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This Is What The Nation's Crumbling Infrastructure Really Looks Like (PHOTOS)

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Artist and researcher [Nickolay Lamm](#) took photos of structurally deficient bridges in his hometown of Pittsburgh to show what the problem really looks like. Severe rust, corrosion and structural defects may make you think twice about driving over structurally deficient bridges in your area (scroll down for a state-by-state map).

Images courtesy of Nickolay Lamm/The Sad State of Our Nation's Bridges

Captions provided by Raymond A. Hartle, P.E., Department Manager - Bridge Management Services, GAI Consultants, Inc., Pittsburgh, PA.

Liberty Bridge (23.5 sufficiency rating)

This bridge is a multi-span continuous Riveted Steel Deck Truss Fracture Critical bridge type.



Second Ave Nine Mile Run (12.9 sufficiency rating)

This is another old steel truss bridge with deterioration throughout. The very severe steel corrosion photos are of secondary bracing members.

Thompson Run Rd over Thompson Run (62.5 sufficiency rating)

This is a steel multi-beam bridge with advanced section loss due to corrosion.







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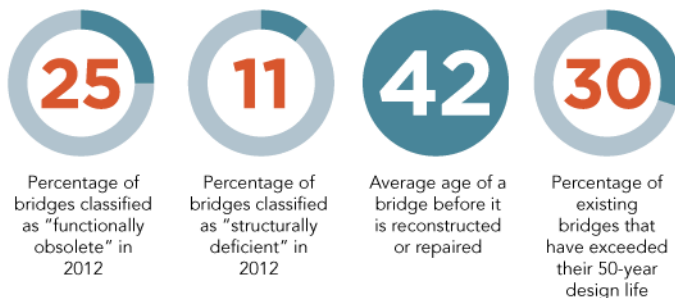


The States Of Deficient Bridges

When the Interstate 5 Bridge over the Skagit River in Washington collapsed on May 23, cars and their passengers flew into the water. Thankfully no one was killed, but the incident was a stark reminder of our nation's crumbling bridges and past collapses that ended in tragedy.

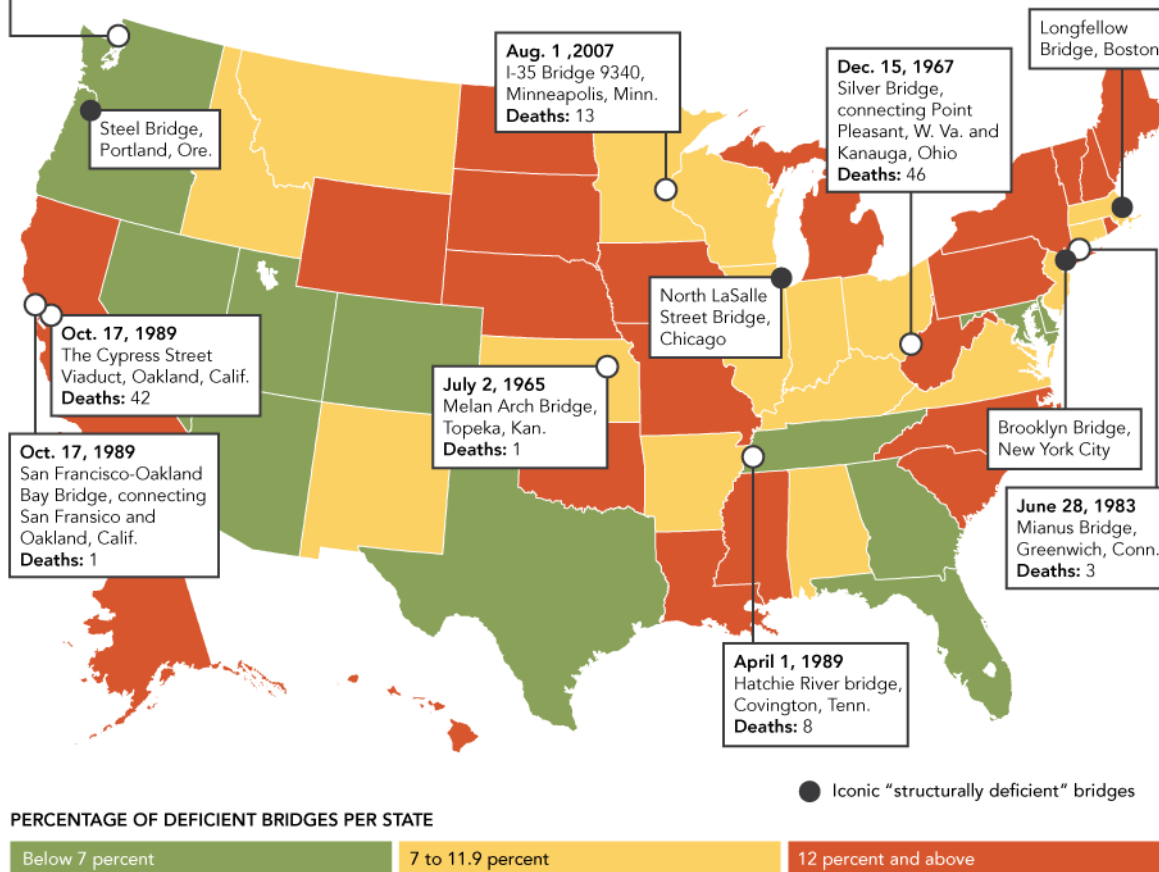


Many Of The Nation's Bridges Need Repairs



Deficient Bridges Span The Nation

See how many of your state's bridges are rated "structurally deficient" and some notable bridge collapses of the past 50 years.



Sources: Transportation for America, TIME, *The New York Times*, *The Houston Chronicle*, ABC News, BridgeHunter.com, American Society of Civil Engineers "2013 Report Card for America's Infrastructure"

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