



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF THE CENSUS

FORM
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1997 CENSUS OF TRANSPORTATION VEHICLE INVENTORY AND USE SURVEY

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CENSUS USE									
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▶ DUE DATE: 30 DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF FORM	
REGISTRATION INFORMATION	
Make of vehicle 101	Year of model 102
State 103	License number 104
Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) 105	
<i>See Survey Coverage below if you have questions about completing this report.</i>	
Please return completed form to: BUREAU OF THE CENSUS 1201 East Tenth Street Jeffersonville, IN 47132-0001	

(Please correct any errors in name, address, and ZIP Code.)

SURVEY COVERAGE

YOUR RESPONSE IS REQUIRED BY LAW. Title 13, United States Code, requires businesses, organizations, and residents that receive this questionnaire to answer the questions for the vehicle identified in the registration information section above and return the questionnaire to the Census Bureau. By the same law, **YOUR CENSUS REPORT IS CONFIDENTIAL.** It may be seen only by sworn Census Bureau employees and may be used only for statistical purposes.

The term "Truck" includes all pickups, panel trucks, vans, minivans, sport utility vehicles, jeeps, station wagons built on truck chassis, single-unit light, single-unit heavy, and truck tractors.

If you have questions about completing this report, please call or write the Census Bureau. In any communication be sure to refer to the 11-digit Census File Number (CFN) printed in the label above. Toll-free assistance is available, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday: 1-800-772-7851.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: All questions on this form refer to the vehicle described in the registration information section and its use during calendar year 1997, unless the vehicle was disposed of on or after July 1, 1996 and prior to January 1, 1997. If the vehicle was disposed of on or after July 1, 1996 and prior to January 1, 1997, please complete entire questionnaire, answering each item according to the vehicle's use during calendar year 1996. If the vehicle was disposed of prior to July 1, 1996, please complete items 1a, 1b, and 23 only.

It is very important that you read the instructions as you answer the questions. If exact figures are not available for all items, carefully prepared estimates are acceptable.

PLEASE NOTE – There may be errors in the registration information. If there are errors in the VIN, make, and model year registration information, or if the vehicle identified never was in your possession, do not complete the questionnaire. Return it to the Census Bureau, along with a note correcting the errors in the registration information. (For statistical reasons, we cannot accept any substitution for the sampled vehicle.)

NOTICE

Respondents are not required to respond to any information collection unless it displays a valid approval number from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The OMB 8-digit number appears in the upper right corner of this questionnaire. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average between 20 and 40 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Associate Director for Administration, Attn: Paperwork Reduction Project 0607-0830, Room 3104, Federal Building 3, Bureau of the Census, Washington, DC 20233-0001.

ITEM 1

- a. Is the vehicle identified in the Registration Information section (cover page) still in your possession?
- 110 1 ☐ Yes – Are you the – 111 1 ☐ owner? } GO to item 2 and continue with questionnaire
2 ☐ lessee? }
- 2 ☐ No – Continue with item 1b

- b. Did you dispose of this vehicle prior to July 1, 1996?
- 1 ☐ Yes – *Complete item 23 and return questionnaire*
- 2 ☐ No – *Continue with items 1c, 1d, and the remainder of the questionnaire*

c. When did you dispose of this vehicle? *Enter figures only*
(Example: If June 1997 – enter 06 97)

NOTE – If you disposed of this vehicle prior to January 1, 1997, answer each remaining item according to how the vehicle was used during calendar year 1996. If you disposed of this vehicle during calendar year 1997, answer each remaining item according to how the vehicle was used during calendar year 1997.

- d. How did you dispose of this vehicle?
- 115 1 ☐ Sold, traded, or gave it away 3 ☐ Returned to leasing company
- 2 ☐ Junked, scrapped, or otherwise destroyed

ITEM 2

When did you obtain this vehicle? *Enter figures only*
(Example: If June 1990 – enter 06 90)

ITEM 3

- How did you obtain this vehicle?
- 118 1 ☐ Purchased it new
- 2 ☐ Purchased it used (or otherwise acquired)
- 3 ☐ Leased or rented it FROM someone else

ITEM 4

- a. What is the body type of this vehicle?
- 300 ☐ Pickup
- 26 ☐ Minivan (For example: Aerostar, Silhouette, Voyager, Astro, etc.)
- 02 ☐ Van other than minivan
- 24 ☐ Sport utility (For example: Bronco, Blazer, Jeep (CJ-5 or 7), 4Runner, Pathfinder, etc.)
- 25 ☐ Station wagon built on truck chassis (For example: Suburban, Wagoneer, etc.)
- 80 ☐ Other – *If the above descriptions do not match the body type of this vehicle, please describe the body type in detail.* ↴

ITEM 5

- a. What is the total number of axles on this vehicle (power unit) including front and rear axles?
Do not include axles on any trailers pulled.
- 301 1 ☐ Two axles (each axle has 2 tires) 5 ☐ Other – Please specify Axles
2 ☐ Two axles (front axle has 2 tires, rear axle has 4 tires)
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- b. How many of the axles on this vehicle (power unit) are driving (powered) axles?
- 303 1 ☐ One driving axle 4 ☐ Other –Please specify Driving axles
2 ☐ Two driving axles

ITEM 6

- a. Were any trailers attached for more than 50 percent of the vehicle's annual miles?
- 304 1 ☐ Yes – Continue with items 6b and 6c below
- 2 ☐ No – GO to item 7a

- b. How many axles were on the trailer unit MOST OFTEN ATTACHED to the vehicle? *Do not include axles on the power unit.*

- c. What was the total length of the trailer unit MOST OFTEN ATTACHED to the vehicle?



ITEM 7

- a. What was the EMPTY weight of this vehicle as it was usually operated? (If a trailer was pulled for more than 50 percent of the vehicle's annual miles, include weight of trailer.) An estimate is acceptable.

Mark (X) ONE box only.

313 1 ☐ Less than 6,001 pounds

2 ☐ Other – Please specify ³¹⁴ _____ Pounds

- b. What was the AVERAGE weight (empty weight plus cargo weight) of this vehicle as it was usually operated? (If a trailer was pulled for more than 50 percent of the vehicle's annual miles, include weight of trailer and cargo.) An estimate is acceptable.

Mark (X) ONE box only.

315 1 ☐ Less than 6,001 pounds

4 ☐ 14,001 to 16,000 pounds

2 ☐ 6,001 to 10,000 pounds

5 ☐ 16,001 to 19,500 pounds

3 ☐ 10,001 to 14,000 pounds

6 ☐ Other – Please specify ³¹⁶ _____ Pounds

ITEM 8

How many weeks during 1997 was this vehicle operated? An estimate is acceptable.

NOTE – If vehicle was disposed of on or after July 1, 1996, but prior to January 1, 1997, check number of weeks operated during 1996.

Mark (X) ONE box only.

400 01 ☐ 49 to 52 weeks

06 ☐ 29 to 32 weeks

11 ☐ 9 to 12 weeks

02 ☐ 45 to 48 weeks

07 ☐ 25 to 28 weeks

12 ☐ 5 to 8 weeks

03 ☐ 41 to 44 weeks

08 ☐ 21 to 24 weeks

13 ☐ 1 to 4 weeks

04 ☐ 37 to 40 weeks

09 ☐ 17 to 20 weeks

14 ☐ Less than 1 week

05 ☐ 33 to 36 weeks

10 ☐ 13 to 16 weeks

ITEM 9

Miles

How many miles was this vehicle driven during 1997? An estimate is acceptable.

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NOTE – If vehicle was disposed of during 1997, only enter mileage driven during 1997. If vehicle was disposed of on or after July 1, 1996, but prior to January 1, 1997, enter mileage driven during 1996.

ITEM 10

Miles

How many miles has this vehicle been driven since it was manufactured?

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NOTE – If it is no longer in your possession, please estimate the total lifetime mileage at the time you last operated it. If the odometer/speedometer is broken, please give your best estimate. If the odometer has turned over (100,000+ miles), please enter the total figure. (Example: If a 100,000 mile odometer has turned over twice and the odometer reads 18,522, then the value is 218,522.)

ITEM 11

- a. Was this vehicle or vehicle/trailer combination used ONLY for consumer one-way truck rental?

403 1 ☐ Yes – GO to item 13

2 ☐ No – Continue with items 11b and 11c

- b. Where was the home base of this vehicle on July 1, 1997?

NOTE – "Home base" is the location where the vehicle was usually parked when it was not on the road. If this vehicle was put into service after July 1, 1997, enter current home base.

City

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County

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State

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ZIP Code

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- c. What was the type of home base?

Mark (X) ONE box only.

408 1 ☐ Residential or farm – Location is a private residence.

2 ☐ Terminal and administrative location – Private, business or commercial trucking operations, and administrative duties and functions (i.e., accounting, payroll, etc.) are conducted at this location.

3 ☐ Terminal and maintenance facilities for business, private, or commercial freight transportation – Location is engaged in the usual business operations of terminal facilities used by highway-type property carrying vehicles. Administrative duties and functions (i.e., accounting, payroll, etc.) are not conducted at this location.

4 ☐ Corporate headquarters – Location conducts administrative duties and functions ONLY. This location does not conduct usual business, private or commercial trucking operations, or related activities of that business.

5 ☐ Other – Please specify _____

ITEM 12		Percent
What percent of 1997 mileage was driven OUTSIDE the home base State? <i>An estimate is acceptable. (If none, enter zero.)</i>		409 %
NOTE – "Home base State" is the State where the vehicle was usually parked when it was not on the road.		
ITEM 13		
What approximate PERCENT of this vehicle's 1997 mileage was accounted for by the type of trips listed below? <i>If all trips were within one range, enter 100%. If more than one range applies, please make sure that percents total 100%.</i>		Percent
NOTE – <i>If this vehicle is used for consumer one-way truck rental, report average range of operation.</i>		
Trips off-the-road, little travel on public roads		410 %
Trips less than 50 miles from vehicle's home base		411 %
Trips between 50 and 100 miles from vehicle's home base		412 %
Trips between 100 and 200 miles from vehicle's home base		413 %
Trips between 200 and 500 miles from vehicle's home base		414 %
Trips beyond 500 miles of vehicle's home base		415 %
TOTAL →		100%
ITEM 14		
How many miles-per-gallon (MPG) did this vehicle average during 1997? <i>An estimate is acceptable.</i> <i>Mark (X) ONE box only.</i>		
417 1 ☐ Less than 5 MPG	5 ☐ 11 to 12 MPG	9 ☐ 19 to 20 MPG
2 ☐ 5 to 6 MPG	6 ☐ 13 to 14 MPG	10 ☐ 21 to 24 MPG
3 ☐ 7 to 8 MPG	7 ☐ 15 to 16 MPG	11 ☐ 25 to 29 MPG
4 ☐ 9 to 10 MPG	8 ☐ 17 to 18 MPG	12 ☐ 30 MPG or more
ITEM 15		
What kind of fuel does this vehicle use? <i>Mark (X) ONE box only.</i>		
418 1 ☐ Leaded gasoline	4 ☐ Liquefied gas (Petroleum (LPG) or Natural (LNG))	
2 ☐ Unleaded gasoline	5 ☐ Other – Please specify	
3 ☐ Diesel		
ITEM 16		
Does this vehicle have any of the following? <i>Mark (X) all that apply.</i>		
421 ☐ Radial tires	432 ☐ On-board computer/electronic vehicle management system	438 ☐ Front-wheel drive
422 ☐ Power steering		439 ☐ Wheelchair lift
423 ☐ Air-conditioning	437 ☐ Vehicle control aids for handicapped drivers	517 ☐ Air bag(s)
425 ☐ Antilock brakes		
ITEM 17		
Who performed the general maintenance and major overhauls on this vehicle? <i>Mark (X) all that apply.</i>		
Yourself Your company's own maintenance facilities Dealership's service department Leasing company Independent garage or private mechanic (includes gasoline or service stations) Component distributorship (engine, transmission, etc.) No one Other – Please specify 	General maintenance 440 ☐ 441 ☐ 442 ☐ 443 ☐ 444 ☐ 445 ☐ 446 ☐ 447 ☐	Major overhauls 448 ☐ 449 ☐ 450 ☐ 451 ☐ 452 ☐ 453 ☐ 454 ☐ 455 ☐

**ITEM 18**

Which of the following best describes the way this vehicle was MOST OFTEN used?

Mark (X) ONE box only.

NOTE — If this vehicle was operated for business use and personal transportation, please check MIXED and indicate approximately what percent was business and what percent was personal transportation. If this vehicle was operated as a private carrier with for-hire authorization (i.e., backhauls, trip leasing), please check MIXED and indicate approximately what percent was business use and what percent was for-hire.

- 500 1 ☐ Business use – Operated by and for a private business (including self-employers) or a company; used in related activities of that business (including transportation of employees)
- 2 ☐ Personal transportation – Operated as a personal-use vehicle for pleasure driving, travel to work, carpool, etc. (NO BUSINESS USE) – GO to item 22 (Remarks)
- 3 ☐ For-hire
- 4 ☐ Daily rental (Not motor carrier)

5 ☐ Mixed Percent business use %

 Percent personal use %

 Percent for-hire (includes private carriage with for-hire authorization,
i.e., backhauls, trip leasing) %

Percent	
501	%
502	%
503	%
TOTAL → 100%	

ITEM 19

Which of the following best describes your business (or the part of your business for which the vehicle was used)? If vehicle was leased, indicate business of lessee.

Mark (X) ONE box only.

- 518 01 ☐ Agricultural or farming activities (including fisheries)
- 02 ☐ Forestry or lumbering activities
- 03 ☐ Construction work – Buildings, homes, roads, structures, etc.
- 04 ☐ Contractor activities or special trades – Painting, plumbing, electrical work, masonry, carpentry, etc.
- 05 ☐ Manufacturing, refining, or processing activities
- 06 ☐ Wholesale trade
- 07 ☐ Retail trade
- 08 ☐ Business and personal services – Used to assist in such services as lodging operations, landscaping, repair (except plumbing, electrical work, etc. – See "Contractor Activities"), laundry, advertising, entertainment, etc.
- 09 ☐ Utilities – Used to assist in operation or service of public utilities (telephone, gas, electric, cable television, etc.)
- 10 ☐ Mining or quarry activities (includes well drilling) – Used to assist in the extraction of natural resources or in hauling to processors
- 11 ☐ Daily rental – Rented out, without a driver, to someone else on a daily or short-term basis
- 16 ☐ One-way rental
- 13 ☐ Not in use – Vehicle idle, wrecked, awaiting repair, etc., for more than 6 months
- 14 ☐ For-hire transportation – Including small package delivery
- 15 ☐ Other – Please describe in detail _____

ITEM 20

From the following list of products, materials, and equipment, indicate which item or items this vehicle carried. Write in the percent of the vehicle's 1997 mileage that was accounted for while carrying loads and while empty including backhauls, trip leasing, etc. Please make sure percents total 100%.

NOTE – If you carried only one product, type of equipment, etc., during 1997, enter the percent of mileage while carrying this item.

If you carried more than one product, enter the percents beside the appropriate items. You can use round figures (10%, 25%, etc.). You DO NOT need to account for every single item the vehicle carried during 1997, just include those that accounted for at least 5% of the mileage.

If the vehicle is involved in some kind of business use, but does not carry any products or equipment, enter 100% in NO LOAD, item 20a.

Please be sure to account for miles driven empty in item 20a below.

If the vehicle is involved in some kind of shuttle services (carrying employees, van pool riders, etc.), enter 100% in PASSENGER TRANSPORTATION item 20b.

	Percent
a. NO LOAD – Vehicle empty	519 %
b. PASSENGER TRANSPORTATION – (For employees, van pool riders, or other transportation shuttle service)	520 %
c. PRODUCTS, EQUIPMENT, MATERIALS, ETC.	521
(1) Agricultural and food products	
(a) Live animals – Cattle, horses, poultry, hogs, live seafood, insects, etc.	522 %
(b) Fresh farm products – Grain, crops, eggs, flowers, nursery stock, raw milk, raw tobacco, etc.	523 %
(c) Processed foods and tobacco products – Canned goods, prepared meats, frozen foods, beverages, bottled water, dairy products, cigarettes, etc.	524 %
(d) Animal feed – Prepared feed and feed ingredients for animals	525 %
(2) Mining products – Crude oil, coal, metal ores	526 %
(3) Building materials – Gravel, sand, concrete, flat glass, etc. (except cut lumber – See "Lumber.")	527 %
(4) Forestry, wood, and paper products	
(a) Logs and forest products – Except cut lumber and fabricated wood products (See below.)	528 %
(b) Lumber and fabricated wood products – Except furniture (See (7) below.)	529 %
(c) Paper and paper products	530 %
(5) Chemicals, petroleum, and allied products	
(a) Chemicals and/or drugs (including fertilizers, pesticides, cosmetics, paints, etc.)	531 %
(b) Petroleum and petroleum products (including paving and roofing materials)	532 %
(c) Plastics and/or rubber products	533 %
(6) Metals and metal products	
(a) Primary metal products – Pipes, ingots, billets, sheets, etc.	534 %
(b) Fabricated metal products – Except machinery or transportation equipment (See below.)	535 %
(c) Machinery – Electrical or non-electrical and electronic	536 %
(d) Transportation equipment (including complete vehicles) and parts	537 %
(7) Other manufactured products	
(a) Furniture (wood and nonwood) and/or hardware – Not involved in household moving	538 %
(b) Glass products	539 %
(c) Textiles and apparel – Fibers, leather goods, carpets, clothing, etc.	540 %
(d) Miscellaneous products of manufacturing – Including photographic goods, watches, clocks, jewelry, and toys	541 %
(8) Miscellaneous and mixed cargo	
(a) Moving of household and office furniture – From home, offices, etc., under contract	542 %
(b) Miscellaneous tools and/or parts for specialized use, as in a craftsman's vehicle – traveling workshop for plumbers, carpenters, road service crews, etc.	543 %
(c) Mixed cargo (including the delivery of small packages)	544 %
(d) Scrap (not for recycling), garbage, trash, septic tank waste	545 %
(e) Industrial "waste" water	546 %
(f) Hazardous waste (EPA manifest)	547 %
(g) Hazardous waste (non-EPA manifest)	548 %
(h) Recyclable products	549 %
(9) Other (not elsewhere classified) – Please describe in detail. 	%
TOTAL – No load, passenger transportation, plus products carried should total 100% →	100%

**ITEM 21**

Please indicate below the total number of trucks, truck tractors (power units), and trailers owned and/or operated by you or your company.

NOTE — Trucks refer to pickups, small vans (including mini-vans), and straight trucks. Trailers refer to semi and/or full trailers. Do not include utility trailers. Subsidiaries of companies should report fleet size for the respective subsidiary only.

Mark (X) ONE box only.

600	01	☐ 1	06	☐ 100 to 499
	02	☐ 2 to 5	07	☐ 500 to 999
	03	☐ 6 to 9	08	☐ 1,000 to 4,999
	04	☐ 10 to 24	09	☐ 5,000 to 9,999
	05	☐ 25 to 99	10	☐ 10,000 or more

ITEM 22

Remarks – Please use this space for any explanations that may be important in understanding your reported data.

ITEM 23**Contact Information**

a. Name of person to contact regarding this report			b. Address (Number and street)		
c. City			d. State	e. ZIP Code	
f. Daytime telephone number →	Area code	Number	Extension (If any)	g. If this vehicle has a fleet number, please enter it here	
h. Signature of authorized person			i. Title		j. Date