




Urban Congestion Report (UCR)

A Snapshot of Congestion Trends in the U.S. for October 2011 through December 2011



<p>Monthly Trends -- Congested Hours</p>	<p><u>Congested Hours</u> Average duration of weekday congestion</p> <p>-22 minutes from last year</p> <p></p> <p>Oct-Dec 2011: 4:30 Oct-Dec 2010: 4:52</p>
<p>Monthly Trends -- Travel Time Index</p>	<p><u>Travel Time Index</u> Peak period travel times vs. off-peak travel times</p> <p>-1 point from last year</p> <p></p> <p>Oct-Dec 2011: 1.22 Oct-Dec 2010: 1.23</p>
<p>Monthly Trends -- Planning Time Index</p>	<p><u>Planning Time Index</u> Unreliability (variability) of travel</p> <p>-3 points from last year</p> <p></p> <p>Oct-Dec 2011: 1.52 Oct-Dec 2010: 1.55</p>

Summary of Nationwide Trends

- Congested hours improved (22 minutes shorter), the travel time index improved slightly (by 1 point), and the planning time index improved by 3 points. All measures compared the most recent 3 months in 2011 to the same 3 months in 2010.
- Eight of the 18 cities showed improvements in all three measures.
- Six of the 18 cities showed worsening conditions in all three measures.
- Five of the 18 cities had stable or 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	5:37	+0:01	1.32	+2	1.78	+2	-2%	100%
Chicago, IL	7:13	+0:14	1.35	+3	1.77	+8	-2%	77%
Detroit, MI	2:53	-0:14	1.12	0	1.39	-4	0%	100%
Houston, TX	3:46	+0:17	1.26	+2	1.62	+11	0%	83%
Los Angeles, CA	5:53	-1:21	1.29	-5	1.61	-9	0%	100%
Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN	3:43	-1:00	1.18	-5	1.44	-29	+3%	98%
Oklahoma City, OK	1:55	+0:21	1.07	+1	1.21	+3	-2%	100%
Orange County, CA	3:57	-0:48	1.22	-4	1.51	-13	-2%	100%
Philadelphia, PA	5:23	-0:25	1.27	-1	1.67	-5	0%	100%
Phoenix, AZ	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Pittsburgh, PA	6:28	-0:13	1.26	+5	1.59	+13	+1%	100%
Portland, OR	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Providence, RI	3:46	+0:46	1.15	+1	1.45	+7	0%	100%
Riverside – San Bernardino, CA	3:03	-0:32	1.13	-2	1.34	-7	+2%	100%
Sacramento, CA	1:59	-0:32	1.10	-1	1.26	-5	-1%	100%
St. Louis, MO	3:54	+2:07	1.10	+1	1.31	+5	-4%	93%
Salt Lake City, UT	1:33	-2:22	1.04	-2	1.15	-13	+1%	98%
San Antonio, TX	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
San Diego, CA	2:38	-0:13	1.14	-1	1.39	-3	-1%	100%
San Francisco, CA	3:36	+0:08	1.18	+1	1.40	0	-3%	100%
Seattle, WA	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Tampa, FL	3:05	+0:40	1.13	0	1.31	0	-2%	100%

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 (October – December).

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