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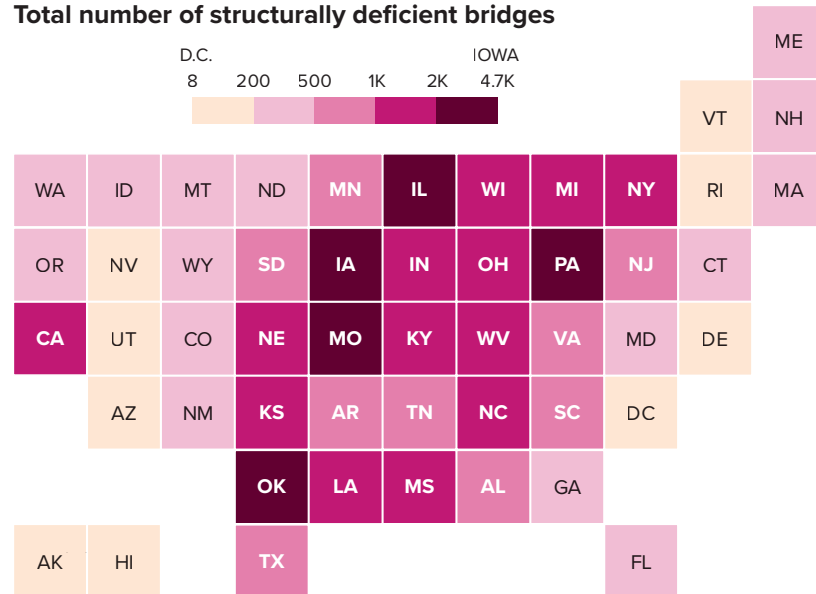
## 7.6 Percent of U.S. Bridges are ‘Structurally Deficient’

The American Road & Transportation Builders Association reports it would cost \$171 billion to fix nearly 235,000 bridges in need of repair throughout the United States. This includes 47,000 structurally deficient bridges, which have about 178 million daily crossings. Major structurally deficient bridges include the Brooklyn Bridge, Florida’s Pensacola Bay Bridge and the San Mateo-Hayward Bridge over the San Francisco Bay.

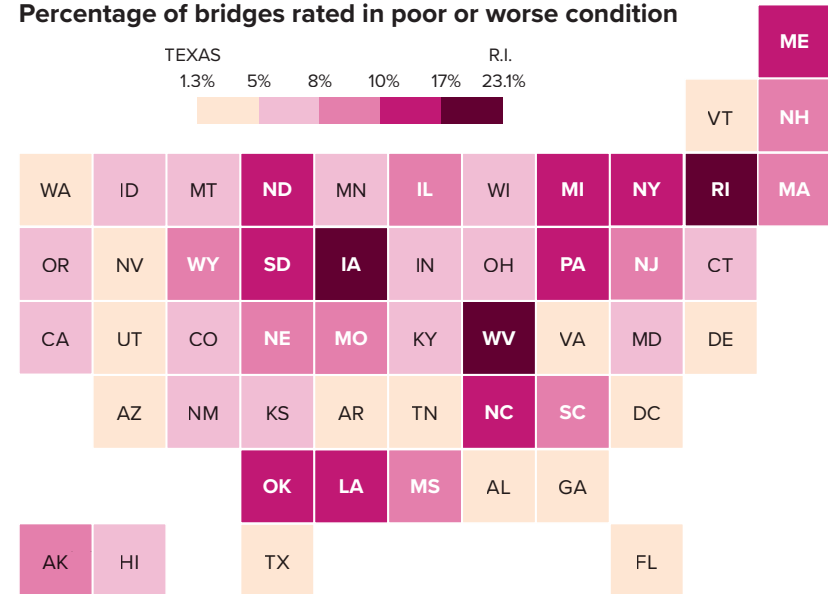
“Although the number of structurally deficient bridges is down compared to 2017, the pace of improvement has slowed compared to the last five years,” the report’s authors wrote. “At this rate, it would take over 80 years to make the significant repairs needed on these structures.”

Iowa leads the states by number of structurally deficient bridges (4,675 bridges), while Rhode Island leads by percentage of bridges (23.1 percent). Structurally deficient bridges are defined as having at least one key structural element, such as a deck or culvert, rated in “poor or worse condition.” This is a new definition of structural deficiency, established in the 2012 MAP-21 Act. More than 6,500 bridges that were classified as structurally deficient in 2017 do not meet the new definition.

**Total number of structurally deficient bridges**



**Percentage of bridges rated in poor or worse condition**



Source: American Road & Transportation Builders Association

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