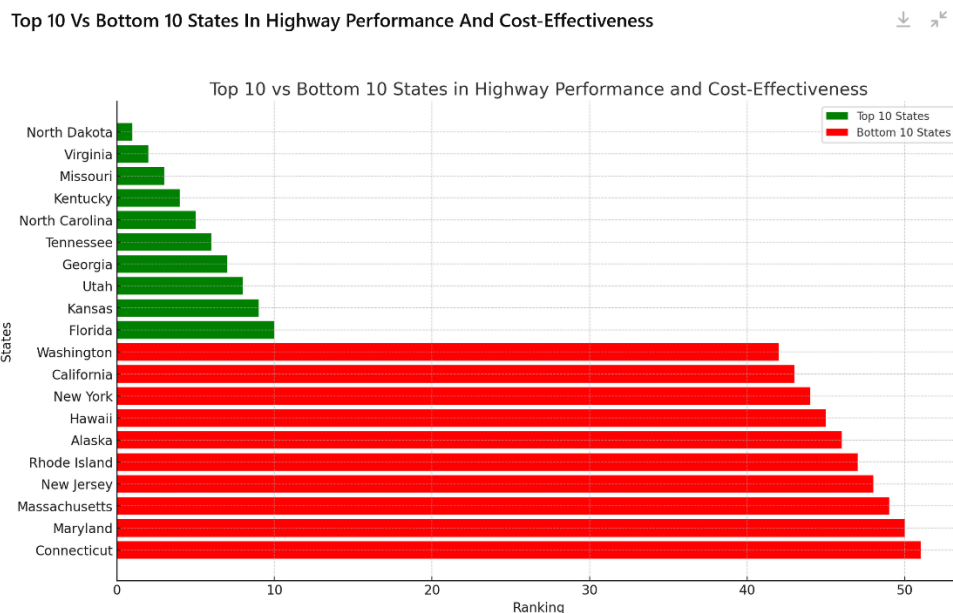


Is Washington State Stuck in Traffic Again?

Transportation issues, including severe traffic congestion and poor road conditions, are major complaints among residents in Washington State. The Puget Sound area is notorious for some of the worst traffic congestion in the country.

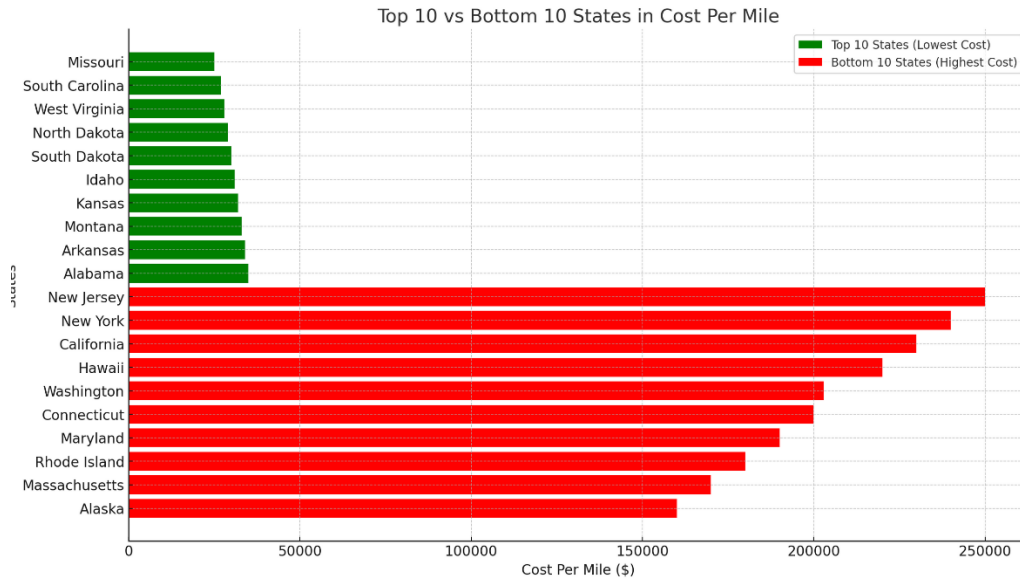
According to the 27th Annual Highway Report by the Reason Foundation, Washington ranks poorly in terms of transportation spending and efficiency compared to other states:

- **Overall Ranking:** Washington ranks 42nd in the nation for highway performance and cost-effectiveness.



- **Specific Metrics:** The state is in the bottom 10 nationally for six of the report's 13 metrics.
- **High Costs:** Washington's high costs are a significant factor in its poor ranking. The state spends \$202,823 per mile on state-controlled roads, ranking 42nd in total spending per mile and 44th in capital and bridge costs per mile.

Top 10 Vs Bottom 10 States In Cost Per Mile



Maintenance and Administrative Costs:

- Washington spends \$56,847 per mile on maintenance disbursements, nearly four times more than neighboring Oregon (\$15,875) and 2.5 times more than Colorado (\$23,270).
- Administrative costs are also high at \$16,219 per mile, nearly double what Oregon and Colorado spend.
- These high expenditures place Washington at 49th in maintenance disbursements per mile and 47th in administrative disbursements per mile ([Reason Foundation](#)) ([Reason Foundation](#)).

Washington State Spending Per Mile Breakdown



For Maintenance Costs and Administrative Costs

