

North Carolina

Performance: Improved in 4 / Worsened in 3 Categories



Although North Carolina improved in four categories of highway performance between 1989 and 2008, it also worsened in three. Road conditions worsened on rural and urban interstates, but improved on rural arterials. In addition, urban congestion decreased, deficient bridges were fixed, and the highway fatality rate was reduced. Narrow lanes on rural primaries, however, became more numerous.

Even though North Carolina experienced generally worsened road conditions, the 2008 numbers were not as bad as the national average percentages for roads in poor condition. In addition, urban congestion dropped by 12.6 percentage points, which was significantly better than the national average of 4 percentage points.

Category	Rank Showing Most Improvement 1989–2008
Overall Performance and Spending Efficiency	38
State-Administered Highway Mileage (ranked largest to smallest based on system size in 2008)	1
Rural Interstate in Poor Condition.....	41
Rural Arterials in Poor Condition	18
Rural Arterials with Narrow Lanes	46
Urban Interstates in Poor Condition	36
Urban Interstate Congestion.....	14
Deficient Bridges.....	16
Fatality Rate	17
Total Disbursements Per Mile (1=biggest spending increase, 50=biggest spending decrease).....	14