

Wisconsin

Performance: Improved in 7 Categories



Between 1989 and 2008, Wisconsin improved its highways in all seven categories, one of only 11 states to do so. Road conditions considerably improved on rural interstates, urban interstates and rural arterials. Urban interstate congestion was improved, deficient bridges were fixed, the highway fatality rate was lowered, and the proportion of narrow lanes on rural primary roads was significantly reduced.

Wisconsin experienced sweeping improvements in its highways between 1989 and 2008. For instance, the proportion of rural interstates in poor condition was reduced by 17 percentage points, the fifth best improvement in the country. Wisconsin’s proportion of narrow lanes on rural primary roads was also significantly reduced, from 11% narrow lanes in 1993 to just 1% in 2008.

Category	Rank Showing Most Improvement 1989–2008
Overall Performance and Spending Efficiency	9
State-Administered Highway Mileage (ranked largest to smallest based on system size in 2008)	22
Rural Interstate in Poor Condition.....	5
Rural Arterials in Poor Condition	10
Rural Arterials with Narrow Lanes	6
Urban Interstates in Poor Condition	16
Urban Interstate Congestion.....	17
Deficient Bridges.....	17
Fatality Rate	28
Total Disbursements Per Mile (1=biggest spending increase, 50=biggest spending decrease).....	25