Highway Congestion
PM Peak Travel Time Indices
2012, Chicago Region
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Sources:
HERE,
Midwest Software Solutions (MS2),
IDOT, CMAP

Scale: 1:135,000
Illinois State Plane West
NAD 83

Legend
Travel Time Index

<= 1.10: Little Congestion
1.10 to 1.25: Light Congestion
1.25 to 1.50: Moderate Congestion
1.50 to 1.75: Heavy Congestion
1.75 to 2.00: Very Heavy Congestion
> 2.00: Extreme Congestion

The PM peak travel time index is the ratio of the travel time during the PM peak (4 PM to 7 PM on weekdays) to the free-flow travel time (measured from 8 PM to 9 PM). A higher index value indicates higher levels of congestion due to increased numbers of traffic events and lower highway speed.