

Nationwide transit ridership is under 3%.

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83.6% of workers commute alone in a car, truck, or van.

RITA, Bureau of Transportation Statistics

A reason taxpayers vote for sales tax referenda in support of rail transit is the naïve belief that “the other guy” will now start riding transit, freeing up more road space so they can drive their cars unimpeded.

John Kain, Harvard University

For the 50 largest urbanized areas in the US, Columbus ranked 45 in unlinked passenger trips and 49 in public transportation passenger miles.

2009 Transportation Fact Book

Highway travel has quadrupled since 1970.

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Most transit trips, nearly 60 percent, are started when passengers reach their transit vehicle by walking to a station or street stop.

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People who take public transit are three times more likely than those who don't to meet the recommended 30 minutes of moderate physical activity a day, five days a week.

www.sciencedaily.com

In 2007 the US transit industry employed 370,784 operating employees and 11,889 capital employees. Transit operating employees include workers in the functions of vehicle operations, vehicle maintenance, non-vehicle maintenance, and general administration.

2009 Transportation Fact Book

As more people want to drive the open road, the less likely it is to be open.

Gordon Price, A Politicians & Citizen's Guide to Urban Transportation

Last year China overtook the US to become the world's biggest car market.

The Guardian Weekly

A quarter of all the maize and other grain crops grown in the US now end up as biofuel in cars rather than being used to feed people.

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Last year 107 million tons of grain, mostly corn, was grown by US Farmers to be blended with petrol.

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Though the interstate highway system is now complete, the U.S. spends nearly \$200 million a day constructing, improving, and rehabilitating streets and roads.

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The most important problem with the super-hyper-electro-hybrid vehicles is that they do absolutely nothing to address the disastrous social problems caused by suburban sprawl.

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22.4% of buses used alternative power, 99.5% of commuter rail cars, 100% of heavy rail and trolleybuses, 98.4% of light rail, and 5.3% of paratransit.

2008 Public Transportation Fact Book

There are 6.7 million automobiles registered in Ohio.

RITA, Bureau of Transportation Statistics

Each year, transit passengers reduce the use of fuels by the equivalent of 1.8 billion gallons of gasoline and reduce carbon dioxide emissions by 16.2 million metric tons.

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Rail is a long-term investment, and evaluating it at three or even five years of age is like judging a human infant at that age – it is mostly potential.

Surface Transportation Policy Project,
Washington D.C.

There are 25 urban transit systems and 35 rural systems in Ohio.

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Ohio's public transit fleet includes almost 3,500 vehicles. 92% are wheelchair accessible.

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Ohio is 12th in the nation for public transit ridership. 37th for federal transit funding per trip and 42nd for state funding per trip.

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Each day in Ohio an average of 500,000 riders use public transits.

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One out of every 4 buses in Ohio is 12 years or older, making them less fuel efficient and costlier to operate.

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More than 60,000 square miles of U.S. land is paved over, amounting to 2 percent of the total surface area.

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