



U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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America Gets Failing Grade

**AMERICA'S CUMULATIVE
INFRASTRUCTURE GPA**



Overall Grades on Infrastructure

2017 INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT CARD

Over the last four years, several infrastructure categories showed progress, resulting in grade increases. However, the 2017 Report Card's cumulative GPA of D+ reflects the significant backlog of needs facing our nation's infrastructure writ large. Underperforming, aging infrastructure remains a drag on the national economy, and costs every American family \$3,400 a year.



Why **NOW** is the Time to Act:

\$3.7 trillion is the amount needed by 2025 to get America's infrastructure to a B.

\$1.7 trillion is the gap between existing spending and \$3.7 trillion.

\$516 is the annual average cost to a motorist driving on bad roads.

\$3,400 lost per family a year in disposable income from inadequate infrastructure.

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35 minutes is the increase in the average weekly time spent commuting since 1990.

6 billion gallons of treated drinking water are lost every day due to an aged system.

15,498 dams have been identified as having high hazard potential

49% of vessels experience delays across the inland waterway system.

U.S. Chamber Four-Point Plan

1. Investing in our Nation's Surface
Infrastructure

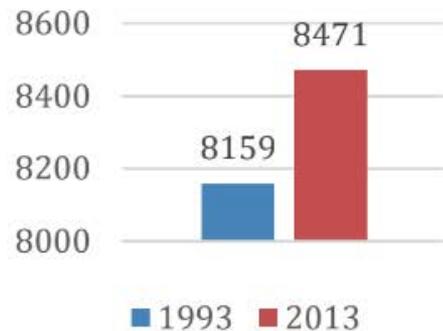
2. Encouraging Public-Private Partnerships

3. Streamlining the Permitting Process

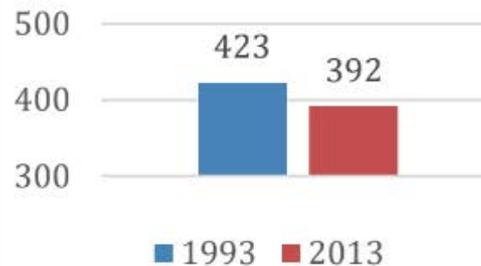
4. Ensuring a Ready Workforce

Investing in Surface Transportation

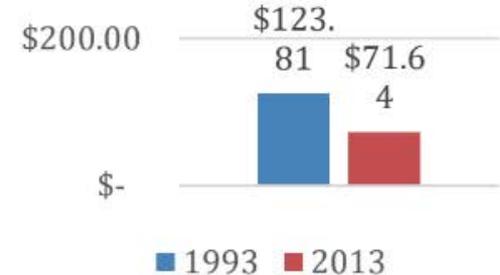
Miles Driven Per Person



Gallons of Fuel Consumed Per Person



Real Per Driver Federal Fuel User Fee



Investing in Critical Infrastructure

Innovative Financing Options

- Expand and improve existing federal loan programs covering transportation, water, and rail
- Create a new loan / loan guarantee program
- Remove statutory and regulatory barriers to public-private partnerships
- Expand private activity bonds

Streamlined Permitting

It take an average of **FIVE years** to complete an environmental impact statement

Congress should:

- Set a two year deadline for all federal permitting
- Merge duplicative and sequential reviews
- Require one agency to shepherd the process

Ready Workforce

Seventy-Eight percent of construction companies cannot find the skilled worker they need.

Congress should:

- Modernize America's Apprenticeship System
- Update the long-overdue Perkins Act
- Act now to protect DACA and Temporary Protected Status (TPS) recipients
- Enact comprehensive immigration reform

Share of voters who say it's important that the U.S. modernize our nation's infrastructure system:

ALL VOTERS

81%

A horizontal bar chart for 'ALL VOTERS' showing 81% support. The bar is red and extends to 81% of the total length, with a grey segment representing the remaining 19%.

REPUBLICANS

84%

A horizontal bar chart for 'REPUBLICANS' showing 84% support. The bar is dark teal and extends to 84% of the total length, with a grey segment representing the remaining 16%.

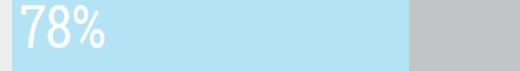
DEMOCRATS

82%

A horizontal bar chart for 'DEMOCRATS' showing 82% support. The bar is light blue and extends to 82% of the total length, with a grey segment representing the remaining 18%.

INDEPENDENTS

78%

A horizontal bar chart for 'INDEPENDENTS' showing 78% support. The bar is light blue and extends to 78% of the total length, with a grey segment representing the remaining 22%.

Share of voters who support the federal government investing more to modernize our nation's infrastructure system:

ALL VOTERS

75%

A horizontal bar chart for 'ALL VOTERS' showing 75% support. The bar is divided into a red segment representing 75% and a grey segment representing 25%.

REPUBLICANS

79%

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DEMOCRATS

73%

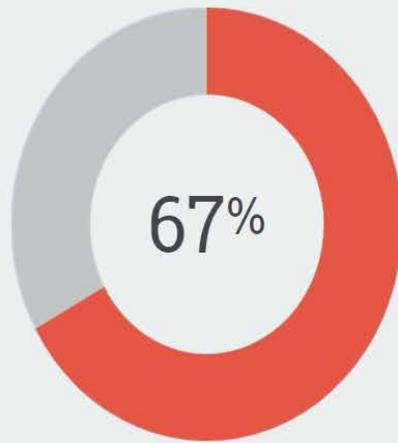
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INDEPENDENTS

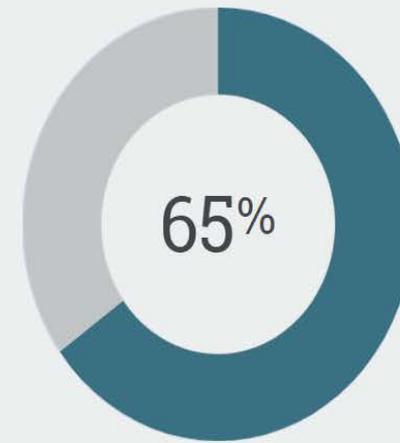
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Share of voters who say infrastructure investments will...



Create jobs

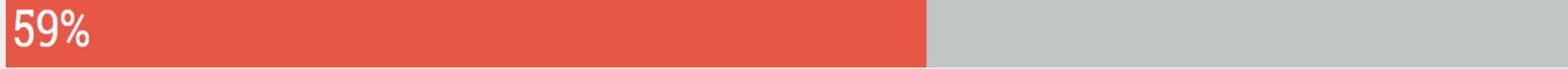


Help businesses in the United States

Share of voters who want Congress to move forward with an infrastructure package now:

ALL VOTERS

59%



REPUBLICANS

63%



DEMOCRATS

57%



INDEPENDENTS

56%



SC-1 Voters Agree

Stronger Infrastructure, Stronger Workforce

74%

OF SC-1 VOTERS AGREE THAT INVESTMENTS IN INFRASTRUCTURE
WOULD LEAD TO JOB CREATION.

SC-1 Voters Want More Federal Investments

66%

OF SC-1 VOTERS SAY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHOULD INVEST
MORE IN OUR COUNTRY'S ROADS.

ACT NOW

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