



KANSAS

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BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES 4
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SEE THE DATABASE MAP: BIKELEAGUE.ORG/BFA/AWARDS

STATE ADVOCACY GROUP: NONE

Summary

Kansas is home to the nation's most famous gravel road race, the Dirty Kanza, so it is perhaps fitting that it does a poor job of ensuring that there are safe paved areas for people to bike. While gravel riding is unlikely to appear in data on bike commuting, the federal data we do have on bike commuting shows that there has been a decrease in the percentage of people biking to work from a rate that was already half of the national average.

Kansas does above average in our Legislation & Enforcement category, and has some evident bicycling culture that could be capitalized upon for tourism, transportation, and recreation. However, in every category that requires sustained state actions the state is below average. A good place to focus might be one or more of the currently missing Bicycle Friendly Actions. Either a complete streets policy or a statewide bicycle plan might provide a basis for sustained improvements and a reversal of the decline in bike commuting.

Feedback Points

Begin work on a new bike plan. The last bicycle and pedestrian transportation plan for Kansas was adopted in 1995. There have been massive changes to design guidance, non-motorized counting programs, technology (including GIS data), that should be incorporated in a new bicycle and pedestrian plan that can serve as a basis for planning and development for the next 10 years, including developing the state's byways, trails, and parks for active tourism efforts.

The rate of bicyclist fatalities per capita and per bike commuter has increased in recent years. Kansas should make bicycling safety an emphasis area in its Strategic Highway Safety Plan and pursue funding sources outside of the Transportation Alternative Set-Aside, such as HSIP funds, in order to improve bicyclist safety.

Update organizational policies and practices to make bicycle and pedestrian projects more practical to include as a matter of course within traditional construction projects.

Repeal the state's mandatory sidepath use law. These types of laws create conflicts between bicycles and other path users and ignore the quality, safety, topography and connectivity of available paths. Many sidepaths are not convenient for transportation purposes or appropriate for high speed training. The best way to get people to use sidepaths is to make them safe, convenient, and connected so that they are appealing and accessible to people who bike.

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Comparison States

National (Overall)	Midwestern Region (out of 13)
45. Montana	9. Indiana
46. Oklahoma	10. Oklahoma
47. Kansas	11. Kansas
48. North Dakota	12. North Dakota
49. Hawaii	13. Nebraska

Categories	Rank out of 50
Infrastructure & Funding	43
Education & Encouragement	38
Legislation & Enforcement	13
Policies & Programs	35
Evaluation & Planning	40

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	35/50
Safety	10.9 fatalities per 10k bike commuters ⁱⁱ	34/50
Spending	\$2.45 per capita FHWA spending on biking and walking ⁱⁱⁱ	23/50


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 43 rd 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?	11/38 pts
State Transportation Funding Does the state report that funding is allocated to bicycling?	0/28 pts
Use of Federal Transportation Funding Does the state take advantage of available federal funding for biking and walking?	8/16 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?	5/8 pts
Total of Possible 100 Points: 34/100 pts	

 Education & Encouragement Ranked 38 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?	5/15 pts
Total of Possible 100 Points: 43/100 pts	

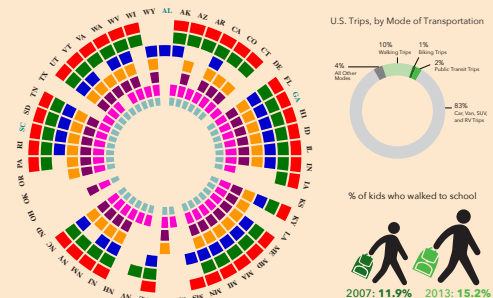
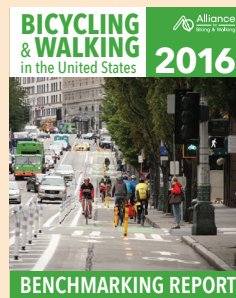
 Legislation & Enforcement Ranked 13 th of 50 States	
Laws that regulate driver behavior and methods of enforcement Does the state have strong comprehensive distracted driving laws and allow photo enforcement?	22/37 pts
Laws that restrict the behavior of people who bike and walk How does the state unnecessarily restrict the behavior of people who bike and walk? (low points = more restrictions)	22/28 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?	21/25 pts
Laws that influence the built environment Does the state allow speed limits of 20 mph or less?	7/10 pts
Total of Possible 100 Points: 72/100 pts	

 Policies & Programs Ranked 35 th of 50 States	
Complete Streets Does the state have a complete streets policy and processes to support its implementation?	21/56 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?	6/13 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: 38/100 pts	

 Evaluation & Planning Ranked 40 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?	21/48 pts
Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Has the state made bicyclist and pedestrian safety an emphasis and what does data say about safety?	14/34 pts
Understanding People who Bike and Walk Does the state have programs in place to collect data on people who walk and bike?	8/10 pts
Formal User Group Engagement Does the state have an official Bicycle and/or Pedestrian Advisory Committee and does it follow best practices?	0/8 pts
Total of Possible 100 Points: 43/100 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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Kansas should spend more federal funding on bicyclists and pedestrians. Current federal spending on biking and walking projects is lower than the 2% set-aside provided in federal law. 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.



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.

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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