



HIGHLIGHTS

Are Canadians always on the go? More than 21.3 million revenue passengers in Canada travelled by train in 1982, more than 24.4 million by scheduled and charter air services and about 31 million on the intercity bus system.

Almost 60% of all transportation activity is in urban areas, where the majority of the population lives. About four-fifths of all urban travel is by private automobile.

An estimated 6.7 million Canadians travel to work each day in 5.6 million automobiles. About 1.4 million commute by public transportation, with the largest concentration in Montréal, Toronto and Ottawa-Hull.

In freight handling, railways are indispensable for carrying bulk commodities. Pipelines compete as an alternative for transporting oil and gas products. Trucks are the most versatile goods-moving vehicles, not bound by tracks or waterways.

Growth of containerization has added momentum to the integration of railway, highway and water transport.

Because of Canada's size, geography and dependence on trade, water transport has always played a dominant role in the economic system.