

Understanding the Commute Pattern in the Greater Golden Horseshoe: Where are the long commutes and what is causing them?

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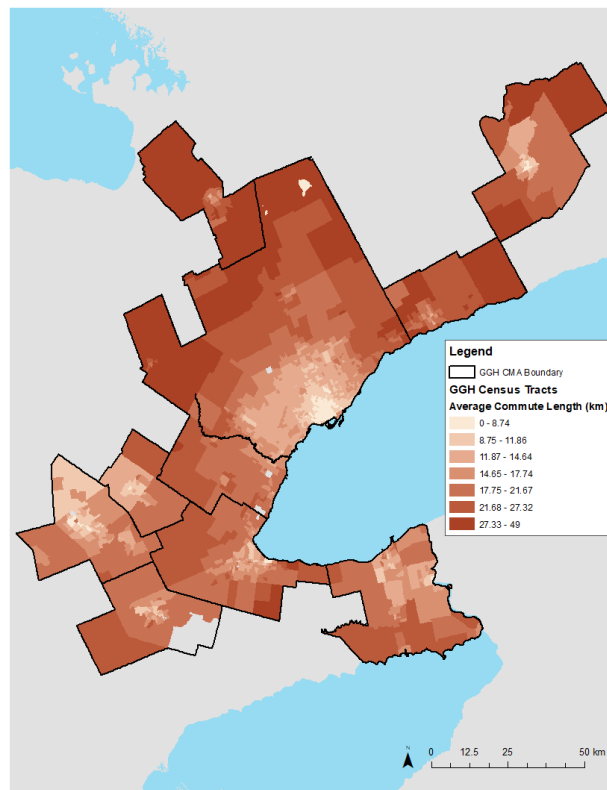
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Canadian commutes are getting longer and is especially prevalent in large cities such as Toronto. Long commutes have serious impacts socially, environmentally, and financially. I focused my research on the Greater Golden Horseshoe (GGH), the fastest growing region in Canada, centering Toronto. I used the 2016 Census to conduct analysis on the commute pattern in the GGH with a focus on long commutes. My results identified that this region is greatly interconnected as around 20% of workers from other CMAs commute to Toronto, and most long commutes over 70 kilometers end in Toronto. Moreover, Census Tracts inhabited by households making median wages have the longest commute. It is certain that there is a degree of spatial mismatch for many workers living in the region, causing them hours of commute every day. Thus, it is crucial for the region to evaluate the diversity of housing and job to curtail extreme commutes.



Map of the Average Commute Length of CTs in the GGH (Source: Author)