

Urban Congestion Report (UCR)

A Snapshot of Congestion Trends in the U.S. for April 2012 through June 2012



<p>Monthly Trends -- Congested Hours</p>	<p><u>Congested Hours</u> Average duration of weekday congestion</p> <p>+1 minute from last year</p> <p>↑</p> <p>Apr-Jun 2012: 4:23 Apr-Jun 2011: 4:22</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>Apr-Jun 2012: 1.21 Apr-Jun 2011: 1.20</p>
<p>Monthly Trends -- Planning Time Index</p>	<p><u>Planning Time Index</u> Unreliability (variability) of travel</p> <p>+1 point from last year</p> <p>↑</p> <p>Apr-Jun 2012: 1.47 Apr-Jun 2011: 1.46</p>

Summary of Nationwide Trends

- Congested hours increased slightly (1 minutes longer), and both the travel time index and planning time index worsened slightly (by 1 point). All measures compared the most recent 3 months in 2012 to the same 3 months in 2011.
- 4 of the 19 cities (21%) showed improvements in all three measures.
- 6 of the 19 cities (32%) showed worsening conditions in all three measures.
- 9 of the 19 cities (47%) had stable or mixed results among the three measures.

More UCR on page 2: Congestion and reliability trends for each UCR City.

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City	Congested Hours		Travel Time Index		Planning Time Index		% Change in VMT	% Usable Data
	2012	Change from 2011	2012	Change from 2011	2012	Change from 2011		
Atlanta, GA	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Boston, MA	5:40	-0:15	1.29	0	1.70	+1	-1%	100%
Chicago, IL	8:23	+0:19	1.32	-2	1.65	-5	-3%	86%
Detroit, MI	2:34	-0:09	1.11	-1	1.33	-6	-4%	100%
Houston, TX	4:06	+0:49	1.30	+8	1.68	+19	-2%	92%
Los Angeles, CA	5:52	-0:15	1.26	-1	1.54	-1	0%	100%
Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN	4:14	+0:41	1.23	+5	1.52	+7	+4%	99%
Oklahoma City, OK	1:25	-0:04	1.06	+1	1.18	+2	+1%	100%
Orange County, CA	3:22	-0:03	1.19	+2	1.41	-2	0%	100%
Philadelphia, PA	5:21	-0:29	1.23	-1	1.58	-5	+1%	100%
Phoenix, AZ	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Pittsburgh, PA	5:50	-0:52	1.23	-7	1.44	-23	+5%	100%
Portland, OR	1:43	0:00	1.26	+3	1.66	+1	-8%	31%
Providence, RI	2:39	-0:14	1.12	+1	1.33	+1	+3%	100%
Riverside – San Bernardino, CA	2:46	+0:19	1.10	+1	1.25	+2	+3%	100%
Sacramento, CA	1:34	-0:07	1.07	+1	1.20	+2	-1%	100%
St. Louis, MO	3:41	+0:47	1.08	-1	1.23	-3	+9%	95%
Salt Lake City, UT	1:38	+0:20	1.06	+3	1.18	+6	+2%	98%
San Antonio, TX	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
San Diego, CA	2:09	0:00	1.10	+1	1.27	+2	-1%	100%
San Francisco, CA	3:53	+1:15	1.17	+5	1.39	+11	-1%	100%
Seattle, WA	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Tampa, FL	3:28	+0:50	1.15	+4	1.34	+8	-1%	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 2012 to 2011 is for the same three-month period (April – June).

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