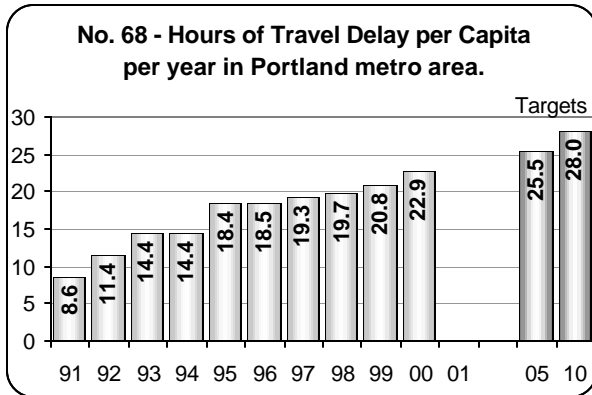


# Transportation

## TRANSPORTATION BENCHMARKS

The primary Oregon Benchmarks related to transportation are: travel delay, single occupancy vehicle commuting, vehicle miles traveled in metropolitan areas, and road conditions.

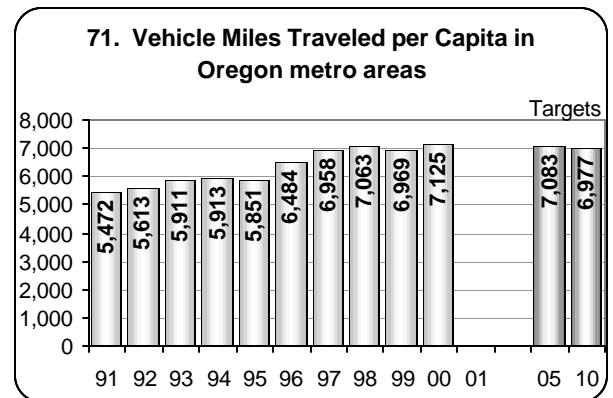


The hours of **travel delay** experienced by drivers is Benchmark 68. This key benchmark measures the hours of travel delay per capita per year in urban areas: a. Portland metro, b. all other. Congestion on Oregon's metropolitan highways has significantly worsened since 1991. This worsening congestion exacts a large toll, resulting in more air pollution, more gasoline use, and higher costs of goods and services. It is also responsible for driver frustration and lost work time.

Large increases in the use of single occupancy vehicles for commuting has contributed to the congestion. Benchmark 70 measures an alternative to **one-person commuting** by examining the percentage of Oregonians who commute to and from work during peak hours by means other than a single occupancy vehicle.

Benchmark 71 measures the number of **vehicle miles traveled** per capita in Oregon metropolitan areas for local, non-commercial trips. More people driving more miles intensifies congestion.

Benchmark 72 – Percentage of **roads in fair or better condition**: a. state, b. county – measures the percentage of roads that do not contain major areas of structural deficiency or instability. The transportation system needs to have the capacity and quality necessary to provide Oregon businesses access to various markets within and beyond Oregon.



Additional benchmarks related to transportation are:

- **Employment Dispersion** – Benchmark 1: Percent of Oregonians employed outside the Willamette Valley and the Portland tri-county area.
- **Net Job Growth** – Benchmark 4: Net change in number of Oregon jobs.
- **Premature Death** – Benchmark 45: Years of life lost before age 70.
- **Independent Seniors** – Benchmark 58: Percent of seniors living independently.
- **Disabled Employment** – Benchmark 59: Percent of adults who are capable of working.
- **Air Quality** – Benchmark 75: Percent of time that the air is healthy to breathe for all Oregonians.
- **Salmon Recovery** – Benchmark 85: Percent of wild native fish populations that are healthy.