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Current ODOT Projects



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RESEARCH

- Expanding the Oregon Motor Carrier Safety Action Plan: Best Return on Investment
- Trends and Challenges Posed by Medium Duty Trucks to the Operation and Safety of Oregon Highways
- Support for Crash Data Analysis at Signalized Intersections and Roundabouts in Oregon
- Preliminary Investigation of Heavy Vehicle Parking Design in Oregon Rest Areas

Truck Simulator



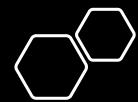


Example Drone Footage



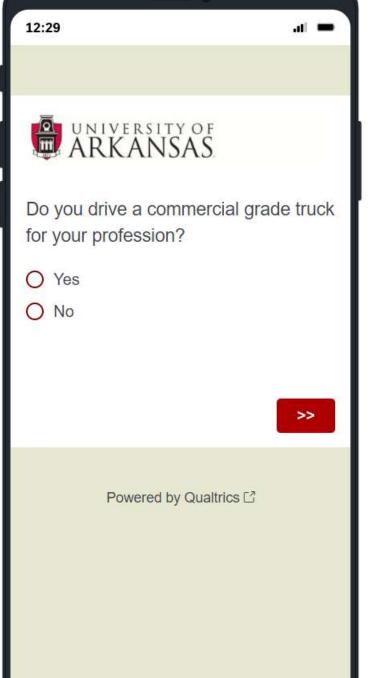


Drivers and Driver Support Services As Essential Freight Infrastructure



Survey Overview

- Qualtrics survey platform
- May 25th to June 1st when the HOS regulations were partially lifted and near the height of social distancing and stay at home orders across the U.S.
- 500 responses
- Non-probability internet opt-in panel of commercial truck drivers (18 years and older) who had used a public or private truck stop and who were driving the pandemic.
- Participants were provided an incentive for completing the survey.
- Questions compare operational and behavioral patterns before and during the pandemic.



Basic Demographics

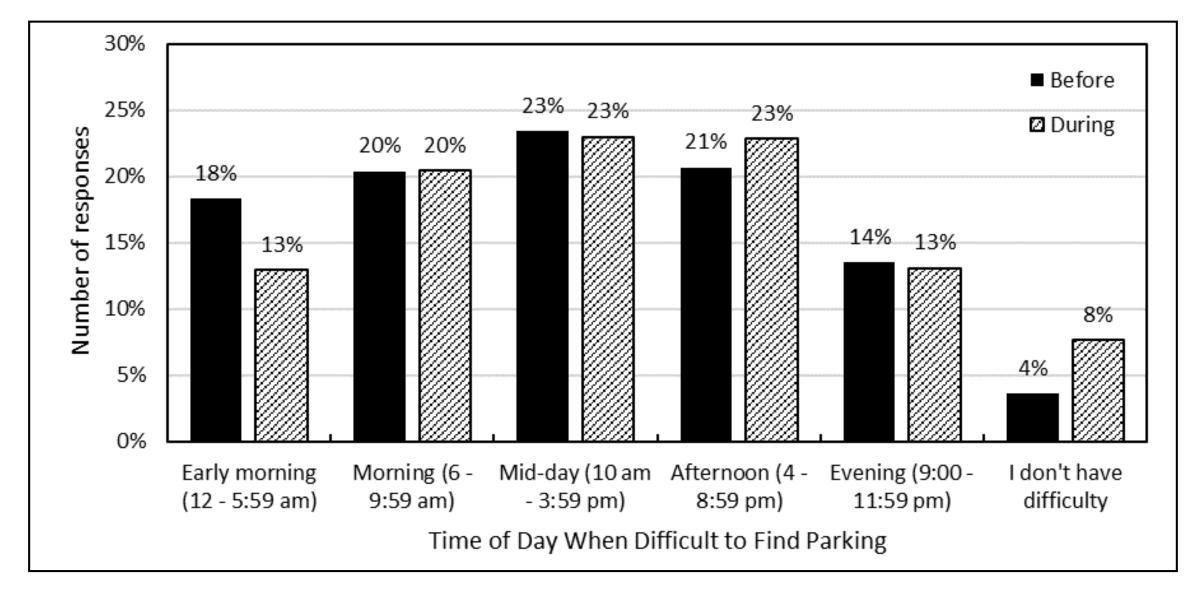
66% Male

40% 2-3 years driving experience, 40% 6-10 years experience

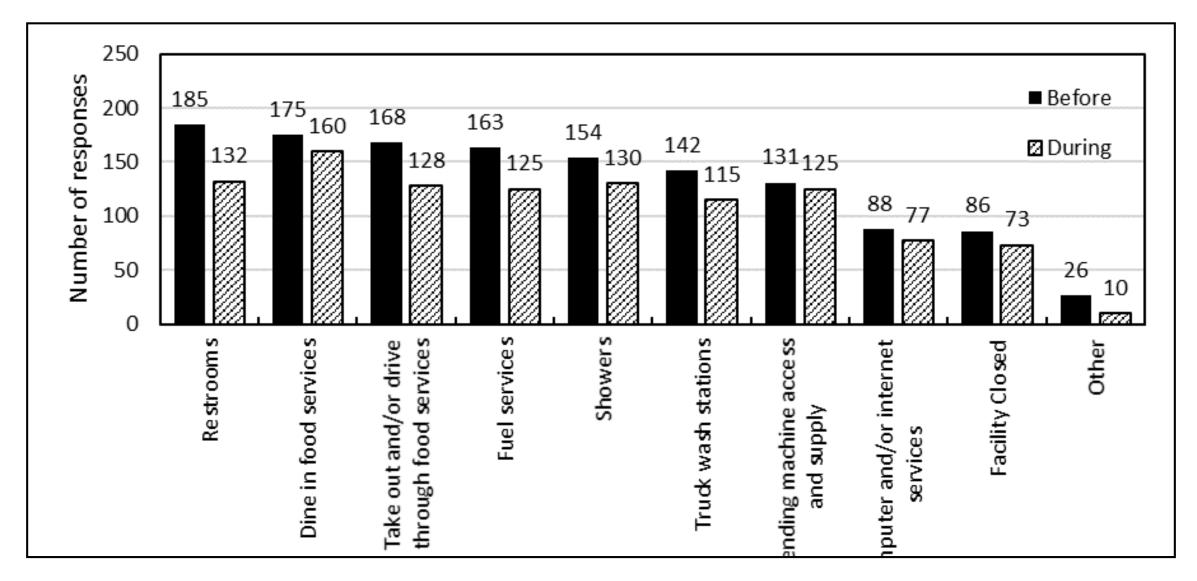
Income \$60-80k, hourly pay

40% for-hire and private carriers

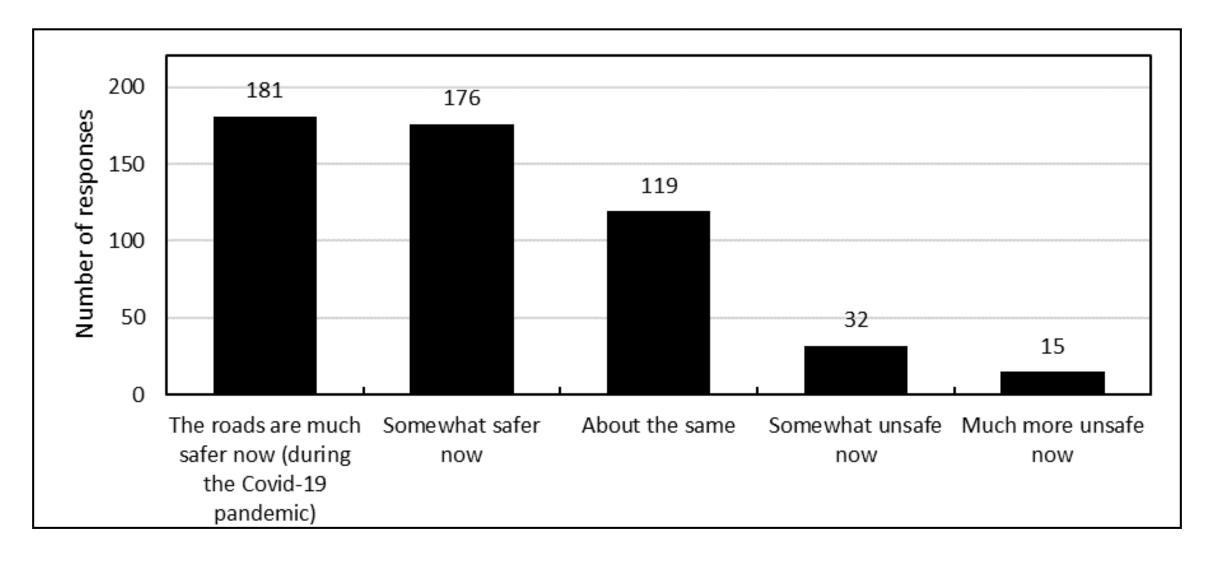
30% working for company with 11 to 25 drivers



Time of Day Reported for Parking Difficulties



Service Disruptions

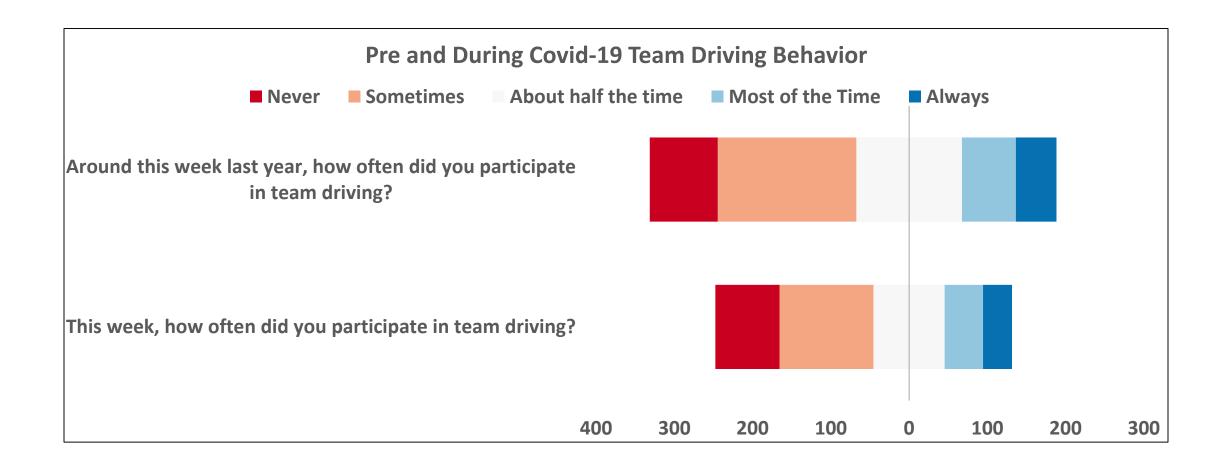


Perceptions of Road Safety

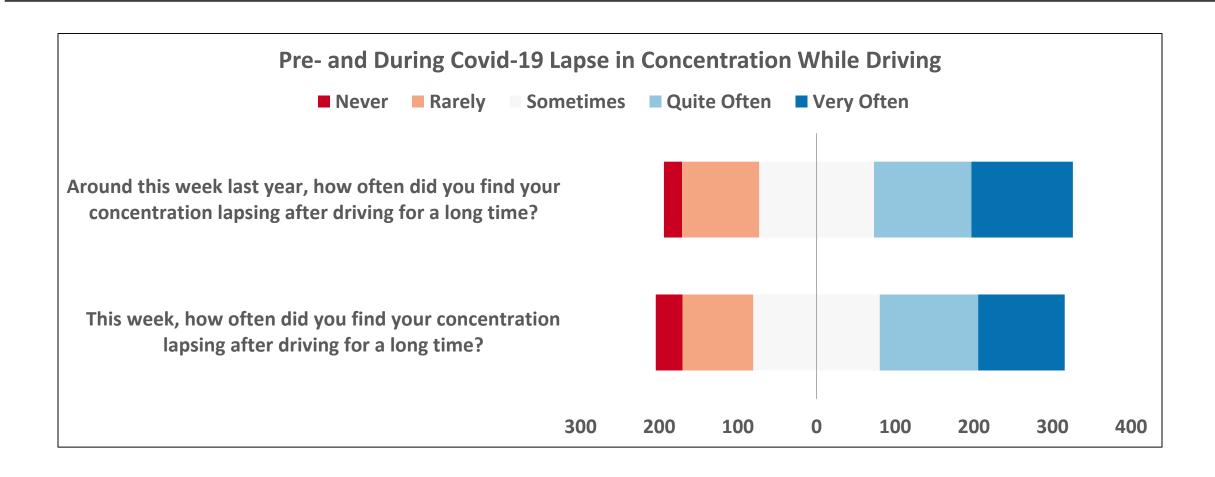
Pre- and During Covid-19 Truck Driver Fatigue Management

- Discuss a subset of Fatigue Management questions from survey
- Visualization of survey questions (Current vs Same Week Last Year)
- On going Econometric Analyses to uncover factors influencing the differences between Current & Same Week Last Year response variables.

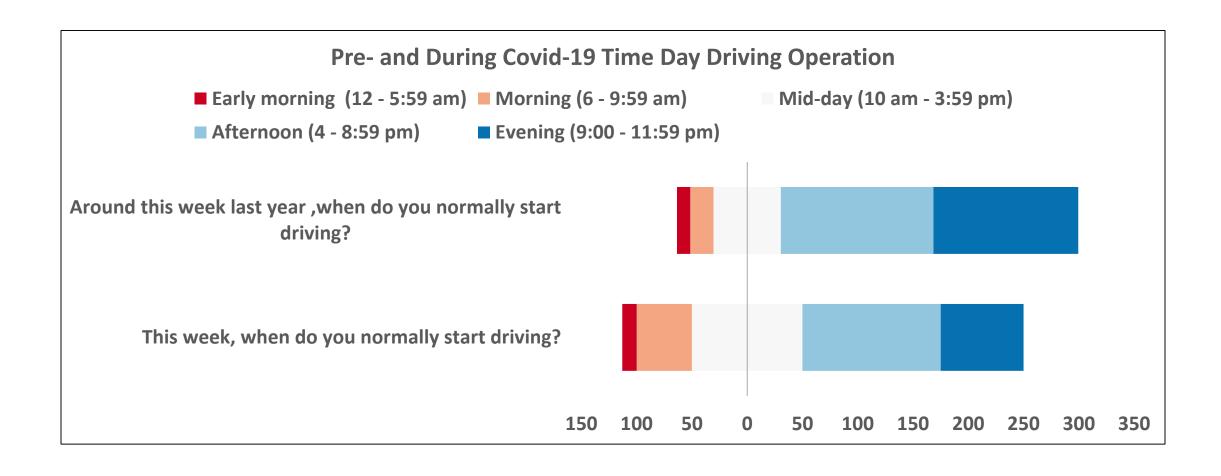
Pre- and During Covid-19 Team Driving Behavior



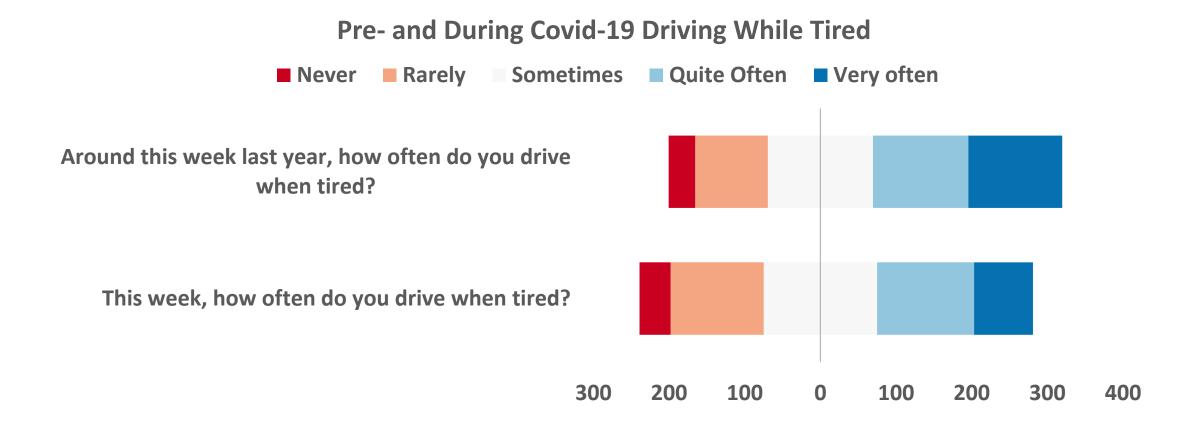
Pre- and During Covid-19 Lapse in Concentration While Driving



Pre- and During Covid-19 Time-of-Day Driving Operation



Pre- and During Covid-19 Driving While Tired



Ongoing Econometric Analyses

- Conducting Bivariate Binary and Ordered Probability Models
- For the Bivariate case we have **two binary**:

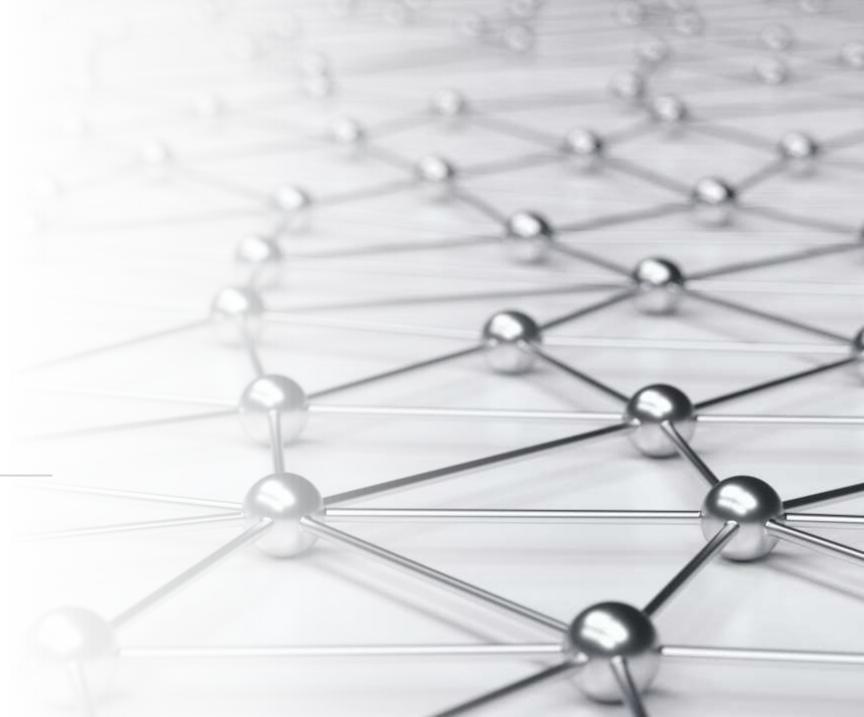
$$z_{i1} = \beta_1 X_{i1} + \varepsilon_{i1}$$

$$z_{i2} = \beta_2 X_{i2} + \varepsilon_{i2}$$

And we now consider the fact that these equations are linked by:

$$\rho = Cor(\varepsilon_{i1}, \varepsilon_{i2})$$

• This is equivalent to a SURE model for noncontinuous data Collaboration with Industry Partners

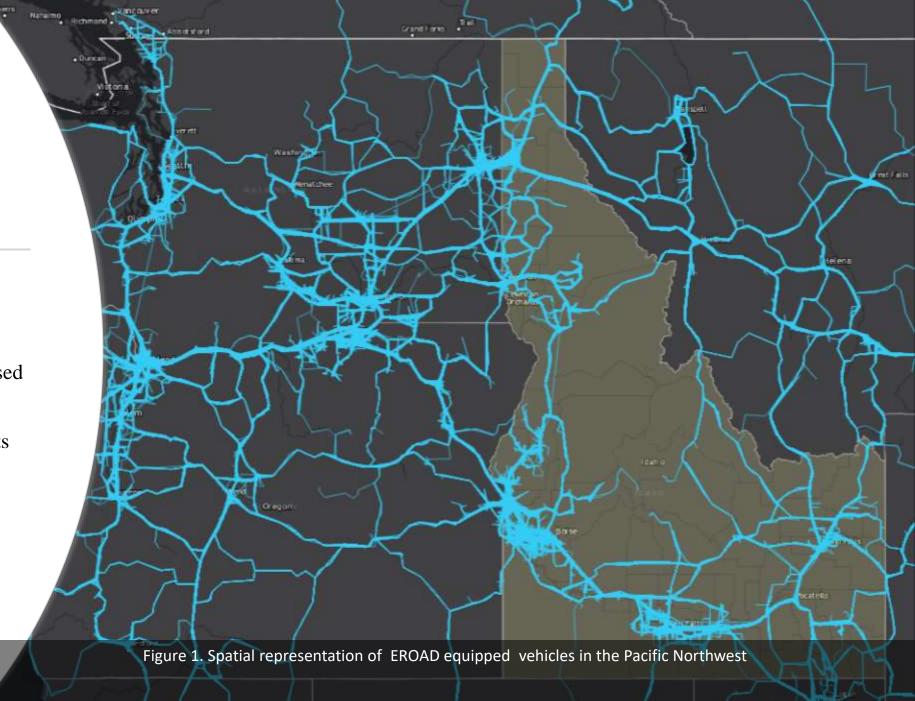


Collaboration with Industry Partners

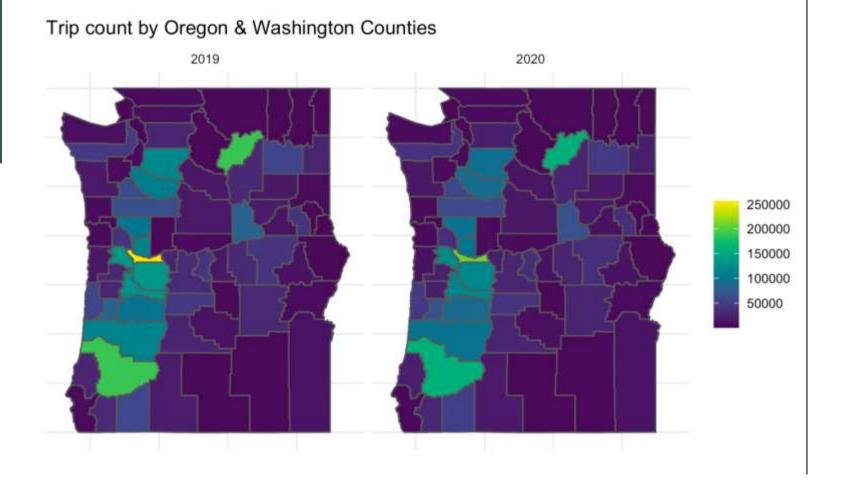
EROAD

is a company that develops and implements technology to modernize traditional paper-based systems within the trucking industry. As part of this modernization, EROAD collects the data used for generating reliable truck driver safety performance measures





Freight Telematic Data



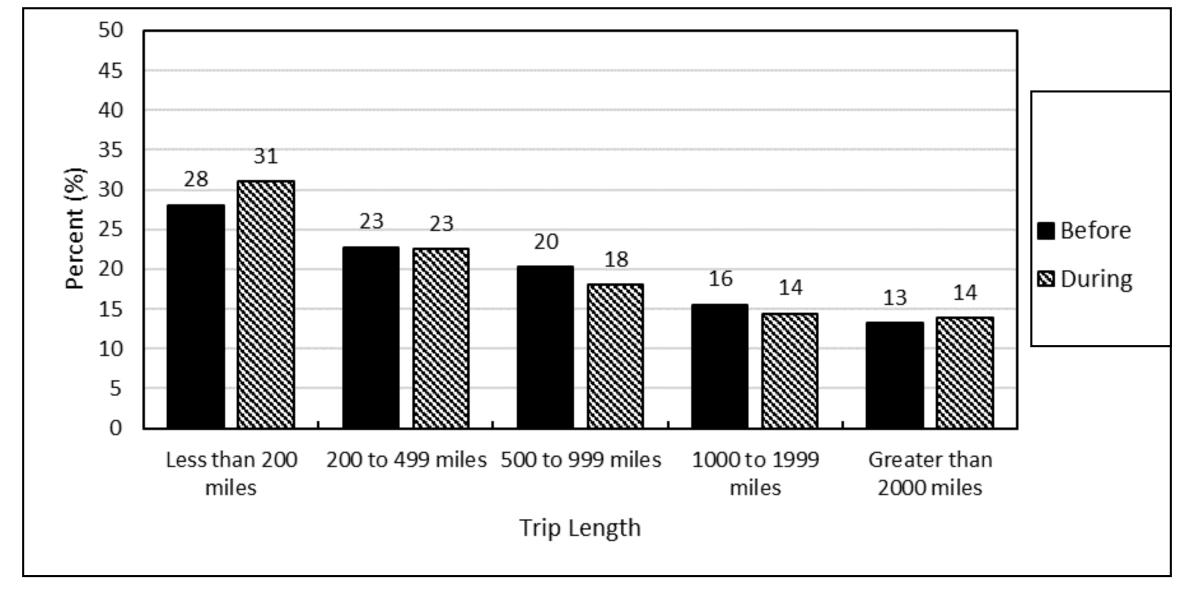




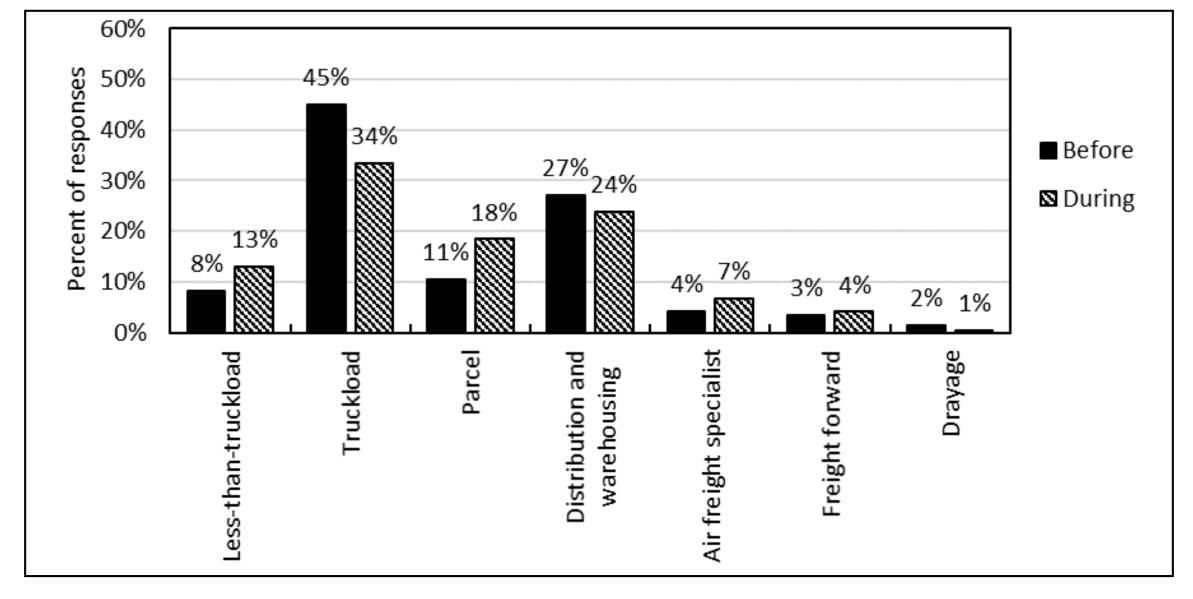
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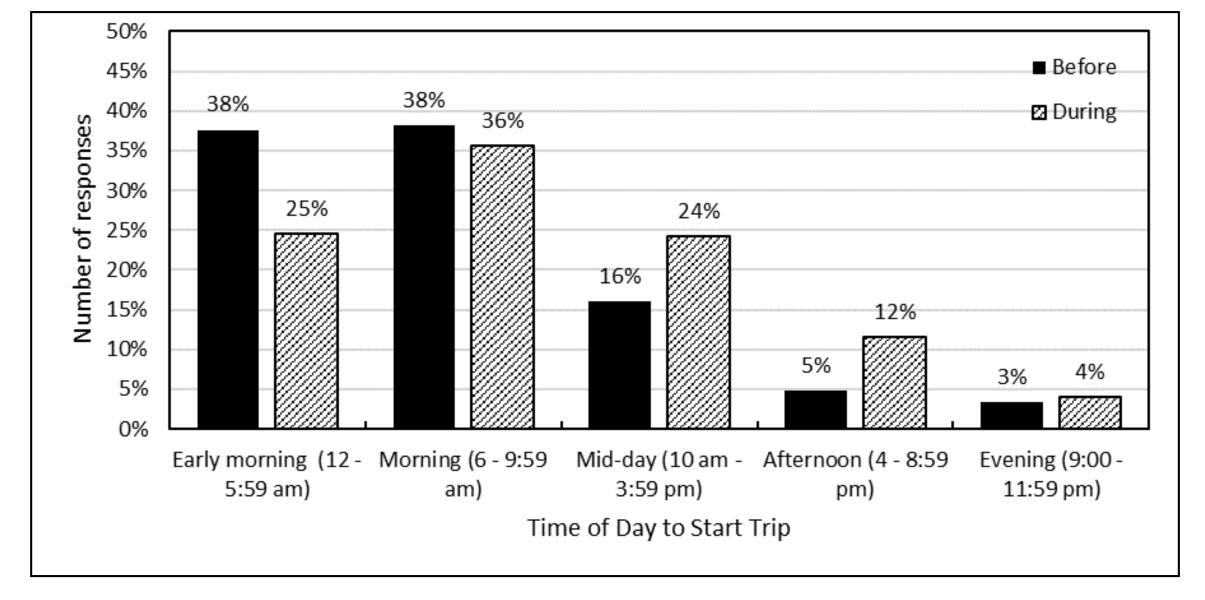
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Percent of Trips by Length



Shipment Type



Trip Start Time