

**California**

Performance: Improved in 2 / Worsened in 5 Categories



California was one of the least successful states in terms of its highway infrastructure between 1989 and 2008. The state improved in only two categories and worsened in five. The number of roads in poor condition increased in the rural interstate, urban interstate and rural arterial roads categories. California did, however, manage to have fewer deficient bridges and a lower fatality rate in 2008 than in 1989.

While California did grow worse in five categories, some of these were only very slight deteriorations. For instance, the state’s proportion of rural arterial roads in poor condition, its urban congestion, and its quantity of narrow lanes on rural arterials all only slightly increased between 1989 and 2008, with changes of just 1.1, 0.9, and 0.1 percentage points respectively. California did, on the other hand, see major deterioration in rural and urban interstate road conditions.

<b>Category .....</b>	<b>Rank Showing Most Improvement 1989–2008</b>
Overall Performance and Spending Efficiency .....	50
State-Administered Highway Mileage (ranked largest to smallest based on system size in 2008) .....	11
Rural Interstate in Poor Condition.....	48
Rural Arterials in Poor Condition .....	48
Rural Arterials with Narrow Lanes .....	41
Urban Interstates in Poor Condition .....	49
Urban Interstate Congestion.....	34
Deficient Bridges.....	35
Fatality Rate .....	13
Total Disbursements Per Mile (1=biggest spending increase, 50=biggest spending decrease).....	5