

## State Highway Bridges



A bridge is a structure with a length of 20 feet or greater, carrying traffic or other moving loads over a depression or an obstruction such as water, highway, or railway.



There are over 4,900 bridges in Maryland. SHA maintains 2,489 (51%), the counties and municipalities maintain 2,099 (43%), and MdTA maintains 255 (5%). The remaining bridges belong to various state and federal agencies.

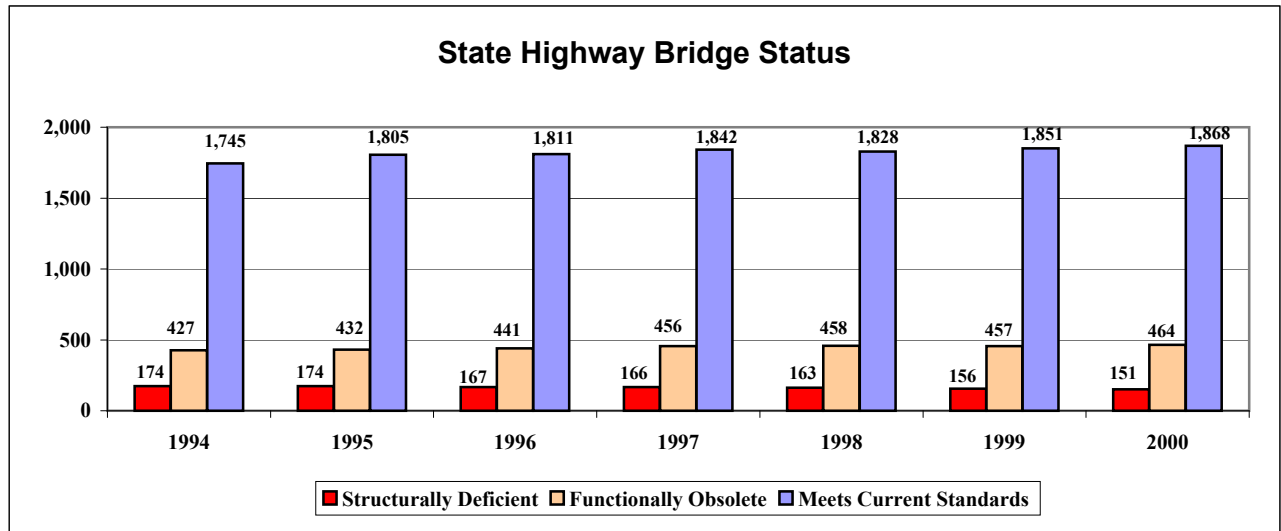


Structurally Deficient: meaning the strength and condition did not meet desirable standards and the structure will need to be replaced. Structurally deficient does not mean “closed;” a bridge can be deficient and still be safe, yet require future replacement.



Functionally Obsolete: meaning the bridge has one of the following characteristics: lane width and/or shoulders are too narrow, inadequate clearance, frequent flooding, or any other factor which would not meet current guidelines of the roadway.

# Bridges



Year	Structurally Deficient		Functionally Obsolete		Meets Current Standards		Total #	TotalArea
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1994	174	1.9	427	3.7	1,745	18.5	2,369	24.2
1995	174	1.5	432	3.8	1,805	19.6	2,449	24.9
1996	167	1.8	441	3.7	1,811	19.9	2,432	25.3
1997	166	1.8	456	3.9	1,842	20.2	2,464	26.0
1998	163	2.6	458	4.0	1,828	19.4	2,449	26.0
1999	156	2.6	457	4.1	1,851	19.6	2,467	26.3
2000	151	2.4	464	4.3	1,868	19.8	2,489	27.8

Area = Square Footage in Millions.

