

Urban Congestion Report (UCR)

A Snapshot of Congestion Trends in the U.S. for January 2013 through March 2013



<p>Monthly Trends -- Congested Hours</p>	<p><u>Congested Hours</u> Average duration of weekday congestion</p> <p>+15 minutes from last year</p> <p>↑</p> <p>Jan-Mar 2013: 4:19 Jan-Mar 2012: 4:04</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>+2 points from last year</p> <p>↑</p> <p>Jan-Mar 2013: 1.21 Jan-Mar 2012: 1.19</p>
<p>Monthly Trends -- Planning Time Index</p>	<p><u>Planning Time Index</u> Unreliability (variability) of travel</p> <p>+5 points from last year</p> <p>↑</p> <p>Jan-Mar 2013: 1.50 Jan-Mar 2012: 1.45</p>

Summary of Nationwide Trends

- All three measures--congested hours, travel time index, and planning time index--worsened by moderate levels. All measures compared the most recent 3 months in 2013 to the same 3 months in 2012.
- 1 of the 18 cities (6%) showed improvements in all three measures.
- 11 of the 18 cities (61%) showed worsening conditions in all three measures.
- 6 of the 18 cities (33%) 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
	2013	Change from 2012	2013	Change from 2012	2013	Change from 2012		
Atlanta, GA	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Boston, MA	4:59	<i>+1:20</i>	1.25	<i>+7</i>	1.73	<i>+25</i>	-6%	99%
Chicago, IL	4:31	-1:32	1.20	-6	1.52	-16	-45%	96%
Detroit, MI	3:19	<i>+0:45</i>	1.12	<i>+4</i>	1.45	<i>+17</i>	-4%	99%
Houston, TX	4:21	-0:06	1.35	<i>+3</i>	1.79	<i>+2</i>	0%	92%
Los Angeles, CA	6:01	<i>+0:37</i>	1.29	<i>+3</i>	1.59	<i>+7</i>	0%	100%
Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN	4:13	<i>+1:18</i>	1.20	<i>+8</i>	1.69	<i>+30</i>	-3%	100%
Oklahoma City, OK	1:58	-0:01	1.08	<i>+2</i>	1.25	<i>+6</i>	-1%	99%
Orange County, CA	3:47	<i>+0:23</i>	1.22	<i>+2</i>	1.46	<i>+3</i>	1%	100%
Philadelphia, PA	5:14	<i>+1:14</i>	1.28	<i>+8</i>	1.66	<i>+17</i>	-3%	99%
Phoenix, AZ	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Pittsburgh, PA	5:46	<i>+0:23</i>	1.22	0	1.45	-4	-5%	99%
Portland, OR	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Providence, RI	3:31	<i>+0:37</i>	1.13	<i>+4</i>	1.39	<i>+13</i>	-1%	99%
Riverside – San Bernardino, CA	2:48	<i>+0:10</i>	1.11	<i>+1</i>	1.27	<i>+1</i>	-1%	100%
Sacramento, CA	1:49	-0:03	1.09	<i>+1</i>	1.25	0	0%	100%
St. Louis, MO	6:36	<i>+0:40</i>	1.06	0	1.23	0	-1%	97%
Salt Lake City, UT	2:37	<i>+0:43</i>	1.07	<i>+3</i>	1.27	<i>+12</i>	0%	85%
San Antonio, TX	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
San Diego, CA	2:21	<i>+0:03</i>	1.12	<i>+1</i>	1.32	<i>+1</i>	-2%	100%
San Francisco, CA	3:17	<i>+0:11</i>	1.17	<i>+2</i>	1.36	<i>+2</i>	0%	100%
Seattle, WA	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Tampa, FL	3:39	-0:05	1.17	<i>+1</i>	1.38	<i>+1</i>	-3%	99%

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 2013 to 2012 is for the same three-month period (January – March).

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