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Evaluation Results for the State of Virginia

Executive Summary

The data from the Vehicle Probe Project is validated using Bluetooth™ Traffic Monitoring (BTM) technology on a near monthly basis. The validation of arterial data is similar to that of freeway data, however the following should be noted. The boundaries of the speed bins used for arterials are different than those used for freeways to accommodate the lower speeds on this type of corridor.

BTMs sensor were deployed at the beginning and ending points of eight different segments along the US-1 corridor. There are two lanes per direction with an average signal density of 1.5 signal per mile. Average Annual Daily Traffic (AADT) along the corridor is 21,500 and the speed limit is 45 MPH.

The Bluetooth sensor deployment covers the range from Joplin Road to Harrison Road along US-1. Travel time data was collected for both directions along the arterial, between January 15 and January 28, 2015. The dataset collected represents approximately 1433 hours of observations along eight arterial segments, totaling approximately 34 miles. The total number of effective five-minute travel time samples observed was 17,191.

ES Table 1, below summarizes the results of the comparison between the BTM reference data and the INRIX data for arterial segments during the above noted time period. As shown, the average absolute speed error (AASE) was within specification in all speed bins when compared with the Standard Error of the Mean (SEM) Band. The Speed Error Bias (SEB) was within specifications for all speed bins except 0-15 MPH when compared with the Standard Error of the Mean (SEM) Band. Although the data are compared to these specifications, caution should be used when using probe data on arterial roadways. Other factors including signal density and traffic volume should be considered.

ES Table 1 - Virginia Evaluation Summary for Arterial						
Speed Bin	Absolute Speed Error (<10mph)		Speed Error Bias (<5mph)		Number of 5 Minute Samples	Hours of Data Collection
	Comparison with SEM Band	Comparison with Mean	Comparison with SEM Band	Comparison with Mean		
0-15 MPH	8.8	11.8	8.7	11.7	647	54
15-25 MPH	3.3	7.2	2.9	5.8	3062	255
25-35 MPH	1.7	5.4	0.8	2.4	4075	340
>35 MPH	2.1	5.6	-1.4	-3.0	9407	784
All Speeds	2.5	6.1	0.3	0.4	17191	1433

Based upon data collected from Jan 15th, 2015 through Jan 28th, 2015 across 33.8 miles of roadway.

Data Collection

Travel time samples were collected along eight arterial segments with the assistance of Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) personnel. Arterial segments studied were located along the US-1 corridor from Joplin Road to Harrison Road. Travel time data was collected for both directions along the US-1 arterial between January 15 and January 28, 2015. Segment locations were chosen with a high-likelihood of observing recurrent and non-recurrent congestion during peak and off-peak periods.

Figure 1 presents an overview snapshot of the placement of sensors for the collection of data on the US-1 corridor in Virginia. Red segments represent arterial segments selected for analysis. There are two lanes per direction with average signal density of 1.5 signal per mile. Average Annual Daily Traffic (AADT) along the corridor is 21,500 and the speed limit is 45 MPH.

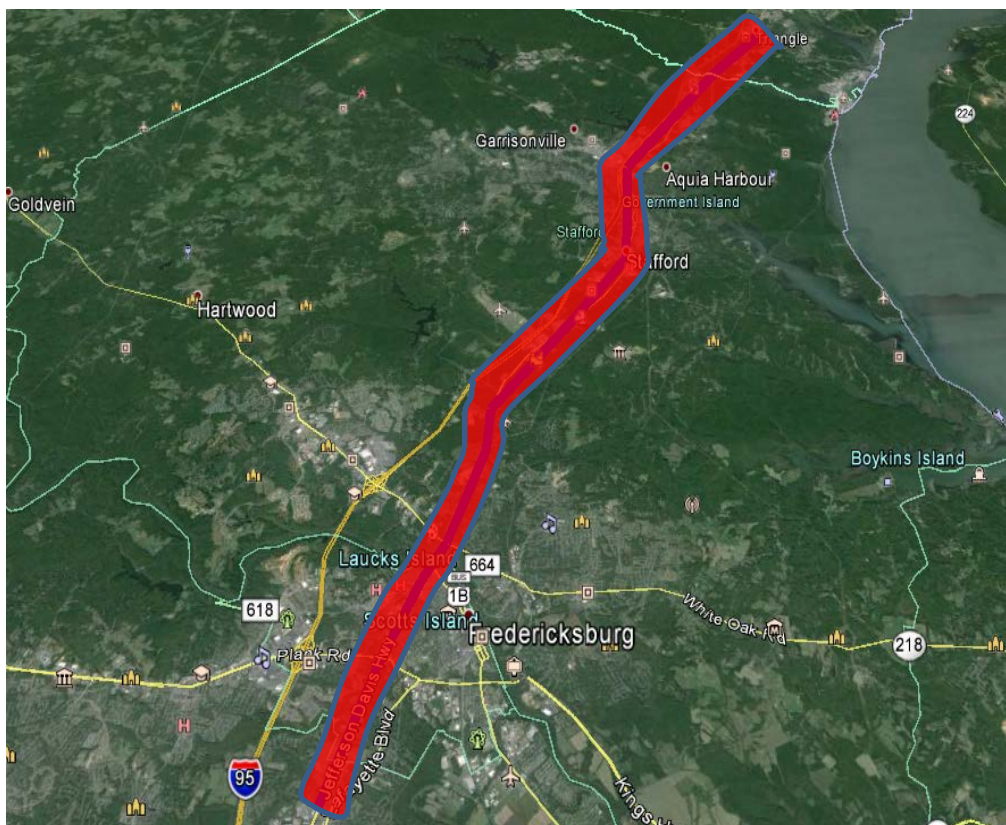


Figure 1 — Locations of all segments selected for analysis in Virginia

TMC segments selected for validation in Virginia

Table 1 presents a list of data collection segments from Virginia. In total, these segments cover a total length of approximately 33.8 arterial miles. Data collection segments are comprised of one or more Traffic Message Channel (TMC) base segments, such that the total length of the data collection segment is one mile long or greater for arterials. When appropriate, consecutive TMC segments are combined to form a data collection segment longer than one mile. The results of the validation performed on eight arterial segments are included in this report. Table 1 contains the summary information on each data collection segment. The latitude/longitude coordinates of the locations at which the Bluetooth sensors were deployed along the US-1 in Northern Virginia are provided in Table 1 as well as an active map link to view the data collection segment in detail. Click on the map link to see a detailed map for the respective data collection segment. It should be noted that the configuration of the test segments is often such that the endpoint of one segment coincides with the start point of the next segment, so that one Bluetooth sensor covers both data collection segments.

Table 1 also provides data on the precise length of the TMCs comprising the test segment as compared to the measured length between Bluetooth™ Traffic Monitoring (BTM) sensors placed on the roadway. An algorithm was developed and documented in a separate report¹ as part of the initial VPP project and is being used for the validation of all vendors in VPPII. Details of the algorithm used to estimate equivalent path travel times based on INRIX data feeds for individual data collection segments are provided in this separate report. This algorithm finds an equivalent INRIX travel time (and therefore travel speed) corresponding to each sample BTM travel time observation on the test segment of interest.

¹ Ali Haghani, Masoud Hamed, Kaveh Farokhi Sadabadi, Estimation of Travel Times for Multiple TMC Segments, prepared for I-95 Corridor Coalition, February 2010 ([link](#))

Table 1
Segments selected for validation in Virginia

SEGMENT (Map Link)	DESCRIPTION			TMC CODES		Deployment		
	Highway	State	Starting at	Begin	Number	Begin Lat/Lon	Length	
	Pennsylvania	County	Ending at	End	Length	End Lat/Lon	% Diff	
Arterials								<i>All Lengths in Miles</i>
A1 VA10-0001	US-1 Southbound	Virginia Prince William	Joplin Rd Russell Rd	110-09526 110N09526	2.13 2	38.545472 -77.336879 38.521074 -77.360451	2.19 2.82%	
A2 VA10-0002	US-1 Southbound	Virginia Stafford	Russell Rd VA-610/Garrisonville Rd	110-09525 110-09525	4.65 1	38.521074 -77.360451 38.4637 -77.405727	4.75 2.03%	
A5 VA10-0005	US-1 Southbound	Virginia Stafford	American Legion Rd Mountain View Rd	110-09522 110-09522	2.70 1	38.395746 -77.429713 38.363967 -77.45708	2.74 1.48%	
A6 VA10-0006	US-1 Southbound	Virginia Stafford	Mountain View Rd Forbes St	110-09521 110-09521	0.90 1	38.363967 -77.45708 38.351058 -77.457959	0.86 -4.45%	
A7 VA10-0007	US-1 Southbound	Virginia Stafford	Forbes St US-17/VA-212/Warrenton Rd	110-09520 110-09520	1.97 1	38.351058 -77.457959 38.324019 -77.468435	2.00 1.52%	
A8 VA10-0008	US-1 Southbound	Virginia Stafford	US-17/VA-212/Warrenton Rd Fall Hill Ave	110-09519 110-09519	0.76 1	38.324019 -77.468435 38.314289 -77.474837	0.76 0.00%	
A9 VA10-0009	US-1 Southbound	Virginia Fredericksburg	Fall Hill Ave VA-3/William St	110N09519 110N09518	1.56 3	38.314289 -77.474837 38.293127 -77.484856	1.50 -3.83%	
A10 VA10-0010	US-1 Southbound	Virginia Spotsylvania	VA-3/William St Harrison Rd	110-09517 110N09517	2.08 2	38.293127 -77.484856 38.264219 -77.495507	2.12 1.93%	

Table 1 (Cont'd)
Segments selected for validation in Virginia

SEGMENT (Map Link)	DESCRIPTION			TMC CODES		Deployment		
	Highway	State	Starting at	Begin	Number	Begin Lat/Lon		Length
	Pennsylvania	County	Ending at	End	Length	End Lat/Lon		% Diff
Arterials								All Lengths in Miles
A11 VA10-0011	US-1	Virginia	Harrison Rd	110-09522	2.15	38.264113	-77.495391	2.12
	Northbound	Stafford	VA-3/William St	110-09522	2	38.294	-77.484411	-1.40%
A12 VA10-0012	US-1	Virginia	VA-3/William St	110-09521	1.50	38.294	-77.484411	1.51
	Northbound	Stafford	Fall Hill Ave	110-09521	3	38.314236	-77.474704	0.67%
A13 VA10-0013	US-1	Virginia	Fall Hill Ave	110-09520	0.76	38.314236	-77.474704	0.76
	Northbound	Stafford	US-17/VA-212/Warrenton Rd	110-09520	1	38.324019	-77.468435	0.00%
A14 VA10-0014	US-1	Virginia	US-17/VA-212/Warrenton Rd	110-09519	1.98	38.324019	-77.468435	2.01
	Northbound	Stafford	Forbes St	110-09519	1	38.351058	-77.457959	1.52%
A15 VA10-0015	US-1	Virginia	Forbes St	110N09519	0.90	38.351058	-77.457959	0.86
	Northbound	Fredericksburg	Mountain View Rd	110N09518	1	38.363946	-77.456898	-4.46%
A16 VA10-0016	US-1	Virginia	Mountain View Rd	110-09517	2.69	38.363946	-77.456898	2.73
	Northbound	Spotsylvania	American Legion Rd	110N09517	1	38.395712	-77.429605	1.48%
A19 VA10-0019	US-1	Virginia	VA-610/Garrisonville Rd	110+09526	4.84	38.661743	-77.247195	4.75
	Northbound	Prince William	Russell Rd	110+09526	1	38.677623	-77.230068	-1.86%
A20 VA10-0020	US-1	Virginia	Russell Rd	110P09526	2.04	38.677623	-77.230068	2.17
	Northbound	Prince William	Joplin Rd	110+09527	2	38.705713	-77.205011	6.36%

Analysis of Arterial Results

Table 2 summarizes the data quality measures obtained as a result of comparison between Bluetooth and all reported INRIX speeds. Specifications used for comparison include the Average Absolute Speed Error (AASE) and the Speed Error Bias (SEB).

Average Absolute Speed Error (AASE)

The AASE is defined as the mean absolute value of the difference between the mean speed reported from the VPP and the ground truth mean speed for a specified time period. The AASE is the primary accuracy metric. Based on the contract specifications, the speed data from the VPP shall have a maximum average absolute error of 10 miles per hour (MPH) in each of four speed ranges: 0-15 MPH, 15-25 MPH, 25-35 MPH, and > 35 MPH.

Speed Error Bias (SEB)

The SEB is defined as the average speed error (not the absolute value) in each speed range. SEB is a measure of whether the speed reported in the VPP consistently under or over estimates speed as compared to ground truth speed. Based on the contract specifications, the VPP data shall have a maximum SEB of +/- 5 MPH in each of speed ranges as defined above.

The results are presented as compared against the mean of the ground truth data as well as the 95th percent confidence interval for the mean, referred to as the Standard Error of the Mean (SEM) band. The SEM band takes into account any uncertainty in the ground truth speed as measured by BTM equipment due to limited samples and/or data variance. Contract specifications are assessed against the SEM band. (See the *Vehicle Probe Project: Data Use and Application Guide* for additional details on the validation process.) The AASE in the lower two speed bands have proven to be the critical specification (and most difficult) to attain. As shown, the average absolute speed error (AASE) was within specification for all the speed bins when compared with the Standard Error of the Mean (SEM) Band. The Speed Error Bias (SEB) was within specifications for all speed bins except 0-15 MPH when compared with the Standard Error of the Mean (SEM) Band.

TABLE 2 Data quality measures for arterial segments in Virginia

SPEED BIN	Data Quality Measures for				No. of 5 Minute Samples	Hours of Data Collection
	1.96 SEM Band		Mean			
	SEB 5 mph (contract specifications)	AASE 10 mph	SEB	AASE		
0-15	8.7	8.8	11.7	11.8	647	53.9
15-25	2.9	3.3	5.8	7.2	3062	255.2
25-35	0.8	1.7	2.4	5.4	4075	339.6
35+	-1.4	2.1	-3.0	5.6	9407	783.9

Table 3 shows the percentage of the time INRIX data falls within 5 mph of the SEM band and the mean for each speed bin for all arterial data segments in this validation report.

Table 3 Percent observations meeting data quality criteria for arterial segments in Virginia

SPEED BIN	Data Quality Measures for				No. of Obs.
	1.96 SEM Band		Mean		
	Percentage falling inside the band	Percentage falling within 5 mph of the band	Percentage equal to the mean	Percentage within 5 mph of the mean	
0-15	12%	37%	0%	17%	647
15-25	41%	73%	0%	40%	3062
25-35	60%	87%	0%	55%	4075
35+	55%	83%	0%	54%	9407

Tables 4 and 5 present detailed data for individual TMC segments in this validation in a similar format as Tables 2 and 3, respectively. Note that for some segments and in some speed bins the comparison results may not be reliable due to the small number of observations.

**Table 4
Data quality measures for individual arterial validation segments in the state of
Virginia**

TMC	Standard TMC length	Bluetooth distance	SPEED BIN	Data Quality Measures for				No. of Obs.
				1.96 SEM Band		Mean		
				Speed Error Bias	Average Absolute Speed Error	Speed Error Bias	Average Absolute Speed Error	
VA10-0001	2.13	2.13	0-15	-	-	-	-	-
			15-25	-	-	-	-	-
			25-35	-	-	-	-	-
			35+	-2.1	2.5	-5.2	6.4	879
VA10-0002	4.77	4.77	0-15	14.3	14.3	16.8	16.8	8*
			15-25	3.7	3.7	7.1	7.1	87
			25-35	1.3	2.2	4.2	6.2	98
			35+	-1.2	1.9	-1.8	4.7	292
VA10-0005	2.70	2.70	0-15	-	-	-	-	-
			15-25	-	-	-	-	-
			25-35	7.0	7.0	14.6	14.6	14*
			35+	0.2	1.9	1.0	4.8	744
VA10-0006	0.90	0.90	0-15	-	-	-	-	-
			15-25	12.9	12.9	17.2	17.2	3*
			25-35	2.1	2.4	7.7	8.4	72
			35+	-1.2	1.8	-3.0	5.4	1329
VA10-0007	1.97	1.97	0-15	16.5	16.5	18.4	18.4	72
			15-25	9.4	9.4	13.5	13.6	157
			25-35	2.5	2.6	6.9	7.7	362
			35+	-1.0	2.0	-1.9	4.9	149
VA10-0008	0.76	0.76	0-15	3.7	4.0	5.5	6.2	72
			15-25	0.7	1.7	1.2	4.5	913
			25-35	-1.8	2.1	-5.0	6.1	358
			35+	-5.3	5.3	-14.4	14.4	53
VA10-0009	1.57	1.57	0-15	8.0	8.0	13.5	13.5	7*
			15-25	3.2	3.5	6.2	6.9	48
			25-35	-0.4	1.3	-1.4	4.9	343
			35+	-5.4	5.4	-9.0	9.2	231
VA10-0010	2.08	2.08	0-15	-	-	-	-	-
			15-25	6.2	6.2	10.0	10.0	74
			25-35	1.9	2.0	4.4	5.3	727
			35+	-0.7	1.3	-1.9	4.1	534

*Results in the specified row may not be reliable due to small number of observations

Table 4 (Cont'd)
Data quality measures for individual arterial validation segments in the state of Virginia

TMC	Standard TMC length	Bluetooth distance	SPEED BIN	Data Quality Measures for				No. of Obs.
				1.96 SEM Band		Mean		
				Speed Error Bias	Average Absolute Speed Error	Speed Error Bias	Average Absolute Speed Error	
VA10-0011	2.15	2.15	0-15	-	-	-	-	-
			15-25	6.6	6.6	18.5	18.5	12*
			25-35	1.3	1.8	3.5	4.7	167
			35+	-1.2	2.0	-2.9	5.0	1083
VA10-0012	1.49	1.49	0-15	7.7	7.7	14.6	14.6	14*
			15-25	3.5	3.7	6.6	7.2	278
			25-35	0.6	1.5	1.0	3.9	190
			35+	-3.0	3.0	-7.3	7.3	22*
VA10-0013	0.76	0.76	0-15	7.6	7.6	10.6	10.6	433
			15-25	1.9	2.4	4.4	6.1	699
			25-35	-0.7	1.8	-1.5	6.0	166
			35+	-3.3	3.3	-10.2	10.2	14*
VA10-0014	1.98	1.98	0-15	26.4	26.4	29.6	29.6	2*
			15-25	5.7	5.7	15.9	15.9	3*
			25-35	1.7	2.0	5.4	6.0	25*
			35+	-2.8	3.1	-5.1	6.0	539
VA10-0015	0.90	0.90	0-15	18.7	18.7	30.7	30.7	2*
			15-25	10.0	10.0	16.8	17.6	17*
			25-35	3.7	3.7	11.0	11.2	149
			35+	-0.5	1.6	-0.6	5.6	1238
VA10-0016	2.69	2.69	0-15	-	-	-	-	-
			15-25	-	-	-	-	-
			25-35	2.9	2.9	6.4	6.4	1*
			35+	-0.4	1.5	-0.6	4.3	585
VA10-0019	4.84	4.84	0-15	34.2	34.2	35.4	35.4	5*
			15-25	13.7	13.7	23.5	23.5	9*
			25-35	3.1	3.1	14.5	14.5	28*
			35+	-1.4	2.1	-2.3	4.5	340
VA10-0020	2.04	2.04	0-15	-	-	-	-	-
			15-25	-	-	-	-	-
			25-35	1.5	2.3	4.4	6.3	94
			35+	-2.0	2.4	-4.2	6.1	680

*Results in the specified row may not be reliable due to small number of observations

Table 5
Observations meeting data quality criteria for individual arterial validation segments
in the state of Virginia

TMC	SPEED BIN	Data Quality Measures for								No. of Obs.
		1.96 SEM Band				Mean				
		Speed Error Bias		Average Absolute Speed Error		Speed Error Bias		Average Absolute Speed Error		
		No. falling inside the band	% falling inside the band	No. falling within 5 mph of the band	% falling within 5 mph of the band	No. equal to the mean	% equal to the mean	No. within 5 mph of the mean	% within 5 mph of the mean	
VA10-0001	0-15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	15-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	25-35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	35+	84	10%	480	55%	182	21%	559	64%	879
VA10-0002	0-15	1	13%	2	25%	1	13%	2	25%	8*
	15-25	0	0%	43	49%	1	1%	51	59%	87
	25-35	14	14%	58	59%	32	33%	66	67%	98
	35+	41	14%	194	66%	79	27%	212	73%	292
VA10-0005	0-15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	15-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	25-35	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	14*
	35+	112	15%	522	70%	212	28%	572	77%	744
VA10-0006	0-15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	15-25	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3*
	25-35	8	11%	28	39%	14	19%	37	51%	72
	35+	257	19%	894	67%	481	36%	988	74%	1329
VA10-0007	0-15	0	0%	3	4%	0	0%	3	4%	72
	15-25	5	3%	21	13%	11	7%	27	17%	157
	25-35	24	7%	158	44%	66	18%	212	59%	362
	35+	35	23%	106	71%	59	40%	113	76%	149
VA10-0008	0-15	7	10%	39	54%	10	14%	43	60%	72
	15-25	180	20%	667	73%	319	35%	726	80%	913
	25-35	48	13%	212	59%	97	27%	253	71%	358
	35+	1	2%	9	17%	6	11%	15	28%	53
VA10-0009	0-15	0	0%	1	14%	1	14%	2	29%	7*
	15-25	6	13%	25	52%	9	19%	27	56%	48
	25-35	55	16%	229	67%	103	30%	267	78%	343
	35+	11	5%	62	27%	22	10%	73	32%	231
VA10-0010	0-15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	15-25	1	1%	14	19%	2	3%	20	27%	74
	25-35	110	15%	473	65%	205	28%	523	72%	727
	35+	111	21%	405	76%	192	36%	436	82%	534

*Results in the specified row may not be reliable due to small number of observations

Table 5 (Cont'd)
Observations meeting data quality criteria for individual arterial validation segments
in the state of Virginia

TMC	SPEED BIN	Data Quality Measures for								No. of Obs.
		1.96 SEM Band				Mean				
		Speed Error Bias		Average Absolute Speed Error		Speed Error Bias		Average Absolute Speed Error		
		No. falling inside the band	% falling inside the band	No. falling within 5 mph of the band	% falling within 5 mph of the band	No. equal to the mean	% equal to the mean	No. within 5 mph of the mean	% within 5 mph of the mean	
VA10-0011	0-15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	15-25	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	12*
	25-35	25	15%	115	69%	52	31%	129	77%	167
	35+	142	13%	725	67%	257	24%	815	75%	1083
VA10-0012	0-15	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	14*
	15-25	13	5%	120	43%	29	10%	146	53%	278
	25-35	48	25%	149	78%	75	39%	160	84%	190
	35+	1	5%	10	45%	3	14%	13	59%	22*
VA10-0013	0-15	8	2%	90	21%	15	3%	113	26%	433
	15-25	95	14%	418	60%	197	28%	479	69%	699
	25-35	27	16%	101	61%	52	31%	119	72%	166
	35+	0	0%	5	36%	1	7%	7	50%	14*
VA10-0014	0-15	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2*
	15-25	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3*
	25-35	2	8%	13	52%	6	24%	17	68%	25*
	35+	54	10%	300	56%	102	19%	321	60%	539
VA10-0015	0-15	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2*
	15-25	3	18%	5	29%	5	29%	5	29%	17*
	25-35	8	5%	30	20%	14	9%	62	42%	149
	35+	257	21%	828	67%	466	38%	933	75%	1238
VA10-0016	0-15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	15-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	25-35	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1*
	35+	109	19%	443	76%	200	34%	476	81%	585
VA10-0019	0-15	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	5*
	15-25	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	9*
	25-35	0	0%	1	4%	0	0%	9	32%	28*
	35+	54	16%	244	72%	90	26%	256	75%	340
VA10-0020	0-15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	15-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	25-35	11	12%	50	53%	24	26%	64	68%	94
	35+	117	17%	439	65%	217	32%	484	71%	680

*Results in the specified row may not be reliable due to small number of observations