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BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES 6
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ARKANSAS

STATE ADVOCACY GROUP: MISSISSIPPI RIVER TRAIL, INC.

Summary

Arkansas has developed some great mountain biking areas and recently built shared use paths, like the Razorback Greenway. However, these developments have not made a significant change in the ridership and bicyclist safety data for the state, where Arkansas continues to be near the bottom for each measure.

Arkansas' best categories are actions that tend to be easier to implement, such as passing legislation or promoting educational resources, rather than actions that take long-term commitments to include bicycling as a core mode of transportation within the state. That may be changing with the adoption of a statewide bicycle and pedestrian plan in 2017. The success of this plan will determine the trajectory of bicycling in Arkansas and whether the local momentum in some parts of the state leads to noticeable changes in ridership and safety.

Comparison States table with columns: National (Overall), Southern Region (out of 13). Rows include South Dakota, New Hampshire, Arkansas, Alaska, West Virginia, Tennessee, Louisiana, Arkansas, West Virginia, Alabama.

Categories table with columns: Categories, Rank out of 50. Rows include Infrastructure & Funding (39), Education & Encouragement (25), Legislation & Enforcement (17), Policies & Programs (39), Evaluation & Planning (35).

Feedback Points

Conduct a bicycle economic benefit study to showcase the positive impacts of bicycling for tourism, health costs, economic development, job creation, and transportation return on investment.

Arkansas has the 3rd highest rate of bicyclist fatalities per bicycle commuter. In addition, between 2010 and 2015, bicyclist fatality rates have increased on a per capita and a per bike commuter basis. Arkansas should take steps to address bicyclist safety in all aspects of its work in order to address this poor safety record.

Adopt the NACTO Urban Bikeway Design Guide in order to ensure that guidance on a wide variety of bicycle facilities is available to all staff within your state DOT.

Adopt a statewide Complete Streets policy. The National Complete Streets Coalition has a model state policy and a variety of other resources to ensure adoption and implementation.

The state could spend more federal funding on bicyclists and pedestrians. Adopt project prioritization criteria for federal funds that incentivize bicycle projects and accommodations.

Adopt a law allowing transportation agencies to post 20 mph or lower speed limits under certain circumstances.

Arkansas needs better coordination at the state level in order to fulfill the Governor's goal of being the "cycling hub of the South." While there are clear examples of local successes in Arkansas, statewide progress is less forthcoming and state agencies should look for ways to involve local partners, including advocacy organizations, in statewide efforts.

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Bicycle Friendly Actions table with legend: ✓ = Progress, ✓ = New in 2017. Rows include Complete Streets Law / Policy, Safe Passing Law (3ft+), Statewide bike plan last 10 years, 2% or more fed funds on bike/ped, Bicycle Safety Emphasis Area.

Federal Data on Biking table with columns: Category, Value, Rank. Rows include Ridership (0.1% of commuters, 49/50), Safety (30.3 fatalities per 10k bike commuters, 48/50), Spending (\$2.24 per capita, 33/50).


i This figure is based upon the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS) 5-year estimate.


ii This figure is based upon fatalities reported over a five-year period according to the National Highway Administration (NHTSA)'s Fatality Analysis Reporting System and the 2015 5-year ACS estimate of the number of bicycle commuters.


iii FHWA spending is based upon projects coded using any of three project types associated with bicycling and walking projects through the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)'s Fiscal Management Information System. To calculate per capita spending we used a five-year average for fiscal years 2011-2016 and the 2015 5-year ACS state population estimate.





The Category Scores below are aggregated from smaller sub-categories—each of which is sorted in descending order, from the topic with the highest possible points available to least.

 Infrastructure & Funding Ranked 39 th of 50 States	
Design and Existence of Infrastructure Has the state made it easy to build bicycle infrastructure and installed a variety of infrastructure on state facilities?	8/38 pts
State Transportation Funding Does the state report that funding is allocated to bicycling?	15/28 pts
Use of Federal Transportation Funding Does the state take advantage of available federal funding for biking and walking?	6/16 pts
Planned and Recently Built Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities How many lane miles of bicycle and pedestrian facilities has the state reportedly planned to build and built?	5/10 pts
State Transportation Funding Restrictions Does the state have any policies that limit the ability to fund bicycling and walking infrastructure?	7/8 pts
Total of Possible 100 Points: 41/100 pts	

 Policies & Programs Ranked 39 th of 50 States	
Complete Streets Does the state have a complete streets policy and processes to support its implementation?	25/56 pts
Design and Access Policies Does the state have policies in place to ensure good design and access for people who bike and walk?	7/25 pts
State of Practice Development Does the state support trainings on bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure and complete streets implementation?	0/13 pts
Sustainable Transportation Policies Does the state work incorporate multi-disciplinary considerations in the development and implementation of transportation projects?	4/6 pts
Total of Possible 100 Points: 36/100 pts	

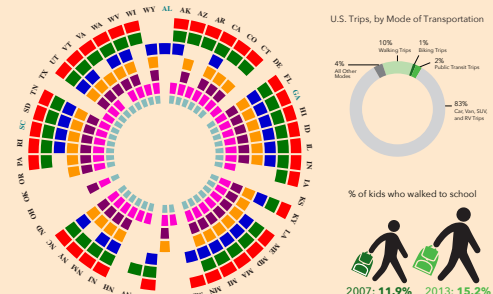
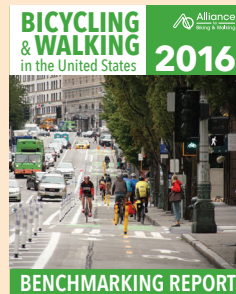
 Education & Encouragement Ranked 25 th of 50 States	
State DOT Education & Encouragement Support Does the state DOT support bicycling and walking events and education materials?	35/35 pts
Mode Share Do many people bike to work and is that number increasing relative to other modes?	1/30 pts
Driver Education Requirements Does the state require drivers to answer questions about bicyclist safety as part of the driver's licensing test?	10/20 pts
Advocacy Does the state have a bicycle advocacy group that is a member of the League of American Bicyclists or was identified by the state?	10/15 pts
Total of Possible 100 Points: 56/100 pts	

 Evaluation & Planning Ranked 35 th of 50 States	
State DOT Bicycle & Pedestrian Plans Does the state have a bicycle and/or pedestrian plan and does that plan follow best practices?	27/48 pts
Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Has the state made bicyclist and pedestrian safety an emphasis and what does data say about safety?	17/34 pts
Understanding People who Bike and Walk Does the state have programs in place to collect data on people who walk and bike?	2/10 pts
Formal User Group Engagement Does the state have an official Bicycle and/or Pedestrian Advisory Committee and does it follow best practices?	6/8 pts
Total of Possible 100 Points: 52/100 pts	

 Legislation & Enforcement Ranked 17 th of 50 States	
Laws that regulate driver behavior and methods of enforcement Does the state have strong comprehensive distracted driving laws and allow photo enforcement?	15/37 pts
Laws that restrict the behavior of people who bike and walk How does the state unnecessarily restrict the behavior of people who bike and walk? (low points = more restrictions)	28/28 pts
Laws that create protections for people who bike and walk Does the state have laws that provide specific protections for people who bike and walk?	25/25 pts
Laws that influence the built environment Does the state allow speed limits of 20 mph or less?	2/10 pts
Total of Possible 100 Points: 70/100 pts	

Dig into the data: Robust interactive report + Downloads

The Bicycle Friendly State survey used to create this ranking is also the basis for a biennial report. Explore tons of bicycling, walking, & health data on states and cities at bikingandwalkingbenchmarks.org.





BICYCLE FRIENDLY STATE REPORT CARD



STATE RANKING OVERALL (OUT OF 50)

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The state DOT should work to install bicycle way finding and route signage on State Highways along existing historic routes (e.g. routes related to the Civil War, Butterfield, SW Trail, Trail of Tears) in order to promote bicycle tourism.



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WE BELIEVE

Bicycling brings people together. When more people ride bikes:

- » Life is better for everyone;
- » Communities are safer, stronger and better connected;
- » Our nation is healthier, economically stronger, environmentally cleaner and more energy independent.

OUR VISION

is a nation where everyone recognizes and enjoys the many benefits and opportunities of bicycling.

OUR MISSION

is to lead the movement to create a Bicycle Friendly America for everyone. As leaders, our commitment is to listen and learn, define standards and share best practices to engage diverse communities and build a powerful, unified voice for change.

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SMART CYCLING RESOURCES



Bike Safety Education is a key component to keeping roadways safe for all users. Having League Cycling Instructors (LCIs) in your state creates more opportunities for bike safety education to be shared. LCIs are certified by the League through an intense 3-day seminar focused on how to effectively deliver the Smart Cycling curriculum. To host a LCI seminar in your state, contact education@bikeleague.org.

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