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Travel Time Changed Little While Number of Commuters Increases by 100,000

Cincinnati, OH – The amount of time the region's commuters spent driving to work has increased little more than one minute over a ten year period. This result was accomplished even though 100,000 more workers were making the commute. The results are based on a study conducted by the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI) using United States Census data.

"The data clearly shows that the region's economic development and transportation decisions are working hand in hand," said Mark Policinski, Executive Director of OKI. "The transportation network has allowed commuters to be unaffected by the region's sustained growth. Planning for future transportation needs is essential in order to maintain consistent travel time in our region."

Policinski continued, "This is a great report for our region because it indicates that approximately 100,000 more workers are driving to the region and they have a reliable way to work. The data underscores the beneficial relationship between economic development and sound transportation decisions."

The full report, [Inter-County Commuting Patterns Within the OKI Region 1970 – 2000](#), can be found on the OKI website (www.oki.org) under the Transportation/Other Resources heading.

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Mean Travel Times to Work (in minutes)

	1980	1990	2000	Change 1980-2000
Butler	19.5	20.8	23.0	3.5
Clermont	27.9	26.8	28.2	0.3
Hamilton	21.3	21.6	23.0	1.7
Warren	22.5	22.2	24.1	1.6
Boone	24.3	21.8	24.4	0.1
Campbell	23.8	22.7	23.9	0.1
Kenton	22.6	21.5	22.9	0.3
Dearborn	23.4	27.6	30.5	7.1

Longest Shortest

The change in travel time between 1990 and 2000 for both the OKI region (eight counties) and the Cincinnati-Hamilton Metro area (13 counties) was likely little more than one minute.

This is especially intriguing when you consider 100,000 more workers are making the trips in 2000 as compared to 1990 in the Metro area.

The mean travel time for work trips originating in the 49 metropolitan areas across the country with populations over one million in 2000 was 27.9 minutes. So our area fares considerably better than most. In fact, the Cincinnati-Hamilton Metropolitan area had the 18th shortest mean travel time of the 49 metro areas in 2000.