

**Louisiana**

Performance: Improved in 4 / Worsened in 3 Categories



Louisiana was able to improve in four measures of its highways between 1989 and 2008, but also suffered declines in three measures. It slightly improved its rural arterial roads, it fixed many of its deficient bridges, it improved its fatality rate, and it reduced its narrow lanes on major rural primaries. However, urban and rural interstate road conditions worsened, and urban congestion went up.

Although rural and urban interstate road conditions did decline, Louisiana only had a few roads in poor condition in 1989, so the decline isn't as bad as the numbers seem to indicate. One problem that Louisiana faced, however, was its highway fatality rate. Although it improved by 0.29, this represents the third lowest improvement in the country (every single state improved in this category).

<b>Category .....</b>	<b>Rank Showing Most Improvement 1989–2008</b>
Overall Performance and Spending Efficiency .....	41
State-Administered Highway Mileage (ranked largest to smallest based on system size in 2008) .....	14
Rural Interstate in Poor Condition.....	43
Rural Arterials in Poor Condition .....	16
Rural Arterials with Narrow Lanes .....	20
Urban Interstates in Poor Condition.....	45
Urban Interstate Congestion.....	37
Deficient Bridges.....	19
Fatality Rate .....	48
Total Disbursements Per Mile (1=biggest spending increase, 50=biggest spending decrease).....	32