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**MORE THAN 300 CONNECTICUT BRIDGES - CARRYING 4.3 MILLION VEHICLES DAILY- ARE STRUCTURALLY DEFICIENT. CONNECTICUT IS RANKED FOURTH NATIONALLY IN SHARE OF OLDER BRIDGES. NEW REPORT IDENTIFIES CONNECTICUT BRIDGES IN NEED OF REPAIR, REPLACEMENT**

*Eds.: The report includes lists of bridges in Hartford County and in each Connecticut county with the lowest individual rating for the condition of the deck, superstructure and substructure, and lists the most heavily traveled structurally deficient bridges in each county. Info-graphics can be [downloaded here](#).*

**Hartford, CT** – More than 300 Connecticut bridges (20 feet or longer), carrying 4.3 million vehicles daily, are structurally deficient, according to a new report released today by [TRIP](#), a Washington, DC based national transportation research group. A bridge is structurally deficient if there is significant deterioration of the bridge deck, supports or other major components.

The TRIP report, “[Preserving Connecticut’s Bridges: The Condition and Funding Needs of Connecticut’s Aging Bridge System](#),” finds that 308 of Connecticut’s 4,254 bridges are structurally deficient. Structurally deficient bridges may be posted for lower weight limits or closed if their condition warrants such action. Deteriorated bridges can have a significant impact on daily life. Restrictions on vehicle weight may cause many vehicles – especially emergency vehicles, commercial trucks, school buses and farm equipment – to use alternate routes to avoid weight-restricted bridges. Redirected trips also lengthen travel time, waste fuel and reduce the efficiency of the local economy.

The chart below details the five most heavily traveled structurally deficient bridges (carrying at least 500 vehicles per day) in each Connecticut county. A list of up to 25 of the most heavily traveled structurally deficient bridges in each county is included in the report’s [appendix](#). The appendix includes the individual ratings for each bridge’s deck, superstructure and substructure.

Rank	Town	Facility Carried	Features Intersected	Location	Year Built	Lanes	ADT	Open/Posted/ Closed
<b>FAIRFIELD COUNTY</b>								
1	Norwalk	INTERSTATE-95	NORWALK RV,HENDRICKS AVE	BETWEEN EXITS 15 & 16	1957	8	145,000	Open
2	Greenwich	INTERSTATE-95	BYRAM RIVER,S WATER ST	I95 AT N Y STATE LINE	1958	6	131,600	Open
3	Westport	INTERSTATE-95	ROUTE 33	I-95 AT EXIT NO. 17	1957	8	129,900	Open
4	Stamford	I-95 & I-95 RAMPS	MNRR & LOCAL ROADS	0.2 MI EAST OF EXIT 8 NB	1958	7	127,300	Open
5	Westport	ROUTE 15	SAUGATUCK RIVER	BETWEEN EXIT 41 & EXIT 42	1938	4	69,900	Open
<b>HARTFORD COUNTY</b>								
1	Hartford	INTERSTATE-84	MARKET STREET & I-91 NB	EAST END I-91 & I-84 INT	1961	4	125,700	Open
2	Hartford	INTERSTATE-84 WB	AMTRAK RR & LOCAL ROADS	.13 MI O/MYRTLE STREET	1964	5	88,900	Open
3	Hartford	INTERSTATE-84 EB	AMTRAK RR & LOCAL ROADS	.86 W OF EXIT TO I-91 SB	1966	4	76,450	Open
4	Hartford	INTERSTATE-84 EB	BROAD ST, I-84 RAMP 191	1.17 MI S OF JCT US 44 WB	1966	3	71,450	Open
5	Hartford	INTERSTATE-84 EAST	NEW PARK AV,AMTRAK,SR504	NEW PARK AV,AMTRAK,SR504	1967	3	69,000	Open
<b>LITCHFIELD COUNTY</b>								
1	New Milford	US 202 & RT. 67	HOUSATONIC RIVER	AT INT OF ROUTE 7 & 202	1953	2	30,800	Open
2	Thomaston	ROUTE 8 SOUTHBOUND	REYNOLDS BRIDGE ROAD	0.1 MI NORTH WATERTOWN TL	1964	2	16,500	Open
3	Thomaston	ROUTE 8 SOUTHBOUND	NAUGATUCK RIVER & R.R.	.1 MI NORTH OF EXIT 38	1966	3	12,250	Open
4	Thomaston	ROUTE 8 NORTHBOUND	NAUGATUCK RIVER & R.R.	.1 MI NORTH ROUTE 109	1966	3	12,250	Open
5	Litchfield	US ROUTE 202	BANTAM RIVER	.75 MI E OF JCT RTE 63	1931	2	7,900	Open

MIDDLESEX COUNTY								
1	Middletown	ROUTE 9	P&W RAILROAD & UNION ST	0.2 MI N OF ROUTE 17	1950	4	51,200	Open
2	Middletown	ROUTE 66	P&W RR RT9 CONN RIVER	0.25 MI W OF ROUTE 9	1938	4	34,400	Open
3	Durham	ROUTE 17	ALLYNS BROOK	0.6 MI N. OF ROUTE 79	1995	2	15,900	Open
4	Essex	ROUTE 9 NORTHBOUND	ROUTE 153 & ROUTE 154	3.1 MI S OF ROUTE 80	1966	2	10,850	Open
5	Middletown	MAIN STREET EXT.	SUMNER BROOK	430 FT N OF ROUTE 17	1935	2	9,890	Open
NEW HAVEN COUNTY								
1	West Haven	INTERSTATE-95	METRO NORTH	0.23 MI NORTH OF FIRST AV	1956	6	136,400	Open
2	New Haven	INTERSTATE 91	N FRONT ST & QUINN RIVER	2.3 MI N OF I-95	1964	8	133,900	Open
3	New Haven	INTERSTATE-91	AMTRAK RAILROAD	0.2 MI S OF ROUTE 17	1965	9	133,900	Open
4	Waterbury	INTERSTATE-84	MAD RIVER	.3 MILE EAST OF EXIT 23	1960	4	108,800	Open
5	Branford	INTERSTATE-95	US ROUTE 1	AT I-95 EXIT NO. 55	1958	4	85,300	Open
NEW LONDON COUNTY								
1	East Lyme	INTERSTATE-95	ROUTE 161	0.4 MI S OF US ROUTE 1	1958	5	67,500	Open
2	New London	INTERSTATE 95 NORT	THAMES RV,RR,LOCAL ROADS	1.04 MI S OF N JCT US1 EB	1943	5	58,300	Open
3	Norwich	INTERSTATE 395	RTE 97 & SHETUCKET RIVER	JCT OF I-395 & ROUTE 97	1958	4	43,300	Open
4	Stonington	US ROUTE 1	PAWCATUCK RIVER	CT AND RI BORDER	1932	2	26,000	Open
5	Waterford	INTERSTATE-395	ROUTE 85	I-395 EXIT NO. 77	1958	4	24,500	Open
TOLLAND COUNTY								
1	Willington	ROUTE 32	SO BRANCH ROARING BROOK	0.2 MILE NORTH OF I-84	1914	2	8,900	Open
2	Stafford	LEONARD ROAD	FURNACE BROOK	130 FT FROM JCT ROUTE 19	1976	2	2,081	Open
3	Union	ROUTE 171	INTERSTATE-84	0.5 MI FR MASS STATE LINE	1954	2	1,800	Open
4	Willington	POTTER SCHOOL ROAD	INTERSTATE 84	.76 MI W OF ASHFORD TL.	1960	2	1,105	Open
5	Vernon	PLEASANTVIEW DRIVE	HOCKANUM RIVER	900 FT WEST OF ROUTE 83	1950	2	1,040	Open
WINDHAM COUNTY								
1	Plainfield	INTERSTATE-395	MOOSUP RIVER & ROUTE 14	2.4 MI NORTH OF ROUTE 14A	1958	4	28,800	Open
2	Windham	ROUTE 66	PROVIDENCE&WORCESTER RR	RTE 66 0.4 MI W ROUTE 32	1937	2	7,900	Open
3	Windham	ROUTE 66	NEW ENGLAND CENTRAL RR	0.3 MI WEST OF JCT RTE 32	1938	2	7,900	Open
4	Windham	ROUTE 66	NATCHAUG RIVER	.5 MI EAST JCT 195 & 14	1931	2	7,500	Open
5	Windham	PLAINS ROAD	SHETUCKET RIVER	0.6 MILE EAST OF ROUTE 32	1947	2	2,290	Open

The following structurally deficient bridges in each county (carrying a minimum of 500 vehicles per day) have the lowest individual score for either deck, substructure or superstructure. Each major component of a bridge is rated on a scale of zero to nine, with a score of four or below indicating poor condition. If a bridge receives a rating of four or below for its deck, substructure or superstructure, it is rated as structurally deficient. A list of up to 20 bridges in each county with the lowest individual score for either deck, substructure or superstructure is included in the report's [appendix](#).

Rank	Town	Facility Carried	Features Intersected	Location	Year Built	Lanes	ADT	Open/Posted/ Closed
FAIRFIELD COUNTY								
1	Shelton	ROUTE 8	HOUSATONIC RIVER, RT 110	ROUTE 8, EXIT 14	1951	6	64,640	Open
2	Bridgeport	US ROUTE 1	STILLMAN PD BRK&RR SP	0.6 MI N OF ROUTE 127	1910	3	26,900	Open
3	New Canaan	JELLIFF MILL ROAD	NOROTON RIVER	1/4 MI WEST OF ROUTE 106	1950	1	1,800	Open
4	Stamford	WIRE MILL ROAD	HAVILAND BROOK	0.3 MI W OF ROUTE 137	1957	2	1,678	Posted
5	Westport	ROUTE 15	SAUGATUCK RIVER	BETWEEN EXIT 41 & EXIT 42	1938	4	69,900	Open
HARTFORD COUNTY								
1	Bloomfield	ROUTE 189	WASH BROOK	0.4 MILE NORTH OF RTE 178	1916	2	9,800	Open
2	South Windsor	MAIN STREET	PODUNK RIVER	0.5 MILES SOUTH OF I-291	1907	2	1,510	Posted
3	Bloomfield	ROUTE 178	BEAMAN BROOK	1.2 MI EAST OF ROUTE 189	1915	2	12,000	Open
4	Bristol	MELLEN STREET	PEQUABUCK RIVER	300 FT SOUTH OF ROUTE 72	1956	2	2,920	Open
5	Southington	SPRING STREET	QUINNIPIAC RIVER	0.6 MI W. OF ROUTE 10	1960	2	3,866	Open
LITCHFIELD COUNTY								
1	New Milford	WELLSVILLE AVENUE	EAST ASPETUCK RIVER	0.3 MI S OF PAPER MILL RD	1937	2	4,098	Posted
2	Winchester	HOLABIRD AVENUE	STILL RIVER	250 FT EAST OF ROUTE 8	1955	2	3,120	Closed
3	Thomaston	ROUTE 8 SOUTHBOUND	NAUGATUCK RIVER & R.R.	.1 MI NORTH OF EXIT 38	1966	3	12,250	Open
4	Thomaston	ROUTE 8 NORTHBOUND	NAUGATUCK RIVER & R.R.	.1 MI NORTH ROUTE 109	1966	3	12,250	Open
5	New Milford	MERRYALL ROAD	WEST ASPETUCK RIVER	JCT OF W MEETINGHOUSE RD	1937	2	630	Open

MIDDLESEX COUNTY								
1	Deep River	ROUTE 80	DEEP RIVER	1.1 MI W OF ROUTE 9	1916	2	6,200	Open
2	Middleton	ROUTE 66	P&W RR RT9 CONN RIVER	0.25 MI W OF ROUTE 9	1938	4	34,400	Open
3	Middleton	MAIN STREET EXT.	SUMNER BROOK	430 FT N OF ROUTE 17	1935	2	9,890	Open
4	Middleton	WEST STREET	P & W RAILROAD	0.1 MI SOUTH OF ROUTE 157	1932	2	4,225	Posted
5	East Haddam	ROUTE 82	CONNECTICUT RIVER	0.1 MILE WEST OF RTE. 149	1913	2	9,517	Open
NEW HAVEN COUNTY								
1	Waterbury	ROUTE 8 NORTHBOUND	ROUTE 8 SB & LOCAL ROADS	ROUTE 8 SOUTH OF I-84	1966	2	25,450	Open
2	Meriden	ROUTE 71	SODOM BROOK	0.8 MILE SOUTH OF I-691	1930	2	14,600	Open
3	North Haven	SACKETT POINT ROAD	QUINNIPIAC RIVER	0.6 MI E OF US ROUTE 5	1936	2	13,936	Open
4	Hamden	WAITE STREET	LAKE WHITNEY	0.2 MI EAST OF MATHER ST	1935	2	3,122	Posted
5	Wallingford	NORTHFORD ROAD	MUDDY RIVER	0.5 MI S OF I-91	1938	2	2,354	Open
NEW LONDON COUNTY								
1	Griswold	SHELDON ROAD	DOANVILLE POND	0.5 MI SOUTH OF ROUTE 138	1990	2	510	Closed
2	Norwich	SCOTLAND ROAD	INTERSTATE-395	1.6 MILES NORTH OF SR 642	1958	2	1,850	Open
3	Griswold	CAROL ROAD	PACHAUG RIVER	100' EAST OF SHELDON ROAD	1938	2	510	Open
4	Norwich	SHERMAN STREET	YANTIC RIVER	1 MILE WEST ROUTE 2	1920	2	5,025	Posted
5	Salem	ROUTE 82	EAST BR EIGHT MILE RIVER	0.8 MI W OF ROUTE 11	1924	2	3,100	Open
TOLLAND COUNTY								
1	Stafford	LEONARD ROAD	FURNACE BROOK	130 FT FROM JCT ROUTE 19	1976	2	2,081	Open
2	Willington	ROUTE 32	SO BR ROARING BROOK	0.2 MILE NORTH OF I-84	1914	2	8,900	Open
3	Union	ROUTE 171	INTERSTATE-84	0.5 MI FR MASS STATE LINE	1954	2	1,800	Open
4	Willington	POTTER SCHOOL ROAD	INTERSTATE 84	.76 MI W OF ASHFORD TL.	1960	2	1,105	Open
5	Coventry	FLANDERS RIVER RD	HOP RIVER	300 FT NORTH OF RT 66	1910	2	725	Open
WINDHAM COUNTY								
1	Windham	ROUTE 66	NATCHAUG RIVER	.5 MI EAST JCT 195 & 14	1931	2	7,500	Open
2	Putnam	WOODSTOCK AVE #1	LITTLE RIVER	1050'SOUTH OF ROUTE 171	1937	2	1,370	Open
3	Canterbury	WOODCHUCK HILL RD	LITTLE RIVER	50 FT E JCT HANOVER ROAD	1900	2	1,112	Open
4	Windham	ROUTE 66	PROVIDENCE&WORCESTER RR	RTE 66 0.4 MI W ROUTE 32	1937	2	7,900	Open
5	Windham	ROUTE 66	NEW ENGLAND CENTRAL RR	0.3 MI WEST OF JCT RTE 32	1938	2	7,900	Open

“Our outdated, outmoded and potentially dangerous bridges and other structures desperately need robust federal investment,” said Senator Richard Blumenthal (D-CT). “The time for talk is over. Action is needed now.”

“In our ongoing efforts to advocate for the safety of everyone who uses our roadways, AAA encourages lawmakers to act in the best interest of commuters across Connecticut by providing and protecting the funds necessary to repair, maintain or replace our bridges as needed,” says Amy Parmenter, spokesperson for AAA in Greater Hartford. “The idea of our bridges being structurally deficient is not intended to frighten people. It’s intended to underscore the importance of investing in our infrastructure before it’s too late.”

A significant number of Connecticut’s bridges were built from the 1950s through the 1970s and have surpassed or are approaching 50 years old, which is typically the intended design life for bridges built during this era. Fifty-nine percent of the state’s bridges are 50 years or older, the fourth highest share in the U.S. The average age of all of Connecticut’s bridges is 53 years, while the average age of the state’s more than 300 structurally deficient bridges is 69 years. The cost of repairing and preserving bridges increases as they age and as they reach the end of their intended design life. The actual prioritization for repair or replacement of deficient bridges is at the discretion of state or local transportation agencies.

“Connecticut’s bridges are a critical component of the state’s transportation system, providing crucial connections for personal mobility, economic growth and quality of life,” said Will Wilkins, TRIP’s executive director. “Without increased and reliable transportation funding, numerous projects to improve and preserve Connecticut’s aging bridges will not move forward, hampering the state’s ability to efficiently and safely move people and goods.”