Travel across all Arkansas highways, roads, and streets totaled 36 billion vehicle miles in 2020. Travel across the State Highway System totaled 26 billion vehicle miles, 74% of the total travel. In 2020, over 93% of all heavy truck travel in Arkansas occurred on the State Highway System.

**Arkansas State Highway Commission**

The first Arkansas State Highway Commission was appointed in 1913. Amendment 42 of the Constitution of Arkansas, adopted in 1952, established the five-member State Highway Commission. Under this authority, the State Highway Commission is vested with powers and duties for administering Arkansas' State Highway System. Act 192 of 1977 created the Arkansas Department of Transportation (Department), adding responsibilities for coordinating public and private transportation activities and implementing a safe and efficient intermodal transportation system.

**Organizations and Personnel**

**Central Office**

- 10 District Headquarters
- 84 Maintenance Headquarters
- 32 Resident Engineer Offices

**Full Time Workforce**

- 4,052 in 1993
- 3,667 in 2021

**Safety**

The Arkansas Strategic Highway Safety Plan (2017) identified five critical emphasis areas. It recommended strategies for each to reduce the number of fatal and serious injury roadway crashes. It was determined that the 2017 SHSP should focus on the five performance areas required by the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) passed by Congress and the President on December 4, 2015. The performance targets are as follows: Reduce the number of fatalities in Arkansas to 631.5 by 2022. Reduce the fatality rate in Arkansas to 1.808 by 2022. Reduce the number of serious injuries in Arkansas to 2,996.9 by 2022. Reduce the serious injury rate in Arkansas to 8.608 by 2022. Reduce the number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries to 229.2 by 2022.
STATE FUNDING

Road-user revenues are generated under tax laws governing motor fuels, special motor fuels, and motor vehicle registrations. After deductions for other programs, the Department receives 70% and 30% is divided equally between cities and counties. Net Department funds, including interest, in State Fiscal Year 2021 amounted to $494 million. Cities and counties each received approximately $101 million. Alternative fuels are assessed by a graduated scale based on annual registered vehicle users. Currently, a State Environmental Assurance Fee of 0.3¢ per gallon is also collected for the Regulated Storage Tank Trust Fund. Current State Motor Fuel Tax Rates per gallon are:

- Gasoline: 24.5¢
- Diesel: 28.5¢
- Liquefied Petroleum Gas: 16.5¢
- Compressed Natural Gas: 5.0¢

INTERSTATE REHABILITATION PROGRAM (IRP)

STATE AID COUNTY ROAD AND CITY STREET PROGRAM

The State Aid Division (Division), authorized under Act 445 of 1973, administers the State Aid County Road Program and administers Federal-aid Highway funds available for county roads and bridges. In State Fiscal Year 2021, 48 jobs on 215 miles and five bridges were contracted at a total cost of $29.6 million. The Division also administers the State Aid City Street Program and Federal-aid Highway funds available for city bridges. In the 2011 Arkansas General Assembly, HUR 1001 was adopted. This resolution, which reallocated 1¢ of the existing motor fuel tax to fund a State Aid City Street program, was approved by the vote of the people on November 6, 2012. A State Aid Street Committee consisting of nine mayors was appointed in accordance with Act 1032 of 2011 to establish procedures and guidelines for the State Aid City Street program and approve funding requests. As of February 2021, the Committee has approved funding for 745 city street projects. In State Fiscal Year 2021, 57 jobs on 102 miles in 67 cities were contracted at a total cost of $18.9 million ($16.9 million of State Aid City Street funds).

FEDERAL FUNDING

On December 4, 2015, the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act (FAST ACT) was enacted and established highway and transit programs and funding for a five-year period (FFY2016-2021). Arkansas receives an average of $538 million in each Fiscal Year. Taxes are levied on motor fuels per gallon with the revenues deposited in the Federal Highway Trust Fund Federal-aid Highway Account, Mass Transit Account, and Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust (LUST) Fund.

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LPG — LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS
CNG — COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS
LUST — LEAKING UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK

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