



POLL ESTABLISHES I-17 (AZ) AS AMERICA'S 36TH MOST LOATHED INTERSTATE

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- **US-101 (CA) ranked as the most detested in the nation by drivers.**
- **Another Arizona route includes I-10.**

Whether it's the notorious Interstate 345 in Dallas, the dreaded Interstate 980 in Oakland, or the infamous Route 29 in Trenton, NJ, many highways across the U.S. contend for the unenviable title of being the most detested by their daily commuters. Sometimes there is nothing worse than reaching the crest of a hill on a freeway, with the city's shimmering silhouette appearing in the distance, when a relentless tide of brake lights paints a different picture.

[Gunther Volvo Cars Daytona Beach](#) ran a survey of 3,000 drivers to determine, once and for all, America's most loathed interstates/freeways/highways. Perhaps unsurprisingly, the top 3 positions all went to California freeways. The results were as follows:

1. California, US-101

A Golden Gridlock... The Golden State's golden child of gridlock, US-101 takes the crown, with parts in San Francisco and LA making drivers question their life choices. Many drivers report that they think of it as a highway doing an impression of a parking lot, especially during peak hours. With major tourist hubs along the way, the traffic pace can decelerate to speeds slower than an average person's walking pace, particularly noticeable during high-density travel times.

2. California, I-5

Snail's Stretch... Silver goes to this extensive stretch - I-5, especially through LA, could give snails a run for their money. From San Diego to Oregon, it's the backbone of the West Coast, but sometimes feels more like a spinal tap with its endless construction zones and "rush hour" that seems to last all day. More than mere congestion, the I-5 in LA represents a unique intersection of diverse populations, relentless urbanization, and infrastructural growing pains - all on one gridlocked stretch.

#3 California, I-405 (San Diego Freeway)

Latte Lockup... And rounding up the top 3 was another California gem, the I-405 (San Diego Freeway). Some say it is like Los Angeles' way of saying, "You thought the 101 was bad? Hold my latte." Navigating the infamous Sepulveda Pass is akin to conquering a

mountain... if that mountain was made of cars. The I-405, with its **un**ique blend of infrastructural, environmental, and cultural factors, occupies a special spot in the hall of fame of American traffic jams, encapsulating the very essence of Los Angeles' complex relationship with the automobile.

#4 Pennsylvania, I-76 (Pennsylvania Turnpike)

Historic Halt... In fourth, PA throws its hat into the ring with the I-76. It's a mix of historic charm and modern-day migraines. Imagine a dance floor, but instead of people, it's cars – shimmying, twirling, and occasionally bumping into each other. Philly and Pittsburgh drivers, especially, know the I-76 tango all too well. Adding to the complexity, the turnpike is peppered with toll plazas that, despite modern EZ-Pass systems, become chokepoints, especially during holiday exodus. And the weather - rain, snow or shine, each brings its own set of chaos.

#5 Colorado, I-70

Rocky Road... Claiming fifth, Colorado's I-70 is not just your everyday road trip – it's an epic saga. This isn't just about the stop-and-go; it's about battling Mother Nature herself as you weave through the Rockies. With the Eisenhower Tunnel acting as the gateway to winter wonder (or blunder), travelers often find themselves playing a game of "Will it close today?" due to snowstorms. Roadway improvements and seasonal restrictions for non-equipped vehicles attempt to mitigate these issues, but they introduce their own delays, with travelers often facing mandatory detours or chain-ups during winter storms.

And in 36th place overall is Arizona's I-17, the vital corridor connecting Phoenix to Flagstaff. This highway experiences a unique range of travel complexities, heavily frequented by commuters, vacationers heading to the cool climes of Flagstaff, and students from Northern Arizona University, causing significant traffic volumes that often lead to notorious slowdowns. The journey from the desert floor to the mountain highlands is not only an elevation climb but a climatic transition, offering drivers the daunting task of navigating sharp curves, steep grades, and sudden weather changes. Particularly during holiday seasons and winter months, I-17 becomes even more precarious. Snow, rain, or dense fog can arise quickly, turning standard trips into navigational challenges and significantly increasing the risk of accidents.

And the 86th most loathed route in America is Arizona's I-10. This segment, far from ordinary, plays a critical role as both a local lifeline and a transcontinental route stretching from the Pacific to the Atlantic. Within the confines of Phoenix, I-10 accommodates an astounding traffic volume, including a daily dance of roughly 300,000 vehicles, commercial transporters, and local commuters. The relentless sun oversees rush hour scenarios that escalate into high-tension standstills, where the sound of honking and the sight of brakelights become all too familiar rituals. Contributing to the fray is the highway's central role in connecting suburban sprawls like Chandler and Goodyear, turning commutes into strategic exercises in timing and patience.

[Infographic showing America's 100 most loathed interstates/highways/freeways](#)