



2011 REPORT CARD for NEW HAMPSHIRE'S Infrastructure

Subject	2009 National Grade	2006 NH Grade	2011 NH Grade	Comments
Aviation	D	B-	C+	New Hampshire's airports need stable, long-term funding programs at the State and Federal levels.
Bridges	C	C+	C	Many steps have been taken toward addressing priority and red list bridges in the State. With continued funding and support on the state and federal level, NH has goals in place to substantially improve the bridge system.
Dams	D	C-	C-	Although inspection programs have improved, there needs to be a long term plan and funding to assist repair on privately and municipally owned dams.
Drinking Water	D-	C	C-	State population continues to grow putting more strain on urban systems. Lack of a national funding source and aging infrastructure continue to lower the grade.
Energy	D+	B-	B-	Diversification of Energy Supply and continued investment in the transmission network are required to meet the future demand.
Hazardous Waste	D	C	C	Progress continues on cleaning up contaminated sites. Funding is barely adequate to sustain the current level of cleanups, and will not permit more rapid remediations of the State's contaminated sites.
Mass Transit	D	C-	C-	Funding and state-level funding mechanisms limit the feasible options for improved service in heavily populated parts of the State. Ridership has generally continued its slow, steady rise.
Railroads	C-	C-	C-	Recent legislative initiatives and federal grants will enable the State to explore the viability of intercity/commuter passenger rail service. Freight rail service continues to languish from declining traffic and poor maintenance of some of the privately owned lines.
Navigable Waters	D-	D	D+	State and federal budget concerns will reduce the funding that will be dedicated to improvements in the State's waterways. However, several critical projects have been completed and/or funded and are underway. Needs continue to outpace available funds.
Roads	D-	C	C-	The completion of many recent safety, resurfacing, and congestion mitigation projects have benefited NH's road system greatly, but long term revenue and funding solutions are sorely needed for future highway maintenance and improvement.
Schools	D	C	C-	School facilities continue to age faster than investment is being made. The lack of a recent assessment prevents a complete understanding, but the current moratorium on new project funding will continue to make worse.
Solid Waste	C+	C+	C	Securing new landfills and increasing levels of recycling are top priorities as current landfill capacity is predicted to fill up by 2021.
Wastewater	D-	C	C-	State population continues to grow putting more strain on urban systems. Lack of national funding source and aging infrastructure continues to lower the grade.

Overall Grade: **D** **C** **C**

A=Exceptional
B=Good
C=Fair
D= Poor
F=Inadequate

Each category was evaluated on the basis of condition and performance, capacity vs. need, and funding vs. need.

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