

Chapter 4 Light Vehicles and Characteristics

Summary Statistics from Tables in this Chapter

Source			
Table 4.1	Cars, 2005	<i>Registrations (thousands)</i>	136,568
		<i>Vehicle miles (million miles)</i>	1,689,965
		<i>Fuel economy (miles per gallon)</i>	22.9
Table 4.2	Two-axle, four-tire trucks, 2005	<i>Registrations (thousands)</i>	95,337
		<i>Vehicle miles (million miles)</i>	1,059,590
		<i>Fuel economy (miles per gallon)</i>	16.2
Table 4.6	Light truck share of total light vehicle sales	<i>1970 calendar year</i>	14.8%
		<i>2005 calendar year</i>	54.7%
Table 4.7	Car sales, 2006 sales period (thousands)		8,264
		<i>Small</i>	3,225
		<i>Midsize</i>	2,625
Table 4.8	Light truck sales, 2006 sales period (thousands)	<i>Large</i>	1,628
			8,409
		<i>Small pickup</i>	8
		<i>Large pickup</i>	2,167
		<i>Midsize van</i>	1,397
		<i>Large van</i>	86
		<i>Small SUV</i>	104
Tables 4.17 and 4.18	Corporate average fuel economy		(mpg)
		<i>Car standard, MY 2006</i>	27.5
		<i>Car fuel economy, MY 2006</i>	29.7
		<i>Light truck standard, MY 2006</i>	21.6
Table 4.22	Average fuel economy loss from 55 to 70 mph	<i>Light truck fuel economy, MY 2006</i>	22.3
			17.1%



The Federal Highway Administration released revised historical data back to 1985 in their "Highway Statistics Summary to 1995" report. As a result, the data in this table have been revised. The data in this table from 1985–on **DO NOT** include minivans, pickups, or sport utility vehicles.

Table 4.1
Summary Statistics for Cars, 1970–2005

Year	Registrations ^a (thousands)	Vehicle travel (million miles)	Fuel use (million gallons)	Fuel economy ^b (miles per gallon)
1970	89,244	916,700	67,820	13.5
1971	92,718	966,330	71,346	13.5
1972	97,082	1,021,365	75,937	13.5
1973	101,985	1,045,981	78,233	13.4
1974	104,856	1,007,251	74,229	13.6
1975	106,706	1,033,950	74,140	13.9
1976	110,189	1,078,215	78,297	13.8
1977	112,288	1,109,243	79,060	14.0
1978	116,573	1,146,508	80,652	14.2
1979	118,429	1,113,640	76,588	14.5
1980	121,601	1,111,596	69,981	15.9
1981	123,098	1,133,332	69,112	16.4
1982	123,702	1,161,713	69,116	16.8
1983	126,444	1,195,054	70,322	17.0
1984	128,158	1,227,043	70,663	17.4
1985 ^c	127,885	1,246,798	71,518	17.4
1986	130,004	1,270,167	73,174	17.4
1987	131,482	1,315,982	73,308	18.0
1988	133,836	1,370,271	73,345	18.7
1989	134,559	1,401,221	73,913	19.0
1990	133,700	1,408,266	69,568	20.2
1991	128,300	1,358,185	64,318	21.1
1992	126,581	1,371,569	65,436	21.0
1993	127,327	1,374,709	67,047	20.5
1994	127,883	1,406,089	67,874	20.7
1995	128,387	1,438,294	68,072	21.1
1996	129,728	1,469,854	69,221	21.2
1997	129,749	1,502,556	69,892	21.5
1998	131,839	1,549,577	71,695	21.4
1999	132,432	1,569,100	73,283	21.4
2000	133,621	1,600,287	73,065	21.9
2001	137,633	1,628,332	73,559	22.1
2002	135,921	1,658,474	75,471	22.0
2003	135,670	1,672,079	74,590	22.2
2004	136,431	1,699,890	75,402	22.5
2005	136,568	1,689,965	73,870	22.9
		<i>Average annual percentage change</i>		
1970–2005	1.2%	1.8%	0.2%	1.5%
1995–2005	0.6%	1.6%	0.8%	0.8%

Source:

U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, *Highway Statistics 2005*, Washington, DC, 2006, Table VM-1, p. V-57, and annual. (Additional resources: www.fhwa.dot.gov)

^a This number differs from R.L. Polk's estimates of "number of cars in use." See Table 3.3.

^b Fuel economy for car population.

^c Beginning in this year the data were revised to exclude minivans, pickups and sport utility vehicles which may have been previously included.



The Federal Highway Administration released revised historical data back to 1985 which better reflected two-axle, four-tire trucks. The definition of this category includes vans, pickup trucks, and sport utility vehicles.

Table 4.2
Summary Statistics for Two-Axle, Four-Tire Trucks, 1970–2005

Year	Registrations (thousands)	Vehicle travel (million miles)	Fuel use (million gallons)	Fuel economy (miles per gallon)
1970	14,211	123,286	12,313	10.0
1971	15,181	137,870	13,484	10.2
1972	16,428	156,622	15,150	10.3
1973	18,083	176,833	16,828	10.5
1974	19,335	182,757	16,657	11.0
1975	20,418	200,700	19,081	10.5
1976	22,301	225,834	20,828	10.8
1977	23,624	250,591	22,383	11.2
1978	25,476	279,414	24,162	11.6
1979	27,022	291,905	24,445	11.9
1980	27,876	290,935	23,796	12.2
1981	28,928	296,343	23,697	12.5
1982	29,792	306,141	22,702	13.5
1983	31,214	327,643	23,945	13.7
1984	32,106	358,006	25,604	14.0
1985 ^a	37,214	390,961	27,363	14.3
1986	39,382	423,915	29,074	14.6
1987	41,107	456,870	30,598	14.9
1988	43,805	502,207	32,653	15.4
1989	45,945	536,475	33,271	16.1
1990	48,275	574,571	35,611	16.1
1991	53,033	649,394	38,217	17.0
1992	57,091	706,863	40,929	17.3
1993	59,994	745,750	42,851	17.4
1994	62,904	764,634	44,112	17.3
1995	65,738	790,029	45,605	17.3
1996	69,134	816,540	47,354	17.2
1997	70,224	850,739	49,389	17.2
1998	71,330	868,275	50,462	17.2
1999	75,356	901,022	52,859	17.0
2000	79,085	923,059	52,939	17.4
2001	84,188	943,207	53,522	17.6
2002	85,011	966,034	55,220	17.5
2003	87,187	984,094	60,758	16.2
2004	91,845	1,027,164	63,417	16.2
2005	95,337	1,059,590	65,419	16.2
		<i>Average annual percentage change</i>		
1970–2005	5.6%	6.3%	4.9%	1.4%
1995–2005	3.8%	3.0%	3.7%	-0.7%

Source:

U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, *Highway Statistics 2005*, Washington, DC, 2006, Table VM-1, p. V-57, and annual. (Additional resources: www.fhwa.dot.gov)

^a Beginning in this year the data were revised to include all vans (including mini-vans), pickups and sport utility vehicles.



Because data on Class 2b trucks are scarce, the U.S. DOE funded a study to investigate available sources of data. In the final report, four methodologies are described to estimate the sales of Class 2b trucks. Until another study is funded, the 1999 data are the latest available.

Table 4.3
Summary Statistics on Class 1, Class 2a, and Class 2b Light Trucks

	CY 1999 truck sales (millions)	MY 2000 truck population (millions)	Percent diesel trucks in population	Average age (years)	Estimated annual miles ^a (billions)	Estimated fuel use (billion ^a gallons)	Estimated fuel economy (miles per gallon)
Class 1	5.7	49.7	0.3%	7.3	672.7	37.4	18.0
Class 2a	1.8	19.2	2.5%	7.4	251.9	18.0	14.0
Class 2b	0.5	5.8	24.0%	8.6	76.7	5.5	13.9

Source: Davis, S.C. and L.F. Truett, *Investigation of Class 2b Trucks (Vehicles of 8,500 to 10,000 lbs GVWR)*, ORNL/TM-2002/49, March 2002, Table 16.

Note: CY - calendar year. MY - model year.

Table 4.4
Sales Estimates of Class 1, Class 2a, and Class 2b Light Trucks, 1989–1999

Calendar Year	Sales estimates (thousands)			Total
	Class 1 (6,000 lbs and under)	Class 2a (6,001- 8,500 lbs)	Class 2b (8,5001- 10,000 lbs)	
1989	3,313	918	379	4,610
1990	3,451	829	268	4,548
1991	3,246	670	206	4,122
1992	3,608	827	194	4,629
1993	4,119	975	257	5,351
1994	4,527	1,241	265	6,033
1995	4,422	1,304	327	6,053
1996	4,829	1,356	334	6,519
1997	5,085	1,315	397	6,797
1998	5,263	1,694	342	7,299
1999	5,707	1,845	521	8,073
	<i>Percent change</i>			
1989–1999	72.3%	101.0%	37.5%	75.1%

Source: Davis, S.C. and L.F. Truett, *Investigation of Class 2b Trucks (Vehicles of 8,500 to 10,000 lbs GVWR)*, ORNL/TM-2002/49, March 2002, Table 1.

Note: These data were calculated using Methodology 4 from the report.

^a Estimates derived using 2000 population data and 1997 usage data. See source for details.



Car sales dropped under 8 million in 2003 for the first time since 1982, likely due to consumers continued interest in light trucks, such as pickups and sport-utility vehicles.

Table 4.5
New Retail Car Sales in the United States, 1970–2005

Calendar year	Domestic ^a	Import ^b	Total	Percentage imports	Percentage transplants ^c	Percentage imports and transplants	Percentage diesel
	(thousands)						
1970	7,119	1,285	8,404	15.3%	d	d	d
1975	7,053	1,571	8,624	18.2%	d	d	0.31%
1980	6,581	2,398	8,979	26.7%	2.1%	28.8%	4.31%
1981	6,209	2,327	8,536	27.3%	1.8%	29.1%	6.10%
1982	5,759	2,223	7,982	27.9%	1.4%	29.3%	4.44%
1983	6,795	2,387	9,182	26.0%	1.3%	27.3%	2.09%
1984	7,952	2,439	10,391	23.5%	2.0%	25.5%	1.45%
1985	8,205	2,838	11,043	25.7%	2.2%	27.9%	0.82%
1986	8,215	3,238	11,453	28.3%	2.8%	31.1%	0.37%
1987	7,081	3,197	10,278	31.1%	5.2%	36.3%	0.16%
1988	7,526	3,099	10,626	29.2%	5.8%	35.0%	0.02%
1989	7,073	2,825	9,898	28.5%	7.3%	35.8%	0.13%
1990	6,897	2,404	9,301	25.8%	11.6%	37.4%	0.08%
1991	6,137	2,038	8,175	24.9%	14.0%	38.9%	0.10%
1992	6,277	1,937	8,213	23.6%	14.3%	37.9%	0.06%
1993	6,742	1,776	8,518	20.9%	15.1%	36.0%	0.03%
1994	7,255	1,735	8,990	19.3%	16.9%	36.2%	0.04%
1995	7,129	1,506	8,635	17.4%	19.6%	37.0%	0.04%
1996	7,255	1,271	8,526	14.9%	23.1%	38.0%	0.10%
1997	6,917	1,355	8,272	16.4%	23.8%	40.2%	0.09%
1998	6,762	1,380	8,142	16.9%	25.7%	42.6%	0.13%
1999	6,979	1,719	8,698	19.8%	24.3%	44.1%	0.16%
2000	6,831	2,016	8,847	22.8%	24.6%	47.4%	0.26%
2001	6,325	2,098	8,423	24.9%	26.0%	50.9%	0.18%
2002	5,878	2,226	8,104	27.5%	26.4%	53.9%	0.39%
2003	5,527	2,083	7,610	27.4%	28.1%	55.5%	0.51%
2004	5,357	2,149	7,506	28.6%	29.9%	58.5%	0.40%
2005	5,480	2,187	7,667	28.5%	d	d	0.63%
<i>Average annual percentage change</i>							
1970–2005	-0.7%	1.5%	-0.3%				
1995–2005	-2.6%	3.8%	-1.2%				

Source:

Domestic and import data - 1970–97: American Automobile Manufacturers Association, *Motor Vehicle Facts and Figures 1998*, Detroit, MI, 1998, p. 15, and annual. 1997 data from *Economic Indicators, 4th Quarter 1997*. 1998–2005: Ward's Communication, *Ward's Automotive Yearbook*, Detroit, MI, 2006, p. 229.

Diesel data - Ward's Communications, *Ward's Automotive Yearbook*, Detroit, MI, 2006, p. 33.

Transplant data - Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Light Vehicle MPG and Market Shares Data System, Oak Ridge, TN, 2004. (Additional resources: www.aama.com, www.wardsauto.com)

^a North American built.

^b Does not include import tourist deliveries.

^c A transplant is an car which was built in the U.S. by a foreign firm. Also included are joint ventures which are built in the U.S. 1970–1989 are on a model year basis.

^d Data are not available.



In 2005, light trucks, which include pick-ups, minivans, sport-utility vehicles, and other trucks less than 10,000 pounds gross vehicle weight (GVW), accounted for 55% of light vehicle sales.

Table 4.6
New Retail Sales of Trucks 10,000 Pounds GVW and Less in the United States, 1970–2005

Calendar year	Light truck sales ^a (thousands)	Percentages				Light trucks of light-duty vehicle sales ^c	Light trucks of total truck sales
		Import ^b	Transplants ^c	Diesel ^d			
1970	1,463	4.5 ^e %	^f	^g	14.8 ^e %	80.4 ^e %	
1975	2,281	10.0%	^f	^g	20.9%	87.9%	
1980	2,440	19.7%	0.9%	3.6%	21.4%	88.9%	
1981	2,189	20.3%	0.0%	3.1%	20.4%	89.8%	
1982	2,470	16.5%	0.0%	8.5%	23.6%	92.8%	
1983	2,984	15.6%	0.0%	6.7%	24.5%	93.6%	
1984	3,863	15.7%	2.0%	4.8%	27.1%	93.0%	
1985	4,458	17.2%	2.6%	3.8%	28.8%	93.6%	
1986	4,594	20.1%	2.3%	3.7%	28.6%	94.3%	
1987	4,610	17.9%	1.7%	2.3%	31.0%	93.9%	
1988	4,800	12.6%	2.4%	2.3%	31.1%	93.2%	
1989	4,610	10.9%	2.6%	2.9%	31.8%	93.3%	
1990	4,548	13.2%	3.6%	3.1%	32.8%	93.9%	
1991	4,123	12.8%	4.6%	3.2%	33.5%	94.5%	
1992	4,629	8.6%	6.0%	3.3%	36.0%	94.4%	
1993	5,351	6.8%	7.1%	3.7%	38.6%	94.2%	
1994	6,033	6.5%	7.8%	3.9%	40.2%	94.0%	
1995	6,053	6.5%	7.2%	4.1%	41.2%	93.4%	
1996	6,519	6.6%	7.2%	3.7%	43.3%	94.1%	
1997	6,797	8.4%	7.1%	4.8%	46.6%	94.1%	
1998	7,299	8.9%	7.6%	1.7%	47.3%	93.3%	
1999	8,073	9.5%	9.3%	5.9%	48.1%	92.6%	
2000	8,387	9.9%	11.5%	4.8%	48.7%	93.9%	
2001	8,700	11.3%	12.1%	5.3%	50.8%	96.1%	
2002	8,713	12.2%	11.9%	4.9%	51.8%	96.4%	
2003	8,938	13.5%	13.3%	4.3%	54.0%	95.5%	
2004	9,361	13.1%	15.5%	5.5%	55.4%	95.5%	
2005	9,281	13.3%	^f	3.7%	54.7%	94.9%	
<i>Average annual percentage change</i>							
1970–2005	5.4%						
1995–2005	4.4%						

Sources:

Four-wheel drive and diesel - 1970–88: Ward's Communications, *Ward's Automotive Yearbook*, Detroit, MI, 1989, p. 168, and annual. 1989–on: Ward's Communications, *Ward's Automotive Yearbook*, Factory Installation Reports, Detroit, MI, 2005, and annual.

Transplants - Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Light-Duty Vehicle MPG and Market Shares System, Oak Ridge, TN, 2004.

All other - 1970–97: American Automobile Manufacturers Association, *Motor Vehicle Facts and Figures 1998*, Detroit, MI, 1998, pp. 8, 15, 24, and annual. 1998–on: Ward's Communications, *Ward's Automotive Yearbook*, Detroit, MI, 2006. (Additional resources: www.aama.com, www.wardsauto.com)

^a Includes all trucks of 10,000 pounds gross vehicle weight and less sold in the U.S.

^b Excluding transplants.

^c Based on model year data. A transplant is a light truck which was built in the U.S. by a foreign firm. Also included are joint ventures built in the U.S.

^d Based on model year factory installations.

^e Light-duty vehicles include cars and light trucks.

^f Data are not available.

^g Indicates less than 1 percent.



The sales-weighted fuel economy of cars increased dramatically from 1975 (15.4 mpg) to 1990 (26.2 mpg), but has risen only about 1 mpg since then.

Table 4.7
Period Sales, Market Shares, and Sales-Weighted Fuel Economies
of New Domestic and Import Cars, Selected Model Years 1975–2006
(thousands)

	Sales Period							
	1975	1980	1985	1990	1995	2000	2005	2006
CARS								
Small								
Total sales, units	4,088	4,825	5,519	4,999	5,190	4,266	3,178	3,225
Market share, %	49.6%	51.1%	51.1%	56.8%	55.2%	46.7%	39.8%	39.0%
Fuel economy, mpg	18.3	26.1	29.8	29.8	30.7	30.3	30.8	30.3
Midsized								
Total sales, units	1,631	2,987	2,777	2,342	2,515	2,894	2,763	2,625
Market share, %	19.8%	31.6%	25.7%	26.6%	26.8%	31.7%	34.6%	31.8%
Fuel economy, mpg	13.6	21.6	24.9	26.2	26.1	27.0	29.4	29.3
Large								
Total sales, units	1,555	963	1,512	1,092	1,306	1,665	1,343	1,628
Market share, %	18.9%	10.2%	14.0%	12.4%	13.9%	18.2%	16.8%	19.7%
Fuel economy, mpg	13.1	19.1	22.3	23.7	24.5	25.6	26.2	25.7
WAGONS								
Small								
Total sales, units	477	310	496	160	198	68	353	452
Market share, %	5.8%	3.3%	4.6%	1.8%	2.1%	0.7%	4.4%	5.5%
Fuel economy, mpg	22.4	28.6	32.5	29.6	33.3	29.2	31.9	31.6
Midsized								
Total sales, units	289	257	341	184	176	234	239	229
Market share, %	3.5%	2.7%	3.2%	2.1%	1.9%	2.6%	3.0%	2.8%
Fuel economy, mpg	13.2	21.1	25.2	25.3	26.6	27.3	26.6	26.6
Large								
Total sales, units	197	102	145	31	10	0	100	105
Market share, %	2.4%	1.1%	1.3%	0.4%	0.1%	0.0% ^a	1.3%	1.3%
Fuel economy, mpg	11.9	19.1	20.9	22.7	22.8		22.3	21.7
TOTAL								
Total sales, units	8,237	9,443	10,791	8,810	9,396	9,128	7,976	8,265
Market share, %	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Fuel economy, mpg	15.8	23.5	27.0	27.8	28.3	28.2	29.2	28.8

Source:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, *Light-Duty Automotive Technology and Fuel Economy Trends: 1975 Through 2006*, July 2006. (Additional resources: www.epa.gov/otaq/fetrends.htm)



Sales of light trucks in 2006 are more than four times that of 1975. Similar to the car trend, the sales-weighted fuel economy of light trucks increased during the late '70's and '80's, but has remained fairly constant since then.

Table 4.8
Period Sales, Market Shares, and Sales-Weighted Fuel Economies of New Domestic
and Import Light Trucks, Model Years 1975–2006
 (thousands)

	Sales Period							
	1975	1980	1985	1990	1995	2000	2005	2006
PICKUPS								
Small								
Total sales, units	160.0	452.0	497.0	289.0	298.0	101.0	13.0	8.0
Market share, %	8.1%	24.3%	13.6%	7.6%	5.2%	1.4%	0.2%	0.1%
Fuel economy, mpg	22.5	24.3	26.7	24.8	24.4	26.3	24.6	26.3
Midsize								
Total sales, units	56.0	98.0	616.0	600.0	700.0	766.0	245.0	236.0
Market share, %	2.8%	5.3%	16.8%	15.8%	12.2%	10.3%	3.1%	2.8%
Fuel economy, mpg	21.1	25.9	25.7	24.7	24.7	22.8	23.4%	23.8
Large								
Total sales, units	1,126.0	887.0	964.0	945.0	1,273.0	1,746.0	2,270.0	2,167.0
Market share, %	56.7%	47.6%	26.3%	24.8%	22.1%	23.4%	28.4%	25.8%
Fuel economy, mpg	13.1	17.2	17.7	18.0	18.0	19.3	19.5	19.5
VANS								
Small								
Total sales, units	2.0	16.0	93.0	30.0	6.0	a	a	a
Market share, %	0.1%	0.9%	2.5%	0.8%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Fuel economy, mpg	20.6	19.0	25.5	23.9	26.5	a	a	a
Midsize								
Total sales, units	302.0	130.0	600.0	1,124.0	1,552.0	1,522.0	1,194.0	1,397.0
Market share, %	15.2%	7.0%	16.4%	29.6%	27.0%	20.4%	14.9%	16.6%
Fuel economy, mpg	13.3	16.9	19.8	21.8	22.2	23.5	24.3	24.5
Large								
Total sales, units	153.0	96.0	162.0	107.0	104.0	170.0	66.0	86.0
Market share, %	7.7%	5.2%	4.4%	2.8%	1.8%	2.3%	0.8%	1.0%
Fuel economy, mpg	12.6	16.0	16.1	16.5	17.1	18.0	19.2	19.0
SUVS								
Small								
Total sales, units	53.0	60.0	115.0	189.0	189.0	400.0	212.0	104.0
Market share, %	2.7%	3.2%	3.1%	5.0%	3.3%	5.4%	2.7%	1.2%
Fuel economy, mpg	16.1	18.8	22.1	23.4	24.2	22.5	24.0	23.1
Midsize								
Total sales, units	123.0	100.0	563.0	447.0	1,397.0	1,863.0	2,085.0	2,440.0
Market share, %	6.2%	5.4%	15.4%	11.8%	24.3%	25.0%	26.1%	29.0%
Fuel economy, mpg	12.1	14.3	19.7	19.1	19.6	21.0	22.8	23.2
Large								
Total sales, units	11.0	23.0	57.0	72.0	230.0	879.0	1,906.0	1,971.0
Market share, %	0.6%	1.2%	1.6%	1.9%	4.0%	11.8%	23.9%	23.4%
Fuel economy, mpg	12.2	14.3	16.9	16.7	16.6	17.6	19.8	20.0
TOTAL								
Total sales, units	1,987.0	1,863.0	3,669.0	3,805.0	5,749.0	7,447.0	7,992.0	8,410.0
Market share, %	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Fuel economy, mpg	13.7	18.6	20.6	20.7	20.5	20.8	21.2	21.5

Source:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, *Light-Duty Automotive Technology and Fuel Economy Trends: 1975 Through 2006* July 2006 (Additional resources: www.epa.gov/otaq/fetrends.htm)

Note: Includes light trucks of 8,500 lbs. or less.

^a No vehicles in this category were sold in this model year.



Back in 1975 only 19% of new light vehicle sales were light trucks. Because of the boom in sales of minivans, sport utility vehicles, and pick-up trucks, today about half of light vehicle sales are light trucks.

Table 4.9
Light Vehicle Market Shares by Size Class, Model Years 1975–2006

	Sales Period							
	1975	1980	1985	1990	1995	2000	2005	2006
Small car	40.0%	42.7%	38.2%	39.6%	34.3%	25.7%	19.9%	19.3%
Midsized car	16.0%	26.4%	19.2%	18.6%	16.6%	17.5%	17.3%	15.7%
Large car	15.2%	8.5%	10.5%	8.7%	8.6%	10.0%	8.4%	9.8%
Small wagon	4.7%	2.7%	3.4%	1.3%	1.3%	0.4%	2.2%	2.7%
Midsized wagon	2.8%	2.3%	2.4%	1.5%	1.2%	1.4%	1.5%	1.4%
Large wagon	1.9%	0.9%	1.0%	0.2%	0.1%	0.0%	0.6%	0.6%
Small pickup	1.6%	4.0%	3.4%	2.3%	2.0%	0.6%	0.1%	0.0%
Midsized pickup	0.5%	0.9%	4.3%	4.8%	4.6%	4.6%	1.5%	1.4%
Large pickup	11.0%	7.8%	6.7%	7.5%	8.4%	10.5%	14.2%	13.0%
Small van	0.0%	0.1%	0.6%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Midsized van	3.0%	1.1%	4.1%	8.9%	10.2%	9.2%	7.5%	8.4%
Large van	1.5%	0.8%	1.1%	0.9%	0.7%	1.0%	0.4%	0.5%
Small SUV	0.5%	0.5%	0.8%	1.5%	1.3%	2.4%	1.3%	6.0%
Midsized SUV	1.2%	1.0%	3.9%	3.5%	9.2%	11.2%	13.1%	14.6%
Large SUV	0.1%	0.2%	0.4%	0.6%	1.5%	5.3%	11.9%	11.8%
Total light vehicles sold (thousands)	10,223	11,306	14,457	12,611	15,144	16,574	15,967	16,673
Cars	80.6%	83.5%	74.6%	69.8%	62.0%	55.1%	50.0%	49.6%
Light trucks	19.4%	16.5%	25.4%	30.2%	38.0%	44.9%	50.0%	50.4%

Source:

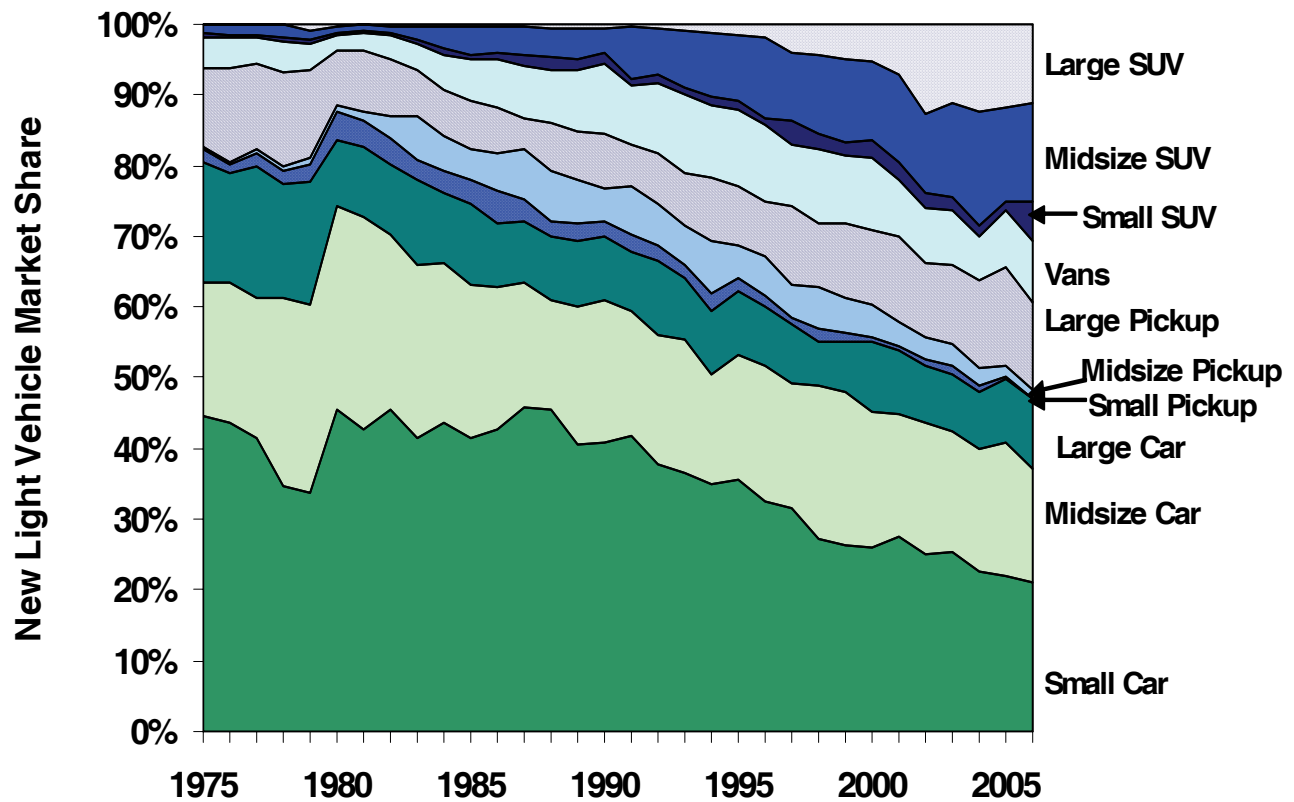
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, *Light-Duty Automotive Technology and Fuel Economy Trends: 1975 Through 2006*, July 2006. (Additional resources: www.epa.gov/otaq/fetrends.htm)

Note: Includes light trucks of 8,500 lbs. or less.



Light trucks have been gaining market share since the early 1980s, mainly due to increases in the market share of sport utility vehicles (SUVs) and pickup trucks. The 2006 data show a small increase in SUV market share.

Figure 4.1. Light Vehicle Market Shares, Model Years 1975–2006



Source:
See Table 4.9



The midsize and large cars and wagons sales-weighted engine sizes have declined drastically since 1975.

Table 4.10
Sales-Weighted Engine Size of New Domestic and Import Cars by Size Class,
Model Years 1975–2006
(liters^a)

Sales period	Cars			Wagons		
	Small	Midsize	Large	Small	Midsize	Large
1975	3.67	5.78	6.70	2.10	5.92	6.72
1976	3.70	5.62	6.72	2.23	5.16	6.82
1977	3.67	5.44	6.00	2.20	4.87	5.98
1978	2.90	4.79	5.85	2.20	4.23	5.80
1979	2.72	4.46	5.56	2.02	4.08	5.46
1980	2.25	3.74	5.15	1.85	3.74	5.29
1981	2.11	3.61	4.98	1.77	3.16	5.11
1982	2.15	3.46	4.79	1.79	3.36	5.01
1983	2.25	3.47	4.79	1.72	3.28	5.03
1984	2.29	3.44	4.82	1.75	2.82	5.00
1985	2.26	3.36	4.57	1.74	2.79	5.00
1986	2.25	3.18	4.26	1.85	2.65	4.98
1987	2.20	3.08	4.24	1.90	2.84	4.98
1988	2.18	3.00	4.29	1.85	2.80	4.98
1989	2.15	2.97	4.28	1.84	2.88	4.98
1990	2.15	3.06	4.23	1.97	2.97	4.98
1991	2.15	3.13	4.33	1.97	2.97	4.98
1992	2.20	3.13	4.29	2.00	3.08	5.54
1993	2.18	3.15	4.20	1.93	3.08	5.57
1994	2.25	3.10	4.06	1.98	2.95	5.74
1995	2.25	3.10	4.06	1.93	2.74	5.74
1996	2.23	2.97	4.10	2.00	2.64	5.74 ^b
1997	2.18	3.02	3.97	2.03	2.62	^b
1998	2.25	2.90	3.93	2.03	2.54	^b
1999	2.31	2.87	3.85	2.05	2.57	^b
2000	2.28	2.85	3.62	2.08	2.51	^b
2001	2.29	2.87	3.62	2.38	2.54	^b
2002	2.31	2.90	3.57	2.38	2.49	^b
2003	2.36	2.85	3.67	2.08	2.47	^b
2004	2.39	2.85	3.69	2.06	2.59	3.52
2005	2.41	2.79	3.72	2.02	2.95	3.57
2006	2.52	2.84	3.79	2.10	3.05	3.65
	<i>Average annual percentage change</i>					
1975–2006	-1.2%	-2.3%	-1.8%	0.0%	-2.1%	-1.9%
1996–2006	1.2%	-0.4%	-0.8%	0.5%	1.5%	-4.4%

Source:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, *Light-Duty Automotive Technology and Fuel Economy Trends: 1975 Through 2006*, July 2006. (Additional resources: www.epa.gov/otaq/fetrends.htm)

^a 1 liter = 61.02 cubic inches.

^b No vehicles in this category were sold in this model year.



The engine size of large sport utility vehicles (SUVs) declined an average of 2.3% per year from 1996 to 2006, while the size of a small SUV engine increased by over 5%.

Table 4.11
Sales-Weighted Engine Size of New Domestic and Import Light Trucks by Size Class,
Model Years 1975–2006
(liters^a)

Sales Period	Pickups			Vans			SUVs		
	Small	Midsize	Large	Small	Midsize	Large	Small	Midsize	Large
1975	1.93	1.79	5.62	1.93	5.08	5.47	4.47	5.72	5.97
1976	1.95	1.79	5.64	1.97	5.20	5.49	4.47	5.80	6.11
1977	1.97	2.05	5.69	1.97	5.34	5.62	4.49	5.72	6.08
1978	1.95	2.03	5.56	1.97	5.36	5.49	4.51	5.87	6.11
1979	1.97	2.15	5.41	1.97	5.24	5.51	4.28	5.64	6.15
1980	2.00	2.18	5.00	1.97	4.72	5.16	3.72	5.31	5.57
1981	2.13	2.15	4.80	1.97	4.57	5.08	3.67	5.20	5.54
1982	2.25	2.49	4.90	1.82	4.65	5.15	3.39	5.24	5.64
1983	2.33	2.39	4.95	1.93	4.82	5.15	3.44	4.10	5.82
1984	2.33	2.43	4.93	1.97	4.06	5.15	3.05	3.70	5.75
1985	2.34	2.52	5.00	1.98	3.82	5.11	2.74	3.47	5.74
1986	2.38	2.41	4.88	2.15	3.67	5.01	2.74	3.34	5.74
1987	2.41	2.61	5.06	2.20	3.70	5.06	2.64	3.54	5.74
1988	2.43	2.70	5.21	2.20	3.65	5.06	2.57	3.83	5.75
1989	2.51	2.90	5.21	2.13	3.57	5.06	2.80	4.16	5.75
1990	2.51	2.87	5.24	2.29	3.59	5.15	2.65	3.98	5.75
1991	2.49	3.11	5.16	2.03	3.51	5.11	2.38	3.87	5.38
1992	2.49	3.20	5.11	2.11	3.57	5.16	2.39	3.82	5.42
1993	2.41	3.24	4.97	1.98	3.46	5.16	2.46	3.97	5.65
1994	2.47	3.23	5.18	2.21	3.59	5.21	2.28	3.90	5.62
1995	2.57	3.11	5.18	2.20	3.70	5.15	2.26	3.88	5.69
1996	2.61	3.06	5.16	2.33	3.46	5.33	1.75	4.08	5.64
1997	2.39	3.20	4.97	^b	3.44	4.92	2.98	3.85	5.38
1998	2.62	3.13	5.05	^b	3.43	4.87	2.65	3.87	5.13
1999	2.84	3.28	5.13	^b	3.49	4.87	2.57	3.74	5.29
2000	2.43	3.15	4.74	^b	3.41	4.85	2.80	3.75	5.11
2001	2.41	3.39	4.79	^b	3.38	4.97	2.51	3.51	4.64
2002	2.90	3.70	4.82	^b	3.44	4.80	2.56	3.34	4.54
2003	2.92	3.21	4.82	^b	3.47	4.74	2.64	3.36	4.72
2004	3.02	3.59	4.93	^b	3.51	4.79	2.97	3.51	4.74
2005	3.21	3.16	4.82	^b	3.49	4.80	2.95	3.36	4.52
2006	2.46	3.20	4.77	^c	3.51	4.80	3.11	3.43	4.46
	<i>Average annual percentage change</i>								
1975-2006	0.8%	1.9%	-0.5%	^c	-1.2%	-0.4%	-1.2%	-1.6%	-0.9%
1996-2006	-0.6%	0.4%	-0.8%	^c	0.1%	-1.0%	5.9%	-1.7%	-2.3%

Source:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, *Light-Duty Automotive Technology and Fuel Economy Trends: 1975 Through 2006*, July 2006. (Additional resources: www.epa.gov/otaq/fetrends.htm)

Note: Includes light trucks of 8,500 lbs. or less.

^a 1 liter = 61.02 cubic inches.

^b No vehicles in this category were sold in this model year.

^c Data are not available.



Table 4.12
Sales-Weighted Curb Weight of New Domestic and Import Cars by Size Class,
Model Years 1975–2006
(pounds)

Sales Period	Cars			Wagons		
	Small	Midsize	Large	Small	Midsize	Large
1975	3,440	4,630	5,142	2,833	4,791	5,453
1976	3,474	4,558	5,156	2,902	4,555	5,444
1977	3,486	4,473	4,482	2,801	4,410	4,713
1978	3,029	3,820	4,394	2,805	3,836	4,664
1979	2,936	3,710	4,210	2,711	3,758	4,466
1980	2,717	3,362	4,130	2,591	3,534	4,423
1981	2,648	3,346	4,108	2,531	3,285	4,394
1982	2,684	3,321	4,034	2,580	3,384	4,396
1983	2,734	3,316	4,041	2,565	3,348	4,379
1984	2,776	3,318	4,022	2,620	3,298	4,371
1985	2,771	3,318	3,841	2,579	3,356	4,354
1986	2,791	3,241	3,719	2,647	3,355	4,381
1987	2,803	3,247	3,696	2,795	3,434	4,348
1988	2,818	3,293	3,730	2,757	3,378	4,349
1989	2,841	3,314	3,721	2,766	3,436	4,334
1990	2,897	3,450	3,799	3,026	3,498	4,337
1991	2,885	3,412	3,893	3,005	3,506	4,402
1992	2,921	3,515	3,872	3,076	3,503	4,500
1993	2,903	3,515	3,831	2,882	3,498	4,500
1994	2,965	3,529	3,858	2,908	3,532	4,500
1995	2,988	3,546	3,831	2,859	3,482	4,500
1996	2,977	3,527	3,894	2,952	3,661	4,500 ^a
1997	2,977	3,551	3,821	2,901	3,666	^a
1998	3,013	3,534	3,784	2,872	3,669	^a
1999	3,085	3,540	3,854	2,923	3,691	^a
2000	3,079	3,550	3,782	3,107	3,572	^a
2001	3,101	3,566	3,774	3,470	3,775	^a
2002	3,125	3,549	3,767	3,504	3,731	^a
2003	3,179	3,567	3,841	3,262	3,745	^a
2004	3,192	3,577	3,858	3,235	3,860	4,769
2005	3,195	3,575	3,942	3,200	3,811	4,704
2006	3,286	3,587	4,038	3,268	3,795	4,904
<i>Average annual percentage change</i>						
1975-2006	-0.1%	-0.8%	-0.8%	0.5%	-0.7%	-0.3%
1996-2006	1.0%	0.2%	0.4%	1.0%	0.4%	0.8% ^b

Source:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, *Light-Duty Automotive Technology and Fuel Economy Trends: 1975 Through 2006*, July 2006. (Additional resources:
www.epa.gov/otaq/fetrends.htm)

^a Data are not available.

^b 1995–2006.



The interior space of large cars declined slightly from 1995 to 2006, while the interior space of small and midsize cars gradually increased.

Table 4.13
Sales-Weighted Interior Space of New Domestic and Import Cars by Size Class,
Model Years 1977–2006
(cubic feet)

Sales Period	Cars			Wagons		
	Small	Midsize	Large	Small	Midsize	Large
1977	95.4	112.9	128.1	108.0	143.6	163.1
1978	90.9	113.0	128.5	108.0	140.0	162.4
1979	89.2	113.1	130.0	105.1	139.7	162.5
1980	90.0	113.2	130.9	108.2	139.7	161.5
1981	91.6	113.9	131.0	110.6	136.2	161.4
1982	92.2	113.9	131.0	112.2	136.1	161.3
1983	95.1	113.8	131.3	108.2	136.2	161.6
1984	95.2	113.7	130.9	116.5	135.9	161.7
1985	95.8	113.6	129.3	117.7	134.8	161.7
1986	96.7	113.8	127.4	118.4	137.8	161.4
1987	96.9	113.7	127.0	120.0	140.2	161.8
1988	98.5	113.4	128.1	118.7	139.4	161.7
1989	98.3	113.6	127.4	118.6	139.9	161.8
1990	97.6	113.7	126.7	122.2	141.6	161.6
1991	97.6	113.5	129.0	123.3	142.3	169.1
1992	97.9	113.9	129.6	123.7	142.6	170.3
1993	98.3	113.9	128.9	123.0	137.7	169.3
1994	98.7	113.5	128.3	122.9	137.4	169.2
1995	99.6	114.3	127.9	122.1	135.9	169.3
1996	99.9	114.1	128.1	118.0	136.9	170.2
1997	99.2	114.5	127.4	119.5	136.5	^a
1998	98.8	114.0	127.4	116.9	135.3	^a
1999	98.9	114.0	127.0	117.9	136.4	^a
2000	99.4	113.6	124.9	119.7	134.0	^a
2001	99.2	113.7	124.8	119.6	133.6	^a
2002	98.9	114.8	124.0	118.2	133.6	^a
2003	98.6	114.6	124.8	115.2	133.5	^a
2004	99.0	114.0	124.7	117.5	133.5	165.0
2005	99.3	114.2	125.2	116.5	133.7	165.0
2006	98.8	113.7	124.7	118.6	135.0	164.6
<i>Average annual percentage change</i>						
1977-2006	0.1%	0.0%	-0.1%	0.3%	-0.2%	0.0%
1996-2006	-0.1%	0.0%	-0.3%	0.1%	-0.1%	-0.3%

Source:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, *Light-Duty Automotive Technology and Fuel Economy Trends: 1975 Through 2006*, July 2006. (Additional resources: www.epa.gov/otaq/fetrends.htm)

^a No vehicles in this category were sold in this model year.

^b Interior volumes of two-seaters are not reported to EPA.



The average auto lost over 500 pounds from 1977 to 1990. Much of the weight reduction was due to the declining use of conventional steel and iron and the increasing use of aluminum and plastics. Conventional steel, however, remained the predominant component of cars in 2004 with a 40.1% share of total materials. As conventional steel use has been decreasing, use of high-strength steel has increased. Note that the American Metals Market discontinued their survey in 2005; thus the 2004 data are the latest available.

Table 4.14
Average Material Consumption for a Domestic Car,
1977, 1990, and 2004

Material	1977		1990		2004	
	Pounds	Percentage	Pounds	Percentage	Pounds	Percentage
Conventional steel ^a	1,995.0	54.4%	1,405.0	44.7%	1,361.0	40.1%
High-strength steel	125.0	3.4%	238.0	7.6%	395.0	11.6%
Stainless steel	26.0	0.7%	34.0	1.1%	57.5	1.7%
Other steels	56.0	1.5%	39.5	1.3%	28.0	0.8%
Iron	540.0	14.7%	454.0	14.5%	308.0	9.1%
Aluminum	97.0	2.6%	158.5	5.0%	289.5	8.5%
Rubber	150.0	4.1%	136.5	4.3%	152.0	4.5%
Plastics/composites	168.0	4.6%	229.0	7.3%	257.5	7.6%
Glass	87.5	2.4%	86.5	2.8%	99.5	2.9%
Copper	38.5	1.1%	48.5	1.5%	51.5	1.5%
Zinc die castings	38.0	1.0%	18.5	0.6%	8.5	0.3%
Powder metal parts	15.5	0.4%	24.0	0.8%	41.5	1.2%
Fluids & lubricants	200.0	5.5%	182.0	5.8%	198.5	5.9%
Magnesium parts	128.0	3.5%	3.0	0.1%	10.0	0.3%
Other materials	1.0	0.0%	83.5	2.7%	133.0	3.9%
Total	3,665.5	100.0%	3,140.5	100.0%	3,391.0	100.0%

Source:

American Metal Market, New York, NY, 2004. (Additional resources: www.amm.com)

^a Includes cold-rolled and pre-coated steel.



The number of franchised dealerships which sell new light-duty vehicles (cars and light trucks) has declined 30% since 1970, though new vehicle sales have increased. The average number of vehicles sold per dealer in 2005 was 783 vehicles per dealer – more than double the 1970 number.

Table 4.15
New Light Vehicle Dealerships and Sales, 1970–2005

Calendar year	Number of franchised new light vehicle dealerships ^a	New light vehicle sales (thousands)	Light vehicle sales per dealer
1970	30,800	9,867	320
1971	30,300	12,006	396
1972	30,100	13,189	438
1973	30,100	14,184	471
1974	30,000	11,191	373
1975	29,600	10,905	368
1976	29,300	13,066	446
1977	29,100	14,613	502
1978	29,000	15,122	521
1979	28,500	13,984	491
1980	27,900	11,419	409
1981	26,350	10,725	407
1982	25,700	10,452	407
1983	24,725	12,166	492
1984	24,725	14,254	577
1985	24,725	15,501	627
1986	24,825	16,047	646
1987	25,150	14,888	592
1988	25,025	15,426	616
1989	25,000	14,508	580
1990	24,825	13,849	558
1991	24,200	12,298	508
1992	23,500	12,842	546
1993	22,950	13,869	604
1994	22,850	15,023	657
1995	22,800	14,688	644
1996	22,750	15,046	661
1997	22,700	15,069	664
1998	22,600	15,441	683
1999	22,400	16,771	748
2000	22,250	17,234	774
2001	22,150	17,123	773
2002	21,800	16,817	771
2003	21,725	16,548	762
2004	21,650	16,867	779
2005	21,640	16,948	783
<i>Average annual percentage change</i>			
1970–2005	-1.0%	1.6%	2.6%
1995–2005	-0.5%	1.4%	2.0%

Source:

Number of dealers - National Automobile Dealers Association, *Automotive Executive Magazine*, 2005. (Additional resources: www.nada.org/Content/NavigationMenu/Newsroom/NADADaEa/20043/NADADaEa_2004_newcar.pdf) Light-duty vehicle sales - See tables 4.5 and 4.6.

^a Includes cold-rolled and pre-coated steel.



The number of conventional refueling stations is declining while the number of vehicles fueling at those stations continues to rise. In 2005, there were 0.71 fueling stations per thousand vehicles or 1.41 thousand vehicles per station.

Table 4.16
Conventional Refueling Stations, 1993-2005

Year	Number of retail outlets	Vehicles in operation (thousands)	Stations per thousand vehicles	Thousand vehicles per station
Conventional fuels				
1993	207,416	186,315	1.11	0.90
1994	202,878	188,714	1.08	0.93
1995	195,455	193,441	1.01	0.99
1996	190,246	198,294	0.96	1.04
1997	187,892	201,071	0.93	1.07
1998	182,596	205,043	0.89	1.12
1999	180,567	209,509	0.86	1.16
2000	175,941	213,300	0.82	1.21
2001	172,169	216,683	0.79	1.26
2002	170,018	221,027	0.77	1.30
2003	167,571	225,882	0.74	1.35
2004	167,346	231,398	0.72	1.38
2005	168,987	237,697	0.71	1.41

Sources:

Conventional refueling stations: National Petroleum News Survey, 2005.

Conventional vehicles: The Polk Company, Detroit, MI, FURTHER REPRODUCTION PROHIBITED.

Notes: The County Business Patterns (CBP) data published by the Bureau of the Census tells the number of establishments by North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). NAICS is an industry classification system that groups establishments into industries based on the activities in which they are primarily engaged. NAICS 447 represents gasoline stations. However, the CBP gasoline station data differ from the National Petroleum News Survey data by as much as 30%; the CBP may not include every gasoline retail outlet due to the classification of the primary activity of the business.

Alternative Fuel Refueling Stations are listed in Chapter 6.

^a Data are not available.



The Corporate Average Fuel Economy standards were established by the U.S. Energy Policy and Conservation Act of 1975 (PL94-163). These standards must be met at the manufacturer level. Some manufacturers fall short of meeting the standards while others exceed them.

Table 4.17
Car Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE)
Standards versus Sales-Weighted Fuel Economy Estimates, 1978–2006^a
(miles per gallon)

Model year ^b	Cars				CAFE estimates
	CAFE standards	CAFE estimates ^c			Cars and light trucks combined
		Domestic	Import	Combined	
1978	18.0	18.7	27.3	19.9	19.9
1979	19.0	19.3	26.1	20.3	20.1
1980	20.0	22.6	29.6	24.3	23.1
1981	22.0	24.2	31.5	25.9	24.6
1982	24.0	25.0	31.1	26.6	25.1
1983	26.0	24.4	32.4	26.4	24.8
1984	27.0	25.5	32.0	26.9	25.0
1985	27.5	26.3	31.5	27.6	25.4
1986	26.0	26.9	31.6	28.2	25.9
1987	26.0	27.0	31.2	28.5	26.2
1988	26.0	27.4	31.5	28.8	26.0
1989	26.5	27.2	30.8	28.4	25.6
1990	27.5	26.9	29.9	28.0	25.4
1991	27.5	27.3	30.1	28.4	25.6
1992	27.5	27.0	29.2	27.9	25.1
1993	27.5	27.8	29.6	28.4	25.2
1994	27.5	27.5	29.6	28.3	24.7
1995	27.5	27.7	30.3	28.6	24.9
1996	27.5	28.1	29.6	28.5	24.9
1997	27.5	27.8	30.1	28.7	24.6
1998	27.5	28.6	29.2	28.8	24.7
1999	27.5	28.0	29.0	28.3	24.5
2000	27.5	28.7	28.3	28.5	24.8
2001	27.5	28.7	29.0	28.8	24.5
2002	27.5	29.1	28.8	29.0	24.7
2003	27.5	29.1	29.9	29.5	25.1
2004	27.5	29.9	28.7	29.5	24.6
2005	27.5	30.3	29.9	30.1	25.3
2006	27.5	29.9	29.4	29.7	25.4

Source:

U.S. Department of Transportation, NHTSA, "Summary of Fuel Economy Performance," Washington, DC, March 2006.
 (Additional resources: www.nhtsa.dot.gov)

^a Only vehicles with at least 75 percent domestic content can be counted in the average domestic fuel economy for a manufacturer.

^b Model year as determined by the manufacturer on a vehicle by vehicle basis.

^c All CAFE calculations are sales-weighted.



The Corporate Average Fuel Economy standards for light trucks are lower than the car standards. Light trucks include pickups, minivans, sport utility vehicles and vans.

Table 4.18
Light Truck Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE)
Standards versus Sales-Weighted Fuel Economy Estimates, 1978–2006^e
(miles per gallon)

Model year ^b	Light trucks ^c			CAFE estimates
	CAFE standards ^e	CAFE estimates ^d		Cars and light trucks combined
		Domestic	Import	Combined
1978				
1979	^e		^f	^f
1980	^e	17.7	20.8	18.2
1981	^e	16.8	24.3	18.5
1982	^e	18.3	27.4	20.1
1982	17.5	19.2	27.0	20.5
1983	19.0	19.6	27.1	20.7
1984	20.0	19.3	26.7	20.6
1985	19.5	19.6	26.5	20.7
1986	20.0	20.0	25.9	21.5
1987	20.5	20.5	25.2	21.7
1988	20.5	20.6	24.6	21.3
1989	20.5	20.4	23.5	21.0
1990	20.0	20.3	23.0	20.8
1991	20.2	20.9	23.0	21.3
1992	20.2	20.5	22.7	20.8
1993	20.4	20.7	22.8	21.0
1994	20.5	20.5	22.1	20.8
1995	20.6	20.3	21.5	20.5
1996	20.7	20.5	22.2	20.8
1997	20.7	20.1	22.1	20.6
1998	20.7	20.5	23.0	21.0
1999	20.7	20.4	22.5	20.9
2000	20.7	21.1	19.7	21.3
2001	20.7	20.6	21.8	20.9
2002	20.7	20.6	21.9	21.4
2003	20.7	21.8	22.4	21.8
2004	20.7	20.7	22.3	21.5
2005	21.0	^f	^f	22.0
2006	21.6	^f	^f	22.3

Source:

U.S. Department of Transportation, NHTSA, "Summary of Fuel Economy Performance," Washington, DC, March 2006.
 (Additional resources: www.nhtsa.dot.gov)

^a Only vehicles with at least 75 percent domestic content can be counted in the average domestic fuel economy for a manufacturer.

^b Model year as determined by the manufacturer on a vehicle by vehicle basis.

^c Represents two- and four-wheel drive trucks combined. Gross vehicle weight of 0-6,000 pounds for model year 1978-1979 and 0-8,500 pounds for subsequent years.

^d All CAFE calculations are sales-weighted.

^e Standards were set for two-wheel drive and four-wheel drive light trucks separately, but no combined standard was set in this year.

^f Data are not available.



Manufacturers of cars and light trucks whose vehicles do not meet the CAFE standards are fined. Data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration show CAFE fine collection dropped under \$20 million from 2002 to 2004; this was due to several factors, including the CAFE credit system, manufacturer mergers, and fines not being paid in the same year they were assessed.

Table 4.19
Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) Fines Collected, 1983-2004^a
(thousands)

Model year	Current dollars	2004 constant dollars ^b
1983	58	110
1984	5,958	10,832
1985	15,565	27,325
1986	29,872	51,485
1987	31,261	51,982
1988	44,519	71,088
1989	47,381	72,179
1990	48,309	69,820
1991	42,363	58,755
1992	38,287	51,549
1993	28,688	37,503
1994	31,499	40,149
1995	40,787	50,556
1996	19,302	23,239
1997	36,212	42,619
1998	21,740	25,194
1999	27,516	31,200
2000	51,067	56,020
2001	35,507	37,873
2002	19,805	20,796
2003	15,216	15,622
2004	19,920	19,920

Source:

U.S. Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance, Washington, DC, June 2006. (Additional resources: www.nhtsa.dot.gov)

^a These are fines which are actually collected. Fines which are assessed in certain year may not have been collected in that year.

^b Adjusted using the Consumer Price Inflation Index.



Consumers must pay the Gas Guzzler Tax when purchasing an car that has an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) fuel economy rating less than that stipulated in the table below. The Gas Guzzler Tax doubled in 1991 after remaining constant from 1986 to 1990. The tax has not changed since 1991. This tax does not apply to light trucks such as pickups, minivans, sport utility vehicles, and vans.

Table 4.20
The Gas Guzzler Tax on New Cars
(dollars per vehicle)

Vehicle fuel economy (mpg)	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986-90	1991+
Over 22.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
22.0-22.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	500	1,000
21.5-22.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	500	1,000
21.0-21.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	650	1,300
20.5-21.0	0	0	0	0	0	500	650	1,300
20.0-20.5	0	0	0	0	0	500	850	1,700
19.5-20.0	0	0	0	0	0	600	850	1,700
19.0-19.5	0	0	0	0	450	600	1,050	2,100
18.5-19.0	0	0	0	350	450	800	1,050	2,100
18.0-18.5	0	0	200	350	600	800	1,300	2,600
17.5-18.0	0	0	200	500	600	1,000	1,300	2,600
17.0-17.5	0	0	350	500	750	1,000	1,500	3,000
16.5-17.0	0	200	350	650	750	1,200	1,500	3,000
16.0-16.5	0	200	450	650	950	1,200	1,850	3,700
15.5-16.0	0	350	450	800	950	1,500	1,850	3,700
15.0-15.5	0	350	600	800	1,150	1,500	2,250	4,500
14.5-15.0	200	450	600	1,000	1,150	1,800	2,250	4,500
14.0-14.5	200	450	750	1,000	1,450	1,800	2,700	5,400
13.5-14.0	300	550	750	1,250	1,450	2,200	2,700	5,400
13.0-13.5	300	550	950	1,250	1,750	2,200	3,200	6,400
12.5-13.0	550	650	950	1,550	1,750	2,650	3,200	6,400
Under 12.5	550	650	1,200	1,550	2,150	2,650	3,850	7,700

Source:

Internal Revenue Service, Form 6197, (Rev. 1-91), "Gas Guzzler Tax." (Additional resources: www.irs.ustreas.gov)



Consumers continue to demand gas guzzling cars. The IRS collected over \$170 million in 2006 from those buying cars with fuel economy less than 22.5 miles per gallon. This tax does not apply to light trucks such as pickups, minivans, sport utility vehicles, and vans.

Table 4.21
Tax Receipts from the Sale of Gas Guzzlers, 1980–2005
(thousands)

Model year	Current dollars	2003 constant dollars ^a
1980	740	1,754
1981	780	1,676
1982	1,720	3,481
1983	4,020	7,883
1984	8,820	16,579
1985	39,790	72,221
1986	147,660	263,120
1987	145,900	250,830
1988	116,780	192,791
1989	109,640	172,683
1990	103,200	154,208
1991	118,400	169,776
1992	144,200	200,729
1993	111,600	150,834
1994	64,100	84,472
1995	73,500	94,190
1996	52,600	65,473
1997	48,200	58,651
1998	47,700	57,152
1999	68,300	80,066
2000	70,800	80,298
2001	78,200	86,236
2002	79,700	86,523
2003	126,800	134,587
2004	140,800	145,570
2005	170,300	170,300

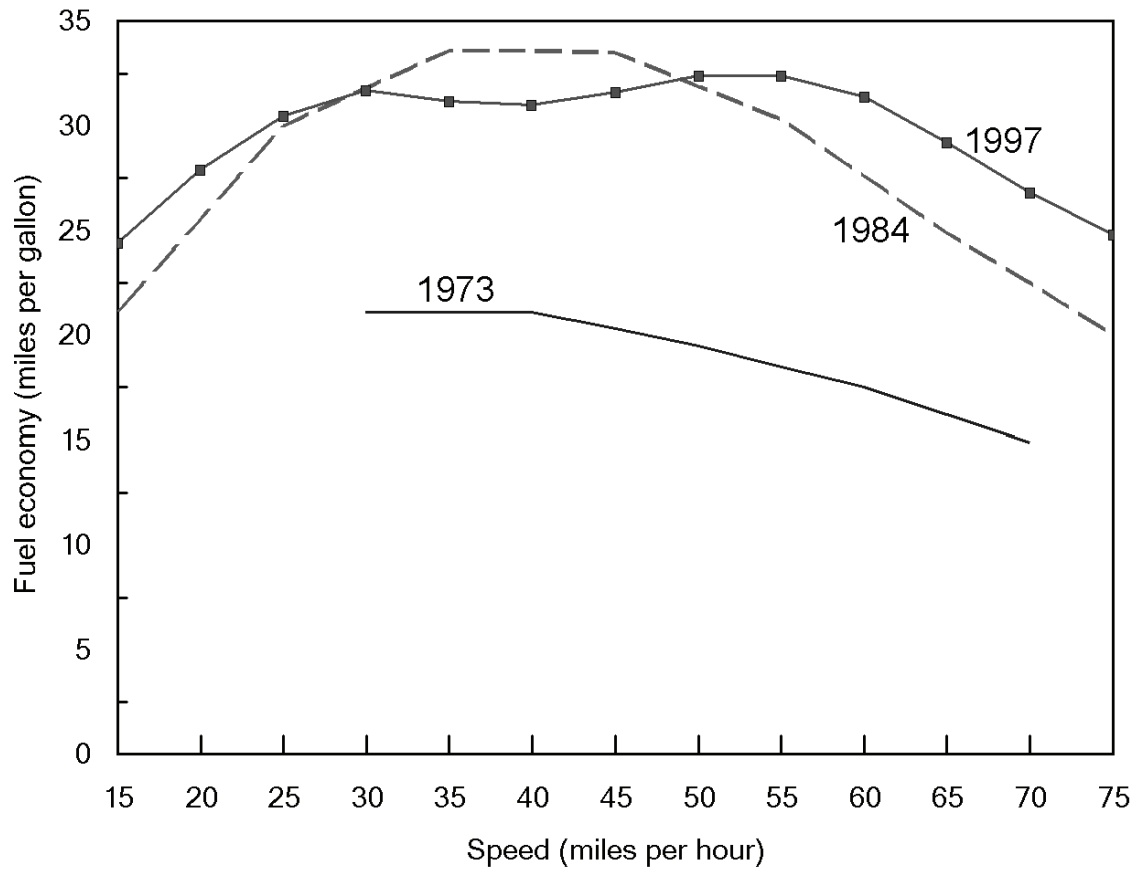
Source:

Ward's Communications, *Motor Vehicle Facts and Figures*, 2006, Detroit, MI, 2006, p. 86. Original data source: Internal Revenue Service.

^a Adjusted using the Consumer Price Inflation Index.



Figure 4.2. Fuel Economy by Speed, 1973, 1984, and 1997 Studies



Source:
See Table 4.22.



The two earlier studies by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) indicate maximum fuel efficiency was achieved at speeds of 35 to 40 mph. The recent FHWA study indicates greater fuel efficiency at higher speeds. Note that the 1973 study did not include light trucks.

Table 4.22
Fuel Economy by Speed, 1973, 1984, and 1997 Studies
 (miles per gallon)

Speed (miles per hour)	1973 ^a (13 vehicles)	1984 ^b (15 vehicles)	1997 ^c (9 vehicles)
15	^d	21.1	24.4
20	^d	25.5	27.9
25	^d	30.0	30.5
30	21.1	31.8	31.7
35	21.1	33.6	31.2
40	21.1	33.6	31.0
45	20.3	33.5	31.6
50	19.5	31.9	32.4
55	18.5	30.3	32.4
60	17.5	27.6	31.4
65	16.2	24.9	29.2
70	14.9	22.5	26.8
75	^d	20.0	24.8
<i>Fuel economy loss</i>			
55–65 mph	12.4%	17.8%	9.7%
65–70 mph	8.0%	9.6%	8.2%
55–70 mph	19.5%	25.7%	17.1%

Sources:

- 1973- U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, Office of Highway Planning, *The Effect of Speed on Automobile Gasoline Consumption Rates*, Washington, DC, October 1973.
- 1984- U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, *Fuel Consumption and Emission Values for Traffic Models*, Washington, DC, May 1985.
- 1997 - West, B.H., R.N. McGill, J.W. Hodgson, S.S. Sluder, and D.E. Smith, *Development and Verification of Light-Duty Modal Emissions and Fuel Consumption Values for Traffic Models*, FHWA Report (in press), Washington, DC, April 1997, and additional project data, April 1998. (Additional resources: www.fhwa-tsis.com)

^a Model years 1970 and earlier cars.

^b Model years 1981–84 cars and light trucks.

^c Model years 1988–97 cars and light trucks.

^d Data are not available.



Table 4.23
Vehicle Specifications for Vehicles Tested in the 1997 Study

Vehicle	Curb weight	Engine	Fuel delivery system ^a	Transmission	EPA fuel economy	
					City	Highway
1988 Chevrolet Corsica	2,665	2.8 liter V6	PFI	M5	19	29
1994 Olds Cutlass Supreme	3,290	3.4 liter V6	PFI	L4	17	26
1994 Oldsmobile 88	3,433	3.8 liter V6	PFI	L4	19	29
1994 Mercury Villager	4,020	3.0 liter V6	PFI	L4	17	23
1995 Geo Prizm	2,359	1.6 liter I-4	PFI	L3	26	30
1994 Jeep Grand Cherokee	3,820	4.0 liter I-6	PFI	L4	15	20
1994 Chevrolet Pickup	4,020	5.7 liter V8	TBI	L4	14	18
1993 Subaru Legacy	2,800	2.2 liter H4	PFI	L4	22	29
1997 Toyota Celica	2,395	1.8 liter I4	PFI	L4	27	34

Source:

West, B.H., R.N. McGill, J.W. Hodgson, S.S. Sluder, and D.E. Smith, *Development and Verification of Light-Duty Modal Emissions and Fuel Consumption Values for Traffic Models*, Washington, DC, April 1997 and additional project data, April 1998.

^a PFI = port fuel injection. TBI = throttle- body fuel injection.



Of the tested vehicles, the 1994 Oldsmobile Olds 88 had the greatest fuel economy loss from 55 mph to 75 mpg. The 1997 Toyota Celica tested fuel economy was slightly better at 65 mph than at 55 mph.

Table 4.24
Steady Speed Fuel Economy for Vehicles Tested in the 1997 Study
(miles per gallon)

Speed (mph)	1988 Chevrolet Corsica	1993 Subaru Legacy	1994 Oldsmobile Olds 88	1994 Oldsmobile Cutlass	1994 Chevrolet Pickup	1994 Jeep Grand Cherokee	1994 Mercury Villager	1995 Geo Prizm	1997 Toyota Celica
5	10.0	14.5	10.5	5.1	7.9	8.2	12.3	18.1	19.1
10	16.8	24.7	14.9	7.9	16.0	11.2	19.0	23.1	34.1
15	17.7	31.9	22.2	11.4	16.3	17.5	22.4	38.9	41.7
20	21.7	34.4	26.3	12.5	19.9	24.7	25.8	39.4	46.0
25	23.9	37.4	28.3	15.6	22.7	21.8	30.8	41.7	52.6
30	28.7	39.7	29.0	19.0	26.3	21.6	30.3	40.0	50.8
35	28.6	38.0	30.9	21.2	24.3	25.0	26.1	39.1	47.6
40	29.2	37.0	33.2	23.0	26.7	25.5	29.0	38.9	36.2
45	28.8	33.7	32.4	23.0	27.3	25.4	27.8	42.3	44.1
50	31.2	33.7	34.2	27.3	26.3	24.8	30.1	39.1	44.8
55	29.1	37.7	34.6	29.1	25.1	24.0	31.7	37.7	42.5
60	28.2	35.9	32.5	28.2	22.6	23.2	27.3	36.7	48.4
65	28.7	33.4	30.0	25.0	21.8	21.3	25.3	34.1	43.5
70	26.1	31.0	26.7	22.9	20.1	20.0	23.9	31.7	39.2
75	23.7	28.8	24.0	21.6	18.1	19.1	22.4	28.3	36.8
<i>Fuel economy loss</i>									
55-65 mph	1.4%	11.4%	13.3%	14.1%	13.1%	11.3%	20.2%	9.5%	-2.4%
65-75 mph	17.4%	13.8%	20.0%	13.6%	17.0%	10.3%	11.5%	17.0%	15.4%
55-75 mph	18.6%	23.6%	30.6%	25.8%	27.9%	20.4%	29.3%	24.9%	13.4%

Source:

B.H. West, R.N. McGill, J.W. Hodgson, S.S. Sluder, D.E. Smith, *Development and Verification of Light-Duty Modal Emissions and Fuel Consumption Values for Traffic Models*, Washington, DC, April 1997, and additional project data, April 1998.
(Additional resources: www.fhwa-tsis.com)

Note: For specifications of the tested vehicles, please see Table 4.22.



This new table shows the new methodology that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will use to determine fuel economy ratings for new vehicles beginning in model year 2008. In addition to the Urban Driving Cycle and the Highway Driving cycle, the EPA will also use three additional tests to adjust fuel economy ratings to account for higher speeds, air conditioner use, and colder temperatures. To know more about new vehicle fuel economy ratings, visit www.fueleconomy.gov.

Table 4.25
Driving Cycle Attributes

	Test Schedule				
	City	Highway	High Speed	AC	Cold Temp
Trip type	Low speeds in stop-and-go urban traffic	Free-flow traffic at highway speeds	Higher speeds; harder acceleration & braking	AC use under hot ambient conditions	City test w/colder outside temperature
Top speed	56 mph	60 mph	80 mph	54.8 mph	56 mph
Average speed	20 mph	48 mph	48 mph	22 mph	20 mph
Max. acceleration	3.3 mph/sec	3.2 mph/sec	8.46 mph/sec	5.1 mph/sec	3.3 mph/sec
Simulated distance	11 mi.	10 mi.	8 mi.	3.6 mi.	11 mi.
Time	31 min.	12.5 min.	10 min.	9.9 min.	31 min.
Stops	23	None	4	5	23
Idling time	18% of time	None	7% of time	19% of time	18% of time
Engine startup ^a	Cold	Warm	Warm	Warm	Cold
Lab temperature	68-86° F	68-86° F	68-86° F	95° F	20° F
Vehicle air conditioning	Off	Off	Off	On	Off

Source:

U.S. Department of Energy and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Fuel Economy Website, www.fueleconomy.gov.

^a A vehicle's engine doesn't reach maximum fuel efficiency until it is warm.



These driving cycles simulate the performance of an engine while driving in the city and on the highway. Once the urban cycle is completed, the engine is stopped, then started again for the 8.5 minute hot start cycle. Three additional cycles will also influence new vehicle fuel economy ratings beginning with the 2008 model year.

Figure 4.3. Urban Driving Cycle

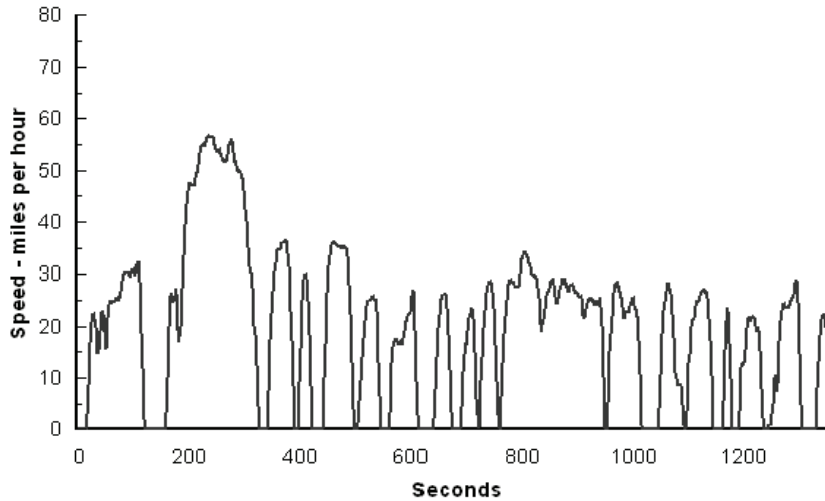
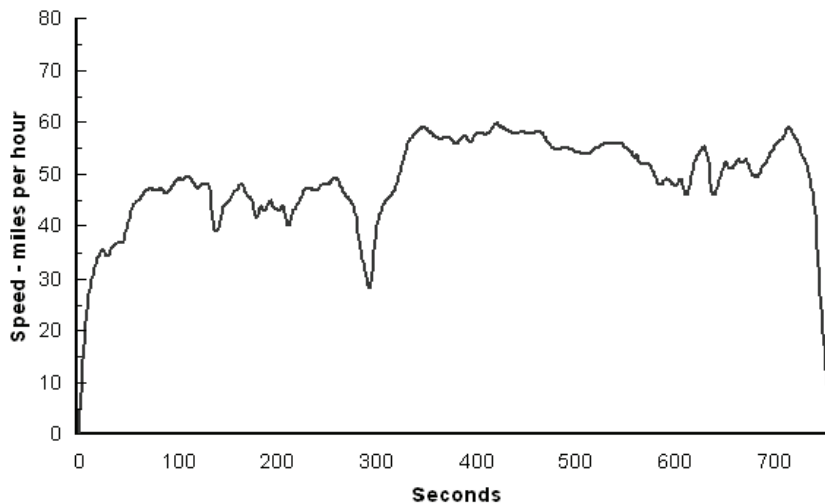


Figure 4.4. Highway Driving Cycle



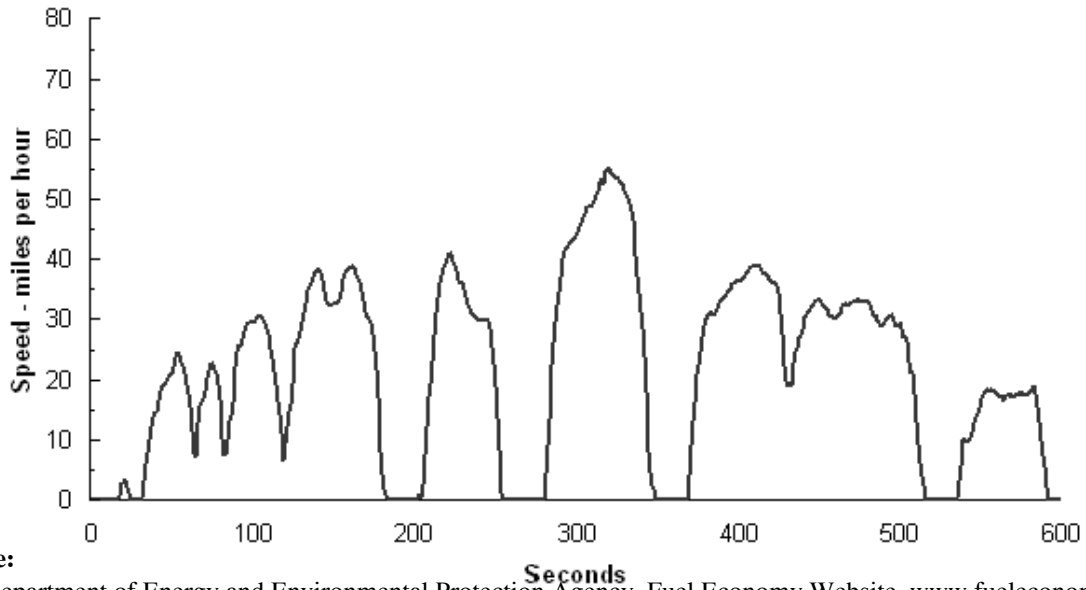
Source:

Code of Federal Regulations, 40CFR, "Subpart B - Fuel Economy Regulations for 1978 and Later Model Year Automobiles - Test Procedures," July 1, 1988 edition, p. 676.



Beginning with the 2008 model year, these cycles will influence the new vehicle fuel economy ratings.

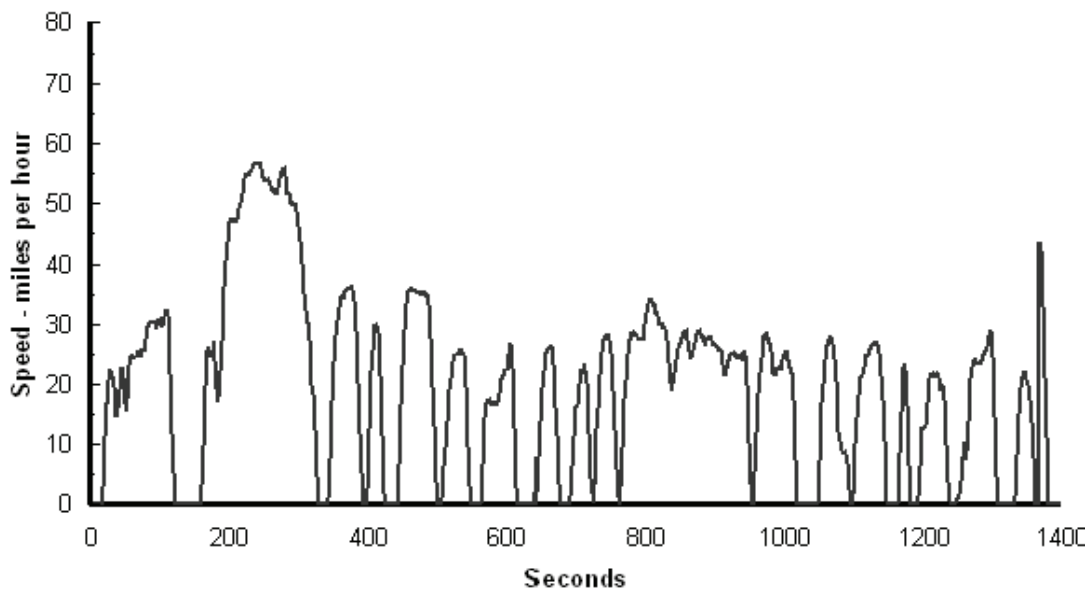
Figure 4.5. Air Conditioning Driving Cycle



Source:

U.S. Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Agency, Fuel Economy Website, www.fueleconomy.gov.

Figure 4.6. Cold Temperature Driving Cycle



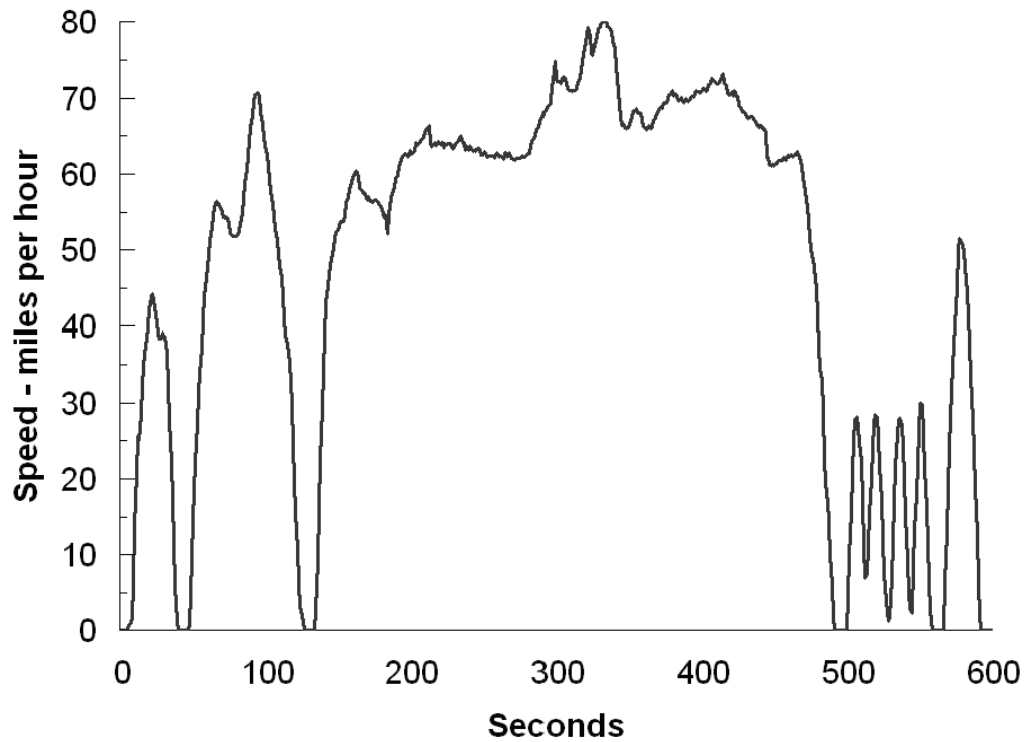
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Beginning with the 2008 model year, this cycle will influence the new vehicle fuel economy ratings. The US06 driving cycle was originally developed as a supplement to the Federal Test Procedure. It is a short-duration cycle (600 seconds) which represents hard-acceleration driving.

Figure 4.7. High-Speed (US06) Driving Cycle



Source:

U.S. Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Agency, Fuel Economy Website, www.fueleconomy.gov.



The Environmental Protection Agency also uses other driving cycles to test new vehicles (although these do not affect the fuel economy ratings). The New York Test Cycle was developed in the 1970's in order to simulate driving in downtown congested areas. The Representative Number Five Test Cycle was developed in the 1990's to better represent actual on-road driving by combining modern urban and freeway driving.

Figure 4.8. New York City Driving Cycle

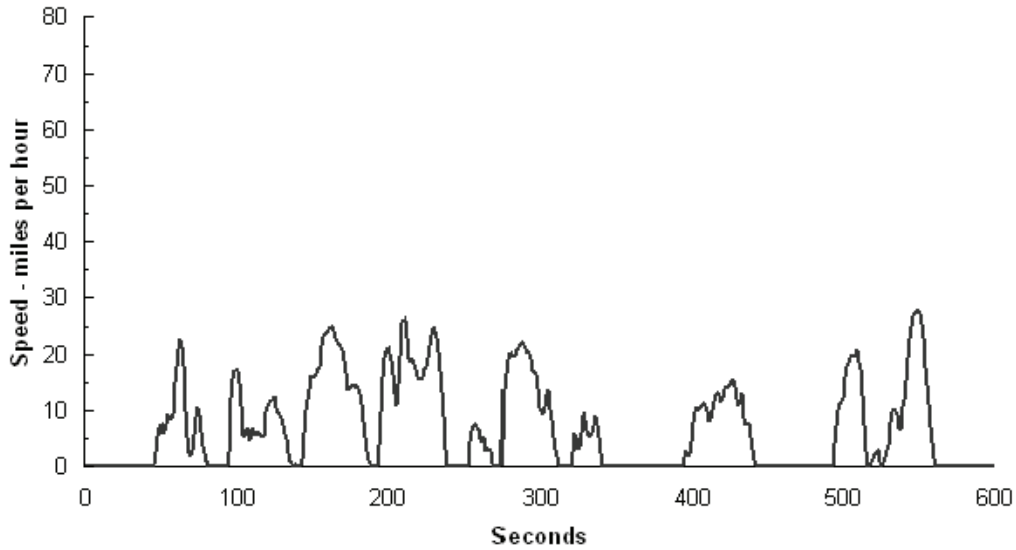
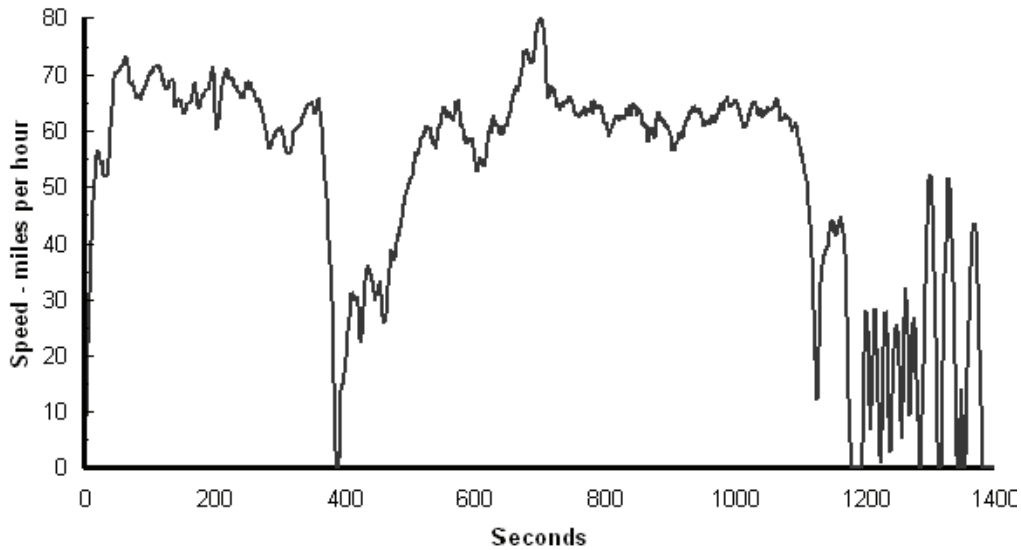


Figure 4.9. Representative Number Five Driving Cycle



Source:

Data obtained from Michael Wang, Argonne National Laboratory, Argonne, IL, 1997.



Researchers at Argonne National Laboratory have estimated the fuel economy of a midsize car using driving cycles from different countries. These results illustrate the difference in fuel economy which can be obtained from the same vehicle using different test cycles.

Table 4.26
Projected Fuel Economies from U.S., European, and Japanese Driving Cycles

Driving Cycle	Projected fuel economy for a 1995 composite midsize vehicle ^a
Japanese 10/15 mode test cycle	17.5 mpg
New European Driving Cycle (NEDC)	22.0 mpg
U.S. EPA city cycle (LA4)	19.8 mpg
U.S. EPA highway cycle	32.1 mpg
U.S. Corporate Average Fuel Economy cycle	23.9 mpg

Source:

Santini, D., A. Vyas, J. Anderson, and F. An, *Estimating Trade-Offs along the Path to the PNGV 3X Goal*, presented at the Transportation Research Board 80th Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, January 2001.

^a The 1995 composite midsize vehicle is an average of a Chevrolet Lumina, Chrysler Concord, and Ford Taurus. The fuel economies were projected using the National Renewable Energy Laboratory's Advanced Vehicle Simulator (ADVISOR) model.



When comparing data between countries, one must realize that different countries have different testing cycles to determine fuel economy and emissions. This table compares various statistics on the European, Japanese, and U.S. testing cycles [for fuel economy measurements, the U.S. uses the formula, $1/\text{fuel economy} = (0.55/\text{city fuel economy}) + (0.45/\text{highway fuel economy})$]. Most vehicles will achieve higher fuel economy on the U.S. test cycle than on the European or Japanese cycles.

Table 4.27
Comparison of U.S., European, and Japanese Driving Cycles

	Time (seconds)	Percent of time stopped or decelerating	Distance (miles)	Average speed (mph)	Maximum speed (mph)	Maximum acceleration (mph/s)
Japanese 10/15 mode test cycle	631	52.3	2.6	14.8	43.5	1.78
New European Driving Cycle (NEDC)	1,181	24.9	6.84	20.9	74.6	2.4
U.S. EPA city cycle (LA4) ^a	1,372	43.2	7.5	19.5	56.7	3.3
U.S. EPA highway cycle	765	9.3	17.8	48.2	59.9	3.3
U.S. Corporate Average Fuel Economy cycle	2,137	27.9	10.3	29.9	59.9	3.3

Source:

Santini, D., A. Vyas, J. Anderson, and F. An, *Estimating Trade-Offs along the Path to the PNGV 3X Goal*, presented at the Transportation Research Board 80th Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, January 2001.

^a The actual Federal Procedure (FTP), which is also the test for emissions certification, repeats the first 505 seconds of the Federal Urban Driving Simulation cycle, hot started, after a 10 minute hot soak. Starting with Model Year 2001, the emissions test-but not the fuel economy test-incorporates a supplemental cycle that simulates aggressive urban driving, coupled with an added air conditioning load.



Total traffic fatalities were lower in 2005 than in 1975. About 13.5% of traffic fatalities in 2005 were not vehicle occupants (pedestrians, cyclists, etc.).

Table 4.28
Occupant Fatalities by Vehicle Type and Nonoccupant Fatalities, 1975–2005

	1975	1980	1985	1990	1995	2000	2005	2005 share
Vehicle occupant fatalities by vehicle type								
Car								
Subcompact	3,834	7,299	7,993	8,309	6,791	4,773	2,979	6.9%
Compact	614	927	2,635	5,310	6,899	7,022	6,245	14.4%
Intermediate	1,869	3,878	4,391	4,849	4,666	5,204	5,548	12.8%
Full	10,800	11,580	6,586	4,635	3,413	3,184	3,276	7.5%
Unknown	8,812	3,765	1,607	989	654	516	392	0.9%
Total	25,929	27,449	23,212	24,092	22,423	20,492	18,440	42.4%
Truck								
Light	4,856	7,486	7	8,601	9,568	11,418	12,975	29.9%
Large	961	1,262	977	705	648	741	803	1.8%
Total	5,817	8,748	7,666	9,306	10,216	12,159	13,778	31.7%
Other Vehicles								
Motorcycle	3,189	5,144	4,564	3,244	2,227	2,862	4,553	10.5%
Bus	53	46	57	32	33	22	58	0.1%
Other/unknown vehicle type	937	540	544	460	392	714	765	1.8%
Total	4,179	5,730	5,165	3,736	2,652	3,598	5,376	12.4%
TOTAL vehicle occupant fatalities	35,925	41,927	36,043	37,134	35,291	36,249	37,594	86.5%
Nonoccupant fatalities								
Pedestrian	7,516	8,070	6,808	6,482	5,584	4,739	4,881	11.2%
Pedalcyclist	1,003	965	890	859	833	690	784	1.8%
Other	81	129	84	124	109	143	184	0.4%
Total	8,600	9,164	7,782	7,465	6,526	5,572	5,849	13.5%
TOTAL traffic fatalities	44,525	51,091	43,825	44,599	41,817	41,821	43,443	100.0%

Source:

Traffic Safety Facts 2005, Washington, DC, January 2007. (Additional resources: www.nhtsa.dot.gov)



In 2005, the fatality rate for vehicle occupants per 100 million vehicle miles are the same for cars and light trucks—1.1 fatalities per 100 million vehicle miles. However, the injury rate per 100 million vehicle miles is much lower for light trucks (77) than for cars (97).

Table 4.29
Light Vehicle Occupant Safety Data, 1975–2005

	1975	1980	1985	1990	1995	2000	2005
Cars							
Fatalities	25,929	27,449	23,212	24,092	22,423	20,699	18,440
Injuries (thousands)	^a	^a	^a	2,376	2,469	2,052	1,573
Vehicle-miles (billions) ^b	1,030	1,107	1,249	1,427	1,478	1,580	1,615
Rates per 100 million vehicle miles							
Fatalities	2.5	2.5	1.9	1.7	1.5	1.3	1.1
Injuries	^a	^a	^a	167	167	130	97
Light trucks (10,000 lbs. or less)							
Fatalities	4,856	7,486	6,689	8,601	9,568	11,526	12,975
Injuries (thousands)	^a	^a	^a	505	722	887	872
Vehicle-miles (billions) ^b	204	295	389	556	750	943	1,135
Rates per 100 million vehicle-miles							
Fatalities	2.4	2.5	1.7	1.5	1.3	1.2	1.1
Injuries	^a	^a	^a	91	96	94	77

Source:

U.S. DOT, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, *Traffic Safety Facts 2005*, Washington, DC, January 2007, Tables 7 and 8. (Additional resources: www.nhtsa.dot.gov)

^a Data are not available.

^b Vehicle-miles are estimated by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and do not match Federal Highway data.



In 2005, 38% of all car and light truck fatal crashes were single-vehicle crashes. Because there are so many cars on the roads compared to the other vehicle types, total car crashes are more than half of total crashes. Most crashes are multiple-vehicle crashes with property damage only.

Table 4.30
Crashes by Crash Severity, Crash Type, and Vehicle Type, 2005

Vehicle type	Fatal		Injury		Property damage only		Total crashes
	Single-vehicle crash	Multiple-vehicle crash	Single-vehicle crash	Multiple-vehicle crash	Single-vehicle crash	Multiple-vehicle crash	
Cars	9,561	15,468	306,000	1,588,000	695,000	3,474,000	6,088,029
Light trucks ^a	9,225	13,613	203,000	1,006,000	504,000	2,416,000	4,151,838
Large trucks ^b	852	4,080	10,000	72,000	102,000	252,000	440,932
Buses	100	178	1,000	11,000	6,000	32,000	50,278
Motorcycles	2,015	2,640	40,000	40,000	4,000	14,000	102,655
Total	21,753	35,979	560,000	2,717,000	1,311,000	6,188,000	10,833,732
Share	0.2%	0.3%	5.2%	25.1%	12.1%	57.1%	100%

Source:

U.S. Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, *Traffic Safety Facts 2005*, Washington, DC, January 2007, Tables 42, 44, 46, 50 and 52. (Additional resources: www.nhtsa.dot.gov)

Note: Multiple-vehicle crashes cannot be totaled over vehicle type due to duplication of accidents between vehicle types.

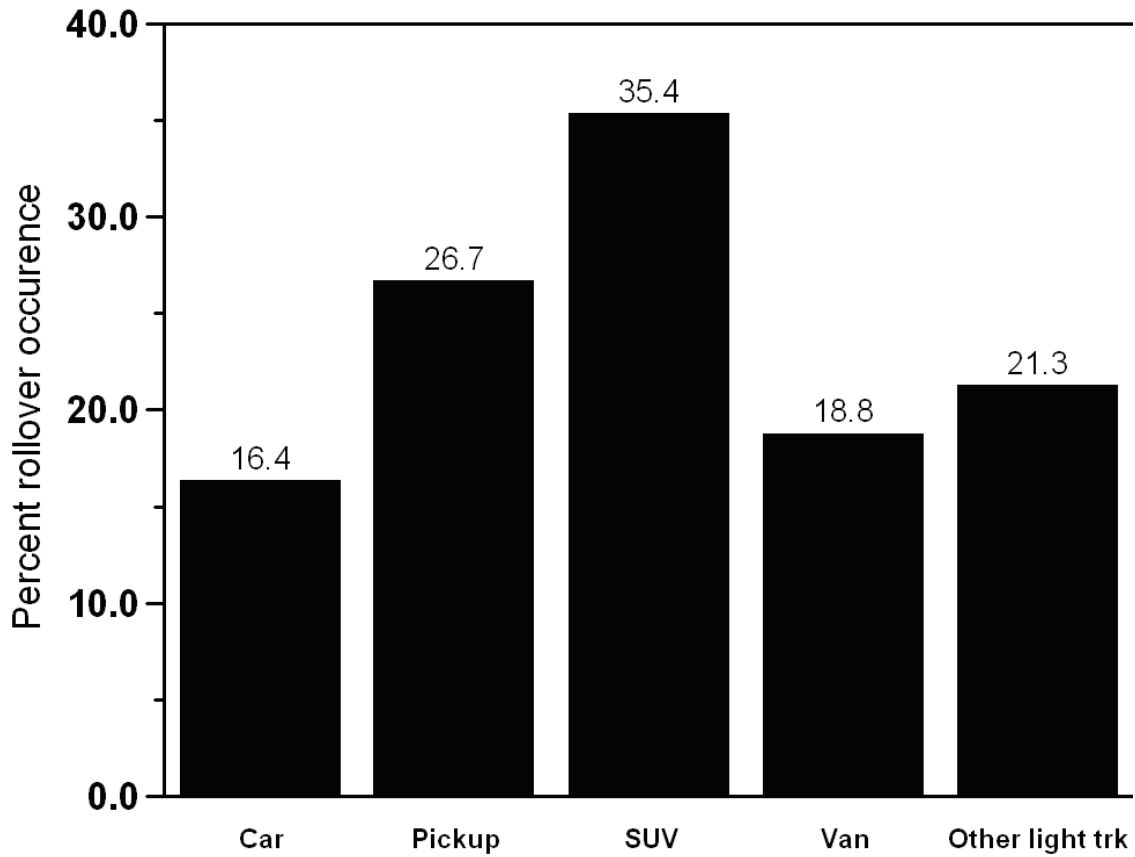
^a Trucks 10,000 pounds gross vehicle weight rating or less, including pickups, vans, and utility vehicles.

^b Trucks over 10,000 pounds gross vehicle weight rating including single-unit trucks and truck tractors.



For fatal crashes in 2005, sport-utility vehicles (SUVs) had the highest rollover rate (35.4%) while cars had the lowest (16.4%). This does not mean that the rollover caused the fatality, just that a vehicle in the crash rolled over.

Figure 4.10. Percent Rollover Occurrence in Fatal Crashes by Vehicle Type, 2005



Source:

U.S. Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, *Traffic Safety Facts 2005*, Washington, DC, January 2007, Table 37. (Additional resources: www.nhtsa.dot.gov)



Demand response (also called paratransit or dial-a-ride) and public vanpools are widely used by transit agencies. There are almost 49 thousand of these vehicles active in 2005.

Table 4.31
Summary Statistics on Light Transit Vehicles, 1994–2005^a

Year	Number of active vehicles	Vehicle-miles (millions)	Passenger-miles (millions)	Energy use (trillion Btu)
1994	31,090	490	781	9.8
1995	31,773	538	856	9.6
1996	33,472	588	958	10.2
1997	35,657	627	1,075	10.2
1998	33,481	721	1,103	10.9
1999	36,651	784	1,258	11.2
2000	37,957	826	1,274	11.4
2001	40,049	861	1,345	11.9
2002	40,691	879	1,336	12.3
2003	42,578	953	1,471	13.5 ^b
2004	42,993	975	1,448	14.1
2005 ^c	48,530	1,078	1,663	14.1
<i>Average annual percentage change</i>				
1994–2005	4.1%	7.4%	7.1%	3.4%

Source:

American Public Transit Association, *2007 Public Transportation Fact Book*, Washington, DC, April 2007, Tables 18, 12, 10, 59, 105, 107 and website tables. Historical van pool data are from earlier editions. (Additional resources: www.apta.com)

Note: See Glossary for detailed definitions of demand response and vanpool.

^a Includes demand response service and public van pools.

^b Significant increase in diesel consumption in demand response vehicles.

^c Preliminary data.

