

**Jennifer Burdick - RE: Tucson Region Commuting Trends**

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>>> On 11/25/2013 at 9:57 AM, "James DeGroot" <[jdegrood@pagnet.org](mailto:jdegrood@pagnet.org)> wrote:

Hi Jenn,

I have been looking further into the commuting patterns in our region, as reported by the US Census and American Community Survey. I have graphed a number of the trends, for both the County and the City only, including:

Workers, over age 16

Use of Alternative Modes for Commuting (bike, walk, motorcycle, taxi, but not including transit)

Use of transit for commuting

Drive alone commuting

Alternative modes is returning to 1980 levels in the urban area, but not in the County as a whole.

Growth in bike use is implied, but walking has declined substantially

Public transit use fluctuates a lot, likely due to transit fare changes and service availability (local observations by SunTran)

Carpooling has declined markedly since 1980, but still exceeds the combined rate of transit usage and alt modes for commuting (Countywide)

Drive alone commuting has increased since 2000, but may be at a plateau, with rates steady or slightly falling since 2010.

The trends above seem to be pretty consistent with national trends, as reported by the Wall Street Journal on October 30<sup>th</sup>. The American Community Survey has a pretty small sample size, so care in drawing conclusions is warranted. That said, we do see trend concurrence between local data and national data.

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