



BICYCLE FRIENDLY STATE REPORT CARD



0.3% PERCENT OF STATE IN BFC SILVER+

STATE ADVOCACY GROUP:
NEW JERSEY BIKE + WALK COALITION

NEW JERSEY

#16 NATIONAL RANK (OF 50)

#6 REGIONAL RANK (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 New Jersey, the League of American Bicyclists believes the following actions will improve the safety, comfort, and accessibility of bicycling in New Jersey.

Spend at least 2% of federal transportation funds on biking and walking improvements. New Jersey has persistently struggled to use federal funding to improve bicycling and walking. People biking and walking make up more than 30% of traffic fatalities in New Jersey and the state must find a way to use federal funds to improve their safety.

New Jersey has a bicyclist fatality rate worse than the national average. More than half of bicyclist fatalities in the state occur on arterial roadways. Improve those roadways to improve bicycle safety.

New Jersey 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.

Congratulations on adopting a safe passing law with a minimum distance of 4 feet to address bicyclist safety. A public messaging campaign can support awareness of this law and should also include other state and local efforts to improve bicyclist safety in a coordinated manner.

In 2021, the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) co-sponsored the first-ever New Jersey Trails & Greenways Summit. This is a great step toward more support for bicycling and walking improvements but to address New Jersey's safety record will take more than trails and greenways.

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

Federal Data on Biking	Rank
Ridership 0.26% of commuters biking to work	37/50
Safety 10.6 fatalities per 10K bike commuters	31/50
Spending \$1.48 per capita FHWA spending on biking and walking	46/50

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.