



BICYCLE FRIENDLY STATE REPORT CARD



STATE RANKING OVERALL (OUT OF 50)

#7

TOTAL COUNTS
BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES 2
BICYCLE FRIENDLY BUSINESSES 4
BICYCLE FRIENDLY UNIVERSITIES 0

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DELAWARE

STATE ADVOCACY GROUP: BIKE DELAWARE

Summary

Delaware drops a few spots this year, despite passing the Bicycle Friendly Delaware Act. This reflects the incongruity between Delaware's federal data on ridership and safety and its recent efforts to improve bicycling. Federal data for Delaware shows that not many people bike to work and that Delaware is one of the 10 least safe states to bike. While the safety data in particular can be scrutinized because it does not account for recreational riders, these two data points comprise a significant headwind for this coastal state.

In passing the Bicycle Friendly Delaware Act, Delaware continues to be on the forefront of bicycling policy and law development, becoming the second state to adopt a version of Idaho(#28)'s stop-as-yield law. This law, in addition to ongoing yearly appropriations for trails and other infrastructure contribute to Delaware's high ranking.

To continue moving forward Delaware will need to show that it is committed to a long-term framework for improving the safety and mobility of people who bike. This could be done by taking action on either of its missing Bicycle Friendly Actions, which tend to show institutional support for bicycle improvements.

Comparison States	
National (Overall)	Eastern Region (out of 11)
5. Oregon	1. Massachusetts
6. Colorado	2. Delaware
7. Delaware	3. New Jersey
8. Utah	4. Maryland
9. New Jersey	5. Pennsylvania

Categories	Rank out of 50
Infrastructure & Funding	5
Education & Encouragement	28
Legislation & Enforcement	6
Policies & Programs	17
Evaluation & Planning	21

Feedback Points

Institutionalize low traffic stress network planning to create a common language, and metric, for bicycle network improvements in Delaware. While many of Delaware's roads were designed for high-speed car and truck traffic, neighborhoods were built as isolated communities. Delaware needs to focus on connectivity between neighborhoods, such as bikeway networks, so that walkers and bicyclists have safe and comfortable routes to destinations

In a cooperative effort between the state and a municipality, create Delaware's first bicycle street (or "boulevard").

In a cooperative effort between the state and a municipality, create Delaware's first bicycle traffic signal-enabled protected bike lane.

Expand funding for the state's innovative Bike and Pedestrian Improvements program and broaden the program to make strategic investments in cycling networks in municipalities.

Establish a comprehensive on-street bicycle network improvement program with dedicated funding led by a Program Manager in the Division of Transportation Solutions.

To catalyze bicycle-friendly (and transit-served) development, designate the state's first Complete Community Enterprise District.

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Bicycle Friendly Actions	✓ = Progress ✓ = New in 2017
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		Rank
Ridership	0.3% of commuters biking to work ⁱ	32/50
Safety	16.8 fatalities per 10k bike commuters ⁱⁱ	41/50
Spending	\$7.18 per capita FHWA spending on biking and walking ⁱⁱⁱ	4/50


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 5 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?	25/38 pts
State Transportation Funding Does the state report that funding is allocated to bicycling?	28/28 pts
Use of Federal Transportation Funding Does the state take advantage of available federal funding for biking and walking?	15/16 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?	10/10 pts
State Transportation Funding Restrictions Does the state have any policies that limit the ability to fund bicycling and walking infrastructure?	8/8 pts
Total of Possible 100 Points: 86/100 pts	

 Education & Encouragement Ranked 28 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?	-2/30 pts
Driver Education Requirements Does the state require drivers to answer questions about bicyclist safety as part of the driver's licensing test?	5/20 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?	15/15 pts
Total of Possible 100 Points: 53/100 pts	

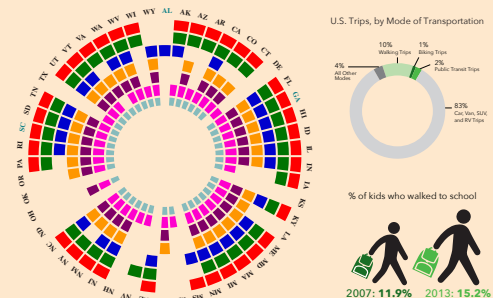
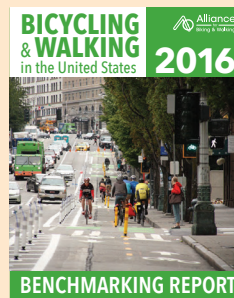
 Legislation & Enforcement Ranked 6 th of 50 States	
Laws that regulate driver behavior and methods of enforcement Does the state have strong comprehensive distracted driving laws and allow photo enforcement?	30/37 pts
Laws that restrict the behavior of people who bike and walk How does the state unnecessarily restrict the behavior of people who bike and walk? (low points = more restrictions)	18/28 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?	5/10 pts
Total of Possible 100 Points: 78/100 pts	

 Policies & Programs Ranked 17 th of 50 States	
Complete Streets Does the state have a complete streets policy and processes to support its implementation?	39/56 pts
Design and Access Policies Does the state have policies in place to ensure good design and access for people who bike and walk?	17/25 pts
State of Practice Development Does the state support trainings on bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure and complete streets implementation?	6/13 pts
Sustainable Transportation Policies Does the state work incorporate multi-disciplinary considerations in the development and implementation of transportation projects?	5/6 pts
Total of Possible 100 Points: 67/100 pts	

 Evaluation & Planning Ranked 21 st 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?	32/48 pts
Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Has the state made bicyclist and pedestrian safety an emphasis and what does data say about safety?	16/34 pts
Understanding People who Bike and Walk Does the state have programs in place to collect data on people who walk and bike?	10/10 pts
Formal User Group Engagement Does the state have an official Bicycle and/or Pedestrian Advisory Committee and does it follow best practices?	8/8 pts
Total of Possible 100 Points: 66/100 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.





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Feedback Points, CONTINUED

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Create a distinct, visually powerful and uniform statewide bikeway network signage system.

Make a city-suburb bikeway connection by designing the first phase of the Wilmington-Newark bikeway.

Create an education campaign for law enforcement, bicyclists and motorists to highlight changes to Delaware's Rules of the Road made by the Bicycle Friendly Delaware Act.

Improve the focus of the state's Safe Routes to School program by setting aggressive, and statistically significant, bicycle mode share shift goals for targeted schools.



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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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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