



# BICYCLE FRIENDLY STATE

## RHODE ISLAND



### 2018 PROGRESS REPORT

#22

2017 ranking

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

REGION: EAST

### 2018 Progress Report

Rhode Island is the smallest state in the union and like some other small and/or rural states its federal data trends are heavily influenced by spikes and variability.

This variability includes the highest one year percentage of federal funds spent on bicycling and walking of any state in the last decade - 7.9% in 2013.

This variability also includes four years of zero bicyclist traffic deaths punctuated with several spikes that represent no more than three bicyclist traffic deaths in any year. Unfortunately, the most recent spikes in bicyclist traffic deaths occurred while the rate of bicycling to work has decreased, resulting in the state having a high rate of bicyclist traffic deaths according to our statistics.

| Bicycle Friendly Actions ✓ = New Progress in 2018            |     |
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| 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) | Yes |

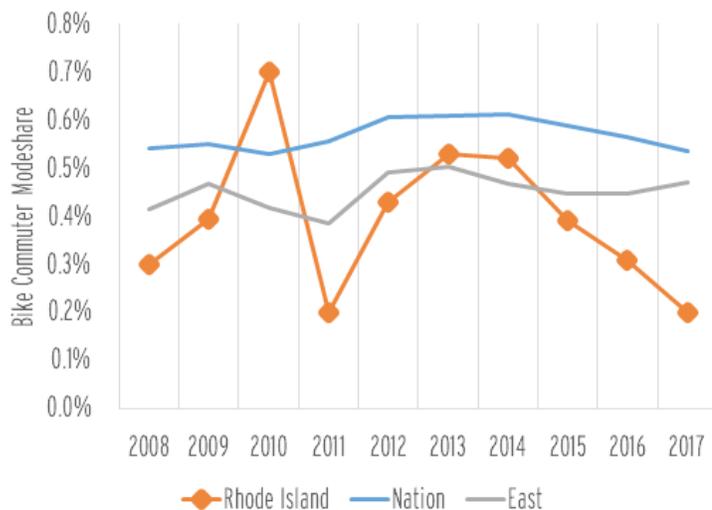
### Featured Statewide Member - Rhode Island Bicycle Coalition



The mission of the Rhode Island Bicycle Coalition is to cultivate a physical and social environment in Rhode Island that encourages bicycling for all ages.

We envision Rhode Island as a place that is safe & accessible to bike in for all, with safe & connected bike routes separated from traffic within easy reach of most families.

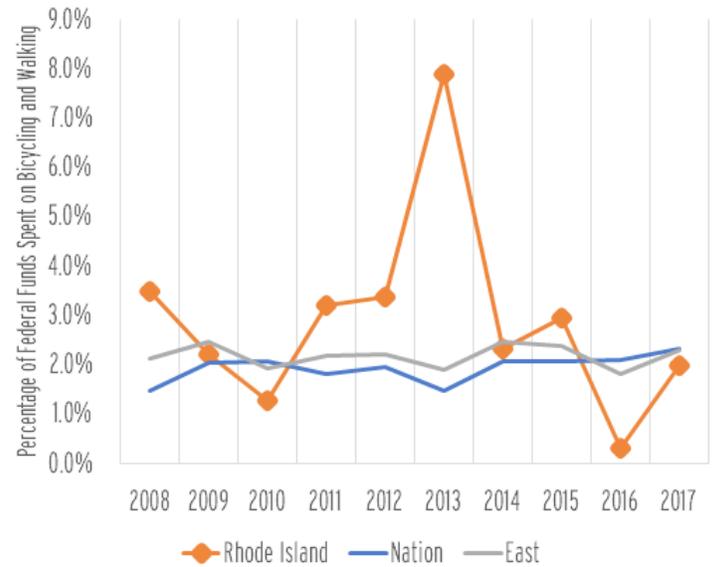
| Federal Data on Biking |                                  | Ten-Year Trend                                | Ten-Year Rank |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|---|---------------|
| Ridership              | 0.4% of commuters biking to work | One of 10 largest decreases in bike commuting | 30/50         |



This Progress Report provides an update on Rhode Island'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>6.5</b> fatalities per 10k bike commuters | <b>One of 10 most more dangerous</b> | <b>18/50</b>  |

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|------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Spending</b>        | <b>2.9%</b> of FHWA spending on biking and walking | <b>Slight decrease in funding</b> | <b>4/50</b>   |



## Featured Agency - Rhode Island Department of Transportation

As part of continued efforts to grow Rhode Island's green economy, Governor Gina Raimondo, along with First Gentleman Andy Moffit and the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (DEM), announced the first wave of investments, totaling \$10 million, to be funded by the \$35 million Green Economy Bond passed in 2016.

Ten bikeway projects around Rhode Island will create over 10 new miles of path and improve safety and connectivity across the state's bikeway network. "We are fortunate to have a wealth of beautiful outdoor spaces to enjoy in Rhode Island. And as Rhode Islanders, we know their value to our state – a point reinforced by the overwhelming voter support this Bond received," said Governor Gina Raimondo.

"Improving our already impressive system of bikeways is a smart investment that will benefit our economy, communities, and families. Amenities like these are at the heart of what attracts people and businesses to locate here. Our goal is to get these projects underway and completed quickly, so we can continue to support our families, entice additional investment, and create jobs."



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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>