National Highway System Bridge Conditions — 2018

The National Highway System (NHS) includes the Interstate Highway System as well as other roads important to the nation’s economy, defense, and mobility. The NHS was developed by the Department of Transportation (DOT) in cooperation with the states, local officials, and metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs).

Bridge inspection data is submitted annually to the Federal Highway Administration by states, federal agencies, and tribal governments in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards. Effective in 2017 the bridge performance measures changed, now using the terms "Good", "Fair", and "Poor".
- "Good" condition: All elements of the bridge are sound, and no maintenance is needed.
- "Fair" condition: All elements of the bridge are sound, but some preventive maintenance would prolong the life of the bridge.
- "Poor" condition: One or more elements of the bridge are deteriorating, and repairs or replacement will be needed in the near future.

Percentage of Bridges in Poor Condition on the National Highway System — 2018

Iowa Ranks 9th in Lowest Percentage of NHS Bridges that are in Poor Condition

All Iowa Bridge Conditions — 2018

Iowa Bridge Condition by Ownership
Includes NHS and All Other Bridges

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