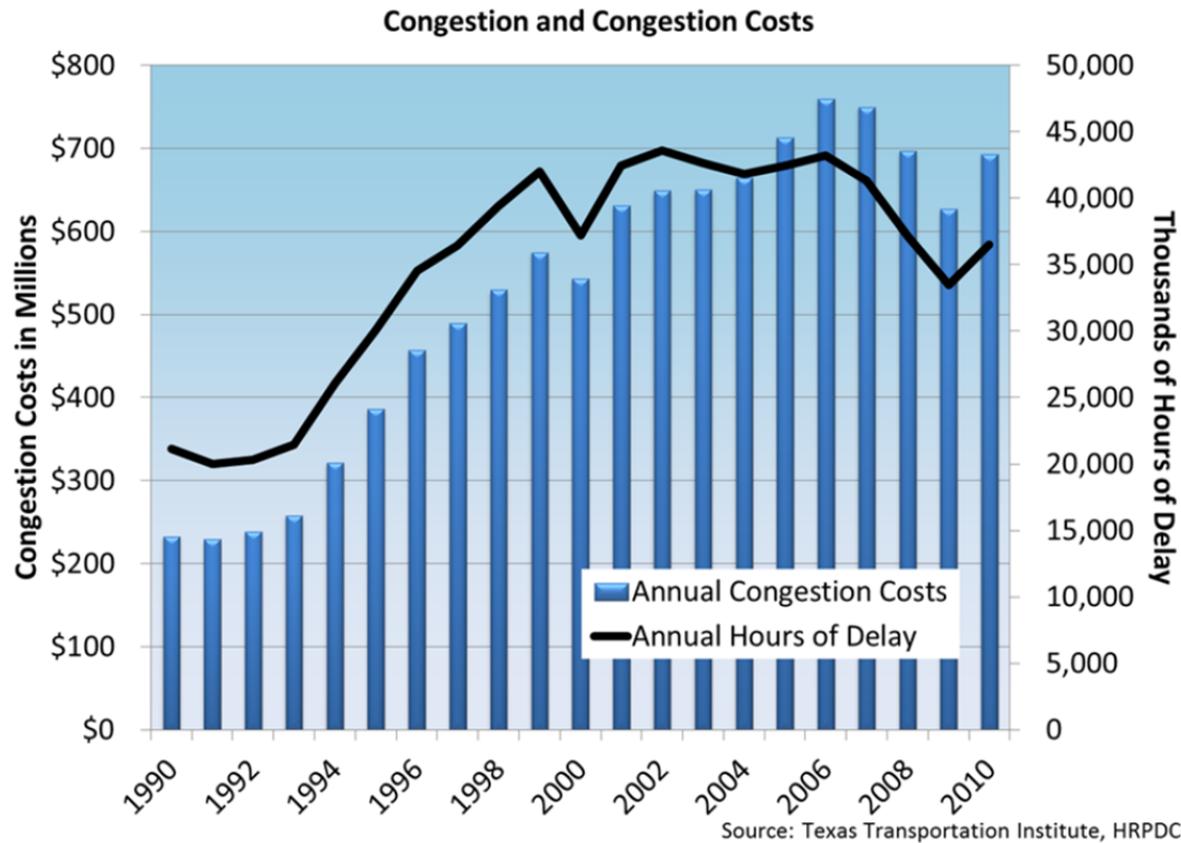


**Figure 5.5 Hampton Roads Congestion and Congestion Costs**



**Why is it important?**

Time spent in traffic comes at a cost for both residents and businesses. Increased congestion adds to the cost of doing business and decreases the quality of life.

**How are we doing?**

Congestion costs rose substantially through the nineties. In 2010 congestion costs in Hampton Roads reached \$693 million dollars. Continued congestion will inhibit the ability of the port to be competitive, restrict the flow of tourists, and reduce the quality of life for Hampton Roads residents.