



BICYCLE FRIENDLY STATE REPORT CARD



STATE RANKING OVERALL (OUT OF 50)

#17

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MAINE

STATE ADVOCACY GROUP: BICYCLE COALITION OF MAINE

Summary

Generally speaking rural states tended to spend more per capita on biking and walking than non-rural states. **Maine** is a notable exception to this quirk of statistics, with a much lower per capita spending rate than other rural states. Perhaps this is nothing more than correlation, but it's also possible that Maine can do more to ensure that federal transportation funds support bicycling and walking in Maine.

Based on Maine's average-to-good category scores there is no single glaring area in need of improvement. A potential good start would be to build planning and political capital around a signature biking project, such as U.S. Bicycle Route 1, which is a part of the East Coast Greenway and passes through Portland, Maine's largest city.

Comparison States	
National (Overall)	Eastern Region (out of 11)
15. Florida	5. Pennsylvania
16. Illinois	6. Vermont
17. Maine	7. Maine
18. Ohio	8. Rhode Island
19. Georgia	9. New York

Feedback Points

Adopt a state law that requires the use of a hands-free device for cell phone use while driving to combat distracted driving and increase safety for everyone. Requiring the use of a hands-free device makes enforcement of texting laws easier by providing clearer evidence for enforcement.

MaineDOT should do more to help Maine towns recognize and take advantage of bike/ped infrastructure opportunities. This may include the adoption of design guidelines, such as the NACTO Urban Bikeway Design Guide, that will help create better designs in towns.

MaineDOT should take additional steps to ensure that their Complete Streets policy is implemented and enforced. A strong Complete Streets policy will help the state develop bicycle facilities at a lower cost as it realizes efficiencies related to routine paving, existing planning and project development processes, and facilitates coordination with local governments

Create a statewide bicycle plan. This plan may focus on how Maine works with cities and towns to ensure safe bicycling throughout the state, the development of bicycle tourism routes, and programming that MaineDOT can provide to towns that do not have the capacity for internal bicycle expertise or funding, among other considerations.

MaineDOT should commit to providing substantial funding to support the design and construction of the Eastern Trail / East Coast Greenway / US Bike Route 1 within Maine's largest urban center. This route can be a centerpiece for the state and ensuring a high-quality facility rather than allowing gaps is important to its appeal.

Categories	Rank out of 50
Infrastructure & Funding	27
Education & Encouragement	27
Legislation & Enforcement	11
Policies & Programs	24
Evaluation & Planning	18

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	0.4% of commuters biking to work ⁱ	31/50
Safety	5.3 fatalities per 10k bike commuters ⁱⁱ	19/50
Spending	\$1.51 per capita FHWA spending on biking and walking ⁱⁱⁱ	41/50


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 27 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?	16/38 pts
State Transportation Funding Does the state report that funding is allocated to bicycling?	12/28 pts
Use of Federal Transportation Funding Does the state take advantage of available federal funding for biking and walking?	9/16 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?	7/8 pts
Total of Possible 100 Points: 54/100 pts	

 Policies & Programs Ranked 24 th of 50 States	
Complete Streets Does the state have a complete streets policy and processes to support its implementation?	30/56 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?	13/13 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: 55/100 pts	

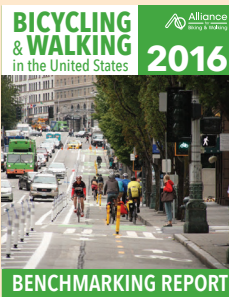
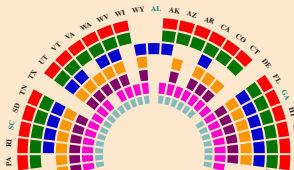

 Education & Encouragement Ranked 27 th of 50 States	
State DOT Education & Encouragement Support Does the state DOT support bicycling and walking events and education materials?	30/35 pts
Mode Share Do many people bike to work and is that number increasing relative to other modes?	0/30 pts
Driver Education 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?	15/15 pts
Total of Possible 100 Points: 55/100 pts	

 Evaluation & Planning Ranked 18 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?	23/48 pts
Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Has the state made bicyclist and pedestrian safety an emphasis and what does data say about safety?	30/34 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?	8/8 pts
Total of Possible 100 Points: 69/100 pts	

 Legislation & Enforcement Ranked 11 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?	20/37 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?	10/10 pts
Total of Possible 100 Points: 73/100 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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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.

Visit 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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