

Traffic Data Collection

Traffic data is collected on 40,000 miles of PennDOT owned roads and 3,700 miles of local federal aid roads in Pennsylvania. Approximately 10,000 raw traffic counts are collected per year by:

- 3 Bureau of Planning and Research (BPR) Field Staff
- PennDOT Engineering District 10-0
- 8 Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs)
- Contractors

Volume: The majority of the counts taken as part of our statewide count program record volume of traffic on a roadway. Volume is usually expressed as Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT), which represents traffic volume over an average 24-hour period.

Classification: One method of data collection used for our count program is vehicle classification. Vehicles are classified into 13 classes ranging from cars to trucks in accordance with the Federal Highway Administration vehicle classification scheme.

Weight: Truck weight data is collected from WIM stations.

Speed: Speed data is collected from permanent traffic recorders.



Short-Term classification count installed.