



Empowering Our Community Through Comprehensive Strategies.

DATA FEATURE

Safety: Transportation Infrastructure

8.13%

BRIDGES

of bridges were reported as 'poor' condition in Iowa, Nebraska, and South Dakota, combined, in 2023. Nationally, bridges found in 'poor' condition stood at 4.9%.

- BUREAU OF TRANSPORTATION STATISTICS, 2023

90.63%

ROADS

of roads were reported as in 'acceptable' condition in Iowa, Nebraska, and South Dakota, combined, in 2022. Nationally, roads found 'acceptable' stood at 81.7%.

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ABOUT US

Source For Siouxland is a collaborative, strategic community planning initiative for a vibrant, safe, and healthy Siouxland. We measure the Economic Stability, Education, Health, Safety, and Quality of Life of the Siouxland Area in order to identify opportunities to build a stronger and more engaged community, prioritize the opportunities, and lead collective impact teams that will improve community outcomes.

BRIDGES & ROADS: PROGRESS AND CHALLENGES IN THE TRI-STATE AREA

Bridge Conditions

Bridge conditions across Iowa, Nebraska, and South Dakota highlight significant regional disparities. In 2023, Iowa's bridges rated as "Good" accounted for 45.2%, closely aligning with the national average of 42.6%. Nebraska consistently outperformed both Iowa and the national average, with 57.5% of bridges rated as "Good" in 2023, reflecting stable but slightly declining performance over the years. In contrast, South Dakota lagged significantly, with only 28.5% of its bridges classified as "Good," consistently ranking well below the national average throughout the observed years. While Nebraska also reported the lowest percentage of bridges in "Poor" condition at 4.7% in 2023, South Dakota had 9.6% and Iowa 10.1%, indicating a need for targeted improvement in these states, particularly South Dakota. These findings emphasize Nebraska's relative success in maintaining bridge quality compared to its neighbors and the nation.

Road Conditions

Road conditions reveal another layer of contrast. Iowa and Nebraska maintained high levels of "Acceptable" road conditions, with Iowa achieving 92.0% and Nebraska 92.4% in 2022. Both states consistently exceeded the national average of 81.7% during the study period. South Dakota, however, trailed with 87.5% of roads rated as "Acceptable" in 2022, a modest improvement from earlier years but still below its regional peers. Despite this, all three states significantly outperformed the national average, reflecting generally higher road maintenance standards in the region compared to the broader U.S.

While road conditions in Iowa, Nebraska, and South Dakota are generally superior to the national average, bridge conditions present a more varied picture. Nebraska leads in bridge quality, while South Dakota faces ongoing challenges. These differences suggest that targeted infrastructure investment could significantly improve bridge conditions in South Dakota and sustain progress in Iowa. Maintaining high road standards while addressing bridge quality disparities in the Tri-State Area will be crucial for supporting connectivity, economic activity, and public safety in the Siouxland region.

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