

## Montana

Rank in 2009: 5

Rank in 2008: 2

Rank in 2007: 5



Montana's state highway system is ranked 5<sup>th</sup> in the nation in overall highway performance and efficiency in the latest *Annual Highway Report* by Reason Foundation. Montana ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in the previous report.

Montana's ranking suffered because it finished last, 50<sup>th</sup>, in fatality rate, 33<sup>rd</sup> in rural interstate pavement in poor condition, and 36<sup>th</sup> in urban interstate pavement in poor condition. Montana finished 1<sup>st</sup> in urban interstate congestion, 14<sup>th</sup> in deficient bridges and 8<sup>th</sup> in total disbursements per mile.

With 11,134 miles under the state control, Montana has a medium sized state highway system that is in good shape. Montana has been in the top ten every year since 2000, except in 2004 when it finished 13<sup>th</sup>.

Montana	State Data			State Rank			Ratio to U.S. Data		
	2007	2008	2009	2007	2008	2009	2007	2008	2009
Capital-Bridge Disbursements per Mile	28,458	36,023	39,149	6	8	<b>8</b>	0.37	0.47	0.49
Maintenance Disbursements per Mile	8,630	9,242	9,640	5	6	<b>6</b>	0.36	0.40	0.38
Administrative Disbursements per Mile	12,753	6,037	5,031	31	13	<b>13</b>	1.31	0.46	0.44
Total Disbursement per Mile	54,407	56,747	59,736	9	7	<b>8</b>	0.41	0.39	0.41
Rural Interstate Percent Poor Condition	0.35	0.35	1.06	24	27	<b>33</b>	0.18	0.18	0.64
Rural Other Principal Arterial Percent Poor	0.04	0.00	0.04	5	1	<b>5</b>	0.06	0.00	0.06
Urban Interstate Percent Poor	3.28	3.28	6.45	24	30	<b>36</b>	0.56	0.61	1.30
Urban Interstate Percent Congested	0.00	0.00	0.00	1	1	<b>1</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rural Arterial Percent Narrow Lanes	1.03	1.03	0.00	10	12	<b>1</b>	0.10	0.10	0.00
Percent of Deficient Bridges	20.36	17.53	18.00	14	9	<b>14</b>	0.80	0.72	0.74
Fatality Rate	2.45	2.12	2.01	50	50	<b>50</b>	1.81	1.69	1.77
<b>Overall Performance</b>	<b>0.55</b>	<b>0.47</b>	<b>0.58</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>			