



BICYCLE FRIENDLY STATE REPORT CARD



3% PERCENT OF STATE IN BFC SILVER+

STATE ADVOCACY GROUP:
BIKE WALK TENNESSEE

TENNESSEE
#19
NATIONAL RANK (OF 50)
#4
REGIONAL RANK (OF 13)
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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 Tennessee, the League of American Bicyclists believes the following actions will improve the safety, comfort, and accessibility of bicycling in Tennessee.

Tennessee has a bicycling to work rate of less than half the national average. Bicycling is a cheap, safe, and reliable way to get to work. Work with cities to provide networks that allow more people to safely bike to work.

Tennessee has a bicyclist fatality rate worse than the national average. Between 2015 and 2019, nearly 60% of people killed while bicycling were killed on state-owned roads. Almost half of bicyclist fatalities were on state-owned arterial roadways. Improve those roadways to improve bicycle safety.

Congratulations on adopting a new statewide Active Transportation Plan in 2021. The plan highlights multiple ways to improve bicycling and walking within the Tennessee DOT and by working with partners. We look forward to its implementation.

In our 2019 report card we congratulated Tennessee for taking the step to dedicate Highway Safety Improvement Program funds to pedestrian safety. It is great to see that investment result in the Pedestrian Road Safety Initiative and spot improvements throughout the state. We hope that other states emulate this initiative and extend it to bicyclist safety.

Quick Build projects are featured in the Tennessee Active Transportation Plan. The League is excited to see how this is implemented, and how implementation builds upon Tennessee's successful multimodal access grant program.

Bicycle Friendly Actions	Progress?
Complete Streets Law / Policy	Yes
Safe Passing Law (3ft+)	Yes
Statewide bike plan last 10 years	Yes-New/Updated
2% or more federal funds on bike/ped	Yes
Bicycle Safety Emphasis Area	Yes

Federal Data on Biking	Rank
Ridership 0.13% of commuters biking to work	48/50
Safety 22.2 fatalities per 10K bike commuters	44/50
Spending \$4.12 per capita FHWA spending on biking and walking	11/50

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.