



## These 5 crumbling states have the worst infrastructure in America

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America's infrastructure is a mess. And with the Trump administration and Congress unable to fast-forward a bipartisan plan to address the issue, things are only getting worse. According to the [2017 American Society of Civil Engineers report card](#), published every four years, the U.S. needs to spend some \$4.5 trillion by 2025 to fix the country's roads, bridges, dams and other infrastructure. Yet some states are in much rougher shape than others, putting them at a competitive disadvantage when it comes to attracting business and jobs.

Infrastructure is one of the 10 categories of competitiveness in CNBC's annual [America's Top States for Business](#) rankings. [We use government data](#) from the U.S. Department of Transportation, the Census Bureau and the Environmental Protection Agency to evaluate each state's roads, bridges, railways, waterways, ports, airports and utilities, as well as the size of the population within a day's drive.

Some states are [weathering the storm quite nicely](#), but these five states are the most in need of an infrastructure overhaul.

## 4. Maine



Air traffic controllers work in the control tower at Portland International Jetport

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What else would you suspect in the state that is said to have originated the phrase “You can’t get there from here”? Roads and bridges are in terrible shape. [Maine](#)’s busiest airport serves only about 20 destinations, none of them international. About 2 million passengers used Portland International Jetport last year. That is about 2% of the traffic at Atlanta’s Hartsfield-Jackson International.

**2019 Infrastructure score: 125 out of 350 points (Top States grade: F)**

**US population within 500 miles: 49,364,126**

**Average commute to work: 23.8 minutes**

**Bridges in poor condition: 13.1%**

**Roads in unacceptable condition: 13%**

**20-year water-system needs: \$1.35 billion**