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.

**Illinois**

**REGIONAL RANKING >> MIDWEST #3**

**GOVERNOR:** Pat Quinn  
**DOT COMMISSIONER:** Ann Schneider  
**BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN COORDINATOR:** Gabriel Sulkes  
**STATE ADVOCACY GROUP:** League of Illinois Bicyclists

**CATEGORY SCORES**

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**OVERALL POINTS**

53.1 of 100  
2013: 51.9 of 100

**FEEDBACK**

- Implement the State Bike Transportation Plan’s Action Item: “Address the issue with the 80/20 funding match for pedestrian and bicycle accommodations.” Use the same local cost-share for bike/pedestrian accommodations as is used for the overall project.
- Fully update IDOT policies, practices and standards to meet the latest FHWA, AASHTO, and other applicable guidelines. Make sure that Complete Streets policies and design guidelines are consistent across all chapters of the BDE and the BLR manuals.
- More fully incorporate bicycling into driver’s education programs and the driver’s test.
- Collect data regarding enforcement actions against motorists based on incidents with bicycles, such as traffic tickets issued, prosecutions, or convictions.
- Partner with bicycle advocates to promote the online bike safety learning quizzes www.bikesafetyquiz.com. Ideally, the quizzes should be included in PE learning standards, and be routinely used in traffic school and drivers education programs.
- Since arterial and collector roads are the backbone of every transportation network, it is essential to provide adequate bicycle facilities along these roads. Increase the percentage of state highway network that has paved shoulders or bike lanes greater or equal to 4 feet wide.
- Adopt road project selection criteria that incentivize bicycle and pedestrian accommodations, where there is existing or latest demand.
- Dedicate state funding for bicycle projects and programs, especially those focused on safety and eliminating gaps and increasing access for bicycle networks.