



U.S. Chamber of Commerce

South Dakota

About the Infrastructure Network

In the state of South Dakota:



Roads

81,762 miles of roads, with **31%** in poor or mediocre condition



Bridges

16.1% of **5,883** bridges are deemed structurally deficient



Rail

1,729 miles of freight rail; **10** miles of passenger rail



Transit

20+ transit providers serve **over 2 million** riders annually



Ports and Waterways

0 waterways throughout the state

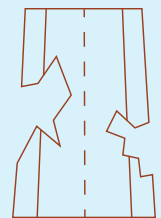


Airports

184 airports in the state

Moving People and Goods

Driving on deteriorated roads costs South Dakota motorists **\$446 million**, or **\$648 per driver**, in the form of additional repairs, accelerated vehicle depreciation, and increased fuel consumption and tire wear.



Commuting:

85.7%

of workers in South Dakota commute by driving

9.3%

use transit, walking, biking, or other modes of transportation

Freight:

\$53 billion

in domestic trade is shipped from the state each year

77%

of that volume moved by truck

Economic Impact



1,233
direct

and

7,488
indirect

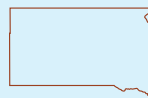
transportation jobs generate
over \$423 million in wages
each year within South Dakota.

Safety



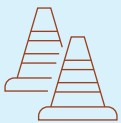
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people died on South Dakota
highways from 2020 through 2025,
an average of **139** fatalities per year.



1.15≈1.1

South Dakota traffic fatality rate
of **1.15** fatalities per **100** million
vehicle miles traveled is **similar**
to the national average of **1.1**.



13 work zone fatalities

occurred in South Dakota between
2020–2024.



**945 structurally
deficient bridges**

pose safety risks if not addressed.

Federal Funding for Infrastructure

57%

Federal funding accounts for
57% of spending
on road and bridge projects...

56%

and provides
56% of the revenue
that keeps transit systems
operating and investing in
new projects.



IJA Allocation (2021–2026)

South Dakota has received approximately
\$2.2 billion in federal transportation
funding under the Infrastructure
Investment and Jobs Act.



What's at Stake

Without reauthorization at current or
increased levels, **South Dakota**
risks losing federal funding
needed to support agriculture and
tourism, connect communities across
the state, and sustain the infrastructure
that drives the state's economy.

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