV bases have some of the same requirements. Other rules are specific to the type of base. The type of base license determines the type of vehicles that work with the base and the type of service they provide.

Licensed Bases - 735 Total	
Base Stations (Livery Bases)	488
Black Car Bases	75
Luxury Limousine Bases	172

For-Hire Vehicles (FHVs)

TLC issues only one type of vehicle license. Vehicle owners choose certain types of vehicles to provide different kinds of service.

Affiliated FHVs - 35,340 Total	
Livery	21,227
Black Car	8,883
Luxury Limousine	5,230

Chapter 6, section 1 of TLC Rules defines a For-Hire Vehicle as:

A motor vehicle carrying passengers for-hire in the City, with a seating capacity of twenty passengers or less, excluding the driver, with three (3) or more doors, other than a taxicab, coach, wheelchair accessible van, commuter van or an authorized bus operating pursuant to applicable provisions of law, and not permitted to accept street hails from prospective passengers in the street and required to be licensed by the Commission.

Industry Specific Rules for FHV Bases

Base stations (i.e. livery bases) must provide:

- Off-street parking and storage for FHVs. There must be enough parking spots for half of the vehicles that work for a base.
- Worker's Compensation coverage and benefits to all eligible workers.
- A new or renewal application that includes a comprehensive operating plan (COP), statements of no objection from their city council member, community board, and local police precinct.
- An environmental assessment statement (EAS) when the base station is applying as a new licensee or relocating.

Black car and luxury limousine bases must:

- Receive 90% of their payments through contracts rather than cash.
- Become members of the New York Black Car Operators' Injury Compensation Fund, Inc. Bases that own at least 50% of their vehicles must provide Workers Compensation insurance instead.

Black car bases must have a franchise agreement (approved by the Attorney General's Office) or a Cooperative Contract.

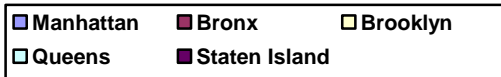
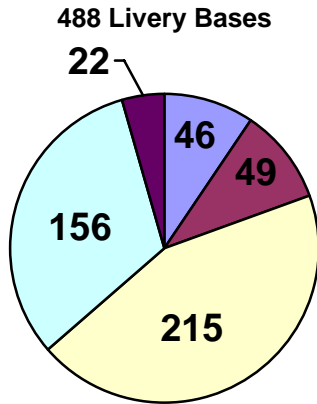
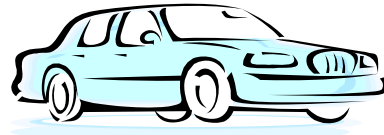
Luxury limousine bases must charge passengers on the basis of garage to garage service on a flat rate basis or per unit of time or mileage.

VEHICLE INSURANCE REQUIRMENTS

# of Passengers	BASE STATION			BLACK CAR BASE STATION			LUX LIMO BASE STATION		
	PIP	Per Person	Per Occurrence	PIP	Per Person	Per Occurrence	PIP	Per Person	Per Occurrence
1-8	\$200,000	\$100,000	\$300,000	\$200,000	\$100,000	\$300,000	\$200,000	\$500,000	\$1,000,000
9-15	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$200,000	N/A	\$1,500,000	\$200,000	\$500,000	\$1,500,000
16-20	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$200,000	N/A	\$5,000,000	\$200,000	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000

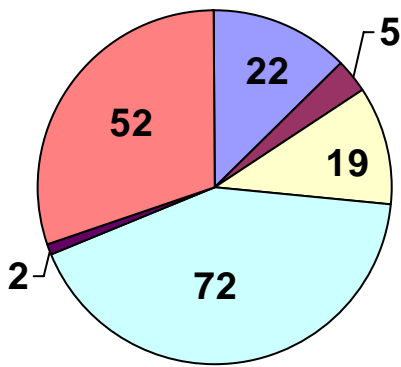
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FHV BASE LOCATIONS

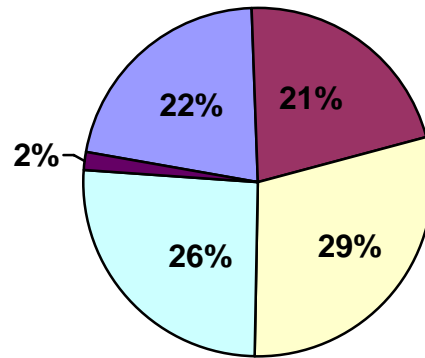


Most Popular Vehicle Makes, and Average Age			
Livery (21,227)	Lincoln Town Car	70%	7.0 years-old
	Ford Crown Victoria	14%	
	Mercury Grand Marquis	6%	
	Other	10%	
Black Car (8,883)	Lincoln Town Car	80%	4.0 years-old
	Toyota Camry Hybrid	4%	
	Chevrolet Suburban	2%	
	Other	14%	
Luxury Limousine (5,230)	Lincoln Town Car	53%	3.25 years-old
	Cadillac Deville DTS	6%	
	Ford Crown Victoria	5%	
	Other	36%	

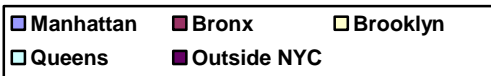
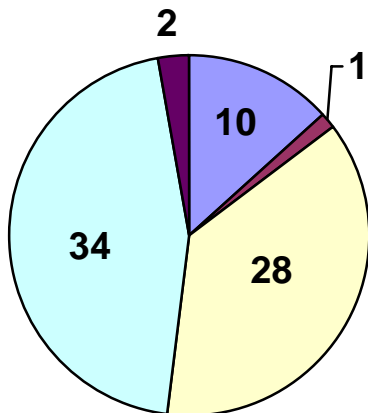
172 Luxury Bases



Livery Vehicle Location
21,227 Total



75 Black Car Bases



Driver Snapshot 52,636 Total	
Average Age	47
Driving for over 5 years	50%
Live in NYC	87%



Top 10 Countries of Birth	
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	24%
USA	9%
PAKISTAN	7%
ECUADOR	6%
INDIA	5%
CHINA	4%
BANGLADESH	4%
HAITI	3%
RUSSIA	3%
EGYPT	3%