

2021 Comparative Data Report on State Transportation Programs

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Introduction

Most of the information presented in this report is derived from two sources: the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) publication “Highway Statistics, 2020,” and an e-mail survey of SLC states' Departments of Transportation, conducted in July, 2020. Information regarding federal transit appropriations comes from the Federal Transit Administration.

Because of reporting schedules involved in producing the FHWA report, the information in this report, unless otherwise noted, covers the year 2018.

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Recent Major Transportation Legislation

Alabama

- No measures were considered this session that would have materially affected transportation.

Arkansas

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Florida

- Did not respond.

Georgia

- Modified a sales tax on for-hire ground transport to an excise tax of \$0.50 per trip.
- Authorized \$115 million in general obligation bonds for road and bridge projects and \$37.17 million for repairs of state-owned railroads.
- Extended the use of the Consumer Price Index to annually adjust the state motor fuel tax.
- Reauthorized the Georgia Commission on Freight and Logistics.

Kentucky

- Introduced a measure to increase the motor fuels tax, update several fees and fines that had not been updated for several years, and increase registration fees, measure failed to pass.
- Introduced a measure to equip school buses with cameras to catch violators who pass the bus when the arm is indicating stop, and fine them \$160 per violation, with a portion going to the school district and a portion going to the Road Fund, measure failed to pass.
- Introduced a measure to increase the fees for obtaining an over dimensional, overweight permit to \$1,500 or \$500, depending on size, and increased the fine for failing to get the correct permit, signed by the Governor.

Louisiana

- Dedicated economic proceeds from the Deepwater Horizon litigation to transportation projects and directs funding to construction in the Transportation Trust Fund.
- Dedicated funding for the dredging of the Mississippi River.
- Defined and regulated electric assisted bicycles.

Mississippi

- Introduced a measure to increase the excise tax on gas and diesel that did not pass.
- Authorized a \$291 million bond issuance for various local and state projects.
- Revised the toll road laws regarding public-private partnerships to allow for renewals and extensions.
- Approved a measure that allowed the placement of decals on the license plates of certain physically disabled citizens to ensure effective communication with law enforcement.
- Increased the maximum speed school buses can go on the interstate to 65 mph.
- Amended current law to require that a bridge must be ruled deficient by the National Bridge Inspection Standards to be eligible for the Local System Bridge Replacement Fund the Mississippi (MS) Office of State Aid Road Construction.
- Required the MS Department of Public Safety to authorize certain 3rd parties to administer the test required for a CDL.

Missouri

- Did not respond.

North Carolina

- SL 2019-231 appropriated various funds, totaling \$1.5 million in fiscal year 2021, for safety and resurfacing projects. This measure also created the Spot Mobility Program to provide funding for small projects that will reduce traffic congestion and vehicular wait times.
- SL 2020-91 authorized the issuance of \$700 million in Build NC Bonds for current existing projects.

- Provided funding for the Hatteras and Ocracoke Ferries.
- Defined and regulates personal delivery devices.
- Made changes to various Division of Motor Vehicles processes, including temporarily waiving road test requirements for provisional licenses and provide accommodations for driver education interrupted by school closures.
- Amended motor vehicle laws to regulate modified utility vehicles.
- Extended deadlines and data requirements for loaner dealer registration plates.
- Reduces DOT's interest in a portion of the Andrews to Murphy Rail Corridor within the boundaries of Cherokee County.
- Adjusted DOT's budget for fiscal year 2021 due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Oklahoma

- Did not respond.

South Carolina

- Did not respond.

Tennessee

- Modified existing billboard statutes because of a circuit court case that rendered the old statutes partially unconstitutional.

Texas

- Extended the expiration date of a measure that transfers oil and gas production funds to the State Highway Fund and the Economic Stabilization Fund.
- Modified existing statutes to allocate the County Transportation Infrastructure Fund Grant Program based upon oil and gas production, and appropriated \$250 million to be dispersed under the new allocations.

- Passed a law prohibiting criminal or civil charges based upon a photographic traffic signal enforcement system, as well as prohibiting local authorities from utilizing them.

Virginia

- Two large omnibus bills (HB 1414 and SB 890) were passed that substantially altered fund distribution, tax rates, and construction and safety programs. These bills scheduled the gas tax rate to increase over the next 2 years and then be indexed thereafter, as well as adding a regional 7.6 cents per gallon tax on gas. The measures also required the Department of Motor Vehicles to implement a Highway User Fee for alternative fuel and fuel efficient vehicles, as well as develop a mileage-based user fee program as an alternative. The measures modified several taxing districts and regional taxing authorities. They also authorized the use of bonds to complete the Interstate 81 and Interstate 66 corridors. Finally, the measures establish new programs to cover issues such as rail, interstate operations and enhancement, safety, etc.
- Another measure, HB 1541, established a new Central Virginia Transportation Authority and Fund. This Authority can impose taxes on Planning District 15 and has 16 members. This Authority and Fund can impose taxes and distribute them to Planning District 15 according to certain criteria.
- Another measure added funding flexibility in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, allowing the Commonwealth Transportation Board to take necessary steps to address declining and uncertain revenues.
- Virginia passed HB 874 prohibits any person from holding a handheld personal communication device while driving a motor vehicle.
- HB 885 increases the threshold required to be convicted of reckless driving.
- HB 1217 created the At-Risk Infrastructure Report that directs the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to identify failing infrastructure and develop recommendations for repair.
- HB 1300 imposes a statute of limitations on construction and engineering contracts, previously, there was no limitation.
- HB 1438 empowers the Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission to impose and collect tolls on certain toll lanes on I-64.

- HB 1695/SB 1004 directs the Department of Wildlife Resources, in collaboration with the VDOT, to create a Wildlife Corridor Action Plan. The Plan would identify wildlife corridors and recommend wildlife crossing projects to promote driver safety and animal welfare.
- SB 758 updates the definition of a personal delivery device to allow citizens to use these devices under a speed of 25 mph and mainly on sidewalks and crosswalks.
- Finally, HB 30 requires a report on the state of drainage outfalls, including needed maintenance and a means to fund that maintenance.

West Virginia

- Address reoccurring problem with right-of-way acquisition by clarifying that the Division of Highways (DOH) acquires property sufficient in width and depth for road construction.
- Adds services to types of contracts for prequalification.
- Eliminates Office of Administrative Hearings as of July 2021; all DMV cases will be heard by magistrates.
- Creates lifetime ban for CDL operators involved in human trafficking.

Source: E-mail survey of state DOTs, July 2020.

**Demographics
and
Road Mileage**

Summary

General Demographics

- **The 15 states of the Southern Legislative Conference (SLC)**
 - ◆ **Are home to 37.8% of the nation's population;**
 - ◆ **Account for 37.4% of the nation's licensed drivers;**
 - ◆ **Account for 39.0% of the nation's young licensed drivers (19 and under);**
 - ◆ **Account for 37.9% of the nation's registered motor vehicles; and**
 - ◆ **Account for 40.1% of the nation's vehicle miles traveled.**
- **SLC states have a slightly higher rate of registered vehicles per licensed driver (1.22) than has the entire United States (1.20).**
- **There are more miles driven annually per licensed driver in SLC states (16,076) than in the nation as a whole (14,304).**

Road Mileage

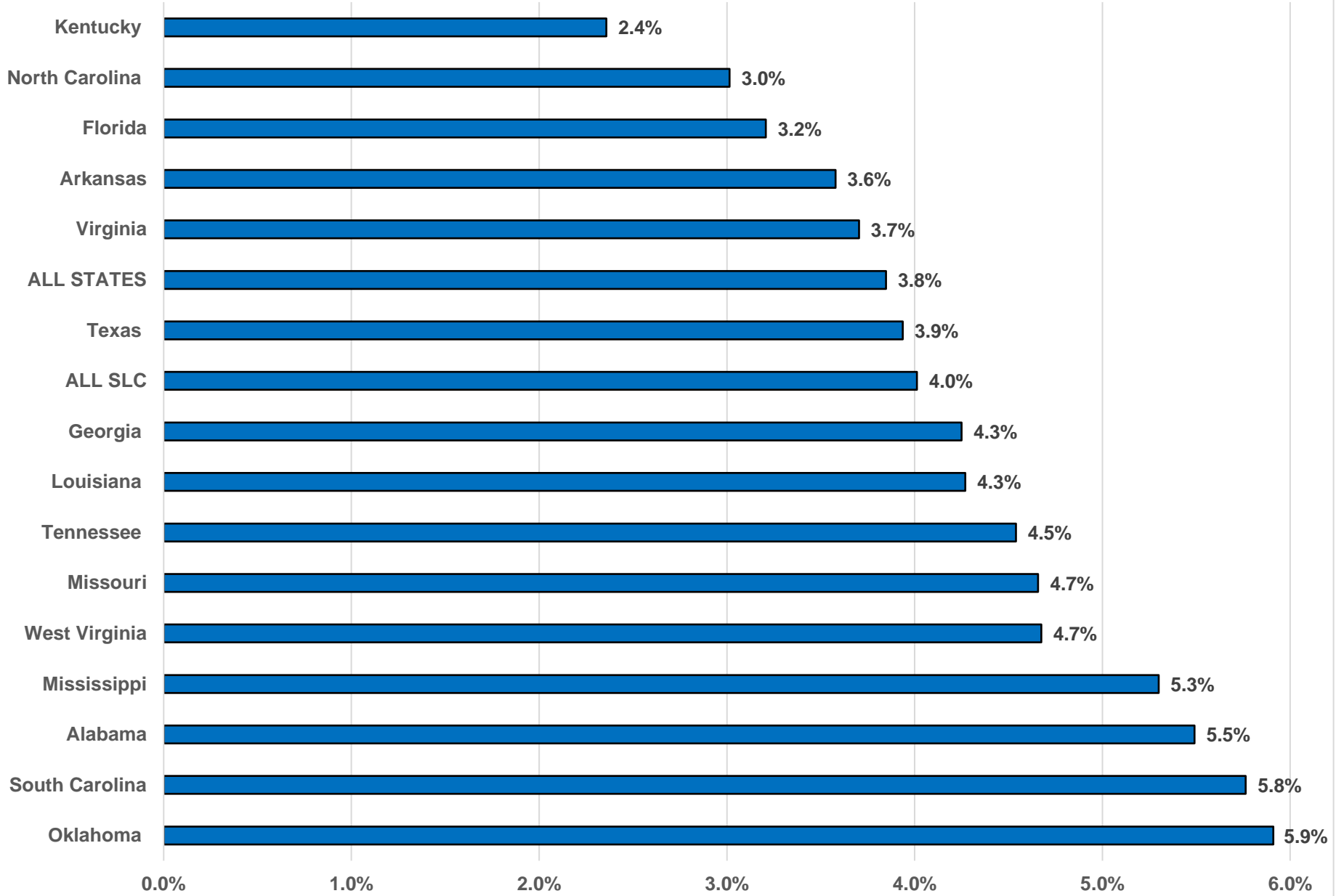
- **The 15 states of the SLC account for 39.9% of the nation's highway miles.**
- **A larger percentage of highway miles are state maintained in the SLC states (29.1%) than the nation as a whole (19.5%).**
- **A majority of highway miles are state maintained in four SLC states (NC, SC, VA, and WV).**

General Transportation Demographics State Rankings 2018

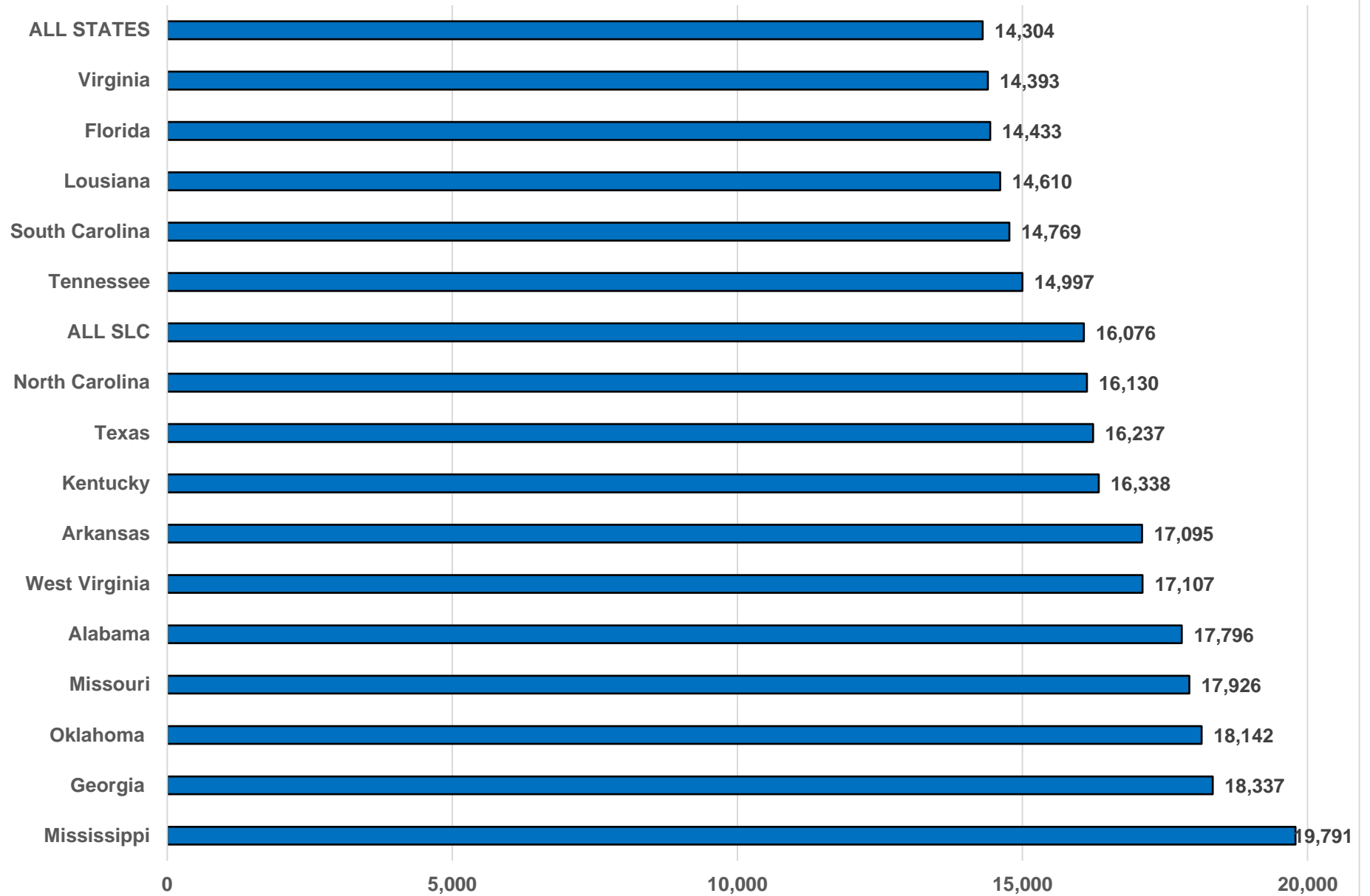
State	Population (2019)	Rank	Young Licensed Drivers (19 & under)	Rank	Licensed Drivers	Rank	Motor Vehicle Registrations	Rank	Vehicle Miles Traveled (Billions)	Rank
Alabama	4,903,185	9	219,569	8	3,999,057	8	5,300,199	8	71.2	8
Arkansas	3,017,804	13	76,764	13	2,145,334	13	2,817,145	13	36.7	14
Florida	21,477,737	2	492,983	2	15,368,695	2	17,496,002	2	221.8	2
Georgia	10,617,423	3	304,672	3	7,168,733	4	8,512,550	3	131.5	3
Kentucky	4,467,673	11	71,492	14	3,032,530	11	4,368,285	10	49.5	11
Louisiana	4,648,794	10	146,254	11	3,425,435	10	3,885,119	11	50.0	10
Mississippi	2,976,149	14	109,064	12	2,058,036	14	2,067,498	14	40.7	13
Missouri	6,137,428	7	198,999	9	4,272,960	7	5,498,675	7	76.6	7
North Carolina	10,488,084	4	226,368	5	7,509,231	3	8,210,213	4	121.1	4
Oklahoma	3,956,971	12	147,997	10	2,504,253	12	3,699,022	12	45.4	12
South Carolina	5,148,714	8	221,670	6	3,846,069	9	4,457,519	9	56.8	9
Tennessee	6,829,174	6	246,135	4	5,422,429	6	5,770,874	6	81.3	6
Texas	28,995,881	1	683,734	1	17,370,383	1	22,186,241	1	282.0	1
Virginia	8,535,519	5	219,585	7	5,929,031	5	7,604,646	5	85.3	5
West Virginia	1,792,147	15	53,136	15	1,136,775	15	1,693,719	15	19.5	15
ALL SLC	123,992,683		3,418,422		85,188,951		103,567,707		1,329,040	
ALL STATES	328,239,523		8,755,869		227,588,385		273,602,100		3,255,347	

Sources: Annual Estimates of the Resident Population for the United States, Regions, States, and Puerto Rico: April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2019 (NST-EST2019-01) US Census Bureau, Population Division, December 2019;
FHWA, "Highway Statistics, 2018," Tables DL-22, MV-1, VM-2.

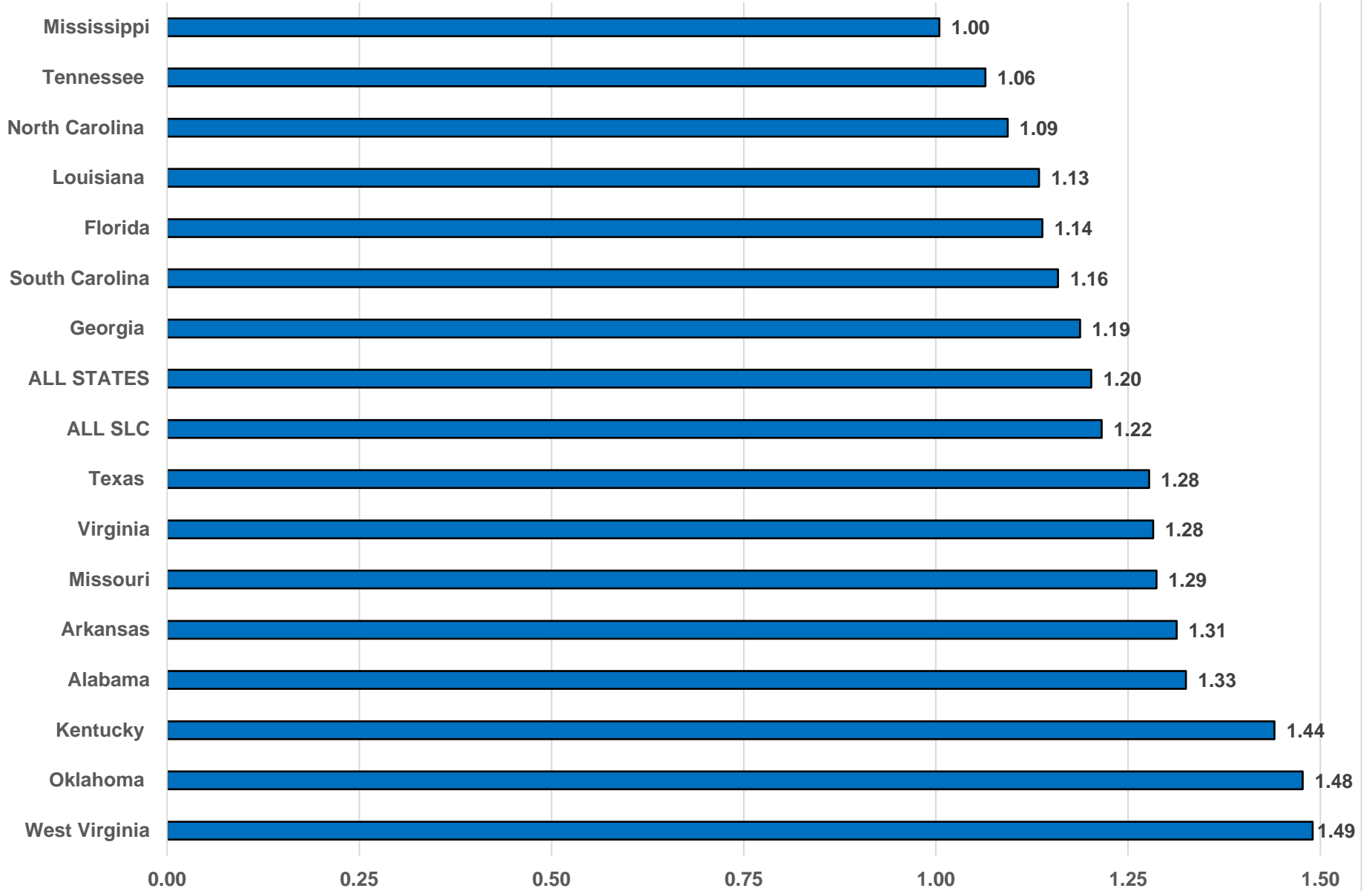
Young Drivers as a Percentage of All Licensed Drivers 2018



Miles Driven Per Licensed Driver 2018



Vehicles Per Licensed Driver 2018



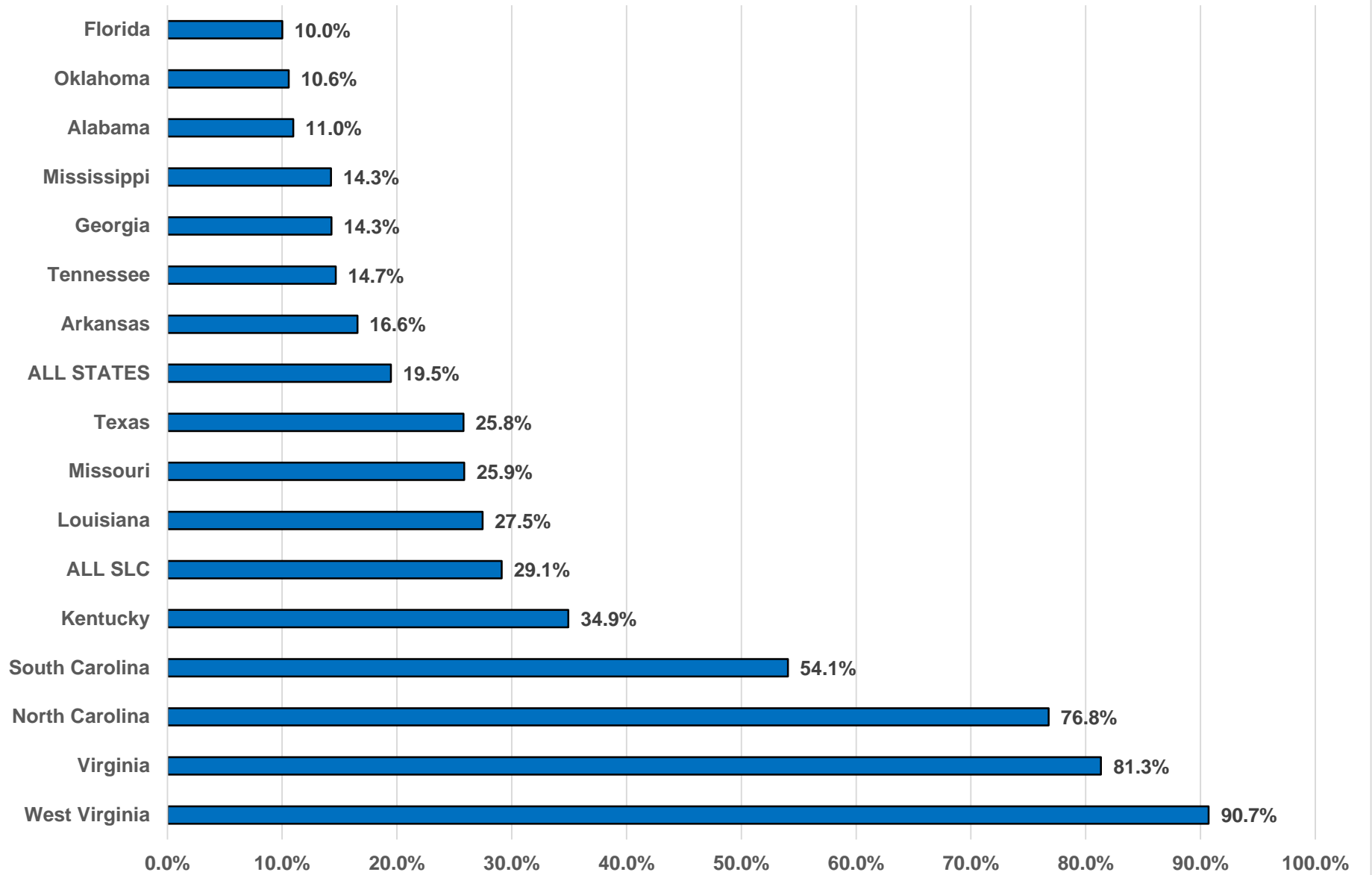
Road Mileage by Ownership State Rankings 2018

State	Land Area (Sq Miles)	Rank	State Road Miles	Rank	Local Road Miles	Rank	Total Road Miles ¹	Rank	% of Road Miles That Are State Owned	Rank
Alabama	50,750	7	10,935	14	88,729	6	99,665	7	11.0%	13
Arkansas	52,075	6	16,467	10	83,006	7	99,474	8	16.6%	9
Florida	53,997	5	12,104	13	108,800	2	120,904	4	10.0%	15
Georgia	57,919	4	17,946	8	107,626	3	125,572	3	14.3%	11
Kentucky	39,732	12	27,671	7	51,542	10	79,212	10	34.9%	5
Louisiana	43,566	10	16,682	9	44,079	11	60,761	14	27.5%	6
Mississippi	46,914	9	10,921	15	65,703	9	76,625	11	14.3%	12
Missouri	68,898	2	33,838	6	97,010	5	130,848	2	25.9%	7
North Carolina	48,718	8	80,011	2	24,201	13	104,213	6	76.8%	3
Oklahoma	68,679	3	12,249	12	103,675	4	115,924	5	10.6%	14
South Carolina	30,111	14	41,296	4	35,104	12	76,400	12	54.1%	4
Tennessee	41,219	11	13,920	11	80,990	8	94,910	9	14.7%	10
Texas	261,914	1	80,455	1	231,530	1	311,986	1	25.8%	8
Virginia	39,598	13	59,020	3	13,547	14	72,567	13	81.3%	2
West Virginia	24,087	15	34,408	5	3,523	15	37,931	15	90.7%	1
ALL SLC	928,167		467,924		1,139,066		1,606,990		29.1%	
ALL STATES	3,537,441		784,993		3,243,813		4,028,806		19.5%	

¹ Does not include roadways in federal parks, forests, and reservations that are not part of the state and local highway systems.

Source: FHWA, "Highway Statistics, 2018," Table HM-10.

State Road Miles as a Percentage of All Road Miles 2018



Highway

Finance

Summary

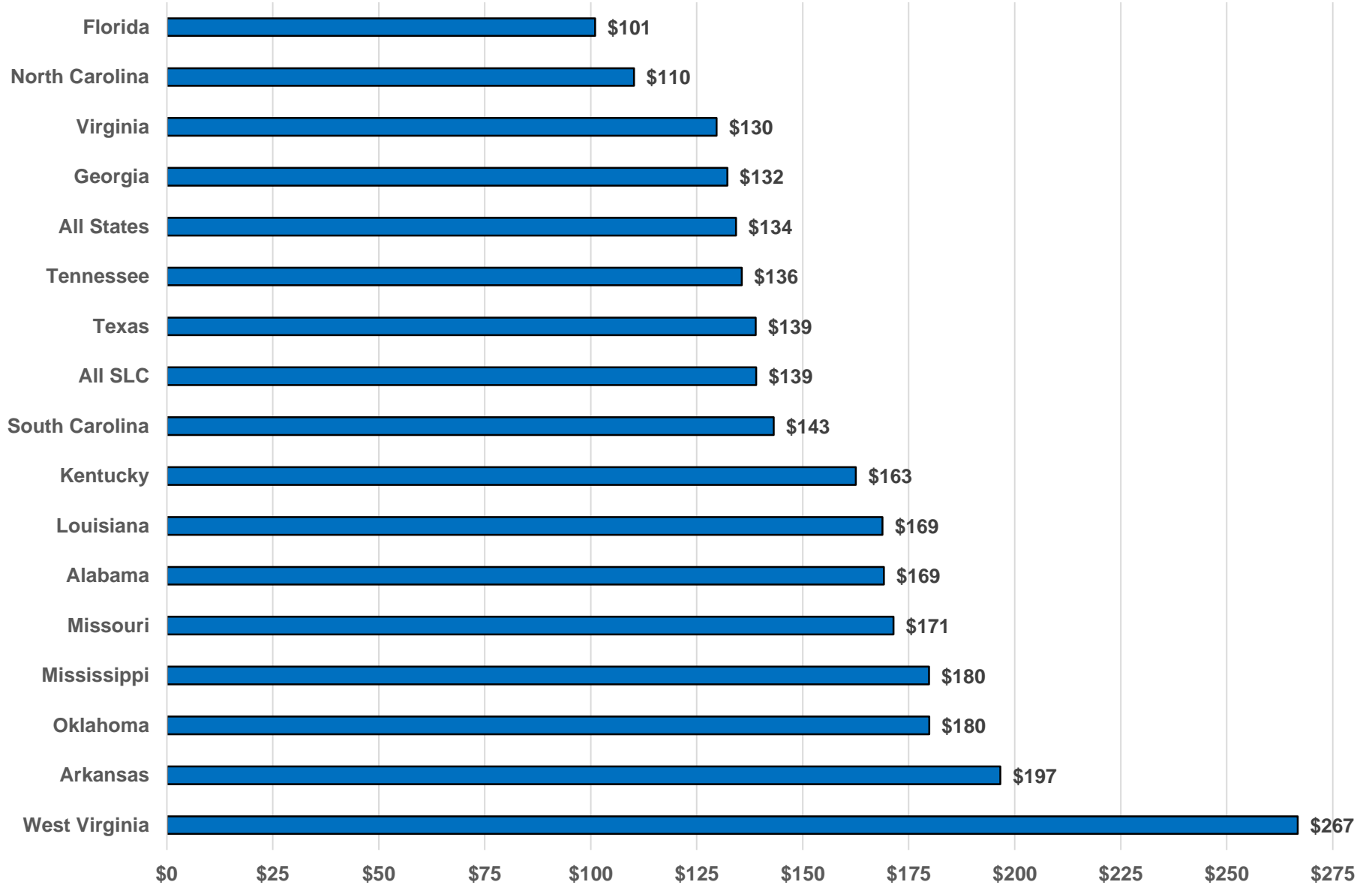
- **Per capita federal highway spending in the SLC states ranges from \$267 in West Virginia to \$101 in Florida.**
- **The FY 2018 Federal Apportionment/Payment ratio was at least 1.00 for all but two of the 15 SLC states (TX, 0.95 and SC, 0.99). The FY 2018 ratio ranges from 1.80 in West Virginia to 0.95 in Texas.**
- **For FY 2018, the Federal Apportionment/Payment ratio for the entire SLC region was 1.07. The ratio for the entire United States was 1.18.**

Highway Financing State Rankings 2018

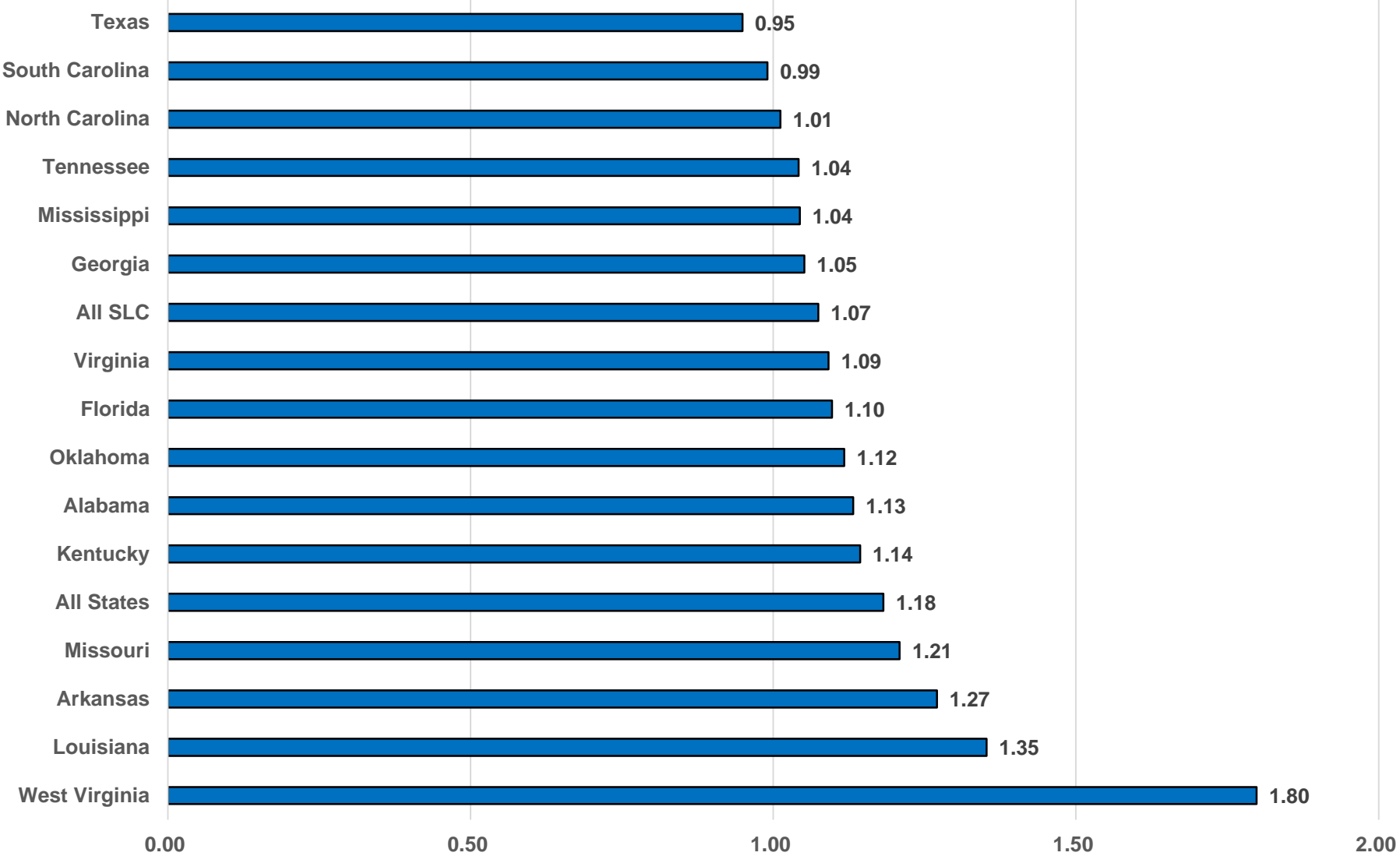
State	Payments into FHTF FY 2018 (Thousand Dollars)	Rank	Apportionment from FHTF FY 2018 (Thousand Dollars)	Rank	Ratio of Apportionment from / Payment into FHTF FY 2018	Rank	Ratio of Apportionment from / Payment into FHTF (1956-2018)	Rank
Alabama	\$732,543	9	\$829,413	8	1.13	6	1.19	4
Arkansas	466,995	14	593,345	13	1.27	3	1.20	3
Florida	1,978,180	2	2,170,191	2	1.10	8	1.07	11
Georgia	1,335,082	3	1,403,699	3	1.05	10	1.06	12
Kentucky	634,971	11	726,199	11	1.14	5	1.14	7
Louisiana	580,254	12	784,667	9	1.35	2	1.31	5
Mississippi	512,458	13	535,067	14	1.04	11	1.19	4
Missouri	870,336	7	1,052,134	6	1.21	4	1.12	8
North Carolina	1,142,356	4	1,156,032	4	1.01	13	1.03	14
Oklahoma	636,860	10	711,646	12	1.12	7	1.08	10
South Carolina	744,120	8	737,090	10	0.99	14	1.03	13
Tennessee	888,762	6	926,218	7	1.04	12	1.08	9
Texas	4,243,664	1	4,027,898	1	0.95	15	0.99	15
Virginia	1,014,133	5	1,106,986	5	1.09	9	1.15	6
West Virginia	265,829	15	478,078	15	1.80	1	2.09	1
SLC Total	\$16,046,543		\$17,238,663		1.07		1.10	
US Total	\$37,292,150		\$44,076,683		1.18		1.21	

Source: FHWA, "Highway Statistics, 2018," Table FE-221.

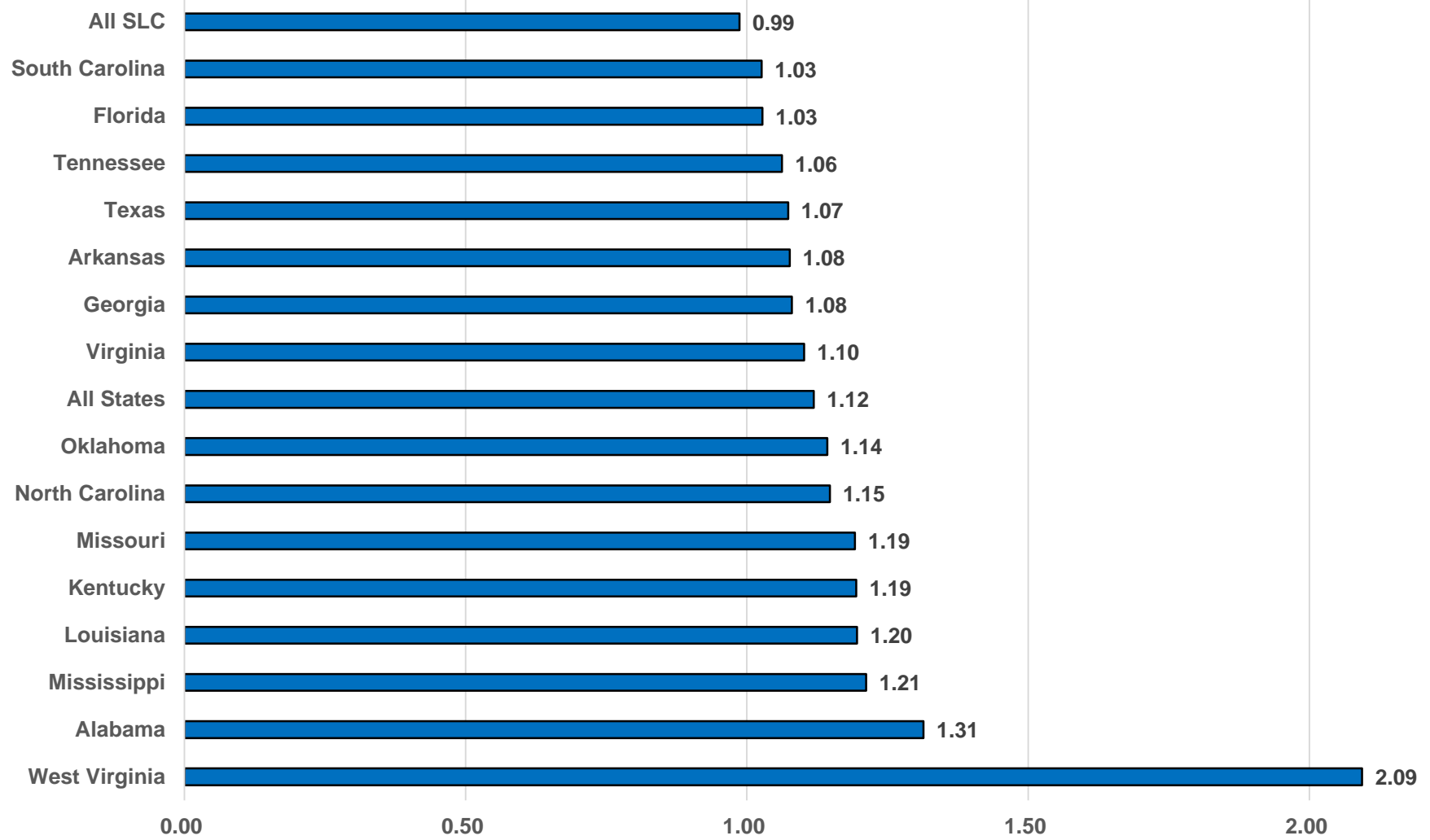
Per Capita Federal Highway Trust Fund Spending 2018



Ratio of Apportionment From - Payment Into FHTF 2018



Ratio of Apportionment From - Payment Into FHTF 1956-2018



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Fuel Taxes

Summary

- **The gas tax rates in this table come from the American Petroleum Institute and may include local option taxes, sales taxes, or environmental fees as noted.**
- **In 2018, SLC states collected just over \$17 billion in motor fuel taxes, 35.4% of the total fuel tax revenue of all the states.**
- **In 2018, SLC states taxed more than 79 billion gallons of fuel; 42.6% of the nation's total.**

State Fuel Tax Rates – July, 2020
(Cents per Gallon)

State	Gasoline	Diesel	Notes
Alabama	27.21	28.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Includes 2 cpg inspection fee on gasoline only • Includes an average of local option taxes of up to 2 cpg • Includes 0.75 cpg wholesale fee on diesel
Arkansas	24.80	28.80	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Includes 0.3 cpg UST fee
Florida *	42.29	35.27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Includes sales tax • Includes an average of local option taxes • Includes 2.1 cpg environmental inspection fee
Georgia*	32.20	37.54	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reflects increase from 1/1/2020
Kentucky *	26.00	23.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial vehicles pay additional surcharge of 2% on gas and 4.7% on diesel (not included) • Includes 1.4 cpg UST fee
Louisiana	20.01	20.01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Includes petroleum products and motor fuel delivery fee
Mississippi	18.79	18.40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Includes 0.4 cpg environmental protection fee
Missouri	17.42	17.42	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Includes petroleum inspection fee • Excludes certain limited city and municipal taxes
North Carolina *	36.35	36.35	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Includes 0.25 cpg inspection tax • Reflects a 0.1 cpg decrease during 2020
Oklahoma	20.00	20.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Includes 1.0 cpg underground storage fee
South Carolina	24.75	24.75	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reflects increase from 7/1/2020 • Includes a 0.25 cpg inspection fee and 0.5 cpg underground storage fee
Tennessee	27.40	28.40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Includes 1.0 cpg special petroleum tax for gasoline and a 0.4 cpg environmental assurance fee • Reflects increase from 7/1/2019
Texas	20.00	20.00	
Virginia*	29.40	28.50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Includes 2.1% sales tax in the Hampton Roads District • Includes 0.6 cpg petroleum storage tank fee • Reflects increase from 7/1/2020
West Virginia *	35.70	35.70	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Includes a flat tax of 20.5 cpg, plus 5% of the average whole sale price

* Variable Tax

Source: American Petroleum Institute, July 2020.

State Motor Fuel Taxable Volume and Tax Receipts 2018

State	Net Motor Fuel Volume Taxed (Thousands of Gallons)	Rank	Adjusted Total Receipts (Thousands of Dollars)	Rank
Alabama	3,549,133	9	\$643,630	10
Arkansas	2,184,048	14	482,257	12
Florida	11,151,119	2	2,750,083	2
Georgia	6,390,118	3	1,801,246	4
Kentucky	3,073,535	10	763,207	7
Louisiana	2,868,412	12	597,779	11
Mississippi	2,389,885	13	413,429	13
Missouri	3,593,029	8	706,268	8
North Carolina	5,794,648	4	1,963,046	3
Oklahoma	2,926,507	11	162,503	15
South Carolina	3,689,214	7	677,390	9
Tennessee	4,397,543	6	1,100,446	5
Texas	20,519,177	1	3,682,135	1
Virginia	5,137,706	5	922,526	6
West Virginia	1,345,124	15	403,155	14
SLC Total	79,009,197		\$17,069,100	
US Total	185,555,891		\$48,177,762	

Source: FHWA, "Highway Statistics, 2018," Tables MF-1 and MF-202.

Public Transportation

Summary

- **This report contains federal appropriations for public transit by state from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).**
- **In 2020, three SLC states (Florida, Texas, and Georgia) received over half (54.2%) of the total federal appropriations for transit in the SLC region.**
- **In 2020, federal appropriations for transit to the SLC states accounted for 20.5% of such funding nationwide.**

Apportionments/Allocations by State for Formula and Discretionary FTA Programs Federal Fiscal Year 2020

State	Total Federal Appropriation	Rank
Alabama	\$60,969,808	9
Arkansas	37,262,604	13
Florida	405,617,957	2
Georgia	210,224,914	3
Kentucky	60,484,266	10
Louisiana	71,243,578	8
Mississippi	33,722,873	14
Missouri	107,769,453	6
North Carolina	137,305,616	5
Oklahoma	54,290,579	12
South Carolina	56,118,235	11
Tennessee	98,006,483	7
Texas	487,595,414	1
Virginia	185,245,210	4
West Virginia	29,426,263	15
SLC Total	\$2,035,283,252	
US TOTAL	\$9,908,696,131	

Source: Federal Transit Administration, <https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/fta-allocations-formula-and-discretionary-programs-state-fy-1998-2020-excel>, accessed August 2020.

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Bridges

Summary

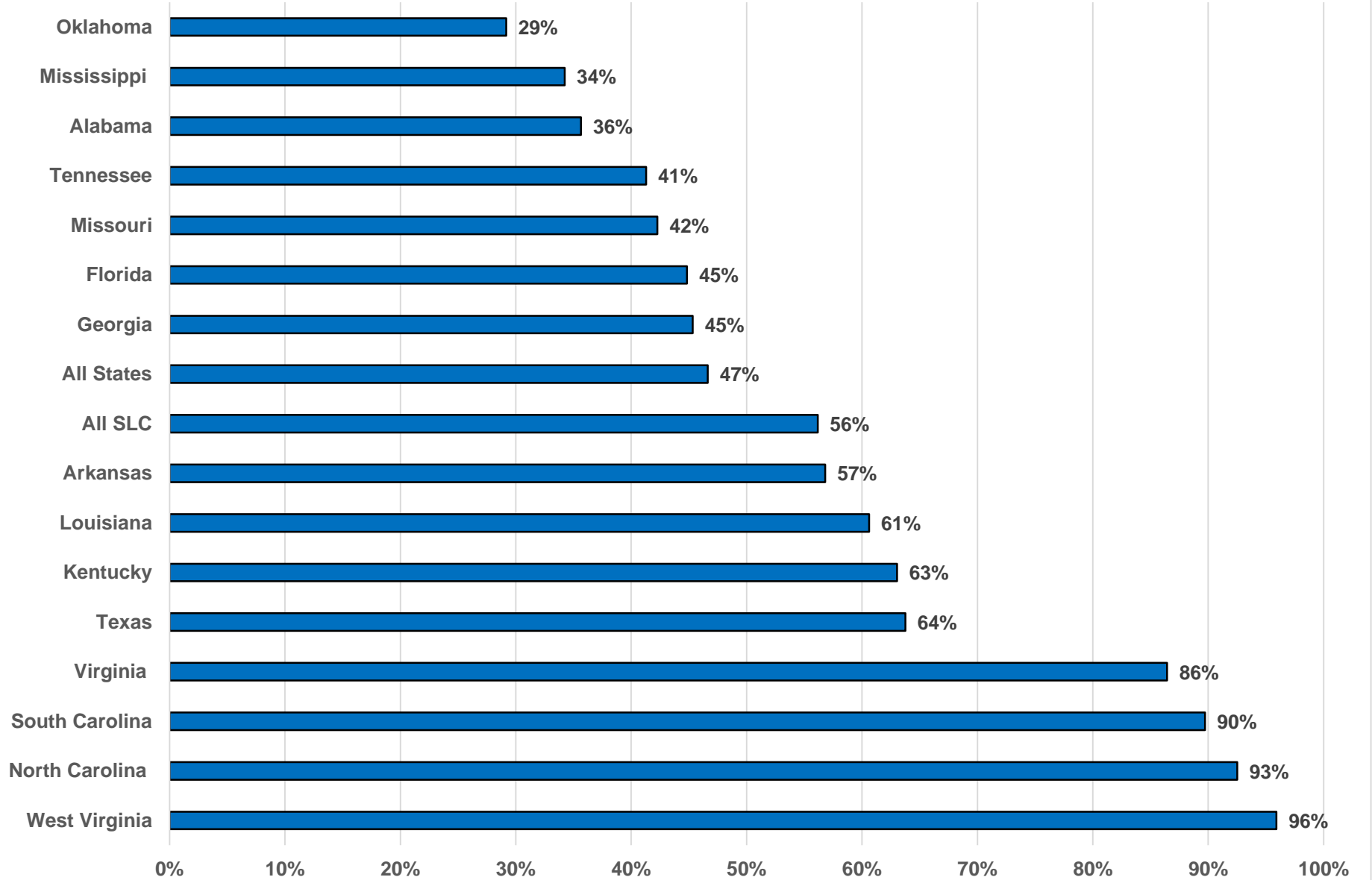
- **This report relies on bridge data reported by states to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).**
- **This report focuses on bridge counts, but FHWA also collects information on bridges by deck area.**
- **SLC states reported from 1% to 21.0% of state-owned bridges within their state in poor condition.**
- **On average, SLC states own 56% of the bridges they report on. The national state owned average is 47%.**
- **The SLC percentage of state owned bridges in poor condition in 2019 was 5.09%, slightly higher than the national average of 5.05%**

Bridge Count By Owner 2019

State	Total Bridges	Rank	State Owned Bridge Count	State Owned Bridge Percentage	Rank
Alabama	16,162	7	5,762	36%	13
Arkansas	12,902	11	7,330	57%	8
Florida	12,518	13	5,613	45%	10
Georgia	14,940	8	6,773	45%	9
Kentucky	14,394	9	9,074	63%	6
Louisiana	12,884	12	7,810	61%	7
Mississippi	17,019	6	5,826	34%	14
Missouri	24,494	2	10,355	42%	11
North Carolina	18,407	5	17,029	93%	2
Oklahoma	23,138	3	6,749	29%	15
South Carolina	9,419	14	8,451	90%	3
Tennessee	20,226	4	8,351	41%	12
Texas	54,432	1	34,705	64%	5
Virginia	13,933	10	12,043	86%	4
West Virginia	7,291	15	6,993	96%	1
SLC Totals	272,159		152,864	56%	
US Totals	617,084		287,726	47%	

Source: FHWA, “Highway Statistics, 2018,” Table BR-6.

Percent of Total Bridge Count That is State-Owned 2019

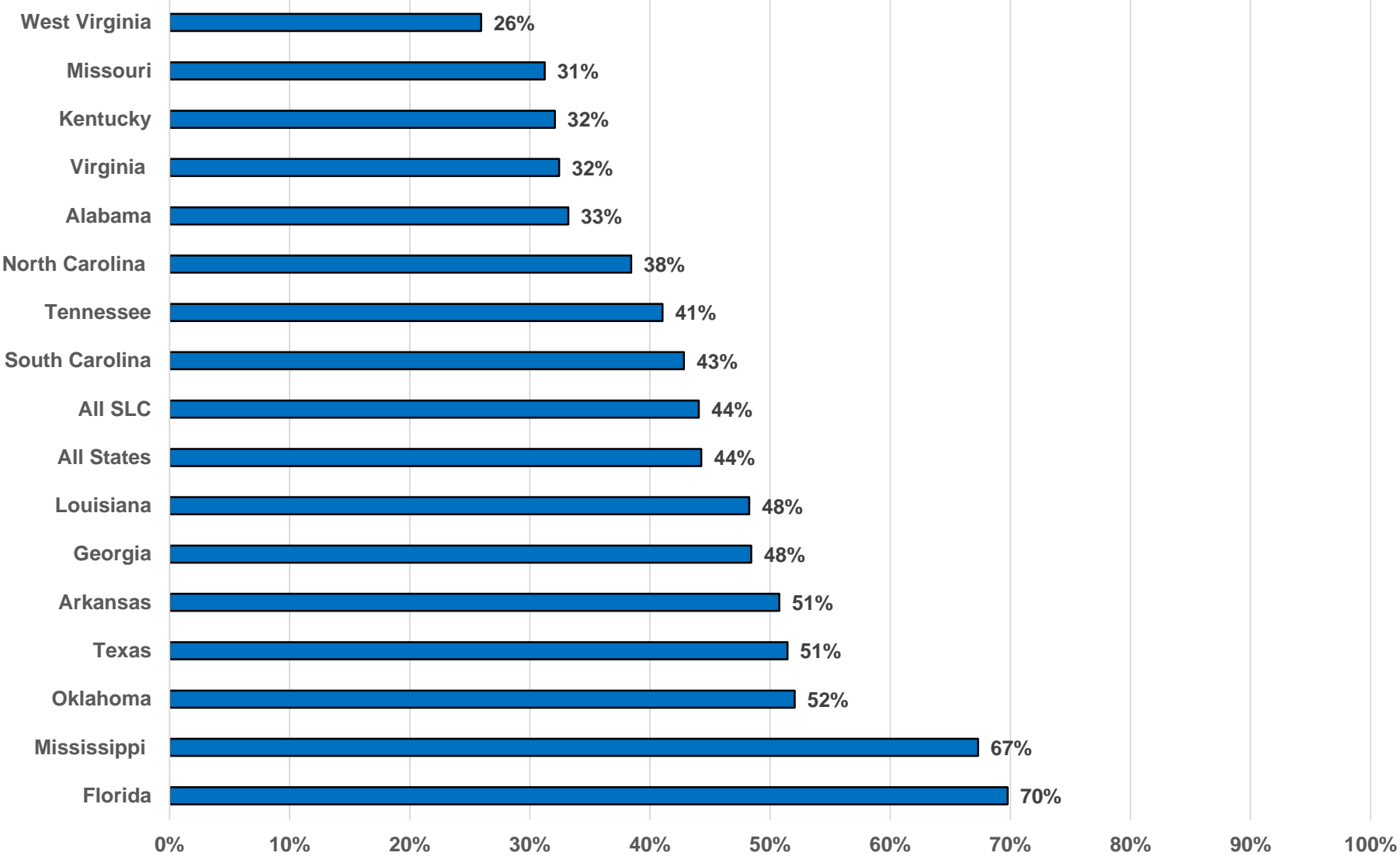


State Owned Bridge County By Condition 2019

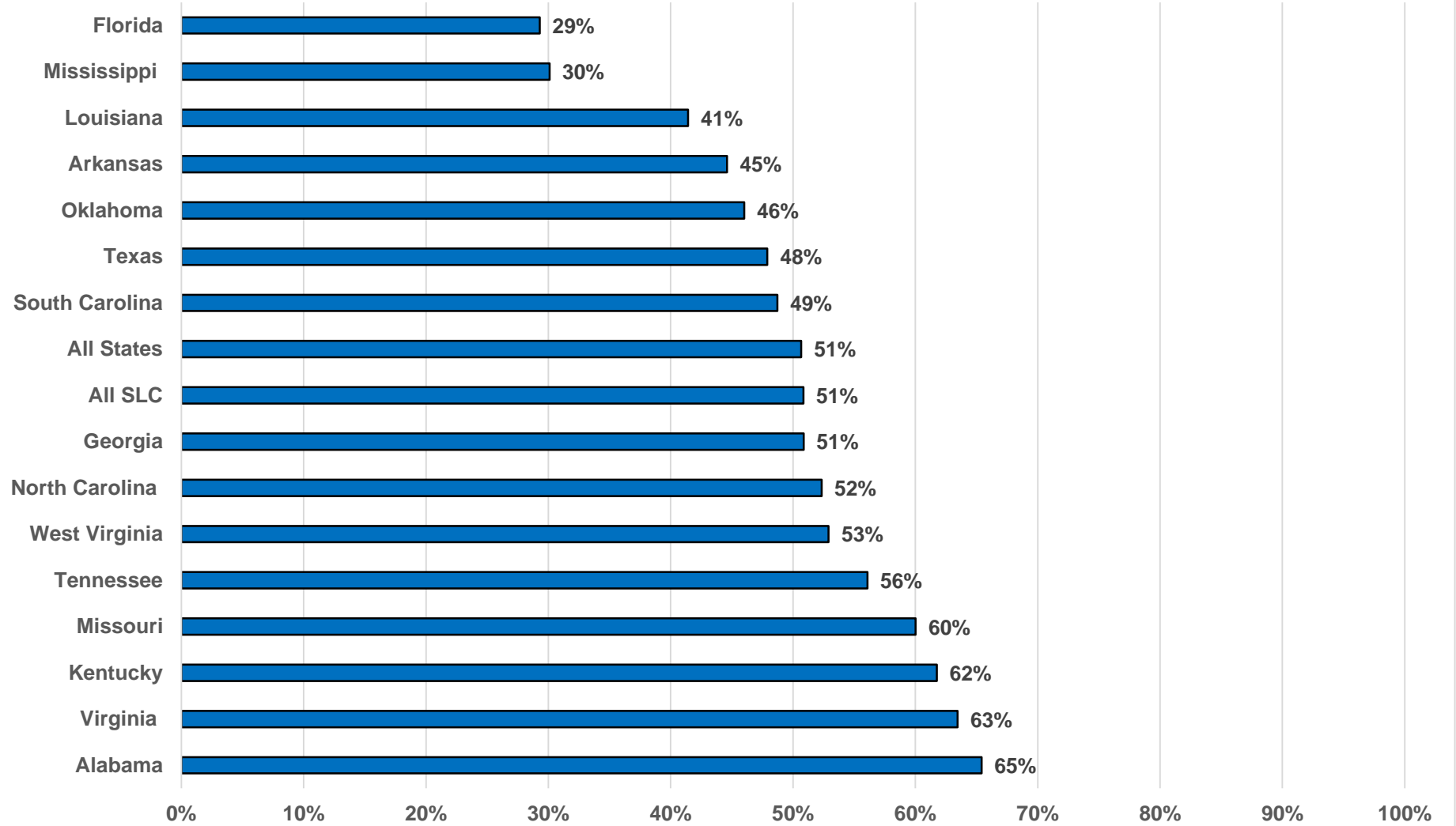
State	State Owned Bridge Count	Percent in Good Condition	Percent in Fair Condition	Percent in Poor Condition
Alabama	5,762	33%	65%	1%
Arkansas	7,330	51%	45%	5%
Florida	5,613	70%	29%	1%
Georgia	6,773	48%	51%	1%
Kentucky	9,074	32%	62%	6%
Louisiana	7,810	48%	41%	10%
Mississippi	5,826	67%	30%	3%
Missouri	10,355	31%	60%	9%
North Carolina	17,029	38%	52%	9%
Oklahoma	6,749	52%	46%	2%
South Carolina	8,451	43%	49%	8%
Tennessee	8,351	41%	56%	3%
Texas	34,705	51%	48%	1%
Virginia	12,043	32%	63%	4%
West Virginia	6,993	26%	53%	21%
SLC Totals	152,864	44%	51%	5%
US Totals	287,726	44%	51%	5%

Source: FHWA, "Highway Statistics, 2018," Table BR-6.

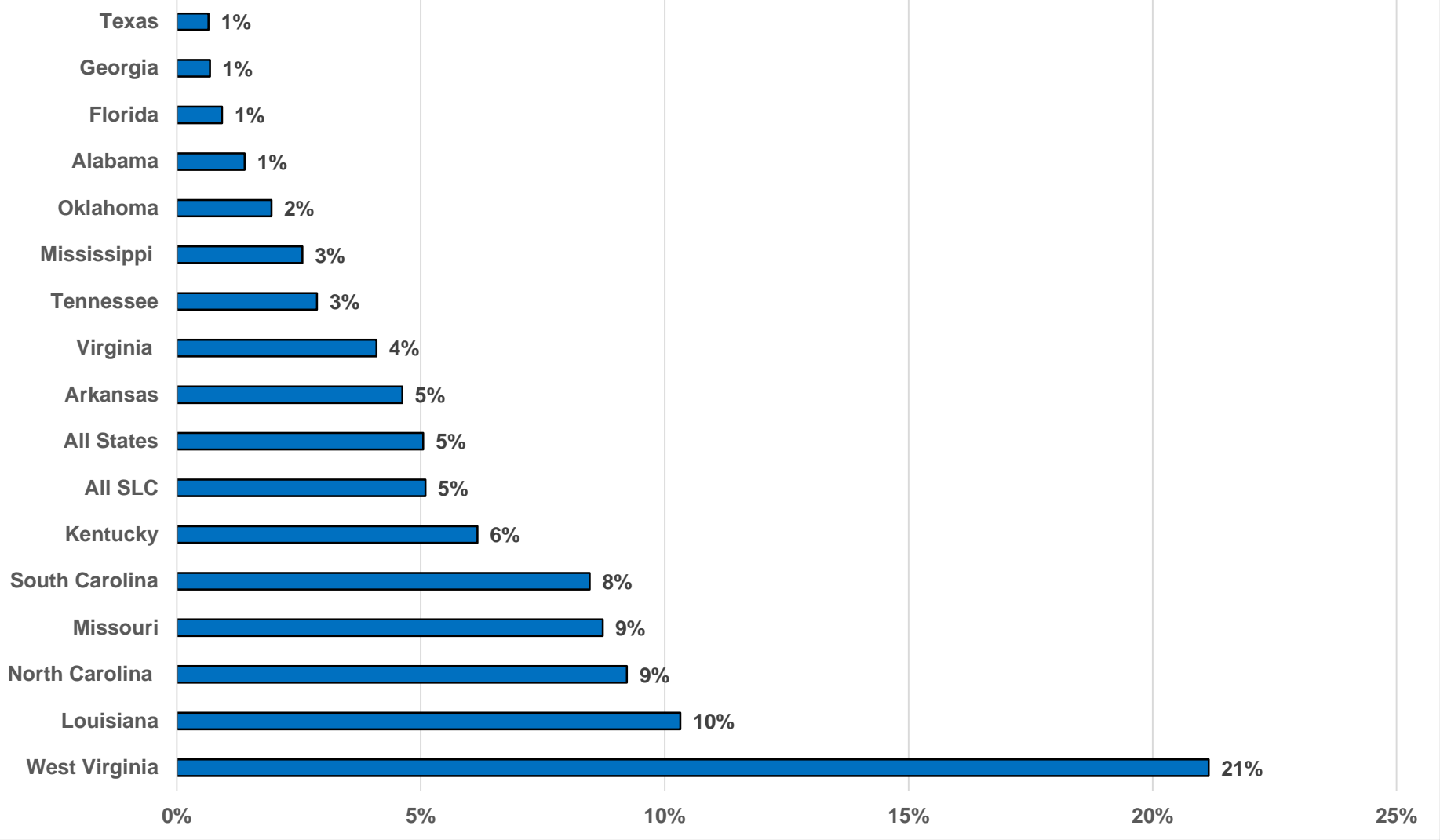
State-Owned Bridge Percent in Good Condition 2019



State-Owned Bridge Percent in Fair Condition 2019



State-Owned Bridge Percent in Poor Condition 2019



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Fatalities

Summary

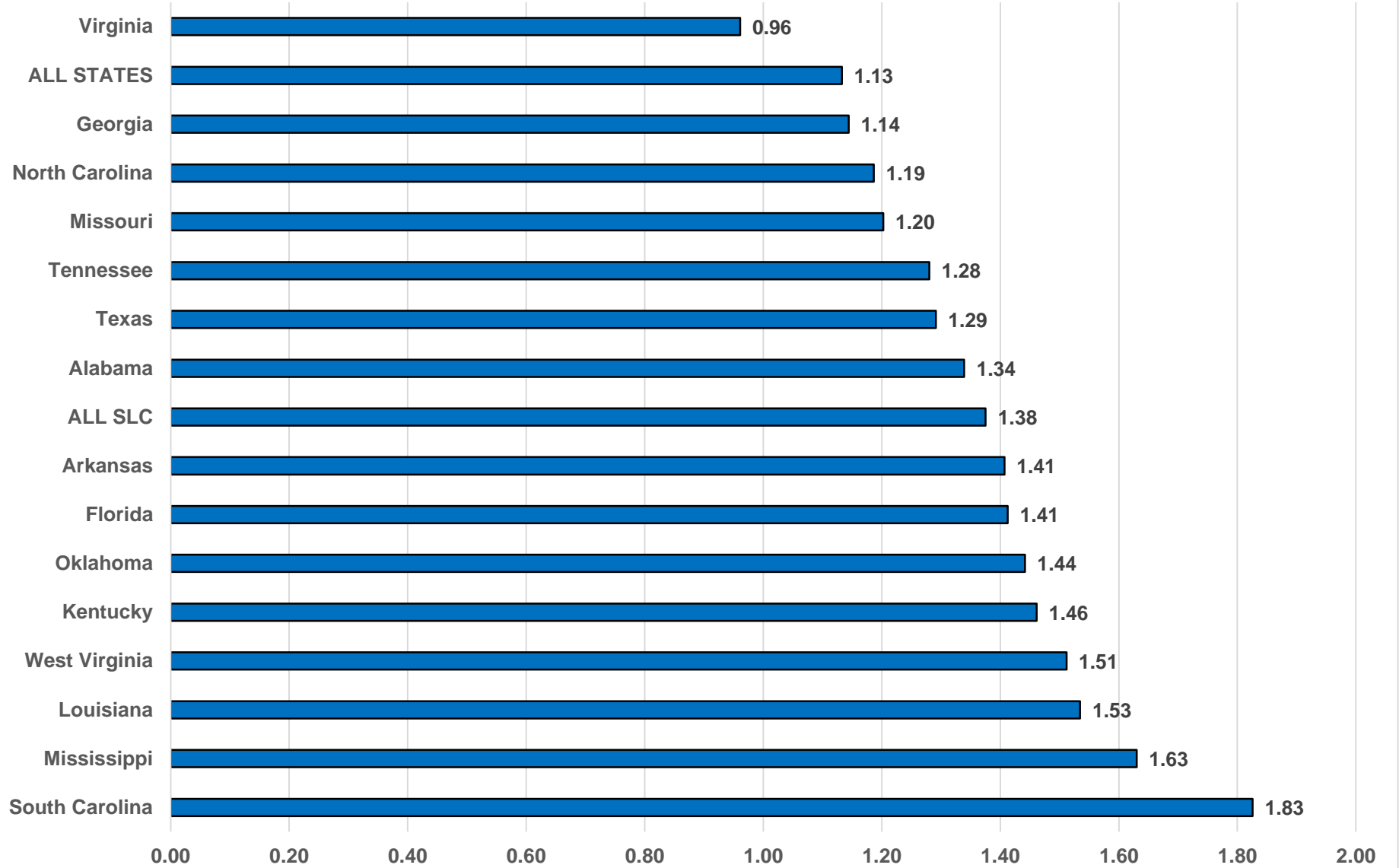
- **The motor vehicle accident fatality rate for the SLC states as a whole (1.38 per 100 million miles driven) is higher than the nationwide rate (1.13 per 100 million miles driven).**
- **Only one SLC state (Virginia, 0.96) had a motor vehicle accident fatality rate lower than or equal to the national rate.**
- **Nationwide, the fatality rate is 1.5 times as high on rural interstates (0.76) as on urban interstates (0.51), and 2.0 times higher on all rural highways (1.69) as on all urban highways (0.86).**

Fatality Rates by Road Type 2018
(Fatalities per 100 Million Miles of Travel)

State	Total Rate	Rural Highways and Streets		Urban Highways and Streets	
		Interstates	Total	Interstates	Total
Alabama	1.34	0.93	1.88	0.59	0.97
Arkansas	1.41	0.70	1.72	0.85	1.11
Florida	1.41	1.27	1.97	0.47	1.01
Georgia	1.14	0.49	1.55	0.69	1.01
Kentucky	1.46	0.58	1.93	0.43	0.90
Louisiana	1.53	0.45	1.56	0.84	1.52
Mississippi	1.63	0.91	1.84	1.11	1.33
Missouri	1.20	0.74	1.54	0.58	0.94
North Carolina	1.19	0.89	2.05	0.37	0.74
Oklahoma	1.44	0.88	1.94	0.66	0.96
South Carolina	1.83	1.05	2.66	0.68	1.14
Tennessee	1.28	0.58	1.82	0.52	1.03
Texas	1.29	1.16	1.98	0.90	1.03
Virginia	0.96	0.53	1.57	0.37	0.60
West Virginia	1.51	0.92	1.80	0.61	1.21
SLC Totals	1.38	0.81	1.85	0.65	1.03
US Totals	1.13	0.76	1.69	0.51	0.86

Source: FHWA, "Highway Statistics, 2018," Table FI 30.

Fatality Rates 2018



**Administration and
Operation of
State Departments of
Transportation**

Summary

- **Ten of the 15 SLC states have a board or commission overseeing or advising the state DOT.**
- **Agency heads are appointed by a board or commission in six of the SLC states; agency heads in the other nine states are appointed by the governor.**
- **Of the 10 transportation boards or commissions:**
 - ◆ **Eight are appointed by the governor;**
 - ◆ **One is appointed by the legislature;**
 - ◆ **One is elected by the public.**
- **Four of the 10 boards administer the state DOT, and seven of the boards control highway construction.**

Administrative Structure of State Transportation Agencies 2018

State (Agency Name)	Agency Head	Who Appoints?	Board or Commission?	Size	How Chosen?	By Whom?	Term (Years)	Board Member Qualifications
Alabama (Department of Transportation)	Director	Governor	No					
Arkansas (Department of Transportation)	Director	Commission	Commission (State Highway Commission)	5	Appointed	Governor	10	Qualified electors of the state; at least one member from each congressional district
Florida (Department of Transportation)	Secretary	Governor	Commission (Florida Transportation Commission)	9	Appointed	Governor	4	Represent all geographic areas of the state; registered voter and citizen of the state; must possess business managerial experience in the private sector
Georgia (Department of Transportation)	Commissioner	State Transportation Board	Board (State Transportation Board)	14	Elected	Legislative Caucus	5	As many members as the state has congressional districts, with each member elected by a majority vote of House and Senate members whose respective districts are at all embraced within such district
Kentucky (Transportation Cabinet)	Secretary	Governor	No					
Louisiana (Department of Transportation & Development)	Secretary	Governor	No		Appointed	Governor		Confirmed by the Senate
Mississippi (Department of Transportation)	Director	Commission	Commission (Mississippi Transportation Commission)	3	Elected	Public	4	One elected from each Supreme Court district

State (Agency Name)	Agency Head	Who Appoints?	Board or Commission?	Size	How Chosen?	By Whom?	Term (Years)	Board Member Qualifications
Missouri (Department of Transportation)	Director	Commission	Commission (Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission)	6	Appointed	Governor	6	Taxpayer and resident of the state for at least 5 years prior to appointment; no more than three members shall be of the same political party
North Carolina (Department of Transportation)	Secretary	Governor	Board (Board of Transportation)	20	Appointed	Governor	4	14 members are chosen from each of 14 districts; 6 at-large members, 3 from the Speaker of the House, and 3 from the President of the Senate; at least three members shall be registered voters of a political party other than that of governor; no more than two members shall reside in the same district; secretary of transportation serves as an ex-officio non-voting member
Oklahoma (Department of Transportation)	Director	Commission	Commission (Oklahoma Transportation Commission)	8	Appointed	Governor	8	One from each of eight highway maintenance districts; citizen and resident of the district for at least three years prior to date of appointment
South Carolina (Department of Transportation)	Secretary	Commission (Subject to Senate confirmation)	Commission (South Carolina Transportation Commission)	8	Appointed	Governor	4	One member selected from each congressional; one at-large member. Appointments must be approved by the Legislative delegation of each CD, The Joint Transportation Review Committee, and the Senate
Tennessee (Department of Transportation)	Commissioner	Governor	No					

State (Agency Name)	Agency Head	Who Appoints?	Board or Commission?	Size	How Chosen?	By Whom?	Term (Years)	Board Member Qualifications
Texas (Department of Transportation)	Director	Commission	Yes (Texas Transportation Commission)	5	Appointed	Governor	6	Each member must represent the general public and members or spouses may not: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be employed by a business that receives funds from the DOT; • Directly or indirectly own more than a 10% interest in a business or organization that receives funds from the DOT; • Use or receive a substantial amount of goods, services, or funds from the DOT; • Be an officer, employee, or paid consultant of a Texas trade association in the field of road construction or maintenance, aviation, outdoor advertising, or automobile dealerships or any type of registered lobbyist.
Virginia (Department of Transportation)	Commissioner of Highways	Governor	Yes (Commonwealth Transportation Board)	17	Appointed	Governor (Subject to General Assembly Confirmation)	4	Secretary of DOT; Commissioner of Highways; Director of Rail and Public Transportation; nine citizen members from each of the nine highway districts; five citizen members from state at large
West Virginia (Department of Transportation)	Secretary	Governor	No					

Source: Email survey of state transportation officials in the SLC states, June 2020

Duties of State Transportation Boards or Commissions

State	No Board	Department Administration	Department Oversight	Review Transportation Plan	Appoint Agency Head?	Advise Agency Head?	Control Highway Construction
Alabama	X						
Arkansas		X	X	X	X	X	X
Florida			X			X	
Georgia			X	X	X		
Kentucky	X						
Louisiana	X						
Mississippi		X	X	X*	X	X*	X*
Missouri		X	X	X	X	X	X
North Carolina			X	X		X	
Oklahoma			X	X	X	X	X
South Carolina		X	X	X	X	X	X
Tennessee	X						
Texas			X	X	X	X	X
Virginia			X	X		X	X
West Virginia	X						

* Transportation Commission sets policy for agency.

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