

Massachusetts ranks sixth in nation for traffic congestion

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BOSTON — Massachusetts ranks sixth in the nation for traffic congestion, according to a new report from the research group TRIP.

The report found 68% of Massachusetts highways are considered congested during peak travel. The group also found 7% of highway bridges in the state are considered poor or structurally deficient.

The report comes as state officials announced [traffic has now returned to levels not seen since before the COVID-19 pandemic](#).

MassDOT Highway Administrator Jonathan Gulliver said drivers are in for a "major adjustment" this fall and winter.

“Traffic for all intents and purposes is back to about 2019 levels on most roadways in Massachusetts at this point. The exception still is the Turnpike at certain segments. It is running a little lower, especially the closer you get to Boston.”

Traffic on the Mass Pike is running a lighter than what we know as normal.

Fewer people are also driving through the tunnels to and from Logan International Airport than before the pandemic.