





# Long-term travel data in The Netherlands

- In The Netherlands we have several long-term surveys that collect travel data in differing levels of details
- Time budget survey (TBO):
  - every 5 years; last time in 2011; executed by SCP/SN;  $\pm$  2000 households; cross-section; record all activities during one week for every 10 min; extensive list of personal and household characteristics; limited amount of mobility data
- Dutch National Travel Survey (OVG/MON/OViN):
  - continuous survey;  $\pm$  40,000 individuals; executed by SN; cross-section; record all trips/trip stages for one day; limited number of personal and household characteristics; more elaborate mobility data
- Longitudinal Mobility Survey (LVO):
  - 1984-1989;  $\pm$  1,500 households; same group of respondents (panel); record all trips/trip stages for one week; extensive list of personal and household characteristics; more elaborate mobility data
- KiM, University of Twente and Goudappel Coffeng initiated development of new travel panel survey – The Netherlands Mobility Panel (MPN)



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- enable estimation of behavioural travel choice models
- uncover individual day-to-day variation (habit)



## MPN's size and composition

- 2000 complete households and 4400 respondents
- Funding for 2013-2016, 1 wave per year
- Online screening, household and individual questionnaires
- Three-day online travel diary
- Household members 12+
- September till November (except fall holidays)
- Stratified sample drawn from access panel
- Opportunity to ask additional questions to same respondents and repeat survey for new respondents



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- communication and instruction, e.g. **sms, telephonic and e-mail reminders, instruction manual, film and lay-in, with or without logo, with or without incentives, helpdesk and 24-hours online assistance, additional 72 hours to fill out diary**



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- implementation and visualisation, e.g. webpage lay-out, with or without automated checks and warnings
- sample selection, e.g. sample drawn from population register or **access panel, only in Dutch** or translated into different languages, mixed-mode or **only web-based**, do or **don't provide Internet access for all respondents**, rotating or **non-rotating refreshment scheme**



# Webpage to fill out locations, activities and times


**TNS Nipo** Logged in as Test001 | Log out

[Home](#) [My addresses](#) [Daily Schedules](#) [Change password](#)

[Day 1](#) [Day 2](#) [Day 3](#)



Daily schedule for Friday September 12 2014

Your next location is **Office**  [Change location](#)

 At what time did you arrive? 09:03  I arrived the next day


What did you do? Pald job at a fixed location


At what time did you leave? 17:30  I did not leave this location

Where did you go? Supermarket  

The locations you have visited today

	Location	Time of arrival	Activity	Time of departure
00.00	Home		Activities at home	07.45
	School	08.11	Dropping off people	08.25
	Office	09.03	Work outdoors - Paid job at a fixed location	17.30

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# Check locations, activities and times

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Time	Location	Time of arrival	Activity	Time of departure
00:00	Home		at home	07:45
08:11	Office		at work	08:25
08:12	Office		at work	17:30
08:25	Office		at work	18:37
09:03	Office		at work	20:04
17:30	Office		at work	21:42
18:12	Office		at work	23:59
18:37	Office		at work	
18:45	Home		at home	
20:04	Home		at home	

Between 9.00h and 17.30h you were at the location Office.  
Is that correct?

Yes  No



# Check trips

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Supermarket		Shopping groceries	18.37
Home		Activities at home	20.04
Home		Active participation	21.42
Home		Activities at home	23.59

Between 17.30h and 18.12h you made a movement between **Office** and **Supermarket**.  
Is that correct?

Yes  No



# Webpage to fill out trips and trip stages

**TNS** **TNS Nipo** Logged in as **Test005** [Log out](#)

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The next questions concern your movements on 14-09-2014 from the office to the supermarket between 17.30 and 18.12

The means of transportation you have already entered

Means of transport	Delete
Walking	
Public transport – Tram	
Public transport – Train	

Have you switched or changes your means of transport?  Yes  No

Which means of transport have you used for this movement?

How many people were you travelling with?





## Travel diary assessment I

- Compare travel data collected with our MPN travel diary to travel data collected for the Dutch National Travel Survey OViN by Statistics Netherlands
- Test if and to what extent differences in trip characteristics are caused by differences in diary design, such as: place-based vs. trip-based diary, dedicated website vs. web-based travel questionnaire, directly applying logical constraints and logical relations during trip and trip stage reporting

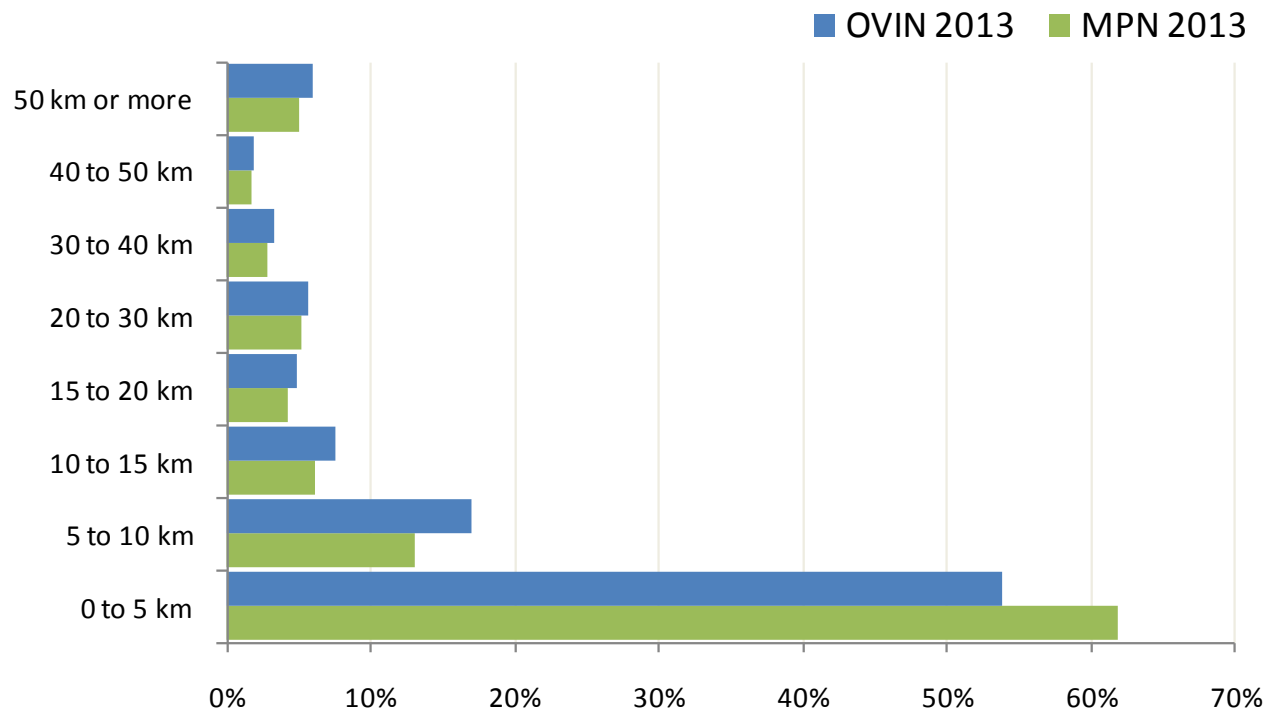


## Reported mobility

- In MPN compared to OViN:
  - number of reported trips pppd, average travel distance pppd and average travel time pppd are higher
  - average travel distance and travel time per trip are lower
  - more short trips (especially walking and cycling trips) are reported
  - more non-home-based trips are reported
  - more infrequent or incidental trips are reported

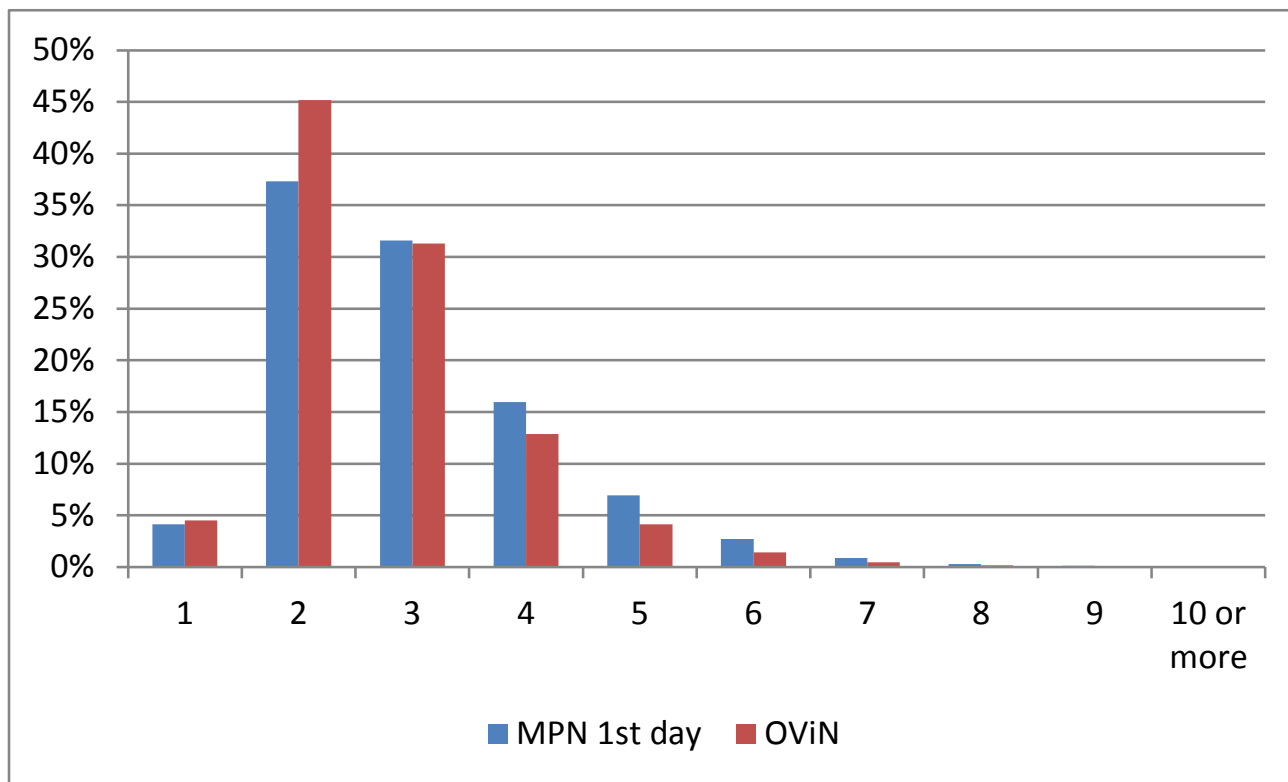


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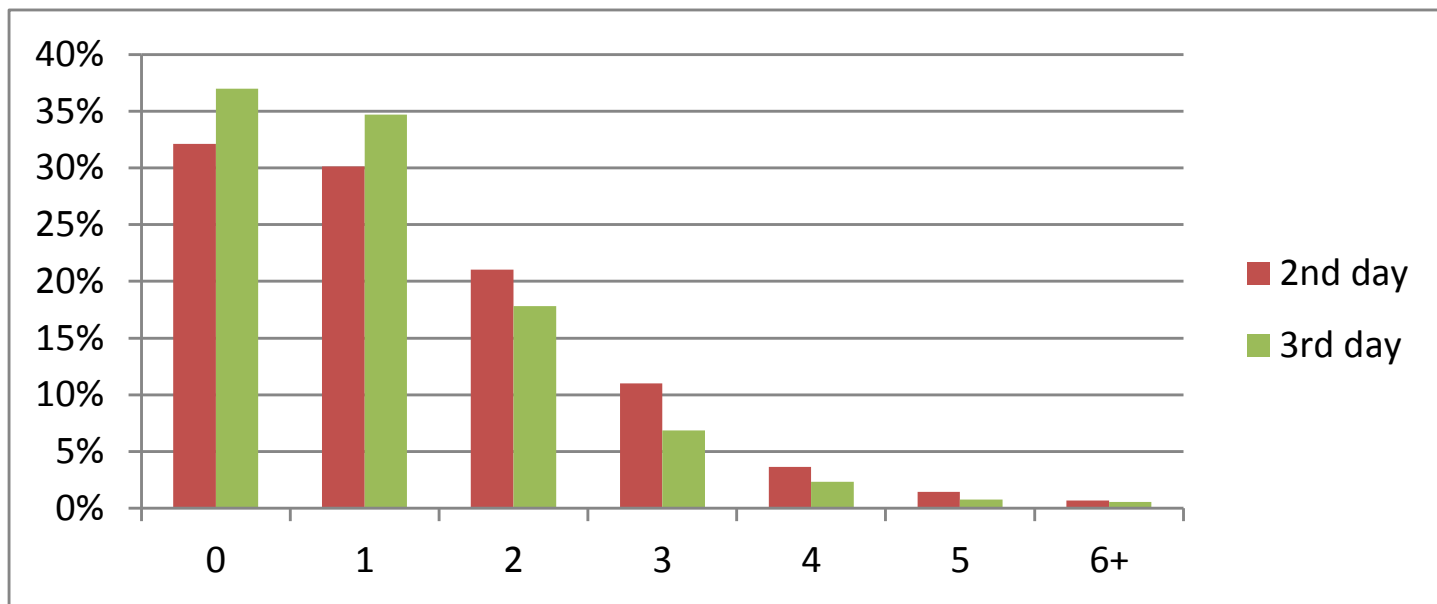


## Travel diary assessment II

- Study variation in day-to-day variation in trip and response characteristics and determine how that relates to findings from literature

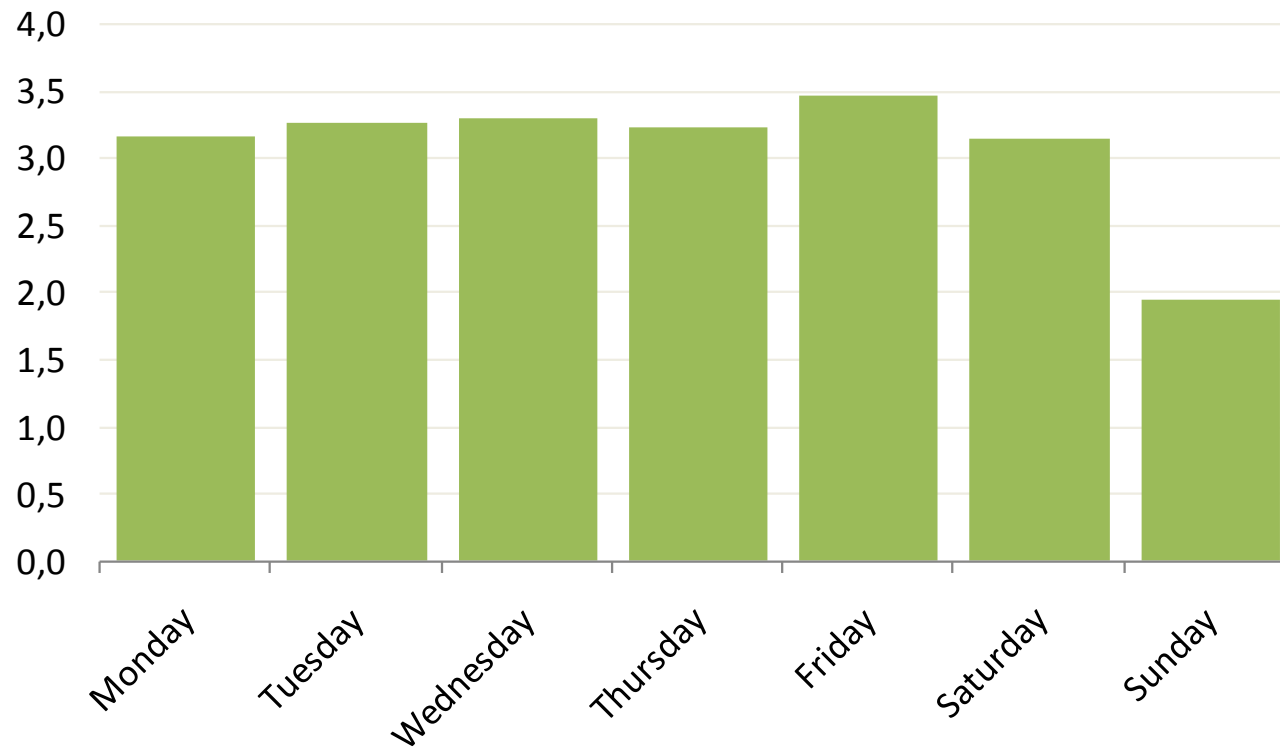


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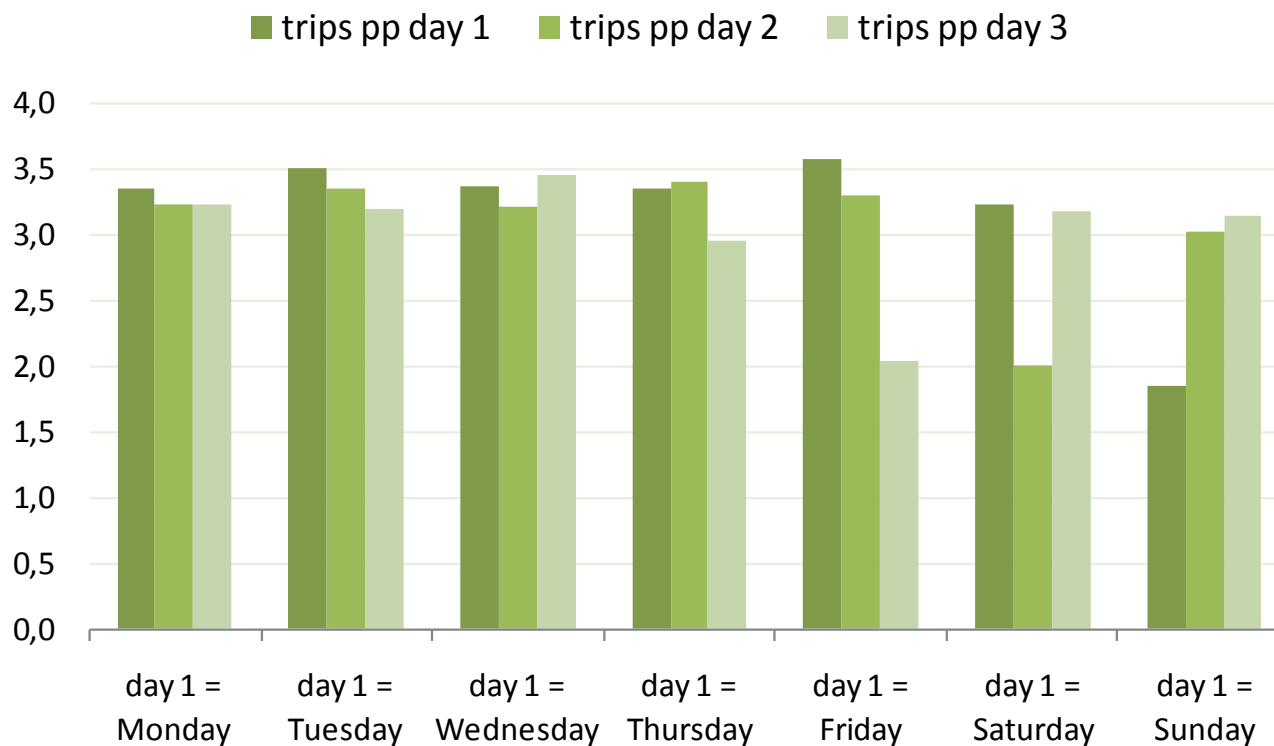


# Day-to-day variation in number of reported trips





# Diary fatigue







## Travel diary assessment III

- To assess data collection process and newly developed diary, in-depth face-to-face interviews were held with a small random subsample of respondents in parallel to wave 1
- Interviews structured with questions about:
  - look&feel MPN-website
  - understanding web-based diary
  - instruction manual / film and animation movie
  - helpdesk
  - household response behaviour
  - practical issues



## Main results from in-depth interviews

- Interaction between household members filling out web-based diary had a positive impact on number of fully responding households
- Gatekeeper plays important role:
  - Reads instruction manual and/or watches instruction film
  - Reminds household members when the research starts, to bring the memory jogger and to fill out web-based diary
  - Sometimes fills out online diary for other household members
  - Sometimes fills in gaps in children's memory joggers



## Conclusions

- Our travel diary design appears to be providing reliable travel data
- Our journey just started! First data analysis steps:
  - Travel behaviour of regular and irregular e-shoppers
  - Changes in shopping mobility due to e-shopping
  - Mode choice of commuter trips
  - Retrospective study of life events
  - Impact of (in-car) traffic information on travel behaviour
  - Attitudes of young adults on car use and car ownership