

PM News Brief: Utah Traffic Increase

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Utah Sees Huge Jump In Traffic On Its Highways

Utah has had one of the biggest increases in the country over the last 20 years in the number of miles that vehicles traveled on its freeways. That's according to an analysis released Tuesday by the transportation research nonprofit TRIP. It's based on a report the group presented to Congress in 2019. The number of miles vehicles traveled on Utah interstates increased nearly 60% over the past two decades — the fourth largest jump in the country behind Nevada, Louisiana and North Carolina. The report also found about half of urban freeways in the state are congested during peak hours. That's the 19th highest rate in the U.S. California ranked number one in this category. — *Sonja Hutson*