Trip Chaining Differences Between Men and Women
1995-2001 NPTS/NHTS data series

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Women...

- Of working age travel more of their miles in non-work tours than men
- Make more trips than men, but travel fewer miles and minutes
- Work nearly 3 miles closer to home than men, regardless of occupation
- Pick-up and/or drop-off children on their way to and from work, even in 2-worker families
- Chain other trips into their commutes more often than men, and this varies by race/ethnicity and purpose of the stops
Men...

- Have increased their trip chaining in commute tours almost twice women’s increase since 1995 (11.6 vs. 6.3 percent change)
- Who are in families with 2 adults and small children have increased trip chaining more than other groups
- Who trip chain have added stops in the home-to-work direction

P.S. There’s a surprise ending
Overall, women (16-65 years old) travel more in non-work tours than men.
Working aged women make more trips than their male counterparts, about 120 more per year more…

Number of Daily Trips per Person - Working Aged Men and Women

- **Men**
- **Women**

2001
But travel fewer miles and minutes than men....
Men have increased trip chaining in commute tours at nearly twice the pace of women since 1995...
Not just the incidence, but the number of stops has increased...

![Mean Number of Stops](chart.png)
Both men and women who chain in their commutes have longer trip lengths to work ...
No matter what occupation, women work closer to home...
Women with children work closer to home than their male counterparts...

Distance to Work (GCD) by Life Cycle

- 1 adult, child 16-21
- 1 adult, child 6-15
- 1 adult, child 0-5
- 2+adult, 0 child
- 1 adult, 0 child
- 2+adult, child 0-5
- 2+adult, child 6-15
- 2+adult, child 16-21

Men | Women
Maybe because even in 2-worker families, women are more likely to pick-up/drop off kids at school...
And they have to be on time...
Women in 2-adult families have increased there trip chaining...

Percent of Women who Trip Chain by Lifecycle, 1995 and 2001

- 2+adult, child 16-21
- 2+adult, child 6-15
- 2+adult, child <5
- 2+adult, 0 child

![Bar chart showing percent of women who trip chain by lifecycle in 1995 and 2001.]

- 2001 Women
- 1995 Women
But men have increased more, esp. in families with small children...

Percent of Men Who Trip Chain by Lifecycle, 1995 and 2001

- 2+adlt, child 16-21
- 2+adlt, child 6-15
- 2+adlt, child <5
- 2+adlt, 0 child

2001 Men 1995 Men
Stops for meals and/or coffee increased pretty dramatically between 1995 and 2001...

Number of Daily Trips to Stop for Coffee/Meals During Commute
We call this the “Starbucks” effect

Make mine a venti!