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## New report on traffic congestion in U.S. urban areas

Today, the Texas Transportation Institute (TTI) at Texas A&M released its 2010 Urban Mobility Report on traffic congestion in U.S. urban areas. According to the TTI, the cost of congestion was approximately \$101 billion, which is the same as for 2009, as Americans bought 1.9 billion more gallons of fuel and wasted 4.8 billion hours in travel delays. The TTI study stated that the economic downturn had a leveling effect on congestion costs compared with the previous year, but cautioned that once the economy turns around, those cost will be expected to climb.

According to the TTI's analysis in their the Urban Mobility Report, Washington, D.C. ranks 1st in terms of excess hours lost per commuter due to traffic congestion, and has listed the Boston-NH-RI metro area in 9th place with 47 hours lost due to delay. Other New England areas on the "hours lost" list include Bridgeport-Stamford in 21st (36 hours), New Haven in 36th (28 hours), Hartford in 41st (26 hours), Providence in 67th (19 hours), and Springfield MA-CT and Worcester both tied in 72nd (18 hours).

In terms of congestion costs per commuter, the Boston-NH-RI area again came in 9th at a cost per commuter of \$980. On this measurement, Bridgeport-Stamford came in 21st (\$745), New Haven came in 36th (\$559), Hartford came in 49th (\$501), Providence came in 71st (\$365), Springfield MA-CT came in 75th (\$355), and Worcester came in 76th (\$354).

**To view a full copy of the Urban Mobility Report (in pdf form), please click on the link below:**

[Urban Mobility Report](#)

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