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# Introduction to the Economic Census

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## **PURPOSES AND USES OF THE ECONOMIC CENSUS**

The economic census is the major source of facts about the structure and functioning of the nation's economy. It provides essential information for government, business, industry, and the general public. Title 13 of the United States Code (Sections 131, 191, and 224) directs the Census Bureau to take the economic census every 5 years, covering years ending in 2 and 7.

The economic census furnishes an important part of the framework for such composite measures as the gross domestic product estimates, input/output measures, production and price indexes, and other statistical series that measure short-term changes in economic conditions. Specific uses of economic census data include the following:

Policymaking agencies of the federal government use the data to monitor economic activity and to assess the effectiveness of policies.

State and local governments use the data to assess business activities and tax bases within their jurisdictions and to develop programs to attract business.

Trade associations study trends in their own and competing industries, which allows them to keep their members informed of market changes.

Individual businesses use the data to locate potential markets and to analyze their own production and sales performance relative to industry or area averages.

## **BASIS OF REPORTING**

The economic census is conducted on an establishment basis. A company operating at more than one location is required to file a separate report for each store, factory, shop, or other location. Each establishment is assigned a separate industry classification based on its primary activity and not that of its parent company.

## **HISTORICAL INFORMATION**

The economic census has been taken as an integrated program at 5-year intervals since 1967 and before that for 1954, 1958, and 1963. Prior to that time, individual components of the economic census were taken separately at varying intervals.

The economic census traces its beginnings to the 1810 Decennial Census, when questions on manufacturing were included with those for population. Coverage of economic

activities was expanded for the 1840 Decennial Census and subsequent censuses to include mining and some commercial activities. The 1905 Manufactures Census was the first time a census was taken apart from the regular decennial population census. Censuses covering retail and wholesale trade and construction industries were added in 1930, as were some covering service trades in 1933.

Censuses of construction, manufacturing, and the other business service censuses were suspended during World War II.

The 1954 Economic Census was the first census to be fully integrated, providing comparable census data across economic sectors and using consistent time periods, concepts, definitions, classifications, and reporting units.

It was the first census to be taken by mail, using lists of firms provided by the administrative records of other federal agencies. Since 1963, administrative records also have been used to provide basic statistics for very small firms, reducing or eliminating the need to send them census questionnaires.

The range of industries covered in the economic censuses expanded between 1967 and 1992.

The census of construction industries began on a regular basis in 1967, and the scope of service industries, introduced in 1933, was broadened in 1967, 1977, and 1987. While a few transportation industries were covered as early as 1963, it was not until 1992 that the census broadened to include all of transportation, communications, and utilities. Also new for 1992 was coverage of financial, insurance, and real estate industries. With these additions, the economic census and the separate census of governments and census of agriculture collectively covered roughly 98 percent of all economic activity.

Printed statistical reports from the 1992 and earlier censuses provide historical figures for the study of long-term time series and are available in some large libraries. All of the census reports printed since 1967 are still available for sale on microfiche from the Census Bureau. CD-ROMs issued from the 1987 and 1992 Economic Censuses contain databases including nearly all data published in print, plus additional statistics, such as ZIP Code statistics, published only on CD-ROM.

## **SOURCES FOR MORE INFORMATION**

More information about the scope, coverage, classification system, data items, and publications for each of the economic censuses and related surveys is published in the

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Guide to the 2002 Economic Census and Related Statistics at [www.census.gov/econguide](http://www.census.gov/econguide). More information on the methodology, procedures, and history of the censuses will

be published in the History of the 2002 Economic Census at [www.census.gov/econ/www/history.html](http://www.census.gov/econ/www/history.html).



# 2002 Commodity Flow Survey

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## GENERAL

The 2002 Commodity Flow Survey (CFS) is undertaken through a partnership between the U.S. Census Bureau, U.S. Department of Commerce, and the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS), U.S. Department of Transportation. This survey produces data on the movement of goods in the United States. It provides information on commodities shipped, their value, weight, and mode of transportation, as well as, the origin and destination of shipments of manufacturing, mining, wholesale, and select retail establishments. The CFS was last conducted in 1997. See Appendix A for a comparison between the 2002, 1997 and 1993 surveys. The data from the CFS are used by public policy analysts and for transportation planning and decision-making to assess the demand for transportation facilities and services, energy use, and safety risk and environmental concerns.

This report—the first in a series—presents **preliminary results**, aggregated to the United States and two-digit commodity code levels. **The data in this report are subject to revision based on additional processing and analysis that will follow at the more detailed geographic and commodity levels.** Future reports planned for release beginning in the last quarter of 2004, will include data for census regions, divisions, states, and select metropolitan areas. Select data on the movement of hazardous materials also will be available at that time. A final United States Summary report, reflecting all revisions based on the geographic level and detailed commodity analyses, also will be released.

## INDUSTRY COVERAGE

The 2002 CFS covers business establishments with paid employees that are located in the United States and are classified in mining, manufacturing, wholesale trade, and

select retail trade industries, based on the 1997 North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). Establishments classified in services, transportation, construction, and most retail industries are excluded from the survey. Farms, fisheries, foreign establishments, and most government-owned establishments are also excluded.

The survey also covers auxiliary establishments (i.e., warehouses and managing offices) of multiestablishment companies, which have nonauxiliary establishments that are in-scope to CFS or are classified in retail trade. The coverage of managing offices has been expanded in the 2002 CFS, compared to the 1997 CFS. For the 1997 CFS, the number of in-scope managing offices was reduced to a large extent based on the results of the 1992 Economic Census. A managing office was considered in-scope to the 1997 CFS only if it had sales or end-of-year inventories in the 1992 Census. However, research conducted prior to the 2002 CFS showed that not all managing offices with shipping activity in the 1997 CFS indicated sales or inventories in the 1997 Economic Census. Therefore, the 1997 Economic Census results were not used in the determination of scope for managing offices in the 2002 CFS.

For the 1993 CFS and the 1997 CFS, establishments were classified based on the 1987 Standard Industrial Classification System (SIC). Though an attempt was made to maintain similar coverage between the 1997 CFS and the 2002 CFS, there were some changes in industry coverage due to the conversion from SIC to NAICS. Most notably, coverage of the logging industry changed from an in-scope Manufacturing SIC code (SIC 2411) to an out-of-scope Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, and Hunting NAICS code (NAICS 1133). Also, coverage of the publishing industry changed from in-scope Manufacturing SIC codes (SIC 2711, 2721, 2731, 2741, and part of 2771) to out-of-scope Information NAICS codes (NAICS 5111 and 51223).

The NAICS industries covered in the 2002 CFS are listed in the following table:

| NAICS code | Description  |
|------------|--|
| 212        | Mining (Except Oil and Gas)                                  |
| 311        | Food Manufacturing   |
| 312        | Beverage and Tobacco Product Manufacturing                   |
| 313        | Textile Mills  |
| 314        | Textile Product Mills  |
| 315        | Apparel Manufacturing  |
| 316        | Leather and Allied Product Manufacturing                     |
| 321        | Wood Product Manufacturing                                   |
| 322        | Paper Manufacturing  |
| 323        | Printing and Related Support Activities                      |
| 324        | Petroleum and Coal Products Manufacturing                    |
| 325        | Chemical Manufacturing                                       |
| 326        | Plastics and Rubber Products Manufacturing                   |
| 327        | Nonmetallic Mineral Product Manufacturing                    |
| 331        | Primary Metal Manufacturing                                  |
| 332        | Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing                       |
| 333        | Machinery Manufacturing                                      |
| 334        | Computer and Electronic Product Manufacturing                |
| 335        | Electrical Equipment, Appliance, and Component Manufacturing |
| 336        | Transportation Equipment Manufacturing                       |
| 337        | Furniture and Related Product Manufacturing                  |
| 339        | Miscellaneous Manufacturing                                  |
| 421        | Wholesale Trade, Durable Goods                               |
| 422        | Wholesale Trade, Nondurable Goods                            |
| 4541       | Electronic Shopping and Mail-Order Houses                    |
| 493100     | Warehousing and Storage                                      |
| 551114     | Corporate, Subsidiary, and Regional Managing Offices         |

## SHIPMENT COVERAGE

The CFS captures data on shipments originating from select types of business establishments located in the 50 states and the District of Columbia. The data do not cover shipments originating from business establishments located in Puerto Rico and other U.S. possessions and territories. Shipments traversing the U.S. from a foreign location to another foreign location (e.g., from Canada to Mexico) are not included, nor are shipments from a foreign location to a U.S. location. Imported products are included in the CFS at the point that they left the importer's domestic location for shipment to another location. Shipments that are shipped through a foreign territory with both the origin and destination in the U.S. are included in the CFS data. The mileages calculated for these shipments exclude the international segments (e.g., shipments from New York to Michigan through Canada do not include any mileages for Canada). Export shipments are included, with the domestic destination defined as the U.S. port, airport, or border crossing of exit from the U.S.

The "Industry Coverage" section of the text lists the NAICS groups covered by the CFS. Other industry areas that are not covered, but may have significant shipping activity,

include agriculture and government. For agriculture, specifically, this means that the CFS does not cover shipments of agricultural products from the farm site to the processing centers or terminal elevators (most likely short-distance local movements), but does cover the shipments of these products from the initial processing centers or terminal elevators onward.

## MILEAGE CALCULATIONS

To compute mileages for the 2002 CFS, the BTS used routing algorithms and an integrated, intermodal transportation network developed and updated for the purpose by Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL), working at a secure data site within the Census Bureau. Each record contained the ZIP Code of shipment origin and destination, and the mode or mode sequence reported. Each record also contained information on the type of commodity moved, its weight, dollar value and hazardous materials status. For export shipments, data on the U.S. port of exit were also identified, along with foreign destination city and country. Processing of shipment records began in the Fall of 2002 and was completed in October of 2003. Missing data elements and other related data problems found by the BTS/ORNL team were reported to the Census Bureau, allowing for callbacks to shippers for clarification/correction. Mileages are calculated between U.S. origin and destination ZIP Codes for domestic shipments, and between a shipment's U.S. origin ZIP Code and its foreign destination city, via a U.S. seaport or airport, in the case of export shipments (where only the domestic portion of the mileage is counted in CFS estimates). These mileages are computed using routing algorithms that find the minimum impedance path over mathematical representations of the U.S. and North American highway, rail and waterway networks and a transglobal representation of U.S.-originating air freight and deep-sea transport networks. Shipment mileages were computed for each record by summing over the distances of the links contained within each minimum impedance path. Impedance was computed as a weighted combination of distance, time, and cost factors.

The ORNL multimodal network database is composed of mode-specific subnetworks representing each of the major transportation modes, highway, rail, waterway, and air (pipeline mileages are not simulated). The links of these networks represent line-haul transportation facilities. Network nodes represent intersections and interchanges, and the access points to the transportation network. To simulate local access, test links are created from each five-digit ZIP Code centroid to nearby nodes on the network. For the truck network, local access is assumed to exist everywhere. For the other modes this is not true. Before any test links are created for these modes, a search procedure is used to determine if and where such networks are most likely to provide access to the ZIP Code. For shipments

involving more than one mode, such as truck-rail or rail-water shipments, intermodal transfer links are added to the network database for the purpose of connecting the individual modal networks together for routing purposes. An intermodal terminals database and a number of terminal transfer models were developed at ORNL to identify likely transfer points for different classes of freight. A measure of link impedance was calculated for each access, line-haul, and intermodal transfer link traversed by a shipment. These impedances were mode specific and are based on various link characteristics. For example, the set of links characterizing the highway network included speed impacting factors, such as the presence of a divided or undivided roadway, the degree of access control, the rural or urban setting, the number of lanes, the degree of urban congestion, and the length of the link. Link impedance measures were also assigned to the local access links. Intermodal transfer link impedances are estimated in terms of the time it takes to move goods through a transfer facility. In the case of rail and air freight, intercarrier transfer penalties were also considered to obtain proper route selections. A shortest path algorithm is used to find the minimum impedance path between a shipment's origin ZIP Code centroid and destination ZIP Code centroid. The cumulative length of the local access plus line-haul links on this path provides the estimated distances used in CFS ton-mileage computations. When rail was involved, these shipment distances were often averaged over more than one path between an origin-destination pair.

### Mileage Data for Pipeline Shipments

In the tables, we do not show ton-miles or average miles per shipment for pipeline shipments. For most of these shipments, the respondents reported the shipment destination as a pipeline facility on the main pipeline network. Therefore, for the majority of these shipments, the resulting mileage represented only the access distance through feeder pipelines to the main pipeline network, and not the actual distance through the main pipeline network. Pipeline shipments are included in the U.S. totals for ton-miles and average miles per shipment.

### EXPLANATION OF TERMS

**Value of shipments.** The dollar value of the entire shipment. This was defined as the net selling value, f.o.b. plant, exclusive of freight charges and excise taxes. The value data are displayed in millions of dollars.

The total value of shipments, as measured by the CFS, and the U.S. gross domestic product (GDP) while similar in size provide different measures of economic activity in the United States and are not directly comparable. GDP is the value of all goods produced and services performed by labor and capital located in the United States. In 2002, the U.S. GDP was estimated at \$10.4 trillion (measured in current U.S. dollars). The value of shipments, as measured by

the CFS, is the market value of goods shipped from manufacturing, mining, wholesale, and mail order retail establishments, as well as warehouses and managing offices of these establishments.

Three important differences can be identified between GDP and value of shipments:

1. GDP captures goods produced by all establishments located in the United States, while the CFS measures goods shipped from a subset of all goods-producing establishments.
2. GDP measures the value of goods produced and of services performed. CFS measures the value of goods shipped.
3. GDP counts only the value-added at each step in the production of a product. CFS captures the value of shipments of materials used to produce or manufacture a product, as well as the value of shipments of the finished product itself. This means that the value of the materials used to produce a particular product contributes multiple times to the value.

**Average miles per shipment.** For the 1993 CFS, we excluded shipments of STCC 27, Printed Matter, from our calculation of average miles per shipment. We made this decision after determining that respondents in the 1993 CFS shipping newspapers, magazines, catalogs, etc., had used widely varying definitions of the term "shipment."

For the 1997 and 2002 CFS, we made numerous efforts throughout our data collection and editing to produce consistent results from establishments shipping SCTG 29, Printed Products. As a result, we have included printed products in the average miles per shipment estimates for 1997 and 2002.

**Commodity.** Products that an establishment produces, sells, or distributes. This does not include items that are considered as excess or byproducts of the establishment's operation. Respondents reported the description and the five-digit SCTG code for the major commodity contained in the shipment, defined as the commodity with the greatest weight in the total shipment.

**Distance shipped.** In Table 4, shipment data are presented for various "distance shipped" intervals. Shipments were categorized into these "distance shipped" intervals based on the great circle distance between their origin and destination ZIP Code centroids. All other distance-related data in this and other tables (i.e., ton-miles and average miles per shipment) are based on the mileage calculations. (See the "Mileage Calculations" section for more details.)

**Great circle distance.** The shortest distance between two points on the surface of a sphere over the surface of that sphere.

**Mode of transportation.** The type of transportation used for moving the shipment to its domestic destination. For exports, the domestic destination was the port of exit.

### Mode Definitions

In the instructions to the respondent, we defined the possible modes as follows:

1. **Parcel delivery/courier/U.S. Postal Service.** Delivery services, parcels, packages, and other small shipments that typically weigh less than 100 pounds. Includes bus parcel delivery service.
2. **Private truck.** Trucks operated by a temporary or permanent employee of an establishment or the buyer/receiver of the shipment.
3. **For-hire truck.** Trucks that carry freight for a fee collected from the shipper, recipient of the shipment, or an arranger of the transportation.
4. **Railroad.** Any common carrier or private railroad.
5. **Shallow draft vessels.** Barges, ships, or ferries operating primarily on rivers and canals; in harbors, the Great Lakes, the Saint Lawrence Seaway; the Intra-coastal Waterway, the Inside Passage to Alaska, major bays and inlets; or in the ocean close to the shoreline.
6. **Deep draft vessel.** Barges, ships, or ferries operating primarily in the open ocean. Shipping on the Great Lakes and the Saint Lawrence Seaway is classified with shallow draft vessels.
7. **Pipeline.** Movements of oil, petroleum, gas, slurry, etc., through pipelines that extend to other establishments or locations beyond the shipper's establishment. Aqueducts for the movement of water are not included.
8. **Air.** Commercial or private aircraft, and all air service for shipments that typically weigh more than 100 pounds. Includes air freight and air express.
9. **Other mode.** Any mode not listed above.
10. **Unknown.** The shipment was not carried by a parcel delivery/courier/U.S. Postal Service, and the respondent could not determine what mode of transportation was used.

In the tables, we have used additional terms for mode, which we define as follows:

1. **Air (includes truck and air).** Shipments that used air or a combination of truck and air.
2. **Single modes.** Shipments using only one of the above-listed modes, except parcel or other and unknown.
3. **Multiple modes.** Parcel, U.S. Postal Service or courier shipments or shipments for which two or more of the

following modes of transportation were used:

Private truck  
For-hire truck  
Rail  
Shallow draft vessel  
Deep draft vessel  
Pipeline

We did not allow for multiple modes in combination with "parcel, U.S. Postal Service or courier," "unknown," or "other." By their nature, these shipments may already include various kinds of multiple-mode activity. For example, if the respondent reported a shipment's mode of transportation as parcel and air, we treated the shipment as parcel only.

4. **Other multiple modes.** Shipments using any other mode combinations not specifically listed in the tables.
5. **Other and unknown modes.** Shipments for which modes were not reported, or were reported by the respondent as "Other" or "Unknown."
6. **Truck.** Shipments using for-hire truck only, private truck only, or a combination of for-hire truck and private truck.
7. **Water.** Shipments using shallow draft vessel only, deep draft vessel only, or Great Lakes vessel only. Combinations of these modes, such as shallow draft vessel and Great Lakes vessel are included as "Other multiple modes."
8. **Great Lakes.** In the tables in this publication, "Great Lakes" appears as a single mode. ORNL's transportation network and mileage calculation system allowed for separate mileage calculations for Great Lakes between the origin and destination ZIP Codes (see the "Mileage Calculations" section for more details).

### Other Definitions and Terms

**Shipment.** A shipment is a single movement of goods, commodities, or products from an establishment to a single customer or to another establishment owned or operated by the same company as the originating establishment (e.g., a warehouse, distribution center, or retail or wholesale outlet). Full or partial truckloads are counted as a single shipment only if all commodities on the truck are destined for the same location. If a truck makes multiple deliveries on a route, each stop is counted as one shipment. Interoffice memos, payroll checks, or business correspondence are not considered shipments. Shipments such as refuse, scrap paper, waste, or recyclable materials are not considered shipments unless the establishment is in the business of selling or providing these materials.

### Standard Classification of Transported Goods

**(SCTG).** The commodities shown in this report are classified using the SCTG coding system. The SCTG coding system was developed jointly by agencies of the United

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States and Canadian governments based on the Harmonized System to address statistical needs in regard to products transported.

**Ton-miles.** The shipment weight multiplied by the mileage traveled by the shipment. The respondents reported shipment weight in pounds. Aggregated pound-miles were converted to ton-miles. Mileage was calculated as the distance between the shipment origin and destination ZIP Codes. For shipments by truck, rail, or shallow draft vessels, the mileage excludes international segments. For example, mileages from Alaska to the continental United States exclude any mileages through Canada (see the “Mileage Calculations” section for more details). Ton-miles estimates are displayed in millions.

**Tons shipped.** The total weight of the entire shipment. Respondents reported the weight in pounds. Aggregated pounds were converted to short-tons (2,000 pounds). The tons estimates are displayed in thousands.

**Total modal activity (Table 2 only).** The overall activity (e.g., ton-miles) of a specific mode of transportation, whether used in a single-mode shipment, or as part of a multiple-mode shipment. For example, the total modal activity for private truck is the total ton-miles carried by private truck in single-mode shipments, combined with the total ton-miles carried by private truck in all multiple-mode shipments that include private truck (private truck and for-hire truck, private truck and rail, private truck and air, etc.)

#### ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS

The following abbreviations and symbols are used in the tables for this publication:

- Represents an estimate equal to zero or less than 1 unit of measure.
- D Denotes estimates withheld to avoid disclosing data of individual companies.
- S Estimate does not meet publication standards because of high sampling variability or poor response quality.

|        |                           |
|--------|---------------------------|
| CFS    | Commodity Flow Survey.    |
| lb     | Pounds.                   |
| n.e.c. | Not elsewhere classified. |
| NA     | Not applicable.           |

#### OTHER TRANSPORTATION DATA

Users of transportation data may be especially interested in the following reports:

**Vehicle Inventory and Use Survey** covers state and U.S. level statistics on the physical and operational characteristics of the nation’s truck, van, minivan, and sport utility vehicle population. Some of the types of data collected include number of vehicles, major use, body type, annual miles, model year, vehicle size, fuel type, operator classification, engine size, range of operation, weeks operated, products carried, and hazardous materials carried. This survey shows comparative statistics reflecting percent changes in number of vehicles between 2002 and 1997 for most characteristics.

**Service Annual Survey** covers firms with paid employees that provide commercial motor freight transportation and public warehousing services. Data collected include operating revenue and operating revenue by source, percentage of motor carrier freight revenue by commodity type, size of shipments handled, length of haul, and vehicle fleet inventory.

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**Table 1a. Shipment Characteristics by Mode of Transportation for the United States: 2002**

[Estimates are based on data from the 2002 Commodity Flow Survey. Because of rounding, estimates may not be additive]

| Mode of transportation                       | Value                  |                  | Tons              |                  | Ton-miles <sup>1</sup> |                  | Average miles per shipment |
|--|------------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|
|  | 2002 (million dollars) | Percent of total | 2002 (thousands)  | Percent of total | 2002 (millions)        | Percent of total |                            |
| <b>Total</b> .....                           | <b>8 483 123</b>       | <b>100.0</b>     | <b>11 572 780</b> | <b>100.0</b>     | <b>3 204 410</b>       | <b>100.0</b>     | <b>589</b>                 |
| <b>Single modes</b> .....                    | <b>7 052 924</b>       | <b>83.1</b>      | <b>10 878 148</b> | <b>94.0</b>      | <b>2 913 015</b>       | <b>90.9</b>      | <b>285</b>                 |
| Truck <sup>2</sup> .....                     | 6 200 469              | 73.1             | 7 622 257         | 65.9             | 1 311 085              | 40.9             | 199                        |
| For-hire truck .....                         | 3 838 514              | 45.2             | 3 665 982         | 31.7             | 1 001 463              | 31.3             | 577                        |
| Private truck .....                          | 2 340 328              | 27.6             | 3 920 474         | 33.9             | 302 026                | 9.4              | 70                         |
| Rail .....                                   | 320 469                | 3.8              | 1 816 528         | 15.7             | 1 199 407              | 37.4             | 911                        |
| Water .....                                  | 90 895                 | 1.1              | 713 884           | 6.2              | 323 085                | 10.1             | 577                        |
| Shallow draft .....                          | 56 480                 | .7               | 499 699           | 4.3              | 236 619                | 7.4              | 423                        |
| Great Lakes .....                            | 787                    | —                | 39 485            | .3               | 19 544                 | .6               | 391                        |
| Deep draft .....                             | 33 628                 | .4               | 174 700           | 1.5              | 66 922                 | 2.1              | 683                        |
| Air (includes truck and air) .....           | 279 489                | 3.3              | 3 891             | —                | 5 560                  | .2               | 1 819                      |
| Pipeline <sup>3</sup> .....                  | 161 601                | 1.9              | 721 588           | 6.2              | S                      | S                | S                          |
| <b>Multiple modes</b> .....                  | <b>1 110 975</b>       | <b>13.1</b>      | <b>198 454</b>    | <b>1.7</b>       | <b>214 833</b>         | <b>6.7</b>       | <b>911</b>                 |
| Parcel, U.S. Postal Service or courier ..... | 1 022 033              | 12.0             | 26 447            | .2               | 20 536                 | .6               | 910                        |
| Truck and rail .....                         | S                      | S                | S                 | S                | S                      | S                | S                          |
| Truck and water .....                        | 17 053                 | .2               | 31 814            | .3               | 59 147                 | 1.8              | 1 946                      |
| Rail and water .....                         | S                      | S                | S                 | S                | S                      | S                | S                          |
| Other multiple modes .....                   | 5 528                  | —                | 28 047            | .2               | 19 600                 | .6               | 173                        |
| <b>Other and unknown modes</b> .....         | <b>319 224</b>         | <b>3.8</b>       | <b>496 178</b>    | <b>4.3</b>       | <b>76 563</b>          | <b>2.4</b>       | <b>153</b>                 |

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<sup>1</sup>Ton-miles estimates are based on estimated distances traveled along a modeled transportation network. See the "Mileage Calculations" section for additional information.

<sup>2</sup>"Truck" as a single mode includes shipments that were made by only private truck, only for-hire truck, or a combination of private and for-hire truck.

<sup>3</sup>Estimates for pipeline exclude shipments of crude petroleum.

Note: Estimates are preliminary and may be revised. Value-of-shipments estimates have not been adjusted for price changes. Table B-1a provides estimated measures of sampling variability. The Introduction and appendixes give information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, sample design, and definitions. Links to this information on the Internet may be found at [www.census.gov/cfs](http://www.census.gov/cfs).

Note: Coverage for the 2002 Commodity Flow Survey (CFS) differs from the previous surveys due to a change from the 1987 Standard Industrial Classification system to the 1997 North American Industry Classification System and other survey improvements. Therefore, data users are urged to use caution when comparing 2002 CFS estimates with estimates from prior years. Please see "Industry Coverage" section for details.

**Table 1b. Shipment Characteristics by Mode of Transportation for the United States: 2002 and 1997**

[Estimates are based on data from the 2002 and 1997 Commodity Flow Surveys. Because of rounding, estimates may not be additive]

| Mode of transportation                       | Value                  |                        |                | Tons              |                   |                | Ton-miles <sup>1</sup> |                  |                | Average miles per shipment |            |                |
|--|------------------------|------------------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|------------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------------------|------------|----------------|
|  | 2002 (million dollars) | 1997 (million dollars) | Percent change | 2002 (thousands)  | 1997 (thousands)  | Percent change | 2002 (millions)        | 1997 (millions)  | Percent change | 2002                       | 1997       | Percent change |
| <b>Total</b> .....                           | <b>8 483 123</b>       | <b>6 943 988</b>       | <b>22.2</b>    | <b>11 572 780</b> | <b>11 089 733</b> | <b>4.4</b>     | <b>3 204 410</b>       | <b>2 661 363</b> | <b>20.4</b>    | <b>589</b>                 | <b>472</b> | <b>24.8</b>    |
| <b>Single modes</b> .....                    | <b>7 052 924</b>       | <b>5 719 558</b>       | <b>23.3</b>    | <b>10 878 148</b> | <b>10 436 538</b> | <b>4.2</b>     | <b>2 913 015</b>       | <b>2 383 473</b> | <b>22.2</b>    | <b>285</b>                 | <b>184</b> | <b>54.6</b>    |
| Truck <sup>2</sup> .....                     | 6 200 469              | 4 981 531              | 24.5           | 7 622 257         | 7 700 675         | -1.0           | 1 311 085              | 1 023 506        | 28.1           | 199                        | 144        | 38.2           |
| For-hire truck .....                         | 3 838 514              | 2 901 345              | 32.3           | 3 665 982         | 3 402 605         | 7.7            | 1 001 463              | 741 117          | 35.1           | 577                        | 485        | 19.0           |
| Private truck .....                          | 2 340 328              | 2 036 528              | 14.9           | 3 920 474         | 4 137 294         | -5.2           | 302 026                | 268 592          | 12.4           | 70                         | 53         | 30.5           |
| Rail .....                                   | 320 469                | 319 629                | .3             | 1 816 528         | 1 549 817         | 17.2           | 1 199 407              | 1 022 547        | 17.3           | 911                        | 769        | 18.5           |
| Water .....                                  | 90 895                 | 75 840                 | 19.9           | 713 884           | 563 369           | 26.7           | 323 085                | 261 747          | 23.4           | 577                        | 482        | 19.7           |
| Shallow draft .....                          | 56 480                 | 53 897                 | 4.8            | 499 699           | 414 758           | 20.5           | 236 619                | 189 284          | 25.0           | 423                        | 177        | 138.2          |
| Great Lakes .....                            | 787                    | 1 504                  | -47.7          | 39 485            | 38 421            | 2.8            | 19 544                 | 13 415           | 45.7           | 391                        | 204        | 91.4           |
| Deep draft .....                             | 33 628                 | 20 439                 | 64.5           | 174 700           | 110 191           | 58.5           | 66 922                 | 59 047           | 13.3           | 683                        | 1 024      | -33.3          |
| Air (includes truck and air) .....           | 279 489                | 229 062                | 22.0           | 3 891             | 4 475             | -13.0          | 5 560                  | 6 233            | -10.8          | 1 819                      | 1 380      | 31.8           |
| Pipeline <sup>3</sup> .....                  | 161 601                | 113 497                | 42.4           | 721 588           | 618 202           | 16.7           | S                      | S                | S              | S                          | S          | S              |
| <b>Multiple modes</b> .....                  | <b>1 110 975</b>       | <b>945 874</b>         | <b>17.5</b>    | <b>198 454</b>    | <b>216 673</b>    | <b>-8.4</b>    | <b>214 833</b>         | <b>204 514</b>   | <b>5.0</b>     | <b>911</b>                 | <b>813</b> | <b>12.0</b>    |
| Parcel, U.S. Postal Service or courier ..... | 1 022 033              | 855 897                | 19.4           | 26 447            | 23 689            | 11.6           | 20 536                 | 17 994           | 14.1           | 910                        | 813        | 12.0           |
| Truck and rail .....                         | S                      | 75 695                 | S              | S                 | 54 246            | S              | S                      | 55 561           | S              | S                          | 1 347      | S              |
| Truck and water .....                        | 17 053                 | 8 241                  | 106.9          | 31 814            | 33 215            | -4.2           | 59 147                 | 34 767           | 70.1           | 1 946                      | 1 265      | 53.8           |
| Rail and water .....                         | S                      | 1 771                  | S              | S                 | 79 275            | S              | S                      | 77 590           | S              | S                          | 1 092      | S              |
| Other multiple modes .....                   | 5 528                  | 4 269                  | 29.5           | 28 047            | 26 248            | 6.9            | 19 600                 | 18 603           | 5.4            | 173                        | S          | S              |
| <b>Other and unknown modes</b> .....         | <b>319 224</b>         | <b>278 555</b>         | <b>14.6</b>    | <b>496 178</b>    | <b>436 521</b>    | <b>13.7</b>    | <b>76 563</b>          | <b>73 376</b>    | <b>4.3</b>     | <b>153</b>                 | <b>122</b> | <b>25.6</b>    |

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<sup>1</sup>Ton-miles estimates are based on estimated distances traveled along a modeled transportation network. See the "Mileage Calculations" section for additional information.

<sup>2</sup>"Truck" as a single mode includes shipments that were made by only private truck, only for-hire truck, or a combination of private and for-hire truck.

<sup>3</sup>Estimates for pipeline exclude shipments of crude petroleum.

Note: Estimates for 2002 are preliminary and may be revised. Value-of-shipments estimates have not been adjusted for price changes. Table B-1b provides estimated measures of sampling variability. The Introduction and appendixes give information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, sample design, and definitions. Links to this information on the Internet may be found at [www.census.gov/cfs](http://www.census.gov/cfs).

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**Table 1c. Shipment Characteristics by Mode of Transportation for the United States: 2002 and 1993**

[Estimates are based on data from the 2002 and 1993 Commodity Flow Surveys. Because of rounding, estimates may not be additive]

| Mode of transportation                   | Value                        |                              |                   | Tons                |                     |                   | Ton-miles <sup>1</sup> |                    |                   | Average miles per shipment |            |                   |
|--|------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|------------|-------------------|
|  | 2002<br>(million<br>dollars) | 1993<br>(million<br>dollars) | Percent<br>change | 2002<br>(thousands) | 1993<br>(thousands) | Percent<br>change | 2002<br>(millions)     | 1993<br>(millions) | Percent<br>change | 2002                       | 1993       | Percent<br>change |
| <b>Total</b> .....                       | <b>8 483 123</b>             | <b>5 846 334</b>             | <b>45.1</b>       | <b>11 572 780</b>   | <b>9 688 493</b>    | <b>19.4</b>       | <b>3 204 410</b>       | <b>2 420 915</b>   | <b>32.4</b>       | <b>589</b>                 | <b>424</b> | <b>39.0</b>       |
| <b>Single modes</b> .....                | <b>7 052 924</b>             | <b>4 941 452</b>             | <b>42.7</b>       | <b>10 878 148</b>   | <b>8 922 286</b>    | <b>21.9</b>       | <b>2 913 015</b>       | <b>2 136 873</b>   | <b>36.3</b>       | <b>285</b>                 | <b>197</b> | <b>44.7</b>       |
| Truck <sup>2</sup> .....                 | 6 200 469                    | 4 403 494                    | 40.8              | 7 622 257           | 6 385 915           | 19.4              | 1 311 085              | 869 536            | 50.8              | 199                        | 144        | 38.0              |
| For-hire truck .....                     | 3 838 514                    | 2 625 093                    | 46.2              | 3 665 982           | 2 808 279           | 30.5              | 1 001 463              | 629 000            | 59.2              | 577                        | 472        | 22.4              |
| Private truck .....                      | 2 340 328                    | 1 755 837                    | 33.3              | 3 920 474           | 3 543 513           | 10.6              | 302 026                | 235 897            | 28.0              | 70                         | 52         | 33.2              |
| Rail .....                               | 320 469                      | 247 394                      | 29.5              | 1 816 528           | 1 544 148           | 17.6              | 1 199 407              | 942 561            | 27.2              | 911                        | 766        | 18.9              |
| Water .....                              | 90 895                       | 61 628                       | 47.5              | 713 884             | 505 440             | 41.2              | 323 085                | 271 998            | 18.8              | 577                        | S          | S                 |
| Shallow draft .....                      | 56 480                       | 40 707                       | 38.7              | 499 699             | 362 454             | 37.9              | 236 619                | 164 371            | 44.0              | 423                        | S          | S                 |
| Great Lakes .....                        | 787                          | S                            | S                 | 39 485              | 33 041              | 19.5              | 19 544                 | 12 395             | 57.7              | 391                        | 534        | -26.9             |
| Deep draft .....                         | 33 628                       | 19 749                       | 70.3              | 174 700             | 109 945             | 58.9              | 66 922                 | 95 232             | -29.7             | 683                        | 1 861      | -63.3             |
| Air (includes truck and air) .....       | 279 489                      | 139 086                      | 100.9             | 3 891               | 3 139               | 24.0              | 5 560                  | 4 009              | 38.7              | 1 819                      | 1 415      | 28.6              |
| Pipeline <sup>3</sup> .....              | 161 601                      | 89 849                       | 79.9              | 721 588             | 483 645             | 49.2              | S                      | S                  | S                 | S                          | S          | S                 |
| <b>Multiple modes</b> .....              | <b>1 110 975</b>             | <b>662 603</b>               | <b>67.7</b>       | <b>198 454</b>      | <b>225 676</b>      | <b>-12.1</b>      | <b>214 833</b>         | <b>191 461</b>     | <b>12.2</b>       | <b>911</b>                 | <b>736</b> | <b>23.8</b>       |
| Parcel, U.S. Postal Service or courier . | 1 022 033                    | 563 277                      | 81.4              | 26 447              | 18 892              | 40.0              | 20 536                 | 13 151             | 56.2              | 910                        | 734        | 24.0              |
| Truck and rail .....                     | S                            | 83 082                       | S                 | S                   | 40 624              | S                 | S                      | 37 675             | S                 | S                          | 1 403      | S                 |
| Truck and water .....                    | 17 053                       | 9 392                        | 81.6              | 31 814              | 67 995              | -53.2             | 59 147                 | 40 610             | 45.6              | 1 946                      | 1 417      | 37.3              |
| Rail and water .....                     | S                            | 3 636                        | S                 | S                   | 79 222              | S                 | S                      | 70 219             | S                 | S                          | 627        | S                 |
| Other multiple modes .....               | 5 528                        | 3 216                        | 71.9              | 28 047              | 18 943              | 48.1              | 19 600                 | S                  | S                 | 173                        | 1 082      | -84.0             |
| <b>Other and unknown modes</b> ...       | <b>319 224</b>               | <b>242 279</b>               | <b>31.8</b>       | <b>496 178</b>      | <b>540 530</b>      | <b>-8.2</b>       | <b>76 563</b>          | <b>92 581</b>      | <b>-17.3</b>      | <b>153</b>                 | <b>229</b> | <b>-33.4</b>      |

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<sup>1</sup>Ton-miles estimates are based on estimated distances traveled along a modeled transportation network. See the "Mileage Calculations" section for additional information.

<sup>2</sup>"Truck" as a single mode includes shipments that were made by only private truck, only for-hire truck, or a combination of private and for-hire truck.

<sup>3</sup>Estimates for pipeline exclude shipments of crude petroleum.

Note: Estimates for 2002 are preliminary and may be revised. Value-of-shipments estimates have not been adjusted for price changes. Table B-1c provides estimated measures of sampling variability. The Introduction and appendixes give information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, sample design, and definitions. Links to this information on the Internet may be found at [www.census.gov/cfs](http://www.census.gov/cfs).

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**Table 1d. Shipment Characteristics by Mode of Transportation for the United States: Annualized Growth Rate for 1997 to 2002 and 1993 to 2002**

[Estimates are based on data from the 2002, 1997, and 1993 Commodity Flow Surveys]

| Mode of transportation                       | Value (percent) |              | Tons (percent) |              | Ton-miles <sup>1</sup> (percent) |              | Average miles per shipment (percent) |              |
|--|-----------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|
|  | 1997 to 2002    | 1993 to 2002 | 1997 to 2002   | 1993 to 2002 | 1997 to 2002                     | 1993 to 2002 | 1997 to 2002                         | 1993 to 2002 |
| <b>Total</b> .....                           | <b>4.1</b>      | <b>4.2</b>   | <b>.9</b>      | <b>2.0</b>   | <b>3.8</b>                       | <b>3.2</b>   | <b>4.5</b>                           | <b>3.7</b>   |
| <b>Single modes</b> .....                    | <b>4.3</b>      | <b>4.0</b>   | <b>.8</b>      | <b>2.2</b>   | <b>4.1</b>                       | <b>3.5</b>   | <b>9.1</b>                           | <b>4.2</b>   |
| Truck <sup>2</sup> .....                     | 4.5             | 3.9          | -2             | 2.0          | 5.1                              | 4.7          | 6.7                                  | 3.6          |
| For-hire truck .....                         | 5.8             | 4.3          | 1.5            | 3.0          | 6.2                              | 5.3          | 3.5                                  | 2.3          |
| Private truck .....                          | 2.8             | 3.2          | -1.1           | 1.1          | 2.4                              | 2.8          | 5.5                                  | 3.2          |
| Rail .....                                   | .1              | 2.9          | 3.2            | 1.8          | 3.2                              | 2.7          | 3.5                                  | 1.9          |
| Water .....                                  | 3.7             | 4.4          | 4.8            | 3.9          | 4.3                              | 1.9          | 3.7                                  | S            |
| Shallow draft .....                          | .9              | 3.7          | 3.8            | 3.6          | 4.6                              | 4.1          | 19.0                                 | S            |
| Great Lakes .....                            | -12.1           | S            | .5             | 2.0          | 7.8                              | 5.2          | 13.9                                 | -3.4         |
| Deep draft .....                             | 10.5            | 6.1          | 9.7            | 5.3          | 2.5                              | -3.8         | -7.8                                 | -10.5        |
| Air (includes truck and air) .....           | 4.1             | 8.1          | -2.8           | 2.4          | -2.3                             | 3.7          | 5.7                                  | 2.8          |
| Pipeline <sup>3</sup> .....                  | 7.3             | 6.7          | 3.1            | 4.5          | S                                | S            | S                                    | S            |
| <b>Multiple modes</b> .....                  | <b>3.3</b>      | <b>5.9</b>   | <b>-1.7</b>    | <b>-1.4</b>  | <b>1.0</b>                       | <b>1.3</b>   | <b>2.3</b>                           | <b>2.4</b>   |
| Parcel, U.S. Postal Service or courier ..... | 3.6             | 6.8          | 2.2            | 3.8          | 2.7                              | 5.1          | 2.3                                  | 2.4          |
| Truck and rail .....                         | S               | S            | S              | S            | S                                | S            | S                                    | S            |
| Truck and water .....                        | 15.7            | 6.9          | -9             | -8.1         | 11.2                             | 4.3          | 9.0                                  | 3.6          |
| Rail and water .....                         | S               | S            | S              | S            | S                                | S            | S                                    | S            |
| Other multiple modes .....                   | 5.3             | 6.2          | 1.3            | 4.5          | 1.1                              | S            | S                                    | -18.4        |
| <b>Other and unknown modes</b> .....         | <b>2.8</b>      | <b>3.1</b>   | <b>2.6</b>     | <b>-9</b>    | <b>.9</b>                        | <b>-2.1</b>  | <b>4.7</b>                           | <b>-4.4</b>  |

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<sup>1</sup>Ton-miles estimates are based on estimated distances traveled along a modeled transportation network. See the "Mileage Calculations" section for additional information.  
<sup>2</sup>"Truck" as a single mode includes shipments that were made by only private truck, only for-hire truck, or a combination of private and for-hire truck.  
<sup>3</sup>Estimates for pipeline exclude shipments of crude petroleum.

Note: Annualized growth rate measures the annual rate of change between estimates from any 2 years by assuming a constant yearly rate of change. See Appendix C for additional information about this rate.

Note: Estimates for 2002 are preliminary and may be revised. Table B-1d provides estimated measures of sampling variability. The Introduction and appendixes give information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, sample design, and definitions. Links to this information on the Internet may be found at [www.census.gov/cfs](http://www.census.gov/cfs).

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**Table 1e. Shipment Characteristics by Mode of Transportation for the United States: Percent of Total for 2002, 1997, and 1993**

[Estimates are based on data from the 2002, 1997, and 1993 Commodity Flow Surveys. Because of rounding, estimates may not be additive]

| Mode of transportation                       | Value (percent) |              |              | Tons (percent) |              |              | Ton-miles <sup>1</sup> (percent) |              |              |
|--|-----------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
|  | 2002            | 1997         | 1993         | 2002           | 1997         | 1993         | 2002                             | 1997         | 1993         |
| <b>Total</b> .....                           | <b>100.0</b>    | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b>                     | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |
| <b>Single modes</b> .....                    | <b>83.1</b>     | <b>82.4</b>  | <b>84.5</b>  | <b>94.0</b>    | <b>94.1</b>  | <b>92.1</b>  | <b>90.9</b>                      | <b>89.6</b>  | <b>88.3</b>  |
| Truck <sup>2</sup> .....                     | 73.1            | 71.7         | 75.3         | 65.9           | 69.4         | 65.9         | 40.9                             | 38.5         | 35.9         |
| For-hire truck .....                         | 45.2            | 41.8         | 44.9         | 31.7           | 30.7         | 29.0         | 31.3                             | 27.8         | 26.0         |
| Private truck .....                          | 27.6            | 29.3         | 30.0         | 33.9           | 37.3         | 36.6         | 9.4                              | 10.1         | 9.7          |
| Rail .....                                   | 3.8             | 4.6          | 4.2          | 15.7           | 14.0         | 15.9         | 37.4                             | 38.4         | 38.9         |
| Water .....                                  | 1.1             | 1.1          | 1.1          | 6.2            | 5.1          | 5.2          | 10.1                             | 9.8          | 11.2         |
| Shallow draft .....                          | -.7             | -.8          | -.7          | 4.3            | 3.7          | 3.7          | 7.4                              | 7.1          | 6.8          |
| Great Lakes .....                            | -               | -            | S            | -.3            | -.3          | -.3          | .6                               | .5           | .5           |
| Deep draft .....                             | .4              | .3           | .3           | 1.5            | 1.0          | 1.1          | 2.1                              | 2.2          | 3.9          |
| Air (includes truck and air) .....           | 3.3             | 3.3          | 2.4          | -              | -            | -            | .2                               | .2           | .2           |
| Pipeline <sup>3</sup> .....                  | 1.9             | 1.6          | 1.5          | 6.2            | 5.6          | 5.0          | S                                | S            | S            |
| <b>Multiple modes</b> .....                  | <b>13.1</b>     | <b>13.6</b>  | <b>11.3</b>  | <b>1.7</b>     | <b>2.0</b>   | <b>2.3</b>   | <b>6.7</b>                       | <b>7.7</b>   | <b>7.9</b>   |
| Parcel, U.S. Postal Service or courier ..... | 12.0            | 12.3         | 9.6          | .2             | .2           | .2           | .6                               | .7           | .5           |
| Truck and rail .....                         | S               | 1.1          | 1.4          | S              | .5           | .4           | S                                | 2.1          | 1.6          |
| Truck and water .....                        | .2              | .1           | .2           | .3             | .3           | .7           | 1.8                              | 1.3          | 1.7          |
| Rail and water .....                         | S               | -            | -            | S              | .7           | .8           | S                                | 2.9          | 2.9          |
| Other multiple modes .....                   | -               | -            | -            | .2             | .2           | .2           | .6                               | .7           | S            |
| <b>Other and unknown modes</b> .....         | <b>3.8</b>      | <b>4.0</b>   | <b>4.1</b>   | <b>4.3</b>     | <b>3.9</b>   | <b>5.6</b>   | <b>2.4</b>                       | <b>2.8</b>   | <b>3.8</b>   |

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<sup>1</sup>Ton-miles estimates are based on estimated distances traveled along a modeled transportation network. See the "Mileage Calculations" section for additional information.  
<sup>2</sup>"Truck" as a single mode includes shipments that were made by only private truck, only for-hire truck, or a combination of private and for-hire truck.  
<sup>3</sup>Estimates for pipeline exclude shipments of crude petroleum.

Note: Estimates for 2002 are preliminary and may be revised. Table B-1e provides estimated measures of sampling variability. The Introduction and appendixes give information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, sample design, and definitions. Links to this information on the Internet may be found at [www.census.gov/cfs](http://www.census.gov/cfs).

Note: Coverage for the 2002 Commodity Flow Survey (CFS) differs from the previous surveys due to a change from the 1987 Standard Industrial Classification system to the 1997 North American Industry Classification System and other survey improvements. Therefore, data users are urged to use caution when comparing 2002 CFS estimates with estimates from prior years. Please see "Industry Coverage" section for details.

**Table 2a. Shipment Characteristics by Total Modal Activity for the United States: 2002**

[Estimates are based on data from the 2002 Commodity Flow Survey. Because of rounding, estimates may not be additive]

| Mode of transportation <sup>1</sup>          | Ton-miles <sup>2</sup> |                  | 2002<br>Average<br>miles per<br>shipment |
|--|------------------------|------------------|--|
|  | 2002<br>(millions)     | Percent of total |  |
| <b>Total</b> .....                           | <b>3 204 410</b>       | <b>100.0</b>     | <b>575</b>                               |
| Truck .....                                  | 1 318 383              | 41.1             | 191                                      |
| Rail .....                                   | 1 275 195              | 39.8             | 975                                      |
| Shallow draft .....                          | 271 371                | 8.5              | 496                                      |
| Great Lakes .....                            | 50 490                 | 1.6              | 491                                      |
| Deep draft .....                             | 110 919                | 3.5              | 1 517                                    |
| Air .....                                    | 5 388                  | .2               | 1 771                                    |
| Parcel, U.S. Postal Service or courier ..... | 20 536                 | .6               | 910                                      |
| Pipeline <sup>3</sup> .....                  | S                      | S                | S  |
| Other and unknown modes .....                | 76 587                 | 2.4              | 153                                      |

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S Estimate does not meet publication standards because of high sampling variability or poor response quality.

<sup>1</sup>Estimates represent activity for a given mode across single and multiple mode shipments. For example, "Truck" ton-miles includes total ton-miles for shipments moving only by truck plus ton-miles for truck segments of multiple mode shipments.  
<sup>2</sup>Ton-miles estimates are based on estimated distances traveled along a modeled transportation network. See the "Mileage Calculations" section for additional information.  
<sup>3</sup>Estimates for pipeline exclude shipments of crude petroleum.

Note: Estimates for 2002 are preliminary and may be revised. Table B-2a provides estimated measures of sampling variability. The Introduction and appendixes give information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, sample design, and definitions. Links to this information on the Internet may be found at [www.census.gov/cfs](http://www.census.gov/cfs).

Note: Coverage for the 2002 Commodity Flow Survey (CFS) differs from the previous surveys due to a change from the 1987 Standard Industrial Classification system to the 1997 North American Industry Classification System and other survey improvements. Therefore, data users are urged to use caution when comparing 2002 CFS estimates with estimates from prior years. Please see "Industry Coverage" section for details.

**Table 2b. Shipment Characteristics by Total Modal Activity for the United States: 2002 and 1997**

[Estimates are based on data from the 2002 and 1997 Commodity Flow Surveys. Because of rounding, estimates may not be additive]

| Mode of transportation <sup>1</sup>          | Ton-miles <sup>2</sup> |                    | Percent change | Average miles per shipment |            | Percent change |
|--|------------------------|--------------------|----------------|----------------------------|------------|----------------|
|  | 2002<br>(millions)     | 1997<br>(millions) |                | 2002                       | 1997       |                |
| <b>Total</b> .....                           | <b>3 204 410</b>       | <b>2 661 363</b>   | <b>20.4</b>    | <b>575</b>                 | <b>465</b> | <b>23.7</b>    |
| Truck.....                                   | 1 318 383              | 1 029 162          | 28.1           | 191                        | 142        | 34.8           |
| Rail .....                                   | 1 275 195              | 1 115 158          | 14.4           | 975                        | 887        | 9.9            |
| Shallow draft .....                          | 271 371                | 226 975            | 19.6           | 496                        | 253        | 95.7           |
| Great Lakes .....                            | 50 490                 | 38 290             | 31.9           | 491                        | 386        | 27.0           |
| Deep draft .....                             | 110 919                | 84 100             | 31.9           | 1 517                      | 1 329      | 14.2           |
| Air .....                                    | 5 388                  | 5 907              | -8.8           | 1 771                      | 1 300      | 36.2           |
| Parcel, U.S. Postal Service or courier ..... | 20 536                 | 17 994             | 14.1           | 910                        | 813        | 12.0           |
| Pipeline <sup>3</sup> .....                  | S                      | S                  | S              | S                          | S          | S              |
| Other and unknown modes .....                | 76 587                 | 74 337             | 3.0            | 153                        | 121        | 25.7           |

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S Estimate does not meet publication standards because of high sampling variability or poor response quality.

<sup>1</sup>Estimates represent activity for a given mode across single and multiple mode shipments. For example, "Truck" ton-miles includes total ton-miles for shipments moving only by truck plus ton-miles for truck segments of multiple mode shipments.  
<sup>2</sup>Ton-miles estimates are based on estimated distances traveled along a modeled transportation network. See the "Mileage Calculations" section for additional information.  
<sup>3</sup>Estimates for pipeline exclude shipments of crude petroleum.

Note: Estimates for 2002 are preliminary and may be revised. Table B-2b provides estimated measures of sampling variability. The Introduction and appendixes give information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, sample design, and definitions. Links to this information on the Internet may be found at [www.census.gov/cfs](http://www.census.gov/cfs).

Note: Coverage for the 2002 Commodity Flow Survey (CFS) differs from the previous surveys due to a change from the 1987 Standard Industrial Classification system to the 1997 North American Industry Classification System and other survey improvements. Therefore, data users are urged to use caution when comparing 2002 CFS estimates with estimates from prior years. Please see "Industry Coverage" section for details.

**Table 2c. Shipment Characteristics by Total Modal Activity for the United States: 2002 and 1993**

[Estimates are based on data from the 2002 and 1993 Commodity Flow Surveys. Because of rounding, estimates may not be additive]

| Mode of transportation <sup>1</sup>          | Ton-miles <sup>2</sup> |                    | Percent change | Average miles per shipment |            | Percent change |
|--|------------------------|--------------------|----------------|----------------------------|------------|----------------|
|  | 2002<br>(millions)     | 1993<br>(millions) |                | 2002                       | 1993       |                |
| <b>Total</b> .....                           | <b>3 204 410</b>       | <b>2 420 915</b>   | <b>32.4</b>    | <b>575</b>                 | <b>424</b> | <b>35.6</b>    |
| Truck.....                                   | 1 318 383              | 880 890            | 49.7           | 191                        | 140        | 36.4           |
| Rail .....                                   | 1 275 195              | 1 003 552          | 27.1           | 975                        | 932        | 4.6            |
| Shallow draft .....                          | 271 371                | 255 057            | 6.4            | 496                        | 394        | 25.8           |
| Great Lakes .....                            | 50 490                 | 34 619             | 45.8           | 491                        | 507        | -3.2           |
| Deep draft .....                             | 110 919                | 87 564             | 26.7           | 1 517                      | 1 676      | -9.5           |
| Air .....                                    | 5 388                  | 3 781              | 42.5           | 1 771                      | 1 354      | 30.8           |
| Parcel, U.S. Postal Service or courier ..... | 20 536                 | 13 151             | 56.2           | 910                        | 734        | 23.9           |
| Pipeline <sup>3</sup> .....                  | S                      | S                  | S              | S                          | S          | S              |
| Other and unknown modes .....                | 76 587                 | 92 581             | -17.3          | 153                        | 229        | -33.3          |

- Represents an estimate equal to zero or less than 1 unit of measure.  
S Estimate does not meet publication standards because of high sampling variability or poor response quality.

<sup>1</sup>Estimates represent activity for a given mode across single and multiple mode shipments. For example, "Truck" ton-miles includes total ton-miles for shipments moving only by truck plus ton-miles for truck segments of multiple mode shipments.  
<sup>2</sup>Ton-miles estimates are based on estimated distances traveled along a modeled transportation network. See the "Mileage Calculations" section for additional information.  
<sup>3</sup>Estimates for pipeline exclude shipments of crude petroleum.

Note: Estimates for 2002 are preliminary and may be revised. Table B-2c provides estimated measures of sampling variability. The Introduction and appendixes give information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, sample design, and definitions. Links to this information on the Internet may be found at [www.census.gov/cfs](http://www.census.gov/cfs).

Note: Coverage for the 2002 Commodity Flow Survey (CFS) differs from the previous surveys due to a change from the 1987 Standard Industrial Classification system to the 1997 North American Industry Classification System and other survey improvements. Therefore, data users are urged to use caution when comparing 2002 CFS estimates with estimates from prior years. Please see "Industry Coverage" section for details.

**Table 2d. Shipment Characteristics by Total Modal Activity for the United States: Annualized Growth Rate for 1997 to 2002 and 1993 to 2002**

[Estimates are based on data from the 2002, 1997, and 1993 Commodity Flow Surveys]

| Mode of transportation <sup>1</sup>          | Ton-miles <sup>2</sup> (percent) |              | Average miles per shipment (percent) |              |
|--|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|
|  | 1997 to 2002                     | 1993 to 2002 | 1997 to 2002                         | 1993 to 2002 |
| <b>Total</b> .....                           | <b>3.8</b>                       | <b>3.2</b>   | <b>4.4</b>                           | <b>3.4</b>   |
| Truck .....                                  | 5.1                              | 4.6          | 6.2                                  | 3.5          |
| Rail .....                                   | 2.7                              | 2.7          | 1.9                                  | .5           |
| Shallow draft .....                          | 3.6                              | .7           | 14.4                                 | 2.6          |
| Great Lakes .....                            | 5.7                              | 4.3          | 4.9                                  | -4           |
| Deep draft .....                             | 5.7                              | 2.7          | 2.7                                  | -1.1         |
| Air .....                                    | -1.8                             | 4.0          | 6.4                                  | 3.0          |
| Parcel, U.S. Postal Service or courier ..... | 2.7                              | 5.1          | 2.3                                  | 2.4          |
| Pipeline <sup>3</sup> .....                  | S                                | S            | S                                    | S            |
| Other and unknown modes .....                | .6                               | -2.1         | 4.7                                  | -4.4         |

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S Estimate does not meet publication standards because of high sampling variability or poor response quality.

<sup>1</sup>Estimates represent activity for a given mode across single and multiple mode shipments. For example, "Truck" ton-miles includes total ton-miles for shipments moving only by truck plus ton-miles for truck segments of multiple mode shipments.

<sup>2</sup>Ton-miles estimates are based on estimated distances traveled along a modeled transportation network. See the "Mileage Calculations" section for additional information.

<sup>3</sup>Estimates for pipeline exclude shipments of crude petroleum.

Note: Annualized growth rate measures the annual rate of change between estimates from any 2 years by assuming a constant yearly rate of change. See Appendix C for additional information about this rate.

Note: Estimates for 2002 are preliminary and may be revised. Table B-2d provides estimated measures of sampling variability. The Introduction and appendixes give information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, sample design, and definitions. Links to this information on the Internet may be found at [www.census.gov/cfs](http://www.census.gov/cfs).

Note: Coverage for the 2002 Commodity Flow Survey (CFS) differs from the previous surveys due to a change from the 1987 Standard Industrial Classification system to the 1997 North American Industry Classification System and other survey improvements. Therefore, data users are urged to use caution when comparing 2002 CFS estimates with estimates from prior years. Please see "Industry Coverage" section for details.

**Table 2e. Shipment Characteristics by Total Modal Activity for the United States: Percent of Total for 2002, 1997, and 1993**

[Estimates are based on data from the 2002, 1997, and 1993 Commodity Flow Surveys. Because of rounding, estimates may not be additive]

| Mode of transportation <sup>1</sup>          | Ton-miles <sup>2</sup> (percent) |              |              |
|--|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
|  | 2002                             | 1997         | 1993         |
| <b>Total</b> .....                           | <b>100.0</b>                     | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |
| Truck .....                                  | 41.1                             | 38.7         | 36.4         |
| Rail .....                                   | 39.8                             | 41.9         | 41.5         |
| Shallow draft .....                          | 8.5                              | 8.5          | 10.5         |
| Great Lakes .....                            | 1.6                              | 1.4          | 1.4          |
| Deep draft .....                             | 3.5                              | 3.2          | 3.6          |
| Air .....                                    | .2                               | .2           | .2           |
| Parcel, U.S. Postal Service or courier ..... | .6                               | .7           | .5           |
| Pipeline <sup>3</sup> .....                  | S                                | S            | S            |
| Other and unknown modes .....                | 2.4                              | 2.8          | 3.8          |

– Represents an estimate equal to zero or less than 1 unit of measure.  
S Estimate does not meet publication standards because of high sampling variability or poor response quality.

<sup>1</sup>Estimates represent activity for a given mode across single and multiple mode shipments. For example, "Truck" ton-miles includes total ton-miles for shipments moving only by truck plus ton-miles for truck segments of multiple mode shipments.

<sup>2</sup>Ton-miles estimates are based on estimated distances traveled along a modeled transportation network. See the "Mileage Calculations" section for additional information.

<sup>3</sup>Estimates for pipeline exclude shipments of crude petroleum.

Note: Estimates for 2002 are preliminary and may be revised. Table B-2e provides estimated measures of sampling variability. The Introduction and appendixes give information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, sample design, and definitions. Links to this information on the Internet may be found at [www.census.gov/cfs](http://www.census.gov/cfs).

Note: Coverage for the 2002 Commodity Flow Survey (CFS) differs from the previous surveys due to a change from the 1987 Standard Industrial Classification system to the 1997 North American Industry Classification System and other survey improvements. Therefore, data users are urged to use caution when comparing 2002 CFS estimates with estimates from prior years. Please see "Industry Coverage" section for details.

**Table 3a. Shipment Characteristics by Two-Digit Commodity for the United States: 2002**

[Estimates are based on data from the 2002 Commodity Flow Survey. Because of rounding, estimates may not be additive]

| SCTG code | Commodity description  | Value                  |                  | Tons              |                  | Ton-miles <sup>1</sup> |                  | Average miles per shipment |
|-----------|--|------------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|
|           |  | 2002 (million dollars) | Percent of total | 2002 (thousands)  | Percent of total | 2002 (millions)        | Percent of total |                            |
|           | <b>Total<sup>2</sup></b>   | <b>8 483 123</b>       | <b>100.0</b>     | <b>11 572 780</b> | <b>100.0</b>     | <b>3 204 410</b>       | <b>100.0</b>     | <b>589</b>                 |
| 01        | Live animals and live fish   | 7 200                  | —                | 6 549             | —                | 2 021                  | —                | 534                        |
| 02        | Cereal grains  | 55 927                 | .7               | 578 637           | 5.0              | 263 718                | 8.2              | 125                        |
| 03        | Other agricultural products  | 129 890                | 1.5              | 277 547           | 2.4              | 122 134                | 3.8              | 477                        |
| 04        | Animal feed and products of animal origin, n.e.c.  | 55 251                 | .7               | 240 003           | 2.1              | 77 474                 | 2.4              | 141                        |
| 05        | Meat, fish, seafood, and their preparations  | 204 869                | 2.4              | 85 019            | .7               | 41 795                 | 1.3              | 192                        |
| 06        | Milled grain products and preparations, and bakery products                                  | 119 718                | 1.4              | 116 018           | 1.0              | 51 384                 | 1.6              | 265                        |
| 07        | Other prepared foodstuffs and fats and oils  | 362 312                | 4.3              | 463 363           | 4.0              | 171 249                | 5.3              | 206                        |
| 08        | Alcoholic beverages  | 115 772                | 1.4              | 93 698            | .8               | 25 572                 | .8               | 56                         |
| 09        | Tobacco products   | 77 163                 | .9               | 5 793             | —                | 1 256                  | —                | 414                        |
| 10        | Monumental or building stone   | 2 451                  | —                | 16 851            | .1               | 1 325                  | —                | 170                        |
| 11        | Natural sands  | 4 611                  | —                | 466 338           | 4.0              | 33 952                 | 1.1              | 57                         |
| 12        | Gravel and crushed stone   | 12 643                 | .1               | 1 775 181         | 15.3             | 104 552                | 3.3              | 33                         |
| 13        | Nonmetallic minerals n.e.c.  | 12 680                 | .1               | 186 322           | 1.6              | 56 975                 | 1.8              | 214                        |
| 14        | Metallic ores and concentrates   | 5 741                  | .2               | 116 050           | 1.0              | 59 404                 | 1.9              | 465                        |
| 15        | Coal   | 24 085                 | .3               | 1 255 082         | 10.8             | 562 463                | 17.6             | 112                        |
| 17        | Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel   | 233 563                | 2.8              | 840 400           | 7.3              | 130 207                | 4.1              | 103                        |
| 18        | Fuel oils  | 109 618                | 1.3              | 507 540           | 4.4              | 108 928                | 3.4              | 81                         |
| 19        | Coal and petroleum products, n.e.c.  | 74 693                 | .9               | 431 255           | 3.7              | 96 006                 | 3.0              | 125                        |
| 20        | Basic chemicals  | 152 069                | 1.8              | 497 049           | 4.3              | 173 927                | 5.4              | 516                        |
| 21        | Pharmaceutical products  | 426 753                | 5.0              | 22 825            | .2               | 12 095                 | .4               | 722                        |
| 22        | Fertilizers  | 34 079                 | .4               | 214 227           | 1.9              | 74 422                 | 2.3              | 150                        |
| 23        | Chemical products and preparations, n.e.c.   | 234 355                | 2.8              | 109 819           | .9               | 54 824                 | 1.7              | 409                        |
| 24        | Plastics and rubber  | 343 386                | 4.0              | 147 035           | 1.3              | 83 916                 | 2.6              | 430                        |
| 25        | Logs and other wood in the rough   | 5 178                  | —                | 86 316            | .7               | 8 882                  | .3               | 108                        |
| 26        | Wood products  | 140 006                | 1.7              | 321 143           | 2.8              | 114 007                | 3.6              | 250                        |
| 27        | Pulp, newsprint, paper, and paperboard   | 102 406                | 1.2              | 139 895           | 1.2              | 82 591                 | 2.6              | 233                        |
| 28        | Paper or paperboard articles   | 105 890                | 1.2              | 72 508            | .6               | 25 480                 | .8               | 282                        |
| 29        | Printed products   | 136 886                | 1.6              | 34 418            | .3               | 17 364                 | .5               | 903                        |
| 30        | Textiles, leather, and articles of textiles or leather                                       | 506 992                | 6.0              | 53 306            | .5               | 34 589                 | 1.1              | 967                        |
| 31        | Nonmetallic mineral products   | 143 106                | 1.7              | 910 259           | 7.9              | 120 262                | 3.8              | 388                        |
| 32        | Base metal in primary or semifinished forms and in finished basic shapes                     | 253 678                | 3.0              | 325 992           | 2.8              | 121 634                | 3.8              | 275                        |
| 33        | Articles of base metal   | 234 922                | 2.8              | 115 686           | 1.0              | 44 434                 | 1.4              | 396                        |
| 34        | Machinery  | 509 477                | 6.0              | 62 943            | .5               | 34 653                 | 1.1              | 413                        |
| 35        | Electronic and other electrical equipment and components and office equipment                | 948 049                | 11.2             | 53 789            | .5               | 32 906                 | 1.0              | 747                        |
| 36        | Motorized and other vehicles (including parts)   | 735 730                | 8.7              | 133 676           | 1.2              | 59 077                 | 1.8              | 401                        |
| 37        | Transportation equipment, n.e.c.   | 162 984                | 1.9              | 10 269            | —                | 6 220                  | .2               | 1 003                      |
| 38        | Precision instruments and apparatus  | 222 042                | 2.6              | 15 208            | .1               | 3 401                  | .1               | 986                        |
| 39        | Furniture, mattresses and mattress supports, lamps, lighting fittings, and illuminated signs | 135 049                | 1.6              | 30 880            | .3               | 13 293                 | .4               | 564                        |
| 40        | Miscellaneous manufactured products  | 404 683                | 4.8              | 90 600            | .8               | 37 082                 | 1.2              | 1 003                      |
| 41        | Waste and scrap  | 49 307                 | .6               | 305 638           | 2.6              | 71 063                 | 2.2              | 163                        |
| 43        | Mixed freight  | 858 320                | 10.1             | 332 188           | 2.9              | 57 793                 | 1.8              | 434                        |
| --        | Commodity unknown  | 19 588                 | .2               | 25 464            | .2               | 10 079                 | .3               | 585                        |

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<sup>1</sup>Ton-miles estimates are based on estimated distances traveled along a modeled transportation network. See the "Mileage Calculations" section for additional information.  
<sup>2</sup>Estimates exclude shipments of crude petroleum (SCTG 16).

Note: Estimates are preliminary and may be revised. Value-of-shipments estimates have not been adjusted for price changes. Table B-3a provides estimated measures of sampling variability. The Introduction and appendixes give information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, sample design, and definitions. Links to this information on the Internet may be found at [www.census.gov/cfs](http://www.census.gov/cfs).

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**Table 3b. Shipment Characteristics by Two-Digit Commodity for the United States: 2002 and 1997**

[Estimates are based on data from the 2002 and 1997 Commodity Flow Surveys. Because of rounding, estimates may not be additive]

| SCTG code | Commodity description  | Value                  |                        |                | Tons              |                   |                | Ton-miles <sup>1</sup> |                  |                | Average miles per shipment |            |                |
|-----------|--|------------------------|------------------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|------------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------------------|------------|----------------|
|           |  | 2002 (million dollars) | 1997 (million dollars) | Percent change | 2002 (thousands)  | 1997 (thousands)  | Percent change | 2002 (millions)        | 1997 (millions)  | Percent change | 2002                       | 1997       | Percent change |
|           | <b>Total<sup>2</sup></b>   | <b>8 483 123</b>       | <b>6 943 988</b>       | <b>22.2</b>    | <b>11 572 780</b> | <b>11 089 733</b> | <b>4.4</b>     | <b>3 204 410</b>       | <b>2 661 363</b> | <b>20.4</b>    | <b>589</b>                 | <b>472</b> | <b>24.8</b>    |
| 01        | Live animals and live fish . . .   | 7 200                  | 6 173                  | 16.6           | 6 549             | 5 922             | 10.6           | 2 021                  | 1 497            | 35.0           | 534                        | 272        | 96.3           |
| 02        | Cereal grains . . . . .  | 55 927                 | 59 642                 | -6.2           | 578 637           | 489 693           | 18.2           | 263 718                | 200 594          | 31.5           | 125                        | 125        | .6             |
| 03        | Other agricultural products . .  | 129 890                | 102 344                | 26.9           | 277 547           | 201 661           | 37.6           | 122 134                | 80 762           | 51.2           | 477                        | 438        | 8.9            |
| 04        | Animal feed and products of animal origin, n.e.c . . . . .   | 55 251                 | 66 848                 | -17.3          | 240 003           | 219 699           | 9.2            | 77 474                 | 46 770           | 65.6           | 141                        | 79         | 78.8           |
| 05        | Meat, fish, seafood, and their preparations . . . . .  | 204 869                | 183 784                | 11.5           | 85 019            | 79 485            | 7.0            | 41 795                 | 36 383           | 14.9           | 192                        | 137        | 40.1           |
| 06        | Milled grain products and preparations, and bakery products . . . . .                                  | 119 718                | 109 854                | 9.0            | 116 018           | 102 721           | 12.9           | 51 384                 | 48 487           | 6.0            | 265                        | 122        | 116.4          |
| 07        | Other prepared foodstuffs and fats and oils . . . . .  | 362 312                | 346 379                | 4.6            | 463 363           | 396 882           | 16.8           | 171 249                | 124 110          | 38.0           | 206                        | 127        | 61.6           |
| 08        | Alcoholic beverages . . . . .  | 115 772                | 87 932                 | 31.7           | 93 698            | 81 079            | 15.6           | 25 572                 | 27 812           | -8.1           | 56                         | 58         | -4.7           |
| 09        | Tobacco products . . . . .   | 77 163                 | 56 394                 | 36.8           | 5 793             | 4 128             | 40.3           | 1 256                  | 1 011            | 24.2           | 414                        | 296        | 39.5           |
| 10        | Monumental or building stone . . . . .   | 2 451                  | 2 726                  | -10.1          | 16 851            | 15 893            | 6.0            | 1 325                  | 1 472            | -9.9           | 170                        | 115        | 48.3           |
| 11        | Natural sands . . . . .  | 4 611                  | 4 279                  | 7.8            | 466 338           | 442 509           | 5.4            | 33 952                 | 25 460           | 33.4           | 57                         | 46         | 23.1           |
| 12        | Gravel and crushed stone . . .   | 12 643                 | 11 508                 | 9.9            | 1 775 181         | 1 814 761         | -2.2           | 104 552                | 92 862           | 12.6           | 33                         | 36         | -7.1           |
| 13        | Nonmetallic minerals n.e.c . .   | 12 680                 | 11 329                 | 11.9           | 186 322           | 235 731           | -21.0          | 56 975                 | 52 229           | 9.1            | 214                        | 174        | 23.0           |
| 14        | Metallic ores and concentrates . . . . .   | 15 741                 | 12 605                 | 24.9           | 116 050           | 90 705            | 27.9           | 59 404                 | 47 666           | 24.6           | 465                        | 303        | 53.3           |
| 15        | Coal . . . . .   | 24 085                 | 25 486                 | -5.5           | 1 255 082         | 1 217 038         | 3.1            | 562 463                | 542 300          | 3.7            | 112                        | 81         | 37.8           |
| 17        | Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel . . . . .   | 233 563                | 217 051                | 7.6            | 840 400           | 962 815           | -12.7          | 130 207                | 136 639          | -4.7           | 103                        | 45         | 126.5          |
| 18        | Fuel oils . . . . .  | 109 618                | 94 309                 | 16.2           | 507 540           | 481 682           | 5.4            | 108 928                | 51 171           | 112.9          | 81                         | 28         | 185.1          |
| 19        | Coal and petroleum products, n.e.c . . . . .   | 74 693                 | 74 900                 | -3             | 431 255           | 475 105           | -9.2           | 96 006                 | 81 873           | 17.3           | 125                        | 85         | 48.2           |
| 20        | Basic chemicals . . . . .  | 152 069                | 159 623                | -4.7           | 497 049           | 296 056           | 67.9           | 173 927                | 136 806          | 27.1           | 516                        | 332        | 55.5           |
| 21        | Pharmaceutical products . . . .  | 426 753                | 224 448                | 90.1           | 22 825            | 9 897             | 130.6          | 12 095                 | 5 580            | 116.7          | 722                        | 692        | 4.3            |
| 22        | Fertilizers . . . . .  | 34 079                 | 27 334                 | 24.7           | 214 227           | 179 056           | 19.6           | 74 422                 | 43 562           | 70.8           | 150                        | 116        | 29.4           |
| 23        | Chemical products and preparations, n.e.c . . . . .  | 234 355                | 209 487                | 11.9           | 109 819           | 92 034            | 19.3           | 54 824                 | 45 004           | 21.8           | 409                        | 333        | 22.8           |
| 24        | Plastics and rubber . . . . .  | 343 386                | 278 832                | 23.2           | 147 035           | 130 411           | 12.7           | 83 916                 | 69 092           | 21.5           | 430                        | 451        | -4.7           |
| 25        | Logs and other wood in the rough . . . . .   | 5 178                  | 15 129                 | -65.8          | 86 316            | 370 686           | -76.7          | 8 882                  | 28 090           | -68.4          | 108                        | 85         | 27.2           |
| 26        | Wood products . . . . .  | 140 006                | 126 426                | 10.7           | 321 143           | 329 119           | -2.4           | 114 007                | 96 896           | 17.7           | 250                        | 287        | -12.7          |
| 27        | Pulp, newsprint, paper, and paperboard . . . . .   | 102 406                | 106 578                | -3.9           | 139 895           | 152 290           | -8.1           | 82 591                 | 83 669           | -1.3           | 233                        | 194        | 20.2           |
| 28        | Paper or paperboard articles . . . . .   | 105 890                | 98 347                 | 7.7            | 72 508            | 73 513            | -1.4           | 25 480                 | 22 013           | 15.7           | 282                        | 307        | -8.3           |
| 29        | Printed products . . . . .   | 136 886                | 260 327                | -47.4          | 34 418            | 78 053            | -55.9          | 17 364                 | 22 797           | -23.8          | 903                        | 431        | 109.5          |
| 30        | Textiles, leather, and articles of textiles or leather . . . . .                                       | 506 992                | 379 161                | 33.7           | 53 306            | 45 872            | 16.2           | 34 589                 | 24 666           | 40.2           | 967                        | 912        | 6.0            |
| 31        | Nonmetallic mineral products . . . . .   | 143 106                | 109 197                | 31.1           | 910 259           | 910 133           | -              | 120 262                | 91 412           | 31.6           | 388                        | 401        | -3.2           |
| 32        | Base metal in primary or semifinished forms and in finished basic shapes . . . . .                     | 253 678                | 285 690                | -11.2          | 325 992           | 335 878           | -2.9           | 121 634                | 117 479          | 3.5            | 275                        | 276        | -3             |
| 33        | Articles of base metal . . . . .   | 234 922                | 227 182                | 3.4            | 115 686           | 106 519           | 8.6            | 44 434                 | 48 691           | -8.7           | 396                        | 403        | -1.8           |
| 34        | Machinery . . . . .  | 509 477                | 417 103                | 22.1           | 62 943            | 49 915            | 26.1           | 34 653                 | 27 037           | 28.2           | 413                        | 356        | 15.9           |
| 35        | Electronic and other electrical equipment and components and office equipment . . . . .                | 948 049                | 869 675                | 9.0            | 53 789            | 39 612            | 35.8           | 32 906                 | 27 053           | 21.6           | 747                        | 640        | 16.8           |
| 36        | Motorized and other vehicles (including parts) . . . . .   | 735 730                | 570 981                | 28.9           | 133 676           | 98 074            | 36.3           | 59 077                 | 45 907           | 28.7           | 401                        | 278        | 44.3           |
| 37        | Transportation equipment, n.e.c . . . . .  | 162 984                | 129 185                | 26.2           | 10 269            | 5 477             | 87.5           | 6 220                  | 3 758            | 65.5           | 1 003                      | 796        | 25.9           |
| 38        | Precision instruments and apparatus . . . . .  | 222 042                | 157 946                | 40.6           | 15 208            | 2 939             | 417.4          | 3 401                  | 2 169            | 56.8           | 986                        | 840        | 17.3           |
| 39        | Furniture, mattresses and mattress supports, lamps, lighting fittings, and illuminated signs . . . . . | 135 049                | 97 255                 | 38.9           | 30 880            | 19 910            | 55.1           | 13 293                 | 11 565           | 14.9           | 564                        | 625        | -9.7           |
| 40        | Miscellaneous manufactured products . . . . .  | 404 683                | 420 883                | -3.8           | 90 600            | 112 492           | -19.5          | 37 082                 | 39 872           | -7.0           | 1 003                      | 860        | 16.7           |
| 41        | Waste and scrap . . . . .  | 49 307                 | 32 714                 | 50.7           | 305 638           | 177 824           | 71.9           | 71 063                 | 40 126           | 77.1           | 163                        | 164        | -6             |
| 43        | Mixed freight . . . . .  | 858 320                | 230 415                | 272.5          | 332 188           | 110 271           | 201.2          | 57 793                 | 17 224           | 235.5          | 434                        | 252        | 72.0           |
| --        | Commodity unknown . . . . .  | 19 588                 | 36 527                 | -46.4          | 25 464            | 46 191            | -44.9          | 10 079                 | 11 796           | -14.6          | 585                        | 499        | 17.3           |

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<sup>1</sup>Ton-miles estimates are based on estimated distances traveled along a modeled transportation network. See the "Mileage Calculations" section for additional information.  
<sup>2</sup>Estimates exclude shipments of crude petroleum (SCTG 16).

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**Table 3c. Shipment Characteristics by Two-Digit Commodity for the United States: Percent of Total for 2002 and 1997**

[Estimates are based on data from the 2002 and 1997 Commodity Flow Surveys. Because of rounding, estimates may not be additive]

| SCTG code | Commodity description  | Value (percent) |              | Tons (percent) |              | Ton-miles <sup>1</sup> (percent) |              |
|-----------|--|-----------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|----------------------------------|--------------|
|           |  | 2002            | 1997         | 2002           | 1997         | 2002                             | 1997         |
|           | <b>Total<sup>2</sup></b> .....   | <b>100.0</b>    | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b>                     | <b>100.0</b> |
| 01        | Live animals and live fish .....   | —               | —            | —              | —            | —                                | —            |
| 02        | Cereal grains .....  | .7              | .9           | 5.0            | 4.4          | 8.2                              | 7.5          |
| 03        | Other agricultural products .....  | 1.5             | 1.5          | 2.4            | 1.8          | 3.8                              | 3.0          |
| 04        | Animal feed and products of animal origin, n.e.c. ....   | .7              | 1.0          | 2.1            | 2.0          | 2.4                              | 1.8          |
| 05        | Meat, fish, seafood, and their preparations .....  | 2.4             | 2.6          | .7             | .7           | 1.3                              | 1.4          |
| 06        | Milled grain products and preparations, and bakery products .....                                  | 1.4             | 1.6          | 1.0            | .9           | 1.6                              | 1.8          |
| 07        | Other prepared foodstuffs and fats and oils .....  | 4.3             | 5.0          | 4.0            | 3.6          | 5.3                              | 4.7          |
| 08        | Alcoholic beverages .....  | 1.4             | 1.3          | .8             | .7           | .8                               | 1.0          |
| 09        | Tobacco products .....   | .9              | .8           | —              | —            | —                                | —            |
| 10        | Monumental or building stone .....   | —               | —            | .1             | .1           | —                                | —            |
| 11        | Natural sands .....  | —               | —            | 4.0            | 4.0          | 1.1                              | 1.0          |
| 12        | Gravel and crushed stone .....   | .1              | .2           | 15.3           | 16.4         | 3.3                              | 3.5          |
| 13        | Nonmetallic minerals n.e.c. ....   | .1              | .2           | 1.6            | 2.1          | 1.8                              | 2.0          |
| 14        | Metallic ores and concentrates .....   | .2              | .2           | 1.0            | .8           | 1.9                              | 1.8          |
| 15        | Coal .....   | .3              | .4           | 10.8           | 11.0         | 17.6                             | 20.4         |
| 17        | Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel .....   | 2.8             | 3.1          | 7.3            | 8.7          | 4.1                              | 5.1          |
| 18        | Fuel oils .....  | 1.3             | 1.4          | 4.4            | 4.3          | 3.4                              | 1.9          |
| 19        | Coal and petroleum products, n.e.c. ....   | .9              | 1.1          | 3.7            | 4.3          | 3.0                              | 3.1          |
| 20        | Basic chemicals .....  | 1.8             | 2.3          | 4.3            | 2.7          | 5.4                              | 5.1          |
| 21        | Pharmaceutical products .....  | 5.0             | 3.2          | .2             | —            | .4                               | .2           |
| 22        | Fertilizers .....  | .4              | .4           | 1.9            | 1.6          | 2.3                              | 1.6          |
| 23        | Chemical products and preparations, n.e.c. ....  | 2.8             | 3.0          | .9             | .8           | 1.7                              | 1.7          |
| 24        | Plastics and rubber .....  | 4.0             | 4.0          | 1.3            | 1.2          | 2.6                              | 2.6          |
| 25        | Logs and other wood in the rough .....   | —               | .2           | .7             | 3.3          | .3                               | 1.1          |
| 26        | Wood products .....  | 1.7             | 1.8          | 2.8            | 3.0          | 3.6                              | 3.6          |
| 27        | Pulp, newsprint, paper, and paperboard .....   | 1.2             | 1.5          | 1.2            | 1.4          | 2.6                              | 3.1          |
| 28        | Paper or paperboard articles .....   | 1.2             | 1.4          | .6             | .7           | .8                               | .8           |
| 29        | Printed products .....   | 1.6             | 3.7          | .3             | .7           | .5                               | .9           |
| 30        | Textiles, leather, and articles of textiles or leather .....                                       | 6.0             | 5.5          | .5             | .4           | 1.1                              | .9           |
| 31        | Nonmetallic mineral products .....   | 1.7             | 1.6          | 7.9            | 8.2          | 3.8                              | 3.4          |
| 32        | Base metal in primary or semifinished forms and in finished basic shapes .....                     | 3.0             | 4.1          | 2.8            | 3.0          | 3.8                              | 4.4          |
| 33        | Articles of base metal .....   | 2.8             | 3.3          | 1.0            | 1.0          | 1.4                              | 1.8          |
| 34        | Machinery .....  | 6.0             | 6.0          | .5             | .5           | 1.1                              | 1.0          |
| 35        | Electronic and other electrical equipment and components and office equipment .....                | 11.2            | 12.5         | .5             | .4           | 1.0                              | 1.0          |
| 36        | Motorized and other vehicles (including parts) .....   | 8.7             | 8.2          | 1.2            | .9           | 1.8                              | 1.7          |
| 37        | Transportation equipment, n.e.c. ....  | 1.9             | 1.9          | —              | —            | .2                               | .1           |
| 38        | Precision instruments and apparatus .....  | 2.6             | 2.3          | .1             | —            | .1                               | —            |
| 39        | Furniture, mattresses and mattress supports, lamps, lighting fittings, and illuminated signs ..... | 1.6             | 1.4          | .3             | .2           | .4                               | .4           |
| 40        | Miscellaneous manufactured products .....  | 4.8             | 6.1          | .8             | 1.0          | 1.2                              | 1.5          |
| 41        | Waste and scrap .....  | .6              | .5           | 2.6            | 1.6          | 2.2                              | 1.5          |
| 43        | Mixed freight .....  | 10.1            | 3.3          | 2.9            | 1.0          | 1.8                              | .6           |
| --        | Commodity unknown .....  | .2              | .5           | .2             | .4           | .3                               | .4           |

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<sup>1</sup>Ton-miles estimates are based on estimated distances traveled along a modeled transportation network. See the "Mileage Calculations" section for additional information.

<sup>2</sup>Estimates exclude shipments of crude petroleum (SCTG 16).

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**Table 4a. Shipment Characteristics by Distance Shipped for the United States: 2002**

[Estimates are based on data from the 2002 Commodity Flow Survey. Because of rounding, estimates may not be additive]

| Distance shipped <sup>1</sup><br>(Based on Great Circle Distance) | Value                     |                     | Tons                |                     | Ton-miles <sup>2</sup> |                     |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
|   | 2002<br>(million dollars) | Percent<br>of total | 2002<br>(thousands) | Percent<br>of total | 2002<br>(millions)     | Percent<br>of total |
| <b>Total</b> .....  | <b>8 483 123</b>          | <b>100.0</b>        | <b>11 572 780</b>   | <b>100.0</b>        | <b>3 204 410</b>       | <b>100.0</b>        |
| Less than 50 miles .....  | 2 447 018                 | 28.8                | 6 028 724           | 52.1                | 121 093                | 3.8                 |
| 50 to 99 miles .....  | 753 019                   | 8.9                 | 1 242 433           | 10.7                | 116 044                | 3.6                 |
| 100 to 249 miles .....  | 1 345 926                 | 15.9                | 1 553 406           | 13.4                | 343 922                | 10.7                |
| 250 to 499 miles .....  | 1 258 978                 | 14.8                | 1 097 835           | 9.5                 | 539 271                | 16.8                |
| 500 to 749 miles .....  | 862 741                   | 10.2                | 647 884             | 5.6                 | 541 309                | 16.9                |
| 750 to 999 miles .....  | 568 002                   | 6.7                 | 437 698             | 3.8                 | 508 330                | 15.9                |
| 1,000 to 1,499 miles .....  | 545 968                   | 6.4                 | 386 657             | 3.3                 | 619 659                | 19.3                |
| 1,500 to 1,999 miles .....  | 360 651                   | 4.3                 | 122 649             | 1.1                 | 260 455                | 8.1                 |
| 2,000 miles or more .....   | 340 820                   | 4.0                 | 55 493              | .5                  | 154 327                | 4.8                 |

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<sup>1</sup>Shipments are grouped into distance categories based on Great Circle Distance (GCD). GCD is the shortest distance between 2 points on the surface of a sphere over the surface of that sphere.

<sup>2</sup>Ton-miles estimates are based on estimated distances traveled along a modeled transportation network. See the "Mileage Calculations" section for additional information.

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**Table 4b. Shipment Characteristics by Distance Shipped for the United States: 2002 and 1997**

[Estimates are based on data from the 2002 and 1997 Commodity Flow Surveys. Because of rounding, estimates may not be additive]

| Distance shipped <sup>1</sup><br>(Based on Great Circle Distance) | Value                     |                           |                   | Tons                |                     |                   | Ton-miles <sup>2</sup> |                    |                   |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
|   | 2002<br>(million dollars) | 1997<br>(million dollars) | Percent<br>change | 2002<br>(thousands) | 1997<br>(thousands) | Percent<br>change | 2002<br>(millions)     | 1997<br>(millions) | Percent<br>change |
| <b>Total</b> .....  | <b>8 483 123</b>          | <b>6 943 988</b>          | <b>22.2</b>       | <b>11 572 780</b>   | <b>11 089 733</b>   | <b>4.4</b>        | <b>3 204 410</b>       | <b>2 661 363</b>   | <b>20.4</b>       |
| Less than 50 miles .....  | 2 447 018                 | 2 168 057                 | 12.9              | 6 028 724           | 6 444 454           | -6.5              | 121 093                | 135 926            | -10.9             |
| 50 to 99 miles .....  | 753 019                   | 597 587                   | 26.0              | 1 242 433           | 1 079 841           | 15.1              | 116 044                | 102 983            | 12.7              |
| 100 to 249 miles .....  | 1 345 926                 | 1 062 579                 | 26.7              | 1 553 406           | 1 311 278           | 18.5              | 343 922                | 296 032            | 16.2              |
| 250 to 499 miles .....  | 1 258 978                 | 975 367                   | 29.1              | 1 097 835           | 905 504             | 21.2              | 539 271                | 437 463            | 23.3              |
| 500 to 749 miles .....  | 862 741                   | 656 846                   | 31.3              | 647 884             | 541 782             | 19.6              | 541 309                | 467 800            | 15.7              |
| 750 to 999 miles .....  | 568 002                   | 436 491                   | 30.1              | 437 698             | 383 327             | 14.2              | 508 330                | 440 999            | 15.3              |
| 1,000 to 1,499 miles .....  | 545 968                   | 469 777                   | 16.2              | 386 657             | 302 918             | 27.6              | 619 659                | 487 859            | 27.0              |
| 1,500 to 1,999 miles .....  | 360 651                   | 293 654                   | 22.8              | 122 649             | 77 130              | 59.0              | 260 455                | 169 651            | 53.5              |
| 2,000 miles or more .....   | 340 820                   | 283 628                   | 20.2              | 55 493              | 43 499              | 27.6              | 154 327                | 122 651            | 25.8              |

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<sup>2</sup>Ton-miles estimates are based on estimated distances traveled along a modeled transportation network. See the "Mileage Calculations" section for additional information.

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**Table 4c. Shipment Characteristics by Distance Shipped for the United States: 2002 and 1993**

[Estimates are based on data from the 2002 and 1993 Commodity Flow Surveys. Because of rounding, estimates may not be additive]

| Distance shipped <sup>1</sup><br>(Based on Great Circle Distance) | Value                     |                           |                | Tons                |                     |                | Ton-miles <sup>2</sup> |                    |                |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------|------------------------|--------------------|----------------|
|   | 2002<br>(million dollars) | 1993<br>(million dollars) | Percent change | 2002<br>(thousands) | 1993<br>(thousands) | Percent change | 2002<br>(millions)     | 1993<br>(millions) | Percent change |
| <b>Total</b> .....  | <b>8 483 123</b>          | <b>5 846 334</b>          | <b>45.1</b>    | <b>11 572 780</b>   | <b>9 688 493</b>    | <b>19.4</b>    | <b>3 204 410</b>       | <b>2 420 915</b>   | <b>32.4</b>    |
| Less than 50 miles .....  | 2 447 018                 | 1 770 189                 | 38.2           | 6 028 724           | 5 423 012           | 11.2           | 121 093                | 119 533            | 1.3            |
| 50 to 99 miles .....  | 753 019                   | 536 987                   | 40.2           | 1 242 433           | 1 066 691           | 16.5           | 116 044                | 106 447            | 9.0            |
| 100 to 249 miles .....  | 1 345 926                 | 927 911                   | 45.0           | 1 553 406           | 1 149 069           | 35.2           | 343 922                | 262 494            | 31.0           |
| 250 to 499 miles .....  | 1 258 978                 | 851 303                   | 47.9           | 1 097 835           | 858 891             | 27.8           | 539 271                | 421 432            | 28.0           |
| 500 to 749 miles .....  | 862 741                   | 570 804                   | 51.1           | 647 884             | 535 424             | 21.0           | 541 309                | 466 413            | 16.1           |
| 750 to 999 miles .....  | 568 002                   | 371 685                   | 52.8           | 437 698             | 289 304             | 51.3           | 508 330                | 341 582            | 48.8           |
| 1,000 to 1,499 miles .....  | 545 968                   | 348 451                   | 56.7           | 386 657             | 241 219             | 60.3           | 619 659                | 391 113            | 58.4           |
| 1,500 to 1,999 miles .....  | 360 651                   | 226 380                   | 59.3           | 122 649             | 76 413              | 60.5           | 260 455                | 171 072            | 52.2           |
| 2,000 miles or more .....   | 340 820                   | 242 625                   | 40.5           | 55 493              | 48 470              | 14.5           | 154 327                | 140 830            | 9.6            |

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<sup>1</sup>Shipments are grouped into distance categories based on Great Circle Distance (GCD). GCD is the shortest distance between 2 points on the surface of a sphere over the surface of that sphere.

<sup>2</sup>Ton-miles estimates are based on estimated distances traveled along a modeled transportation network. See the "Mileage Calculations" section for additional information.

Note: Estimates for 2002 are preliminary and may be revised. Value-of-shippments estimates have not been adjusted for price changes. Table B-4c provides estimated measures of sampling variability. The Introduction and appendixes give information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, sample design, and definitions. Links to this information on the Internet may be found at [www.census.gov/cfs](http://www.census.gov/cfs).

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**Table 4d. Shipment Characteristics by Distance Shipped for the United States: Annualized Growth Rate for 1997 to 2002 and 1993 to 2002**

[Estimates are based on data from the 2002, 1997, and 1993 Commodity Flow Surveys]

| Distance shipped <sup>1</sup><br>(Based on Great Circle Distance) | Value (percent) |              | Tons (percent) |              | Ton-miles <sup>2</sup> (percent) |              |
|---|-----------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|----------------------------------|--------------|
|   | 1997 to 2002    | 1993 to 2002 | 1997 to 2002   | 1993 to 2002 | 1997 to 2002                     | 1993 to 2002 |
| <b>Total</b> .....  | <b>4.1</b>      | <b>4.2</b>   | <b>.9</b>      | <b>2.0</b>   | <b>3.8</b>                       | <b>3.2</b>   |
| Less than 50 miles .....  | 2.5             | 3.7          | -1.3           | 1.2          | -2.3                             | .1           |
| 50 to 99 miles .....  | 4.7             | 3.8          | 2.8            | 1.7          | 2.4                              | 1.0          |
| 100 to 249 miles .....  | 4.8             | 4.2          | 3.4            | 3.4          | 3.0                              | 3.0          |
| 250 to 499 miles .....  | 5.2             | 4.4          | 3.9            | 2.8          | 4.3                              | 2.8          |
| 500 to 749 miles .....  | 5.6             | 4.7          | 3.6            | 2.1          | 3.0                              | 1.7          |
| 750 to 999 miles .....  | 5.4             | 4.8          | 2.7            | 4.7          | 2.9                              | 4.5          |
| 1,000 to 1,499 miles .....  | 3.1             | 5.1          | 5.0            | 5.4          | 4.9                              | 5.2          |
| 1,500 to 1,999 miles .....  | 4.2             | 5.3          | 9.7            | 5.4          | 9.0                              | 4.8          |
| 2,000 miles or more .....   | 3.7             | 3.8          | 5.0            | 1.5          | 4.7                              | 1.0          |

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<sup>2</sup>Ton-miles estimates are based on estimated distances traveled along a modeled transportation network. See the "Mileage Calculations" section for additional information.

Note: Annualized growth rate measures the annual rate of change between estimates from any 2 years by assuming a constant yearly rate of change. See Appendix C for additional information about this rate.

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**Table 4e. Shipment Characteristics by Distance Shipped for the United States: Percent of Total for 2002, 1997, and 1993**

[Estimates are based on data from the 2002, 1997, and 1993 Commodity Flow Surveys. Because of rounding, estimates may not be additive]

| Distance shipped <sup>1</sup><br>(Based on Great Circle Distance) | Value (percent) |              |              | Tons (percent) |              |              | Ton-miles <sup>2</sup> (percent) |              |              |
|---|-----------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
|   | 2002            | 1997         | 1993         | 2002           | 1997         | 1993         | 2002                             | 1997         | 1993         |
| <b>Total</b> .....  | <b>100.0</b>    | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b>                     | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |
| Less than 50 miles .....  | 28.8            | 31.2         | 30.3         | 52.1           | 58.1         | 56.0         | 3.8                              | 5.1          | 4.9          |
| 50 to 99 miles .....  | 8.9             | 8.6          | 9.2          | 10.7           | 9.7          | 11.0         | 3.6                              | 3.9          | 4.4          |
| 100 to 249 miles .....  | 15.9            | 15.3         | 15.9         | 13.4           | 11.8         | 11.9         | 10.7                             | 11.1         | 10.8         |
| 250 to 499 miles .....  | 14.8            | 14.0         | 14.6         | 9.5            | 8.2          | 8.9          | 16.8                             | 16.4         | 17.4         |
| 500 to 749 miles .....  | 10.2            | 9.5          | 9.8          | 5.6            | 4.9          | 5.5          | 16.9                             | 17.6         | 19.3         |
| 750 to 999 miles .....  | 6.7             | 6.3          | 6.4          | 3.8            | 3.5          | 3.0          | 15.9                             | 16.6         | 14.1         |
| 1,000 to 1,499 miles .....  | 6.4             | 6.8          | 6.0          | 3.3            | 2.7          | 2.5          | 19.3                             | 18.3         | 16.2         |
| 1,500 to 1,999 miles .....  | 4.3             | 4.2          | 3.9          | 1.1            | .7           | .8           | 8.1                              | 6.4          | 7.1          |
| 2,000 miles or more .....   | 4.0             | 4.1          | 4.2          | .5             | .4           | .5           | 4.8                              | 4.6          | 5.8          |

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<sup>2</sup>Ton-miles estimates are based on estimated distances traveled along a modeled transportation network. See the "Mileage Calculations" section for additional information.

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**Table 5a. Shipment Characteristics by Shipment Weight for the United States: 2002**

[Estimates are based on data from the 2002 Commodity Flow Survey. Because of rounding, estimates may not be additive]

| Shipment weight           | Value                        |                     | Tons                |                     | Ton-miles <sup>1</sup> |                     | 2002<br>Average miles<br>per shipment |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|
|                           | 2002<br>(million<br>dollars) | Percent of<br>total | 2002<br>(thousands) | Percent of<br>total | 2002<br>(millions)     | Percent of<br>total |                                       |
| <b>Total</b> .....        | <b>8 483 123</b>             | <b>100.0</b>        | <b>11 572 780</b>   | <b>100.0</b>        | <b>3 204 410</b>       | <b>100.0</b>        | <b>589</b>                            |
| Less than 50 lb .....     | 1 009 779                    | 11.9                | 19 140              | .2                  | 10 869                 | .3                  | 735                                   |
| 50 to 99 lb .....         | 298 263                      | 3.5                 | 13 855              | .1                  | 5 308                  | .2                  | 388                                   |
| 100 to 499 lb .....       | 829 694                      | 9.8                 | 81 940              | .7                  | 22 757                 | .7                  | 283                                   |
| 500 to 749 lb .....       | 250 562                      | 3.0                 | 39 364              | .3                  | 9 907                  | .3                  | 252                                   |
| 750 to 999 lb .....       | 181 610                      | 2.1                 | 33 991              | .3                  | 8 128                  | .3                  | 239                                   |
| 1,000 to 9,999 lb .....   | 1 797 380                    | 21.2                | 584 664             | 5.1                 | 154 612                | 4.8                 | 259                                   |
| 10,000 to 49,999 lb ..... | 3 111 754                    | 36.7                | 4 358 037           | 37.7                | 906 343                | 28.3                | 212                                   |
| 50,000 to 99,999 lb ..... | 351 127                      | 4.1                 | 1 948 882           | 16.8                | 211 709                | 6.6                 | 107                                   |
| 100,000 lb or more .....  | 652 955                      | 7.7                 | 4 492 907           | 38.8                | 1 874 776              | 58.5                | 539                                   |

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<sup>1</sup>Ton-miles estimates are based on estimated distances traveled along a modeled transportation network. See the "Mileage Calculations" section for additional information.

Note: Estimates are preliminary and may be revised. Value-of-shipments estimates have not been adjusted for price changes. Table B-5a provides estimated measures of sampling variability. The Introduction and appendixes give information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, sample design, and definitions. Links to this information on the Internet may be found at [www.census.gov/cfs](http://www.census.gov/cfs).

Note: Coverage for the 2002 Commodity Flow Survey (CFS) differs from the previous surveys due to a change from the 1987 Standard Industrial Classification system to the 1997 North American Industry Classification System and other survey improvements. Therefore, data users are urged to use caution when comparing 2002 CFS estimates with estimates from prior years. Please see "Industry Coverage" section for details.

**Table 5b. Shipment Characteristics by Shipment Weight for the United States: 2002 and 1997**

[Estimates are based on data from the 2002 and 1997 Commodity Flow Surveys. Because of rounding, estimates may not be additive]

| Shipment weight           | Value                        |                              |                   | Tons                |                     |                   | Ton-miles <sup>1</sup> |                    |                   | Average miles per shipment |            |                   |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|------------|-------------------|
|                           | 2002<br>(million<br>dollars) | 1997<br>(million<br>dollars) | Percent<br>change | 2002<br>(thousands) | 1997<br>(thousands) | Percent<br>change | 2002<br>(millions)     | 1997<br>(millions) | Percent<br>change | 2002                       | 1997       | Percent<br>change |
| <b>Total</b> .....        | <b>8 483 123</b>             | <b>6 943 988</b>             | <b>22.2</b>       | <b>11 572 780</b>   | <b>11 089 733</b>   | <b>4.4</b>        | <b>3 204 410</b>       | <b>2 661 363</b>   | <b>20.4</b>       | <b>589</b>                 | <b>472</b> | <b>24.8</b>       |
| Less than 50 lb .....     | 1 009 779                    | 853 289                      | 18.3              | 19 140              | 21 348              | -10.3             | 10 869                 | 9 950              | 9.2               | 735                        | 574        | 27.9              |
| 50 to 99 lb .....         | 298 263                      | 249 541                      | 19.5              | 13 855              | 14 200              | -2.4              | 5 308                  | 4 450              | 19.3              | 388                        | 312        | 24.5              |
| 100 to 499 lb .....       | 829 694                      | 727 368                      | 14.1              | 81 940              | 82 166              | -3                | 22 757                 | 19 601             | 16.1              | 283                        | 243        | 16.7              |
| 500 to 749 lb .....       | 250 562                      | 219 136                      | 14.3              | 39 364              | 38 955              | 1.1               | 9 907                  | 8 852              | 11.9              | 252                        | 225        | 11.6              |
| 750 to 999 lb .....       | 181 610                      | 154 348                      | 17.7              | 33 991              | 32 484              | 4.6               | 8 128                  | 7 260              | 11.9              | 239                        | 223        | 7.2               |
| 1,000 to 9,999 lb .....   | 1 797 380                    | 1 536 448                    | 17.0              | 584 664             | 579 490             | .9                | 154 612                | 131 388            | 17.7              | 259                        | 225        | 15.0              |
| 10,000 to 49,999 lb ..... | 3 111 754                    | 2 286 364                    | 36.1              | 4 358 037           | 4 073 970           | 7.0               | 906 343                | 734 805            | 23.3              | 212                        | 183        | 15.7              |
| 50,000 to 99,999 lb ..... | 351 127                      | 360 091                      | -2.5              | 1 948 882           | 2 229 997           | -12.6             | 211 709                | 188 735            | 12.2              | 107                        | 83         | 28.5              |
| 100,000 lb or more .....  | 652 955                      | 557 404                      | 17.1              | 4 492 907           | 4 017 124           | 11.8              | 1 874 776              | 1 556 321          | 20.5              | 539                        | 418        | 29.0              |

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<sup>1</sup>Ton-miles estimates are based on estimated distances traveled along a modeled transportation network. See the "Mileage Calculations" section for additional information.

Note: Estimates for 2002 are preliminary and may be revised. Value-of-shippments estimates have not been adjusted for price changes. Table B-5b provides estimated measures of sampling variability. The Introduction and appendixes give information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, sample design, and definitions. Links to this information on the Internet may be found at [www.census.gov/cfs](http://www.census.gov/cfs).

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**Table 5c. Shipment Characteristics by Shipment Weight for the United States: 2002 and 1993**

[Estimates are based on data from the 2002 and 1993 Commodity Flow Surveys. Because of rounding, estimates may not be additive]

| Shipment weight           | Value                        |                              |                   | Tons                |                     |                   | Ton-miles <sup>1</sup> |                    |                   | Average<br>miles per<br>shipment |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|
|                           | 2002<br>(million<br>dollars) | 1993<br>(million<br>dollars) | Percent<br>change | 2002<br>(thousands) | 1993<br>(thousands) | Percent<br>change | 2002<br>(millions)     | 1993<br>(millions) | Percent<br>change |                                  |
| <b>Total</b> .....        | <b>8 483 123</b>             | <b>5 846 334</b>             | <b>45.1</b>       | <b>11 572 780</b>   | <b>9 688 493</b>    | <b>19.4</b>       | <b>3 204 410</b>       | <b>2 420 915</b>   | <b>32.4</b>       | <b>589</b>                       |
| Less than 50 lb .....     | 1 009 779                    | 591 779                      | 70.6              | 19 140              | 21 783              | -12.1             | 10 869                 | 8 647              | 25.7              | 735                              |
| 50 to 99 lb .....         | 298 263                      | 186 656                      | 59.8              | 13 855              | 12 764              | 8.5               | 5 308                  | 3 559              | 49.1              | 388                              |
| 100 to 499 lb .....       | 829 694                      | 589 693                      | 40.7              | 81 940              | 74 922              | 9.4               | 22 757                 | 16 423             | 38.6              | 283                              |
| 500 to 749 lb .....       | 250 562                      | 178 173                      | 40.6              | 39 364              | 35 059              | 12.3              | 9 907                  | 7 586              | 30.6              | 252                              |
| 750 to 999 lb .....       | 181 610                      | 140 468                      | 29.3              | 33 991              | 29 517              | 15.2              | 8 128                  | 5 910              | 37.5              | 239                              |
| 1,000 to 9,999 lb .....   | 1 797 380                    | 1 372 352                    | 31.0              | 584 664             | 533 447             | 9.6               | 154 612                | 115 024            | 34.4              | 259                              |
| 10,000 to 49,999 lb ..... | 3 111 754                    | 2 038 193                    | 52.7              | 4 358 037           | 3 296 465           | 32.2              | 906 343                | 612 622            | 47.9              | 212                              |
| 50,000 to 99,999 lb ..... | 351 127                      | 281 045                      | 24.9              | 1 948 882           | 2 050 860           | -5.0              | 211 709                | 160 096            | 32.2              | 107                              |
| 100,000 lb or more .....  | 652 955                      | 467 975                      | 39.5              | 4 492 907           | 3 633 676           | 23.6              | 1 874 776              | 1 491 048          | 25.7              | 539                              |

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**Table 5d. Shipment Characteristics by Shipment Weight for the United States: Annualized Growth Rate for 1997 to 2002 and 1993 to 2002**

[Estimates are based on data from the 2002, 1997, and 1993 Commodity Flow Surveys]

| Shipment weight           | Value (percent) |              | Tons (percent) |              | Ton-miles <sup>1</sup> (percent) |              | Average miles per shipment (percent) |              |
|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|
|                           | 1997 to 2002    | 1993 to 2002 | 1997 to 2002   | 1993 to 2002 | 1997 to 2002                     | 1993 to 2002 | 1997 to 2002                         | 1993 to 2002 |
| <b>Total</b> .....        | <b>4.1</b>      | <b>4.2</b>   | <b>.9</b>      | <b>2.0</b>   | <b>3.8</b>                       | <b>3.2</b>   | <b>4.5</b>                           | <b>3.7</b>   |
| Less than 50 lb .....     | 3.4             | 6.1          | -2.2           | -1.4         | 1.8                              | 2.6          | 5.1                                  | 3.5          |
| 50 to 99 lb .....         | 3.6             | 5.3          | -.5            | .9           | 3.6                              | 4.5          | 4.5                                  | 3.1          |
| 100 to 499 lb .....       | 2.7             | 3.9          | -.1            | 1.0          | 3.0                              | 3.7          | 3.1                                  | 2.7          |
| 500 to 749 lb .....       | 2.7             | 3.9          | .2             | 1.3          | 2.3                              | 3.0          | 2.2                                  | 2.2          |
| 750 to 999 lb .....       | 3.3             | 2.9          | .9             | 1.6          | 2.3                              | 3.6          | 1.4                                  | 2.2          |
| 1,000 to 9,999 lb .....   | 3.2             | 3.0          | .2             | 1.0          | 3.3                              | 3.3          | 2.8                                  | 2.1          |
| 10,000 to 49,999 lb ..... | 6.4             | 4.8          | 1.4            | 3.2          | 4.3                              | 4.4          | 3.0                                  | 1.6          |
| 50,000 to 99,999 lb ..... | -.5             | 2.5          | -2.7           | -6           | 2.3                              | 3.2          | 5.1                                  | 3.8          |
| 100,000 lb or more .....  | 3.2             | 3.8          | 2.3            | 2.4          | 3.8                              | 2.6          | 5.2                                  | 1.3          |

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**Table 5e. Shipment Characteristics by Shipment Weight for the United States: Percent of Total for 2002, 1997, and 1993**

[Estimates are based on data from the 2002, 1997, and 1993 Commodity Flow Surveys. Because of rounding, estimates may not be additive]

| Shipment weight           | Value (percent) |              |              | Tons (percent) |              |              | Ton-miles <sup>1</sup> (percent) |              |              |
|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
|                           | 2002            | 1997         | 1993         | 2002           | 1997         | 1993         | 2002                             | 1997         | 1993         |
| <b>Total</b> .....        | <b>100.0</b>    | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b>                     | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |
| Less than 50 lb .....     | 11.9            | 12.3         | 10.1         | .2             | .2           | .2           | .3                               | .4           | .4           |
| 50 to 99 lb .....         | 3.5             | 3.6          | 3.2          | .1             | .1           | .1           | .2                               | .2           | .1           |
| 100 to 499 lb .....       | 9.8             | 10.5         | 10.1         | .7             | .7           | .8           | .7                               | .7           | .7           |
| 500 to 749 lb .....       | 3.0             | 3.2          | 3.0          | .3             | .4           | .4           | .3                               | .3           | .3           |
| 750 to 999 lb .....       | 2.1             | 2.2          | 2.4          | .3             | .3           | .3           | .3                               | .3           | .2           |
| 1,000 to 9,999 lb .....   | 21.2            | 22.1         | 23.5         | 5.1            | 5.2          | 5.5          | 4.8                              | 4.9          | 4.8          |
| 10,000 to 49,999 lb ..... | 36.7            | 32.9         | 34.9         | 37.7           | 36.7         | 34.0         | 28.3                             | 27.6         | 25.3         |
| 50,000 to 99,999 lb ..... | 4.1             | 5.2          | 4.8          | 16.8           | 20.1         | 21.2         | 6.6                              | 7.1          | 6.6          |
| 100,000 lb or more .....  | 7.7             | 8.0          | 8.0          | 38.8           | 36.2         | 37.5         | 58.5                             | 58.5         | 61.6         |

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# Appendix A.

## Comparability With the 1993 and 1997 Commodity Flow Surveys

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The following tables show a comparison of the key characteristics among the 1993, 1997, and 2002 Commodity Flow Surveys.

### Industry Coverage

| 1993  | 1997  | 2002   |
|---|---|--|
| Based on 1987 SIC   | Based on 1987 SIC   | Based on 1997 NAICS <sup>1</sup>   |
| Manufacturing (excluding Printing Trade Services (SIC 279))   | Manufacturing (excluding Printing Trade Services (SIC 279))   | Manufacturing (excluding Prepress Services (NAICS 323122))                                 |
| Mining (except mining services (SICs 108, 124, 138, 148) and oil and gas extraction (SICs 131 and 132)) | Mining (except mining services (SICs 108, 124, 138, 148) and oil and gas extraction (SICs 131 and 132)) | Mining (except support activities (NAICS 213) and oil and gas extraction (NAICS 211))      |
| Wholesale (merchants and manufacturers' sales branches and government-owned liquor stores)              | Wholesale (merchants and manufacturers' sales branches and government-owned liquor stores)              | Wholesale (merchants and manufacturers' sales branches and government-owned liquor stores) |
| Retail catalog and mail order houses  | Retail catalog and mail order houses  | Retail electronic shopping and mail-order houses   |
| Auxiliaries (e.g., warehouses)  | Auxiliaries (e.g., warehouses)  | Auxiliaries <sup>2</sup> (e.g., warehouses)  |

<sup>1</sup>Because of changes in the classification of establishments between SIC and NAICS, establishments classified in the following industries were covered in the 1993 and 1997 surveys, but not in the 2002 survey: NAICS 11331, Logging; NAICS 5111, Newspaper, Periodical, Book, and Database Publishers; and NAICS 51223, Music Publishers. Detailed information about NAICS can be found on the Census Bureau Web site at: <http://www.census.gov/epcd/www/naics.html>

<sup>2</sup>See the Industry Coverage section for additional information about the coverage of auxiliary establishments in the 2002 CFS.

### Commodity Classification System

| 1993  | 1997  | 2002  |
|---|---|---|
| Standard Transportation Commodity Classification (STCC), developed by the Association of American Railroads (AAR) | Standard Classification of Transported Goods (SCTG) | Standard Classification of Transported Goods (SCTG) |

## Sample Size

| 1993  | 1997  | 2002   |
|---|---|--|
| Approximately 200,000 establishments selected from a universe of about 790,000 in-scope establishments. | Approximately 100,000 establishments selected from a universe of about 770,000 in-scope establishments. | Approximately 50,000 establishments selected from a universe of about 760,000 in-scope establishments. |

## Survey Methodology

| 1993  | 1997  | 2002  |
|---|---|---|
| Respondents reported for a sample of their individual outbound shipments for a 2-week period during each of the four calendar quarters of the reference year. | Respondents reported for a sample of their individual outbound shipments for a 1-week period during each of the four calendar quarters of the reference year. | Respondents reported for a sample of their individual outbound shipments for a 1-week period during each of the four calendar quarters of the reference year. |
| Respondents reported key characteristics for each sampled shipment  | Respondents reported key characteristics for each sampled shipment.   | Respondents reported key characteristics for each sampled shipment.   |

## Reported Mode of Transportation

| 1993                                    | 1997                                    | 2002                                    |
|---|---|---|
| For-hire truck                          | For-hire truck                          | For-hire truck                          |
| Private truck                           | Private truck                           | Private truck                           |
| Rail                                    | Rail                                    | Rail                                    |
| Air                                     | Air                                     | Air                                     |
| Inland Water                            | Shallow draft vessel                    | Shallow draft vessel                    |
| Deep Sea Water                          | Deep draft vessel                       | Deep draft vessel                       |
| Pipeline                                | Pipeline                                | Pipeline                                |
| Parcel, U.S. Postal Service, or courier | Parcel, U.S. Postal Service, or courier | Parcel, U.S. Postal Service, or courier |
| Other                                   | Other                                   | Other                                   |
| Unknown                                 | Unknown                                 | Unknown                                 |



**Data Items Requested**

| 1993   | 1997  | 2002  |
|--|---|---|
| <p>For each shipment:</p> <p>Total value<br/>Total weight<br/>Commodity that contributes the most to the shipment's weight (STCC)<br/>All known modes of transportation<br/>Single origin (assumed to be the mailing address unless the respondent provided a different physical location address)<br/>Destination<br/>Containerized (Y/N)<br/>Hazardous material (Y/N)<br/>Export (Y/N)<br/>If export: mode of export, foreign city and country of destination; U.S. port, airport, or border crossing of exit.</p> | <p>For each shipment:</p> <p>Total value<br/>Total weight<br/>Commodity that contributes the most to the shipment's weight (SCTG)<br/>All known modes of transportation<br/>Single origin (assumed to be the mailing address unless the respondent provided a different physical location address)<br/>Destination<br/>Containerized (Y/N)<br/>Hazardous material (UN/NA) code<br/>Export (Y/N)<br/>If export: mode of export, foreign city and country of destination; U.S. port, airport, or border crossing of exit.</p> | <p>For each shipment:</p> <p>Total value<br/>Total weight<br/>Commodity that contributes the most to the shipment's weight (SCTG)<br/>All known modes of transportation<br/>Single origin (assumed to be the mailing address unless the respondent provided a different physical location address)<br/>Destination<br/>Hazardous material (UN/NA) code<br/>Export (Y/N)<br/>If export: mode of export, foreign city and country of destination; U.S. port, airport, or border crossing of exit.</p> |

## Appendix B.

# Reliability of the Estimates

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The total error of an estimate based on a sample survey is the difference between the estimate and the population parameter that it estimates. This error may be considered to be comprised of sampling error and nonsampling error. Sampling error is the difference between the estimate and the result that would be obtained from a complete enumeration of the sampling frame conducted under the same survey conditions. This error occurs because characteristics differ among sampling units and because only a subset of the entire sampling frame is measured in a sample survey. Nonsampling error encompasses all other factors that contribute to the total error of a sample survey estimate. The accuracy of a survey result may be affected by these two types of errors.

Sampling and nonsampling errors are often measured by the quantities and bias and variance. The bias of an estimator of a population parameter is the difference, averaged over all possible samples of the same size and design, between the estimator and the population parameter being estimated. (The population parameter is usually unknown.) Any systematic error, or inaccuracy that affects all samples of a specified design in a similar way, may bias the resulting estimates. The *variance* of an estimator is the squared difference, averaged over all possible samples of the same size and design, between the estimator and its average value.

Descriptions of sampling and nonsampling errors for the 2002 CFS are provided in the following sections.

### Sampling Error

Because the estimates are based on a sample, exact agreement with results that would be obtained from a complete enumeration of all shipments made in 2002 from all establishments included on the sampling frame using the same enumeration procedures is not expected. However, because probability sampling was used at each stage of selection, it is possible to estimate the sampling variability of the survey estimates. For CFS estimates, sampling variability arises from each of the three stages of sampling. (See Appendix C for a description of the sample design.)

The particular sample used in this survey is one of a large number of samples of the same size that could have been selected using the same design. If all possible samples had been surveyed under the same conditions, an estimate of a population parameter of interest could have been obtained from each sample. These samples give rise

to a distribution of estimates for the population parameter. A statistical measure of the variability among these estimates is the standard error, which can be approximated from any one sample. The *standard error* is defined as the square root of the variance. The *coefficient of variation* (or relative standard error) of an estimator is the standard error of the estimator divided by the estimator. Note that measures of sampling variability, such as the standard error and coefficient of variation, are estimated from the sample and are also subject to sampling variability. (Technically, we should refer to the *estimated* standard error or the *estimated* coefficient of variation of an estimator. However, for the sake of brevity, we have omitted this detail.) It is important to note that the standard error and coefficient of variation only measure sampling variability. They do not measure any systematic biases in the estimates. The Census Bureau recommends that individuals using estimates contained in this report incorporate this information into their analyses, as sampling error could affect the conclusions drawn from these estimates.

An estimate from a particular sample and the standard error associated with the estimate can be used to construct a confidence interval. A *confidence interval* is a range about a given estimator that has a specified probability of containing the result of a complete enumeration of the sampling frame conducted under the same survey conditions. Associated with each interval is a percentage of confidence, which is interpreted as follows. If, for each possible sample, an estimate of a population parameter and its approximate standard error were obtained, then:

1. For approximately 90 percent of the possible samples, the interval from 1.645 standard errors below to 1.645 standard errors above the estimate would include the result as obtained from a complete enumeration of the sampling frame conducted under the same survey conditions.
2. For approximately 95 percent of the possible samples, the interval from 1.96 standard errors below to 1.96 standard errors above the estimate would include the result as obtained from a complete enumeration of the sampling frame conducted under the same survey conditions.

To illustrate the computation of a confidence interval for an estimate of total value of shipments, assume that an estimate of total value is \$10,750 million and the coefficient of variation for this estimate is 1.8 percent, or 0.018. First obtain the standard error of the

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estimate by multiplying the value of shipments estimate by its coefficient of variation. For this example, multiply \$10,750 million by 0.018. This yields a standard error of \$193.5 million. The upper and lower bounds of the 90-percent confidence interval are computed as \$10,750 million plus or minus 1.645 times \$193.5 million. Consequently, the 90-percent confidence interval is \$10,432 million to \$11,068 million. If corresponding confidence intervals were constructed for all possible samples of the same size and design, approximately 9 out of 10 (90 percent) of these intervals would contain the result obtained from a complete enumeration.

### **Nonsampling Error**

Nonsampling error encompasses all other factors that contribute to the total error of a sample survey estimate and may also occur in censuses. It is often helpful to think of nonsampling error as arising from deficiencies or mistakes in the survey process. In the CFS, nonsampling error can be attributed to many sources: inability to obtain information about all units in the sample; response errors; differences in the interpretation of the questions; mistakes in coding or keying the data obtained; and other errors of collection, response, coverage, and processing. Although no direct measurement of the potential biases due to nonsampling error has been obtained, precautionary steps were taken in all phases of the collection, processing, and tabulation of the data in an effort to minimize their influence. The Census Bureau recommends that individuals using estimates in this report incorporate this information into their analyses, as nonsampling error could affect the conclusions drawn from these estimates.

A potential source of bias in the estimates is nonresponse. Nonresponse is defined as the inability to obtain all the intended measurements or responses from all units in the sample. Four levels of nonresponse can occur in the CFS: item, shipment, quarter (reporting week), and establishment. Item nonresponse occurs either when a question is unanswered or the response to the question fails computer or analyst edits. Nonresponse to the shipment value or weight items is corrected by imputation, which is the procedure by which a missing value is replaced by a predicted value obtained from an appropriate model. (See Appendix C for a description of the imputation procedure.) Shipment, quarter, and establishment nonresponse are used to describe the inability to obtain any of the substantive measurements about a sampled shipment, quarter, or establishment, respectively. Shipment and quarter nonresponse are corrected by reweighting. Reweighting allocates characteristics to the nonrespondents in proportion to the characteristics observed for the respondents. The amount of bias introduced by this nonresponse adjustment procedure depends on the extent to which the nonrespondents differ, characteristically, from the respondents. Establishment nonresponse is corrected during the

estimation procedure by the industry-level adjustment weight. (See Appendix C for a description of the estimation procedure.) In most cases of establishment nonresponse, none of the four questionnaires have been returned to the Census Bureau, after several attempts to elicit a response. Approximately 63 percent of the establishments provided at least one quarter of data that contributed to tabulation.

Some possible sources of bias that are attributed to respondent-conducted sampling include misunderstanding the definition of a shipment, constructing an incomplete frame of shipments from which to sample, ordering the shipment sampling frame by selected shipment characteristics, and selecting shipment records by a method other than the one specified in the questionnaire's instructions. We often contact respondents who reported shipments having a typically large value or weight when compared to the rest of their reported shipments. Upon contact, if we are able to collect information on all of a given respondent's large shipments made either for a particular reporting week or for the entire quarter, then we identify these large shipments as certainty shipments. (See Appendix C for a description of how certainty shipments are used in the estimation process.)

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Some unpublished estimates can be derived directly from this report by subtracting published estimates from their

respective totals. However, the estimates obtained by such subtraction would be subject to poor response, high sampling variability, or other factors that may make them potentially misleading.

Individuals who use estimates in this report to create new estimates should cite the Census Bureau as the source of only the original estimates.

**Table B-1a. Estimated Measures of Reliability for Shipment Characteristics by Mode of Transportation for the United States: 2002**

[Estimates are shown as percents and are based on data from the 2002 Commodity Flow Survey]

| Mode of transportation                       | Value                              |                              | Tons                               |                              | Ton-miles                          |                              | Average miles per shipment—coefficient of variation |
|--|------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|---|
|  | Coefficient of variation of number | Standard error of percentage | Coefficient of variation of number | Standard error of percentage | Coefficient of variation of number | Standard error of percentage |   |
| <b>Total</b> .....                           | <b>1.2</b>                         | —                            | <b>1.7</b>                         | —                            | <b>2.0</b>                         | —                            | <b>2.2</b>  |
| <b>Single modes</b> .....                    | <b>1.4</b>                         | <b>.4</b>                    | <b>1.7</b>                         | <b>.5</b>                    | <b>2.2</b>                         | <b>.7</b>                    | <b>9.2</b>  |
| Truck .....                                  | 1.5                                | .6                           | 2.0                                | .6                           | 2.2                                | 1.0                          | 6.2   |
| For-hire truck .....                         | 2.0                                | .5                           | 2.7                                | .7                           | 2.4                                | .9                           | 4.6   |
| Private truck .....                          | 1.8                                | .5                           | 3.1                                | .8                           | 3.1                                | .3                           | 7.6   |
| Rail .....                                   | 5.6                                | .2                           | 3.5                                | .6                           | 4.2                                | 1.0                          | 7.0   |
| Water .....                                  | 6.2                                | —                            | 5.7                                | .4                           | 7.3                                | .7                           | 13.7  |
| Shallow draft .....                          | 6.6                                | —                            | 6.1                                | .3                           | 8.2                                | .6                           | 7.9   |
| Great Lakes .....                            | 24.3                               | —                            | 20.3                               | —                            | 23.7                               | .1                           | 15.1  |
| Deep draft .....                             | 14.1                               | —                            | 18.2                               | .3                           | 19.9                               | .4                           | 27.8  |
| Air (includes truck and air) .....           | 16.3                               | .5                           | 16.7                               | .4                           | 8.9                                | —                            | 3.2   |
| Pipeline .....                               | 6.3                                | .1                           | 6.4                                | .4                           | S                                  | S                            | S   |
| <b>Multiple modes</b> .....                  | <b>2.8</b>                         | <b>.4</b>                    | <b>7.7</b>                         | <b>.1</b>                    | <b>9.7</b>                         | <b>.7</b>                    | <b>2.0</b>  |
| Parcel, U.S. Postal Service or courier ..... | 3.0                                | .4                           | 3.4                                | —                            | 3.0                                | —                            | 2.0   |
| Truck and rail .....                         | S                                  | S                            | S                                  | S                            | S                                  | S                            | S   |
| Truck and water .....                        | 22.5                               | —                            | 17.5                               | —                            | 34.5                               | .7                           | 6.1   |
| Rail and water .....                         | S                                  | S                            | S                                  | S                            | S                                  | S                            | S   |
| Other multiple modes .....                   | 24.8                               | —                            | 24.9                               | —                            | 27.6                               | .2                           | 30.0  |
| <b>Other and unknown modes</b> .....         | <b>5.0</b>                         | <b>.2</b>                    | <b>12.3</b>                        | <b>.5</b>                    | <b>12.5</b>                        | <b>.3</b>                    | <b>12.3</b>   |

— Represents an estimate equal to zero or less than 1 unit of measure.  
S Corresponding estimate in Table 1a does not meet publication standards because of high sampling variability or poor response quality.

Note: Estimates are preliminary and may be revised. The Introduction and appendixes give information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, sample design, and definitions. Links to this information on the Internet may be found at [www.census.gov/cfs](http://www.census.gov/cfs).

**Table B-1b. Estimated Measures of Reliability for Shipment Characteristics by Mode of Transportation for the United States: 2002 and 1997**

[Estimates are shown as percents and are based on data from the 2002 and 1997 Commodity Flow Surveys]

| Mode of transportation                       | Value                              |            |                                  | Tons                               |            |                                  | Ton-miles                          |            |                                  | Average miles per shipment         |             |                                  |
|--|------------------------------------|------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------------|
|  | Coefficient of variation of number |            | Standard error of percent change | Coefficient of variation of number |            | Standard error of percent change | Coefficient of variation of number |            | Standard error of percent change | Coefficient of variation of number |             | Standard error of percent change |
|  | 2002                               | 1997       |                                  | 2002                               | 1997       |                                  | 2002                               | 1997       |                                  | 2002                               | 1997        |                                  |
| <b>Total</b> .....                           | <b>1.2</b>                         | <b>1.0</b> | <b>1.9</b>                       | <b>1.7</b>                         | <b>1.8</b> | <b>2.5</b>                       | <b>2.0</b>                         | <b>2.6</b> | <b>3.9</b>                       | <b>2.2</b>                         | <b>2.8</b>  | <b>4.5</b>                       |
| <b>Single modes</b> .....                    | <b>1.4</b>                         | <b>1.1</b> | <b>2.2</b>                       | <b>1.7</b>                         | <b>1.8</b> | <b>2.6</b>                       | <b>2.2</b>                         | <b>2.6</b> | <b>4.2</b>                       | <b>9.2</b>                         | <b>2.9</b>  | <b>14.9</b>                      |
| Truck .....                                  | 1.5                                | 1.1        | 2.3                              | 2.0                                | 2.1        | 2.8                              | 2.2                                | 1.1        | 3.1                              | 6.2                                | 3.5         | 9.8                              |
| For-hire truck .....                         | 2.0                                | 1.5        | 3.3                              | 2.7                                | 3.4        | 4.7                              | 2.4                                | 1.1        | 3.5                              | 4.6                                | 2.9         | 6.5                              |
| Private truck .....                          | 1.8                                | 1.3        | 2.5                              | 3.1                                | 3.0        | 4.1                              | 3.1                                | 2.8        | 4.7                              | 7.6                                | 3.5         | 10.9                             |
| Rail .....                                   | 5.6                                | 4.7        | 7.3                              | 3.5                                | 4.5        | 6.7                              | 4.2                                | 5.9        | 8.5                              | 7.0                                | 3.7         | 9.4                              |
| Water .....                                  | 6.2                                | 5.6        | 9.9                              | 5.7                                | 5.8        | 10.3                             | 7.3                                | 6.6        | 12.1                             | 13.7                               | 30.4        | 39.9                             |
| Shallow draft .....                          | 6.6                                | 5.8        | 9.2                              | 6.1                                | 6.3        | 10.6                             | 8.2                                | 6.1        | 12.8                             | 7.9                                | 28.7        | 70.8                             |
| Great Lakes .....                            | 24.3                               | 25.0       | 18.2                             | 20.3                               | 19.3       | 28.8                             | 23.7                               | 19.3       | 44.5                             | 15.1                               | 22.1        | 51.2                             |
| Deep draft .....                             | 14.1                               | 14.4       | 33.1                             | 18.2                               | 22.6       | 46.0                             | 19.9                               | 20.9       | 32.7                             | 27.8                               | 22.0        | 23.7                             |
| Air (includes truck and air) .....           | 16.3                               | 9.5        | 23.0                             | 16.7                               | 6.5        | 15.6                             | 8.9                                | 8.8        | 11.2                             | 3.2                                | 1.6         | 4.8                              |
| Pipeline .....                               | 6.3                                | 7.2        | 13.6                             | 6.4                                | 9.6        | 13.5                             | S                                  | S          | S                                | S                                  | S           | S                                |
| <b>Multiple modes</b> .....                  | <b>2.8</b>                         | <b>2.1</b> | <b>4.1</b>                       | <b>7.7</b>                         | <b>7.9</b> | <b>10.1</b>                      | <b>9.7</b>                         | <b>9.8</b> | <b>14.4</b>                      | <b>2.0</b>                         | <b>2.7</b>  | <b>3.8</b>                       |
| Parcel, U.S. Postal Service or courier ..... | 3.0                                | 2.1        | 4.4                              | 3.4                                | 2.0        | 4.4                              | 3.0                                | 2.3        | 4.3                              | 2.0                                | 2.7         | 3.8                              |
| Truck and rail .....                         | S                                  | 7.7        | S                                | S                                  | 21.1       | S                                | S                                  | 18.8       | S                                | S                                  | 3.2         | S                                |
| Truck and water .....                        | 22.5                               | 9.4        | 50.4                             | 17.5                               | 12.7       | 20.7                             | 34.5                               | 28.0       | 75.6                             | 6.1                                | 13.1        | 22.2                             |
| Rail and water .....                         | S                                  | 16.7       | S                                | S                                  | 15.6       | S                                | S                                  | 17.2       | S                                | S                                  | 7.1         | S                                |
| Other multiple modes .....                   | 24.8                               | 20.5       | 41.6                             | 24.9                               | 19.0       | 33.4                             | 27.6                               | 32.4       | 44.9                             | 30.0                               | S           | S                                |
| <b>Other and unknown modes</b> .....         | <b>5.0</b>                         | <b>4.4</b> | <b>7.6</b>                       | <b>12.3</b>                        | <b>9.5</b> | <b>17.7</b>                      | <b>12.5</b>                        | <b>7.5</b> | <b>15.2</b>                      | <b>12.3</b>                        | <b>10.7</b> | <b>20.4</b>                      |

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S Corresponding estimate in Table 1b does not meet publication standards because of high sampling variability or poor response quality.

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**Table B-1c. Estimated Measures of Reliability for Shipment Characteristics by Mode of Transportation for the United States: 2002 and 1993**

[Estimates are shown as percents and are based on data from the 2002 and 1993 Commodity Flow Surveys]

| Mode of transportation                       | Value                              |            |                                  | Tons                               |            |                                  | Ton-miles                          |             |                                  | Average miles per shipment         |             |                                  |
|--|------------------------------------|------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------------|
|  | Coefficient of variation of number |            | Standard error of percent change | Coefficient of variation of number |            | Standard error of percent change | Coefficient of variation of number |             | Standard error of percent change | Coefficient of variation of number |             | Standard error of percent change |
|  | 2002                               | 1993       |                                  | 2002                               | 1993       |                                  | 2002                               | 1993        |                                  | 2002                               | 1993        |                                  |
| <b>Total</b> .....                           | <b>1.2</b>                         | <b>.8</b>  | <b>2.1</b>                       | <b>1.7</b>                         | <b>1.6</b> | <b>2.7</b>                       | <b>2.0</b>                         | <b>2.7</b>  | <b>4.5</b>                       | <b>2.2</b>                         | <b>3.0</b>  | <b>5.2</b>                       |
| <b>Single modes</b> .....                    | <b>1.4</b>                         | <b>.9</b>  | <b>2.3</b>                       | <b>1.7</b>                         | <b>1.6</b> | <b>2.8</b>                       | <b>2.2</b>                         | <b>2.7</b>  | <b>4.7</b>                       | <b>9.2</b>                         | <b>4.6</b>  | <b>14.9</b>                      |
| Truck .....                                  | 1.5                                | 1.1        | 2.6                              | 2.0                                | 1.9        | 3.3                              | 2.2                                | 1.9         | 4.4                              | 6.2                                | 1.5         | 8.8                              |
| For-hire truck .....                         | 2.0                                | 1.1        | 3.4                              | 2.7                                | 3.4        | 5.7                              | 2.4                                | 2.0         | 5.0                              | 4.6                                | 2.1         | 6.2                              |
| Private truck .....                          | 1.8                                | 2.0        | 3.6                              | 3.1                                | 1.8        | 4.0                              | 3.1                                | 2.8         | 5.4                              | 7.6                                | 1.6         | 10.3                             |
| Rail .....                                   | 5.6                                | 3.3        | 8.4                              | 3.5                                | 3.8        | 6.1                              | 4.2                                | 4.5         | 7.8                              | 7.0                                | 1.9         | 8.6                              |
| Water .....                                  | 6.2                                | 6.9        | 13.7                             | 5.7                                | 8.0        | 13.8                             | 7.3                                | 9.5         | 14.2                             | 13.7                               | S           | S                                |
| Shallow draft .....                          | 6.6                                | 6.6        | 13.0                             | 6.1                                | 7.8        | 13.6                             | 8.2                                | 10.4        | 19.1                             | 7.9                                | S           | S                                |
| Great Lakes .....                            | 24.3                               | S          | S                                | 20.3                               | 19.3       | 33.5                             | 23.7                               | 20.4        | 49.3                             | 15.1                               | 12.7        | 14.4                             |
| Deep draft .....                             | 14.1                               | 17.2       | 37.8                             | 18.2                               | 26.0       | 50.3                             | 19.9                               | 18.8        | 19.2                             | 27.8                               | 8.3         | 10.7                             |
| Air (includes truck and air) .....           | 16.3                               | 5.2        | 34.3                             | 16.7                               | 12.7       | 26.0                             | 8.9                                | 8.1         | 16.7                             | 3.2                                | 2.7         | 5.4                              |
| Pipeline .....                               | 6.3                                | 9.7        | 20.8                             | 6.4                                | 10.7       | 18.6                             | S                                  | S           | S                                | S                                  | S           | S                                |
| <b>Multiple modes</b> .....                  | <b>2.8</b>                         | <b>2.5</b> | <b>6.3</b>                       | <b>7.7</b>                         | <b>6.6</b> | <b>8.9</b>                       | <b>9.7</b>                         | <b>10.7</b> | <b>16.2</b>                      | <b>2.0</b>                         | <b>2.9</b>  | <b>4.4</b>                       |
| Parcel, U.S. Postal Service or courier ..... | 3.0                                | 1.6        | 6.2                              | 3.4                                | 2.4        | 5.8                              | 3.0                                | 3.8         | 7.5                              | 2.0                                | 3.0         | 4.4                              |
| Truck and rail .....                         | S                                  | 15.6       | S                                | S                                  | 9.4        | S                                | S                                  | 9.1         | S                                | S                                  | 6.0         | S                                |
| Truck and water .....                        | 22.5                               | 13.5       | 47.6                             | 17.5                               | 17.6       | 11.6                             | 34.5                               | 17.4        | 56.3                             | 6.1                                | 6.8         | 12.6                             |
| Rail and water .....                         | S                                  | 26.6       | S                                | S                                  | 16.4       | S                                | S                                  | 19.0        | S                                | S                                  | 21.4        | S                                |
| Other multiple modes .....                   | 24.8                               | 36.5       | 75.8                             | 24.9                               | 28.1       | 55.5                             | 27.6                               | S           | S                                | 30.0                               | 35.8        | 7.5                              |
| <b>Other and unknown modes</b> ...           | <b>5.0</b>                         | <b>5.2</b> | <b>9.5</b>                       | <b>12.3</b>                        | <b>7.7</b> | <b>13.3</b>                      | <b>12.5</b>                        | <b>11.6</b> | <b>14.1</b>                      | <b>12.3</b>                        | <b>12.6</b> | <b>11.7</b>                      |

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 S Corresponding estimate in Table 1c does not meet publication standards because of high sampling variability or poor response quality.

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**Table B-1d. Estimated Standard Errors for Shipment Characteristics by Mode of Transportation for the United States: Annualized Growth Rate for 1997 to 2002 and 1993 to 2002**

[Estimates are shown as percents and are based on data from the 2002, 1997, and 1993 Commodity Flow Surveys]

| Mode of transportation                       | Value        |              | Tons         |              | Ton-miles    |              | Average miles per shipment |              |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------------|--------------|
|  | 1997 to 2002 | 1993 to 2002 | 1997 to 2002 | 1993 to 2002 | 1997 to 2002 | 1993 to 2002 | 1997 to 2002               | 1993 to 2002 |
| <b>Total</b> .....                           | <b>.3</b>    | <b>.1</b>    | <b>.5</b>    | <b>.2</b>    | <b>.7</b>    | <b>.3</b>    | <b>.7</b>                  | <b>.3</b>    |
| <b>Single modes</b> .....                    | <b>.4</b>    | <b>.1</b>    | <b>.5</b>    | <b>.2</b>    | <b>.7</b>    | <b>.3</b>    | <b>2.1</b>                 | <b>.9</b>    |
| Truck .....                                  | .4           | .2           | .6           | .3           | .5           | .3           | 1.5                        | .6           |
| For-hire truck .....                         | .5           | .2           | .9           | .4           | .6           | .3           | 1.1                        | .5           |
| Private truck .....                          | .4           | .2           | .9           | .4           | .9           | .4           | 1.8                        | .7           |
| Rail .....                                   | 1.5          | .6           | 1.2          | .5           | 1.5          | .6           | 1.6                        | .7           |
| Water .....                                  | 1.7          | .8           | 1.7          | .9           | 2.0          | 1.2          | 6.9                        | S            |
| Shallow draft .....                          | 1.8          | .9           | 1.8          | .9           | 2.1          | 1.2          | 7.1                        | S            |
| Great Lakes .....                            | 6.1          | S            | 5.6          | 2.8          | 6.6          | 2.6          | 6.1                        | 2.6          |
| Deep draft .....                             | 4.4          | 1.8          | 6.4          | 2.7          | 5.9          | 3.8          | 6.5                        | 5.9          |
| Air (includes truck and air) .....           | 3.9          | 1.2          | 3.5          | 2.0          | 2.5          | 1.1          | .8                         | .4           |
| Pipeline .....                               | 2.1          | .9           | 2.4          | 1.1          | S            | S            | S                          | S            |
| <b>Multiple modes</b> .....                  | <b>.7</b>    | <b>.3</b>    | <b>2.2</b>   | <b>1.2</b>   | <b>2.8</b>   | <b>1.5</b>   | <b>.7</b>                  | <b>.3</b>    |
| Parcel, U.S. Postal Service or courier ..... | .8           | .3           | .8           | .4           | .8           | .4           | .7                         | .3           |
| Truck and rail .....                         | S            | S            | S            | S            | S            | S            | S                          | S            |
| Truck and water .....                        | 5.6          | 2.0          | 4.3          | 4.4          | 9.9          | 3.4          | 3.1                        | .8           |
| Rail and water .....                         | S            | S            | S            | S            | S            | S            | S                          | S            |
| Other multiple modes .....                   | 6.8          | 3.5          | 6.3          | 3.3          | 8.6          | S            | S                          | 15.6         |
| <b>Other and unknown modes</b> .....         | <b>1.4</b>   | <b>.7</b>    | <b>3.2</b>   | <b>1.7</b>   | <b>2.9</b>   | <b>2.1</b>   | <b>3.4</b>                 | <b>2.5</b>   |

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**Table B-1e. Estimated Standard Errors for Shipment Characteristics by Mode of Transportation for the United States: Percent of Total for 2002, 1997, and 1993**

[Estimates are shown as percents and are based on data from the 2002, 1997, and 1993 Commodity Flow Surveys]

| Mode of transportation                       | Value     |           |           | Tons      |           |           | Ton-miles |           |           |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|  | 2002      | 1997      | 1993      | 2002      | 1997      | 1993      | 2002      | 1997      | 1993      |
| <b>Total</b> .....                           | —         | —         | —         | —         | —         | —         | —         | —         | —         |
| <b>Single modes</b> .....                    | <b>.4</b> | <b>.3</b> | <b>.4</b> | <b>.5</b> | <b>.4</b> | <b>.4</b> | <b>.7</b> | <b>.7</b> | <b>.6</b> |
| Truck .....                                  | .6        | .4        | .4        | .6        | .8        | 1.0       | 1.0       | .9        | 1.1       |
| For-hire truck .....                         | .5        | .5        | .3        | .7        | .9        | .8        | .9        | .7        | .8        |
| Private truck .....                          | .5        | .3        | .5        | .8        | .9        | .7        | .3        | .4        | .3        |
| Rail .....                                   | .2        | .2        | .2        | .6        | .6        | .5        | 1.0       | 1.5       | .8        |
| Water .....                                  | —         | —         | —         | .4        | .2        | .4        | .7        | .7        | .9        |
| Shallow draft .....                          | —         | —         | —         | .3        | .2        | .3        | .6        | .5        | .7        |
| Great Lakes .....                            | —         | —         | S         | —         | —         | —         | .1        | .1        | .1        |
| Deep draft .....                             | —         | —         | —         | .3        | .2        | .3        | .4        | .5        | .7        |
| Air (includes truck and air) .....           | .5        | .3        | .1        | —         | —         | —         | —         | —         | —         |
| Pipeline .....                               | .1        | .1        | .2        | .4        | .5        | .5        | S         | S         | S         |
| <b>Multiple modes</b> .....                  | <b>.4</b> | <b>.2</b> | <b>.3</b> | <b>.1</b> | <b>.1</b> | <b>.2</b> | <b>.7</b> | <b>.7</b> | <b>.7</b> |
| Parcel, U.S. Postal Service or courier ..... | .4        | .2        | .2        | —         | —         | —         | —         | —         | —         |
| Truck and rail .....                         | S         | —         | .2        | S         | .1        | —         | S         | .4        | .1        |
| Truck and water .....                        | —         | —         | —         | —         | —         | .1        | .7        | .3        | .3        |
| Rail and water .....                         | S         | —         | —         | S         | .1        | .1        | S         | .5        | .5        |
| Other multiple modes .....                   | —         | —         | —         | —         | —         | —         | .2        | .2        | S         |
| <b>Other and unknown modes</b> .....         | <b>.2</b> | <b>.2</b> | <b>.2</b> | <b>.5</b> | <b>.4</b> | <b>.4</b> | <b>.3</b> | <b>.2</b> | <b>.5</b> |

— Represents an estimate equal to zero or less than 1 unit of measure.

S Corresponding estimate in Table 1e does not meet publication standards because of high sampling variability or poor response quality.

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**Table B-2a. Estimated Measures of Reliability for Shipment Characteristics by Total Modal Activity for the United States: 2002**

[Estimates are shown as percents and are based on data from the 2002 Commodity Flow Survey]

| Mode of transportation                       | Ton-miles                          |                              | Average miles per shipment—coefficient of variation |
|--|------------------------------------|------------------------------|---|
|  | Coefficient of variation of number | Standard error of percentage |   |
| <b>Total</b> .....                           | <b>2.0</b>                         | —                            | <b>2.0</b>  |
| Truck .....                                  | 2.2                                | 1.0                          | 4.3   |
| Rail .....                                   | 3.9                                | 1.0                          | 6.0   |
| Shallow draft .....                          | 8.0                                | .7                           | 8.5   |
| Great Lakes .....                            | 11.2                               | .2                           | 12.3  |
| Deep draft .....                             | 20.4                               | .7                           | 8.3   |
| Air .....                                    | 8.9                                | —                            | 3.3   |
| Parcel, U.S. Postal Service or courier ..... | 3.0                                | —                            | 2.0   |
| Pipeline .....                               | S                                  | S                            | S   |
| Other and unknown modes .....                | 12.5                               | .3                           | 12.3  |

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S Corresponding estimate in Table 2a does not meet publication standards because of high sampling variability or poor response quality.

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Table B-2b. **Estimated Measures of Reliability for Shipment Characteristics by Total Modal Activity for the United States: 2002 and 1997**

[Estimates are shown as percents and are based on data from the 2002 and 1997 Commodity Flow Surveys]

| Mode of transportation                      | Ton-miles                          |            |                                  | Average miles per shipment         |            |                                  |
|---|------------------------------------|------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------|----------------------------------|
|   | Coefficient of variation of number |            | Standard error of percent change | Coefficient of variation of number |            | Standard error of percent change |
|   | 2002                               | 1997       |                                  | 2002                               | 1997       |                                  |
| <b>Total</b> .....                          | <b>2.0</b>                         | <b>2.6</b> | <b>3.9</b>                       | <b>2.0</b>                         | <b>2.8</b> | <b>4.2</b>                       |
| Truck.....                                  | 2.2                                | 1.1        | 3.1                              | 4.3                                | 3.4        | 7.4                              |
| Rail.....                                   | 3.9                                | 5.5        | 7.7                              | 6.0                                | 2.7        | 7.3                              |
| Shallow draft.....                          | 8.0                                | 6.0        | 12.0                             | 8.5                                | 13.7       | 31.5                             |
| Great Lakes.....                            | 11.2                               | 13.6       | 23.2                             | 12.3                               | 12.2       | 22.0                             |
| Deep draft.....                             | 20.4                               | 18.0       | 35.9                             | 8.3                                | 13.0       | 17.6                             |
| Air.....                                    | 8.9                                | 9.0        | 11.6                             | 3.3                                | 1.6        | 5.0                              |
| Parcel, U.S. Postal Service or courier..... | 3.0                                | 2.3        | 4.3                              | 2.0                                | 2.7        | 3.8                              |
| Pipeline.....                               | S                                  | S          | S                                | S                                  | S          | S                                |
| Other and unknown modes.....                | 12.5                               | 7.7        | 15.2                             | 12.3                               | 10.7       | 20.5                             |

– Represents an estimate equal to zero or less than 1 unit of measure.

S Corresponding estimate in Table 2b does not meet publication standards because of high sampling variability or poor response quality.

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Table B-2c. **Estimated Measures of Reliability for Shipment Characteristics by Total Modal Activity for the United States: 2002 and 1993**

[Estimates are shown as percents and are based on data from the 2002 and 1993 Commodity Flow Surveys]

| Mode of transportation                      | Ton-miles                          |            |                                  | Average miles per shipment         |            |                                  |
|---|------------------------------------|------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------|----------------------------------|
|   | Coefficient of variation of number |            | Standard error of percent change | Coefficient of variation of number |            | Standard error of percent change |
|   | 2002                               | 1993       |                                  | 2002                               | 1993       |                                  |
| <b>Total</b> .....                          | <b>2.0</b>                         | <b>3.4</b> | <b>5.2</b>                       | <b>2.0</b>                         | <b>3.9</b> | <b>5.9</b>                       |
| Truck.....                                  | 2.2                                | 1.4        | 3.9                              | 4.3                                | 1.3        | 6.1                              |
| Rail.....                                   | 3.9                                | 5.4        | 8.5                              | 6.0                                | 5.2        | 8.3                              |
| Shallow draft.....                          | 8.0                                | 11.1       | 14.6                             | 8.5                                | 5.1        | 12.4                             |
| Great Lakes.....                            | 11.2                               | 24.6       | 39.4                             | 12.3                               | 14.4       | 18.3                             |
| Deep draft.....                             | 20.4                               | 14.0       | 31.3                             | 8.3                                | 5.4        | 9.0                              |
| Air.....                                    | 8.9                                | 6.2        | 15.5                             | 3.3                                | 3.9        | 6.7                              |
| Parcel, U.S. Postal Service or courier..... | 3.0                                | 3.6        | 7.3                              | 2.0                                | 3.3        | 4.8                              |
| Pipeline.....                               | S                                  | S          | S                                | S                                  | S          | S                                |
| Other and unknown modes.....                | 12.5                               | 11.6       | 14.1                             | 12.3                               | 14.4       | 12.6                             |

– Represents an estimate equal to zero or less than 1 unit of measure.

S Corresponding estimate in Table 2c does not meet publication standards because of high sampling variability or poor response quality.

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Table B-2d. **Estimated Standard Errors for Shipment Characteristics by Total Modal Activity for the United States: Annualized Growth Rate for 1997 to 2002 and 1993 to 2002**

[Estimates are shown as percents and are based on data from the 2002, 1997, and 1993 Commodity Flow Surveys]

| Mode of transportation                       | Ton-miles    |              | Average miles per shipment |              |
|--|--------------|--------------|----------------------------|--------------|
|  | 1997 to 2002 | 1993 to 2002 | 1997 to 2002               | 1993 to 2002 |
| <b>Total</b> .....                           | .7           | .4           | .7                         | .4           |
| Truck .....                                  | .5           | .2           | 1.2                        | .4           |
| Rail .....                                   | 1.4          | .6           | 1.3                        | .9           |
| Shallow draft .....                          | 2.1          | 1.5          | 3.7                        | 1.0          |
| Great Lakes .....                            | 3.7          | 2.4          | 3.6                        | 2.1          |
| Deep draft .....                             | 5.7          | 2.4          | 3.2                        | 1.2          |
| Air .....                                    | 2.5          | 1.0          | .8                         | .5           |
| Parcel, U.S. Postal Service or courier ..... | .8           | .4           | .7                         | .4           |
| Pipeline .....                               | S            | S            | S                          | S            |
| Other and unknown modes .....                | 3.0          | 2.1          | 3.4                        | 2.7          |

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Table B-2e. **Estimated Standard Errors for Shipment Characteristics by Total Modal Activity for the United States: Percent of Total for 2002, 1997, and 1993**

[Estimates are shown as percents and are based on data from the 2002, 1997, and 1993 Commodity Flow Surveys]

| Mode of transportation                       | Ton-miles |      |      |
|--|-----------|------|------|
|  | 2002      | 1997 | 1993 |
| <b>Total</b> .....                           | –         | –    | –    |
| Truck .....                                  | 1.0       | .9   | .9   |
| Rail .....                                   | 1.0       | 1.5  | .9   |
| Shallow draft .....                          | .7        | .5   | 1.0  |
| Great Lakes .....                            | .2        | .2   | .3   |
| Deep draft .....                             | .7        | .6   | .5   |
| Air .....                                    | –         | –    | –    |
| Parcel, U.S. Postal Service or courier ..... | –         | –    | –    |
| Pipeline .....                               | S         | S    | S    |
| Other and unknown modes .....                | .3        | .2   | .5   |

– Represents an estimate equal to zero or less than 1 unit of measure.  
 S Corresponding estimate in Table 2e does not meet publication standards because of high sampling variability or poor response quality.

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**Table B–3a. Estimated Measures of Reliability for Shipment Characteristics by Two-Digit Commodity for the United States: 2002**

[Estimates are shown as percents and are based on data from the 2002 Commodity Flow Survey]

| SCTG code | Commodity description  | Value                              |                              | Tons                               |                              | Ton-miles                          |                              | Average miles per shipment—coefficient of variation |
|-----------|--|------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|---|
|           |  | Coefficient of variation of number | Standard error of percentage | Coefficient of variation of number | Standard error of percentage | Coefficient of variation of number | Standard error of percentage |   |
|           | <b>Total</b> .....   | <b>1.2</b>                         | —                            | <b>1.7</b>                         | —                            | <b>2.0</b>                         | —                            | <b>2.2</b>  |
| 01        | Live animals and live fish .....   | 24.1                               | —                            | 45.6                               | —                            | 43.8                               | —                            | 16.6  |
| 02        | Cereal grains .....  | 6.1                                | —                            | 6.0                                | .3                           | 14.1                               | 1.1                          | 13.3  |
| 03        | Other agricultural products .....  | 10.4                               | .1                           | 8.8                                | .2                           | 12.0                               | .4                           | 17.6  |
| 04        | Animal feed and products of animal origin, n.e.c. ....   | 7.1                                | —                            | 9.9                                | .2                           | 26.9                               | .7                           | 12.1  |
| 05        | Meat, fish, seafood, and their preparations .....  | 5.1                                | .1                           | 5.4                                | —                            | 6.0                                | —                            | 12.5  |
| 06        | Milled grain products and preparations, and bakery products .....                                  | 7.0                                | .1                           | 8.7                                | —                            | 9.1                                | .2                           | 13.8  |
| 07        | Other prepared foodstuffs and fats and oils .....  | 3.2                                | .1                           | 4.4                                | .2                           | 5.5                                | .3                           | 20.7  |
| 08        | Alcoholic beverages .....  | 4.3                                | —                            | 4.5                                | —                            | 7.9                                | —                            | 8.6   |
| 09        | Tobacco products .....   | 20.7                               | .2                           | 38.0                               | —                            | 35.7                               | —                            | 18.3  |
| 10        | Monumental or building stone .....   | 21.8                               | —                            | 24.3                               | —                            | 18.4                               | —                            | 20.0  |
| 11        | Natural sands .....  | 25.6                               | —                            | 14.6                               | .5                           | 15.5                               | .2                           | 9.8   |
| 12        | Gravel and crushed stone .....   | 4.6                                | —                            | 5.3                                | .7                           | 8.1                                | .3                           | 6.8   |
| 13        | Nonmetallic minerals n.e.c. ....   | 14.6                               | —                            | 12.3                               | .2                           | 18.4                               | .3                           | 8.7   |
| 14        | Metallic ores and concentrates .....   | 20.8                               | —                            | 15.5                               | .2                           | 15.8                               | .3                           | 9.5   |
| 15        | Coal .....   | 5.1                                | —                            | 5.9                                | .6                           | 8.8                                | 1.3                          | 9.1   |
| 17        | Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel .....   | 4.4                                | .1                           | 4.3                                | .3                           | 10.4                               | .5                           | 12.5  |
| 18        | Fuel oils .....  | 8.6                                | .1                           | 7.8                                | .3                           | 15.6                               | .5                           | 27.3  |
| 19        | Coal and petroleum products, n.e.c. ....   | 5.3                                | —                            | 6.4                                | .3                           | 13.0                               | .3                           | 14.5  |
| 20        | Basic chemicals .....  | 5.3                                | .1                           | 16.3                               | .6                           | 14.0                               | .7                           | 10.2  |
| 21        | Pharmaceutical products .....  | 10.8                               | .5                           | 15.0                               | —                            | 15.9                               | —                            | 5.5   |
| 22        | Fertilizers .....  | 12.6                               | —                            | 14.5                               | .3                           | 16.0                               | .4                           | 26.7  |
| 23        | Chemical products and preparations, n.e.c. ....  | 6.3                                | .2                           | 8.0                                | —                            | 9.2                                | .2                           | 6.0   |
| 24        | Plastics and rubber .....  | 4.5                                | .2                           | 3.8                                | —                            | 3.5                                | .1                           | 5.7   |
| 25        | Logs and other wood in the rough .....   | 17.5                               | —                            | 49.4                               | .4                           | 32.5                               | —                            | 29.5  |
| 26        | Wood products .....  | 4.0                                | —                            | 5.3                                | .2                           | 8.4                                | .3                           | 9.1   |
| 27        | Pulp, newsprint, paper, and paperboard .....   | 3.2                                | —                            | 3.7                                | —                            | 4.0                                | .1                           | 11.8  |
| 28        | Paper or paperboard articles .....   | 4.3                                | —                            | 5.5                                | —                            | 10.4                               | —                            | 10.6  |
| 29        | Printed products .....   | 3.7                                | —                            | 6.2                                | —                            | 6.4                                | —                            | 5.2   |
| 30        | Textiles, leather, and articles of textiles or leather .....                                       | 6.8                                | .4                           | 6.8                                | —                            | 11.7                               | .1                           | 2.1   |
| 31        | Nonmetallic mineral products .....   | 7.0                                | .1                           | 9.6                                | .7                           | 8.7                                | .3                           | 10.5  |
| 32        | Base metal in primary or semifinished forms and in finished basic shapes .....                     | 3.1                                | —                            | 5.9                                | .2                           | 7.7                                | .3                           | 7.3   |
| 33        | Articles of base metal .....   | 4.4                                | .1                           | 11.2                               | .1                           | 9.8                                | .1                           | 5.2   |
| 34        | Machinery .....  | 5.8                                | .4                           | 5.8                                | —                            | 6.7                                | —                            | 5.1   |
| 35        | Electronic and other electrical equipment and components and office equipment .....                | 4.0                                | .4                           | 8.7                                | —                            | 7.8                                | —                            | 4.6   |
| 36        | Motorized and other vehicles (including parts) .....   | 7.2                                | .6                           | 9.3                                | —                            | 8.3                                | .1                           | 10.3  |
| 37        | Transportation equipment, n.e.c. ....  | 28.5                               | .5                           | 30.1                               | —                            | 24.3                               | —                            | 4.3   |
| 38        | Precision instruments and apparatus .....  | 7.3                                | .2                           | 26.3                               | —                            | 12.6                               | —                            | 6.2   |
| 39        | Furniture, mattresses and mattress supports, lamps, lighting fittings, and illuminated signs ..... | 8.7                                | .1                           | 13.2                               | —                            | 6.0                                | —                            | 5.9   |
| 40        | Miscellaneous manufactured products .....  | 5.3                                | .2                           | 14.5                               | .1                           | 7.0                                | —                            | 4.5   |
| 41        | Waste and scrap .....  | 14.1                               | —                            | 14.7                               | .4                           | 17.8                               | .4                           | 12.1  |
| 43        | Mixed freight .....  | 3.9                                | .4                           | 7.4                                | .2                           | 6.0                                | .1                           | 9.7   |
| --        | Commodity unknown .....  | 10.6                               | —                            | 18.7                               | —                            | 35.2                               | .1                           | 8.2   |

— Represents an estimate equal to zero or less than 1 unit of measure.

S Corresponding estimate in Table 3a does not meet publication standards because of high sampling variability or poor response quality.

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**Table B-3b. Estimated Measures of Reliability for Shipment Characteristics by Two-Digit Commodity for the United States: 2002 and 1997**

[Estimates are shown as percents and are based on data from the 2002 and 1997 Commodity Flow Surveys]

| SCTG code | Commodity description  | Value                              |            |                                  | Tons                               |            |                                  | Ton-miles                          |            |                                  | Average miles per shipment         |            |                                  |
|-----------|--|------------------------------------|------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------|----------------------------------|
|           |  | Coefficient of variation of number |            | Standard error of percent change | Coefficient of variation of number |            | Standard error of percent change | Coefficient of variation of number |            | Standard error of percent change | Coefficient of variation of number |            | Standard error of percent change |
|           |  | 2002                               | 1997       |                                  | 2002                               | 1997       |                                  | 2002                               | 1997       |                                  | 2002                               | 1997       |                                  |
|           | <b>Total</b> .....   | <b>1.2</b>                         | <b>1.0</b> | <b>1.9</b>                       | <b>1.7</b>                         | <b>1.8</b> | <b>2.5</b>                       | <b>2.0</b>                         | <b>2.6</b> | <b>3.9</b>                       | <b>2.2</b>                         | <b>2.8</b> | <b>4.5</b>                       |
| 01        | Live animals and live fish .....   | 24.1                               | 13.8       | 32.4                             | 45.6                               | 16.5       | 53.6                             | 43.8                               | 14.1       | 62.1                             | 16.6                               | 22.8       | 55.4                             |
| 02        | Cereal grains .....  | 6.1                                | 7.4        | 8.9                              | 6.0                                | 6.0        | 10.0                             | 14.1                               | 8.3        | 21.6                             | 13.3                               | 9.3        | 16.3                             |
| 03        | Other agricultural products ..   | 10.4                               | 5.3        | 14.8                             | 8.8                                | 5.9        | 14.6                             | 12.0                               | 8.1        | 21.9                             | 17.6                               | 12.2       | 23.3                             |
| 04        | Animal feed and products of animal origin, n.e.c. ....   | 7.1                                | 4.5        | 6.9                              | 9.9                                | 2.8        | 11.3                             | 26.9                               | 4.3        | 45.1                             | 12.1                               | 28.9       | 56.0                             |
| 05        | Meat, fish, seafood, and their preparations .....  | 5.1                                | 4.0        | 7.2                              | 5.4                                | 5.1        | 7.9                              | 6.0                                | 6.3        | 10.0                             | 12.5                               | 8.7        | 21.4                             |
| 06        | Milled grain products and preparations, and bakery products .....                                  | 7.0                                | 4.3        | 8.9                              | 8.7                                | 3.6        | 10.7                             | 9.1                                | 5.8        | 11.5                             | 13.8                               | 18.8       | 50.5                             |
| 07        | Other prepared foodstuffs and fats and oils .....  | 3.2                                | 3.1        | 4.7                              | 4.4                                | 3.4        | 6.5                              | 5.5                                | 3.7        | 9.2                              | 20.7                               | 14.4       | 40.7                             |
| 08        | Alcoholic beverages .....  | 4.3                                | 4.2        | 7.9                              | 4.5                                | 4.6        | 7.4                              | 7.9                                | 13.5       | 14.3                             | 8.6                                | 19.5       | 20.3                             |
| 09        | Tobacco products .....   | 20.7                               | 12.8       | 33.4                             | 38.0                               | 22.2       | 61.8                             | 35.7                               | 20.7       | 51.2                             | 18.3                               | 19.6       | 37.4                             |
| 10        | Monumental or building stone .....   | 21.8                               | 15.0       | 23.9                             | 24.3                               | 17.4       | 31.7                             | 18.4                               | 16.9       | 22.5                             | 20.0                               | 37.5       | 63.1                             |
| 11        | Natural sands .....  | 25.6                               | 10.1       | 29.7                             | 14.6                               | 10.8       | 19.1                             | 15.5                               | 9.9        | 24.6                             | 9.8                                | 8.9        | 16.2                             |
| 12        | Gravel and crushed stone .....   | 4.6                                | 3.8        | 6.5                              | 5.3                                | 3.8        | 6.4                              | 8.1                                | 5.8        | 11.2                             | 6.8                                | 6.6        | 8.9                              |
| 13        | Nonmetallic minerals n.e.c. ..   | 14.6                               | 13.3       | 22.2                             | 12.3                               | 12.0       | 13.6                             | 18.4                               | 13.6       | 25.0                             | 8.7                                | 12.0       | 18.2                             |
| 14        | Metallic ores and concentrates .....   | 20.8                               | 8.1        | 27.9                             | 15.5                               | 13.7       | 26.5                             | 15.8                               | 21.5       | 33.2                             | 9.5                                | 10.8       | 22.1                             |
| 15        | Coal .....   | 5.1                                | 4.6        | 6.6                              | 5.9                                | 4.4        | 7.6                              | 8.8                                | 9.5        | 13.4                             | 9.1                                | 13.8       | 22.7                             |
| 17        | Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel .....   | 4.4                                | 4.9        | 7.0                              | 4.3                                | 7.8        | 7.8                              | 10.4                               | 20.4       | 21.8                             | 12.5                               | 7.7        | 33.2                             |
| 18        | Fuel oils .....  | 8.6                                | 4.5        | 11.3                             | 7.8                                | 5.9        | 10.3                             | 15.6                               | 13.4       | 43.7                             | 27.3                               | 5.5        | 79.5                             |
| 19        | Coal and petroleum products, n.e.c. ....   | 5.3                                | 4.2        | 6.8                              | 6.4                                | 5.2        | 7.5                              | 13.0                               | 12.9       | 21.4                             | 14.5                               | 19.6       | 36.1                             |
| 20        | Basic chemicals .....  | 5.3                                | 11.9       | 12.4                             | 16.3                               | 8.1        | 30.6                             | 14.0                               | 13.0       | 24.3                             | 10.2                               | 11.0       | 23.3                             |
| 21        | Pharmaceutical products ....   | 10.8                               | 4.6        | 22.3                             | 15.0                               | 11.6       | 43.7                             | 15.9                               | 18.1       | 52.2                             | 5.5                                | 5.0        | 7.7                              |
| 22        | Fertilizers .....  | 12.6                               | 8.0        | 18.6                             | 14.5                               | 8.9        | 20.3                             | 16.0                               | 9.7        | 32.0                             | 26.7                               | 12.9       | 38.3                             |
| 23        | Chemical products and preparations, n.e.c. ....  | 6.3                                | 4.5        | 8.6                              | 8.0                                | 5.7        | 11.7                             | 9.2                                | 6.3        | 13.5                             | 6.0                                | 6.2        | 10.6                             |
| 24        | Plastics and rubber .....  | 4.5                                | 2.1        | 6.2                              | 3.8                                | 6.7        | 8.7                              | 3.5                                | 4.7        | 7.1                              | 5.7                                | 5.0        | 7.3                              |
| 25        | Logs and other wood in the rough .....   | 17.5                               | 5.3        | 6.3                              | 49.4                               | 9.7        | 11.7                             | 32.5                               | 11.8       | 10.9                             | 29.5                               | 15.4       | 42.3                             |
| 26        | Wood products .....  | 4.0                                | 3.8        | 6.1                              | 5.3                                | 7.3        | 8.8                              | 8.4                                | 8.4        | 14.0                             | 9.1                                | 7.3        | 10.2                             |
| 27        | Pulp, newsprint, paper, and paperboard .....   | 3.2                                | 2.5        | 3.9                              | 3.7                                | 7.1        | 7.4                              | 4.0                                | 2.9        | 4.8                              | 11.8                               | 8.1        | 17.2                             |
| 28        | Paper or paperboard articles .....   | 4.3                                | 3.0        | 5.7                              | 5.5                                | 6.8        | 8.6                              | 10.4                               | 3.7        | 12.8                             | 10.6                               | 6.0        | 11.1                             |
| 29        | Printed products .....   | 3.7                                | 12.4       | 6.8                              | 6.2                                | 4.7        | 3.4                              | 6.4                                | 6.1        | 6.8                              | 5.2                                | 6.8        | 17.9                             |
| 30        | Textiles, leather, and articles of textiles or leather .....                                       | 6.8                                | 5.9        | 12.0                             | 6.8                                | 4.6        | 9.6                              | 11.7                               | 5.0        | 17.9                             | 2.1                                | 3.3        | 4.1                              |
| 31        | Nonmetallic mineral products .....   | 7.0                                | 2.4        | 9.7                              | 9.6                                | 9.9        | 13.8                             | 8.7                                | 4.9        | 13.1                             | 10.5                               | 12.2       | 15.6                             |
| 32        | Base metal in primary or semifinished forms and in finished basic shapes .....                     | 3.1                                | 2.8        | 3.7                              | 5.9                                | 5.4        | 7.8                              | 7.7                                | 4.5        | 9.2                              | 7.3                                | 6.2        | 9.6                              |
| 33        | Articles of base metal .....   | 4.4                                | 2.3        | 5.1                              | 11.2                               | 6.1        | 13.8                             | 9.8                                | 9.3        | 12.3                             | 5.2                                | 5.9        | 7.8                              |
| 34        | Machinery .....  | 5.8                                | 1.9        | 7.4                              | 5.8                                | 3.5        | 8.5                              | 6.7                                | 6.3        | 11.8                             | 5.1                                | 4.1        | 7.6                              |
| 35        | Electronic and other electrical equipment and components and office equipment .....                | 4.0                                | 3.4        | 5.7                              | 8.7                                | 3.6        | 12.8                             | 7.8                                | 7.0        | 12.7                             | 4.6                                | 4.2        | 7.3                              |
| 36        | Motorized and other vehicles (including parts) .....   | 7.2                                | 3.3        | 10.2                             | 9.3                                | 4.7        | 14.1                             | 8.3                                | 3.8        | 11.8                             | 10.3                               | 4.3        | 16.1                             |
| 37        | Transportation equipment, n.e.c. ....  | 28.5                               | 14.5       | 40.3                             | 30.1                               | 10.2       | 59.5                             | 24.3                               | 16.0       | 48.1                             | 4.3                                | 6.0        | 9.3                              |
| 38        | Precision instruments and apparatus .....  | 7.3                                | 6.4        | 13.6                             | 26.3                               | 7.4        | 141.3                            | 12.6                               | 7.3        | 22.9                             | 6.2                                | 4.3        | 8.8                              |
| 39        | Furniture, mattresses and mattress supports, lamps, lighting fittings, and illuminated signs ..... | 8.7                                | 4.9        | 13.8                             | 13.2                               | 6.0        | 22.5                             | 6.0                                | 7.8        | 11.4                             | 5.9                                | 4.9        | 6.9                              |
| 40        | Miscellaneous manufactured products .....  | 5.3                                | 6.2        | 7.9                              | 14.5                               | 20.1       | 19.9                             | 7.0                                | 9.2        | 10.8                             | 4.5                                | 4.1        | 7.1                              |
| 41        | Waste and scrap .....  | 14.1                               | 5.1        | 22.6                             | 14.7                               | 5.2        | 26.8                             | 17.8                               | 6.2        | 33.3                             | 12.1                               | 11.2       | 16.4                             |
| 43        | Mixed freight .....  | 3.9                                | 9.0        | 36.5                             | 7.4                                | 9.8        | 36.9                             | 6.0                                | 16.8       | 59.9                             | 9.7                                | 11.3       | 25.7                             |
| --        | Commodity unknown .....  | 10.6                               | 7.9        | 7.1                              | 18.7                               | 27.5       | 18.3                             | 35.2                               | 28.9       | 38.9                             | 8.2                                | 8.4        | 13.8                             |

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**Table B-3c. Estimated Standard Errors for Shipment Characteristics by Two-Digit Commodity for the United States: Percent of Total for 2002 and 1997**

[Estimates are shown as percents and are based on data from the 2002 and 1997 Commodity Flow Surveys]

| SCTG code | Commodity description  | Value |      | Tons |      | Ton-miles |      |
|-----------|--|-------|------|------|------|-----------|------|
|           |  | 2002  | 1997 | 2002 | 1997 | 2002      | 1997 |
|           | <b>Total</b> .....   | -     | -    | -    | -    | -         | -    |
| 01        | Live animals and live fish .....   | -     | -    | -    | -    | -         | -    |
| 02        | Cereal grains .....  | -     | -    | .3   | .3   | 1.1       | .5   |
| 03        | Other agricultural products .....  | .1    | -    | .2   | .1   | .4        | .2   |
| 04        | Animal feed and products of animal origin, n.e.c. ....   | -     | -    | .2   | -    | .7        | .1   |
| 05        | Meat, fish, seafood, and their preparations .....  | .1    | .1   | -    | -    | -         | .1   |
| 06        | Milled grain products and preparations, and bakery products .....                                  | .1    | -    | -    | -    | .2        | .1   |
| 07        | Other prepared foodstuffs and fats and oils .....  | .1    | .1   | .2   | .1   | .3        | .2   |
| 08        | Alcoholic beverages .....  | -     | -    | -    | -    | -         | .1   |
| 09        | Tobacco products .....   | .2    | .1   | -    | -    | -         | -    |
| 10        | Monumental or building stone .....   | -     | -    | -    | -    | -         | -    |
| 11        | Natural sands .....  | -     | -    | .5   | .4   | .2        | -    |
| 12        | Gravel and crushed stone .....   | -     | -    | .7   | .5   | .3        | .2   |
| 13        | Nonmetallic minerals n.e.c. ....   | -     | -    | .2   | .3   | .3        | .3   |
| 14        | Metallic ores and concentrates .....   | -     | -    | .2   | .1   | .3        | .4   |
| 15        | Coal .....   | -     | -    | .6   | .5   | 1.3       | 1.5  |
| 17        | Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel .....   | .1    | .1   | .3   | .6   | .5        | 1.0  |
| 18        | Fuel oils .....  | .1    | -    | .3   | .2   | .5        | .2   |
| 19        | Coal and petroleum products, n.e.c. ....   | -     | -    | .3   | .2   | .3        | .4   |
| 20        | Basic chemicals .....  | .1    | .3   | .6   | .2   | .7        | .6   |
| 21        | Pharmaceutical products .....  | .5    | .1   | -    | -    | -         | -    |
| 22        | Fertilizers .....  | -     | -    | .3   | .2   | .4        | .2   |
| 23        | Chemical products and preparations, n.e.c. ....  | .2    | .1   | -    | -    | .2        | .1   |
| 24        | Plastics and rubber .....  | .2    | .1   | -    | -    | .1        | .1   |
| 25        | Logs and other wood in the rough .....   | -     | -    | .4   | .3   | -         | .1   |
| 26        | Wood products .....  | -     | -    | .2   | .2   | .3        | .2   |
| 27        | Pulp, newsprint, paper, and paperboard .....   | -     | -    | -    | -    | .1        | .1   |
| 28        | Paper or paperboard articles .....   | -     | -    | -    | -    | -         | -    |
| 29        | Printed products .....   | -     | .4   | -    | -    | -         | -    |
| 30        | Textiles, leather, and articles of textiles or leather .....                                       | .4    | .3   | -    | -    | .1        | -    |
| 31        | Nonmetallic mineral products .....   | .1    | -    | .7   | .7   | .3        | .2   |
| 32        | Base metal in primary or semifinished forms and in finished basic shapes .....                     | -     | .1   | .2   | .2   | .3        | .2   |
| 33        | Articles of base metal .....   | .1    | -    | .1   | -    | .1        | .2   |
| 34        | Machinery .....  | .4    | .1   | -    | -    | -         | -    |
| 35        | Electronic and other electrical equipment and components and office equipment .....                | .4    | .4   | -    | -    | -         | -    |
| 36        | Motorized and other vehicles (including parts) .....   | .6    | .3   | -    | -    | .1        | -    |
| 37        | Transportation equipment, n.e.c. ....  | .5    | .3   | -    | -    | -         | -    |
| 38        | Precision instruments and apparatus .....  | .2    | .1   | -    | -    | -         | -    |
| 39        | Furniture, mattresses and mattress supports, lamps, lighting fittings, and illuminated signs ..... | .1    | -    | -    | -    | -         | -    |
| 40        | Miscellaneous manufactured products .....  | .2    | .4   | .1   | .2   | -         | .1   |
| 41        | Waste and scrap .....  | -     | -    | .4   | -    | .4        | .1   |
| 43        | Mixed freight .....  | .4    | .3   | .2   | -    | .1        | .1   |
| --        | Commodity unknown .....  | -     | -    | -    | .1   | .1        | .1   |

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**Table B-4a. Estimated Measures of Reliability for Shipment Characteristics by Distance Shipped for the United States: 2002**

[Estimates are shown as percents and are based on data from the 2002 Commodity Flow Survey]

| Distance shipped<br>(Based on Great Circle Distance) | Value                              |                              | Tons                               |                              | Ton-miles                          |                              |
|--|------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
|  | Coefficient of variation of number | Standard error of percentage | Coefficient of variation of number | Standard error of percentage | Coefficient of variation of number | Standard error of percentage |
| <b>Total</b> .....                                   | <b>1.2</b>                         | -                            | <b>1.7</b>                         | -                            | <b>2.0</b>                         | -                            |
| Less than 50 miles .....                             | 2.2                                | .6                           | 2.9                                | 1.0                          | 3.2                                | .1                           |
| 50 to 99 miles .....                                 | 1.9                                | .2                           | 5.9                                | .6                           | 5.2                                | .2                           |
| 100 to 249 miles .....                               | 2.0                                | .3                           | 3.1                                | .4                           | 3.4                                | .4                           |
| 250 to 499 miles .....                               | 2.8                                | .4                           | 3.3                                | .3                           | 3.1                                | .5                           |
| 500 to 749 miles .....                               | 2.9                                | .3                           | 3.5                                | .2                           | 4.1                                | .5                           |
| 750 to 999 miles .....                               | 3.3                                | .2                           | 6.2                                | .2                           | 6.3                                | .8                           |
| 1,000 to 1,499 miles .....                           | 3.1                                | .2                           | 6.3                                | .2                           | 7.2                                | 1.3                          |
| 1,500 to 1,999 miles .....                           | 2.4                                | .1                           | 8.8                                | .1                           | 7.7                                | .6                           |
| 2,000 miles or more .....                            | 5.0                                | .2                           | 5.1                                | -                            | 5.3                                | .3                           |

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**Table B-4b. Estimated Measures of Reliability for Shipment Characteristics by Distance Shipped for the United States: 2002 and 1997**

[Estimates are shown as percents and are based on data from the 2002 and 1997 Commodity Flow Surveys]

| Distance shipped<br>(Based on Great Circle Distance) | Value                              |            |                                  | Tons                               |            |                                  | Ton-miles                          |            |                                  |
|--|------------------------------------|------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------|----------------------------------|
|  | Coefficient of variation of number |            | Standard error of percent change | Coefficient of variation of number |            | Standard error of percent change | Coefficient of variation of number |            | Standard error of percent change |
|  | 2002                               | 1997       |                                  | 2002                               | 1997       |                                  | 2002                               | 1997       |                                  |
| <b>Total</b> .....                                   | <b>1.2</b>                         | <b>1.0</b> | <b>1.9</b>                       | <b>1.7</b>                         | <b>1.8</b> | <b>2.5</b>                       | <b>2.0</b>                         | <b>2.6</b> | <b>3.9</b>                       |
| Less than 50 miles .....                             | 2.2                                | 1.3        | 2.9                              | 2.9                                | 2.7        | 3.7                              | 3.2                                | 2.7        | 3.7                              |
| 50 to 99 miles .....                                 | 1.9                                | 2.7        | 4.2                              | 5.9                                | 3.3        | 7.8                              | 5.2                                | 3.4        | 6.9                              |
| 100 to 249 miles .....                               | 2.0                                | 2.1        | 3.6                              | 3.1                                | 2.1        | 4.5                              | 3.4                                | 2.7        | 5.1                              |
| 250 to 499 miles .....                               | 2.8                                | 1.7        | 4.3                              | 3.3                                | 3.9        | 6.2                              | 3.1                                | 4.1        | 6.4                              |
| 500 to 749 miles .....                               | 2.9                                | 1.6        | 4.3                              | 3.5                                | 4.1        | 6.5                              | 4.1                                | 4.2        | 6.8                              |
| 750 to 999 miles .....                               | 3.3                                | 1.8        | 4.9                              | 6.2                                | 5.2        | 9.3                              | 6.3                                | 5.2        | 9.4                              |
| 1,000 to 1,499 miles .....                           | 3.1                                | 2.7        | 4.8                              | 6.3                                | 7.6        | 12.6                             | 7.2                                | 7.9        | 13.5                             |
| 1,500 to 1,999 miles .....                           | 2.4                                | 2.5        | 4.2                              | 8.8                                | 5.0        | 16.1                             | 7.7                                | 5.1        | 14.2                             |
| 2,000 miles or more .....                            | 5.0                                | 3.1        | 7.1                              | 5.1                                | 1.7        | 6.8                              | 5.3                                | 1.8        | 7.0                              |

– Represents an estimate equal to zero or less than 1 unit of measure.

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**Table B-4c. Estimated Measures of Reliability for Shipment Characteristics by Distance Shipped for the United States: 2002 and 1993**

[Estimates are shown as percents and are based on data from the 2002 and 1993 Commodity Flow Surveys]

| Distance shipped<br>(Based on Great Circle Distance) | Value                              |           |                                  | Tons                               |            |                                  | Ton-miles                          |            |                                  |
|--|------------------------------------|-----------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------|----------------------------------|
|  | Coefficient of variation of number |           | Standard error of percent change | Coefficient of variation of number |            | Standard error of percent change | Coefficient of variation of number |            | Standard error of percent change |
|  | 2002                               | 1993      |                                  | 2002                               | 1993       |                                  | 2002                               | 1993       |                                  |
| <b>Total</b> .....                                   | <b>1.2</b>                         | <b>.8</b> | <b>2.1</b>                       | <b>1.7</b>                         | <b>1.6</b> | <b>2.7</b>                       | <b>2.0</b>                         | <b>2.7</b> | <b>4.5</b>                       |
| Less than 50 miles .....                             | 2.2                                | 1.4       | 3.5                              | 2.9                                | 2.1        | 4.0                              | 3.2                                | 2.6        | 4.2                              |
| 50 to 99 miles .....                                 | 1.9                                | 1.8       | 3.7                              | 5.9                                | 2.1        | 7.3                              | 5.2                                | 3.4        | 6.7                              |
| 100 to 249 miles .....                               | 2.0                                | 2.4       | 4.6                              | 3.1                                | 2.7        | 5.5                              | 3.4                                | 2.9        | 5.9                              |
| 250 to 499 miles .....                               | 2.8                                | 1.9       | 5.0                              | 3.3                                | 2.8        | 5.6                              | 3.1                                | 3.3        | 5.7                              |
| 500 to 749 miles .....                               | 2.9                                | 1.8       | 5.1                              | 3.5                                | 4.5        | 6.9                              | 4.1                                | 4.6        | 7.1                              |
| 750 to 999 miles .....                               | 3.3                                | 1.9       | 5.8                              | 6.2                                | 5.0        | 12.1                             | 6.3                                | 5.8        | 12.7                             |
| 1,000 to 1,499 miles .....                           | 3.1                                | 2.3       | 6.1                              | 6.3                                | 6.1        | 14.1                             | 7.2                                | 7.3        | 16.3                             |
| 1,500 to 1,999 miles .....                           | 2.4                                | 2.2       | 5.1                              | 8.8                                | 4.7        | 16.0                             | 7.7                                | 6.1        | 14.9                             |
| 2,000 miles or more .....                            | 5.0                                | 4.4       | 9.3                              | 5.1                                | 9.1        | 11.9                             | 5.3                                | 9.0        | 11.5                             |

– Represents an estimate equal to zero or less than 1 unit of measure.

S Corresponding estimate in Table 4c does not meet publication standards because of high sampling variability or poor response quality.

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**Table B-4d. Estimated Standard Errors for Shipment Characteristics by Distance Shipped for the United States: Annualized Growth Rate for 1997 to 2002 and 1993 to 2002**

[Estimates are shown as percents and are based on data from the 2002, 1997, and 1993 Commodity Flow Surveys]

| Distance shipped<br>(Based on Great Circle Distance) | Value        |              | Tons         |              | Ton-miles    |              |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|  | 1997 to 2002 | 1993 to 2002 | 1997 to 2002 | 1993 to 2002 | 1997 to 2002 | 1993 to 2002 |
| <b>Total</b> .....                                   | .3           | .1           | .5           | .2           | .7           | .3           |
| Less than 50 miles .....                             | .5           | .2           | .8           | .4           | .8           | .5           |
| 50 to 99 miles .....                                 | .7           | .2           | 1.4          | .6           | 1.3          | .7           |
| 100 to 249 miles .....                               | .6           | .3           | .8           | .4           | .9           | .4           |
| 250 to 499 miles .....                               | .7           | .3           | 1.1          | .4           | 1.1          | .4           |
| 500 to 749 miles .....                               | .7           | .3           | 1.1          | .6           | 1.2          | .6           |
| 750 to 999 miles .....                               | .8           | .3           | 1.7          | .7           | 1.7          | .7           |
| 1,000 to 1,499 miles .....                           | .8           | .3           | 2.1          | .7           | 2.2          | .9           |
| 1,500 to 1,999 miles .....                           | .7           | .3           | 2.2          | .8           | 2.0          | .8           |
| 2,000 miles or more .....                            | 1.2          | .6           | 1.1          | 1.1          | 1.2          | 1.1          |

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 S Corresponding estimate in Table 4d does not meet publication standards because of high sampling variability or poor response quality.

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**Table B-4e. Estimated Standard Errors for Shipment Characteristics by Distance Shipped for the United States: Percent of Total for 2002, 1997, and 1993**

[Estimates are shown as percents and are based on data from the 2002, 1997, and 1993 Commodity Flow Surveys]

| Distance shipped<br>(Based on Great Circle Distance) | Value |      |      | Tons |      |      | Ton-miles |      |      |
|--|-------|------|------|------|------|------|-----------|------|------|
|  | 2002  | 1997 | 1993 | 2002 | 1997 | 1993 | 2002      | 1997 | 1993 |
| <b>Total</b> .....                                   | –     | –    | –    | –    | –    | –    | –         | –    | –    |
| Less than 50 miles .....                             | .6    | .4   | .3   | 1.0  | .8   | .6   | .1        | .2   | .1   |
| 50 to 99 miles .....                                 | .2    | .2   | .1   | .6   | .3   | .3   | .2        | .1   | .2   |
| 100 to 249 miles .....                               | .3    | .2   | .3   | .4   | .2   | .3   | .4        | .3   | .3   |
| 250 to 499 miles .....                               | .4    | .2   | .2   | .3   | .4   | .2   | .5        | .6   | .5   |
| 500 to 749 miles .....                               | .3    | .1   | .2   | .2   | .2   | .2   | .5        | .6   | .6   |
| 750 to 999 miles .....                               | .2    | –    | .1   | .2   | .2   | .1   | .8        | .6   | .5   |
| 1,000 to 1,499 miles .....                           | .2    | .2   | .1   | .2   | .2   | .1   | 1.3       | 1.1  | .9   |
| 1,500 to 1,999 miles .....                           | .1    | –    | –    | .1   | –    | –    | .6        | .4   | .4   |
| 2,000 miles or more .....                            | .2    | .1   | .2   | –    | –    | –    | .3        | .1   | .5   |

– Represents an estimate equal to zero or less than 1 unit of measure.  
 S Corresponding estimate in Table 4e does not meet publication standards because of high sampling variability or poor response quality.

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**Table B-5a. Estimated Measures of Reliability for Shipment Characteristics by Shipment Weight for the United States: 2002**

[Estimates are shown as percents and are based on data from the 2002 Commodity Flow Survey]

| Shipment weight           | Value                              |                              | Tons                               |                              | Ton-miles                          |                              | Average miles per shipment—coefficient of variation |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|---|
|                           | Coefficient of variation of number | Standard error of percentage | Coefficient of variation of number | Standard error of percentage | Coefficient of variation of number | Standard error of percentage |   |
| <b>Total</b> .....        | <b>1.2</b>                         | —                            | <b>1.7</b>                         | —                            | <b>2.0</b>                         | —                            | <b>2.2</b>  |
| Less than 50 lb .....     | 3.0                                | .3                           | 2.5                                | —                            | 3.3                                | —                            | 2.1   |
| 50 to 99 lb .....         | 6.1                                | .2                           | 2.1                                | —                            | 4.9                                | —                            | 4.9   |
| 100 to 499 lb .....       | 2.2                                | .2                           | 2.2                                | —                            | 2.6                                | —                            | 1.8   |
| 500 to 749 lb .....       | 2.6                                | —                            | 2.9                                | —                            | 3.2                                | —                            | 3.5   |
| 750 to 999 lb .....       | 4.5                                | —                            | 4.0                                | —                            | 3.7                                | —                            | 3.9   |
| 1,000 to 9,999 lb .....   | 2.3                                | .4                           | 1.8                                | .1                           | 2.8                                | .2                           | 1.9   |
| 10,000 to 49,999 lb ..... | 1.9                                | .5                           | 3.2                                | .9                           | 1.8                                | .8                           | 2.6   |
| 50,000 to 99,999 lb ..... | 4.7                                | .2                           | 3.7                                | .6                           | 6.2                                | .4                           | 4.7   |
| 100,000 lb or more .....  | 6.0                                | .4                           | 2.4                                | .7                           | 3.5                                | 1.0                          | 3.0   |

— Represents an estimate equal to zero or less than 1 unit of measure.  
 S Corresponding estimate in Table 5a does not meet publication standards because of high sampling variability or poor response quality.

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**Table B-5b. Estimated Measures of Reliability for Shipment Characteristics by Shipment Weight for the United States: 2002 and 1997**

[Estimates are shown as percents and are based on data from the 2002 and 1997 Commodity Flow Surveys]

| Shipment weight           | Value                              |            |                                  | Tons                               |            |                                  | Ton-miles                          |            |                                  | Average miles per shipment         |            |                                  |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------|------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------|----------------------------------|
|                           | Coefficient of variation of number |            | Standard error of percent change | Coefficient of variation of number |            | Standard error of percent change | Coefficient of variation of number |            | Standard error of percent change | Coefficient of variation of number |            | Standard error of percent change |
|                           | 2002                               | 1997       |                                  | 2002                               | 1997       |                                  | 2002                               | 1997       |                                  | 2002                               | 1997       |                                  |
| <b>Total</b> .....        | <b>1.2</b>                         | <b>1.0</b> | <b>1.9</b>                       | <b>1.7</b>                         | <b>1.8</b> | <b>2.5</b>                       | <b>2.0</b>                         | <b>2.6</b> | <b>3.9</b>                       | <b>2.2</b>                         | <b>2.8</b> | <b>4.5</b>                       |
| Less than 50 lb .....     | 3.0                                | 2.2        | 4.4                              | 2.5                                | 2.4        | 3.1                              | 3.3                                | 2.5        | 4.5                              | 2.1                                | 3.2        | 4.9                              |
| 50 to 99 lb .....         | 6.1                                | 1.7        | 7.6                              | 2.1                                | 1.9        | 2.7                              | 4.9                                | 2.9        | 6.8                              | 4.9                                | 2.7        | 7.0                              |
| 100 to 499 lb .....       | 2.2                                | 2.1        | 3.5                              | 2.2                                | 1.5        | 2.6                              | 2.6                                | 1.8        | 3.6                              | 1.8                                | 2.2        | 3.3                              |
| 500 to 749 lb .....       | 2.6                                | 1.9        | 3.7                              | 2.9                                | 1.4        | 3.3                              | 3.2                                | 4.5        | 6.2                              | 3.5                                | 3.7        | 5.7                              |
| 750 to 999 lb .....       | 4.5                                | 2.7        | 6.2                              | 4.0                                | 1.4        | 4.4                              | 3.7                                | 4.3        | 6.3                              | 3.9                                | 4.1        | 6.1                              |
| 1,000 to 9,999 lb .....   | 2.3                                | 2.2        | 3.8                              | 1.8                                | 1.6        | 2.4                              | 2.8                                | 2.7        | 4.6                              | 1.9                                | 2.3        | 3.5                              |
| 10,000 to 49,999 lb ..... | 1.9                                | 1.4        | 3.2                              | 3.2                                | 2.0        | 4.0                              | 1.8                                | 1.3        | 2.7                              | 2.6                                | 1.8        | 3.6                              |
| 50,000 to 99,999 lb ..... | 4.7                                | 4.4        | 6.2                              | 3.7                                | 3.2        | 4.3                              | 6.2                                | 3.2        | 7.8                              | 4.7                                | 3.1        | 7.2                              |
| 100,000 lb or more .....  | 6.0                                | 3.2        | 8.0                              | 2.4                                | 3.5        | 4.8                              | 3.5                                | 4.0        | 6.4                              | 3.0                                | 6.3        | 9.0                              |

— Represents an estimate equal to zero or less than 1 unit of measure.  
 S Corresponding estimate in Table 5b does not meet publication standards because of high sampling variability or poor response quality.

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**Table B-5c. Estimated Measures of Reliability for Shipment Characteristics by Shipment Weight for the United States: 2002 and 1993**

[Estimates are shown as percents and are based on data from the 2002 and 1993 Commodity Flow Surveys]

| Shipment weight           | Value                              |           |                                  | Tons                               |            |                                  | Ton-miles                          |            |                                  | Average miles per shipment—coefficient of variation |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------|----------------------------------|---|
|                           | Coefficient of variation of number |           | Standard error of percent change | Coefficient of variation of number |            | Standard error of percent change | Coefficient of variation of number |            | Standard error of percent change |   |
|                           | 2002                               | 1993      |                                  | 2002                               | 1993       |                                  | 2002                               | 1993       |                                  |   |
| <b>Total</b> .....        | <b>1.2</b>                         | <b>.8</b> | <b>2.1</b>                       | <b>1.7</b>                         | <b>1.6</b> | <b>2.7</b>                       | <b>2.0</b>                         | <b>2.7</b> | <b>4.5</b>                       | <b>2.2</b>  |
| Less than 50 lb .....     | 3.0                                | 1.3       | 5.6                              | 2.5                                | 2.9        | 3.4                              | 3.3                                | 4.5        | 7.1                              | 2.1   |
| 50 to 99 lb .....         | 6.1                                | 2.0       | 10.3                             | 2.1                                | 2.5        | 3.6                              | 4.9                                | 2.7        | 8.4                              | 4.9   |
| 100 to 499 lb .....       | 2.2                                | 2.5       | 4.7                              | 2.2                                | 2.3        | 3.5                              | 2.6                                | 2.4        | 4.9                              | 1.8   |
| 500 to 749 lb .....       | 2.6                                | 3.3       | 5.9                              | 2.9                                | 1.6        | 3.8                              | 3.2                                | 3.9        | 6.6                              | 3.5   |
| 750 to 999 lb .....       | 4.5                                | 4.7       | 8.4                              | 4.0                                | 1.7        | 5.0                              | 3.7                                | 2.4        | 6.1                              | 3.9   |
| 1,000 to 9,999 lb .....   | 2.3                                | 2.5       | 4.5                              | 1.8                                | 1.6        | 2.7                              | 2.8                                | 2.6        | 5.2                              | 1.9   |
| 10,000 to 49,999 lb ..... | 1.9                                | 1.4       | 3.6                              | 3.2                                | 1.7        | 4.8                              | 1.8                                | 1.2        | 3.2                              | 2.6   |
| 50,000 to 99,999 lb ..... | 4.7                                | 3.8       | 7.5                              | 3.7                                | 3.5        | 4.8                              | 6.2                                | 2.3        | 8.8                              | 4.7   |
| 100,000 lb or more .....  | 6.0                                | 6.1       | 12.0                             | 2.4                                | 3.4        | 5.1                              | 3.5                                | 4.6        | 7.3                              | 3.0   |

– Represents an estimate equal to zero or less than 1 unit of measure.

S Corresponding estimate in Table 5c does not meet publication standards because of high sampling variability or poor response quality.

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**Table B-5d. Estimated Standard Errors for Shipment Characteristics by Shipment Weight for the United States: Annualized Growth Rate for 1997 to 2002 and 1993 to 2002**

[Estimates are shown as percents and are based on data from the 2002, 1997, and 1993 Commodity Flow Surveys]

| Shipment weight           | Value        |              | Tons         |              | Ton-miles    |              | Average miles per shipment |              |
|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------------|--------------|
|                           | 1997 to 2002 | 1993 to 2002 | 1997 to 2002 | 1993 to 2002 | 1997 to 2002 | 1993 to 2002 | 1997 to 2002               | 1993 to 2002 |
| <b>Total</b> .....        | <b>.3</b>    | <b>.1</b>    | <b>.5</b>    | <b>.2</b>    | <b>.7</b>    | <b>.3</b>    | <b>.7</b>                  | <b>.3</b>    |
| Less than 50 lb .....     | .8           | .3           | .7           | .5           | .8           | .5           | .8                         | .4           |
| 50 to 99 lb .....         | 1.3          | .5           | .6           | .3           | 1.2          | .5           | 1.2                        | .5           |
| 100 to 499 lb .....       | .6           | .3           | .5           | .3           | .6           | .3           | .6                         | .3           |
| 500 to 749 lb .....       | .7           | .4           | .7           | .3           | 1.1          | .5           | 1.0                        | .4           |
| 750 to 999 lb .....       | 1.1          | .6           | .8           | .4           | 1.2          | .4           | 1.2                        | .5           |
| 1,000 to 9,999 lb .....   | .7           | .3           | .5           | .3           | .8           | .4           | .6                         | .3           |
| 10,000 to 49,999 lb ..... | .5           | .2           | .8           | .3           | .5           | .2           | .6                         | .3           |
| 50,000 to 99,999 lb ..... | 1.3          | .6           | .9           | .6           | 1.4          | .6           | 1.2                        | .5           |
| 100,000 lb or more .....  | 1.4          | .8           | .9           | .4           | 1.1          | .6           | 1.5                        | .4           |

– Represents an estimate equal to zero or less than 1 unit of measure.

S Corresponding estimate in Table 5d does not meet publication standards because of high sampling variability or poor response quality.

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Table B-5e. **Estimated Standard Errors for Shipment Characteristics by Shipment Weight for the United States: Percent of Total for 2002, 1997, and 1993**

[Estimates are shown as percents and are based on data from the 2002, 1997, and 1993 Commodity Flow Surveys]

| Shipment weight           | Value |      |      | Tons |      |      | Ton-miles |      |      |
|---------------------------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|-----------|------|------|
|                           | 2002  | 1997 | 1993 | 2002 | 1997 | 1993 | 2002      | 1997 | 1993 |
| <b>Total</b> .....        | —     | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —         | —    | —    |
| Less than 50 lb .....     | .3    | .2   | .1   | —    | —    | —    | —         | —    | —    |
| 50 to 99 lb .....         | .2    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —         | —    | —    |
| 100 to 499 lb .....       | .2    | .2   | .2   | —    | —    | —    | —         | —    | —    |
| 500 to 749 lb .....       | —     | —    | .1   | —    | —    | —    | —         | —    | —    |
| 750 to 999 lb .....       | —     | —    | .1   | —    | —    | —    | —         | —    | —    |
| 1,000 to 9,999 lb .....   | .4    | .4   | .5   | .1   | .1   | .1   | .2        | .1   | .2   |
| 10,000 to 49,999 lb ..... | .5    | .4   | .6   | .9   | .8   | .6   | .8        | .7   | .7   |
| 50,000 to 99,999 lb ..... | .2    | .2   | .2   | .6   | .5   | .6   | .4        | .2   | .2   |
| 100,000 lb or more .....  | .4    | .2   | .4   | .7   | .8   | .9   | 1.0       | .9   | 1.0  |

— Represents an estimate equal to zero or less than 1 unit of measure.

S Corresponding estimate in Table 5e does not meet publication standards because of high sampling variability or poor response quality.

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# Appendix C.

## Sample Design, Data Collection, and Estimation

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### INTRODUCTION

The primary goal for the 2002 Commodity Flow Survey (CFS) is to estimate *shipping volumes* (value, tons, and ton-miles) by *commodity* and *mode of transportation* at varying levels of geographic detail. A secondary objective is to estimate the volume of shipments moving from one geographic area to another (i.e., flows of commodities between states, regions, etc.) by mode and commodity. A detailed description of the sample design for the 2002 CFS is provided below.

### SAMPLE DESIGN

The sample for the 2002 Commodity Flow Survey (CFS) was selected using a stratified three-stage design in which the first-stage sampling units were establishments, the second-stage sampling units were groups of four 1-week periods (reporting weeks) within the survey year, and the third-stage sampling units were shipments.

#### First Stage

##### Sampling frame

To create the first-stage sampling frame, we extracted a subset of establishment records from the Business Register (formerly the Standard Statistical Establishment List) as of September 2001. The Business Register is a database of all known establishments located in the United States or its territories. (An establishment is a single physical location where business transactions take place or services are performed.) Establishments located in the United States, having nonzero payroll in 2000, and classified in mining (except oil and gas extraction), manufacturing, wholesale, or electronic shopping and mail order retail industries, as defined by the 1997 North American Industry Classification System (NAICS), were included on the sampling frame. *Auxiliary establishments* (e.g. warehouses and central administrative offices) with shipping activity were also included on the sampling frame. Auxiliary establishments are establishments that are primarily involved in rendering support services for other establishments within the same company, instead of for the public, government, or other business firms. All other establishments included on the sampling frame are referred to as *nonauxiliary establishments*.

Some portion of establishments classified in the Retail Trade sector in the 1997 Economic Census is expected to be classified in the Wholesale Trade sector in the 2002

Economic Census. Because we wanted complete coverage of the Wholesale Trade sector as defined for the 2002 Economic Census, the sampling frame also included establishments from the following retail industries: automotive parts and accessories, tires, floor coverings, building materials, nursery and garden, and office supplies.

Establishments classified in forestry, fishing, utilities, construction, transportation, services, and all other retail industries were not included on the sampling frame. Farms and government-owned entities (except government-owned liquor stores) were also excluded from the sampling frame. The resulting frame comprised approximately 760,000 establishments.

For each establishment we extracted sales, payroll, number of employees, a six-digit NAICS code, name and address, and a primary identifier. We also computed a measure of size for each establishment. The measure of size was designed to approximate an establishment's annual total value of shipments for the year 2000.

All of the establishments included on the sampling frame had state, county, and place geographic codes. We used these codes to assign each establishment to one of the 273 metropolitan areas (MAs) defined as a combination of the metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs) and consolidated metropolitan statistical areas (CMSAs). Establishments not located in an MA were assigned to MA 9999.

##### Stratification

We stratified the sampling frame by geography and industry. Geographic strata were defined by a combination of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the top 50 metropolitan areas (MAs) based on their population in Census 2000. If a particular MA was not one of the 50 largest, then it was collapsed with the remaining MAs and non-MAs within the state in which the particular MA resided. We refer to these collapsed strata as Rest of State (ROS) strata. When an MA crossed state boundaries, we considered the size of each part of the MA relative to the MAs total measure of size when determining whether or not to create strata in each state in which the MA was defined. The industry strata were determined as follows. Within each of the geographic strata, we started with a total of 45 industry groups based on 1997 NAICS: three mining (four-digit NAICS); 21 manufacturing (three-digit NAICS); 18 wholesale (four-digit NAICS); 1 retail (NAICS 4541); and 2 auxiliary (NAICS 4931 and 5511). We then

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implemented a rule that states a particular industry stratum will be defined within a geographic stratum if it contributes at least 2 percent to its corresponding state total measure of size or it contributes at least 2 percent to the national total measure of size for the industry. Industry groups not meeting these criteria were combined into at most 12 new collapsed industry strata using a clustering algorithm. Because of potential differences in shipping patterns between auxiliary and nonauxiliary establishments, we created two industry strata of auxiliary establishments in every geographic stratum. We refer to a particular geographic-by-industry combination as a *primary stratum*.

### Sample size and allocation

To reduce the sampling variability of the estimates, we used a stratified design with a certainty component. Within each primary stratum, a boundary (or cutoff) that divides the certainty establishments from the noncertainty establishments was determined using the Lavallee-Hidiroglou algorithm. If an establishment's measure of size was greater than the cutoff, the establishment was selected with certainty. Establishments selected with certainty were sure to be selected and represent only themselves (i.e., had a selection probability of one and a sampling weight of one).

Because the 2002 sample was about half the size of the 1997 CFS sample, we were concerned about the ability of the sample to capture less frequent types of shipments (e.g., air, water, rail, and hazardous materials). After considering several different alternatives, we felt the best approach was to identify those establishments which made the bulk of these types of shipments in 1997 and then select them with certainty. To identify these establishments, we proceeded as follows.

We identified all establishments in the 1997 CFS sample that reported shipments made by air, water, or rail. We also identified those establishments that reported shipments of hazardous materials. For each of these establishments, we computed the percentage of the establishment's total value and tonnage accounted for by each of these types of shipments. Next, we matched these establishments to the sampling frame for the 2002 CFS and identified each establishment with measure of size less than the certainty boundary. For both value and tons, we then looked to see what percent of the total volume of shipments for each type of shipment was captured by selecting with certainty the top 50, top 100, or all establishments. We considered the top 50 establishments as those establishments making the largest volume of each type of shipment (air, water, rail, hazardous). Once these establishments were identified, we grouped them into one file and unduplicated them. This procedure added a total of about 500 certainty establishments.

Establishments not selected with certainty made up the noncertainty frame. We further stratified the noncertainty

establishments within each primary stratum using the measure of size previously described. We refer to these measure-of-size strata as *substrata* of the primary strata. The measure of size stratification increased the efficiency of the sample design. The Dalenius-Hodges cumulative  $\sqrt{f}$  rule was used to set the substratum boundaries. We then used optimum allocation to determine the sample size required within each substratum to meet a coefficient of variation constraint on an estimate of the total measure of size for the primary stratum. Within each substratum, a simple random sample of establishments was selected without replacement.

To arrive at the final sample size, we allocated additional establishments to some of the strata so that the minimum substratum sample size was two and the probability of selecting any establishment was no less than 1 in 100. In total, the first-stage sample comprised 51,005 establishments.

### Second Stage

The frame for the second stage of sampling consisted of 52-weeks from January 6, 2002 to January 4, 2003. Each establishment selected into the 2002 CFS sample was systematically assigned to report for four reporting weeks—one in each quarter of the reference year. Each of the 4-weeks was in the same relative position of the quarter. For example, an establishment might have been requested to report data for the 5th, 18th, 31st, and 44th weeks of the reference year. In this instance, each reporting week corresponds to the 5th week of each quarter. Prior to assignment of weeks to establishments, we sorted the selected sample by primary stratum (state x metropolitan area x industry) and measure-of-size.

### Third Stage

For each of the four reporting weeks in which an establishment was asked to report, we requested the respondent to construct a sampling frame consisting of all shipments made by the establishment in the reporting week. Each respondent was asked to count or estimate the total number of shipments comprising the sampling frame and to record this number on the questionnaire. For each assigned reporting week, if an establishment made *more than 40* shipments during that week, we asked the respondent to select a systematic sample of the establishment's shipments and to provide us with information only about the selected shipments. If an establishment made *40 or fewer* shipments during that week, we asked the respondent to provide information about *all* of the establishment's shipments made during that week; i.e., no sampling was required.

### DATA COLLECTION

Each establishment selected into the CFS sample was mailed a questionnaire for each of its four reporting weeks. We mailed each establishment a questionnaire

once every quarter of 2002. For a given establishment, we requested that the respondent provide the following information about each of the establishment's reported shipments: shipment identification number, the date on which the shipment was made, value, weight, commodity, mode(s) of transportation, domestic destination or port of exit, an indication of whether the shipment was an export, and the United Nations or North America (UN/NA) number for hazardous material shipments. For a shipment that included more than one commodity, the respondent was instructed to report the commodity that made up the greatest percentage of the shipment's *weight*. For an export shipment, we also asked the respondent to provide the mode of export and the foreign destination city and country. See Appendix E for a copy of the questionnaire.

### IMPUTATION OF SHIPMENT VALUE OR WEIGHT

To correct for nonresponse to *either* the value *or* weight item for a given shipment reported in the CFS, the missing value or value that failed edit is replaced by a predicted value obtained from an appropriate model. Such a shipment is considered a "recipient" if its commodity code is valid and the other item is reported greater than zero and passed edit. The recipient's item that is missing or failed edit is imputed as follows. First, a "donor" shipment is randomly selected from shipments that were reported in the CFS with:

- The same commodity code as the recipient.
- Both value and weight items reported greater than zero and passed edit.
- Origin and value for the item reported by the recipient similar to those of the recipient.

Then, the donor's value and weight data are used to calculate a ratio, which is applied to the recipient's reported item, to impute the item that is missing or failed edit. If no donor is found, the median ratio for all shipments reported in the survey with the same commodity code as the recipient and with both value and weight items reported greater than zero is applied to the recipient's reported item. For either the value or weight item, about 3 percent of the shipment records input to the calculation of estimates have imputed data for the item.

### ESTIMATION

Estimated totals (e.g., value of shipments, tons, ton-miles) are produced as the sum of weighted shipment data (reported or imputed). Percent change and percent-of-total estimates are derived using the appropriate estimated totals. Estimates of average miles per shipment are computed by dividing an estimate of the total miles traveled by the estimated number of shipments. The annualized

growth rate  $\hat{A}$  for estimates from year  $y_1$  to  $y_2$  is computed as:

$$\hat{A} = 100 * \left( \left( \frac{\hat{X}_{y_2}}{\hat{X}_{y_1}} \right)^{1/(y_2-y_1)} - 1 \right)$$

where  $\hat{X}_{y_1}$  and  $\hat{X}_{y_2}$  are estimates of the value of shipments, tons, ton-miles, or average miles per shipment for years  $y_1$  and  $y_2$ , respectively. The annualized growth rate measures the annual rate of change between estimates from any 2 years by assuming a constant yearly rate of change.

Each *shipment* has associated with it a single *tabulation weight*, which was used in computing all estimates to which the shipment contributes. The tabulation weight is a product of seven different component weights. A description of each component weight follows.

CFS respondents provided data for a sample of shipments made by their respective establishments in the survey year. For each establishment, we produced an estimate of that establishment's total value of shipments for the entire survey year. To do this, we used four different weights, the *shipment weight*, the *shipment nonresponse weight*, the *quarter weight*, and the *quarter nonresponse weight*.

Like establishments, we identified shipments as either certainty or noncertainty. (See the Nonsampling Error section in Appendix B for a description of how certainty shipments were identified.) For noncertainty shipments, the *shipment weight* was defined as the ratio of the total number of shipments (as reported by the respondent) made by an establishment in a reporting week to the number of sampled shipments for the same week. This weight uses data from the sampled shipments to represent all the establishment's shipments made in the reporting week. However, a respondent may have failed to provide sufficient information about a particular sampled shipment. For example, a respondent may not have been able to provide value, weight, or a destination for one of the sampled shipments. If this data item could not be imputed, then this shipment did not contribute to tabulations and was deemed unusable. (A *usable shipment* is one that has valid entries for value, weight, and origin and destination ZIP Codes.) To account for these unusable shipments, we applied the *shipment nonresponse weight*. For noncertainty shipments from a particular establishment's reporting week, this weight is equal to the ratio of the number of sampled shipments for the reporting week to the number of usable shipments for the same week. The shipment weight and shipment nonresponse weight for certainty shipments from a particular establishment's reporting week are both equal to one.

The *quarter weight* inflates an establishment's estimate for a particular reporting week to an estimate for the corresponding quarter. For noncertainty shipments, the quarter

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weight is equal to 13. The quarter weight for most certainty shipments is also equal to 13. However, if a respondent was able to provide information about all large (or certainty) shipments made in the quarter containing the reporting week, then the quarter weight for each of these shipments was one. For each establishment, the quarterly estimates were added to produce an estimate of the establishment's value of shipments for the entire survey year. Whenever an establishment did not provide the Census Bureau with a response for each of its four reporting weeks, we computed a quarter nonresponse weight. The *quarter nonresponse weight* for a particular establishment is defined as the ratio of the number of quarters for which the establishment was in business in the survey year to the total number of quarters (reporting weeks) for which we received usable shipment data from the establishment.

Using these four component weights, we computed an estimate of each establishment's value of shipments for the entire survey year. We then multiplied this estimate by a factor that adjusts the estimate using value of shipments

and sales data obtained from other surveys and censuses conducted by the Census Bureau. This weight, the *establishment-level adjustment weight*, attempts to correct for any sampling or nonsampling errors that occur during the sampling of shipments by the respondent.

The adjusted value of shipments estimate for an establishment was then weighted by the *establishment weight*. This weight is equal to the reciprocal of the establishment's probability of being selected into the sample.

A final adjustment weight, the *industry-level adjustment weight*, uses information from other surveys and censuses conducted by the Census Bureau to account for establishments from which we did not receive a response (including establishments from which we did not receive any usable shipment data) and for changes in the population of establishments between the time the first-stage sampling frame was constructed (2001) and the year in which the data were collected (2002). Separate industry-level adjustment weights were determined for nonauxiliary and auxiliary establishments.

# Appendix D.

## Standard Classification of Transported Goods Code Information

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The commodities shown in this report are classified using the Standard Classification of Transported Goods (SCTG) coding system. The SCTG coding system was created jointly by agencies of the United States and Canadian governments based on the Harmonized System (HS) of product classification that is used worldwide. The purpose of the SCTG coding system was to specifically address statistical needs in regard to products transported.

In 1993, Commodity Flow Survey (CFS) data were collected and reported using product classifications found in the Standard Transportation Commodity Classification (STCC) system. These classifications were developed in the early 1960s by the American Association of Railroads (AAR) to analyze commodity movements by rail. The original purpose of the STCC was for identification of commodities for purposes of assigning rates for Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) regulated rail carriers. The STCC continues to be used by the AAR as a tariff mechanism.

At the time that the Commodity Transportation Survey (CTS) (the CTS—the predecessor of the CFS) was first conducted in 1963, STCC codes were still useful for analyzing most important aspects of the U.S. transportation system. Since then, many changes have taken place that have

gradually made the STCC code less useful for tracking domestic product movements across all modes (although it remains perfectly functional for tracking rail-only movements). These include the deregulation of trucking, the enactment of North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), changes in logistics practices, the emergence of plastics and composite materials to replace metals and glass, the obsolescence of many categories of wood products, and the very rapid recent development of high-tech electronic goods. Because the CFS is a shipper survey, the CFS collects information about shipments moving on all modes. As a consequence, STCC classifications frequently provide inadequate detail for identifying products that are significant for modes, such as truck and air. It is for these reasons that the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) has sponsored the development of a new product code to collect and report CFS data.

In 2002, the CFS provided respondents with a listing of SCTG codes and descriptions at the five-digit level to use in assigning a commodity code for each shipment. For shipments of more than one commodity, we instructed respondents to use the five-digit code for the major commodity, defined as the commodity of greatest total weight in the shipment. For the data presented on this report, we aggregated the SCTG codes to the two-digit level.

# Appendix E. Sample Report Form and Instructions

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The sample report form and instructions are shown on the following pages.



**Reporting period:**

**Please return by:**

**RETURN TO**  
▼  
**U.S. CENSUS BUREAU**  
**1201 East 10th Street**  
**Jeffersonville IN 47132-0001**

↑ (Please correct above any error in name, address, and ZIP Code) ↑

**BEFORE COMPLETING YOUR REPORT**, please read the accompanying Instruction Guide. Visit our website at [www.census.gov/CFS](http://www.census.gov/CFS) or telephone us at **1-800-772-7851** if you would like additional information.

This survey requests a limited amount of data on a sample of your outbound shipments. Its purpose is to develop information on the characteristics of freight flows in the United States. This information is essential for understanding transportation markets, investment needs, and the economic, safety, energy, and environmental consequences of transportation.

If book figures are not available for the information we are requesting, estimates are acceptable.

Thank you for your timely completion of this report.

**Item A** Is the establishment name shown in the mailing address correct?

- 1  Yes  
2  No — Enter correct name. ↘

**Item B** Mark (X) the **ONE** box which best describes this establishment during the one-week reporting period shown above.

- 1  In operation  
2  Temporarily or seasonally inactive  
3  Ceased operation — Give date →

| Month | Day | Year |
|-------|-----|------|
|       |     |      |

**Item C** Is this establishment's physical location the same as the address shown above? (PO boxes or rural routes are not physical locations.)

- 1  Yes  
2  No — Enter physical location below. ↘

|                           |       |          |
|---------------------------|-------|----------|
| Number and street         |       |          |
| City, town, village, etc. | State | ZIP Code |

**NOTE** — The rest of this questionnaire requests information about shipments (or deliveries) from the establishment located at the address in the mailing label.

If you entered a different address in item C — Please complete the form for shipments originating from the location listed in item C.

**Item D** **TOTAL NUMBER OF SHIPMENTS** — Please enter the **total number** of outbound shipments (or deliveries), including customer pick-up, for the one-week reporting period shown above. If book figures are not available, please provide your best estimate.

|  |  |
|--|--|
|  | This number should reflect <b>ALL</b> shipments (not just those listed in item F) and deliveries leaving this location during the one-week reporting period. Please see <i>Instruction Guide</i> for a definition of "shipment." |
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**DO NOT PROCEED UNTIL YOU HAVE COMPLETED ITEM D.**

**YOUR RESPONSE IS REQUIRED BY LAW.** Title 13, United States Code, requires businesses and other organizations that receive this questionnaire to answer the questions and return the report to the U.S. Census Bureau. By the same law, **YOUR REPORT IS CONFIDENTIAL.** It may be seen only by persons sworn to uphold the confidentiality of Census Bureau information and may be used only for statistical purposes. Further, copies retained in respondents' files are immune from legal process.



**Item E SAMPLING INSTRUCTIONS**

The purpose of this section is to identify a sample of your shipments for which you will provide data. Through the use of a sample, we can avoid asking you for information on all of your shipments, while still obtaining statistically accurate information.

**1. FINDING YOUR SELECTION RATE**

Identify from the table below, the selection rate that corresponds to your total number in item D. Enter the selection rate in the box below.

For example, if you reported in item D that you had 350 shipments for the reporting week, the corresponding selection rate found in the table to your right.

| Number of shipments reported in item D | Selection rate                       | Number of shipments that should be reported in item F |
|--|--------------------------------------|---|
| 1— 40                                  | Every shipment                       | 1-40  |
| 41— 80                                 | 2                                    | 20-40   |
| 81— 100                                | 3                                    | 27-33   |
| 101— 200                               | 5                                    | 20-40   |
| 201— 400                               | 10                                   | 20-40   |
| 401— 800                               | 20                                   | 20-40   |
| 801— 1600                              | 40                                   | 20-40   |
| 1601— 3200                             | 80                                   | 20-40   |
| 3201— 6400                             | 160                                  | 20-40   |
| 6401—12800                             | 320                                  | 20-40   |
| More than 12800                        | Call Census at <b>1-800-772-7851</b> |   |

Please enter your selection rate. ↘

**SAMPLING INSTRUCTIONS CONTINUE ON TOP OF NEXT PAGE.** ↗

**Item F SHIPMENT CHARACTERISTICS**

**NOTE ▶ Complete columns (b) through (h) below; then continue on next page with columns (i) through (m). →**

| Line No.<br>(a) | Shipment ID Number<br>(b) | Shipment date<br>(c) |     | Shipment value (excluding shipping costs) in whole dollars<br>(d) | Shipment weight in pounds<br>(e) | Commodity code from SCTG list<br>(f) | Commodity description<br>(g) | If a hazardous material, enter the "UN" or "NA" number<br>(h) |
|-----------------|---------------------------|----------------------|-----|---|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|---|
|                 |                           | Month                | Day |   |                                  |                                      |                              |   |
| 0               | 123-5                     | 4                    | 26  | 4,235   | 140                              | 3 5 1 2 0                            | Electrical transformers      |   |
| 00              | 402H                      | 4                    | 26  | 12,530  | 62,650                           | 1 7 1 0 0                            | Gasoline                     | 1 2 0 3   |
| 1               |                           |                      |     |   |                                  |                                      |                              |   |
| 2               |                           |                      |     |   |                                  |                                      |                              |   |
| 3               |                           |                      |     |   |                                  |                                      |                              |   |
| 4               |                           |                      |     |   |                                  |                                      |                              |   |
| 5               |                           |                      |     |   |                                  |                                      |                              |   |
| 6               |                           |                      |     |   |                                  |                                      |                              |   |
| 7               |                           |                      |     |   |                                  |                                      |                              |   |

Mode of transport codes for columns (j) and (m) ▶

**1** — Parcel delivery, courier, or U.S. Postal Service

**2** — Private truck  
**3** — For-hire truck

**4** — Railroad  
*Continued* →

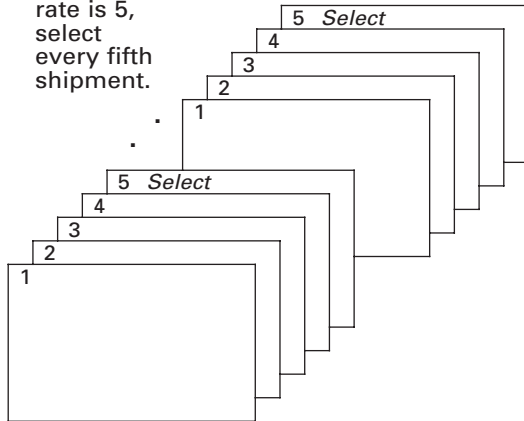
**SAMPLING INSTRUCTIONS — Continued**

**2. SELECTING YOUR SAMPLE OF SHIPMENTS**

- a. Use the file or combination of files that best reflects your full range of outbound shipping activities.
- b. Begin with the first shipment. Count the shipments until you reach your selection rate. Select this shipment to report on in item F.
- c. Continue counting with the next shipment. Count this shipment as 1 and continue until you reach the selection rate again. Select this shipment to report on in item F.
- d. Repeat the previous step until you have completed your shipment file for the one-week reporting period.

**In the following examples, each rectangle represents one shipment.**

If the selection rate is 5, select every fifth shipment.



If the selection rate is 2, select every other shipment.



Once you have selected your sample of shipments, please proceed to item F and enter the requested information for each selected shipment. Examples of completed lines for two shipments are provided on lines "0" and "00" below.

| U.S. destination<br><i>(Complete for all shipments.)</i> |       |           | Mode(s) of transport to U.S. destination<br>Enter all that apply in order used.<br>Use codes below.<br>(j) | Export? (Y/N)<br><br>(k) | Foreign destination<br>(for export shipments only)<br><b>Note:</b> In column (i) enter the U.S. port, airport, or border crossing of exit. |         | Export mode<br><br>(m) | Line No.<br><br>(n) |
|--|-------|-----------|--|--------------------------|--|---------|------------------------|---------------------|
| (i)  |       |           |  |                          | (l)  |         |                        |                     |
| City   | State | ZIP Code  |  |                          | City   | Country |                        |                     |
| Los Angeles  | C A   | 9 0 0 4 0 | 2, 4   | N                        |  |         |                        | 0                   |
| New York   | N Y   | 1 0 4 5 4 | 3  | Y                        | London   | England | 6                      | 00                  |
|  |       |           |  |                          |  |         |                        | 1                   |
|  |       |           |  |                          |  |         |                        | 2                   |
|  |       |           |  |                          |  |         |                        | 3                   |
|  |       |           |  |                          |  |         |                        | 4                   |
|  |       |           |  |                          |  |         |                        | 5                   |
|  |       |           |  |                          |  |         |                        | 6                   |
|  |       |           |  |                          |  |         |                        | 7                   |

5 — Shallow draft vessel      7 — Pipeline      9 — Other mode  
 6 — Deep draft vessel      8 — Air      0 — Unknown

**Item F SHIPMENT CHARACTERISTICS — Continued**

**NOTE** ▶ *Complete columns (b) through (h) below; then continue on next page with columns (i) through (m).* →

| Line No.<br>(a) | Shipment ID Number<br>(b) | Shipment date<br>(c) |     | Shipment value (excluding shipping costs) in whole dollars<br>(d) | Shipment weight in pounds<br>(e) | Commodity code from SCTG list<br>(f) | Commodity description<br>(g) | If a hazardous material, enter the "UN" or "NA" number<br>(h) |
|-----------------|---------------------------|----------------------|-----|---|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|---|
|                 |                           | Month                | Day |   |                                  |                                      |                              |   |
| 8               |                           |                      |     |   |                                  |                                      |                              |   |
| 9               |                           |                      |     |   |                                  |                                      |                              |   |
| 10              |                           |                      |     |   |                                  |                                      |                              |   |
| 11              |                           |                      |     |   |                                  |                                      |                              |   |
| 12              |                           |                      |     |   |                                  |                                      |                              |   |
| 13              |                           |                      |     |   |                                  |                                      |                              |   |
| 14              |                           |                      |     |   |                                  |                                      |                              |   |
| 15              |                           |                      |     |   |                                  |                                      |                              |   |
| 16              |                           |                      |     |   |                                  |                                      |                              |   |
| 17              |                           |                      |     |   |                                  |                                      |                              |   |
| 18              |                           |                      |     |   |                                  |                                      |                              |   |
| 19              |                           |                      |     |   |                                  |                                      |                              |   |
| 20              |                           |                      |     |   |                                  |                                      |                              |   |
| 21              |                           |                      |     |   |                                  |                                      |                              |   |
| 22              |                           |                      |     |   |                                  |                                      |                              |   |
| 23              |                           |                      |     |   |                                  |                                      |                              |   |
| 24              |                           |                      |     |   |                                  |                                      |                              |   |
| 25              |                           |                      |     |   |                                  |                                      |                              |   |
| 26              |                           |                      |     |   |                                  |                                      |                              |   |
| 27              |                           |                      |     |   |                                  |                                      |                              |   |
| 28              |                           |                      |     |   |                                  |                                      |                              |   |
| 29              |                           |                      |     |   |                                  |                                      |                              |   |
| 30              |                           |                      |     |   |                                  |                                      |                              |   |

Mode of transport codes for columns (j) and (m) ▶

**1** — Parcel delivery, courier, or U.S. Postal Service

**2** — Private truck  
**3** — For-hire truck

**4** — Railroad

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| U.S. destination<br><i>(Complete for all shipments.)</i> |       |          | Mode(s) of transport to U.S. destination<br><i>Enter all that apply in order used. Use codes below.</i> | Export? (Y/N) | Foreign destination<br><i>(for export shipments only)</i><br><b>Note:</b> In column (i) enter the U.S. port, airport, or border crossing of exit. |         | Export mode | Line No. |
|--|-------|----------|---|---------------|---|---------|-------------|----------|
| (i)  |       |          |   |               | (l)   |         |             |          |
| City   | State | ZIP Code | (j)   | (k)           | City  | Country | (m)         | (n)      |
|  |       |          |   |               |   |         |             | 8        |
|  |       |          |   |               |   |         |             | 9        |
|  |       |          |   |               |   |         |             | 10       |
|  |       |          |   |               |   |         |             | 11       |
|  |       |          |   |               |   |         |             | 12       |
|  |       |          |   |               |   |         |             | 13       |
|  |       |          |   |               |   |         |             | 14       |
|  |       |          |   |               |   |         |             | 15       |
|  |       |          |   |               |   |         |             | 16       |
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|  |       |          |   |               |   |         |             | 18       |
|  |       |          |   |               |   |         |             | 19       |
|  |       |          |   |               |   |         |             | 20       |
|  |       |          |   |               |   |         |             | 21       |
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|  |       |          |   |               |   |         |             | 27       |
|  |       |          |   |               |   |         |             | 28       |
|  |       |          |   |               |   |         |             | 29       |
|  |       |          |   |               |   |         |             | 30       |

5 — Shallow draft vessel      7 — Pipeline      9 — Other mode  
 6 — Deep draft vessel      8 — Air      0 — Unknown

**PLEASE CONTINUE ON PAGE 6.**

**Item F SHIPMENT CHARACTERISTICS — Continued**

**NOTE** ▶ *Complete columns (b) through (h) below; then continue on next page with columns (i) through (m).* →

| Line No.<br>(a) | Shipment ID Number<br>(b) | Shipment date<br>(c) |     | Shipment value (excluding shipping costs) in whole dollars<br>(d) | Shipment weight in pounds<br>(e) | Commodity code from SCTG list<br>(f) | Commodity description<br>(g) | If a hazardous material, enter the "UN" or "NA" number<br>(h) |
|-----------------|---------------------------|----------------------|-----|---|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|---|
|                 |                           | Month                | Day |   |                                  |                                      |                              |   |
| 31              |                           |                      |     |   |                                  |                                      |                              |   |
| 32              |                           |                      |     |   |                                  |                                      |                              |   |
| 33              |                           |                      |     |   |                                  |                                      |                              |   |
| 34              |                           |                      |     |   |                                  |                                      |                              |   |
| 35              |                           |                      |     |   |                                  |                                      |                              |   |
| 36              |                           |                      |     |   |                                  |                                      |                              |   |
| 37              |                           |                      |     |   |                                  |                                      |                              |   |
| 38              |                           |                      |     |   |                                  |                                      |                              |   |
| 39              |                           |                      |     |   |                                  |                                      |                              |   |
| 40              |                           |                      |     |   |                                  |                                      |                              |   |

Mode of transport codes for columns (j) and (m)

1 — Parcel delivery, courier, or U.S. Postal Service

2 — Private truck  
3 — For-hire truck

4 — Railroad  
Continued →

**Item G MONTHLY VALUE OF SHIPMENTS**

*Please mark (X) the box below that represents your best estimate of the total value of all shipments originating from this establishment for the most recent **month**.*

- 1  Less than \$100,000
- 2  \$100,000 to \$499,999
- 3  \$500,000 to \$999,999
- 4  \$1,000,000 to \$4,999,999
- 5  \$5,000,000 to \$19,999,999
- 6  \$20,000,000 and more

**Item H CERTIFICATION**

|   |   |      |
|---|---|------|
| Name of person to contact regarding this report – <i>Please print</i> | Telephone number – <i>Include area code</i> | Date |
| Signature   | Title                                       |      |

| U.S. destination<br><i>(Complete for all shipments.)</i> |       |          | Mode(s) of transport to U.S. destination<br><i>Enter all that apply in order used. Use codes below.</i> | Export? (Y/N) | Foreign destination<br><i>(for export shipments only)</i><br><b>Note:</b> In column (i) enter the U.S. port, airport, or border crossing of exit. |         | Export mode<br><br>(m) | Line No.<br><br>(n) |
|--|-------|----------|---|---------------|---|---------|------------------------|---------------------|
| (i)  |       |          |   |               | (l)   |         |                        |                     |
| City   | State | ZIP Code | (j)   | (k)           | City  | Country |                        |                     |
|  |       |          |   |               |   |         |                        | 31                  |
|  |       |          |   |               |   |         |                        | 32                  |
|  |       |          |   |               |   |         |                        | 33                  |
|  |       |          |   |               |   |         |                        | 34                  |
|  |       |          |   |               |   |         |                        | 35                  |
|  |       |          |   |               |   |         |                        | 36                  |
|  |       |          |   |               |   |         |                        | 37                  |
|  |       |          |   |               |   |         |                        | 38                  |
|  |       |          |   |               |   |         |                        | 39                  |
|  |       |          |   |               |   |         |                        | 40                  |

**5** — Shallow draft vessel      **7** — Pipeline      **9** — Other mode  
**6** — Deep draft vessel        **8** — Air            **0** — Unknown

Remarks

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THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING YOUR REPORT

# 2002 Commodity Flow Survey

## INSTRUCTION GUIDE

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*Instructions for Completing the Commodity Flow Survey  
Please read all instructions.*

**Contents:**

- **Part I** — General Information and Frequently Asked Questions
- **Part II** — Instructions for Completing Your Questionnaire
- **Part III** — Mode of Transportation Definitions
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The 2002 Commodity Flow Survey is a component of the Census Bureau's 2002 Economic Census. It will produce key information about the transportation of freight in the United States. This survey provides a crucial summary of transportation statistics not available elsewhere, including value of shipments, weight of shipments, commodities shipped, mode(s) of transportation used, origin and destination of shipments, ton-miles, and average miles per shipment.

Some instructions are included on the questionnaire. However, due to space limitation, most of the instructions and definitions are included either in separate reference materials or on our website. These include this instruction guide and a listing of commodity codes to be used for classifying individual shipments in this survey.

Instructions for completing the Commodity Flow Survey also are available on our website at <http://www.census.gov/CFS>. If you need to contact us by telephone, a representative will be glad to assist you. You can call us at **1-800-772-7851**.

**Frequently Asked Questions About the  
Commodity Flow Survey (CFS)**

**Why are you conducting the CFS?**

The CFS provides a crucial set of transportation statistics not available elsewhere, including value of shipments, commodities shipped, all modes of transportation used, origin and destination of shipments, ton-miles, and average miles per shipment.

The results of the CFS are used by transportation policy makers to analyze future transportation needs.

**Who reports in the CFS?**

The CFS covers a sample of mining, manufacturing, wholesale, and selected retail locations.

**Why is my participation important?**

Your establishment was selected as part of a sample designed to represent a wide range of industries and geographic regions.

Your report helps ensure quality results.

**Is this survey mandatory?**

Yes. The CFS is mandatory under the authority of Title 13, United States Code (USC) and there are penalties for your failure to report.

**Will my data be kept confidential?**

Yes. The same law that requires your participation, Title 13, USC, also guarantees your data will be kept strictly confidential.

The reports you provide to the Census Bureau cannot be used for purposes of taxation, regulation, or investigation.

Your report is used only to develop summary data that do not reveal the activities of individual firms or establishments.

**How often must I report?**

You will be sent four questionnaires in all: one during each calendar quarter of 2002.

The CFS will not be conducted again until 2007.



## Part II — Instructions for Completing Your Questionnaire

### *Items A – C: Description of Information Requested*

Please enter the information requested on your establishment's name, operational status, and physical location.

### *Item D: Total Number of Shipments*

Enter in the space provided your total number of outbound shipments **for the one week reporting period** printed on the front of the questionnaire.

Please include in this count any materials picked up by the customer ("customer pick-up").

#### **What we mean by a "shipment":**

For the purposes of this survey, a shipment is a single movement of goods, commodities, products, etc. from your location to a customer or to another location of your company.

"Commodities" refer to items that your location produces, sells, or distributes, *not* to items that are considered by-products of your location's operation.

#### **What we don't mean by a "shipment":**

Do *not* include as shipments items such as inter-office memos, payroll checks, business correspondence, etc.

Do *not* include as shipments items such as refuse, scrap paper, waste, and recyclable materials **unless** your location is in the business of selling or providing these materials to others.

#### **A special note about "shipments":**

A full, or partial, truckload should be counted as a single shipment only if all the commodities on the truck are destined for one location.

If a truck makes multiple deliveries on a route, **please count each stop as one shipment.**

### *Item E: Sampling Instructions*

If you reported in item D that you had 40 or fewer shipments for the week, complete Item F (Shipment Characteristics) for **ALL** of your shipments covered by the one-week reporting period.

If you reported in item D that you had more than 40 shipments for the week, follow the instructions in item E in order to select a sample of shipments on which to report in item F.

**By asking you to select a sample of your shipments from this location for the one-week reporting period, we avoid asking you for information on all your shipments, while still obtaining statistically accurate information.**

Reminder: The files you are sampling from should reflect the full range of your location's shipping activities in terms of modes of transportation used, commodities shipped, and destinations.

**We're here to answer your questions!** If you have questions about the sampling process (or any part of the questionnaire) please visit our website at [www.census.gov/CFS](http://www.census.gov/CFS) or call us at **1-800-772-7851**.

## Part II — Instructions for Completing Your Questionnaire – Continued

### Item F: Shipment Characteristics

- **Shipment ID Number, Column (b)** – Enter the invoice number, shipment number, or some other unique identification number that your establishment could use to find this particular shipping document if questions arise regarding your report.
- **Shipment Date, Column (c)** – Enter the month and day of the shipment. If shipment date is not available, use the invoice/shipping document date. Use numbers only.
- **Shipment Value, Column (d)** – Enter the dollar value, in whole dollars, of the entire shipment. The value should not include freight charges or excise taxes (i.e., report the net selling value, f.o.b. plant). If the value is not readily available from your records, please estimate.
- **Shipment Weight, Column (e)** – Enter the weight of the total shipment in whole pounds. If weight is not readily available from your records, please estimate.
- **Commodity Code, Column (f)** – Please use the list of Standard Classification of Transported Goods (SCTG) Codes to select the proper code. For shipments with more than one commodity, enter only the code for the commodity with the greatest weight.
- **Commodity Description, Column (g)** – Enter a brief description of the commodity shipped. For shipments with more than one commodity, describe only the commodity with the greatest weight. Do not use trade names, catalog numbers, or other codes not familiar to persons outside your business.

| Item F SHIPMENT CHARACTERISTICS |                           |                      |     |   |                                  |                                      |                              |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|-----|---|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Line No.<br>(a)                 | Shipment ID Number<br>(b) | Shipment date<br>(c) |     | Shipment value (excluding shipping costs) in whole dollars<br>(d) | Shipment weight in pounds<br>(e) | Commodity code from SCTG list<br>(f) | Commodity description<br>(g) |
|                                 |                           | Month                | Day |   |                                  |                                      |                              |
| 0                               | 123-5                     | 4                    | 26  | 4,235   | 140                              | 3   5   1   2   0                    | Electrical transformers      |
| 00                              | 402H                      | 4                    | 26  | 12,530  | 62,650                           | 1   7   1   0   0                    | Gasoline                     |
| 1                               |                           |                      |     |   |                                  |                                      |                              |
| 2                               |                           |                      |     |   |                                  |                                      |                              |
| 3                               |                           |                      |     |   |                                  |                                      |                              |
| 4                               |                           |                      |     |   |                                  |                                      |                              |

Mode of transport codes for columns (j) and (m) **1** — Parcel delivery, courier, or U.S. Postal Service **2** — Private truck **3** — For-hire truck **4** — Railroad *Continued*

## Part II — Instructions for Completing Your Questionnaire – Continued

### Item F: Shipment Characteristics –Continued

**For Hazardous Materials, Column (h)** – If shipment is a hazardous material, enter the 4-digit United Nations or North American number.

**U.S. Destination: City, State, and ZIP Code, Column (i)** – For domestic shipments, enter the city, state, and 5-digit ZIP Code of the buyer/receiver as it appears on the shipping document. Use the **"ship to"** address. Use the two letter state abbreviation shown in part IV.

**Important** – For export shipments, report the U.S. **port of exit** as the destination city. The port of exit is the port or airport from which the shipment left the country. In case of land shipments into Mexico or Canada, it is the border crossing.

**Mode(s) of Transport, Column (j)** – Enter the code(s) for **all** modes of transport used for the shipment to its U.S. destination (i.e., the destination reported in column (i)). Codes are located on the bottom of pages 2, 3, 4, and 5 of the questionnaire. Enter in the sequence used, all that apply. See part III for definitions of each mode.

**For Customer Pick-up:** Report the mode(s) of transportation used, if known. Otherwise, report mode as "0" (unknown).

**For Export Shipments:** List only the mode(s) of transport used to reach the port, airport, or border crossing of exit.

| If a hazardous material, enter the "UN" or "NA" number<br>(h) | U.S. destination<br><i>(Complete for all shipments.)</i> |       |                   | Mode(s) of transport to U.S. destination<br>Enter all that apply using codes shown below.<br>(j) |
|---|--|-------|-------------------|--|
|   | (i)  |       |                   |  |
|   | City   | State | ZIP Code          |  |
|   | Los Angeles  | C   A | 9   0   0   4   0 | 2, 4   |
| 1   2   0   3   | New York   | N   Y | 1   0   4   5   4 | 3  |
|   |  |       |                   |  |
|   |  |       |                   |  |
|   |  |       |                   |  |
|   |  |       |                   |  |

## Part II — Instructions for Completing Your Questionnaire – Continued

### Item F: Shipment Characteristics –Continued

- **Export Shipment, Column (k)** – Indicate whether or not the shipment is intended for export outside of the United States, by entering a "Y" or "N" (yes or no). For purposes of this survey, shipments to Puerto Rico and U.S. territories and possessions **are** considered exports.
- **Foreign Destination: City and Country, Column (l)** – If the shipment is an export, enter the foreign city and country of destination. **For U.S. Destination, Column (i)**, enter the U.S. port, airport, or border crossing of exit. **In column (j)**, enter the mode of transport used to the U.S. destination.
- **Export Mode, Column (m)** – If the shipment is an export, enter the code for the mode of transport by which the shipment left the country. Codes are located at the bottom of pages 2, 3, 4, and 5 of the questionnaire.

| Export?<br>(Y/N)<br>(k) | Foreign destination<br>(for export shipments only)<br><b>Note:</b> In column (i) enter the U.S. port,<br>airport, or border crossing of exit.<br>(l) |         | Export mode<br>(m) | Line No.<br>(n) |
|-------------------------|--|---------|--------------------|-----------------|
|                         | City   | Country |                    |                 |
| N                       |  |         |                    | 0               |
| Y                       | London   | England | 6                  | 00              |
|                         |  |         |                    | 1               |
|                         |  |         |                    | 2               |
|                         |  |         |                    | 3               |
|                         |  |         |                    | 4               |
|                         |  |         |                    | 5               |

### Item G: Monthly Value of Shipments

Please enter the information requested.

### Item H: Certification

Please enter the name and telephone number of the person to contact in the event that we have a question about your report.

## Part III — Mode of Transportation Definitions

**Parcel delivery/Courier/U.S. Postal Service** – Delivery services that carry letters, parcels, packages, and other small shipments that typically weigh less than 100 pounds. Includes bus parcel delivery service.

**Private truck** – Trucks operated by a temporary or permanent employee of this establishment or the buyer/receiver of the shipment.

**For-hire truck** – Trucks that carry freight for a fee collected from the shipper, recipient of the shipment, or an arranger of the transportation.

**Railroad** – Any common carrier or private railroad.

**Shallow draft vessel** – Barges, ships, or ferries operating primarily on rivers and canals; in harbors, the Great Lakes, the Saint Lawrence Seaway; the Intracoastal Waterway, the Inside Passage to Alaska, major bays and inlets; or in the ocean close to the shoreline.

**Deep draft vessel** – Barges, ships, or ferries operating primarily in the open ocean. Shipping on the Great Lakes and the Saint Lawrence Seaway is classified with shallow draft vessels.

**Pipeline** – Movements of oil, petroleum, gas, slurry, etc. through pipelines that extend to other establishments or locations beyond the shipper's establishment. Aqueducts for the movement of water are not included.

**Air** – Commercial or private aircraft, and all air service for shipments that typically weigh more than 100 pounds. Includes air freight and air express.

**Other mode** – Any mode not listed above.

**Unknown** – The shipment was not carried by a parcel delivery/courier/U.S. Postal service, and you cannot determine what mode of transportation is used.

**Note:** Commodities that are "shipped" under their own power, such as boats, barges, ferries, ships, aircraft, trucks, and trains **should be classified with the appropriate mode above.** Commodities shipped under their own power for which an appropriate mode is not listed (e.g., buses, recreational vehicles) should be listed as "**other**" mode.

## Part IV — State Abbreviation List

| State         | Abbrev. | State          | Abbrev. |
|---------------|---------|----------------|---------|
| Alabama       | AL      | Montana        | MT      |
| Alaska        | AK      | Nebraska       | NE      |
| Arizona       | AZ      | Nevada         | NV      |
| Arkansas      | AR      | New Hampshire  | NH      |
| California    | CA      | New Jersey     | NJ      |
| Colorado      | CO      | New Mexico     | NM      |
| Connecticut   | CT      | New York       | NY      |
| Delaware      | DE      | North Carolina | NC      |
| Dist. of Col. | DC      | North Dakota   | ND      |
| Florida       | FL      | Ohio           | OH      |
| Georgia       | GA      | Oklahoma       | OK      |
| Hawaii        | HI      | Oregon         | OR      |
| Idaho         | ID      | Pennsylvania   | PA      |
| Illinois      | IL      | Rhode Island   | RI      |
| Indiana       | IN      | South Carolina | SC      |
| Iowa          | IA      | South Dakota   | SD      |
| Kansas        | KS      | Tennessee      | TN      |
| Kentucky      | KY      | Texas          | TX      |
| Louisiana     | LA      | Utah           | UT      |
| Maine         | ME      | Vermont        | VT      |
| Maryland      | MD      | Virginia       | VA      |
| Massachusetts | MA      | Washington     | WA      |
| Michigan      | MI      | West Virginia  | WV      |
| Minnesota     | MN      | Wisconsin      | WI      |
| Mississippi   | MS      | Wyoming        | WY      |
| Missouri      | MO      |                |         |

**NOTICE** – We estimate that it will take an average of 2 hours to complete this form. This includes time to read instructions, assemble and review information, and record answers on the form. If you have any comments regarding this estimate or any other aspect of this survey, send them to the Associate Director for Administration, Attn: Paperwork Reduction Project 0607-0189, Room 3104, Federal Building 3, U.S. Census Bureau, Washington, DC 20233-0001. Respondents are not required to respond to any information collection unless it displays a valid approval number in the top right corner on the front of the questionnaire.

