



# BICYCLE FRIENDLY STATE



## 2018 PROGRESS REPORT

**#17**  
2017 ranking

TOTAL COUNTS  
 BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES 2  
 BICYCLE FRIENDLY BUSINESSES 2  
 BICYCLE FRIENDLY UNIVERSITIES 1

# MAINE

REGION: EAST

## 2018 Progress Report

Maine, according to its federal data, is headed in the wrong direction.

The most dramatic change has been in the use of federal funds for bicycling and walking, which took a steep dive in fiscal year 2013 and has limped along at less than a third of the national or Eastern regional average ever since.

Like many rural states, Maine shows a large degree of variability in its bicyclist traffic fatality rate, with three years of zero bicyclist traffic fatalities and three years with a rate higher than the national and Eastern regional average.

Maine's rate of bicycling to work similarly shows a degree of variability, with its negative trend closely tied to a spike in 2010, the only year that the state exceeded the national average in the last decade.

Bicycle Friendly Actions ✓ = New Progress in 2018	
Complete Streets Law / Policy	Yes
Safe Passing Law (3ft+)	Yes
Statewide bike plan in last 10 years	No
Bicycle Safety Emphasis Area	Yes
2% or more fed funds on bike/ped (in last five fiscal years)	No

## Featured Statewide Member - Bicycle Coalition of Maine



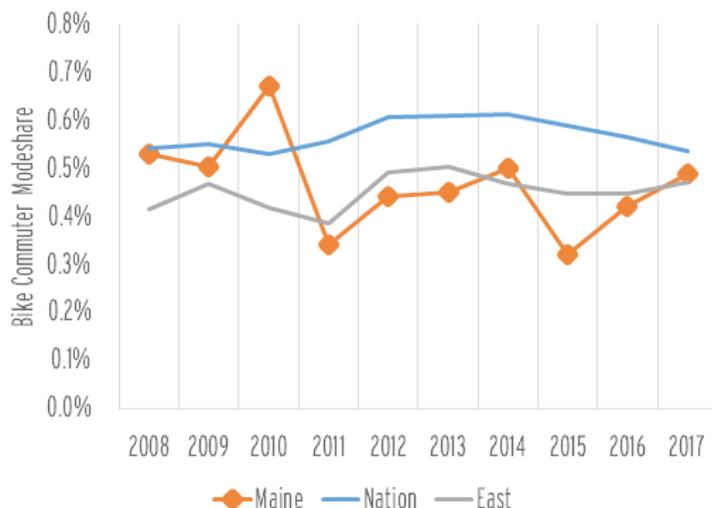
The Bicycle Coalition of Maine works to make Maine a better place to bicycle. Founded by a small group of cyclists in 1992, the Bicycle Coalition has grown into one of the most effective bike advocacy groups in the country. Our success comes from our members, board, staff, and partner businesses and organizations.

Our five-year strategic plan guides our work to expand biking in Maine, improve bike safety, pass bike-friendly laws and spread a love of cycling to children and adults.

Strategic plan goals include:

- Infrastructure: Increase safe, accessible and inviting bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure throughout Maine.
- Advocacy: Provide leadership and inspire activism for effective policies, programs and projects that have a positive impact on bicycling and walking in Maine.
- Education: Ensure that Maine bicyclists, pedestrians and motorists have the knowledge and skills to safely share the road.

Federal Data on Biking		Ten-Year Trend	Ten-Year Rank
Ridership	0.5% of commuters biking to work	One of 10 largest decreases in bike commuting	26/50

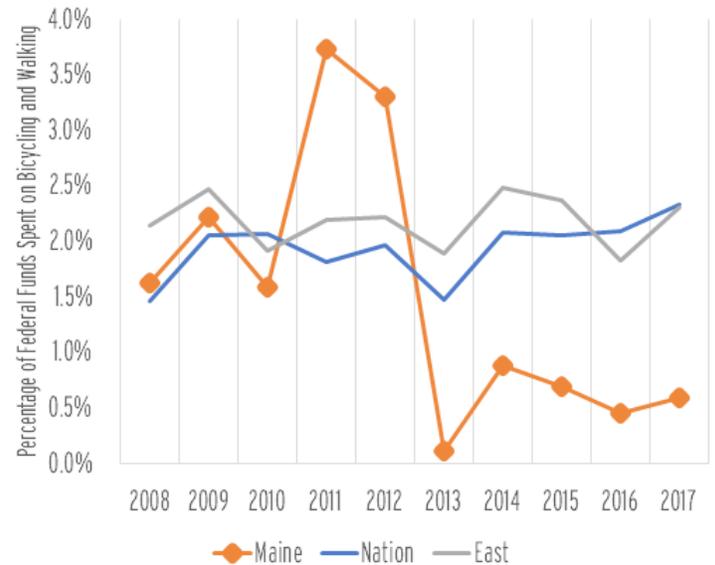


This Progress Report provides an update on Maine's efforts related to bicycling. A full report card based upon a comprehensive survey is available at: <http://bikeleague.org/content/state-report-cards>

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<b>Safety</b>	<b>6.9</b> fatalities per 10k bike commuters	<b>One of 15 most more dangerous</b>	<b>19/50</b>



Federal Data on Biking		Ten-Year Trend	Ten-Year Rank
<b>Spending</b>	<b>1.5%</b> of FHWA spending on biking and walking	<b>One of 5 largest decreases in funding</b>	<b>31/50</b>



## Featured Agency - Maine Department of Transportation (Agency did not respond)

The Maine Department of Transportation website lists four ongoing projects of its biking and walking program. These projects include -

- The Maine Mountain Division Trail (MDT) "a 6 mile rail-with-trail built by MaineDOT along the abandoned Mountain Division Rail Corridor connecting the towns of Gorham, Windham, and Standish."
- The Kennebec River Rail Trail (7 miles), "connecting Augusta, Hallowell, Farmingdale, and Gardiner along the MaineDOT- owned rail corridor." Further expansion of this trail "to connect the Kennebec River Rail Trail to the Brunswick Bicycle Path ... could eventually form part of the East Coast Greenway as a continuous 34-mile off-road bicycle/pedestrian facility along the Kennebec and Androscoggin Rivers."
- "The Down East Sunrise Trail is being built along an 85- mile trail corridor that roughly parallels the Calais Branch rail line from Brewer to Calais."
- The Eastern Trail which "is a multiuse, off-road trail that is being created as part of the East Coast Greenway long-distance urban trail project."



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Every member organization of the League of American Bicyclists gets free access to a powerful advocacy software package. In 2017, the League facilitated over a dozen actions that engaged thousands of people. In New Jersey, these efforts led to a law that requires that drivers are educated about bicyclist and pedestrian safety as part of their driver's license training.

Learn about current actions and how your organization can use our tools at <https://bikeleague.org/TakeAction>