

Urban Congestion Report (UCR)

A Snapshot of Congestion Trends in the U.S. for October 2012 through December 2012



<p>Monthly Trends -- Congested Hours</p>	<p><u>Congested Hours</u> Average duration of weekday congestion</p> <p>No change from last year</p> <p>---</p> <p>Oct-Dec 2012: 4:24 Oct-Dec 2011: 4:24</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>No change from last year</p> <p>---</p> <p>Oct-Dec 2012: 1.23 Oct-Dec 2011: 1.23</p>
<p>Monthly Trends -- Planning Time Index</p>	<p><u>Planning Time Index</u> Unreliability (variability) of travel</p> <p>+2 points from last year</p> <p>↑</p> <p>Oct-Dec 2012: 1.55 Oct-Dec 2011: 1.53</p>

Summary of Nationwide Trends

- Congested hours and the travel time index were unchanged from last year, while the planning time index worsened by 2 points. All measures compared the most recent 3 months in 2012 to the same 3 months in 2011.
- 6 of the 19 cities (32%) showed improvements in all three measures.
- 6 of the 19 cities (32%) showed worsening conditions in all three measures.
- 7 of the 19 cities (36%) 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	6:03	+0:26	1.35	+3	1.86	+8	-3%	100%
Chicago, IL	4:27	-2:45	1.21	-14	1.47	-30	-53%	92%
Detroit, MI	2:55	+0:02	1.11	-1	1.37	-2	-4%	100%
Houston, TX	4:32	+0:45	1.34	+8	1.80	+18	-2%	92%
Los Angeles, CA	6:17	+0:24	1.31	+2	1.67	+6	-1%	100%
Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN	4:49	+1:07	1.24	+6	1.73	+29	-3%	99%
Oklahoma City, OK	1:36	-0:19	1.07	0	1.21	0	1%	99%
Orange County, CA	4:11	+0:14	1.24	+2	1.52	+1	1%	100%
Philadelphia, PA	5:11	-0:12	1.26	-1	1.65	-2	-2%	100%
Phoenix, AZ	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Pittsburgh, PA	5:53	-0:35	1.24	-2	1.50	-9	0%	100%
Portland, OR	2:09	+0:07	1.31	-2	1.83	-2	-5%	32%
Providence, RI	3:27	-0:19	1.15	0	1.42	-3	-1%	100%
Riverside – San Bernardino, CA	2:48	-0:16	1.12	-1	1.29	-5	-1%	99%
Sacramento, CA	1:52	-0:07	1.09	-1	1.25	-1	-2%	100%
St. Louis, MO	5:41	+1:48	1.08	-2	1.24	-7	-1%	97%
Salt Lake City, UT	1:30	-0:03	1.06	+2	1.20	+5	3%	87%
San Antonio, TX	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
San Diego, CA	2:31	-0:07	1.13	-1	1.36	-3	-2%	100%
San Francisco, CA	3:59	+0:22	1.21	+3	1.46	+6	-1%	100%
Seattle, WA	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Tampa, FL	3:00	-0:05	1.15	+2	1.33	+2	-3%	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 (October – December).

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