

Report: OKC leads U.S. in cost of driving on rough roads

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	500K+ URBAN AREA	POOR	500K+ URBAN AREA	VOC	200-500K URBAN AREA	POOR
1	San Francisco--Oakland	71%	Oklahoma City	\$ 1,025	Concord	75%
2	L.A.--Long Beach--Santa Ana	60%	Tulsa	\$ 998	Madison	66%
3	San Jose	59%	San Francisco--Oakland	\$ 978	Victorville--Hesperia--Apple Valley	61%
4	Detroit	56%	L.A.--Long Beach--Santa Ana	\$ 892	Antioch	60%
5	Milwaukee	56%	Detroit	\$ 865	Flint	56%
6	Bridgeport--Stamford	55%	San Jose	\$ 863	Peoria	51%
7	Omaha	54%	Milwaukee	\$ 861	Colorado Springs	51%
8	Oklahoma City	53%	Omaha	\$ 852	Canton	50%
9	Grand Rapids	52%	Bridgeport--Stamford	\$ 797	Stockton	46%
10	Tulsa	49%	San Antonio	\$ 791	Jackson	44%
11	Honolulu	49%	Denver--Aurora	\$ 753	Scranton	42%
12	Cleveland	49%	Cleveland	\$ 748	Davenport	40%
13	Seattle	47%	Honolulu	\$ 745	Savannah	39%
14	New Haven	47%	Grand Rapids	\$ 742	Baton Rouge	38%
15	San Diego	46%	New Haven	\$ 728	Des Moines	38%
16	Denver--Aurora	45%	Chicago	\$ 727	Reading	38%
17	Chicago	44%	San Diego	\$ 722	Fort Wayne	38%
18	Baltimore	43%	Baltimore	\$ 708	Spokane	37%
19	New York--Newark	42%	Albuquerque	\$ 703	Shreveport	36%
20	Akron	42%	Salt Lake City	\$ 698	Santa Rosa	36%
21	San Antonio	41%	Seattle	\$ 695	Thousand Oaks	35%

A study shows Oklahoma City leads the nation in cost to drivers for driving on rough roads. (TRIP)

WASHINGTON, DC — The Oklahoma City metro is one of the worst in the nation when it comes to roadways, according to a new report.

[National transportation research group TRIP says](#) 53% of major roads in OKC are in poor condition, ranking seventh worst in the nation among urban areas with 500,000 or more residents.

The report also estimates those rough roads cost metro drivers \$1,025 annually in additional vehicle operating costs. That number is highest in the U.S.

Poor road conditions seem to be a statewide problem, however.

The same report shows 49% of Tulsa's roads are in poor condition (10th worst in U.S.), costing drivers an extra \$998 each year (2nd).

“Oklahoma is really behind the eight ball when it comes to road maintenance,” said Chuck Mai, vice president of public affairs for AAA Oklahoma. “More big rigs than ever pound our roadways every day thanks to Oklahoma’s geographic position as a crossroads of America. Plus, car travel has been increasing as gasoline prices have been falling. And all this as the state faces a budget shortfall in the hundreds of millions of dollars. ODOT does a very good job with the dollars they have to work with – the problem is they just don’t have enough dollars. Oklahoma City and Tulsa are in the same boat.”

Nationwide, travel by large commercial trucks increased by 26% from 2000 to 2014. That number is anticipated to jump another 72% between 2015 and 2030, according to the report.