

MODEL SOCIO-ECONOMIC DATA

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Model Years

Base Year:

- Population and Housing
 - Census, American Community Survey, Local area population data
- Employment
 - Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, State Employment Commissions, Market research listings, local area employment data

Future Year:

- Population and Housing
 - State agencies, counties, MPO's, Market research listings
- Employment
 - State agencies, counties, MPO's, Market research listings



Background

NCHRP Report 716 Travel Demand Forecasting: Parameters and Techniques

This report is an update to NCHRP Report 365: Travel Estimation Techniques for Urban Planning and provides guidelines on travel demand forecasting procedures and their application for solving common transportation problems. The report presents a range of approaches that allow users to determine the level of detail and sophistication in selecting modeling and analysis techniques most appropriate to their situations and addresses straight-forward techniques, optional use of default parameters, and appropriate references to other more sophisticated techniques.



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Chapter 3: Data Needed for Modeling

- Section 3.2 – Socioeconomic Data and Transportation Analysis Zones

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Base Year Socioeconomic Data

Sources for Population and Housing Data:

- Decennial U.S. Census
- American Community Survey
- ACS Public Use Microdata Samples
- Local area population and housing data

Sources for Employment Data:

- Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages
- State employment commissions
- Current Population Survey
- Market research listings
- Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics
- Local area employment data

Base Year Socioeconomic Data

Ideal to use multiple sources
and have staff time available to
check selection of records

Local knowledge is also key



Example

infoUSAGov (Market research listing):

infoGROUP is a data and marketing company that provides products and services to generate sales leads, find new customers, and develop direct mail, email and telemarketing campaigns.

Basically a database of employers

According to infoUSAGov (a division of infoGROUP), they invest millions to collect the most detailed and accurate employer and business data available, and make more than 26 million phone calls a year to verify their information.

Example

infoUSAGov (Market research listing):

We buy this data to use as our inputs for employment information for our models

Offers a database of employers including address, geocode (coordinates) of location, and number of employees (by type) at that site

Example

Issues:

Just because it's in the database doesn't mean it's correct

- Incorrect geocode
- Multiple listings of the same employer
- Number of employees

Cost (approximately \$0.30 per record)

Future Year Socioeconomic

Sources for Population and Housing Data:

- State agencies
- Counties
- MPO's
- Market research listings

Sources for Employment Data:

- State agencies
- Counties
- MPO's
- Market research listings

Future Year Socioeconomic

Data typically not available at TAZ level, therefore data that is available is generally only able to help with control totals

- Usually disaggregated using segmentation from the base year data
- Often updated with information about land use plans

Think households by household size for example. You could use the breakdown from the base year if the area is expected to remain the same, but you might want to update the breakdown if the area is expected to drastically change (moving from single-family residential to transit oriented development for example)

Example

Woods & Poole Economics, Inc. (Market research listing):

Woods & Poole Economics, Inc. is an experienced independent firm that specializes in long-term county economic and demographic projections. Woods & Poole's database contains projections through 2040 for more than 900 variables.

Data available by County or MSA

Example

WAKE, NC
 COUNTY: WAKE
 COUNTY AREA: 511.77 SQUARE MILES

2012 CEMIS VOLUME 3

WAKE, NC	1970	1980	1990	2000	2010	2015	2020	2025	2030	2035
1 TOTAL POPULATION (THOUSANDS)	230.82	303.24	430.38	633.27	883.62					
2 AGE UNDER 5 YEARS	19.45	18.85	31.09	45.45	66.77					
3 AGE 5 TO 9 YEARS	21.98	20.99	27.63	46.15	66.51					
4 AGE 10 TO 14 YEARS	22.11	23.70	25.83	43.78	62.06					
5 AGE 15 TO 19 YEARS	24.34	30.08	31.40	41.55	59.11					
6 AGE 20 TO 24 YEARS	24.63	35.15	42.54	49.98	57.06					
7 AGE 25 TO 29 YEARS	18.95	31.44	46.24	56.10	67.58					
8 AGE 30 TO 34 YEARS	15.11	28.79	45.13	57.76	68.23					
9 AGE 35 TO 39 YEARS	13.77	21.89	39.65	60.70	73.13					
10 AGE 40 TO 44 YEARS	13.90	17.18	34.72	55.63	69.27					
11 AGE 45 TO 49 YEARS	13.13	15.17	25.40	46.94	66.65					
12 AGE 50 TO 54 YEARS	11.16	14.45	18.61	38.49	56.55					
13 AGE 55 TO 59 YEARS	9.30	12.94	15.23	26.21	44.56					
14 AGE 60 TO 64 YEARS	7.47	10.17	13.52	17.99	34.95					
15 AGE 65 TO 69 YEARS	5.81	8.33	11.73	14.13	24.93					
16 AGE 70 TO 74 YEARS	4.16	5.87	8.44	11.98	17.10					

WAKE, NC

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3 AGE 5 TO 9 YEARS

4 AGE 10 TO 14 YEARS

5 AGE 15 TO 19 YEARS

6 AGE 20 TO 24 YEARS

7 AGE 25 TO 29 YEARS

8 AGE 30 TO 34 YEARS

9 AGE 35 TO 39 YEARS

10 AGE 40 TO 44 YEARS

11 AGE 45 TO 49 YEARS

12 AGE 50 TO 54 YEARS

13 AGE 55 TO 59 YEARS

14 AGE 60 TO 64 YEARS

15 AGE 65 TO 69 YEARS

16 AGE 70 TO 74 YEARS

8.50 x 11.00 in

Example

Issues:

No idea how projections are made

Cost

- \$345 for every county and Metro Area in a particular state
- \$995 for entire country

Conclusions

- Always best to have multiple sources of data if possible
- Cost involved with obtaining many sources of data
- Data cleanup still needed after data received
- No substitute for local knowledge

Questions?