
11 CityFacts

You Would Already Know If You Read City Observatory

Less time in traffic

People are losing 40% less time to traffic congestion since 2010. >

12 to 1

The number of newly-poor neighborhoods exceeds the number of gentrified low-income neighborhoods by 12 to 1. >

We've got a shortage of cities

Building more great neighborhoods would go along way towards addressing city housing affordability. >

Cars don't pay their way

Car user fees only cover 30% of the total cost of roads. >

City jobs are back

After decades of decentralization, jobs are coming back to urban centers. >

The wealthy are leaving

The growth in income segregation has been driven by the secession of the wealthy. >

Wider ≠ safer

Wider streets are not safer streets. >

We're driving less

Americans are driving less—and that's good for our economy. >

Cities are more poor

Two million more people live in high-poverty urban neighborhoods than did in 1970. >

That neighborhood you love is illegal

The country's zoning laws prevent us from building more high demand, great places like Soho in NYC and Over the Rhine in Cincinnati. >

85,000 more young people

In 2014, about 85,000 more people aged 20 to 29 moved to central cities than to suburbs. >