CITIES WITH THE WORST-MAINTAINED ROADS IN THE UNITED STATES

A closer look at deteriorating urban roads and their costs to drivers in the most populated urban areas in the United States.*

Road condition is defined using a number of factors, including the International Roughness Index (IRI), which is a pavement smoothness measurement index calculated annually by the Federal Highway Administration, and the Present Serviceability Rating (PSR), a pavement condition rating also determined by the Federal Highway Administration.

Pavement conditions may be rated as:

- Poor: Extremely deteriorated roadways, may only be passable at reduced speeds; deep cracks, large potholes, and other signs of distress cover 50-75% of the roadway
- **Mediocre**: Noticeably inferior both in ride quality and appearance; distress and defects are obvious
- **Fair**: Mostly smooth ride, few signs of distress, some cracks and patches, small potholes visible
- **Good**: New or nearly new roadways, smooth ride, distress-free, minimal cracks and patches

Top 10 Urban Areas With the Highest Percentage of Poor Roads Top 10 Urban Areas With the Highest Percentage of Good Roads

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San Francisco-Oakland, CA		71%
Los Angeles, CA		60%
San Jose, CA		59%
Detroit, MI		56%
Milwaukee, WI		56%
Bridgeport-Stamford, CT		55%
Omaha, NE-IA		54%
Oklahoma City, OK		53%
Grand Rapids, MI		52%
Tulsa, OK	4	19%

Nashville-Davidson, TN	65%
Orlando, FL	65%
Jacksonville, FL	61%
McAllen, TX	55%
Portland, OR-WA	52 %
Las Vegas, NV	47%
Tampa-St. Petersburg, FL	47%
Raleigh, NC	46%
Providence, RI-MA	43%
Cincinnati, OH-KY-IN	42%

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							to road conditions.
San Francisco-Oakland, CA	71			15	6	8	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ 978
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Santa Ana CA	60			23	8	9	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ 892
San Jose, CA	59			20	9	12	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ 863
Detroit. M	56			27	2	15	\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$
Milwaukee. W	56			20	11	13	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$861
Bridgeport-Stamford, CT	55			21	12	12	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$797
Omaha. NE-IA	54			24	11	11	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$
Oklahoma City, OK	53			30	9	8	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$
Grand Rapids, M	52		9	2		37	\$\$\$\$\$\$ \$ { <mark>\$742</mark>
Tulsa, OK	49			35	10	6	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ 998
, Honolulu, H	49			31	11	9	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$745
Cleveland, OH	49		14	8		29	\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ \$748
Seattle, WA	47			27	12	14	\$\$\$\$\$\$ \$695
New Haven, CT	47			26 10		17	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$728
San Diego, CA	46		21	10		23	\$\$\$\$\$\$ \$ 722
Denver-Aurora, CO	45			35	10	10	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ 753
Chicago, IL-IN	44			34	7	15	\$\$\$\$\$\$ \$ 727
Baltimore, MD	43		26	10		21	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$
New York-Newark, NY-NJ	42		30	12		16	s s s s s s \$666
Akron, OH	42		20	10		28	ssssss <u>\$690</u>
San Antonio TX	41		20	42	4	13	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ 791
Springfield MA-CT	30		38	1		22	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ 665
Boston MA-NH	38		00	46	4	15	
Hartford CT	- 38		30	12		17	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ 653
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New Orleans, LA	30		20	13		29	
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Sacramento, CA	35		33	8		24	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$
Richmond, VA	34		31	13		22	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$644
Albuquerque, NM	34		25	13		28	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ 703
Washington, DC-MD-VA	33		29	18		20	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$
Mission Viejo, CA	33		27	23		17	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ 619
St. Louis, MO-IL	. 31		30	14		25	\$\$\$\$\$ \$ 647
Tucson, AZ	30		24	15		31	\$\$\$\$\$ \$ 542
Pittsburgh, PA	30		20	23		27	\$ \$ \$ \$ <mark>\$511</mark>
Allentown-Bethlehem, NJ-PA	28		29	21		22	\$\$\$ \$ \$ <mark>\$540</mark>
Toledo, OH-M	28		25 10			37	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ 543
Salt Lake City, UT	26		40	14		20	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ 698
Riverside-San Bernardino, CA	26		34	24		16	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ 571
Houston, TX	26		34	9		31	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$
Kansas City, MO-KS	26		31	19		24	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ 609
Virginia Beach, VA	26		28	17		29	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$
Columbus, OH	26	12	21			41	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$
Dayton, OH	25		31	11		33	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$
Orlando, FL	. 24	8 3				65	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ 406
El Paso, TX-NM	24	28	10			38	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$
Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN-W	24	20	20			36	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ <mark>\$ 546</mark>
Fresno, CA	23		41	16		20	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$
Providence, RI-MA	22	29	6			43	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$411
Louisville, KY	22	26	18			34	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ 519
Atlanta, GA	21	27	18			34	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$
Albany, NY	21	25	27			27	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$449
Cincinnati, OH-KY-IN	21	18	19			42	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ 441
McAllen, TX	20	17	8			55	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$
Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, TX	19	34	14			33	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ 497
Indianapolis, IN	19	22	19			40	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$
Tampa-St. Petersburg, FL	. 17	28	8			47	\$\$ \$\$ 415
Phoenix-Mesa, AZ	17	26	18			39	\$\$ \$\$ 405
Austin, TX	15	38		14		33	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ 457
Birmingham, AL	. 15	33		25		27	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ 487
Las Vegas, NV	14	21	18			47	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$
Buffalo, NY	13	31	18			38	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$357
Charlotte, NC-SC	13	26	24			37	\$ \$ \$ \$ 400
Portland, OR-WA	12 13	23				52	\$ \$ \$ \$282
Rochester. NY	12 12		36			40	\$ \$ \$ \$ 291
Sarasota-Bradenton. FL	11	55		5		29	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$453
Nashville-Davidson. TN	11 11	13				65	\$ \$ \$ \$264
Raleigh. NC	9 19		26			46	\$ \$ \$ \$306
Miami. FL	7	55		3		35	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$391
Jacksonville, FL	4 25	10				61	\$ \$ \$226

Top 10 Urban Areas With the Highest Additional Vehicle Maintenance Costs*

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2	Tulsa, OK \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ \$ <mark>\$</mark> 998
3	San Francisco-Oakland, CA \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ \$\$\$
4	Los Angeles-Long Beach- \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ <mark>\$</mark> \$\$\$
	Santa Ana, CA
5	Detroit, MI \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$
6	San Jose, CA \$\$\$\$\$\$\$ \$ \$ <mark>\$</mark> \$ \$ \$
7	Milwaukee, WI \$\$\$\$\$\$\$ <mark>\$</mark> 8 <mark>\$</mark> 8 <mark>\$</mark> 8 <mark>\$</mark> 8 <mark>\$</mark> 8 <mark>\$</mark> 8 <mark>\$861</mark>
8	Omaha, NE-IA \$\$\$\$\$\$\$ <mark>\$</mark> \$ <mark>\$</mark> \$ <mark>\$</mark> \$ <mark>\$</mark> \$
9	Bridgeport-Stamford, CT \$\$\$\$\$\$\$ \$797
0	San Antonio, TX \$\$\$\$\$\$ <mark>\$</mark> 791

Top 10 Urban Areas With the Lowest Additional Vehicle Maintenance Costs*

 Jacksonville, FL
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 Nashville-Davidson, TN
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 Portland, OR-WA
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 Rochester, NY
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 Raleigh, NC
 \$\$\$ \$306

 Las Vegas, NV
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 Buffalo, NY
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 Miami, FL
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 Charlotte, NC-SC
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 Phoenix-Mesa, AZ
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*Additional vehicle maintenance costs is defined as the average increased cost to maintain a vehicle due to poor

road conditions per motorist.

** An urban area includes the major city in a region and its neighboring or surrounding suburban areas.

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