

North Carolina

Rank in 2009: 19
 Rank in 2008: 21
 Rank in 2007: 20



North Carolina’s state highway system is ranked 19th in the nation in overall highway performance and efficiency in the latest *Annual Highway Report* by Reason Foundation. This is an improvement from 21st in the previous report.

North Carolina has the largest state controlled highway system, with 80,214 miles, edging out Texas by only a few miles. Over the last three years, North Carolina has maintained per-mile spending at about 70 percent less than the national per-mile average and ranks 3rd in total disbursements per mile and 5th in maintenance spending per mile.

North Carolina ranks 22nd in urban interstate pavement condition, 30th in fatality rate, 36th in rural interstate pavement condition, 40th in deficient bridges, and 43rd in urban interstate congestion.

| North Carolina | State Data | | | State Rank | | | Ratio to U.S. Data | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-----------|-----------|--------------------|------|------|
| | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Capital-Bridge Disbursements per Mile | 21,778 | 25,973 | 24,806 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 0.28 | 0.34 | 0.31 |
| Maintenance Disbursements per Mile | 9,925 | 8,435 | 8,651 | 7 | 4 | 5 | 0.42 | 0.37 | 0.34 |
| Administrative Disbursements per Mile | 3,434 | 2,783 | 4,040 | 9 | 7 | 11 | 0.35 | 0.21 | 0.36 |
| Total Disbursement per Mile | 40,567 | 42,704 | 43,785 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 0.30 | 0.29 | 0.30 |
| Rural Interstate Percent Poor Condition | 3.14 | 1.66 | 1.53 | 43 | 35 | 36 | 1.63 | 0.86 | 0.92 |
| Rural Other Principal Arterial Percent Poor | 0.51 | 0.41 | 0.95 | 29 | 27 | 40 | 0.79 | 0.78 | 1.47 |
| Urban Interstate Percent Poor | 2.82 | 2.06 | 2.22 | 22 | 24 | 22 | 0.48 | 0.38 | 0.45 |
| Urban Interstate Percent Congested | 69.43 | 60.89 | 60.89 | 46 | 42 | 43 | 1.37 | 1.25 | 1.30 |
| Rural Arterial Percent Narrow Lanes | 12.33 | 13.09 | 13.09 | 34 | 36 | 37 | 1.20 | 1.29 | 1.35 |
| Percent of Deficient Bridges | 28.45 | 30.98 | 29.54 | 34 | 41 | 40 | 1.12 | 1.28 | 1.28 |
| Fatality Rate | 1.62 | 1.41 | 1.28 | 37 | 34 | 30 | 1.19 | 1.12 | 0.90 |
| Overall Performance | 0.84 | 0.84 | 0.83 | 20 | 21 | 19 | | | |