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# Tollway Traffic Update

August 19, 2015

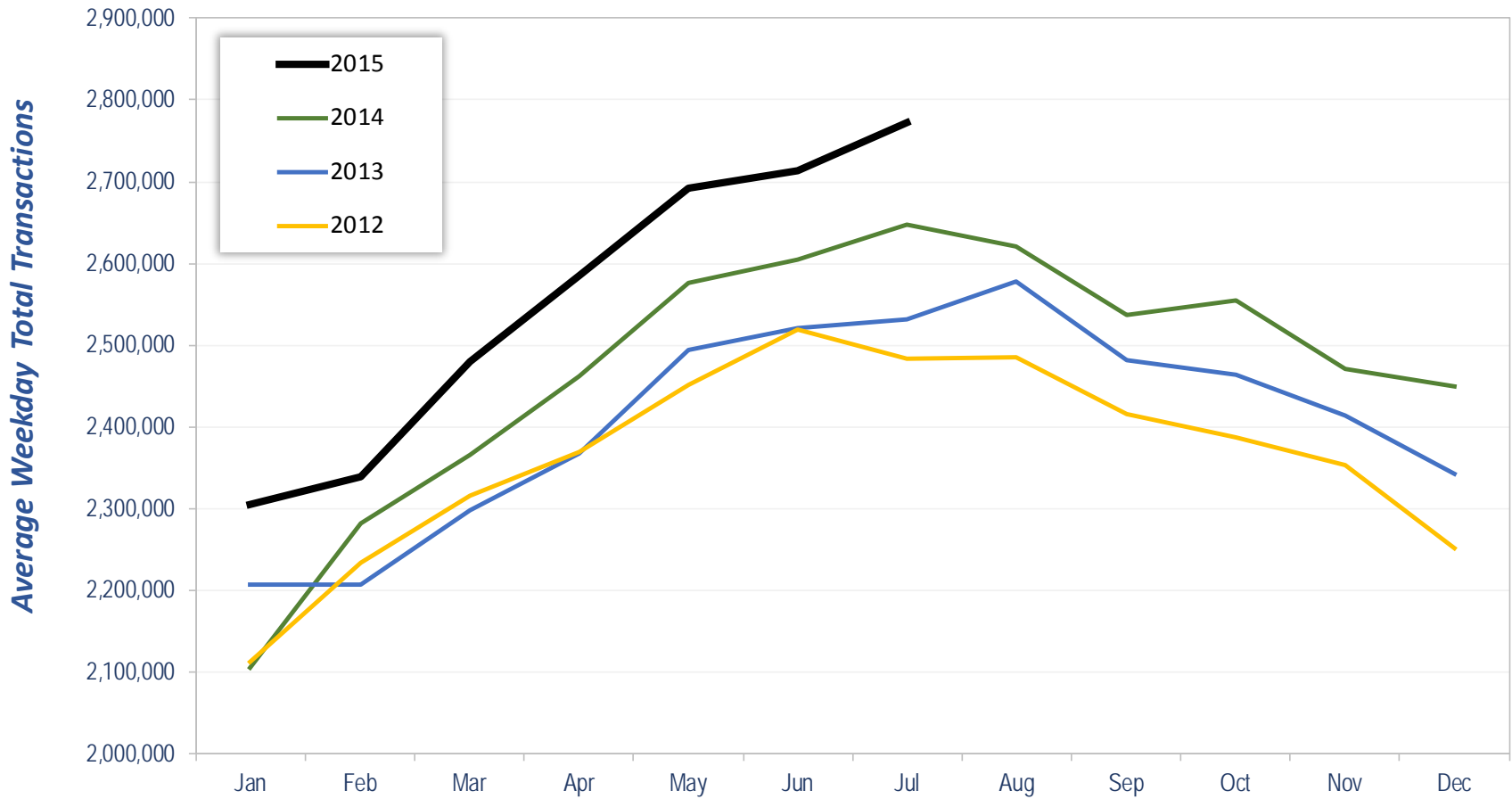
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# Snapshot of Illinois Tollway Traffic

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- ▶ **Traffic rebound started in 2010**
- ▶ **Late 2013 greater uptick in travel**
- ▶ **So far this year**
  - ▶ Toll **transactions** are up 4.9 percent from May-July 2015 vs. the same time period in 2014
  - ▶ Busiest summer travel season on record
  - ▶ 10 busiest travel days in agency history

# Average Weekday Transaction Growth





# Result: Busiest Day in Tollway History

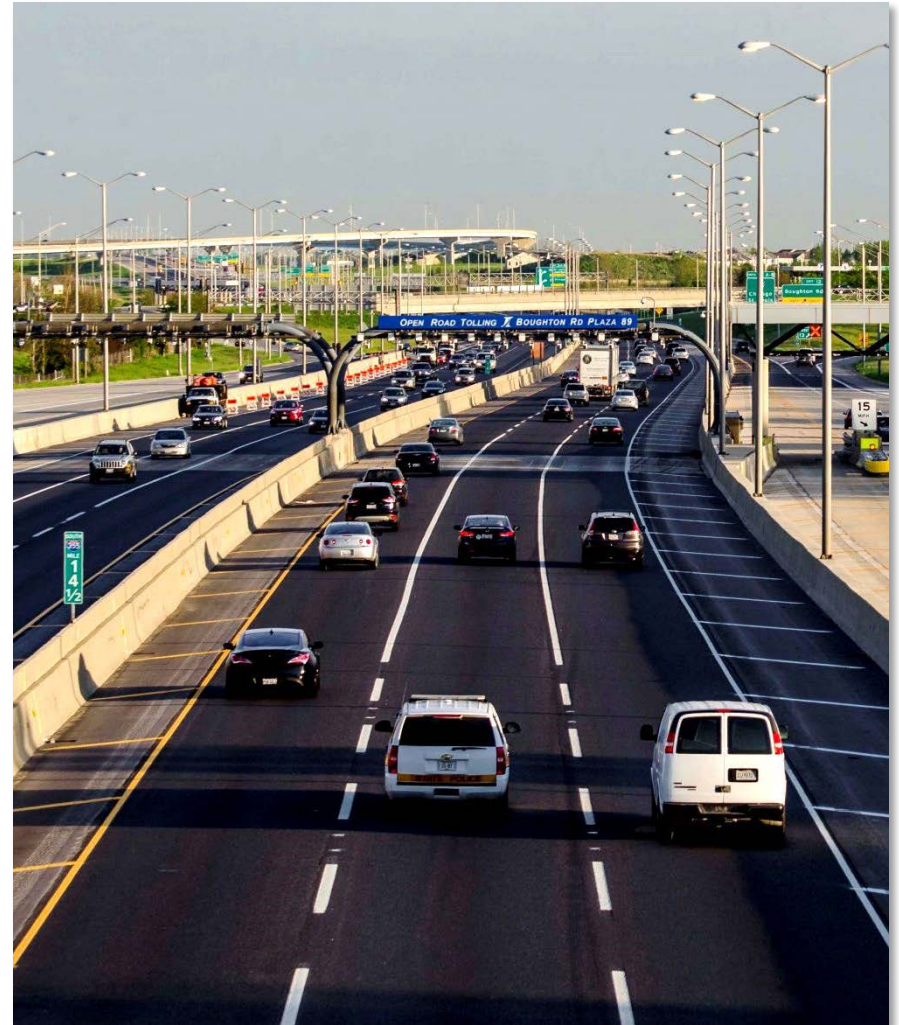
Ranking	Date	Total Transactions
<b>1</b>	<b>Friday, July 24, 2015</b>	<b>2,951,790</b>
2	Friday, July 10, 2015	2,942,615
3	Friday, July 31, 2015	2,935,813
4	Friday, July 17, 2015	2,926,369
5	Thursday, July 02, 2015	2,917,432
6	Friday, August 07, 2015	2,913,553
7	Friday, June 19, 2015	2,903,843
8	Friday, May 22, 2015	2,901,646
9	Friday, May 15, 2015	2,895,228
10	Friday, June 05, 2015	2,874,011

*Busiest day ever*

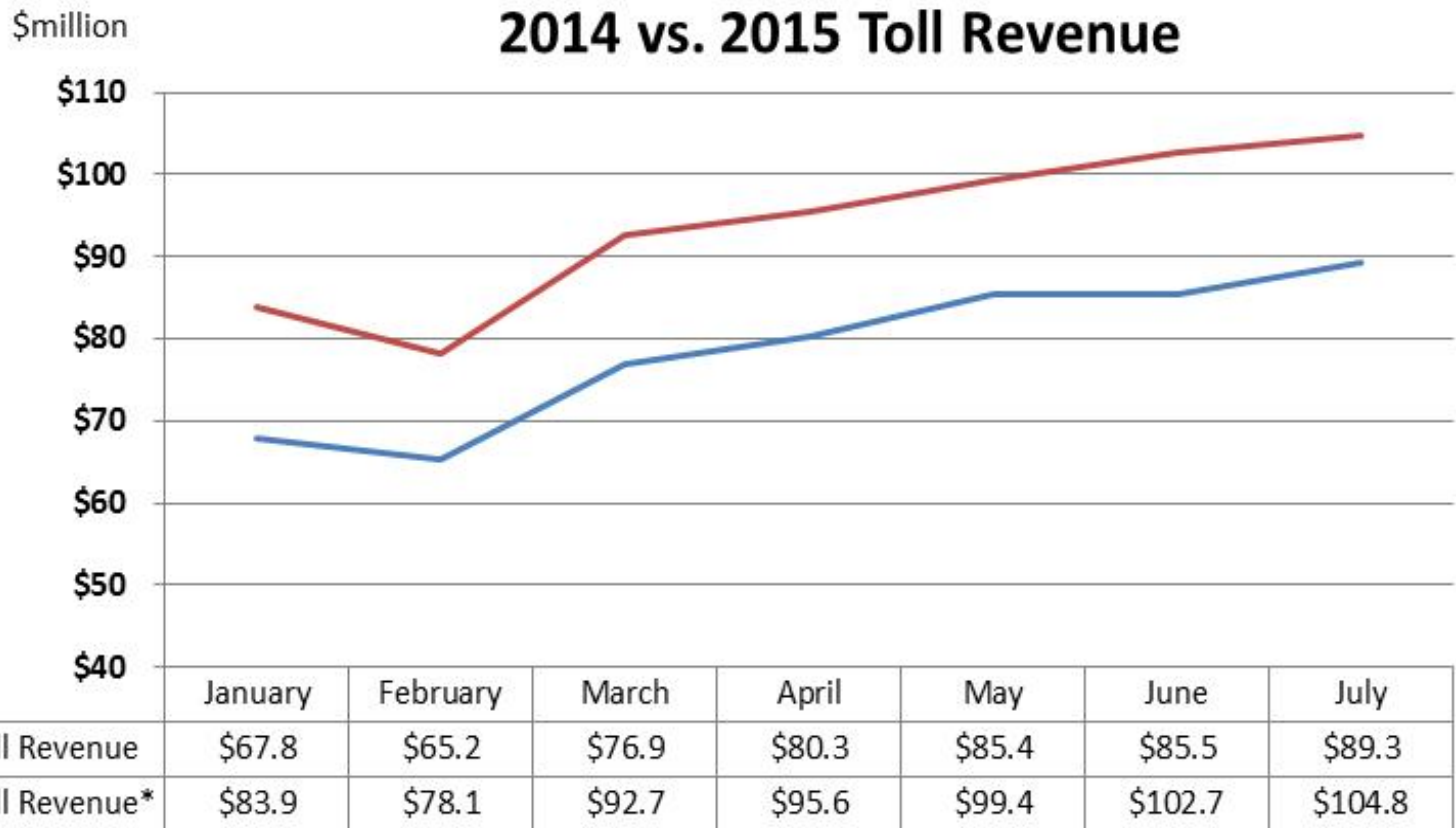


# Why this Growth?

- ▶ Continuing economic expansion
- ▶ Recovering regional employment
- ▶ Lower fuel prices
- ▶ Ongoing realization of roadway investments made over the past decade
- ▶ Better value



# Revenue Growth



\*2015 July Toll Revenue - Estimated

# What's Next

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- ▶ **August typically records highest volume of transactions**
- ▶ **Growth is forecasted to continue for 2016**



# Travel Tips

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## ▶ Best time to start your weekend trip

- ▶ Thursday before 1 p.m.
- ▶ Friday between 10 and 11 a.m. or after 7 p.m.

## ▶ Know before you go

- ▶ Sign up for Tollway Trip Tweets
- ▶ View real-time Tollway roadway camera views
- ▶ Go online and check travel times via [www.travelmidwest.com](http://www.travelmidwest.com)







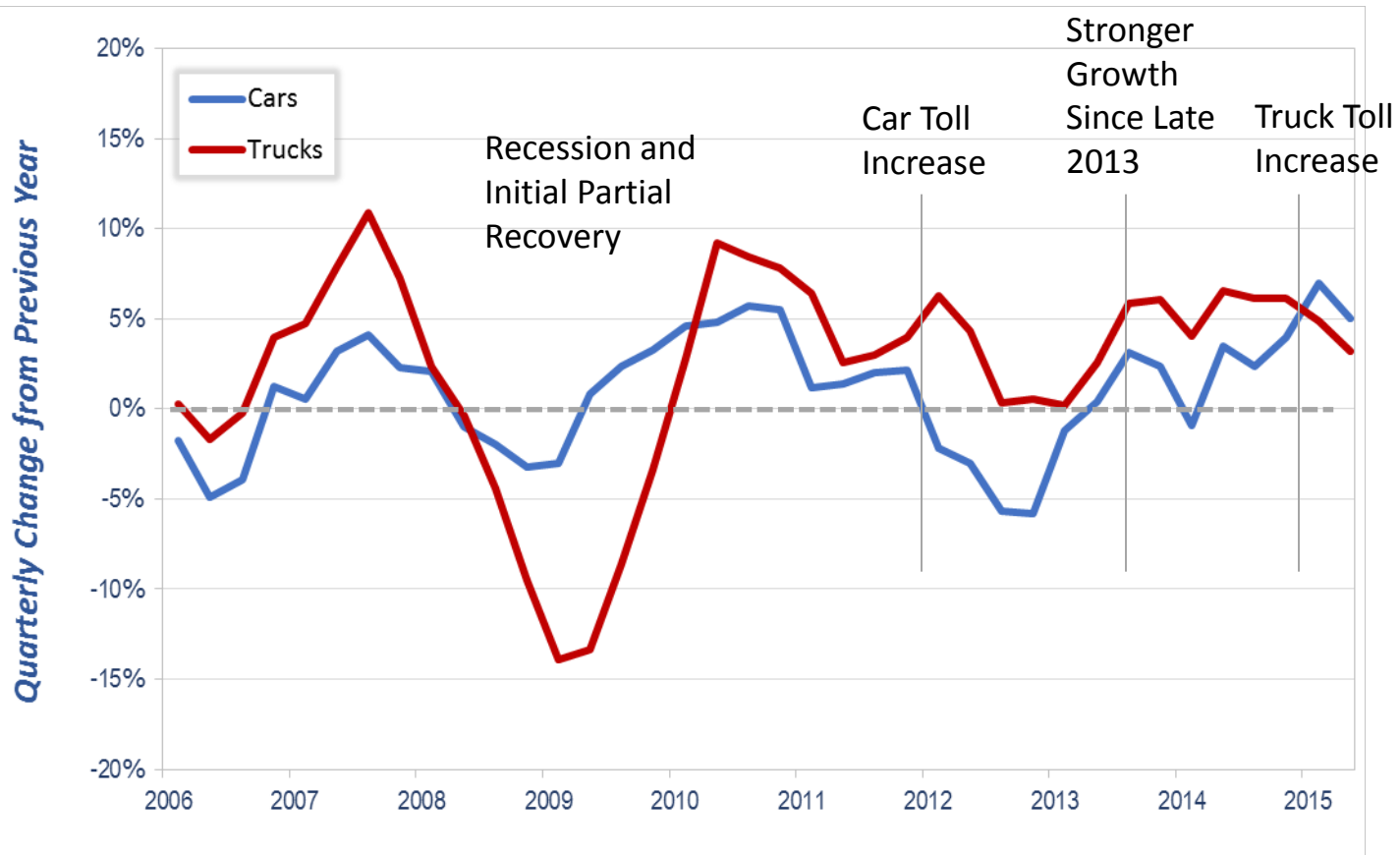
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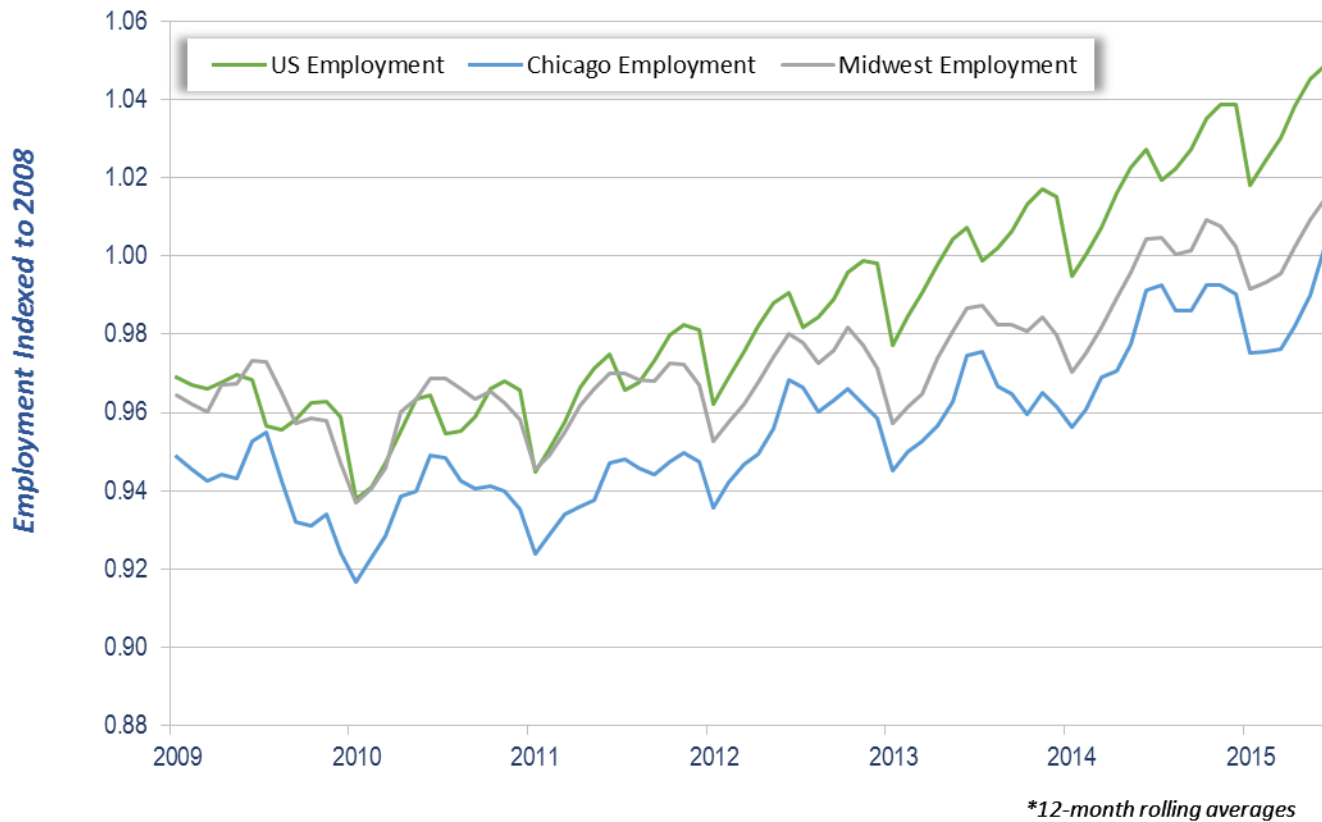
# Transaction Growth

- ▶ Recent quarterly car growth - most since 2010
- ▶ Continued truck growth



# Employment Trends

## ► Chicago Metropolitan Statistical Area vs. Regional and National



# Midwest Economy Index: Manufacturing

- ▶ Chicago Fed index that measures growth manufacturing business activity

