
2007/2008 Household Travel Survey Data Files and Documentation

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Survey Data Files for TPB Modeled Area

- **Four Survey Data Files**
 - ➔ Household File - (11, 436 Records)
 - ➔ Vehicle File – (20,177 Records)
 - ➔ Person File – (25,179 Records)
 - ➔ Trip File – (87,926 Records)
- **All files are ascii, comma-delimited (.csv) format**
- **Trip File can be linked to other survey data files by Household Sample Number, Person ID Number, and Household Vehicle Number**

Technical Documentation Outline

- **1.0 – Introduction**
- **2.0 – Survey Methodology**
- **3.0 – Survey Processing**
- **4.0 - Trip Linking Procedures**
- **5.0 – Survey Weighting**
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2.0 – Survey Methodology

- **Survey Design**
- **Survey Pre-Test**
- **Sample Selection**
- **Household Recruitment**
- **Travel Survey/Activity Diaries**
- **Reminder Calls**
- **Person Interviews and Retrieval of Travel/Activity Data**
- **GPS Add-On Data Collection**
- **Survey Response Rates**

3.0 - Survey Processing

- **NuStats CATI System**
- **Survey Geocoding and Interim Data Deliveries**
- **Survey Logic and Edit Checks**
 - No Reported Travel Check
 - Modal Edit Checks
 - Travel Time/Speed/Distance Checks
 - Identification of “Moved” Households”
 - Trip Purpose Consistency Checks

4.0 – Trip Linking Procedures

- **Trip Linking Hierarchy**
 - Metrorail – Commuter Rail – Commuter Bus – Local Bus – Auto Pass – Auto Driver – Bike – Walk
- **Incidental Stops v. Served Passenger Trips**
 - Pick-Up/Drop Off Someone or Something Problem
 - Daycare Trip Purpose
 - Gas Station Stops
 - “Quick Stop” Problem
- **Airport and Inter-City Rail and Bus Trips**
- **Trips to External and Parking Point Locations**

5.0 - Survey Weighting

- **(A) Postal Carrier Route Household Counts by Jurisdiction/Area Type Stratum**
 - Average of 4 Quarterly Household Counts adjusted for incomplete sample frame coverage
- **(B) Proportion of Households of each Sample Type in each Stratum**
- **(C) Proportion of Household Recruitment Letters by Sample Type delivered in each Stratum**
- **(D) Number of Completed Household Travel Survey Interviews by Sample Type in each Stratum**
- **(E) Household Size Adjustment Factor**
- **Survey Weight Factor = $\frac{((A*B)*C)}{D} * E$**

6.0 – Expanded Household and Population Total Checks

- **Expanded Households Totals are within 0.3% of the Census ACS 2007 Household Estimate**
- **The Expanded Survey Household Size Distribution also matches the ACS Household Size Distribution**
- **Expanded Household Population Totals are 5.4% lower than 2007 ACS Estimate**
- **The 2007 ACS Household Population Estimate for the TPB modeled area is inconsistent with the 2007 ACS Household Size Distribution for this same area**
- **The HTS survey data may require some re-weighting once the results of the 2010 Census become available.**

Technical Appendices

- **Appendix A – Survey Advance Letter**
- **Appendix B – Household Questionnaire**
- **Appendix C – CATI Recruitment Script**
- **Appendix D – Trip Diary**
- **Appendix E – CATI Retrieval Script**
- **Appendix F – Household File Format**
- **Appendix G - Vehicle File Format**
- **Appendix H – Person File Format**
- **Appendix I – Trip File Format**
- **Appendix J – Household File Frequencies**
- **Appendix K - Vehicle File Frequencies**
- **Appendix L – Person File Frequencies**
- **Appendix M – Trip File Frequencies**