



BICYCLE FRIENDLY STATE REPORT CARD



0% PERCENT OF STATE IN BFC SILVER+

STATE ADVOCACY GROUP:
BICYCLE COALITION OF MAINE

MAINE

#26 NATIONAL RANK (OF 50)

#10 REGIONAL RANK EASTERN (OF 11)

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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 Maine, the League of American Bicyclists believes the following actions will improve the safety, comfort, and accessibility of bicycling in Maine.

In late 2021, the Maine Department of Transportation launched a process to create a statewide Active Transportation Plan. The League of American Bicyclists is excited to see this development and looks forward to its creation and adoption.

Spend at least 2% of federal transportation funds on biking and walking improvements. Local advocates report recent increases in funding for bicycling and walking projects, so make sure those efforts are reported and reflected in federal data.

Maine 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.

The Maine DOT has partnered with the Bicycle Coalition of Maine to implement traffic calming demonstration projects throughout the state. This is a great partnership and powerful model for other states to show how community engagement and changes to the built environment can improve bicycling.

The Maine legislature recently updated its vulnerable road user law. It now requires law enforcement officers to, within five days of investigating a crash, inform a district attorney of their belief that the law can be invoked and file a final report within 60 days. This is a unique new law and the League looks forward to monitoring its implementation.

The Bicycle Friendly State ranking relies on data submitted by each state. Maine did not submit data for this ranking and the ranking is based on public data and previously submitted data.

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

Federal Data on Biking	Rank
Ridership 0.41% of commuters biking to work	24/50
Safety 7.7 fatalities per 10K bike commuters	24/50
Spending \$1.60 per capita FHWA spending on biking and walking	44/50

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.