Summary

South Dakota has good federal data on bicycling and walking, ranking above average for each of our federal data indicators. This data balances out poor showings in the Education & Encouragement and Legislation & Enforcement categories to keep South Dakota ranked in the middle of the pack.

To improve its score in Education & Encouragement the South Dakota Department of Transportation, or a similar state agency, could target activities included in our “State DOT Education & Encouragement Support” subcategory. These activities tend to either provide educational materials, or support conferences and events that advance bicycling and walking from a public health or transportation perspective. Unlike federal data indicators, these activities are within the control of the state DOT, or state government if they are outside the DOTs current mission.

Feedback Points

Build on the HealthySD initiative to increase coordination between State agencies and incorporate biking and walking as part of increasing physical activity.

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. South Dakota is one of 16 states that has never had a statewide bicycle plan. At a minimum, a statewide bike plan should address how the state DOT can create safe long distance bicycling routes on state roads and other facilities that have become more widespread in recent years. Significant changes in best practices have occurred recently and training is essential to ensuring that communities in your state have access to the best possible solutions for their bicycle and pedestrian safety and mobility issues.

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

Adopt a primary enforcement texting ban for all drivers that prohibits, at a minimum, writing or sending text messages while driving. As of July 217, 43 states have a primary enforcement texting ban for all drivers.

Provide specific training to engineers and planners on how to plan, design, and implement bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, including protected bike lanes, safe rural bicycling routes, and other facilities that have become more widespread in recent years.

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\* This figure is based upon the Census Bureau’s American Community Survey (ACS) 5-year estimate.
\*\* 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.
\*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.
South Dakota Report Card: Detailed Category Scores

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 36th of 50 States**

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**Total of Possible 100 Points:** 43/100 pts

### Policies & Programs

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### Education & Encouragement

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**Total of Possible 100 Points:** 41/100 pts

### Legislation & Enforcement

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**Total of Possible 100 Points:** 49/100 pts

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**Dig into the data:** Robust interactive report + Downloads

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BICYCLE FRIENDLY STATE REPORT CARD

SOUTH DAKOTA

STATE RANKING

OVERALL (OUT OF 50)

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TOTAL COUNTS

BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES 2
BICYCLE FRIENDLY BUSINESSES 6
BICYCLE FRIENDLY UNIVERSITIES 0

SEE THE DATABASE MAP: BIKELEAGUE.ORG/BFA/AWARDS

STATE ADVOCACY GROUP: SOUTH DAKOTA BICYCLE COALITION

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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