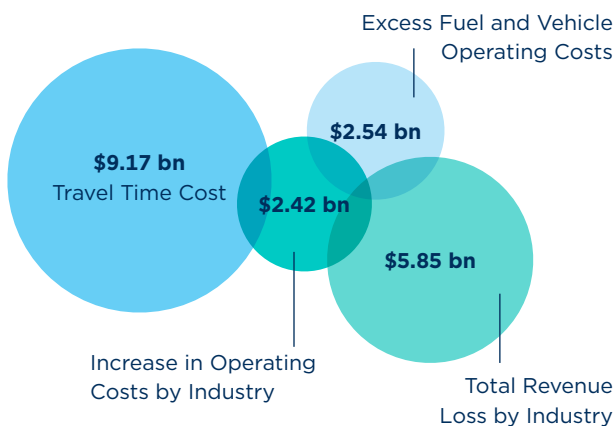


\$100 Billion Cost of Traffic Congestion in Metro New York

Traffic congestion will be a \$100 billion drag on the New York metro area¹ economy over the next five years unless something is done to discourage cars and trucks from crowding the streets and highways of the region during the busiest times of the day, according to a study conducted by HDR for the Partnership for New York City. The Manhattan central business districts, where a quarter of regional economic activity is concentrated, are the primary source of traffic congestion across the region. Excess congestion has increased 53 percent since the Partnership and HDR conducted an initial analysis in 2006, rising to a cost of \$20 billion annually.

\$20 billion annually includes:



\$9.17 billion

Is the annual cost of delay in commuting time and work-related travel, representing the largest share of the total cost of congestion.

People who work in Queens and Manhattan are hardest hit by traffic delays, costing the average commuter between \$1,500 to \$1,900 a year.

Costs based on place of employment:

Place of Employment	Annual Lost Hours <i>in millions</i>	Annual Travel Time Cost <i>in millions</i>	Annual Cost per Commuter
Bronx	9.1	\$171	\$1,056
Brooklyn	18.9	\$341	\$1,088
Manhattan	24.2	\$573	\$1,892
Queens	31.5	\$545	\$1,491
Staten Island	3.2	\$50	\$519
Nassau	14.7	\$241	\$503
Suffolk	7.8	\$120	\$209
Putnam	0.1	\$1	\$48
Rockland	0.6	\$9	\$90
Westchester	3.2	\$58	\$172
Cost to NYC Metro	113.3 million hours	\$2.11 billion	\$767 per commuter

¹ Includes New York City, Long Island, Westchester, Putnam and Rockland Counties, and Northern New Jersey.