Metropolitan Travel Survey Archive

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Project Objectives

Collect household travel surveys from regions across the country and make them publicly available.
Convert surveys to standard Survey Documentation and Analysis (SDA) format to allow online analysis of surveys.
Collected surveys will be added to existing survey archive

Archive hosted by the University of Minnesota  www.surveyarchive.org

Currently host 58 surveys from 28 metropolitan areas spanning 40 years
Typical users of survey archive

Researchers, students, planners

Survey analysis provides an understanding of underlying travel patterns in a region and changes in travel patterns over time
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Surveys are important resources that provide us with valuable information about travel preferences or change in travel behavior of people, over a period of time, across the population. Surveys entail large investment both in terms of time and money. In order to maintain these valuable resources the Bureau of Transportation Statistics and the Federal Highway Administration, both part of United States Department of Transportation, have funded a project at the University of Minnesota to develop a Metropolitan Travel Survey Archive to store, preserve, and make publicly available, via the internet, travel surveys conducted by metropolitan areas, states and localities.

Work has continued on the project over the past three years and as a result of cooperation from several agencies, we now have been able to post databases along with relevant documentation for many regions, see ARCHIVE. The databases and the documentation can be obtained from this website. In addition to making these databases publicly available, we are also in the process of converting all the databases to a common format to enhance the readability and usability of each survey, so many surveys can be used online, see ANALYZE.

Unfortunately, to the best of our knowledge, data for some of the surveys seems to have been lost. Further, there exist surveys for which we still have not been able to obtain data. We have listed these surveys as SOUGHT. We would be extremely grateful if you could help us locate data for the lost and sought surveys or for others that have not been listed on the website.

The results from the first year of the project, along with issues related to archiving travel survey data are provided in our REPORT 1. The results from the second year of the project, along with issues related to archiving travel survey data are provided in our REPORT 2. Archives of key papers by travel survey researcher Yaacov ZAHAVI are also provided here.

For any questions, clarifications or information related to the project, you can CONTACT the principal investigator Dr. David Levinson.
Phase III started in Fall 2008

Objective is to collect travel surveys conducted between 2002 and 2008

And collect any prior surveys that couldn’t be obtained in the previous part of the study

Convert the collected surveys to SDA format and then host online
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