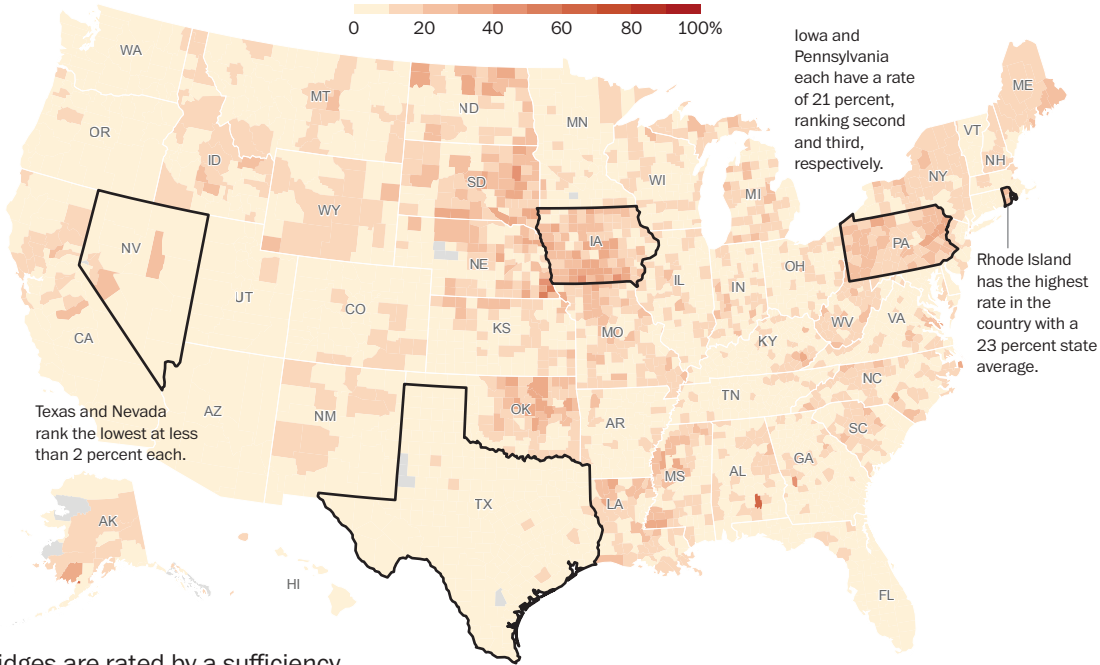


Potential perils

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There are more than 55,000 structurally deficient bridges in the country. 77 of them are in the D.C. region.

Percent structurally deficient bridges by county
0 20 40 60 80 100%



Bridges are rated by a sufficiency rating that is an overall measure based on inspector ratings of many aspects of the bridge's top deck and underlying structure. The worst bridges are classified as **"structurally deficient."** Bridges with scores generally between 50 and 80 percent are considered **"functionally obsolete."** A low score does not mean that a bridge will fall, but it indicates that it needs repair.

COUNTY	STRUCTURALLY DEFICIENT	FUNCTIONALLY OBSOLETE	GOOD
D.C.	10	140	104
Montgomery County	19	105	352
Prince George's County	23	78	455
Fairfax County	15	117	561
Arlington County	4	66	99
Alexandria	3	13	42
Falls Church	3	0	2
Fairfax City	0	0	6

