The Bicycle Friendly States ranking is based on a comprehensive survey completed by state departments of transportation and state bicycling advocates. It asks comprehensive questions across 5 categories: Legislation and Enforcement, Policies and Programs, Infrastructure and Funding, Education and Encouragement, Evaluation and Planning. The results listed above provide only a snapshot of the full application. They are intended to offer some ideas for further growth in bicycle friendliness. For more information, visit www.bikeleague.org/states or contact Nicole Wynands at (202)-822-1333 or nicole@bikeleague.org.

### Florida

**Governor:** Rick Scott  
**DOT Commissioner:** Ananth Prasad  
**Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinator:** DeWayne Carver  
**State Advocacy Group:** Florida Bicycle Association

#### Regional Ranking

**South #5**

#### Category Scores

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#### Top 10 Signs of Success

- People commuting by bike (more than 1%)
- Safe passing/vulnerable road user law
- Complete streets policy
- Committed state funding
- Active state advocacy group
- State bicycle plan (adopted 2004 or later)
- Share the road campaign
- Bicycle education for police
- Bicycle safety emphasis in strategic highway safety plan
- Top 10 state for congestion mitigation and air quality spending

#### Overall Points

- **2014:** 35.3 of 100  
- **2013:** 29.4 of 100

#### Feedback

- Adopt a vulnerable road user law that increases penalties for a motorist that injures or kills a bicyclist or pedestrian.
- Repeal the state’s mandatory bike lane law. These types of laws ignore the quality and safety of available bike lanes.
- Adopt a statewide, all-ages cell phone ban to combat distracted driving and increase safety for everyone.
- Adopt a statewide Complete Streets policy.
- The state could spend more federal funding on bicyclists and pedestrians. Adopt project prioritization criteria for federal funds that incentivize bicycle projects and accommodations.
- Dedicate state funding for bicycle projects and programs, especially those focused on safety and eliminating gaps and increasing access for bicycle networks.
- Hold a state bicycle summit with opportunities for professional development, contact with elected officials, and networking.
- Adopt a statewide bicycle plan that addresses each of the five “Es”, has clear implementation actions, and performance measures to gauge success.
- Adopt a mode share goal for biking to encourage the integration of bicycle transportation needs into all transportation and land use policy and project decisions.
- Florida has a very high number of bicyclist fatalities. Ensure that bicycle safety is a major emphasis in all transportation projects, programs and policies to address this issue.