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Miami and two other FL cities rank among the worst for potholes in the US

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What is a pothole, besides a source of frustration for drivers?

A common dictionary definition is "a depression or hollow in a road surface caused by wear or sinking," and in Miami, it seems drivers are frustrated with the conditions of the local roads although they are not alone.

Potholes can damage vehicles by causing flat tires, bent rims, and accidents can occur when drivers swerve to avoid potholes or lose control when hitting them unexpectedly.

A recent survey shows that searches for potholes increased by 107 percent between 2019 to 2022.

Analysts for the website Circuit used Google Trends search data and surveyed 1,127 drivers to determine America's pothole problem, by city, age group and even what brand of car hot potholes more often.

Florida had the most cities ranked in the top 20.

Orlando ranked second worst in the US while Tampa (#9) and Miami (#13) were the other Florida cities in the Top 20 worst cities for pothole issues.

The city where potholes caused the most bumps in the road was St. Louis, MO; while Minneapolis, MN came in at number 3.

The Circuit study shows that nearly 1 in 3 drivers hit 5 or more potholes in the past year —with Millennials (32 percent) as the most likely to hit potholes.

GMC, Subaru, and Ram drivers were the most likely to hit potholes, while Toyota, Hyundai, and Volkswagen drivers were the most likely to avoid them.

One telling stat from the study: of the drivers surveyed who hit five or more potholes during the year, 36 percent said the potholes remained unfixed.

For the complete Circuit study, click here.