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## **Kansas highway system ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in national report**

Kansas roads are ranked third best in the nation in overall highway performance and efficiency in a report released today by the Reason Foundation.

Today's ranking shows Kansas jumped from fifth place in 2014 to third best overall in the 2016 report. Kansas is tied for first place in both rural interstate pavement condition and rural arterial pavement condition, and third place for urban Interstate pavement condition.

"Kansas boasts high quality roads in both urban and rural areas, earning top marks nationally and outpacing neighboring states," said Governor Sam Brownback. "Rising rankings reflect the hard work of the Kansas Department of Transportation, its employees and private sector partners and their continued dedication to ensuring high-performance roadways that serve the needs of Kansans."

The state-controlled highway system, the 27<sup>th</sup> largest system in the country, has consistently placed in the top tier of Reason reports.

"For years we've strived to be among the top performing highway systems," said Interim Transportation Secretary Richard Carlson. "This report shows something that we know: Kansans have a highway system that they can be proud of. We continue to build and maintain a system that serves the needs of Kansas. And as a result of those efforts we've seen an increase in our ranking from fifth to third."

Reason Foundation's most recent top 10 rankings based on overall performance and cost-effectiveness:

1. South Carolina
2. South Dakota
3. Kansas
4. Nebraska
5. Maine
6. Montana
7. North Dakota
8. Wyoming
9. Ohio
10. Mississippi

The full 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Highway Report can be found at the [Reason Foundation website](#).

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