

Rural Roads: An Endangered Species

[TRIP](#), a national transportation research group, of which AED is a member, released a [report](#) detailing how the poor conditions of America's rural transportation infrastructure impact the country.

Although only 20 percent of Americans live in rural environments, nearly 60 percent of all automotive fatalities happen on roads in less populated areas. The report indicates that there are many opportunities for cost-effective improvements, such as wider shoulders and rumble-strips, which would significantly improve safety.

You Thought You Had It Bad? States with the Worst Rural Roads*

<i>State</i>	<i>Percent Roads in Poor Condition</i>
Vermont	36
Idaho	31
Oklahoma	30
Rhode Island	30
Hawaii	29

*States with rural roads in poor condition as defined by TRIP, source: [TRIP](#)

The new rural roads data and [the state-by-state reports TRIP produces regularly about our infrastructure needs](#), reinforce why it's so urgent for Congress to immediately pass a new surface transportation reauthorization bill at current funding levels or greater.

Add your voice to those urging Washington to take immediate action on new surface transportation legislation by visiting [AEDaction.org](#) today.

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