

South Dakota

Performance: Improved in 5 / Worsened in 1 Category



Between 1989 and 2008, South Dakota improved in five categories of highway performance and got worse in just one. The state had mixed success with road conditions: rural arterials improved but urban interstates deteriorated and rural interstates did not change. South Dakota was more successful in other categories: urban congestion improved considerably, the proportion of deficient bridges was lowered, the highway fatality rate was improved, and the quantity of narrow lanes on rural primary roads was reduced.

South Dakota, which had 10.9% of its urban interstates congested in 1989, was able to eliminate urban interstate congestion in the state by 2008. It was only one of four states to do so.

Category	Rank Showing Most Improvement 1989–2008
Overall Performance and Spending Efficiency	13
State-Administered Highway Mileage (ranked largest to smallest based on system size in 2008)	32
Rural Interstate in Poor Condition.....	35
Rural Arterials in Poor Condition	18
Rural Arterials with Narrow Lanes	18
Urban Interstates in Poor Condition.....	43
Urban Interstate Congestion.....	21
Deficient Bridges.....	21
Fatality Rate	20
Total Disbursements Per Mile (1=biggest spending increase, 50=biggest spending decrease).....	40