

Maine

Performance: Improved in 7 Categories



Maine was one of only 11 states to improve in all seven metrics between 1989 and 2008. It managed to improve its road conditions across the board—on its rural interstates, its urban interstates, and its rural arterials. The state lowered urban congestion, fixed its deficient bridges, lowered its fatality rate, and reduced its quantity of narrow lanes on major rural primary roads.

The state improved in every category, but almost all the improvements were below average. The reason for this is that Maine already had great road conditions, low congestion, and a low highway fatality rate in 1989. For instance, Maine was able to reduce its rural interstate roads in poor condition from 3.5% to 0%, its urban interstates in poor condition from 1.9% to 0%, and its rural arterials in poor condition from 9.5% to only 2.3% (the fourth biggest improvement in the country).

Category	Rank Showing Most Improvement 1989–2008
Overall Performance and Spending Efficiency	6
State-Administered Highway Mileage (ranked largest to smallest based on system size in 2008)	33
Rural Interstate in Poor Condition.....	21
Rural Arterials in Poor Condition	4
Rural Arterials with Narrow Lanes	23
Urban Interstates in Poor Condition	21
Urban Interstate Congestion.....	23
Deficient Bridges.....	28
Fatality Rate	44
Total Disbursements Per Mile (1=biggest spending increase, 50=biggest spending decrease).....	19