



BICYCLE FRIENDLY STATE REPORT CARD



0% PERCENT OF STATE IN BFC SILVER+

STATE ADVOCACY GROUP:
BIKE DELAWARE

DELAWARE

#9 NATIONAL RANK (OF 50)

#2 REGIONAL RANK (OF 11)

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		F	D	C	B	A	
	Infrastructure & Funding						A- Considers the use of federal transportation funding, state transportation funding, and the existence of bicycle infrastructure in the state.
	Education & Encouragement						C+ Considers bicycle mode share, advocacy, state goals to increase bicycling, and whether the state sponsors a conference on bicycling.
	Traffic Laws & Practices						B- Considers traffic laws related to bicyclist safety and practices for automated enforcement and preventing racial disparities in traffic law enforcement.
	Policies & Programs						B- Considers Complete Streets policies and programmatic support for implementing bicycling improvements, including staffing and integrating public health.
	Evaluation & Planning						C Considers state bicycle plans, safety outcomes, guidance on bicycle facilities, data collection on bicycling and walking, and public engagement of bicyclists.

Based on the information we obtained for Delaware, the League of American Bicyclists believes the following actions will improve the safety, comfort, and accessibility of bicycling in Delaware.

Delaware has a bicyclist fatality rate worse than the national average. High-speed arterial roadways, mostly owned by DeDOT, are the most common place people bike are being killed. Create network alternatives to those major arterials outside of their right-of-way or pathways that minimize conflicts with high-speed vehicles.

Designate Delaware's first Complete Community Enterprise District (CCED) in order to catalyze bicycle-friendly development. CCEDs are a mechanism for state and local governments in Delaware to align their decision-making and to jointly put in place the policies to enable households to have less than one vehicle per adult worker.

Expand funding for the state's "Bike and Pedestrian Improvements" program to at least \$10 million per year.

Revise the state's design guidance memorandum on roundabouts to permit bicycle-friendly designs in urban and suburban contexts.

Make bicycle safety an emphasis area in your Strategic Highway Safety Plan with identified strategies for engineering improvements.

Improve awareness and application of bicycle policies and guidelines by having technical training on policies and design guidance and incorporate the "Blueprint for a Bicycle-Friendly Delaware" in state and local planning documents.

Bicycle Friendly Actions	Progress?
Complete Streets Law / Policy	Yes
Safe Passing Law (3ft+)	Yes
Statewide bike plan last 10 years	Yes
2% or more federal funds on bike/ped	Yes
Bicycle Safety Emphasis Area	No

Federal Data on Biking	Rank
Ridership 0.29% of commuters biking to work	32/50
Safety 19.4 fatalities per 10K bike commuters	41/50
Spending \$6.26 per capita FHWA spending on biking and walking	5/50

SEE THE BICYCLE FRIENDLY STATE DATABASE MAP:
[BIKELEAGUE.ORG/BFA/AWARDS](https://bikeleague.org/BFA/AWARDS)

The Bicycle Friendly State ranking is based on a comprehensive survey—with over 100 data points—completed by state departments of transportation and state bicycling advocates. For more information, visit bikeleague.org/states or contact Ken McLeod at (202) 822-1333 or ken@bikeleague.org.