



BICYCLE FRIENDLY STATE



2018 PROGRESS REPORT

#23

2017 ranking

TOTAL COUNTS
 BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES 4
 BICYCLE FRIENDLY BUSINESSES 16
 BICYCLE FRIENDLY UNIVERSITIES 12

NEW YORK

REGION: EAST

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New York state is living up to its motto - Excelsior, or ever upward. New York is the only state that has one of the five leading trends in federal data for each of the federal data indicators examined for this progress report.

It has the strongest long-term trend in the rate of bicycling to work, the fifth best long-term improvement in the rate of bicyclist traffic fatalities, and the second best improvement in the use of federal funds for bicycling and walking.

With ongoing work on the 750-mile Empire State Trail system and the potential for a new statewide bike and pedestrian plan, there is little reason to expect New York's strong trends to reverse.

Bicycle Friendly Actions ✓ = New Progress in 2018

Complete Streets Law / Policy	Yes
Safe Passing Law (3ft+)	No
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)	Yes

Featured Statewide Member - The New York Bicycle Coalition (NYBC)



Since 1990, NYBC has worked tirelessly to ensure all New Yorkers are able to ride a bicycle safely for transportation, recreation, and tourism. NYBC provides education on safe cycling, advocacy support for local organizations, technical assistance for planners and transportation authorities, and support for bicycle-based tourism across the State.

Our mission

To facilitate cycling by providing resources, education, and consultation on bicycling in communities throughout New York State.

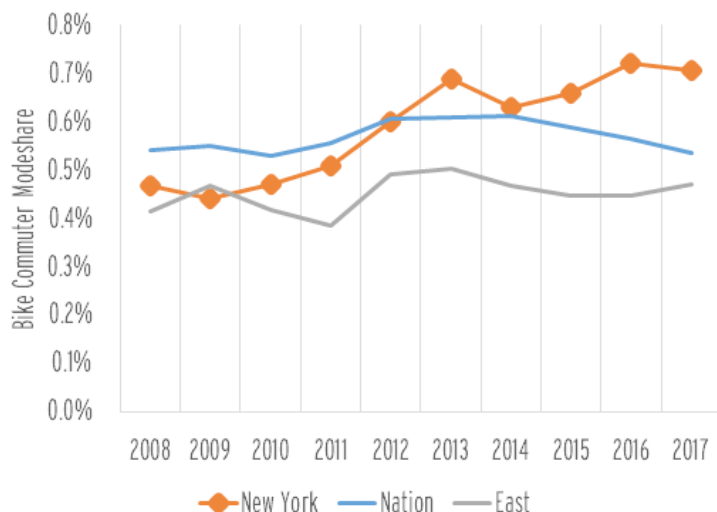
Our vision

To serve as a hub for education and resources on safe cycling in New York State, and provide expert consultation on strategies and best practices to enhance bicycling. NYBC is your voice for safe cycling.

There are several ongoing actions that we're taking to promote bicycle riding in New York, including:

- Advocating for improved laws,
- Educating bicyclists and law enforcement,
- Promoting bicycle tourism, and
- Supporting safer bicycle infrastructure.

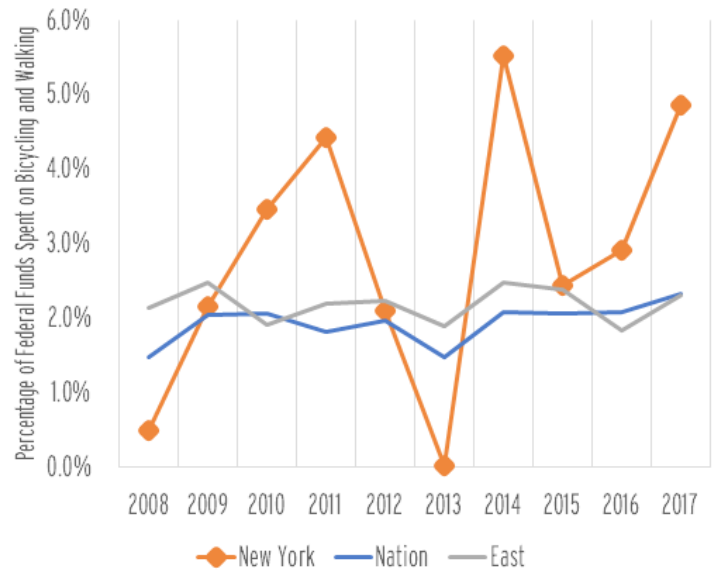
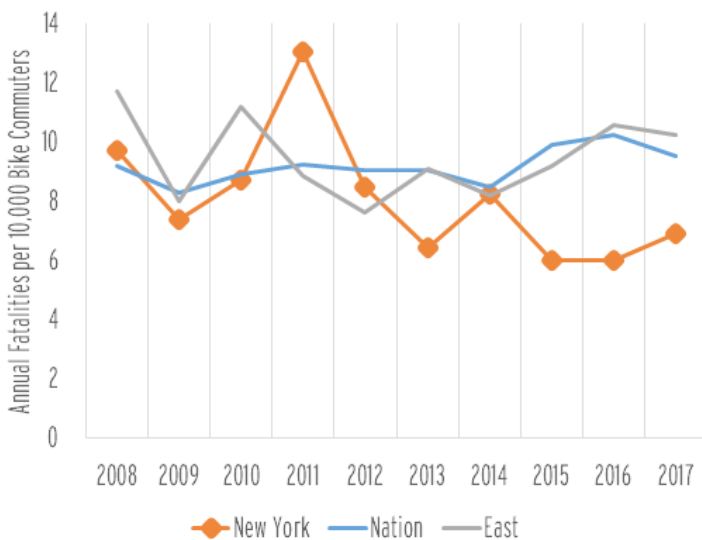
Federal Data on Biking		Ten-Year Trend	Ten-Year Rank
Ridership	0.6% of commuters biking to work	One of 5 largest increases in bike commuting	19/50



This Progress Report provides an update on New York'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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Safety	8.1 fatalities per 10k bike commuters	One of 5 most more safe	23/50

Federal Data on Biking		Ten-Year Trend	Ten-Year Rank
Spending	2.8% of FHWA spending on biking and walking	One of 5 largest increases in funding	5/50



Featured Agency - New York Department of Transportation (Agency did not respond)

The most recent statewide bicycling master plan was adopted by the New York Department of Transportation in 1996.

However, that lack of statewide planning has not stopped a bold statewide initiative - the Empire State Trail. This multi-agency effort was announced by Governor Cuomo in January 2017 and is a "new initiative placing New York State at the forefront of national efforts to enhance outdoor recreation, community vitality, and tourism development.

Approximately 400 miles of the Trail already exists in discrete, disconnected segments. When completed by the end of 2020, the Empire State Trail will be a continuous 750-mile route spanning the state from New York City to Canada and Buffalo to Albany, creating the longest multi-use state trail in the nation."

The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) and New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) are currently offering an Active Transportation and Complete Streets training course through the New York Bicycle Coalition. This course is offered as a 90 minute webinar, half day, or full day training. Communities that are interested in active transportation and complete streets can learn more at <https://nybc.net/expert-assistance/training>.



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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>