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Best overall line
Metro Electric District
South-Chicago
Percentage of trains on time: 75.5%
Median delay time: 3.3 minutes

Outlook overall line
Heritage Corridor
Percentage of trains on time: 68.2%
Median delay time: 4.3 minutes

A conductor gives a signal last week as passengers board the Electric District Line, Metra's best performer in 2010.

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Tribune finds wide gap between best, worst performers

By Richard Wronski and Joe Manosh

Tribune reporters

Metro boasts that its trains run on schedule better than 95 percent of the time, but that’s not the experience of commuter Lisa Clarke. Like, her line, the Heritage Corridor, tends to run late about once a week.

“It’s always late,” Clarke said of her commute to her job at a downtown investment management firm.

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Women in parts of U.S. dying younger, study finds

Though life expectancy for Americans rose during the past two decades, women in some parts of the U.S. are dying younger than they did in the 1990s, new research shows.

New data show gaps in life expectancy were narrowing in the U.S. overall, but a JHPIG report found that they are widening in parts of the country, particularly in poorer regions.

But researchers also saw hopeful indications that communities can improve their outcomes through aggressive public health campaigns against smoking and education.

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Power plants kill millions of lake fish

By Michael Hawthorne

On Lake Erie, the Bayshore coal plant near Toledo, Ohio, kills 46 million adult fish a year, industry reports show.

The loss of millions of lake fish each year by sucking in massive amounts of water to cool their equipment is banned at new power plants. But for nearly four decades, billions of pounds of lake fish have ignored the issue at old plants, even as fish populations decline sharply throughout the lakes and states spend millions of taxpayer dollars to stock the waters with game fish.

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Power plants take a huge toll on fish

Power plants at the Great Lakes and some other major U.S. water bodies kill billions of fish each year, as documented by scientists who have tracked fish populations over decades. The fish are killed as they are sucked into cooling systems, which act like a car’s radiator and are modified through cooling system killed fish in 2007, but a second

“Their populations are affected by the federal protection, but these power plants just make the problem worse,” said Ranger Knight, a biologist at the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. “I’d prefer they go to cooling towers and take care of it instead of spending $400,000 annually.”

Sanders, the ACE rep for Ohio, and a coalition of environmental groups, including the Ohio Conservation Coalition and the Natural Resources Defense Council said they are working to develop several strategies to protect the lake. They include a proposal that would exclude fish from using fish killed in the Great Lakes by the cooling systems. The proposal has been introduced in Congress, but has not yet been acted on by the Senate or House.

Some of the fish killed in the Great Lakes are river herring, which are found in the Great Lakes and are a popular sport fish. Others are lake trout, which are found in the Great Lakes and are a popular food fish. Still others are lake whitefish, which are found in the Great Lakes and are a popular game fish.

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