

Urban Congestion Report (UCR)

A Snapshot of Congestion Trends in the U.S. for October 2009 through December 2009



Federal Highway Administration

<p>Monthly Trends -- Congested Hours</p> <p>2007 2008 2009</p>	<p><u>Congested Hours</u> Average duration of weekday congestion</p> <p>-21 minutes from last year</p> <p>↓</p> <p>Oct-Dec 2009: 4:27 Oct-Dec 2008: 4:48</p>
<p>Monthly Trends -- Travel Time Index</p> <p>2007 2008 2009</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 2009: 1.22 Oct-Dec 2008: 1.23</p>
<p>Monthly Trends -- Planning Time Index</p> <p>2007 2008 2009</p>	<p><u>Planning Time Index</u> Unreliability (variability) of travel</p> <p>-4 points from last year</p> <p>↓</p> <p>Oct-Dec 2009: 1.54 Oct-Dec 2008: 1.58</p>

Summary of Nationwide Trends

- All three nationwide measures showed slight improvements when compared to the same three months in 2008.
- Ten of the 21 cities showed improvements in all three measures.
- Three of the 21 cities showed worsening conditions in all three measures.
- Three of the 21 cities were mostly unchanged.
- Five of the 21 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
	2009	Change from 2008	2009	Change from 2008	2009	Change from 2008		
Atlanta, GA	3:49	-1:46	1.24	+3	1.66	+9	-6%	58%
Boston, MA	4:33	-0:36	1.25	-1	1.63	-9	1%	98%
Chicago, IL	8:41	-1:20	1.36	-1	1.83	-9	-1%	83%
Detroit, MI	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Houston, TX	4:25	-0:13	1.29	-2	1.71	-6	-4%	80%
Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN	4:15	-0:24	1.20	-3	1.63	-9	-1%	99%
Oklahoma City, OK	2:14	+0:56	1.06	+1	1.20	+5	-1%	100%
Orange County, CA	3:54	-0:30	1.21	-3	1.50	-6	0%	100%
Los Angeles, CA	6:37	+0:07	1.31	-1	1.62	-8	-1%	100%
Philadelphia, PA	5:04	+0:03	1.24	+5	1.62	+11	0%	92%
Phoenix, AZ	2:18	-0:36	1.13	-6	1.34	-13	-1%	99%
Pittsburgh, PA	6:20	+0:02	1.18	-2	1.43	-3	6%	98%
Portland, OR	1:41	-0:37	1.26	-6	1.72	-21	6%	33%
Providence, RI	2:46	-0:03	1.11	+1	1.33	-2	-1%	100%
Riverside – San Bernardino, CA	2:52	+0:10	1.11	+1	1.30	+2	-1%	100%
Sacramento, CA	2:09	-0:25	1.10	-3	1.25	-9	-3%	100%
St. Louis, MO	2:00	-0:30	1.10	+2	1.31	+2	17%	99%
Salt Lake City, UT	2:35	-0:44	1.07	+1	1.32	+10	-2%	98%
San Antonio, TX	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
San Diego, CA	2:14	+0:05	1.09	-1	1.28	-1	1%	100%
San Francisco, CA	3:20	0:00	1.16	-1	1.38	0	-2%	100%
Seattle, WA	5:41	-0:11	1.33	-2	1.76	-6	5%	99%
Tampa, FL	2:10	-1:17	1.08	-3	1.21	-6	-7%	95%

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 2009 to 2008 is for the same three-month period (October – December).

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