

## Washington

Performance: Improved in 4 / Worsened in 3 Categories



Between 1989 and 2008, the state of Washington improved in four categories of highway infrastructure, but got worse in three. The decline was in road conditions: the state experienced an increased proportion of rural interstate, urban interstate and rural arterial roads in poor condition.

However, urban interstate congestion was significantly reduced, the proportion of deficient bridges was minimized, the highway fatality rate was improved, and the proportion of narrow lanes on rural primary roads was lowered.

Although the state experienced worse road conditions in 2008 as compared with 1989, most of this deterioration was marginal. The 2008 percentages of roads in poor condition in Washington remained below national averages for urban interstates and rural arterials. The state’s improvement in urban interstate congestion— 19.4 percentage points—was far above the national average improvement of 4 percentage points.

<b>Category .....</b>	<b>Rank Showing Most Improvement 1989–2008</b>
Overall Performance and Spending Efficiency .....	42
State-Administered Highway Mileage (ranked largest to smallest based on system size in 2008) .....	12
Rural Interstate in Poor Condition.....	45
Rural Arterials in Poor Condition .....	35
Rural Arterials with Narrow Lanes .....	26
Urban Interstates in Poor Condition.....	31
Urban Interstate Congestion.....	7
Deficient Bridges.....	34
Fatality Rate .....	27
Total Disbursements Per Mile (1=biggest spending increase, 50=biggest spending decrease).....	4