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# State of Iowa STORM LAKE 

Origin and Destination

> Traffic Study

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#### Abstract

During the summer of 1967, the Iowa State Highway Commission, in cooperation with the United States Bureau of Public Roads, conducted an external origin and destination traffic survey in Storm Lake, Iowa. The purpose of this survey was to determine the total number and type of vehicles entering or leaving the study area and to obtain origin and destination data from a representative sample of those vehicles.

In order to accurately evaluate traffic conditions, it is first essential that accurate and complete data be obtained. The purpose of this report is to summarize this data and to present the findings of the survey in a manner which will implement the determination of traffic needs, and thereby provide a sound basis for street and highway planning.


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| District | The major business district of a city |
| :---: | :---: |
| Code Station | A location on a minor road at the point where it crosses the cordon line and at which no interviews were taken |
| Cordon Line | A hypothetical line determined by the location of traffic interview stations and used to delimit the area under study |
| Destination | The location of the objective of a trip |
| Desire Line | A straight line between the point of origin and point of destination without regard to routes of travel |
| External Local Trip | A trip having either origin or destination within the study area and which passes through only one interview station in the cordon line enroute to its destination |
| External Through Trip | A trip having neither origin nor destination within the study area but which passes through it enroute to its destination |
| Internal Trip | A trip having both origin and destination within the study area |
| Interview Station | A location at which vehicle drivers are stopped and interviewed |
| Origin | The location from which a driver started a trip |
| Study Area | The total area enclosed by a cordon line of interview stations |
| Traffic | The total number of vehicles passing a given point |
| Trip | The one-way travel between point of origin and point of destination |



Significant
Facts


The chart at left graphically illustrates some of the more significant traffic volumes derived from the Storm Lake origin and destination traffic survey. An average of 10,853 trips per day passed through the external cordon line of interview stations surrounding the study area during the survey period.

2,727 trips or 25.12 percent of the total number of trips were between external areas and the central business district.
6.429 trips or 59.24 percent of the total number of trips were between external and internal areas exclusive of the central business district.
1.697 trips or 15.64 percent of the total number of trips were through trips which passed through the Storm Lake area enroute to another destination.

Of the total number of trips which passed through interview stations. 18.05 percent began or ended at work, 23.81 percent were for social or recreational purposes, 21.81 percent were during work, 12.95 percent were for personal business, 13.77 percent were for shopping, and the remaining 9.61 percent were for other purposes.

Table 1-1
REGIONAL INFLUENCE OF THE STORM LAKE STUDY AREA

Expanded to Average Summer Weekday Traffic 1967

| Miles from Study Area |  | Number of Trips | Percent of Total Trips Within a Fifty-Mile Radius |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $0-10$ | 297 | 4.09 |
|  | 10-20 | 960 | 13.21 |
|  | 20-30 | 108 | 1.48 |
|  | 30-40 | 297 | 4.09 |
|  | 40-50 | 46 | . 63 |
| North Total |  | 1,708 | 23.50 |
| $\begin{aligned} & + \\ & 0 \\ & 0 \\ & 0 \\ & =1 \end{aligned}$ | $0-10$ | 642 | 8.83 |
|  | 10-20 | 479 | 6.59 |
|  | 20-30 | 238 | 3.28 |
|  | 30-40 | 58 | . 80 |
|  | 40-50 | 36 | . 50 |
| East Total |  | 1,453 | 20.00 |
| $\stackrel{5}{4}$$\stackrel{y}{4}$00 | 0-10 | 458 | 6.30 |
|  | 10-20 | 512 | 7.04 |
|  | 20-30 | 204 | 2.81 |
|  | 30-40 | 34 | . 47 |
|  | 40-50 | 92 | 1.27 |
| South Total |  | 1,300 | 17.89 |
| 4033 | $0-10$ | 1,596 | 21.96 |
|  | 10-20 | 998 | 13.73 |
|  | 20-30 | 147 | 2.02 |
|  | 30-40 | 34 | . 47 |
|  | 40-50 | 31 | . 43 |
| West Total |  | 2,806 | 38.61 |
| Grand Total |  | 7,267 | 100.00 |



## Hestory and <br> Development



## HISTORY

Storm Lake, the seat of Buena Vista County, is located in Northwest Iowa, 75 miles east of Sioux City. It was originally settled in the late 1850 's. By 1870 the area was prospering, rail connections had been completed, and a newspaper was being published. Storm Lake was incorporated in 1873 and has grown to be a thriving community of approximately 8,000.

The city is located on the north shore of Storm Lake, a natural body of water having approximately 3,200 surface acres. There have been parks along the lake front since the early days of development and in 1885, a city park system was initiated. Chataqua Park is a very popular area used extensively on weekends by residents of the entire state. There are also three other parks and one playground.

The Storm Lake Library was originally organized in 1876, and in 1904 approval was gained to establish a Carnegie Public Library. Today the library houses more than 25,000 volumes and has an annual circulation in excess of 54,000.

Storm Lake is the home of Buena Vista College, a fouryear, coeducational liberal arts college which was established in 1891. By 1970 the college anticipates an enrollment of 1,200 . In addition to its academic buildings and dormitories, the college also has a chapel, library, theater, and gymnasium.

An extensive food processing industry is an important asset to the economy of the area. Several firms engage in the processing or packing of meat, poultry, and vegetables. Approximately 30 percent of the labor force is engaged in retail or wholesale trade, 26 percent in services, 15 percent in manufacturing, and 29 percent in other miscellaneous industries.

Transportation facilities in Storm Lake include services for both passenger and freight, and a municipal airport with hard-surface runways capable of handling multi-engine corporate aircraft. Highways serving the area include U.S. Highway 71 and Iowa Highways 5 and 110.

FIGURE 2-2

## STUDY AREA POSITION IN IOWA



FIGURE 2-3

## POPULATION TRENDS


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FIGURE 2-4
MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION IN BUENA VISTA COUNTY FROM 1939 THROUGH 1967


YEAR
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At the conclusion of the field work, the data pertaining to each trip were coded and punched on tabulating cards. These cards were then sorted and tabulated by machine according to the tract of origin or destination and the station or stations through which each trip passed.

In an external survey of this type, all trips are placed in two main categories which are composed of "external local trips" and "external through trips." External local trips have only one terminal (which may be either origin or destination) within the study area and, therefore, pass through only one interview station while enroute to their destination. Trips which have neither origin nor destination within the study area, but must pass through it enroute to another destination, are classified as external through trips. Trips in this category must cross the cordon line at least twice while enroute to their destination.

Traffic flow charts indicating trip termini by tract of origin or destination are included in this report along with a series of desire line charts showing desired routes of travel in straight lines between interview stations and internal tracts.

## Traffic <br> Movements










TABLE 4-I

## SUMMARY OF TRIPS ENTERING OR LEAVING

THE STORM LAKE STUDY AREA
EXPANDED TO AVERAGE SUMMER WEEKDAY TRAFFIC 1967

| Origin or Destination | $\begin{gathered} \text { U.S. } 71 \\ \text { North } \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { F.A.S. } 334 \\ \text { East } \end{gathered}$ |  | Iowa 5 East |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { U.S. } 71 \\ \text { South } \end{gathered}$ |  | Iowa 110 West |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { F.A.S. } 1574 \\ \text { West } \end{gathered}$ |  | Iowa 5 West |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Station 701 |  | Station 704 |  | Station 710 |  | Station 712 |  | Station 717 |  | Station 719 |  | Station 720 |  |
|  | Vol. | \% | Vol. | \% | Vol. | \% | Vol. | \% | Vol. | \% | Vol. | \% | Vol. | \% |
| Albert City | 171 | 4.89 | 69 | 9.94 | 3 | . 21 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Alta | 24 | . 69 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 27 | 2.45 | 91 | 16.82 | 1,622 | 54.23 |
| Hanover |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 22 | 2.00 | 1 | . 18 |  |  |
| Juniata |  |  |  |  |  |  | 12 | 54 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Linn Grove | 119 | 3.40 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Marathon | 69 | 1.97 | 11 | 1.59 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Newell |  |  | 118 | 17.00 | 655 | 43.93 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Rembrandt | 284 | 8.12 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sioux Rapids | 233 | 6.66 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sulpher Springs |  |  | 2 | . 29 | 16 | 1.07 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Truesdale | 313 | 8.95 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total to Towns | 1,213 | 34.68 | 200 | 28.82 | 674 | 45.21 | 12 | . 54 | 49 | 4.45 | 92 | 17.00 | 1,622 | 54.23 |
| Rural Buena Vista Co. | 413 | 11.81 | 279 | 40.20 | 85 | 5.70 | 124 | 5.59 | 202 | 18.33 | 159 | 29.39 | 150 | 5.02 |
| Other Counties | 1,524 | 43.56 | 214 | 30.84 | 705 | 47.28 | 1,590 | 71.69 | 802 | 72.77 | 289 | 53.43 | 1,171 | 39.15 |
| Out-of-State | 348 | 9.95 | 1 | . 14 | 27 | 1.81 | 4.92 | 22.18 | 49 | 4.45 | 1 | . 18 | 48 | 1.60 |
| Grand Total | 3,498 | 100.00 | 694 | 100.00 | 1.491 | 100.00 | 2,218 | 100.00 | 1,102 | 100.00 | 541 | 100.00 | 2,991 | 100.00 |




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Part Five

ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION OF TRIPS


## AVERAGE CAR OCCUPANCY BY TRIP PURPOSE <br> STORM LAKE STUDY AREA

EXPANDED TO AVERAGE SUMMER WEEKDAY TRAFFIC 1967

Table B-3a(1)
External Local trips

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Trip Purpose } \\ & \text { origin } \end{aligned}$ | Work | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Personal } \\ & \text { Business } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { puring } \\ \text { Work } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Medical } \\ & \text { dental } \end{aligned}$ | Sehool | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Srrian or } \\ & \text { Recreation } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | Eat | Shop | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Serve } \\ & \text { Passen } \\ & \text { gers. } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | Home | Average |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Work | 1.000 | 2.146 | 1.318 | 1.000 | 1.000 | 1.443 | 1.150 | 1.481 | 4.316 | 1.368 | 1.395 |
| Personal iusiness | 1.678 | 1.639 |  | 2.000 | 3.662 | 1.703 | 1.749 | 3.000 | 2.675 | 1.692 | 1.719 |
| During Work | 2.006 | 2.000 | 1.294 |  |  | 1.000 |  | 1.000 |  | 1.188 | 1.293 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Medical } \\ & \text { or Dental } \end{aligned}$ |  | 1.507 |  |  |  | 1.976 |  |  |  | 2.100 | 2.088 |
| School |  | 4.000 |  |  | 3.211 | 1.000 | 1.000 |  | 4.000 | 1.309 | 1.652 |
| Social or Recreation | 1.861 | 1.732 | 1.000 | 3.291 | 5.000 | 3.082 | 3.003 | 2.238 | 1.404 | 2.301 | 2.420 |
| Eat | 1.403 | 1.000 | 1.106 |  |  | 2.774 |  | 2.000 | 3.000 | 2.439 | 2.252 |
| Shop | 1.000 | 2.620 | 1.318 |  |  | 2.390 |  | 2.536 | 1.969 | 2.182 | 2.195 |
| Serve Passengers | 3.473 |  |  | 2.000 |  | 2.664 |  | 3.000 | 6.166 | 2.063 | 2.383 |
| Home | 1.362 | 1.817 | 1.192 | 2.403 | 1.396 | 2.333 | 2.643 | 2.271 | 2.426 |  | 1.707 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Average } \\ & \text { oceupancy } \end{aligned}$ | 1.395 | 1.824 | 1.282 | 2.403 | 1.745 | 2.386 | 2.449 | 2.271 | 2.589 | 1.850 | 1.897 |

Table B-3a(2)
EXTERNAL THROUGH-TRIPS

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Trip Purpise } \\ & \text { Ofigin } \end{aligned}$ | Work | Personal <br> Busines |  |  |  |  | ${ }_{\text {Eat }} \mathrm{T}$ ¢ | shop | Serve Passenqers | Home | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Average } \\ & \text { Cupance } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Work |  |  | 2.067 |  |  | 1.000 |  |  |  | 1.618 | 1.642 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Personal } \\ & \text { Business } \end{aligned}$ |  | 1.585 |  |  |  | 1.543 |  |  |  | 2.226 | 2.080 |
| During Work | 1.000 |  | 1.371 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1.247 | 1.359 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Medical } \\ & \text { or Dental } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2.489 | 2.489 |
| School |  |  |  |  | 2.938 | 1.000 |  |  |  | 2.191 | 2.222 |
| Social or Recreation | 2.000 | 1.472 | 1.000 | 1.000 |  | 3.176 |  |  | 2.707 | 2.950 | 2.981 |
| Eat |  | 2.000 |  |  |  | 2.972 |  |  |  | 3.500 | 3.146 |
| Shop |  |  |  |  |  | 6.000 |  |  |  | 3.385 | 3.690 |
| Serve <br> Passengers |  |  |  |  |  | 2.000 |  |  |  | 2.289 | 2.263 |
| Home | 1.696 | 2.096 | 1.327 | 2.520 | 2.972 | 2.991 | 3.000 | 2.264 | 3.555 |  | 2.753 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Alerage } \\ & \text { Occupancy } \end{aligned}$ | 1.687 | 2.027 | 1.379 | 2.335 | 2.961 | 3.022 | 3.000 | 2.264 | 3.276 | 2.695 | 2.571 |

Table B-3a(3) SUMMARY - ALL EXTERNAL TRIPS

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Trip Purpose } \\ & \text { Origin } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | Work | Per sona 1 Bus iness |  |  | $\mathrm{Scheos}^{\text {O }}$ | DESTINA | ${ }_{\text {Eat }} \mathrm{TIO}^{\text {a }}$ | shop | Serve gers | Home | Average Eccupancy |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| work | 1.000 | 2.146 | 1.376 | 1.000 | 1.000 | 1.434 | 1.150 | 1.481 | 4.316 | 1.382 | 1.410 |
| Personal Business | 1.678 | 1.629 |  | 2.000 | 3.662 | 1.681 | 1.749 | 3.000 | 2.675 | 1.747 | 1.758 |
| During work | 1.913 | 2.000 | 1.310 |  |  | 1.000 |  | 1.000 |  | 1.202 | 1.306 |
| Medical or Dental |  | 1.507 |  |  |  | 1.975 |  |  |  | 2.109 | 2.097 |
| School |  | 4.000 |  |  | 3.192 | 1.000 | 1.000 |  | 4.000 | 1.334 | 1.674 |
| Social or Recreation | 1.869 | 1.718 | 1.000 | 2.994 | 5.000 | 3.123 | 3.003 | 2.238 | 1.701 | 2.589 | 2.652 |
| Eat | 1.403 | 1.330 | 1.106 |  |  | 2.797 |  | 2.000 | 3.000 | 2.471 | 2.285 |
| shop | 1.000 | 2.620 | 1.318 |  |  | 2.460 |  | 2.536 | 1.969 | 2.192 | 2.208 |
| Serve Passengers | 3.473 |  |  | 2.000 |  | 2.629 |  | 3.000 | 6.166 | 2.083 | 2.374 |
| нome | 1.374 | 1.851 | 1.211 | 2.406 | 1.434 | 2.546 | 2.645 | 2.271 | 2.476 |  | 2.098 |
| $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline \begin{array}{l} \text { Ayerage } \\ \text { occupancy } \end{array} \\ \hline \end{array}$ | 1.405 | 1.849 | 1.300 | 2.401 | 1.781 | 2.588 | 2.452 | 2.271 | 2.622 | 1.981 | 2.001 |

