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Introduction

Welcome to the South Dakota Department of Transportation's Public and Special Transportation statistical report for Fiscal Year 2005.

This report is published annually and condenses the fiscal year administration and operational records for the 21 rural public transit systems in South Dakota. The report is published largely to provide information about the performance of the public transit programs for the current fiscal year. The report is distributed to state and local officials, support agencies, and boards of directors.

***Please note that our division and office name have changed.**

We are now known as:

***Division of Finance & Management
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All other contact information remains the same.

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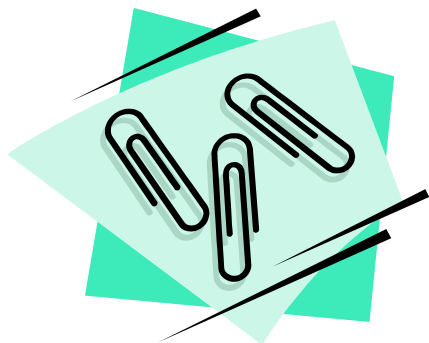


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Executive Summary

Public and specialized transportation services in South Dakota continue to expand. Approximately fifty organizations are currently providing some form of transit services covering approximately 70 percent of the geographic areas within South Dakota. These transit organizations assist a growing number of elderly citizens, citizens with disabilities, school age children and low income citizens gain access to needed medical, nutrition, education, employment, social and commercial services, particularly in the rural areas of South Dakota.

Transit providers range in size from the City of Sioux Falls Transit, which provides daily fixed route/fixed schedule services, to small senior citizens centers in rural small towns which provide demand-response services with schedules and destinations determined on a day-to-day basis.

The South Dakota Department of Transportation, Division of Finance & Management, Office of Local Transportation Programs, administers several programs through the United States Federal Transit Administration (FTA) which support public and specialized transportation service providers in South Dakota. These programs include:

1. Section 5303 urban transit planning assistance program funds transit planning activities in the metropolitan areas of South Dakota including Sioux Falls, Rapid City, and North Sioux City.
2. Section 5310 program provides capital grants to private nonprofit organizations to assist them in providing transportation services for elderly persons and/or persons with disabilities.

Section 5310 declares a national policy that elderly persons and persons with disabilities have the same right as other persons to utilize mass transportation services and facilities; that special efforts shall be made in the planning and design of mass transportation facilities and services to assure their availability to elderly persons and persons with disabilities; and that all Federal programs offering assistance in the field of mass transportation should contain provisions implementing this policy.

The goal of the Section 5310 program is to provide assistance in meeting the transportation needs of elderly persons and persons with disabilities where public transportation services are unavailable, insufficient, or inappropriate. The Section 5310 program is designed to supplement FTA's other capital assistance programs by funding transportation projects for elderly persons and persons with disabilities in all areas: urbanized, small urban, and rural. Although grant recipients are private nonprofit organizations usually with specific clientele; transportation services funded under this program may be open to other riders once the immediate transportation needs of the grant recipient's organization are satisfied.

3. Section 5311 provides capital, administration, and operating grants for public transportation service projects in non-urbanized areas (less than 50,000 population).

Section 5311 funds are available for capital, operating and project administration costs for rural public transportation projects in areas other than urbanized areas (50,000 population). Public transportation is defined to mean mass transportation by bus, rail, or other conveyance, either publicly or privately owned, which provides service to the general public on a regular and continuing basis. Public transportation services funded by Section 5311 may be designed to maximize usage by transportation disadvantaged persons, provided that the general public is offered an equal opportunity to utilize the transportation services.

Executive Summary—Continued

Capital expenses under Sections 5309 and 5311 programs include the acquisition, construction, and improvement of public transportation facilities and equipment needed for an efficient and coordinated public transportation system.

4. The FTA Section 18(h) Rural Technical Assistance (RTAP) program provides funds to support the training and technical assistance needs of rural transit operators and drivers.
5. The South Dakota Public and Specialized Transportation Assistance Fund provides state dollars to help meet the local matching fund requirements of Federal transit program grantees.

The Office of Local Transportation Programs and the South Dakota Department of Social Services, Division of Adult Services and Aging have again agreed to work in close coordination in matters pertaining to transportation services for the elderly and handicapped. Each year, the Division of Adult Services and Aging provides funds, which are dispersed through our office to offset transportation costs for some agencies. These funds are referred to as Title III-B funds throughout this book.

During Fiscal Year 2005, 305 vehicles funded by FTA Section 5307, FTA Section 5309, FTA Section 5310, and FTA Section 5311, including a few non-FTA funded vehicles receiving FTA Section 5311 operating funds, provided rural public and special transportation services in South Dakota. These 305 vehicles traveled 3,118,578 miles and carried 1,378,500 passengers during Fiscal Year 2005.

The transit systems operating in Sioux Falls and Rapid City receive FTA Section 5307 urban transit capital and operating funds directly from FTA. During Calendar Year 2005, Sioux Falls and Rapid City public transit vehicles traveled 1,630,157 miles and carried 1,091,411 passengers.

The Deadwood Trolley System provided 268,247 rides and traveled 175,000 miles during Fiscal Year 2005.

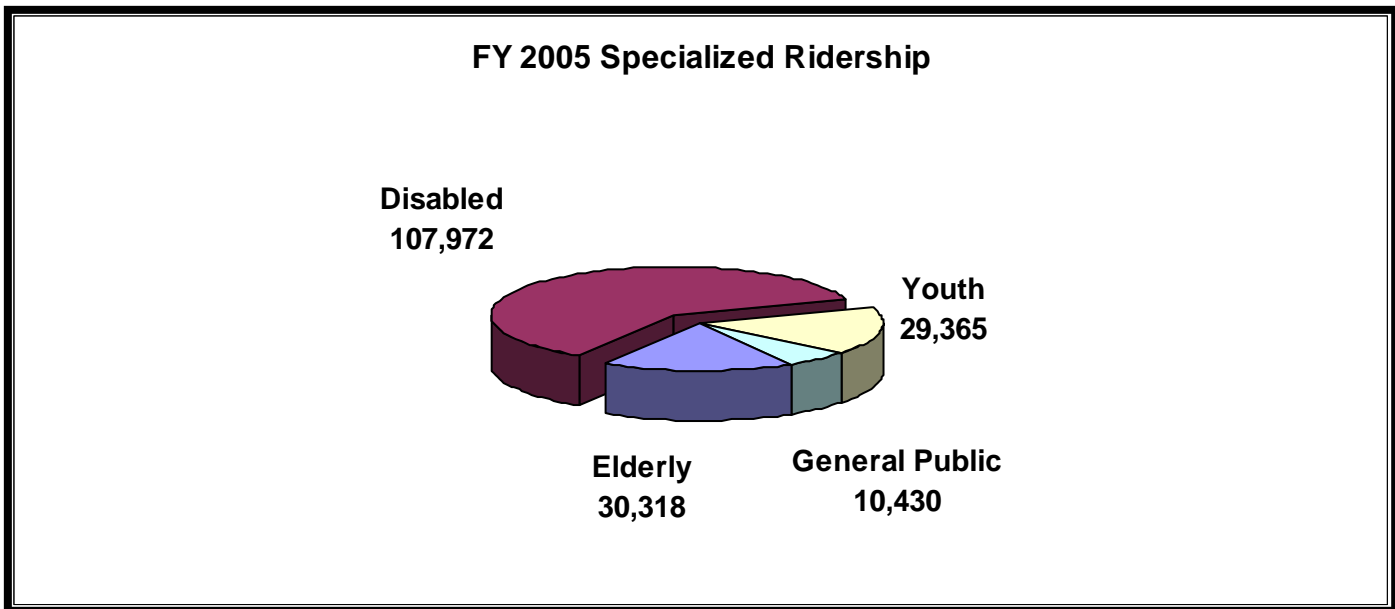


Public and special transportation service providers are a key element in the successful implementation of numerous other state policy objectives. A major state policy benefiting from FTA funded programs is the ongoing efforts to convert people from in-patient status at state human service institutions, to out-patient status in community-based facilities throughout South Dakota. Another benefited state policy is the effort to keep elderly citizens in their own homes in rural small towns, in an independent living status, instead of forcing them into the more costly nursing home environment or requiring them to migrate to larger urban areas for needed services.

Chapter 1 Fiscal Year 2005 Specialized Transportation Statistics

During Fiscal Year 2005, 87 vehicles operating in South Dakota providing specialized transportation were funded under FTA Section 5309, FTA Section 5307, and FTA Section 5310 programs.

These vehicles traveled 462,793 miles and carried 178,085 passengers.



The Section 5310 program provides capital grants to private nonprofit organizations to assist them in providing transportation services for elderly persons and/or persons with disabilities.

Chapter 2 Fiscal Year 2005 Administration and Operating Statistics

The goals of Section 5311 program are to:

- ◆ Enhance the access of people in non-urbanized areas to health care, shopping, education, employment, public service, and recreation
- ◆ Assist in the maintenance, development, improvement, and use of public transportation systems in rural and small urban areas.
- ◆ Encourage and make possible the most efficient use of federal funds used to provide passenger transportation in non-urbanized areas through the coordination of programs and services.

The Section 5311 program treats project administration expenses as a separate cost category from capital and operating expenses. Administration expenses are considered “non-operating”, and are funded at 80% Federal share.

Operating expenses are considered those costs directly related to system operation. Net operating expenses are those that remain after operating revenues are subtracted from eligible operating expenses. Operating expenses are funded at 50% Federal share of the net operating expenses.

Local funds for the 21 rural public transit agencies represents over \$2.4 million. On average, local funds represent 41.9% of the funding to keep the rural public transits operating.

During Fiscal Year 2005, 21 organizations provided rural public demand-response transportation services in South Dakota. These organizations operated 218 vehicles and contracted with one taxi cab company for a total expenditure of \$5,475,217.58. These vehicles traveled 2,655,785 miles and carried 1,200,415 passengers.

Funding Sources of Rural Public Transit Systems Fiscal Year 2005

Local Funds = \$2,428,204

Section 5311 Funds = \$2,368,922

State Funds = \$420,555

Title III-B Funds = \$257,537

Community Transit - Sisseton, South Dakota

Director: Carol Seurer

Community Transit serves Milbank, Lennox, Sisseton, Webster, Eureka, Bowdle and Britton daily. Service in Marshall, Day, Roberts, Edmunds, Campbell, and McPherson counties is provided upon request. Community Transit has 15 vehicles in operation.

Total Ridership and Miles Driven:

		Ride Type:	
Total Miles Driven:	140,005	Medical:	7,224
		Employment:	817
		Nutrition:	29,121
		Social/Recreation:	5,517
		Education:	16,766
		Shopping:	15,014
		Other:	<u>2,822</u>
		Total:	77,281
Ridership Characteristic:			
Elderly:	55,522		
Disabled:	2,718		
Youth:	14,946		
General Public:	<u>4,095</u>		
Total:	77,281		

Funding and Expenditures:

Section 5311 Funds:	\$160,032.61	Total Administration Costs*:	\$116,595.12
Title III-B Funds:	\$ 27,732.56	Total Operating Costs:	<u>\$180,773.23</u>
State Funds:	<u>\$ 29,930.00</u>	Total Expenditures:	\$297,368.35
Total State and Federal Funds:	\$217,695.17	*Includes vehicle insurance costs.	
Local Funds**:	<u>\$ 79,673.18</u>	Insurance Cost:	\$52,418.88
Total Funding:	\$297,368.35	Insurance / Vehicle:	\$ 3,494.59

****Local Funds represent 26.79% of Total Funds.**

Rider Fares and Bus Donations = \$39,865.84

Total Cost per Ride:	\$3.85	State and Federal Cost per Ride:	\$2.82
Total Cost per Mile:	\$2.12	State and Federal Cost per Mile:	\$1.55

Dell Rapids Transit - Dell Rapids, South Dakota

Director: Karen Storm

Dell Rapids Transit serves the City of Dell Rapids. Service is provided Tuesday through Thursday from 9:00am to 3:30pm. Dell Rapids Transit has 1 vehicle in operation.

Total Ridership and Miles Driven:

		Ride Type:	
Total Miles Driven:	5,219	Medical:	159
		Employment:	1
		Nutrition:	0
Ridership Characteristic:		Social/Recreation:	112
Elderly:	963	Education:	669
Disabled:	0	Shopping:	760
Youth:	665	Other:	<u>10</u>
General Public:	<u>83</u>	Total:	1,711
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Funding and Expenditures:

Section 5311 Funds:	\$11,206.77	Total Administration Costs*:	\$ 8,055.96
Title III-B Funds:	\$ 1,050.02	Total Operating Costs:	<u>\$12,809.79</u>
State Funds:	<u>\$ 2,000.00</u>	Total Expenditures:	\$20,865.75
Total State and Federal Funds:	\$14,256.79	*Includes vehicle insurance costs.	
Local Funds**:	<u>\$ 6,608.96</u>	Insurance Cost:	\$729.96
Total Funding:	\$20,865.75	Insurance / Vehicle:	\$729.96

****Local Funds represent 31.67% of Total Funds.**

Rider Fares and Bus Donations = \$2,360.02

Total Cost per Ride:	\$12.20	State and Federal Cost per Ride:	\$8.33
Total Cost per Mile:	\$4.00	State and Federal Cost per Mile:	\$2.73

East Dakota Transit - Madison, South Dakota

Director: Karen Storm

East Dakota transit serves Madison and Lake County. Service in Madison is provided during the school year, Monday through Friday from 7:30am to 4:30pm and during the summer from 8:00am to 4:30pm; and as needed in the county and smaller communities. Services is provided on Sundays for church services. East Dakota Transit has 3 vehicles in operation.

Total Ridership and Miles Driven:

		Ride Type:	
Total Miles Driven:	30,815	Medical:	999
		Employment:	7,085
		Nutrition:	563
		Social/Recreation:	971
		Education:	6,684
		Shopping:	468
		Other:	<u>1,033</u>
		Total:	17,803
Ridership Characteristic:			
Elderly:	2,240		
Disabled:	7,294		
Youth:	6,685		
General Public:	<u>1,584</u>		
Total:	17,803		

Funding and Expenditures:

Section 5311 Funds:	\$57,864.27	Total Administration Costs*:	\$32,110.29
Title III-B Funds:	\$ 4,599.01	Total Operating Costs:	<u>\$87,440.30</u>
State Funds:	<u>\$ 8,455.00</u>	Total Expenditures:	\$119,550.59
Total State and Federal Funds:	\$70,918.28	*Includes vehicle insurance costs.	
Local Funds**:	<u>\$48,632.31</u>	Insurance Cost:	\$7,858.20
Total Funding:	\$119,550.59	Insurance / Vehicle:	\$2,619.40

****Local Funds represent 40.67% of Total Funds.**

Rider Fares and Bus Donations = \$16,481.84

Total Cost per Ride:	\$6.72	State and Federal Cost per Ride:	\$3.98
Total Cost per Mile:	\$3.88	State and Federal Cost per Mile:	\$2.30

Palace Transit - Mitchell, South Dakota

Director: Brenda Paradis

Palace Transit serves Mitchell and Davison County. Mitchell service is provided Monday through Thursday from 5:30am to 1:00am. Friday from 5:30am to 3:00am, Saturday 6:00am to 3:00am, Sunday 6:00am to 10:00pm. Service in the county and smaller communities is provided upon request. Palace Transit has 17 vehicles in operation.

Total Ridership and Miles Driven:

		Ride Type:	
Total Miles Driven:	196,083	Medical:	17,890
		Employment:	20,491
		Nutrition:	11,161
		Social/Recreation:	35,241
		Education:	30,906
		Shopping:	6,838
		Other:	<u>2,445</u>
		Total:	124,972
Ridership Characteristic:			
Elderly:	21,253		
Disabled:	34,506		
Youth:	44,486		
General Public:	<u>24,727</u>		
Total:	124,972		

Funding and Expenditures:

Section 5311 Funds:	\$158,425.42	Total Administration Costs*:	\$61,658.77
Title III-B Funds:	\$ 16,835.00	Total Operating Costs:	<u>\$365,342.70</u>
State Funds:	<u>\$ 39,616.00</u>	Total Expenditures:	\$427,001.47
Total State and Federal Funds:	\$214,876.42	*Includes vehicle insurance costs.	
Local Funds**:	<u>\$212,125.05</u>	Insurance Cost:	\$9,276.00
Total Funding:	\$427,001.47	Insurance / Vehicle:	\$545.65

****Local Funds represent 49.67% of Total Funds.**

Rider Fares and Bus Donations = \$39,156.00

Total Cost per Ride:	\$3.34	State and Federal Cost per Ride:	\$1.72
Total Cost per Mile:	\$2.18	State and Federal Cost per Mile:	\$1.10

People's Transit - Huron, South Dakota

Director: Sandy Mack

People's Transit serves Huron and Beadle County. Service in the county and smaller communities is provided upon request. Huron service is Monday through Friday from 7:00am to 7:00pm for scheduled appointments. People's Transit has 11 vehicles in operation.

Total Ridership and Miles Driven:

		Ride Type:	
Total Miles Driven:	129,607	Medical:	27,811
		Employment:	25,096
		Nutrition:	2,651
		Social/Recreation:	19,427
		Education:	23,756
		Shopping:	14,605
		Other:	<u>9,090</u>
		Total:	122,436
Ridership Characteristic:			
Elderly:	48,727		
Disabled:	32,903		
Youth:	25,030		
General Public:	<u>15,776</u>		
Total:	122,436		

Funding and Expenditures:

Section 5311 Funds:	\$182,730.00	Total Administration Costs*:	\$111,121.59
Title III-B Funds:	\$ 17,732.99	Total Operating Costs:	<u>\$269,268.72</u>
State Funds:	<u>\$ 35,966.00</u>	Total Expenditures:	\$380,390.31
Total State and Federal Funds:	\$236,428.99	*Includes vehicle insurance costs.	
Local Funds**:	<u>\$143,961.32</u>	Insurance Cost:	\$32,717.00
Total Funding:	\$380,390.31	Insurance / Vehicle:	\$2,974.27

****Local Funds represent 37.85% of Total Funds.**

Rider Fares and Bus Donations = \$35,935.55

Total Cost per Ride:	\$3.11	State and Federal Cost per Ride:	\$1.93
Total Cost per Mile:	\$2.93	State and Federal Cost per Mile:	\$1.82

Sanborn County Transit - Woonsocket, South Dakota

Director: Myrna Peterson

Sanborn County Transit serves Sanborn County. Service is provided upon request with regular trips to Wessington Springs, Mitchell and Huron. Sanborn County Transit has 2 vehicles in operation.

Total Ridership and Miles Driven:

		Ride Type:	
Total Miles Driven:	10,224	Medical:	388
		Employment:	30
		Nutrition:	494
Ridership Characteristic:		Social/Recreation:	53
Elderly:	2,584	Education:	0
Disabled:	46	Shopping:	2,184
Youth:	7	Other:	<u>3</u>
General Public:	<u>515</u>	Total:	3,152
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Funding and Expenditures:

Section 5311 Funds:	\$14,479.00	Total Administration Costs*:	\$11,316.97
Title III-B Funds	\$ 1,772.00	Total Operating Costs:	<u>\$23,576.48</u>
State Funds:	<u>\$ 3,548.00</u>	Total Expenditures:	\$34,893.45
Total State and Federal Funds:	\$19,799.00	*Includes vehicle insurance costs.	
Local Funds**:	<u>\$15,094.45</u>	Insurance Cost:	\$1,561.00
Total Funding:	\$34,893.45	Insurance / Vehicle:	\$780.50

****Local Funds represent 43.25% of Total Funds.**

Rider Fares and Bus Donations = \$1,905.54

Total Cost per Ride:	\$11.07	State and Federal Cost per Ride:	\$3.41
Total Cost per Mile:	\$3.41	State and Federal Cost per Mile:	\$1.94

Siouxland Regional Transit System - Sioux City, Iowa

Director: Sandy Langel

Siouxland Regional Transit System serves southern Union County including Jefferson, Elk Point, North Sioux City, and Dakota Dunes upon request. Service is available Monday through Friday 9:00am through 5:00pm. Siouxland Regional Transit System has 1 vehicle in operation.

Total Ridership and Miles Driven:

		Ride Type:	
Total Miles Driven:	32,784	Medical:	1,183
		Employment:	211
		Nutrition:	0
		Social/Recreation:	103
		Education:	18
		Shopping:	107
		Other:	<u>108</u>
		Total:	1,730
		Ridership Characteristic:	
Elderly:	1,080		
Disabled:	120		
Youth:	8		
General Public:	<u>522</u>		
Total:	1,730		

Funding and Expenditures:

Section 5311 Funds:	\$30,678.14	Total Administration Costs*:	\$13,024.60
Title III-B Funds:	\$ 0	Total Operating Costs:	<u>\$54,639.28</u>
State Funds:	<u>\$ 4,278.00</u>	Total Expenditures:	\$67,663.88
Total State and Federal Funds:	\$34,956.14	*Includes vehicle insurance costs.	
Local Funds**:	<u>\$32,707.74</u>	Insurance Cost:	\$4,484.70
Total Funding:	\$67,663.88	Insurance / Vehicle:	\$4,484.70

****Local Funds represent 48.33% of Total Funds.**

Rider Fares and Bus Donations = \$9,279.00

Total Cost per Ride:	\$39.11	State and Federal Cost per Ride:	\$20.21
Total Cost per Mile:	\$ 2.06	State and Federal Cost per Mile:	\$ 1.07

Yankton Transit - Yankton, South Dakota

Director: Winnie Jo Jons

Yankton Transit serves the City of Yankton. Service is provided upon request.

Yankton Transit has 13 vehicles in operation.

Total Ridership and Miles Driven:

		Ride Type:	
Total Miles Driven:	136,622	Medical:	14,865
		Employment:	21,182
		Nutrition:	7,586
		Social/Recreation:	6,006
		Education:	38,344
		Shopping:	2,043
		Other:	<u>4,117</u>
		Total:	94,143
Ridership Characteristic:			
Elderly:	9,934		
Disabled:	36,665		
Youth:	37,977		
General Public:	<u>9,567</u>		
Total:	94,143		

Funding and Expenditures:

Section 5311 Funds:	\$107,565.03	Total Administration Costs*:	\$ 47,821.07
Title III-B Funds	\$ 13,867.00	Total Operating Costs:	<u>\$232,834.41</u>
State Funds:	<u>\$ 22,243.00</u>	Total Expenditures:	\$280,655.48
Total State and Federal Funds:	\$143,675.03	*Includes vehicle insurance costs.	
Local Funds**:	<u>\$136,980.45</u>	Insurance Cost:	\$15,499.75
Total Funding:	\$280,655.48	Insurance / Vehicle:	\$1,192.28

****Local Funds represent 48.80% of Total Funds.**

Rider Fares and Bus Donations = \$50,731.43

Total Cost per Ride:	\$2.98	State and Federal Cost per Ride:	\$1.53
Total Cost per Mile:	\$2.05	State and Federal Cost per Mile:	\$1.05

Other Transit Program Statistics

FTA Section 5311 Rural Technical Assistance Program (RTAP)

RTAP funds are used to provide training and technical assistance to rural transit operators and their drivers. In FY2005, South Dakota received \$76,582 in RTAP funds.

FTA Section 5303 Urban Transit Planning Program

Contracts issued to the Sioux Falls and Rapid City Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) to conduct transit planning studies in FY05 were:

Rapid City	\$80,952	Sioux Falls	\$91,189
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South Dakota Public and Specialized Transportation Assistance Fund

State funds are granted to transit organizations which first had obtained Federal Transit grants. These State dollars help meet the local matching fund requirements of the Federal grants.

Section 5307 Urban Transit Operators	\$ 75,000.00
Section 5311 Rural Transit Operators	\$ 429,000.00

CY 2005 Drug and Alcohol Testing for Section 5311 Rural Public Transit Agencies

Federal laws required Section 5311 Rural Public Transportation operators to conduct drug and alcohol testing of safety-sensitive employees starting in 1996. Six types of testing were required: pre-employment, random selection, post accident, reasonable suspicion, return-to-duty after testing positive, and follow-up testing on persons who previously tested positive. In South Dakota, only pre-employment and random testing was required during CY2005.

	# Conducted in CY 05	Negative for Drugs / Alcohol	Positive for Drugs / Alcohol
Pre-Employment	85	85	0
Random Selection	173	173	0
Post Accident	5	5	0
Reasonable Suspicion	0	0	0
Return to Duty	0	0	0
Follow-Up	0	0	0

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