While car occupancy stayed nearly constant from 1995 to 2009, most other vehicle types showed increased occupancy. Vans and sport utility vehicles have higher vehicle occupancies than cars.

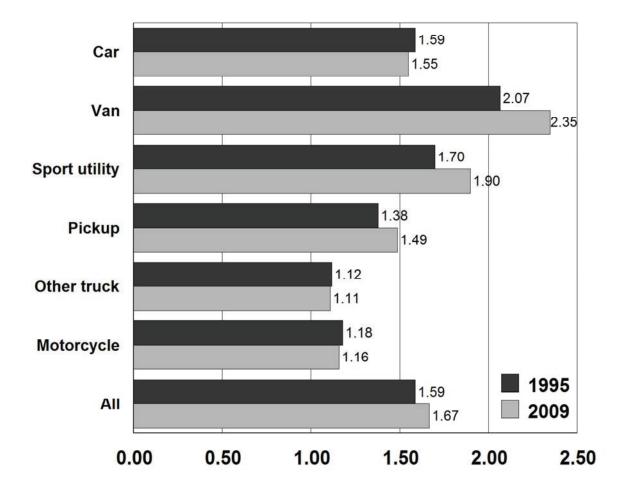


Figure 8.1. Average Vehicle Occupancy by Vehicle Type, 1995 NPTS and 2009 NHTS

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