



U.S. Chamber of Commerce

Tennessee

About the Infrastructure Network

In the state of Tennessee:



Roads

96,303 miles of roads, with **14%** in poor or mediocre condition



Bridges

4.4% of **20,374** bridges are deemed structurally deficient



Rail

3,255 miles of freight rail; **203** miles of passenger rail



Transit

26 transit providers serve **over 22 million** riders annually



Ports and Waterways

384 waterways throughout the state

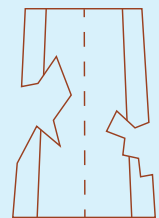


Airports

382 airports in the state

Moving People and Goods

Driving on deteriorated roads costs Tennessee motorists **\$1.4 billion**, or **\$276 per driver**, in the form of additional repairs, accelerated vehicle depreciation, and increased fuel consumption and tire wear.



Commuting:

85.7%

of workers in Tennessee commute by driving

11.4%

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

Freight:

\$410 billion

in domestic trade is shipped from the state each year

74%

of that volume moved by truck

Economic Impact



7,749
direct

and

94,386
indirect

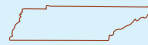
transportation jobs generate
over \$5 billion in wages
each year within Tennessee.

Safety



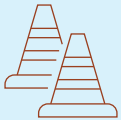
6,221

people died on Tennessee highways
from 2020 through 2025, an average
of **1,244** fatalities per year.



1.27 > 1.1

Tennessee traffic fatality rate
of **1.27** fatalities per **100** million
vehicle miles traveled is **higher**
than the national average of **1.1**.



115 work zone fatalities
occurred in Tennessee between
2020–2024.



**887 structurally
deficient bridges**
pose safety risks if not addressed.

Federal Funding for Infrastructure

44%

Federal funding accounts for
44% of spending
on road and bridge projects...

35%

and provides
35% of the revenue
that keeps transit systems
operating and investing in
new projects.



IIJA Allocation (2021–2026)

Tennessee has received approximately
\$6.22 billion in federal transportation
funding under the Infrastructure
Investment and Jobs Act.



What's at Stake

Without reauthorization at current or
increased levels, **Tennessee risks
losing federal funding** needed to
support critical freight gateways along
the Mississippi River, sustain freight
movement across the Southeast, and
support the state's growing economy.

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