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Rise of the Super Commuters



- Nationwide, one in 36 commuters are super commuters, traveling 90+ minutes to work each day
- Share of super commuters increased 15.9 percent from 2005 to 2016.
- Share of super commuters is highest in expensive metros with strong economies
- Super commuters are more likely to rely on public transportation than those with shorter commutes.
- Low-income commuters are more reliant on public transportation than high-income commuters, creating a nexus between super-commuting and poverty.

Allentown Ranks 8th

Large Metros with Strong Economies -- and Metros on Their Periphery -- Have the Largest Share of Super Commuters

Top 10 Metros with the Highest Share of Super Commuters

Rank	Metro	Share	Number
1	Stockton, CA	10.0%	28,441
2	Modesto, CA	7.3%	15,335
3	Riverside, CA	7.3%	127,156
4	New York, NY	6.7%	616,789
5	Bridgeport, CT	6.1%	27,082
6	San Francisco, CA	4.8%	104,480
7	Washington, DC	4.6%	138,290
8	Allentown, PA	4.1%	15,756
9	Atlanta, GA	3.9%	101,796
10	Los Angeles, CA	3.8%	227,009

Where Are Super Commuters Headed?

- The metros with the largest share of super commuters are a mix of large metros with strong economies and bad traffic -- New York, San Francisco, Washington, D.C., Atlanta and Los Angeles -- and their surrounding areas.
- Across the country in Bridgeport, Conn., super commuters are making the daily trek to New York City. **And Allentown, Penn., super commuters are likely heading to New York City or Philadelphia.**