

Colorado

Performance: Improved in 7 Categories



Colorado is one of only 11 states to show improvements in all seven key measures of its highways. It reduced its quantity of rural interstate, urban interstate and rural arterial roads in poor condition between 1989 and 2008. The amount of urban congestion, the number of deficient bridges and the amount of narrow lanes on rural primaries also decreased, while the highway fatality rate improved.

Colorado was successful across the board, although many of the improvements were lower than the national average. The exceptions are the number of urban interstate roads in poor condition and the number of deficient bridges, which fell by 48.3% and 59.7%, respectively. On the other hand, rural arterial roads only improved by 0.2 percentage points between 1989 and 2008.

Category	Rank Showing Most Improvement 1989–2008
Overall Performance and Spending Efficiency	10
State-Administered Highway Mileage (ranked largest to smallest based on system size in 2008)	29
Rural Interstate in Poor Condition.....	23
Rural Arterials in Poor Condition	26
Rural Arterials with Narrow Lanes	31
Urban Interstates in Poor Condition.....	13
Urban Interstate Congestion.....	28
Deficient Bridges.....	12
Fatality Rate	35
Total Disbursements Per Mile (1=biggest spending increase, 50=biggest spending decrease).....	7