

# Urban Congestion Report (UCR)

A Snapshot of Congestion Trends in the U.S. for January 2011 through March 2011



Federal Highway Administration

<p><b>Monthly Trends -- Congested Hours</b></p>	<p><b><u>Congested Hours</u></b> Average duration of weekday congestion</p> <p><b>+9 minutes</b> from last year</p> <p>↑</p> <p>Jan-Mar 2011: 4:26 Jan-Mar 2010: 4:17</p>
<p><b>Monthly Trends -- Travel Time Index</b></p>	<p><b><u>Travel Time Index</u></b> Peak period travel times vs. off-peak travel times</p> <p><b>+1 point</b> from last year</p> <p>↑</p> <p>Jan-Mar 2011: 1.21 Jan-Mar 2010: 1.20</p>
<p><b>Monthly Trends -- Planning Time Index</b></p>	<p><b><u>Planning Time Index</u></b> Unreliability (variability) of travel</p> <p><b>+2 points</b> from last year</p> <p>↑</p> <p>Jan-Mar 2011: 1.51 Jan-Mar 2010: 1.49</p>

## Summary of Nationwide Trends

- All three nationwide measures in 2011 showed slightly worsening conditions when compared to the same three months in 2010.
- Three of the 19 cities showed improvements in all three measures.
- Nine of the 19 cities showed worsening conditions in all three measures.
- Seven of the 19 cities had mixed results among the three measures.

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City	Congested Hours		Travel Time Index		Planning Time Index		% Change in VMT	% Usable Data
	2011	Change from 2010	2011	Change from 2010	2011	Change from 2010		
Atlanta, GA	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Boston, MA	5:23	<b>+1:21</b>	1.25	<b>+6</b>	1.71	<b>+18</b>	-6%	100%
Chicago, IL	7:15	<b>+0:46</b>	1.28	<b>+3</b>	1.67	<b>+5</b>	+3%	70%
Detroit, MI	3:25	<b>+0:30</b>	1.13	<b>-1</b>	1.59	<b>+18</b>	0%	41%
Houston, TX	3:42	<b>-0:38</b>	1.23	<b>-7</b>	1.56	<b>-11</b>	0%	82%
Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN	4:21	<b>+0:09</b>	1.20	<b>+1</b>	1.67	<b>-2</b>	0%	99%
Oklahoma City, OK	2:34	<b>+0:14</b>	1.07	<b>+1</b>	1.27	<b>+6</b>	-4%	100%
Orange County, CA	3:34	<b>-0:19</b>	1.19	<b>-2</b>	1.46	<b>-6</b>	+1%	94%
Los Angeles, CA	6:13	<b>-0:20</b>	1.30	0	1.61	<b>+1</b>	0%	94%
Philadelphia, PA	5:39	<b>+0:49</b>	1.24	<b>+2</b>	1.61	<b>+6</b>	-1%	95%
Phoenix, AZ	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Pittsburgh, PA	6:15	<b>-1:12</b>	1.22	<b>+1</b>	1.57	<b>+6</b>	+5%	98%
Portland, OR	1:25	<b>+0:05</b>	1.23	<b>+4</b>	1.67	<b>+12</b>	-2%	33%
Providence, RI	3:38	<b>+1:15</b>	1.14	<b>+6</b>	1.49	<b>+21</b>	-4%	100%
Riverside – San Bernardino, CA	2:53	<b>-0:13</b>	1.12	<b>+1</b>	1.31	<b>+2</b>	-1%	94%
Sacramento, CA	2:00	<b>-0:29</b>	1.08	<b>-2</b>	1.24	<b>-9</b>	0%	94%
St. Louis, MO	3:22	<b>+1:02</b>	1.09	<b>+1</b>	1.35	<b>+9</b>	+5%	96%
Salt Lake City, UT	2:14	<b>+1:00</b>	1.03	0	1.10	<b>-3</b>	1%	99%
San Antonio, TX	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
San Diego, CA	2:19	<b>+0:03</b>	1.12	<b>+2</b>	1.35	<b>+5</b>	-1%	94%
San Francisco, CA	2:51	<b>-0:06</b>	1.13	0	1.32	<b>-3</b>	+1%	94%
Seattle, WA	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Tampa, FL	3:39	<b>+0:42</b>	1.15	<b>+3</b>	1.38	<b>+9</b>	+6%	87%

Notes: Green bolded values indicate improving conditions; red italics indicate worsening conditions. "n.a." indicates that data was not available or was of insufficient quality. Comparison of 2011 to 2010 is for the same three-month period (January – March).

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