#### Minnesota Interstate Traffic Volume

An in-depth analysis of traffic patterns on our interstate highways





# Traffic congestion continues to grow





... with no end in sight

## Analyzing the data in 3 distinct charts



**Monthly Volumes** 

Viewing the monthly traffic patterns allows us to find any potential trends by month.



Weather

Weather can have an impact on many things, including traffic.



**Holiday Travel** 

Our roads may see more travelers (including out of state) than expected.

## Monthly traffic volumes

August - Highest volume, possible end of summer seasonal traffic

February - Lowest volume, best possible month for construction changes

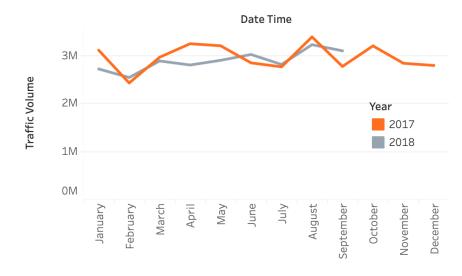
April - Significant decrease in 2018

Fairly consistent/predictable patterns

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#### Traffic Volumes: Month per Year



#### What role does weather play?

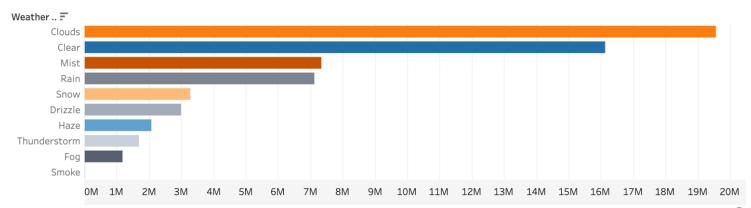
Clear/cloudy conditions result in the highest traffic volume.

Low-visibility conditions result in the lowest traffic volume.

Precipitation has a significant impact on traffic volume, though a surprising number of motorists continue to drive in rain.

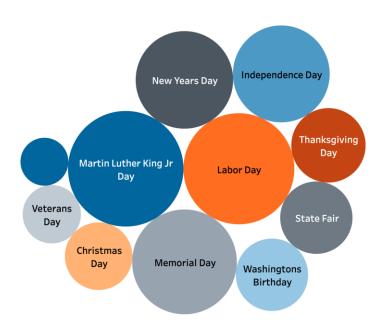
What can we do to alleviate traffic issues on rainy days?

Traffic Volumes: Weather Type



#### **Holiday Travel**

Highest Traffic on National Holidays in the United States



August - State fair starting in August

January - High traffic on New Years and Martin Luther King Jr. Day contribute to most of January's total.

Most holidays have little impact on total traffic volume.

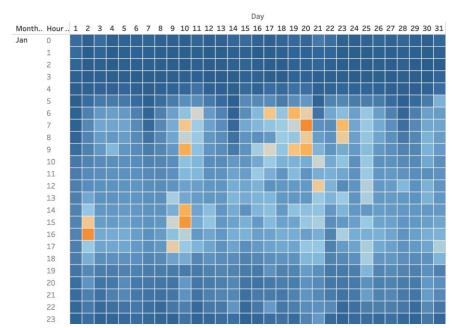
#### **Hourly Traffic**

Patterns are reflected during the busiest travel times: rush hours to and from work.

A day with a holiday does not have a significantly higher or lower traffic volume throughout the day.

Holidays do not impact hourly traffic volume.

#### Traffic Volumes: Hours of the Day Day of the month with hourly traffic breakdown



# Thank you!