




# Urban Congestion Report (UCR)

A Snapshot of Congestion Trends in the U.S. for January 2012 through March 2012



<p><b>Monthly Trends -- Congested Hours</b></p>	<p><b><u>Congested Hours</u></b> Average duration of weekday congestion</p> <p><b>-30 minutes</b> from last year</p> <p></p> <p>Jan-Mar 2012: 3:58 Jan-Mar 2011: 4:28</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>-2 points</b> from last year</p> <p></p> <p>Jan-Mar 2012: 1.19 Jan-Mar 2011: 1.21</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>-6 points</b> from last year</p> <p></p> <p>Jan-Mar 2012: 1.46 Jan-Mar 2011: 1.52</p>

## Summary of Nationwide Trends

- Congested hours improved (30 minutes shorter), the travel time index improved slightly (by 2 points), and the planning time index improved by 6 points. All measures compared the most recent 3 months in 2012 to the same 3 months in 2011.
- Nine of the 19 cities (47%) showed improvements in all three measures.
- Three of the 19 cities (16%) showed worsening conditions in all three measures.
- Seven of the 19 cities (37%) 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
	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	3:39	<b>-1:43</b>	1.18	<b>-7</b>	1.48	<b>-23</b>	+6%	100%
Chicago, IL	6:03	<b>-1:12</b>	1.26	<b>-2</b>	1.68	<b>+1</b>	-6%	84%
Detroit, MI	2:34	<b>-1:03</b>	1.08	<b>-7</b>	1.28	<b>-32</b>	+3%	100%
Houston, TX	4:26	<b>+0:44</b>	1.32	<b>+9</b>	1.77	<b>+21</b>	-2%	83%
Los Angeles, CA	5:24	<b>-0:50</b>	1.26	<b>-4</b>	1.52	<b>-9</b>	+1%	100%
Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN	2:56	<b>-1:26</b>	1.12	<b>-8</b>	1.39	<b>-28</b>	+4%	100%
Oklahoma City, OK	1:59	<b>-0:35</b>	1.06	<b>-1</b>	1.19	<b>-8</b>	+4%	100%
Orange County, CA	3:24	<b>-0:10</b>	1.20	<b>+1</b>	1.43	<b>-3</b>	-3%	100%
Philadelphia, PA	4:00	<b>-1:38</b>	1.20	<b>-4</b>	1.49	<b>-12</b>	+6%	100%
Phoenix, AZ	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Pittsburgh, PA	5:23	<b>-0:52</b>	1.22	0	1.49	<b>-8</b>	+6%	100%
Portland, OR	1:35	<b>+0:10</b>	1.24	<b>+1</b>	1.69	<b>+2</b>	-7%	31%
Providence, RI	2:54	<b>-0:44</b>	1.09	<b>-5</b>	1.26	<b>-23</b>	+7%	100%
Riverside – San Bernardino, CA	2:38	<b>-0:15</b>	1.10	<b>-2</b>	1.26	<b>-5</b>	+2%	100%
Sacramento, CA	1:52	<b>-0:08</b>	1.08	0	1.25	<b>+1</b>	0%	100%
St. Louis, MO	5:57	<b>+2:35</b>	1.06	<b>-3</b>	1.23	<b>-12</b>	+9%	95%
Salt Lake City, UT	1:54	<b>-0:04</b>	1.04	<b>+1</b>	1.15	<b>+5</b>	+1%	98%
San Antonio, TX	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
San Diego, CA	2:18	<b>-0:01</b>	1.11	<b>-1</b>	1.31	<b>-4</b>	-2%	100%
San Francisco, CA	3:06	<b>+0:15</b>	1.15	<b>+2</b>	1.34	<b>+2</b>	-1%	100%
Seattle, WA	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Tampa, FL	3:44	<b>+0:05</b>	1.16	<b>+1</b>	1.37	<b>-1</b>	-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 (January – March).

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