Highlights of the
MI Travel Counts III Household Travel Survey

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16,276 households and 36,891 people across the state reporting their weekday travel.

This is a summary of what they told us...
How Do People Travel?

88% of weekday trips are made by people driving alone or sharing a ride with others.

58% of weekday trips use sustainable modes of travel, like shared ride, transit, walk, and bike.
Travel by Walking and Biking

6% of all travel is by walking.
1% is by biking.

About 24% of walk and bike trips are for exercise and recreation.
Why Do People Travel?

- 41% Shopping or Errands
- 26% Work or School
- 18% Social or Recreational
- 11% Pick-up or Drop-off
- 4% Other
On an average weekday, people spend **63** minutes in a vehicle.

Workers spend **79** minutes.

Non-workers and retirees spend **57** minutes.

Children spend **34** minutes.
How do people get to work?

88% of workers in the state drive alone to work.

7% share a ride.

4% walk.

<1% take transit or ride a bike.
Commuters in Michigan drive an average of 13 miles to work, more than 1 mile longer than the national average.

Average weekday commute in the U.S.: 11.8 miles

Average weekday commute in Michigan: 12.9 miles
How long does it take people to get to work?

Average Commute Time Statewide: 23.7 minutes one-way

- Flint Area: 26.0 minutes
- Metro Detroit Area: 25.4 minutes
- Ann Arbor Area: 25.2 minutes
- Jackson Area: 24.6 minutes
- Southern Michigan Rural: 24.1 minutes
- Midland–Bay City–Saginaw: 24.0 minutes
- Muskegon Area: 23.4 minutes
- Greater Lansing Area: 22.2 minutes
- Traverse City Area: 22.1 minutes
- Northern Michigan Rural: 21.6 minutes
- Grand Rapids Area: 21.4 minutes
- Kalamazoo Area: 20.5 minutes
- Battle Creek Area: 19.4 minutes
- Holland Area: 19.0 minutes
- Benton Harbor–St. Joseph–Niles: 19.0 minutes
- Small Cities: 16.5 minutes
When do people travel to and from work?

Most Common Commute Hour: Between 7 and 8 a.m.
How does women’s travel differ from men’s?

Women are **10%** more likely than men to run household errands on an average weekday and **20%** more likely to shop.

Women are **30%** more likely than men to drop-off or pick-up a passenger (often children at school).

When a couple travels together in a car, **80%** of the time the man drives.

Men commute **33%** farther than women on average, **14.5 miles** compared to **10.8 miles** one-way.

Men spend **71 minutes** on average driving per weekday, compared to **61 minutes** for women.
66% of the trips for non-driving seniors* are as a passenger in a car.

17% are by walking.

13% are by transit.

*6.3%, or approximately 90,659, seniors aged 65 and older in the state are not licensed to drive.
Where do people travel on long-distance trips?

53% of long-distance trips are destined within the state of Michigan.

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* each less than 1%
84% of long-distance trips are made in private vehicles.
Thank You
for participating in MI Travel Counts!