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Va. rural roads among deadliest, Md. gets passing grade

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WASHINGTON - Drivers don't have to go far in any direction in the D.C. region to find a rural road -- but just how safe are those roads?

According to a new [report](#), Maryland gets a passing grade when it comes to rural roads, while Virginia is listed as having the 17th most deadly non-interstate rural roads.

In 2009, there were 371 deaths on those kinds of roads in the Commonwealth.

The report also says South Carolina and Florida had the highest rural-road fatality rates, while Vermont and Idaho have the highest percentage of rural roads in poor condition.

The report is put together by [TRIP](#), a national transportation research group that promotes transportation policies to improve road and bridge conditions.

Pennsylvania is ranked as having the highest number of structurally deficient rural bridges in the country. The good news, Virginia and Maryland do not crack the top 20 on that list.

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