



These 10 states have the worst infrastructure in America in 2025

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- Key Points**
- Despite trillions of dollars thrown at U.S. infrastructure since 2021, improvements have been spotty.
 - Some states still have serious issues, even though infrastructure is a major priority for companies choosing locations in which to do business.
 - CNBC's annual America's Top States for Business study measure's every state's infrastructure, including roads, bridges, ports, airports, utilities, connectivity and sustainability.

America's infrastructure, long the butt of jokes and the subject of political wrangling that seemed to go nowhere, has just received its best grade ever in the American Society of Civil Engineers' annual [Infrastructure Report Card](#). Unfortunately, that grade is still just a C.

That mediocre grade comes despite trillions of dollars thrown at America's roads, bridges, ports and airports in the past few years, plus wide-ranging efforts in many states to establish a roster of "shovel ready" sites to attract business. Decades of neglect does not simply vanish overnight. And in some states, listed below, they have barely made a dent in their infrastructure problems.

Infrastructure is one of the most important aspects of a state's competitiveness, according to CNBC's 2025 [America's Top States for Business](#) study. It is the second most cited selling point in state economic development marketing pitches, after the purported strength of the state's economy.

To measure how the states are delivering on their infrastructure pitches, the CNBC study considers the condition of roads, bridges and water systems, and the reliability of the power grid. We also evaluate ports, airports, and rail lines. We measure broadband connectivity and computing power, the availability of shovel ready sites for development, sustainability, and — because so many states tout their central location — the population within 500 miles.

Under this year's [methodology](#), the Infrastructure category is worth 16.2% of a state's overall competitiveness score.

In these ten states, infrastructure remains among the nation's weakest.

1. Maine



A Central Maine Power team works on a power line off of Allen Avenue in Portland.

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The Pine Tree State has America's least reliable power grid, a longstanding problem exacerbated by Maine's harsh climate. For years, officials have floated plans to fix the power system. In 2023, voters resoundingly defeated a plan to replace the state's power companies with a public system to be known as [Pine Tree Power](#). This year, Democratic Gov. Janet Mills signed legislation to create a cabinet-level Department of Energy Resources to tackle the issue once and for all.

"This new department will allow the State to build a long-term approach for Maine's energy needs, respond quickly to emerging challenges, and strengthen regional and national energy partnerships to benefit our people and economy," Mills said in a [statement](#) on July 2.

But for now, [Maine](#) has America's worst all-around infrastructure.

2025 Infrastructure score: 119 out of 405 points (Top States Grade: F)

U.S. Population within 500 miles: 46,971,188

Roads in unacceptable condition: 8%

Bridges in poor condition: 15.4%

Power outages per year: 31 hours

Affordable broadband access: 82.8%

Data Centers: 7

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