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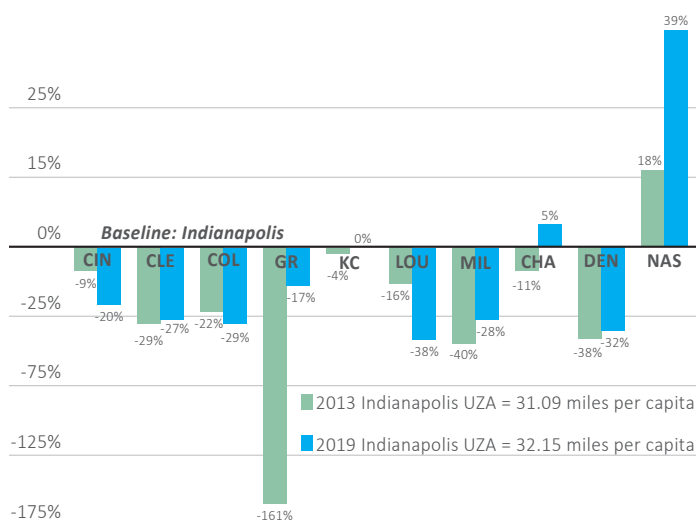
Peer Comparisons

One way to measure progress is to see how similar communities are performing.

The Central Indiana region is a diverse area, encompassing urban communities like Indianapolis to suburban centers like Fishers to smaller towns like Danville. The varying types of communities pose unique challenges to the IMPO as a regional organization.

Not all of the regions included here are for comparison only: some are aspirational communities that Indianapolis can look to for inspiration and as an example. The communities that are used here include:

- Cincinnati, Ohio (CIN)
- Cleveland Ohio (CLE)
- Columbus, Ohio (COL)
- Grand Rapids, Michigan (GR)
- Kansas City, Missouri (KC)
- Louisville, Kentucky (LOU)
- Milwaukee, Wisconsin (MIL)
- Charlotte, North Carolina (CHA) - aspirational
- Denver, Colorado (DEN) - aspirational
- Nashville, Tennessee (NAS) - aspirational



Source: FHWA Highway Statistics, 2013 & 2019; Table HM-71

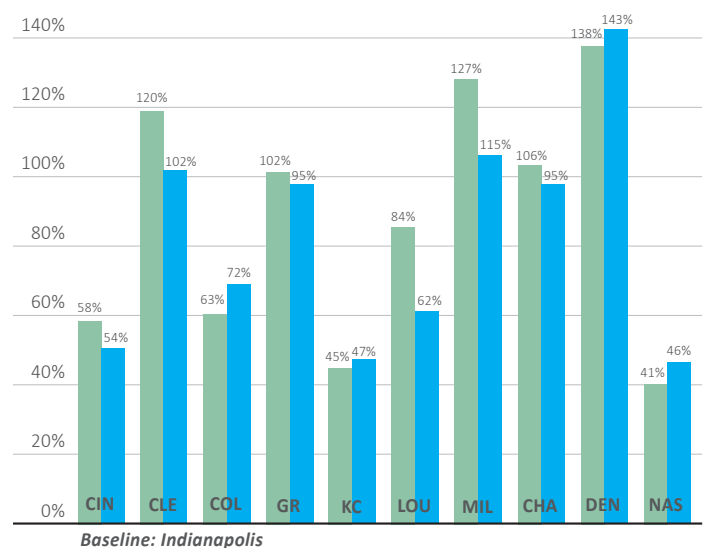
FIG. 3-1 Vehicle Miles Traveled per Capita in Federal-Aid Urbanized Areas

Vehicle Miles Traveled per Capita

Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) per capita is a measurement of the number of vehicle miles traveled per person in a region and can be used to evaluate the different land uses or transportation in a region. In the previous LRTP, Nashville, TN was the only area that had higher VMT per capita than the Indianapolis region. For this update, Nashville, TN and Charlotte, NC both had more than Indianapolis in VMT per capita. Kansas City, MO on the other hand has nearly the same amount of VMT per capita compared to Indianapolis. (Fig. 3-1)

Transit Trips per Capita

To gain a better understanding of transit use, transit trips per capita is utilized. The Indianapolis region declined in transit trips per capita from the previous plan update to 6,077. Furthermore, each of the peer regions have higher transit trips per capita. Denver, CO has the largest number of transit trips per capita, with 143% more transit trips per capita than the Indianapolis region. (Fig. 3-2)



Source: Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Statistics, 2013 & 2019; Table HM-72

FIG. 3-2 Transit Trips per Capita in Federal-Aid Urbanized Areas

How Do We Compare?

