

Washington

Rank in 2009: 24

Rank in 2008: 33

Rank in 2007: 35



Washington's state highway system is ranked 24th in the nation in overall highway performance and efficiency in the latest *Annual Highway Report* by Reason Foundation. It is an improvement for Washington, which has gone from 35th to 33rd to 24th in the last three *Annual Highway Reports*.

Washington ranks 1st in rural interstate pavement condition, 8th in fatality rate, 14th in urban interstate congestion, 23rd in urban interstate pavement condition, and 32nd in deficient bridges.

With 17,281 miles under state highway control, it is the 12th largest highway system. Spending per mile is slightly higher than the national average, but Washington's overall system is improving steadily.

| Washington | State Data | | | State Rank | | | Ratio to U.S. Data | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-----------|-----------|--------------------|------|------|
| | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Capital-Bridge Disbursements per Mile | 80,738 | 95,222 | 99,814 | 29 | 34 | 32 | 1.05 | 1.23 | 1.25 |
| Maintenance Disbursements per Mile | 21,607 | 37,770 | 36,260 | 30 | 40 | 38 | 0.91 | 1.65 | 1.42 |
| Administrative Disbursements per Mile | 7,062 | 10,664 | 11,685 | 20 | 23 | 24 | 0.73 | 0.81 | 1.03 |
| Total Disbursement per Mile | 134,461 | 167,555 | 176,786 | 28 | 34 | 33 | 1.00 | 1.15 | 1.22 |
| Rural Interstate Percent Poor Condition | 2.36 | 2.15 | 0.00 | 38 | 37 | 1 | 1.22 | 1.11 | 0.00 |
| Rural Other Principal Arterial Percent Poor | 0.66 | 0.10 | 0.05 | 33 | 10 | 7 | 1.02 | 0.19 | 0.08 |
| Urban Interstate Percent Poor | 3.72 | 2.69 | 2.35 | 26 | 26 | 23 | 0.63 | 0.50 | 0.47 |
| Urban Interstate Percent Congested | 38.51 | 31.21 | 32.26 | 15 | 14 | 14 | 0.76 | 0.64 | 0.69 |
| Rural Arterial Percent Narrow Lanes | 37.12 | 37.32 | 27.11 | 49 | 49 | 47 | 3.62 | 3.69 | 2.81 |
| Percent of Deficient Bridges | 26.94 | 25.35 | 25.80 | 32 | 31 | 32 | 1.06 | 1.05 | 1.10 |
| Fatality Rate | 1.00 | 0.94 | 0.87 | 9 | 7 | 8 | 0.74 | 0.75 | 0.77 |
| Overall Performance | 1.13 | 1.14 | 0.95 | 35 | 33 | 24 | | | |