



News from the Ohio Turnpike

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For Immediate Release:

Ohio Turnpike shows gain in free-flow traffic in 2018

Traffic moved freely without delay 99.86 percent of the time last year

BEREA (Jan. 29, 2018) – Even with 54.3 million vehicles traveling more than 3 billion vehicle miles on the Ohio Turnpike in 2018, the 241-mile toll road was free from traffic backups 99.86 percent of the time in 2018.

For the fourth year in a row, customers using the Ohio Turnpike traveled more than 3 billion vehicle miles. The total of 54.3 million vehicles in 2018 was slightly lower (1.6 percent) than the record amount from 2017, which was 55.2 million vehicles (passenger cars and commercial vehicles, combined).

In 2018, the Turnpike also recorded the third greatest number of vehicle miles traveled in its history with 3.034 billion miles traveled. This was only 2.6 million fewer miles traveled than in the record year, 2006.

“Customers expect safe and efficient travel and we delivered excellent value for their tolls in 2018 with an increase in our free-flowing traffic,” said Interim Executive Director Martin S. Seekely.

All reported traffic delays encountered by customers declined in 2018 to 201, compared to 230 in 2017. The types of delays measured are those caused by contractor and maintenance work zones, traffic crashes on or near the turnpike, backups at toll plazas and rolling road blocks.

Among the reasons for improvements in traffic flow were:

- Continued use of night-time work in construction and maintenance zones when traffic volumes are lower, which keeps more lanes open during daytime travel;
- Enforcement by the Ohio State Highway Patrol, including aerial enforcement of speed limits in construction zones;
- Use of dynamic message boards to slow vehicles in construction zones;
- Increased communication with customers about work zones and the importance of safety, including driving without distractions.
- Use of LED speed limit warning signs in lanes at busy Toll Plazas (Exits 71, 161 and 218).

Significant statistics for *E-ZPass*® include a 5.1 percent gain in the percentage of total traffic that used *E-ZPass* on the Ohio Turnpike. *E-ZPass* transponders are available to the public at [participating retail locations](#).

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Ohio Turnpike Traffic Volume—2018 vs. 2017

<u>Number of Vehicles</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>Percent change</u>
Passenger Cars	42,322,083	43,597,975	-2.93%
Commercial Vehicles	11,986,744	11,615,000	3.20%
Total	54,308,827	55,212,975	-1.64%
<u>Number of Vehicle Miles</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>Percent change</u>
Passenger Cars	1,969,692,111	2,017,044,010	-2.35%
Commercial Vehicles	1,064,790,677	1,020,875,200	4.30%
Total	3,034,482,788	3,037,919,210	-0.11%
<u>E-ZPass vs. Non-E-ZPass- Passenger</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
E-ZPass Passenger Cars	23,481,634	23,036,896	1.93%
Non-E-ZPass Passenger Cars	18,840,449	20,561,079	-8.37%
% of Passenger Cars using E-ZPass	55.5%	52.8%	2.64%
<u>E-ZPass vs. Non-E-ZPass- Commercial</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
Commercial Vehicles	10,302,479	9,839,782	4.70%
Non-E-ZPass Commercial Vehicles	1,684,265	1,775,218	-5.12%
% of Commercial Vehicles using E-ZPass	85.9%	84.7%	1.23%
% of Vehicles that used E-ZPass	62.2%	59.5%	2.66%

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