

Motor Transport Traffic.*—Surveys of motor transport traffic in all provinces were placed on a continuing basis in 1957. Approximately 3 p.c. of total registrations were sampled for surveys of truck operations during each quarter of 1960. Each quarterly sample was spread over three survey weeks with one-third of the sample being used for a seven-day period (Sunday through Saturday) per month.

Excluding vehicles that do not perform normal transportation services, such as cranes, tow trucks, road building equipment, etc., the average number of trucks licensed in Canada during the year 1960 was 909,400. Of these, 6.0 p.c. were for-hire carriers, 20.4 p.c. were private intercity trucks, 39.8 p.c. were private trucks operated predominantly within urban areas, and 33.7 p.c. were farm trucks. Almost one-third of the total number were registered in Ontario and one-half were registered in the two provinces of Ontario and Quebec.

14.—Average Truck Population, by Type of Operation and Province, 1959 and 1960

Type of Operation	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	British Columbia	Canada
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1959								
For-hire.....	2,587	13,968	19,755	1,387	1,830	9,000	5,968	54,495
Private—								
Intercity.....	37,123	33,927	71,447	3,063	11,813	17,661	36,281	211,315
Urban.....	17,448	74,109	129,087	22,856	9,657	22,707	41,918	317,782
Farm.....	13,879	35,760	63,326	31,781	80,560	66,972	12,605	304,883
Totals, 1959.....	71,037	157,764	283,615	59,087	103,860	116,340	96,772	888,475
1960								
For-hire.....	2,075	13,700	20,741	1,500	1,600	9,400	6,000	55,016
Private—								
Intercity.....	36,262	29,353	61,956	2,700	8,618	18,760	28,270	185,919
Urban.....	21,971	86,947	137,550	23,700	12,782	25,340	53,555	361,845
Farm.....	11,692	35,500	62,253	32,600	81,400	71,000	12,175	306,620
Totals, 1960.....	72,000	165,500	282,500	60,500	104,400	124,500	100,000	909,400

Canadian registered trucks travelled 6,432,000,000 miles in Canada during 1960, of which mileage 22 p.c. was accounted for by for-hire trucks, 34 p.c. by private intercity vehicles, 30 p.c. by urban trucks and 14 p.c. by farm trucks.

For-hire trucks averaged 193,700 net ton-miles per vehicle and, although amounting to only 6.1 p.c. of total registrations, they accounted for 66 p.c. of the total net ton-miles performed by all commercial trucks in Canada, a result of the comparatively high average yearly mileage of for-hire trucks and also of the heavier average load carried (10.3 tons as compared with an average of 5.0 tons for all trucks). The predominance of heavier vehicles in the for-hire group also explains the low mileage per gallon of gasoline of 6.1 as compared with an average of 9.8 for all vehicles.

* Statistics are given in more detail in DBS annual reports *Motor Transport Traffic Statistics* for Canada and the provinces (Catalogue Nos. 53-207-53-214).