

# Connecticut ranks 8th in the nation in highway congestion

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BRANFORD, Conn. (WTNH)— If your commute feels like the worst, new research shows you may be right. Connecticut came in 8th in terms of [traffic](#) congestion on the highways.

Connecticut commuters can have it rough, and not only did they come in 8th with the worst congestion on the roads, 7 % of them are structurally deficient. That's the fifth highest rate in the nation

All of these stats came from the National Transportation Research

Group or TRIP. They say they compiled the data from the U.S. Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration, and the U.S. Census Bureau. And when it comes to company on the roads, New Haven drivers are not surprised with our ranking.

"I'm over 50 now, so I recall as a kid there weren't that many cars out there and that much traffic, so we are congested," said Angelo Reyes, New Haven.

The group is a nonprofit, but they're supported by places like construction companies that depend on highway projects. And they released this data this week as it's the 60th birthday of the nation's interstate system.

We reached out to the state's DOT and the [Governor Dannel Malloy's](#) people got back to us. The governor's spokesperson says

"Transportation is too important to our future." He went on to say "infrastructure is one of the top issues facing our state and we have a \$100 billion plan to tackle it."

And Connecticut drivers can find solace that we're not the absolute worst. California and Maryland are to of the top two spots when it came to traffic congestion.