

Standard Rates and Values for Modeling

Trip Generation

Trip Purpose

Purpose	Triangle Survey*	Triad Survey*	Charlotte Region*	National
HBW	22%	20%	19%	18 - 25%
HBO	46%	49%		47 - 58%
NHB	32%	31%		18 - 28%
Non-HBW			81%	

*Incorporates urban and non-urban households

Vehicle Trip Production Rates

Housing Classification	1995 Triangle Household Survey	Triad Survey	National Data [FHWA]
Excellent	9.4*	9.3	11.2
Above Average	9.4*	9.1	11.2
Average	8.3	7.7	8.3
Below Average	6.2*	6.3	5.4
Poor	6.2*	5.7	5.4
All Dwelling Units	7.8	7.4 – 8.0	7.8

*Categories had to be combined to achieve a statistically significant sample

Validation of Production Rates

- Calculate total trips by purpose and compare to values in table.
- Calculate total vehicle trips per household or per capita and compare to values in table.
- Calculate trip rate per capita (total trips/population). This value should be over 3.0 and generally in the range of 3.5 – 4.0. [Source: FHWA, *Model Validation and Reasonableness Checking Manual*, June 2001]

*Vehicle Trip Attraction Rates**

Employment Type	HBW	HBO	NHB	IX
Industry	1.2	0.63	1.1	0.34
Retail	1.2	3.4	1.0	0.49
Highway Retail	1.2	4.2	4.0	0.28
Office	1.2	1.2	1.1	0.28
Service	1.2	2.0	1.9	0.28
Dwelling Units	0	0.9	0.13	0.33

*Rates obtained from 1995 Triangle Household Survey

Validation of Attraction Rates

- Evaluate for reasonable relationships.
- Compare to other areas with observed travel data.
- Review home-based work trip attractions per total employment.
- Review home-based school trips per school enrollment (if used.)
- Review home-based shopping trips per retail employment (if used.)

Validation of NHB Trips Made by Non-Residents (NHB secondary trips)

- The assumption is made that non-residents behave similarly to residents of the region and therefore make non-home based trips at a rate similar to that of residents.

Balancing Productions and Attractions

- The ratio of regionwide productions to attractions for each trip purpose should be between 0.9 and 1.1.
- The ratio of region wide total productions to attractions should be between 0.9 and 1.1.