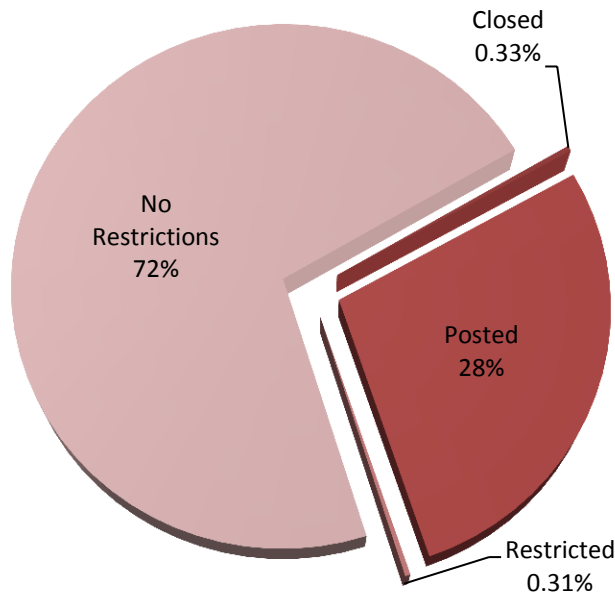




KANSAS BRIDGE FACT SHEET

LOAD POSTED BRIDGES



Posted and Restricted Bridges

Bridge owners post loading restrictions on bridges that are no longer able to carry the statutory legal load. This can be because of an obsolete structural design and/or a deteriorated condition. If a structure is deemed unable to carry at minimum a 3 Ton load it is required to be closed by the bridge owner.

A bridge can also be restricted for other load or capacity issues. Some bridges may be posted for lower speeds and/or number of vehicles on the bridge at a time.

	STATE	LOCAL	KTA	OTHER	TOTAL
NUMBER OF BRIDGES	5,090	19,435	368	1	24,894
<i>Closed</i>	0	83	0	0	83
<i>Posted</i>	17	6,905	1	0	6,923
<i>Restricted</i>	62	16	0	0	78
<i>No Restrictions</i>	5,011	12,431	367	1	17,810

Traffic on Posted Bridges

While nearly a quarter of the bridges in Kansas are load posted, they tend to carry much less traffic than the average bridge in Kansas. The following chart allows you to visualize how many vehicles travel across structures which are posted, restricted, or have no restrictions. While the local system has a greater number of bridges which are posted, the number of vehicles crossing those structures on an average day is very low.

