

REPORT: 14 percent of bridges in Flint-area are 'structurally deficient'

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FLINT, Mich. -- According to a report, 14 percent of bridges in the Flint-area that are 20 feet or longer are structurally deficient.

That data comes from [TRIP](#), a private nonprofit organization that researches, evaluates and distributes economic and technical data on surface transportation issues.

The TRIP report includes regional pavement conditions, bridge conditions, congestion levels, highway safety data, and cost-to-motorists breakdowns for Ann Arbor, Detroit, Flint, Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo-Battle Creek, Lansing, Muskegon and Saginaw-Bay City-Midland.

The report adds that nearly two-thirds of major roads in Flint are also in poor or mediocre condition.

Statewide, 11 percent of bridges are structurally deficient.

Forty-three percent of Michigan's bridges were built in 1969 or earlier.

Bridges 50 years or older often require significant rehabilitation or replacement.

"The TRIP data confirms what we've been saying for some time: Michigan's roads and bridges are crumbling because of decades of under investment," said Michigan Department of Transportation Chief Operating Officer and Chief Engineer Tony Kratofil.