



BICYCLE FRIENDLY STATE REPORT CARD



STATE RANKING OVERALL (OUT OF 50)

#50

TOTAL COUNTS

BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES 3
 BICYCLE FRIENDLY BUSINESSES 15
 BICYCLE FRIENDLY UNIVERSITIES 1

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NEBRASKA

STATE ADVOCACY GROUP: NEBRASKA BICYCLING ALLIANCE

Summary

In 2017, **Nebraska** is ranked last out of all states, the first state outside of the South to have this dubious honor since North Dakota in 2013. Nebraska ranks last because it has three categories where they are the lowest or nearly lowest ranked state. Unsurprisingly, there are many actions that can be taken by the Nebraska Department of Transportation (recently changed from Department of Roads), the Nebraska legislature, and other state agencies to better support the safety and mobility of bicyclists.

Creating a statewide bike plan or a statewide complete streets law or policy would be a great first step to providing a framework for improvement. Either action could start the ball rolling on other improvements in the Policies & Programs or Evaluation & Planning categories, which ultimately would set up better Infrastructure & Funding. While all three categories need to be addressed, getting started in at least one category could jump start the other two.

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

Categories	Rank out of 50
Infrastructure & Funding	50
Education & Encouragement	32
Legislation & Enforcement	37
Policies & Programs	48
Evaluation & Planning	49

Feedback Points

The Nebraska Department of Transportation has made significant progress on updating its rumble strip policy to better accommodate bicycles. This updated policy needs to be finalized and implemented through training for staff involved in the rumble strip planning and creation process so that rumble strips are installed in a manner that allows safe and comfortable bicycle use.

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.

Adopt a statewide bicycle plan that addresses each of the five "Es", has clear implementation actions, and performance measures to gauge success. Nebraska is one of 16 states that has never had a statewide bicycle plan.

Add bicycle safety as an emphasis area in the state Strategic Highway Safety Plan and aggressively fund bike safety projects.

The Nebraska Bicycle Alliance held its first state Bike Walk Summit in March of 2017. This summit was in partnership with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Walkable Communities project and S & G Endeavors. This is a great step for local advocates and the health community in Nebraska! The Nebraska DOT should support this and efforts like it that help people come together and learn best practices for making communities better for biking and walking.

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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	0.5% of commuters biking to work ⁱ	24/50
Safety	3.3 fatalities per 10k bike commuters ⁱⁱ	8/50
Spending	\$2.44 per capita FHWA spending on biking and walking ⁱⁱⁱ	25/50


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 50 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?	0/38 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?	0/10 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: 16/100 pts	

 Policies & Programs Ranked 48 th of 50 States	
Complete Streets Does the state have a complete streets policy and processes to support its implementation?	19/56 pts
Design and Access Policies Does the state have policies in place to ensure good design and access for people who bike and walk?	0/25 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?	3/6 pts
Total of Possible 100 Points: 22/100 pts	

 Education & Encouragement Ranked 32 nd of 50 States	
State DOT Education & Encouragement Support Does the state DOT support bicycling and walking events and education materials?	20/35 pts
Mode Share Do many people bike to work and is that number increasing relative to other modes?	6/30 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: 51/100 pts	

 Evaluation & Planning Ranked 49 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?	3/48 pts
Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Has the state made bicyclist and pedestrian safety an emphasis and what does data say about safety?	23/34 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?	0/8 pts
Total of Possible 100 Points: 28/100 pts	

 Legislation & Enforcement Ranked 37 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?	2/37 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)	27/28 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?	5/10 pts
Total of Possible 100 Points: 55/100 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.

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%



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Feedback Points, CONTINUED

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Nebraska 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.

Adopt a statewide policy that requires bicycle accommodations on all bridge and tunnel projects. These once in a generation projects should create connections for all transportation users rather than build barriers.



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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