

Iowa

Performance: Improved in 5 / Worsened in 2 Categories



Between 1989 and 2008, Iowa improved in five categories of its highway infrastructure and declined in two. The state slightly improved the condition of its rural and urban interstate roads, it took care of many of its deficient bridges, and it lowered both its highway fatality rate and its quantity of narrow lanes on rural primaries. Despite its improvements, Iowa saw a decline in road conditions on rural arterials and an increase in urban congestion.

Many of the state’s improvements are near U.S. national averages. The state was able to fix many of its deficient bridges, which were at only 26.9% in 2008 after being as high as 47.3% in 1989. The one major problem was urban congestion, which more than doubled to 38.8% in 2008, having been 14.6% in 1989. This means Iowa experienced the third worst decline in the country in that particular category.

Category	Rank Showing Most Improvement 1989–2008
Overall Performance and Spending Efficiency	26
State-Administered Highway Mileage (ranked largest to smallest based on system size in 2008)	31
Rural Interstate in Poor Condition.....	21
Rural Arterials in Poor Condition	49
Rural Arterials with Narrow Lanes	14
Urban Interstates in Poor Condition.....	26
Urban Interstate Congestion.....	48
Deficient Bridges.....	12
Fatality Rate	21
Total Disbursements Per Mile.....	47