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Multiple Midstate bridges in poor condition, new study finds

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(WHTM) – A [new study](#) found that 10% of bridges in the Harrisburg area, which see about 590,000 vehicles a day, are in poor condition.

The report released by [TRIP](#), a national transportation research nonprofit, found “that while the state has made significant progress in the past decade in reducing the number of bridges in poor condition, deficiencies remain and the progress that has been made may be lost without additional funding.”

According to the report, 151 bridges in the region are in poor shape. Statewide, 13% (2,835 of 22,043) of bridges are rated in poor condition, the sixth highest share in the nation.

The chart below lists the 10 most heavily traveled bridges in poor condition in the Harrisburg area, ranked by average daily traffic (ADT).

Rank	County	Facility Carried	Feature Intersected	Location	Year Built	Lanes	ADT	Open, Closed, Posted
1	York	I-83; SR 0083	US 30; SR 0030	I83 & US RT 30 INTERCHNG.	1959	5	59180	Open
2	York	83	181 George St	EXIT-22 I-83 & PA 181	1957	4	59180	Open
3	York	I-83; SR 0083	2002/Springwood Rd	.6 MI N OF PA 74 INTER	1959	4	55949	Open
4	Cumberland	I-81 NB; SR 0081	PA TURNPIKE	I-81N.B. OVER TURNPIKE	1963	2	31302	Open
5	Cumberland	I-81 SB; SR 0081	PA TURNPIKE	I-81S.B. OVER TURNPIKE	1963	2	30599	Open
6	Cumberland	US 11; SR 0011	LETORT SPRING CREEK	1 MI EAST OF MIDDLESEX	1908	4	29454	Open
7	Dauphin	PA 230; SR 0230	ASYLUM RUN	HARRISBURG	1950	4	20782	Open
8	Perry	US 11&15; STATE.RD	FISHING CREEK	MARYSVILLE BORO	1936	2	16986	Open
9	Dauphin	SR 3009 Paxton St	Norfolk Southern RR	2nd and Paxton Sts Hbg	1929	2	16020	Open
10	Dauphin	SR 3012	SPRING CREEK	DERRY STREET-PAXTANG	1938	2	12572	Open

“Securing a predictable, reliable, and growing source of funding to repair and replace Pennsylvania’s aging bridges is absolutely critical,” said Dan DeBone, president and CEO of the Westmoreland County Chamber of Commerce. “This initiative is essential not only for the safety and well-being of our local communities, but also for the prosperity of Pennsylvania’s extensive agriculture and manufacturing sectors. Our businesses rely on dependable infrastructure to acquire materials and, most importantly, to transport products efficiently within and outside of Pennsylvania. Addressing these infrastructure needs today is an investment in the future economic vitality of our region and the Commonwealth.”

The Philadelphia area had the most bridges in poor condition, while the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre area had the largest percentage of poor bridges at 22%.

“Pennsylvania’s bridges are a critical component of the state’s transportation system, providing connections for personal mobility, economic growth and quality of life,” said Dave Kearby, TRIP’s executive director. “While Pennsylvania has made commendable progress in improving bridge conditions over the past decade, without increased and reliable transportation funding, numerous projects to improve and preserve aging bridges in the Harrisburg area and statewide will not move forward, hampering Pennsylvania’s ability to efficiently and safely move people and goods.”

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