Table 4. Mode of Transportation, Distance and Time Traveled to School for Elementary and High School Students, by Residence and Race: October 1978

(Numbers in thousands. Civilian noninstitutional population. For meaning of symbols, see text)

Grade, race, mode, distance, and time	United States	Metropolitan areas					Nonmetropolitan areas
		Total	Central cities			Outside central cities	
			Total	In SMSA's of 1 million or more	In SMSA's of less than 1 million		
ENROLLED IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL							
Mode of transportation to school:							
Total	28,490	18,710	7,479	3,790	3,689	11,232	9,780
Walk	9,791	7,744	4,034	2,392	1,642	3,710	2,048
Car	4,605	3,019	1,424	591	832	1,595	1,586
School bus	12,674	6,947	1,519	516	1,004	5,428	5,727
Public bus	425	337	263	196	68	74	88
Bicycle	570	372	100	25	75	272	198
Other mode and not reported	91	49	27	16	11	22	43
Living away from home and NA	335	243	112	53	58	132	92
Percent distribution:							
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Walk	34.4	41.4	53.9	63.1	44.5	33.0	20.9
Car	16.2	16.1	19.0	15.6	22.6	14.2	16.2
School bus	44.5	37.1	20.3	13.6	27.2	48.3	58.6
Public bus	1.5	1.8	3.5	5.2	1.8	0.7	0.9
Bicycle	2.0	2.0	1.3	0.7	2.0	2.4	2.0
Other mode and not reported	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.4
Living away from home and NA	1.2	1.3	1.5	1.4	1.6	1.2	0.9
Distance traveled:[1]							
Percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Less than 1 mile	41.3	47.3	57.6	63.8	51.1	40.5	29.9
1 mile	11.5	12.5	12.8	12.8	12.8	12.3	9.7
2 miles	13.3	13.7	10.8	8.1	13.6	15.6	12.5
3 to 4 miles	14.2	12.9	9.2	7.6	10.9	15.3	16.7
5 to 9 miles	13.2	9.5	6.7	5.6	7.9	11.4	20.2
10 to 14 miles	4.1	2.6	1.7	1.3	2.1	3.2	6.9
15 miles or more	2.4	1.5	1.2	0.7	1.7	1.6	4.2
Median (miles)	1.8	1.2	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	1.8	2.8
Time traveled:[1]							
Percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Less than 15 minutes	56.8	61.6	67.6	69.9	65.2	57.6	47.6
15 to 29 minutes	26.7	26.4	22.3	21.3	23.3	29.2	27.3
30 to 59 minutes	14.5	10.9	8.8	7.5	10.1	12.3	21.4
60 minutes or more	2.0	1.1	1.3	1.3	1.3	0.9	3.7
White							
Mode of transportation to school:							
Total	23,524	15,040	4,849	2,099	2,751	10,191	8,484
Walk	7,560	5,765	2,499	1,273	1,226	3,266	1,796
Car	4,069	2,602	1,139	420	718	1,463	1,467
School bus	10,801	5,944	933	276	657	5,011	4,858
Public bus	248	178	116	76	40	61	71
Bicycle	536	349	86	19	67	262	187
Other mode and not reported	75	35	16	8	8	20	39
Living away from home and NA	236	168	61	25	36	107	68
Percent distribution:							
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Walk	32.1	38.3	51.5	60.6	44.6	32.0	21.2
Car	17.3	17.3	23.5	20.0	26.1	14.4	17.3
School bus	45.9	39.5	19.2	13.1	23.9	49.2	57.3
Public bus	1.1	1.2	2.4	3.6	1.5	0.6	0.8
Bicycle	2.3	2.3	1.8	0.9	2.4	2.6	2.2
Other mode and not reported	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.5
Living away from home and NA	1.0	1.1	1.3	1.2	1.3	1.0	0.8
Distance traveled:[1]							
Percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Less than 1 mile	40.1	45.6	57.7	63.7	53.1	39.8	30.3
1 mile	11.6	12.7	13.3	13.8	12.9	12.5	9.5
2 miles	13.6	14.5	11.6	8.4	14.1	15.9	12.0
3 to 4 miles	14.5	13.2	8.7	7.0	10.0	15.4	16.7
5 to 9 miles	13.6	9.8	6.0	5.0	6.8	11.5	20.4
10 to 14 miles	4.2	2.8	1.7	1.5	1.9	3.3	6.7
15 miles or more	2.5	1.5	1.0	0.6	1.2	1.7	4.3
Median (miles)	1.9	1.3	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	1.8	2.8
Time traveled:[1]							
Percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Less than 15 minutes	56.8	61.4	70.4	72.0	69.3	57.1	48.7
15 to 29 minutes	26.8	27.0	21.6	21.0	22.0	29.6	26.6
30 to 59 minutes	14.4	10.6	7.0	5.9	7.9	12.3	21.1
60 minutes or more	1.9	1.0	0.9	1.1	0.8	1.0	3.6

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Table 4. Mode of Transportation, Distance and Time Traveled to School for Elementary and High School Students, by Residence and Race: October 1978—Continued

(Numbers in thousands. Civilian noninstitutional population. For meaning of symbols, see text)

Grade, race, mode, distance, and time	United States	Metropolitan areas					Nonmetropolitan areas
		Total	Central cities			Outside central cities	
			Total	In SMSA's of 1 million or more	In SMSA's of less than 1 million		
Black							
Mode of transportation to school:							
Total	4,357	3,221	2,405	1,528	877	816	1,135
Walk	1,985	1,763	1,426	1,036	391	337	222
Car	416	319	229	132	98	90	97
School bus	1,700	914	560	218	342	354	786
Public bus	149	139	129	107	22	10	11
Bicycle	13	8	3	3	-	5	5
Other mode and not reported	15	11	11	8	3	-	4
Living away from home and NA	78	66	45	26	21	20	12
Percent distribution:							
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Walk	45.6	54.7	59.3	67.8	44.6	41.3	19.6
Car	9.5	9.9	9.5	8.6	11.2	11.0	8.5
School bus	39.0	28.4	23.3	14.3	39.0	43.4	69.3
Public bus	3.4	4.3	5.4	7.0	2.5	1.2	1.0
Bicycle	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	-	0.6	0.4
Other mode and not reported	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.3	-	0.4
Living away from home and NA	1.8	2.0	1.9	1.7	2.4	2.5	1.1
Distance traveled:[1]							
Percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Less than 1 mile	46.8	54.1	57.4	64.0	45.8	44.3	26.6
1 mile	11.2	11.4	11.1	10.9	11.3	12.1	10.9
2 miles	11.6	10.1	9.3	7.7	12.1	12.6	15.8
3 to 4 miles	12.9	11.7	10.5	8.9	13.2	15.4	16.2
5 to 9 miles	11.8	9.2	8.3	6.4	11.5	11.6	19.3
10 to 14 miles	3.5	2.0	1.7	1.1	2.7	2.9	7.9
15 miles or more	2.0	1.6	1.7	0.8	3.3	1.1	3.3
Median (miles)	1.3	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	1.4	1.5	2.8
Time traveled:[1]							
Percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Less than 15 minutes	55.7	61.4	61.8	67.0	52.7	60.0	39.7
15 to 29 minutes	26.6	24.3	23.7	21.8	27.1	26.1	32.9
30 to 59 minutes	15.5	12.7	12.3	9.5	17.2	13.8	23.6
60 minutes or more	2.2	1.6	2.2	1.7	3.1	-	3.8
ENROLLED IN HIGH SCHOOL							
All Races							
Mode of transportation to school:							
Total	15,475	10,315	4,048	2,096	1,952	6,267	5,160
Walk	3,218	2,430	1,139	643	496	1,291	788
Car	4,642	2,973	1,139	348	791	1,835	1,668
School bus	5,767	3,276	640	211	429	2,636	2,491
Public bus	1,105	1,077	904	778	127	172	28
Bicycle	209	167	54	27	27	113	42
Other mode and not reported	100	66	36	20	16	30	33
Living away from home and NA	434	326	136	68	67	190	108
Percent distribution:							
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Walk	20.8	23.6	28.1	30.7	25.4	20.6	15.3
Car	30.0	28.8	28.1	16.6	40.5	29.3	32.3
School bus	37.3	31.8	15.8	10.1	22.0	42.1	48.3
Public bus	7.1	10.4	22.3	37.1	6.5	2.7	0.5
Bicycle	1.4	1.6	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.8	0.8
Other mode and not reported	0.6	0.6	0.9	1.0	0.8	0.5	0.6
Living away from home and NA	2.8	3.2	3.4	3.2	3.4	3.0	2.1
Distance traveled:[1]							
Percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Less than 1 mile	20.3	21.5	23.7	24.8	22.6	20.0	18.0
1 mile	12.2	13.7	16.2	17.1	15.1	12.2	9.2
2 miles	17.2	19.3	19.9	18.6	21.2	19.0	13.0
3 to 4 miles	19.9	20.9	20.2	17.6	23.0	21.3	18.0
5 to 9 miles	19.8	17.4	15.0	16.0	14.0	18.9	24.4
10 to 14 miles	6.4	4.6	3.4	3.8	3.0	5.4	10.0
15 miles or more	4.2	2.5	1.6	2.1	1.0	3.1	7.5
Median (miles)	3.0	2.8	2.5	2.4	2.6	2.9	3.9
Time traveled:[1]							
Percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Less than 15 minutes	45.2	46.1	44.1	35.2	53.7	47.4	43.5
15 to 29 minutes	34.4	36.0	35.5	37.3	33.6	36.3	31.3
30 to 59 minutes	17.3	15.7	17.8	23.5	11.6	14.4	20.5
60 minutes or more	3.0	2.2	2.6	4.1	1.0	1.9	4.7

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Table 4. Mode of Transportation, Distance and Time Traveled to School for Elementary and High School Students, by Residence and Race: October 1978—Continued

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Grade, race, mode, distance, and time	United States	Metropolitan areas					Nonmetropolitan areas
		Total	Central cities			Outside central cities	
			Total	In SMSA's of 1 million or more	In SMSA's of less than 1 million		
White							
Mode of transportation to school:							
Total	12,897	8,423	2,657	1,169	1,488	5,765	4,474
Walk	2,560	1,874	689	351	338	1,185	686
Car	4,303	2,739	986	298	689	1,752	1,564
School bus	4,833	2,793	406	117	290	2,387	2,040
Public bus	555	530	407	328	79	123	25
Bicycle	194	158	51	24	27	107	36
Other mode and not reported	96	63	33	17	16	30	32
Living away from home and NA	355	265	84	35	50	181	90
Percent distribution:							
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Walk	19.8	22.2	25.9	30.0	22.7	20.6	15.3
Car	33.4	32.5	37.1	25.5	46.3	30.4	35.0
School bus	37.5	33.2	15.3	10.0	19.5	41.4	45.6
Public bus	4.3	6.3	15.3	28.1	5.3	2.1	0.6
Bicycle	1.5	1.9	1.9	2.1	1.8	1.9	0.8
Other mode and not reported	0.7	0.7	1.2	1.5	1.1	0.5	0.7
Living away from home and NA	2.8	3.1	3.2	3.0	3.4	3.1	2.0
Distance traveled:[1]							
Percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Less than 1 mile	20.3	21.1	23.6	25.7	22.0	20.0	18.6
1 mile	11.8	13.2	15.4	17.0	14.1	12.2	9.2
2 miles	17.7	20.1	22.3	20.7	23.5	19.1	13.2
3 to 4 miles	19.6	21.0	20.5	15.5	24.3	21.3	17.0
5 to 9 miles	20.0	17.3	13.9	15.1	12.9	18.9	24.9
10 to 14 miles	6.6	4.8	3.4	4.4	2.6	5.5	9.9
15 miles or more	4.1	2.5	1.0	1.5	0.7	3.1	7.2
Median (miles)	3.0	2.8	2.5	2.4	2.6	2.9	3.9
Time traveled:[1]							
Percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Less than 15 minutes	47.6	48.7	50.8	42.1	57.6	47.8	45.6
15 to 29 minutes	33.9	35.6	33.8	35.9	32.3	36.5	30.7
30 to 59 minutes	15.8	13.8	13.8	18.8	9.8	13.8	19.6
60 minutes or more	2.6	1.8	1.6	3.3	0.4	1.9	4.1
Black							
Mode of transportation to school:							
Total	2,276	1,660	1,261	844	417	399	615
Walk	590	500	413	272	141	87	91
Car	260	171	122	41	81	48	90
School bus	861	439	223	89	134	216	422
Public bus	496	493	453	410	43	40	2
Bicycle	5	1	-	-	-	1	4
Other mode and not reported	3	3	3	3	-	-	-
Living away from home and NA	60	54	47	29	17	7	7
Percent distribution:							
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Walk	25.9	30.1	32.8	32.2	33.8	21.8	14.8
Car	11.4	10.3	9.7	4.9	19.4	12.0	14.6
School bus	37.8	26.4	17.7	10.5	32.1	54.1	68.6
Public bus	21.8	29.7	35.9	48.6	10.3	10.0	0.3
Bicycle	0.2	0.1	-	-	-	0.3	0.7
Other mode and not reported	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.4	-	-	-
Living away from home and NA	2.6	3.3	3.7	3.4	4.1	1.8	1.1
Distance traveled:[1]							
Percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Less than 1 mile	20.1	23.0	24.2	24.0	24.6	19.4	12.9
1 mile	14.3	16.3	17.3	17.3	16.9	13.4	8.9
2 miles	14.4	14.9	14.8	15.4	13.8	15.2	12.9
3 to 4 miles	21.8	20.9	20.2	21.0	18.3	22.7	24.1
5 to 9 miles	18.7	18.0	17.4	16.4	19.3	19.9	20.6
10 to 14 miles	5.8	3.9	3.5	3.0	4.5	5.2	10.7
15 miles or more	4.9	3.0	2.7	2.9	2.4	4.1	9.9
Median (miles)	3.1	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.6	3.1	4.1
Time traveled:[1]							
Percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Less than 15 minutes	31.1	32.4	30.1	26.1	38.1	39.7	27.6
15 to 29 minutes	37.8	37.9	38.8	38.7	39.1	34.8	37.5
30 to 59 minutes	26.1	25.9	26.8	30.3	19.2	22.9	26.6
60 minutes or more	5.0	3.8	4.3	4.7	3.4	2.3	8.4

[1]Distance and time traveled are shown for those fully reported.