

BUREAU OF TRANSPORTATION STATISTICS

Overview: The Bureau of Transportation Statistics' (BTS) mission is to develop high-quality transportation data and information, and to advance their use in public and private transportation decision-making. The FY 2005 budget request of \$32.2 million from the Highway Trust Fund reflects the Administration's proposal to sharpen the agency's focus around five core data programs and two cross-cutting research programs. Resources will be used to develop useful and reliable data on freight movement, personal travel behavior, transportation economics, air transportation, and geographic information systems. The cross-cutting research programs will develop and publish key indicators of national transportation system performance, and improve statistical methods to address transportation-specific problems.

BUREAU OF TRANSPORTATION STATISTICS BUDGET

(Dollars In Millions)

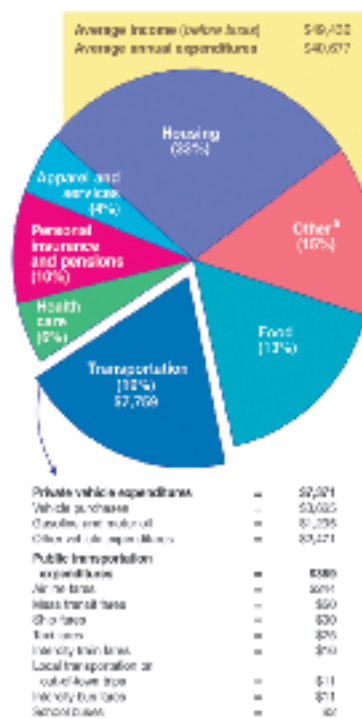
	2003 Actual	2004 Enacted	2005 Request
Bureau of Transportation Statistics (HTF)	[30]	[31]	[32]
TOTAL	[30]	[31]	[32]

FY 2005 Budget

BTS' activities are aimed at informing transportation policymakers, planners, and researchers - the people who solve transportation problems. Planned outputs in 2005 include:

- Freight and travel flow - replace infrequent, incomplete freight and passenger flow surveys with continuous data collection programs that fill critical gaps.
- Measurement - develop reliable indicators of transportation system performance.
- Economic analysis - explain how transportation activity, investment, and disruption impact the larger economy.
- Geospatial data - map transportation and related data for planning, policy, and homeland and national security.
- Air transportation statistics - deliver timely data and analysis on airline activity, performance, and financial condition.

Average Household Expenditures by Major Spending Category: 2002 (Current dollars)



* Includes gifts to family, personal care, recreation and services, education, alcoholic beverages and smoking, and miscellaneous.
 Note: Housing does not add to total due to rounding.
 Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Expenditures on Consumer Goods and Services, U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 2002 and persons' communications, December 2003.

