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State of Repair for Bridges in Berkshire County – effective May 2024

Berkshire County has nearly 750 bridges recorded in the Commonwealth's bridge inventory. Maintenance and uninterrupted operation of bridges are of key concern to our towns and cities, as their closure can greatly impact travel, quality of life and commerce in a surrounding community. As of May 1, 2024, in Berkshire County, there are currently **thirteen** bridges listed as Closed and **sixty-eight** listed as Posted for Load. A bridge is posted after an inspection or report indicates that the bridge should not regularly carry a load at one or more of the statutory weight limits, depending on the number of axles on the vehicle.

The following bridges are fully closed to traffic in Berkshire County as of May 2024:

- Adams: Gavin Street pedestrian bridge over Hoosic River
- Gt. Barrington: Cottage Street over the Housatonic River
- Gt. Barrington: Brookside Road over the Housatonic River
- Lanesborough: Bridge Street over Town Brook
- Lee: Willow Street over the Housatonic River
- North Adams: Brown Street over the Hoosic River
- Pittsfield: E New Lenox Road over Sackett Brook*
- Sheffield: Covered Bridge over the Housatonic River
- Sheffield: East Road over Ironworks Brook
- Stockbridge: Interlaken Cross Road over Larrywaug Brook
- Stockbridge: Averic Road over Larrywaug Brook
- Washington: Lower Sargent Road over Depot Brook
- Washington: Whitney Road over Roaring Brook

The following bridges are known to be reduced to one lane as a partial closure:

- Pittsfield: Pecks Road over the West Branch Housatonic River
- Clarksburg: Cross Road over Hudson Brook
- Gt. Barrington: Division Street over the Housatonic River (temporary span)
- Savoy: Route 116 over the Westfield River
- Stockbridge: Glendale Middle Road over the Housatonic River

The following bridges have funding currently targeted through various programs, including but not limited to the Municipal Small Bridge Program and the TIP:

- Adams: Quality Street over the Hoosic River (2025)
- Alford: West Road over Scribner Brook (2024)
- Becket: Quarry Road over Cushman Brook (2026)
- Cheshire: Sand Mill Road over Dry Brook (2024)
- **Gt. Barrington: Cottage Street over the Housatonic River (2026)**

*This bridge is currently under construction and reduced to one lane, but still listed as Closed on the Open Data portal.

- Gt. Barrington: Division Street over the Housatonic River (2026)
- Gt. Barrington: State Road over the Housatonic River (2026)
- **Lanesborough: Bridge Street over Town Brook (TBD)**
- Lee: Meadow Street over Powder Mill Brook (2024)
- Lee: Mill Street over Washington Mountain Brook (2026)
- Monterey: Curtis Road over the Konkapot River (2026)
- New Marlborough: Keyes Hill Road over the Umpachene River (2024)
- North Adams: Route 2 over the Hoosic River (2024)
- **North Adams: Brown Street over the Hoosic River (TBD)**
- Pittsfield: Wahconah Street over the West Branch Housatonic River (2026)
- Pittsfield: Pontoosuc Ave. over the West Branch Housatonic River (2026)
- Pittsfield: South Street over the Housatonic River and Housatonic RR (2026)
- Sheffield: Kelsey Road over Schenob Brook (2026)
- Tyringham: Jerusalem Road over Hop Brook (2027)
- Washington: Lower Valley Road over Depot Brook (2028)
- Williamstown: Main Street over Hemlock Brook (TBD)

Bridges in **bold** are currently closed, as listed above.

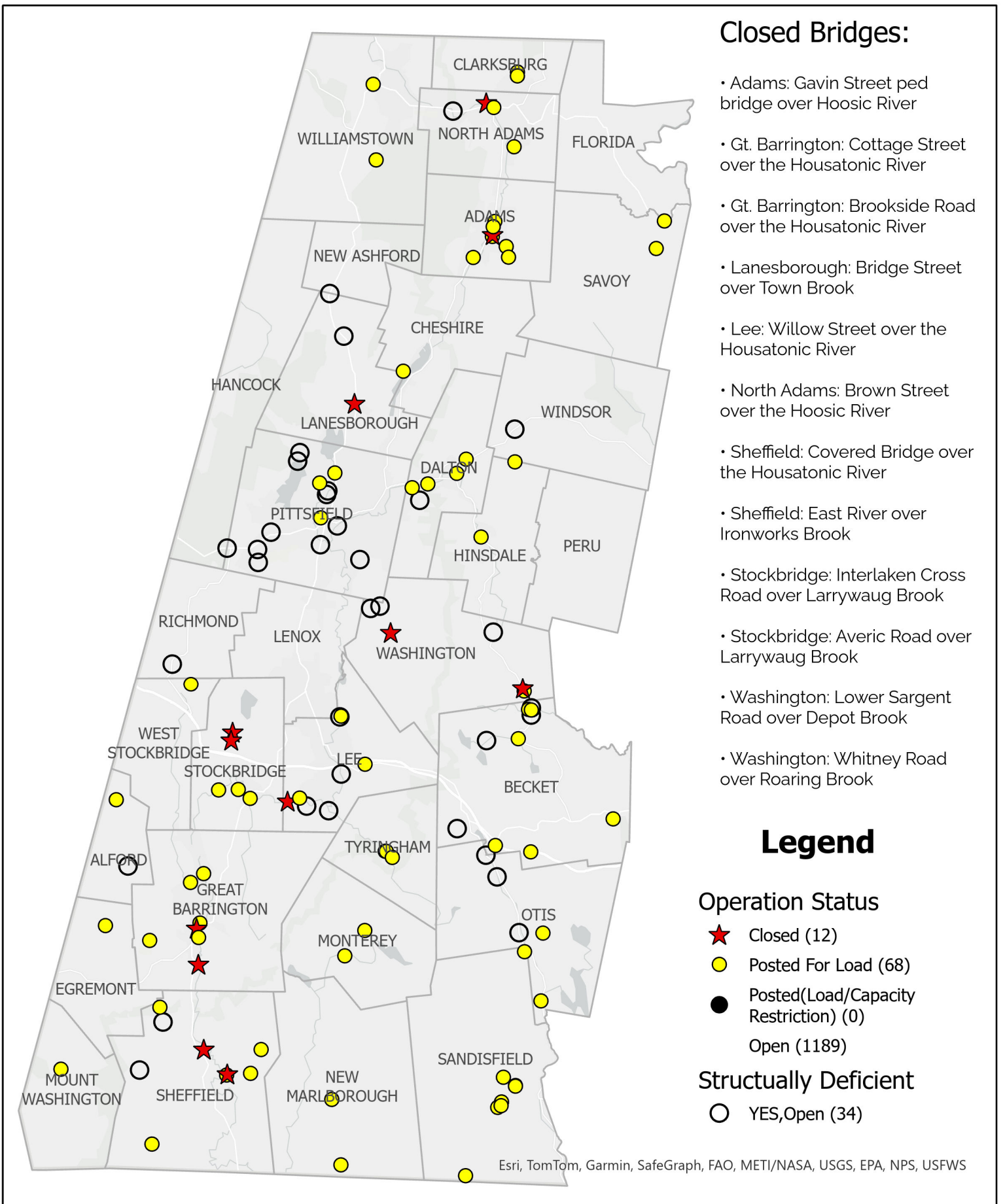
It is important to note that the bridge inventory list is a living database and is subject to change over time as bridges are inspected, rehabilitated, closed, or reopened. This document reflects a point-in-time inventory that may be updated periodically.

Looking to the future

Bridges in the Commonwealth are inspected every two years. When an inspection reveals that a bridge needs to be posted for a reduced vehicle load, or closed entirely, MassDOT bridge engineers contact city or town officials to alert them to the change and provide them with next steps. While leaders can never be certain that a bridge will be closed until after an inspection occurs, it can be helpful to prioritize repair or contingency plans for bridges that may be found deficient sooner than others. These include, in descending priority: bridges that are already posted, bridges with an overall "Poor" condition in the database, bridges that are listed as Structurally Deficient, and bridges that have one or more structure ratings at 5 or lower. Creating repair or contingency plans before a bridge is closed can help lessen the disruption to travel in Berkshire communities. And this is certainly already happening, as evidenced by the listing of bridges slated for repair above. In the past 5 years, 34 bridges have been replaced or rehabilitated around Berkshire County, as well.

Choosing which bridges to rehabilitate or replace with constrained funding is a complex task with no one correct answer. While having to react once a structure reaches an unsafe condition can cause inconvenience in the short term, it does not compare to the potential loss of life or property should a bridge fail during its normal life. Staying proactive will help to keep residents and commerce moving smoothly, and help officials stay on top of the continuous task of our infrastructure maintenance.

Bridge Status in Berkshire County



Williamstown	HWY HOPPER RD	WATER GREEN RIVER	MUN	Bridge (NBI)	7	8	8	N	Good	39.1	NO	2023/02/10	Open
Williamstown	HWY BULKLEY ST	WATER HEMLOCK BROOK	MUN	Bridge (NBI)	6	6	5	N	Fair	10.4	NO	2023/08/10	Open
Williamstown	HWY MAIN ST	WATER BUXTON BROOK	MUN	Culvert	N	N	N	7	Good	2.7	NO	2017/08/08	Open
Williamstown	US 7 SIMONDS RD	COMB HOOSIC RIV & PARR	DOT	Bridge (NBI)	7	6	6	N	Fair	139	NO	2023/08/28	Open
Williamstown	ST 43 GREEN RIV RD	WATER GREEN RIVER	DOT	Bridge (NBI)	6	6	6	N	Fair	14	NO	2023/08/16	Open
Williamstown	ST 2 MAIN ST	WATER GREEN RIVER	DOT	Bridge (NBI)	9	9	9	N	Good	39.2	NO	2024/02/28	Open
Williamstown	ST 43 GREEN RIV RD	WATER GREEN RIVER	DOT	Bridge (NBI)	7	7	7	N	Good	25.9	NO	2023/02/10	Open
Williamstown	US 7 NEW ASHFORD	WATER W BR GREEN RIVER	DOT	Bridge (NBI)	7	6	6	N	Fair	18.9	NO	2024/01/10	Open
Williamstown	US 7 NEW ASHFORD	WATER GREEN RIVER	DOT	Bridge (NBI)	6	6	6	N	Fair	22.4	NO	2023/09/20	Open
Williamstown	US 7 SIMONDS RD	WATER BROAD BROOK	DOT	Bridge (NBI)	7	7	7	N	Good	17.5	NO	2023/02/01	Open
Williamstown	HWY BELDEN ST	WATER HEMLOCK BROOK	MUN	Bridge (NBI)	N	7	8	N	Good	11	NO	2023/08/02	Open
Williamstown	ST 2 @ STA 198	WATER HEMLOCK BROOK	DOT	Short Span Bridge	N	N	N	5	Fair	3.8	NO	2022/09/14	Open
Williamstown	US 7 @ STA 118	WATER HEMLOCK BROOK	DOT	Short Span Bridge	N	N	N	6	Fair	3.3	NO	2022/09/14	Open
Williamstown	US 7 @ STA 127	WATER SWEET BROOK	DOT	Short Span Bridge	N	N	N	6	Fair	3	NO	2022/09/14	Open
Williamstown	US 7 NEW ASHFORD	WATER GREEN RIVER	DOT	Bridge (NBI)	6	6	6	N	Fair	18.6	NO	2024/01/11	Open
Williamstown	HWY ROARING BRK	WATER ROARING BROOK	MUN	Short Span Bridge	N	N	N	7	Good	4.3	NO	2022/07/06	Open
Williamstown	HWY SPRINGWATER	WATER BROAD BROOK	MUN	Bridge (NBI)	6	6	6	N	Fair	14.3	NO	2023/08/10	Open
Williamstown	HWY BEE HILL RD	WATER FLORA GLEN BROOK	MUN	Bridge (NBI)	7	6	8	N	Fair	16.2	NO	2022/09/20	Open
Williamstown	HWY LINEAR PARK	WATER GREEN RIVER	MUN	Bridge (NBI)	5	5	6	N	Fair	18.7	NO	2023/08/16	Open
Williamstown	HWY HOPPER RD	WATER HOPPER BROOK	MUN	Bridge (NBI)	7	7	7	N	Good	8.9	NO	2023/02/10	Open
Williamstown	HWY NORTHWEST HLL	WATER FORD GLEN BROOK	MUN	Short Span Bridge	8	8	6	N	Fair	6.6	NO	2023/08/02	Open
Williamstown	HWY OLD MILL RD	WATER W BR GREEN RIVER	MUN	Short Span Bridge	N	N	N	6	Fair	4.5	NO	2023/08/01	Open
Williamstown	OTHER MOHAWK BIKE	WATER GREEN RIVER	MUN	Bikeway	9	9	9	N	Good	26.5	NO	2023/06/12	Open
Williamstown	HWY WATER STREET	WATER CHRISTMAS BROOK	MUN	Short Span Bridge	N	N	N	7	Good	3.7	NO	2023/08/23	Open
Williamstown	US 7 /ST2/CLD SPR	WATER UNNAMED BROOK	DOT	Culvert	N	N	N	9	Good	2.4	NO	2023/06/12	Open
Windsor	HWY PIERCE RD	WATER MONGUE MEADOW BRK	MUN	Short Span Bridge	N	N	N	6	Fair	3.2	NO	2022/09/26	Open
Windsor	HWY WORTHNGTN RD	WATER ALDER MEADOW BROOK	MUN	Bridge (NBI)	7	6	7	N	Fair	15.8	NO	2022/09/23	Open
Windsor	HWY WORTHNGTN RD	WATER WESTFIELD BROOK	MUN	Bridge (NBI)	7	7	6	N	Fair	10.1	NO	2022/10/21	Open
Windsor	HWY E WINDSOR RD	WATER WESTFIELD BROOK	MUN	Bridge (NBI)	7	7	7	N	Good	10.2	NO	2022/09/27	Open
Windsor	HWY MAIN DALTON	WATER WINDSOR BROOK	MUN	Bridge (NBI)	7	7	7	N	Good	11.6	NO	2022/11/09	Open
Windsor	HWY MAIN DALTON	WATER WINDSOR BROOK	MUN	Short Span Bridge	7	7	7	N	Good	6.2	NO	2022/09/26	Open
Windsor	HWY RIVER RD	WATER WESTFIELD RIVER	MUN	Bridge (NBI)	6	7	7	N	Fair	16.8	NO	2022/11/09	Open
Windsor	HWY SCHOOLHSE RD	WATER WINDSOR JAMBS BRK	MUN	Bridge (NBI)	6	7	5	N	Fair	10.7	NO	2022/11/10	Open
Windsor	HWY WINDSOR BUSH	WATER WINDSOR JAMBS BRK	MUN	Bridge (NBI)	7	7	7	N	Good	8.2	NO	2022/11/22	Open
Windsor	HWY RIVER RD	WATER WESTFIELD RIVER	MUN	Bridge (NBI)	6	7	6	N	Fair	15.9	NO	2022/11/22	Open
Windsor	HWY OLD RTE 9	WATER ALDER MEADOW BROOK	DOT	Bridge (NBI)	7	7	6	N	Fair	7	NO	2022/10/21	Open
Windsor	HWY OLD RTE 9	WATER WESTFIELD BROOK	DOT	Bridge (NBI)	6	5	5	N	Fair	27.4	NO	2022/10/12	Open
Windsor	ST 9 BERKSHIRE TR	WATER WINDSOR BROOK	DOT	Bridge (NBI)	6	6	7	N	Fair	9.1	NO	2022/10/14	Open
Windsor	ST 9 /ST8 @STA 4	WATER WESTON BROOK	DOT	Culvert	7	N	7	N	Good	3.4	UNKNOWN	1899/12/30	Open
Windsor	ST 9 /ST8 @STA 74	WATER JENKS BROOK	DOT	Short Span Bridge	N	N	N	4	Poor	3.2	YES	2022/10/04	Open
Windsor	ST 9 /ST8 @ST 115	WATER TYLER BROOK	DOT	Culvert	N	N	N	6	Fair	2.4	NO	2013/01/18	Open
Windsor	HWY HIGH ST HILL	WATER WESTFIELD BROOK	MUN	Bridge (NBI)	N	7	7	N	Good	9.8	NO	2022/12/06	Open
Windsor	HWY WORTHNGTN RD	WATER ALDER MEADOW BROOK	MUN	Bridge (NBI)	7	6	6	N	Fair	11	NO	2022/09/23	Open
Windsor	HWY FLINTSTNE RD	WATER TYLER BROOK	MUN	Short Span Bridge	7	8	6	N	Fair	6.3	NO	2022/10/04	Open
Windsor	ST 9 @ STA 337	WATER SHAW BROOK	DOT	Short Span Bridge	N	N	N	6	Fair	3.4	NO	2022/11/28	Open
Windsor	HWY LOWER RD EXT	WATER WESTFIELD RIVER	DOT	Bridge (NBI)	7	7	7	N	Good	15.2	NO	2022/11/10	Open
Windsor	HWY MAIN DALTON	WATER TYLER BROOK	MUN	Short Span Bridge	6	6	6	N	Fair	6.6	NO	2022/09/26	Open
Windsor	HWY CHESHIRE RD	WATER DRY BROOK	MUN	Short Span Bridge	9	9	9	N	Good	5.3	NO	2023/12/12	Open
Windsor	HWY BACK DALTON	WATER WINDSOR RES TRIB	MUN	Short Span Bridge	N	N	N	7	Good	5.5	NO	2023/09/12	Open
Windsor	HWY RIVER RD	WATER RIVER	MUN	Bridge (NBI)	9	9	9	N	Good	6.1	NO	2023/12/12	Open
Windsor	HWY RIVER RD	WATER TRIB WESTFIELD RIV	MUN	Short Span Bridge	N	N	N	9	Good	5.5	NO	2022/11/28	Open
Windsor	HWY RIVER RD	WATER TRIB WESTFIELD RIV	MUN	Short Span Bridge	N	N	N	9	Good	5.8	NO	2022/08/11	Open
Windsor	ST 8 /SAVOY RD	WATER DROWNED LAND BROOK	MUN	Short Span Bridge	N	N	N	6	Fair	3.9	NO	2023/01/31	Open