



# Only 28% of Americans Satisfied with the Country's Infrastructure

## Satisfaction down 11-points compared to last year

**Washington, DC** – According to the Ipsos 2018 Global Infrastructure Index, Americans are split on how they perceive the state of infrastructure in the United States. Similar proportions of Americans report being satisfied (28%) and dissatisfied (32%) with the condition of the country's infrastructure such as roads, rail and air networks, utilities, and broadband internet. Overall, Americans are less content with their infrastructure compared to the global average (32% satisfied across 28 countries) and the G8 nations' average (33%). Furthermore, satisfaction with infrastructure in the U.S. is down 11 points compared to 2017 (39%) and down 8 points compared to 2016 (36%).

Americans are most satisfied with the condition of airports (63% rate their quality as very good or fairly good), the digital infrastructure such as broadband (56%), and the water supply and sewage (51%). In contrast, Americans are especially likely to give a fairly poor or very poor rating to the country's flood defenses (46%), the local road network (46%), and highways and major roads (40%). Dissatisfaction with flood defenses is most prominent in the South (50% of poor ratings), the region of the country that is most vulnerable to hurricanes. Compared to 2016, Americans have become significantly less satisfied with the quality of broadband internet (12-point decrease in the percentage of good ratings), the new housing supply (11-point decrease) and the rail infrastructure (10-point decrease).

When it comes to priorities, more than two in five Americans single out improving the water supply and sewage infrastructure (46%) and the local road network (43%). These two areas rank as the first and second priorities for the third consecutive year. Areas least cited as improvement priorities by U.S. adults are airports (14%) or nuclear infrastructure to generate energy (18%).

Seven in ten Americans (70%) believe that investing in infrastructure is vital to future economy growth. However, more than half believe that the county is not doing enough to meet infrastructure needs (57%) and not doing enough to involve people in decisions about which infrastructure to invest in (55%). Americans also want the government to focus more on their local area: 61% of Americans believe that local communities' views on plans for infrastructure should be heard properly, even if it means delays; and only 26% say that their local area gets its fair share of US' investment in infrastructure.

## About the Study

The Infrastructure Index involved 20,286 people sampled via Ipsos Global @dvisor in 29 countries (samples sizes were either 500 or 1,000 in each country): Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, France, Germany, Great Britain, Hungary, India, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, Peru, Poland, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, South Korea, Serbia, Spain, Sweden, Turkey and the United States of America.

Surveys were conducted online between August 24 and September 7, 2018 among adults aged 18-64 in the US and Canada, 18-65 in Czech Republic, and 16-64 in all other countries. Data has been weighted to known country population profiles

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