

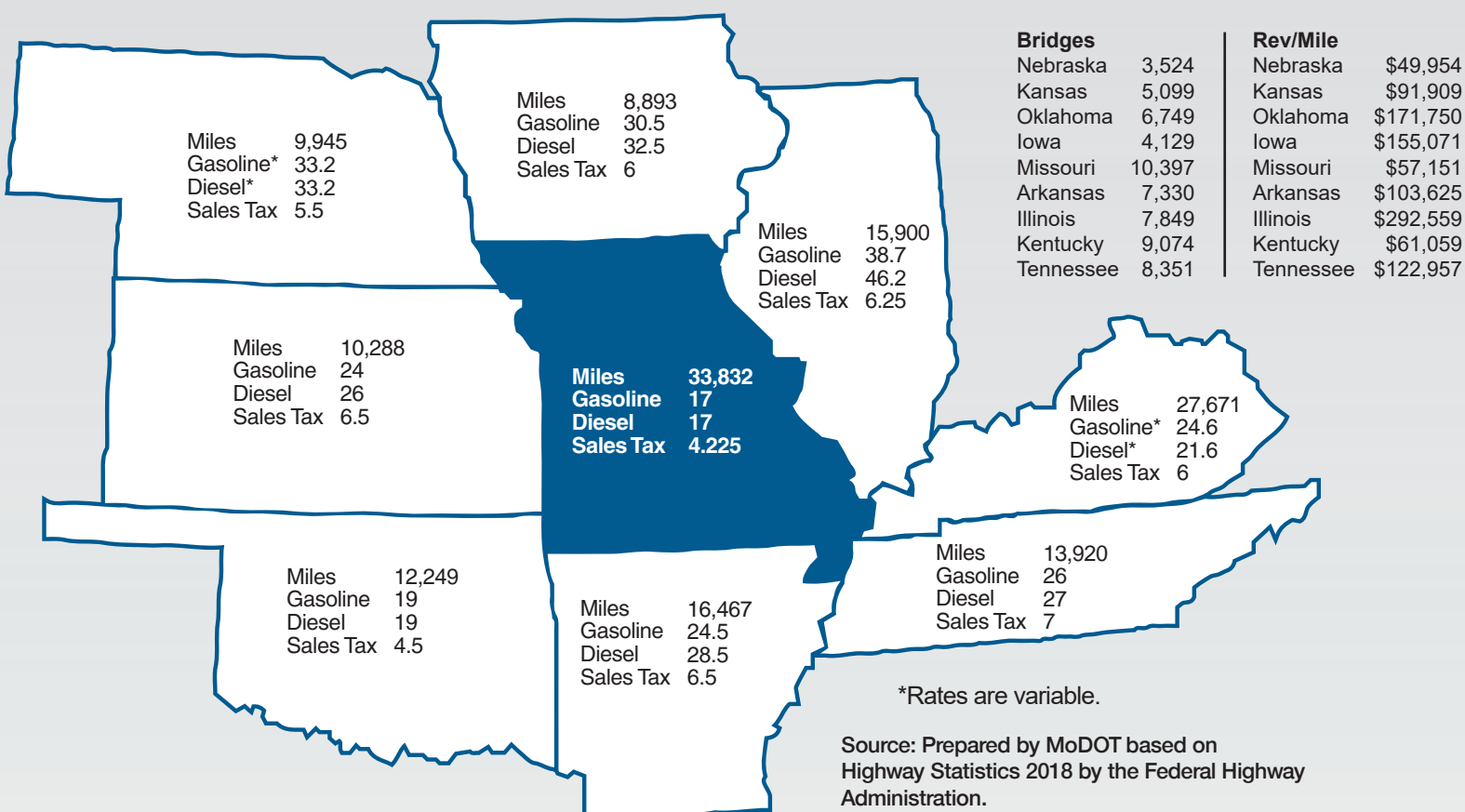
How Does Missouri COMPARE?

How Missouri Compares to the Nation and its Neighboring States

Missouri ranks 45th nationally in revenue per mile, primarily because the state's large system – the nation's seventh largest with 33,832 miles of highways – is funded with one of the lowest fuel taxes in the country: 17 cents per gallon. Missouri also ranks seventh nationally in the number of bridges with 10,397. This does not include the city and county system of roads and bridges, which includes an additional 97,000 miles of county roads and city streets, and nearly 14,000 bridges.

Missouri Lags Behind

Missouri has a lower fuel tax rate than any of its neighbors. Yet it has a larger state-maintained highway system than any of them.



Gasoline and diesel fuel tax rates are shown in cents per gallon.
Miles are shown in center line miles of the state maintained highway system.

Over the last 20 years, due to inflation and ever-improving vehicle fuel economy, the purchasing power of Missouri's state fuel tax has effectively dropped from 17 cents to 6 cents during a time when the cost of the primary road and bridge building materials of asphalt, concrete and steel have doubled. Labor costs have also significantly risen during that time frame.

Missouri's revenue per mile is \$57,151, while the national average is \$241,277. By contrast, New Jersey's revenue per mile of \$2,157,610 ranks first, although its state highway system includes only 2,334 miles and 2,393 bridges.

When compared to its eight surrounding states, Missouri has the largest state highway system and lowest fuel tax rate of 17 cents per gallon. Several of Missouri's surrounding states also benefit from additional revenue sources for transportation like tolling and general sales taxes.



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