

Pennsylvania

Performance: Improved in 6 / Worsened in 1 Category



Pennsylvania improved on six key measures of its highways and only declined in one category between 1989 and 2008. Road conditions improved across the board, with improvements on rural interstates, urban interstates and rural arterials. While urban interstate congestion did get worse, the state’s proportion of deficient bridges was slightly reduced, the highway fatality rate was improved, and the quantity of narrow lanes on rural primary roads was lowered.

The state was able to make numerous improvements between 1989 and 2008, but many of these improvements were near or below national average improvements. One cause for concern was urban interstate congestion, which increased 5.3 percentage points. Nonetheless, Pennsylvania’s 2008 level of 42.3% of its urban interstates congested was still below the 2008 national average of 48.6%.

Category	Rank Showing Most Improvement 1989–2008
Overall Performance and Spending Efficiency	20
State-Administered Highway Mileage (ranked largest to smallest based on system size in 2008)	4
Rural Interstate in Poor Condition.....	17
Rural Arterials in Poor Condition	22
Rural Arterials with Narrow Lanes	30
Urban Interstates in Poor Condition.....	25
Urban Interstate Congestion.....	36
Deficient Bridges.....	40
Fatality Rate	26
Total Disbursements Per Mile (1=biggest spending increase, 50=biggest spending decrease).....	36