



BICYCLE FRIENDLY STATE REPORT CARD



8% PERCENT OF STATE IN BFC SILVER+

STATE ADVOCACY GROUP:
NO STATEWIDE NON-PROFIT BIKE ADVOCACY ORGANIZATION

LOUISIANA

#33 NATIONAL RANK (OF 50)

#8 REGIONAL RANK (OF 13) SOUTHERN

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	Infrastructure & Funding						Considers the use of federal transportation funding, state transportation funding, and the existence of bicycle infrastructure in the state.
	Education & Encouragement						Considers bicycle mode share, advocacy, state goals to increase bicycling, and whether the state sponsors a conference on bicycling.
	Traffic Laws & Practices						Considers traffic laws related to bicyclist safety and practices for automated enforcement and preventing racial disparities in traffic law enforcement.
	Policies & Programs						Considers Complete Streets policies and programmatic support for implementing bicycling improvements, including staffing and integrating public health.
	Evaluation & Planning						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 Louisiana, the League of American Bicyclists believes the following actions will improve the safety, comfort, and accessibility of bicycling in Louisiana.

Adopt a statewide Bike Plan or Active Transportation Plan. According to our data, Louisiana last adopted a statewide Bike Plan in 2009.

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

Spend at least 2% of federal transportation funds on biking and walking improvements.

Louisiana has a bicyclist fatality rate worse than the national average. High-speed arterial roadways, often owned by the state DOT, are the most common place people biking are killed. Improve those roadways to improve bicycle safety.

Louisiana spends a very low amount of federal funding on biking and walking per capita. Spend more and/or improve reporting practices to make sure your investments are counted.

Additional staff to support active transportation initiatives and more routine inclusion of biking and walking into road projects should help Louisiana deliver more funding to biking and walking projects. Louisiana DOTD's Secretary, Dr. Shawn Wilson, is currently the President of AASHTO and his departments' staffing decisions can be a model for other states.

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

Federal Data on Biking	Rank
Ridership 0.5% of commuters biking to work	20/50
Safety 21.1 fatalities per 10K bike commuters	43/50
Spending \$1.92 per capita FHWA spending on biking and walking	41/50

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.