

Colorado

Rank in 2009: 41

Rank in 2008: 34

Rank in 2007: 33



Colorado's state highway system is ranked 41st in the nation in overall highway performance and efficiency in the latest *Annual Highway Report* by Reason Foundation. It is a sharp decline for Colorado, which ranked 33rd and 34th in the two previous reports.

Colorado ranks 36th in urban interstate congestion, 35th in rural arterial narrow lanes, 33rd in the pavement condition of urban interstates and 47th in the pavement condition of rural interstates.

Colorado bested the U.S. averages in a few categories: fatality rate (12 percent below the national average, ranked 18th); deficient bridges (42 percent below the national rate, ranked 5th); and maintenance disbursements per mile (8 percent below the national average, ranked 29th). With 9,764 miles under the state-owned highway system, it has a mid-sized system, with total per-mile expenditures slightly (13 percent) above the national average.

Colorado	State Data			State Rank			Ratio to U.S. Data		
	2007	2008	2009	2007	2008	2009	2007	2008	2009
Capital-Bridge Disbursements per Mile	60,723	70,823	86,164	22	24	29	0.79	0.92	1.08
Maintenance Disbursements per Mile	26,347	25,483	23,335	33	30	29	1.10	1.11	0.92
Administrative Disbursements per Mile	20,008	19,563	22,573	40	38	40	2.06	1.48	1.99
Total Disbursement per Mile	137,536	147,169	163,028	30	27	30	1.03	1.01	1.13
Rural Interstate Percent Poor Condition	2.48	2.64	6.72	39	41	47	1.29	1.37	4.03
Rural Other Principal Arterial Percent Poor	0.91	0.99	0.49	37	41	29	1.41	1.88	0.76
Urban Interstate Percent Poor	5.22	6.64	5.64	33	37	33	0.89	1.24	1.13
Urban Interstate Percent Congested	43.49	47.58	47.58	23	33	36	0.86	0.98	1.02
Rural Arterial Percent Narrow Lanes	14.14	12.77	12.77	37	34	35	1.38	1.26	1.32
Percent of Deficient Bridges	16.78	13.85	13.48	7	5	5	0.66	0.57	0.58
Fatality Rate	1.14	1.15	1.00	14	21	18	0.84	0.91	0.88
Overall Performance	1.09	1.14	1.32	33	34	41			