



Monthly Transportation Indicators: September 2018

General Economic Indicators

	2017 Q2	2018 Q2		
Gross Domestic Product				
Real GDP (percent change)	2.1	2.9	▲	38.1%
Employment data	Aug 17	Aug 18		
Unemployed (millions)	7.3	6.4	▼	-12.6%
Labor force participation (percent)	63.0	62.7	▼	-0.5%
Unemployment rate (percent)	4.5	3.9	▼	-13.3%

Transportation Economic Indicators

	2017 Q2	2018 Q2		
Personal spending on transportation (billions chained 2012 \$)				
Motor vehicles and parts	498.0	519.1	▲	4.2%
Gasoline and other energy goods	450.6	444.4	▼	-1.4%
Transportation services	414.0	428.5	▲	3.5%
Transportation employment (thousands)	Aug 17	Aug 18		
Truck transportation	1,470.5	1,506.5	▲	2.4%
Transit and ground passenger transportation	425.5	434.3	▲	2.1%
Air transportation	498.6	509.2	▲	2.1%
Other transportation	330.0	330.1	▲	0.03%

Fuel Prices

	Aug 17	Aug 18		
Highway fuel prices (current \$ per gallon)				
Regular gasoline	2.38	2.84	▲	19.2%
On-highway diesel	2.60	3.22	▲	24.0%

Capital Expenditures

	2017 Q1	2018 Q1		
National Highway Construction Cost Index	1.62	1.66	▲	2.9%
State/local gov't transportation construction spending (millions \$)	Jul 17	Jul 18		
Highway and street	9,721	9,956	▲	2.4%
Land transportation	1,256	1,339	▲	6.6%
Air transportation	971	1,423	▲	46.5%
Water transportation	133	124	▼	-6.8%

Safety

	2017 Q1	2018 Q1		
Highway fatalities	8,250	7,950	▼	-3.6%
Highway fatalities per 100 million vehicle-miles traveled	1.12	1.07	▼	-4.5%
	Aug 17	Aug 18		
General aviation fatalities	16	40	▲	150.0%
Air carrier and air taxi fatalities	0	5	▲	-
	Jun 17	Jun 18		
Rail-only fatalities	73	67	▼	-8.2%
Fatalities at public highway-rail grade crossings	13	13	-	0.0%

Passenger Travel					
Transportation Services Index	Jul 17	Jul 18			
Passenger	127.3	131.8	▲	3.5%	
U.S. airline passengers (millions)	Jun 17	Jun 18			
Domestic	66.7	70.1	▲	5.0%	
International	10.3	10.6	▲	3.3%	
Total	77.0	80.7	▲	4.8%	
Passenger rail travel	Jun 17	Jun 18			
Passengers	2,865,957	2,831,015	▼	-1.2%	
Passenger-miles	626,221,480	588,946,354	▼	-6.0%	
Transit ridership (millions of unlinked passenger trips)	Jul 17	Jul 18			
Urban rail	387.9	393.4	▲	1.4%	
Fixed route bus	357.4	354.0	▼	-0.9%	
Other transit modes	19.4	19.2	▼	-0.8%	
Freight					
Transportation Services Index	Jul 17	Jul 18			
Freight	128.9	135.1	▲	4.8%	
U.S. air carrier cargo (millions of revenue ton-miles)	Jun 17	Jun 18			
Domestic	1,262.9	1,316.3	▲	4.2%	
International	2,179.7	2,383.9	▲	9.4%	
Rail traffic	Aug 17	Aug 18			
Carloads	1,079,993	1,105,660	▲	2.4%	
Intermodal units	1,101,439	1,155,405	▲	4.9%	
Truck Tonnage Index	Jul 17	Jul 18			
	106.0	114.6	▲	8.1%	
U.S. waterway tonnage (millions of short tons)	Jul 17	Jul 18			
	53.3	49.8	▼	-6.6%	
Trade by mode (millions of \$)	Jul 17	Jul 18			
Truck (Canada and Mexico)	56,395	62,724	▲	11.2%	
Rail (Canada and Mexico)	13,465	14,380	▲	6.8%	
Pipeline (Canada and Mexico)	5,028	6,637	▲	32.0%	
Water	134,412	153,915	▲	14.5%	
Air	83,780	92,466	▲	10.4%	
System Use & Performance					
Highway vehicle-miles traveled (millions)	Jun 17	Jun 18			
	280,537	281,389	▲	0.3%	
Major U.S. air carriers	May 17	May 18			
Percentage of flights arriving on-time	80.3	79.6	▼	-0.8%	
Amtrak on-time performance (percent)	Jul 17	Jul 18			
	69.3	68.3	▼	-1.4%	

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