

### South Carolina

Rank in 2009: 7  
 Rank in 2008: 6  
 Rank in 2007: 4



South Carolina’s state highway system is ranked 7<sup>th</sup> in the nation in overall highway performance and efficiency in the latest *Annual Highway Report* by Reason Foundation. South Carolina ranked 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> in the previous two reports. South Carolina has been in the *Annual Highway Report*’s top 10 every year since 2000, except 2002.

With 41,613 miles under state control, it is the 4<sup>th</sup> largest state-administered system in the country. South Carolina has traditionally had a very thin budget relative to system size—in this year’s report, it ranked in the top five in all disbursement categories, including 1<sup>st</sup> in total disbursements per mile.

South Carolina’s ranking was hurt by finishing 48<sup>th</sup> in fatality rate, 37<sup>th</sup> in urban interstate congestion, and 37<sup>th</sup> in rural interstate pavement condition. The state was 23<sup>rd</sup> in deficient bridges and 15<sup>th</sup> in urban interstate pavement condition.

| South Carolina                              | State Data  |             |             | State Rank |          |             | Ratio to U.S. Data |      |      |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|----------|-------------|--------------------|------|------|
|   | 2007        | 2008        | 2009        | 2007       | 2008     | <b>2009</b> | 2007               | 2008 | 2009 |
| Capital-Bridge Disbursements per Mile       | 14,466      | 13,214      | 15,515      | 1          | 1        | <b>1</b>    | 0.19               | 0.17 | 0.19 |
| Maintenance Disbursements per Mile          | 13,173      | 8,164       | 8,634       | 11         | 3        | <b>4</b>    | 0.55               | 0.36 | 0.34 |
| Administrative Disbursements per Mile       | 2,688       | 8,499       | 2,180       | 6          | 20       | <b>4</b>    | 0.28               | 0.64 | 0.19 |
| Total Disbursement per Mile                 | 34,382      | 34,299      | 31,379      | 2          | 1        | <b>1</b>    | 0.26               | 0.24 | 0.22 |
| Rural Interstate Percent Poor Condition     | 0.17        | 0.17        | 2.07        | 21         | 26       | <b>37</b>   | 0.09               | 0.09 | 1.24 |
| Rural Other Principal Arterial Percent Poor | 0.16        | 0.16        | 0.16        | 17         | 15       | <b>15</b>   | 0.24               | 0.30 | 0.24 |
| Urban Interstate Percent Poor               | 0.76        | 0.76        | 1.15        | 11         | 12       | <b>15</b>   | 0.13               | 0.14 | 0.23 |
| Urban Interstate Percent Congested          | 50.00       | 50.00       | 47.83       | 36         | 38       | <b>37</b>   | 0.99               | 1.03 | 1.02 |
| Rural Arterial Percent Narrow Lanes         | 6.64        | 5.70        | 5.08        | 26         | 25       | <b>21</b>   | 0.65               | 0.56 | 0.53 |
| Percent of Deficient Bridges                | 22.43       | 23.20       | 22.19       | 20         | 25       | <b>23</b>   | 0.89               | 0.96 | 0.96 |
| Fatality Rate                               | 2.09        | 1.85        | 1.82        | 47         | 48       | <b>48</b>   | 1.54               | 1.48 | 1.60 |
| <b>Overall Performance</b>                  | <b>0.54</b> | <b>0.54</b> | <b>0.62</b> | <b>4</b>   | <b>6</b> | <b>7</b>    |                    |      |      |