



...developing an efficient and sustainable regional transportation system for improved connectivity and mobility.

Pocket Facts

Population:

Current Population (2009 estimate)

- Wake County: 897,214
- Durham County: 269,706
- Orange County: 129,083

Transportation:

Average Commute (2008)

- Wake: 24.1 minutes
- Durham: 22.9 minutes
- Orange: 21.9 minutes

General Transit Facts:

- Each weekday in the Triangle more than 70,000 trips are made on public transportation
- Last year, residents and visitors in the Triangle took over 19 million trips on public transportation
- More than 400 transit vehicles serve our region daily
- From 1995 to 2009,
 - Population grew by 15%
 - Public transportation increased by 31%
 - Use of the nation's highway system increased by 21%

Households

- The average household spends 18 cents of every dollar on transportation
 - 94% of this goes to buying, maintaining and operating cars
- Households that are likely to use public transportation save over \$9,000 each year
- Households near public transit drive around 4,400 miles less per year (223 gallon reduction per year)

Fuel Consumption

- Public transportation saves the U.S. 4.2 billion gallons of gasoline annually
 - More than 3x the amount imported from Kuwait
- Americans living in areas served by public transportation save 646 million hours in travel time and 398 million gallons of fuel annually
- Without public transportation, congestion cost would have been an additional \$13.7 billion

Transportation Industry

- \$48.4 billion industry
- Employs over 380,000 people
- For every \$1 invested, \$4 in returns are generated
- For every \$1 billion invested, 36,000 jobs are created

Sources:

- Sperling's Best Places to Live
- Texas Transportation Institute Mobility Report 2009
- U.S. Census Estimates

Congestion

- Gallons of fuel wasted due to congestion
 - USA: 2.8 Billion
 - 24 gal/person
 - Triangle: 12.7 Million
 - 22 gal/person
- Hours wasted due to congestion
 - USA: 4.2 Billion
 - 36 hrs/person
 - Triangle: 19.6 Million
 - 34 hrs/person
- Annual cost of congestion
 - USA: \$87.2 Billion
 - \$760/traveler
 - Triangle: \$421 Million
 - \$733/traveler

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