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Kansas ranks third in study of state highway systems

An annual study of the nation's highway systems ranks Kansas third in state highway performance and cost-effectiveness.

The study by the Reason Foundation in Los Angeles bases state rankings on 11 indicators, such as highway expenditures, pavement and bridge condition, urban interstate congestion, fatality rates and narrow rural lanes. The study is based on spending and performance data submitted to the federal government by the state highway agencies. This year's report is based on 2008 data – the most recent available.

This is the second consecutive year Kansas has been ranked third in the Reason study. The state has been ranked in the top six since 2000.

"I'm pleased to see that Kansas is again recognized for our outstanding roadway system. I'm particularly pleased by this ranking because it considers what we're spending and what we're getting," said Kansas Transportation Secretary Deb Miller.

"I think it's a good indication that we get good value for the dollars we're spending on our system and Kansans can feel good about that."

Kansas received the top ranking in two categories – rural interstate condition and urban interstate condition. The full report can be viewed on the [Reason Foundation](http://www.reason.org) web site.

Earlier this year, the Kansas highway system was ranked the best in the nation in a Reader's Digest magazine report.

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