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Bridges, roads, water: A U.S. 'report card'

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Engineer group gives U.S. D-minus grades in five infrastructure categories

American Society of Civil Engineers represents civil engineers across the globe

The group periodically issues a report card analyzing U.S. infrastructure

The analysis includes categories such as bridges, dams, roads and drinking water

Five categories of U.S. infrastructure received a grade of D minus in 2009 from the American Society of Civil Engineers.

The organization, which represents civil engineers across the globe, periodically issues a national report card analyzing an array of key elements of infrastructure.

The 2009 report, which is the most recent ranked U.S. levees, roads, wastewater, inland waterways & drinking water at a D minus.

The above interactive details the ASCE grades from 2009, 2005 and 2001.

Click on the U.S. map to see which infrastructure issues the ASCE said it is most concerned about in your state.

The state data is from a survey of ASCE state members conducted in September 2008.

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bharris123
Interesting how roads and

transit (among others) have been on a downward trend since 2001. Wasn't infrastructure improvement part of the stimulus package?

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bear1979

few things- most of our roads & bridges reaching end of their lifespan (most were built with 50 year effective lifespan. Also, federal funding was cut for roads and bridges- the feds pushed that responsibility on the states. One reason why states are broke... Can you blame Bush though? I mean, r... [more](#)

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yyangcn

We can all agree that the infrastructure is inadequately maintained everywhere across the US...but I still want to see how these scores compare with other countries', just for curiosity's sake...frankly, scores that are taken out of context do not really give any perspective. I say CNN should have p... [more](#)

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tinkly

How much of this stuff has been built in the last 100 years without any thought to upkeep? We could create thousands of jobs, but would Americans actually do the work or outsource it, or better yet: have one gov'mt employee fixing it while 5 other stand around leaning on shovels watching!!! O a... [more](#)

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TNopinion

TN has some of the best roads in the country, so I found it odd that their top concern was roads. Top concern around here should have been schools.

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bear1979

Our country will collapse (literally) if we do not maintain our infrastructure. Roman Empire ringing a bell? What happened there? Oh yeah, they let their infrastructure collapse while they spent money on wars and expansion.. Eisenhower warned of this...

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bear1979

yep- a little bit at a time, a bridge here, a road there. Nobody sees the big picture until we are all screwed....

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CWhatsNew

Just hope your point is taken seriously before it literally collapses. The problem is the 'collapsing' is an 'ordinary miracle', that it fails here and there every day. People are ignorant, you know. Sad.

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psychobilly

we could really use that \$1,008,616,000,000 that we've spent on this dumb war since 2001 to fix up our own infrastructure right now.

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BlingKing290

You should see it in Pittsburgh. Pot holes every 5 yards, dirty everything; I hate this city. Has to one of the worst cities in this country besides Cleveland.

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Milwaukee is pretty terrible too.

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huhwut

wow...our infrastructure is crumbling....I'm shocked! (not really)

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SGTWoodcock

Scary!

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