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Summary

California, the 6th largest economy in the world, seems to be getting serious about biking and walking. This newfound seriousness, with the state's first-ever bicycle and pedestrian plan being adopted three years after a report calling for radical reform at Caltrans, is an exciting development.

California has long led in many aspects of bicycle culture and has the highest number of bicycle commuters of any state. With a state DOT that is increasingly committed to ensuring the safety and comfort of people who bike rather than maintaining a status quo, the state seems on the verge of establishing new standards and practices that will be a model for other states, both through its size and its efforts. In particular, watch for California's actions on bicycle-related data including facilities, crashes, and counts to be potential models for other states.

Feedback Points

In 2017, California adopted its first ever statewide bicycle and pedestrian plan. This is a great step towards implementing Caltrans new mission statement to "Provide a safe, sustainable, integrated and efficient transportation system to enhance California's economy and livability"

Continue efforts at Caltrans to create a statewide system that will allow jurisdictions throughout the state to collect, report, and analyze bicycle data. Caltrans is currently working with Southern California Area Government (SCAG) to expand SCAGs regional bicycle data clearinghouse to create a statewide model.

Repeal the state's mandatory bike lane law. These types of laws ignore the quality and safety of available bike lanes. The best way to get people to use bike lanes is to make them safe, convenient, and connected so that they are appealing and accessible to people who bike.

Caltrans should continue efforts to develop an inventory of state bicycle facilities. Bicycle facilities Inventories have been developed in several of Caltrans 12 districts. Having accurate data on existing conditions is crucial for tracking progress and understanding differences between divisions.

California has the fourth highest per capita bicyclist fatality rate in the nation and often leads the nation in bicyclist fatalities in an absolute sense. California should respond to this by being a leader and innovator for bicyclist safety, utilizing it world class research institutions and tech sector to develop new approaches and leverage existing best practices to make bicycling safer.

Comparison States

Table with 2 columns: National (Overall) and Western Region (out of 13). Lists top 5 states in each category.

Table with 2 columns: Categories and Rank out of 50. Lists scores for Infrastructure & Funding (6), Education & Encouragment (3), Legislation & Enforcement (23), Policies & Programs (1), and Evaluation & Planning (2).

Table with 2 columns: Bicycle Friendly Actions and status (Progress/New in 2017). Lists Complete Streets Law / Policy, Safe Passing Law (3ft+), Statewide bike plan last 10 years, 2% or more fed funds on bike/ped, and Bicycle Safety Emphasis Area.

Table with 3 columns: Federal Data on Biking, Rank, and specific data points. Includes Ridership (1.1% of commuters), Safety (6.7 fatalities per 10k bike commuters), and Spending (\$2.25 per capita).


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


2 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.


3 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.

 <b>Infrastructure &amp; Funding</b> Ranked 6 <sup>th</sup> of 50 States	
<b>Design and Existence of Infrastructure</b> Has the state made it easy to build bicycle infrastructure and installed a variety of infrastructure on state facilities?	<b>28/38 pts</b>
<b>State Transportation Funding</b> Does the state report that funding is allocated to bicycling?	<b>28/28 pts</b>
<b>Use of Federal Transportation Funding</b> Does the state take advantage of available federal funding for biking and walking?	<b>11/16 pts</b>
<b>Planned and Recently Built Bicycle &amp; Pedestrian Facilities</b> How many lane miles of bicycle and pedestrian facilities has the state reportedly planned to build and built?	<b>10/10 pts</b>
<b>State Transportation Funding Restrictions</b> Does the state have any policies that limit the ability to fund bicycling and walking infrastructure?	<b>8/8 pts</b>
Total of Possible 100 Points: <b>85/100 pts</b>	

 <b>Policies &amp; Programs</b> Ranked 1 <sup>st</sup> of 50 States	
<b>Complete Streets</b> Does the state have a complete streets policy and processes to support its implementation?	<b>56/56 pts</b>
<b>Design and Access Policies</b> Does the state have policies in place to ensure good design and access for people who bike and walk?	<b>25/25 pts</b>
<b>State of Practice Development</b> Does the state support trainings on bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure and complete streets implementation?	<b>13/13 pts</b>
<b>Sustainable Transportation Policies</b> Does the state work incorporate multi-disciplinary considerations in the development and implementation of transportation projects?	<b>5/6 pts</b>
Total of Possible 100 Points: <b>99/100 pts</b>	

 <b>Education &amp; Encouragement</b> Ranked 3 <sup>rd</sup> of 50 States	
<b>State DOT Education &amp; Encouragement Support</b> Does the state DOT support bicycling and walking events and education materials?	<b>35/35 pts</b>
<b>Mode Share</b> Do many people bike to work and is that number increasing relative to other modes?	<b>17/30 pts</b>
<b>Driver Education Requirements</b> Does the state require drivers to answer questions about bicyclist safety as part of the driver's licensing test?	<b>10/20 pts</b>
<b>Advocacy</b> Does the state have a bicycle advocacy group that is a member of the League of American Bicyclists or was identified by the state?	<b>15/15 pts</b>
Total of Possible 100 Points: <b>77/100 pts</b>	

 <b>Evaluation &amp; Planning</b> Ranked 2 <sup>nd</sup> of 50 States	
<b>State DOT Bicycle &amp; Pedestrian Plans</b> Does the state have a bicycle and/or pedestrian plan and does that plan follow best practices?	<b>44/48 pts</b>
<b>Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety</b> Has the state made bicyclist and pedestrian safety an emphasis and what does data say about safety?	<b>28/34 pts</b>
<b>Understanding People who Bike and Walk</b> Does the state have programs in place to collect data on people who walk and bike?	<b>10/10 pts</b>
<b>Formal User Group Engagement</b> Does the state have an official Bicycle and/or Pedestrian Advisory Committee and does it follow best practices?	<b>8/8 pts</b>
Total of Possible 100 Points: <b>90/100 pts</b>	

 <b>Legislation &amp; Enforcement</b> Ranked 23 <sup>rd</sup> of 50 States	
<b>Laws that regulate driver behavior and methods of enforcement</b> Does the state have strong comprehensive distracted driving laws and allow photo enforcement?	<b>25/37 pts</b>
<b>Laws that restrict the behavior of people who bike and walk</b> How does the state unnecessarily restrict the behavior of people who bike and walk? (low points = more restrictions)	<b>6/28 pts</b>
<b>Laws that create protections for people who bike and walk</b> Does the state have laws that provide specific protections for people who bike and walk?	<b>25/25 pts</b>
<b>Laws that influence the built environment</b> Does the state allow speed limits of 20 mph or less?	<b>10/10 pts</b>
Total of Possible 100 Points: <b>66/100 pts</b>	

**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](http://bikingandwalkingbenchmarks.org).

**U.S. Trips, by Mode of Transportation**

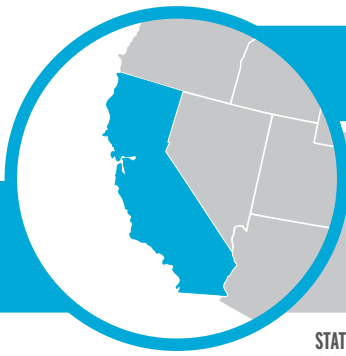
- 41% All Other Modes
- 10% Walking/Bike
- 1% All Other Modes
- 2% Public Transit
- 83% Car, Van, SUV, and RV Trip

**% of kids who walked to school**

- 2007: 11.9%
- 2013: 15.2%



# BICYCLE FRIENDLY STATE REPORT CARD



## STATE RANKING OVERALL (OUT OF 50)

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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](mailto:education@bikeleague.org).

Visit [bikeleague.org/ridesmart](http://bikeleague.org/ridesmart) to access Smart Cycling videos, Smart Cycling Quick Guides (available in English & Spanish), and Smart Cycling manuals.



## ABOUT THE LEAGUE & MEMBERSHIP

Support the League by becoming a member today and add your voice to the bicycling movement! **Over 75% of our funding comes from individuals.** Members support our time-tested programs like Bicycle Friendly America, Smart Cycling and Federal Advocacy. As a member, you'll enjoy valuable perks like *Bicycling Magazine*, discounts at dozens of national bike retailers and manufacturers, and exclusive pricing to the National Bike Summit. Together, let's advance bicycling on Capitol Hill and in your community!

### 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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