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a. Title

1. *Name of Survey:* 1995 New York NPTS: A Comparison Study
2. *Year:* 1995
3. *Geographic Area:* New York State
4. *Investigating Org.:* New York DOT

b. Principle Investigator

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c. Abstract:

In 1969, the U. S. Department of Transportation began collecting detailed data on personal travel to address various transportation planning issues. These issues range from alternative transportation investment programs to developing new technologies to alleviate congestion. This 1969 survey was the birth of the Nationwide Personal Transportation Survey (NPTS). The survey was conducted again in 1977, 1983, 1990 and 1995. In the 1995 survey, New York state procured an additional sample of more than 10,000 households, increasing the final NY NPTS sample size to a total of 11,004 households. The additional sampled households allow New York state to address transportation planning issues pertinent to geographic areas significantly smaller than what the national NPTS data are intended for. Specifically, this larger sample size enables detailed analysis of twelve individual Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs).

Travel data for the entire New York state were compared to those of the rest of the country with respect to personal travel behavior and key travel determinants. Next, the influence of New York City data on the comparisons of the state of New York to the rest of the country was examined. The analysis also examined the relationship between population density and travel patterns, and the similarities and differences among New York MPOs. This report does not address, however, the causes of the differences.

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d. Additional Information:

e. Grant/Sponsor Information:

f. Data Information

Type of Data

1. *Qualitative or Quantitative?:* Both
2. *Collection Method:* Telephone interview (CATI)
3. *Travel Journal kept?:* No
4. *Confidential information?:* None
 - a) *Pseudonyms?:* No pseudonyms used
5. *Copyright data?* No

Data Description

1. *Area Studied:*
New York State
2. *Group studied:* Households
3. *Universe of Study:*
The NPTS collected travel data from the civilian, non-institutionalized population of the United States. People living in college dormitories, nursing homes, other medical institutions, prisons, and on military bases were excluded from the sample. All household members age 5 or older were eligible to be interviewed. For children ages 5 through 13, an adult member of the household reported for them.
4. *Number of Households:* 11,004
5. *Number of Entries:* 65,535
6. *Study Period:* 5/1/1995 - 6/1/1996
7. *Collection Period:* 5/1/1995 - 8/1/1996
8. *Data:*
5 spreadsheets – Household, Location, Person, Trip, and Vehicle
9. *Smallest data unit:* Household member
10. *Smallest geo-unit:* County
11. *Sampling Method:* Review documentation
12. *Response Rate:* Unknown
13. *Measure Tool:* N/A
14. *Weights:* Please see documentation