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## Report: 14 percent of Louisiana bridges are deficient

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BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — A national transportation research group says 14 percent of Louisiana's state and local bridges are structurally deficient, the seventh-highest rate in the nation.

A [report by TRIP](#), a Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit organization, says 1,821 bridges in Louisiana are deemed to have significant deterioration of a bridge deck, supports or other major components.

The group says the Federal Highway Administration estimates it would cost \$1.9 billion to replace or rehabilitate all structurally deficient bridges in Louisiana.

Louisiana faces a \$14 billion backlog of transportation projects, with \$3.4 billion of that tied to bridge work.

Shawn Wilson, secretary for the state Department of Transportation and Development, [told The Advocate](#) the TRIP report isn't news to his agency. And he said the problems are only likely to get worse because of stagnant funding.