Delaware

Performance: Improved in 4 / Worsened in 1 Category



Between 1989 and 2008, Delaware improved in four key categories and grew worse in just one. The state reduced its urban congestion, its number of deficient bridges, its highway fatality rate and the number of narrow lanes on its rural primaries. However, the amount of urban interstate roads

in poor condition increased and the percentage of poor rural arterial roads remained unchanged. Delaware has no rural interstates.

There are two categories that stand out in Delaware's highway infrastructure. In urban interstate congestion, Delaware improved by a whopping 43.9 percentage points, the highest rate of improvement in the country by 17 percentage points. However, Delaware saw an improvement in the rate of highway fatalities (per 100 million vehicle miles) of only 0.45, the fifth smallest improvement in the country between 1989 and 2008.

CategoryRank Showing Most Improvement 1989–2008
Overall Performance and Spending Efficiency
State-Administered Highway Mileage (ranked largest to smallest based on system size in 2008)
Rural Interstate in Poor Condition
Rural Arterials in Poor Condition
Rural Arterials with Narrow Lanes
Urban Interstates in Poor Condition
Urban Interstate Congestion
Deficient Bridges
Fatality Rate
Total Disbursements Per Mile (1=biggest spending increase, 50=biggest spending decrease)49