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16. Abstract

This study analyzed recent changes in the United States in both the ownership of light-duty vehicles (cars, pickup trucks, SUVs, and vans) and the corresponding distance driven. Of interest were changes in the rates per person and per household. The period examined was 1984 to 2015.

The main findings are as follows:

- (1) *The vehicle-ownership rates* per person and per household both reached their maxima in 2006. The two rates for 2015 are down, on average, 4.4% from their maxima, although they have rebounded, on average, 1.4% from the post-maximum minima reached in 2012 and 2013.
- (2) *The distance-driven rates* per person and per household both reached their maxima in 2004. The two rates for 2015 are down, on average, 7.8% from their maxima, although they have rebounded, on average, 2.1% from the post-maximum minima reached in 2013.

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