

INTRODUCTION

The average U.S. male historically commutes further and longer than his female counterpart. Yet pivotal changes at home, as younger women especially increase their influence on household location and work decisions, and in the labor market, as women's participation rates and profiles approach men's, both strongly suggest that gender's influence on travel might be changing as well. Further, the independent and interactive influence of other demographic factors, not least age and race, remain unclear.

This study analyzes national micro-data covering the past twenty years to examine both issues. We find sources of both convergence and divergence in travel behaviors by sex. The gender gap in commute length of older workers is *growing*, even while that of younger workers steadily closes. At the same time, racial differences in mode choice and commute times are becoming *less pronounced*, both by race and by gender. Thus, gendered elements of travel demand are indeed evolving, if not always in predictable directions.

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While most of this work is domestic, his international project experience includes China, Guyana, Indonesia, Kenya, Thailand and Yemen, as well as Fulbright Professor at the Colegio de México in Mexico City. He spent 2008 as a visiting scholar at Harvard's Graduate School of Design and visiting fellow at the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy. Crane's PhD is from MIT and his research blog can be found at <http://planning-research.com>.

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