

Research Abstract Series

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County Road Miles -- State by State (2006 data)

County roads in urban and rural areas comprise a large share of the nation's road miles. Federal Highway Administration data from 2006 indicate that 54 percent of all rural road miles occur on roads owned by county governments. In addition, 18 percent of urban road miles occur on roads owned by county governments. In terms of combined urban and rural roads, 45 percent of road miles occur on roads belonging to counties. The table below provides the percentages state by state.

		rural		urban			
	rural county road miles	rural total road miles	% county	urban county road miles	urban total road miles	% county	% county miles of all public road miles
U.S. Total	1,605,540	2,987,371	54%	185,582	1,029,363	18%	45%
Alabama	59,563	74,675	80%	533	21,845	2%	62%
Alaska	2,344	12,418	19%	1,173	2,370	49%	24%
Arizona	15,952	37,814	42%	2,779	22,560	12%	31%
Arkansas	65,642	87,733	75%	481	11,272	4%	67%
California	52,411	83,724	63%	13,081	86,566	15%	38%
Colorado	50,899	68,956	74%	4,658	19,066	24%	63%
Connecticut		6,167	0%		15,081	0%	0%
Delaware		3,259	0%		2,920	0%	0%
District of Columbia			0%		1,500	0%	0%
Florida	29,314	40,206	73%	42,013	81,790	51%	58%
Georgia	62,058	80,874	77%	21,799	37,326	58%	71%
Hawaii	1,324	2,040	65%	1,900	2,290	83%	74%
Idaho	15,180	42,349	36%	120	4,754	3%	32%
Illinois	14,195	98,594	14%	2,187	40,402	5%	12%
Indiana	61,392	74,471	82%	5,685	21,778	26%	70%
Iowa	88,555	102,888	86%	1,087	11,197	10%	79%
Kansas	116,798	127,591	92%		12,789	0%	83%
Kentucky	37,634	65,907	57%	1,630	12,326	13%	50%
Louisiana	28,602	44,993	64%	3,821	15,933	24%	53%



County Road Miles by State by State (continued)

	rural			urban			
	rural county road miles	rural total road miles	% county	urban county road miles	urban total road miles	% county	% county miles of all public road miles
Maine		19,810	0%		2,973	0%	0%
Maryland	10,332	13,999	74%	10,569	17,099	62%	67%
Massachusetts		7,959	0%	4	27,977	0%	0%
Michigan	74,158	86,103	86%	14,981	35,619	42%	73%
Minnesota	42,989	115,554	37%	1,951	16,755	12%	34%
Mississippi	50,696	63,727	80%	2,212	10,682	21%	71%
Missouri	69,624	107,960	64%	2,777	19,244	14%	57%
Montana	44,230	70,175	63%	8	2,974	0%	60%
Nebraska	60,203	87,187	69%	625	6,192	10%	65%
Nevada	19,555	26,558	74%	2,262	7,142	32%	65%
New Hampshire		10,913	0%	1	4,733	0%	0%
New Jersey	1,951	7,309	27%	4,451	31,251	14%	17%
New Mexico	35,937	55,799	64%	3,519	7,996	44%	62%
New York	15,919	65,873	24%	4,413	47,744	9%	18%
North Carolina		71,190	0%		32,311	0%	0%
North Dakota	10,035	84,968	12%		1,870	0%	12%
Ohio	25,740	80,513	32%	3,269	44,594	7%	23%
Oklahoma	78,174	97,446	80%	2,142	15,640	14%	71%
Oregon	30,361	51,659	59%	2,920	12,698	23%	52%
Pennsylvania	20	76,370	0%	269	44,924	1%	0%
Rhode Island		1,268	0%		5,260	0%	0%
South Carolina	16,893	49,799	34%	3,388	16,443	21%	31%
South Dakota	36,314	81,403	45%	342	2,827	12%	44%
Tennessee	52,529	69,777	75%	4,550	21,640	21%	62%
Texas	139,209	221,589	63%	6,386	83,683	8%	48%
Utah	21,727	33,159	66%	1,862	10,610	18%	54%
Vermont		12,985	0%		1,421	0%	0%
Virginia	28	50,631	0%	1,629	21,699	8%	2%
Washington	33,717	60,787	55%	6,190	22,468	28%	48%
West Virginia		32,538	0%		4,514	0%	0%
Wisconsin	19,219	92,487	21%	1,493	21,997	7%	18%
Wyoming	14,117	25,217	56%	422	2,618	16%	52%

Note: In some states, such as Rhode Island and Connecticut, there are no county governments. In other states such as Virginia and Pennsylvania, only a small number of counties own roads. Still in other states, county governments do not own roads at all. These are three reasons why some states show zero county road miles.

Source: FHA. 2007. Table HM-10 Public Road Length 2006 Miles by Ownership. Washington D.C.: United States Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration. (Available at: http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/policy/ohim/hs06/htm/hm10.htm)