

Connecticut

Performance: Improved in 4 / Worsened in 2 Categories



Connecticut improved in four measures of highway infrastructure and worsened in two. The state decreased urban congestion, significantly improved the state of its deficient bridges, improved its highway fatality rate, and slightly lowered the number of narrow lanes on rural primaries between 1989 and 2008. However, the number of urban interstates and rural arterial roads in poor condition increased. The condition of Connecticut’s rural interstate roads, meanwhile, did not see any change.

Connecticut is one of only eight states to see no positive improvements in the three categories of road conditions, but this likely has to do with the fact that the state had almost no roads in poor condition in the first place. Connecticut did considerably decrease its percentage of deficient bridges by 24.5 percentage points, well above the national average improvement of 14 percentage points. The state also successfully decreased congestion by 12.3 percentage points, also above the national average of 4 percentage points.

Category	Rank Showing Most Improvement 1989–2008
Overall Performance and Spending Efficiency	35
State-Administered Highway Mileage (ranked largest to smallest based on system size in 2008)	44
Rural Interstate in Poor Condition.....	35
Rural Arterials in Poor Condition	43
Rural Arterials with Narrow Lanes	33
Urban Interstates in Poor Condition.....	38
Urban Interstate Congestion.....	16
Deficient Bridges.....	7
Fatality Rate	36
Total Disbursements Per Mile (1=biggest spending increase, 50=biggest spending decrease).....	50