




# Urban Congestion Report (UCR)

A Snapshot of Congestion Trends in the U.S. for July 2011 through September 2011



<p><b>Monthly Trends -- Congested Hours</b></p>	<p><b><u>Congested Hours</u></b> Average duration of weekday congestion</p> <p><b>+7 minutes</b> from last year</p> <p></p> <p>Jul-Sep 2011: 4:21 Jul-Sep 2010: 4:14</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>Jul-Sep 2011: 1.19 Jul-Sep 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>-5 points</b> from last year</p> <p></p> <p>Jul-Sep 2011: 1.41 Jul-Sep 2010: 1.46</p>

## Summary of Nationwide Trends

- Congested hours were slightly worse (7 minutes longer) while the travel time index and planning time index improved slightly. All measures compared the most recent 3 months in 2011 to the same 3 months in 2010.
- Six of the 19 cities showed improvements in all three measures.
- Two of the 19 cities showed worsening conditions in all three measures.
- Eleven of the 19 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	5:48	<i>+0:17</i>	1.25	0	1.63	0	-2%	100%
Chicago, IL	7:48	<i>+0:42</i>	1.33	0	1.65	<b>-4</b>	+6%	71%
Detroit, MI	3:00	0	1.12	0	1.38	<b>+3</b>	+3%	100%
Houston, TX	2:37	<b>-0:54</b>	1.17	<b>-8</b>	1.28	<b>-29</b>	0%	83%
Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN	3:49	<b>-0:25</b>	1.19	<b>+1</b>	1.44	<b>-1</b>	0%	90%
Oklahoma City, OK	2:01	<i>+0:35</i>	1.07	<b>+2</b>	1.20	<b>+4</b>	-2%	100%
Orange County, CA	3:32	<b>-0:23</b>	1.18	<b>-3</b>	1.42	<b>-5</b>	-4%	99%
Los Angeles, CA	5:34	<b>-1:00</b>	1.24	<b>-3</b>	1.48	<b>-5</b>	-2%	99%
Philadelphia, PA	5:29	<b>-0:36</b>	1.21	<b>-1</b>	1.60	<b>+1</b>	-3%	100%
Phoenix, AZ	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Pittsburgh, PA	6:39	<b>-0:04</b>	1.29	<b>+10</b>	1.67	<b>+22</b>	-1%	100%
Portland, OR	1:54	<i>+0:04</i>	1.25	0	1.62	<b>-4</b>	-3%	33%
Providence, RI	2:59	<i>+0:29</i>	1.11	<b>+2</b>	1.32	<b>+4</b>	-2%	100%
Riverside – San Bernardino, CA	2:22	<b>-0:21</b>	1.09	<b>-1</b>	1.25	<b>-2</b>	0%	99%
Sacramento, CA	1:47	<b>-0:10</b>	1.08	<b>-1</b>	1.20	<b>-3</b>	-3%	98%
St. Louis, MO	3:06	<i>+1:26</i>	1.08	0	1.23	<b>-1</b>	-3%	96%
Salt Lake City, UT	1:11	<i>+0:03</i>	1.04	0	1.13	<b>+1</b>	-7%	68%
San Antonio, TX	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
San Diego, CA	2:08	<b>-0:13</b>	1.10	<b>-1</b>	1.27	<b>-5</b>	-3%	99%
San Francisco, CA	3:01	<b>-0:11</b>	1.14	0	1.30	<b>-2</b>	-2%	99%
Seattle, WA	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Tampa, FL	2:58	<i>+0:46</i>	1.11	0	1.29	0	-6%	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 (July – September).

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