

## Report: South Carolina's Rural Roads Ranked Deadliest In America

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Augusta, GA -- A national report released Thursday ranks South Carolina's rural roads as the deadliest in America, when it comes to traffic crashes.

The Road Information Project (TRIP) released the study TRIP is a national non-profit transportation research group.

South Carolina tops the list for the highest percentage of fatalities on rural roads. In 2009, the last statistics available, 894 people died on rural roads in the state, which is 4.7 deaths per 100 million vehicle miles of travel.

Some of the blame, according to the study, is the deteriorating conditions of rural roads and bridges.

In South Carolina, 14 percent of rural bridges were ranked structurally deficient.

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