

## Arkansas

Rank in 2009: 36

Rank in 2008: 29

Rank in 2007: 32



Arkansas’ state highway system is ranked 36<sup>th</sup> in the nation in overall highway performance and efficiency in the latest *Annual Highway Report* by Reason Foundation. Arkansas was ranked 29<sup>th</sup> in the previous report.

Arkansas highways have one of the nation’s highest highway fatality rates, ranking 46<sup>th</sup> out of 50 states. Arkansas ranks next to last, 49<sup>th</sup>, with 3.4 times the national average of rural arterial lanes that are too narrow, 44<sup>th</sup> in the amount of rural interstates in poor pavement condition—with 2.2 times the national average in poor condition—and 40<sup>th</sup> in urban interstates in poor condition.

With 16,431 miles under the state highway control, it is the 15<sup>th</sup> largest system in the country. Arkansas spends much less per mile than the national average, ranking 6<sup>th</sup> in total disbursements per mile of highway, but it bests national averages in only two performance categories: deficient bridges (12 percent better than the average, ranked 19<sup>th</sup>) and urban interstate congestion (3 percent better than average, ranked 31<sup>st</sup>). In all other categories, Arkansas trails the U.S. average.

Arkansas	State Data			State Rank			Ratio to U.S. Data		
	2007	2008	2009	2007	2008	2009	2007	2008	2009
Capital-Bridge Disbursements per Mile	34,371	36,257	32,273	10	9	5	0.45	0.47	0.40
Maintenance Disbursements per Mile	8,573	10,180	10,586	4	7	7	0.36	0.44	0.42
Administrative Disbursements per Mile	1,888	1,821	1,984	2	2	2	0.19	0.14	0.17
Total Disbursement per Mile	53,089	55,168	55,294	7	6	6	0.40	0.38	0.38
Rural Interstate Percent Poor Condition	3.91	3.13	3.69	44	43	44	2.03	1.63	2.21
Rural Other Principal Arterial Percent Poor	0.45	0.76	0.66	26	36	34	0.70	1.45	1.02
Urban Interstate Percent Poor	7.14	4.37	7.04	36	33	40	1.22	0.81	1.42
Urban Interstate Percent Congested	48.72	45.41	45.41	33	29	31	0.96	0.93	0.97
Rural Arterial Percent Narrow Lanes	32.74	33.36	33.36	47	47	49	3.19	3.30	3.45
Percent of Deficient Bridges	23.18	21.18	20.71	22	19	19	0.92	0.87	0.88
Fatality Rate	1.96	1.81	1.76	45	46	46	1.45	1.44	1.55
<b>Overall Performance</b>	<b>1.08</b>	<b>1.03</b>	<b>1.18</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>36</b>			