



BICYCLE FRIENDLY STATE REPORT CARD



0% PERCENT OF STATE IN BFC SILVER+

STATE ADVOCACY GROUP:
**WEST VIRGINIA
CONNECTING
COMMUNITIES**

WEST VIRGINIA

#28 NATIONAL RANK (OF 50)

#6 REGIONAL RANK (OF 13) SOUTHERN

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		F	D	C	B	A		
	Infrastructure & Funding						B-	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						C	Considers traffic laws related to bicyclist safety and practices for automated enforcement and preventing racial disparities in traffic law enforcement.
	Policies & Programs						C	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 West Virginia, the League of American Bicyclists believes the following actions will improve the safety, comfort, and accessibility of bicycling in West Virginia.

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. Spend more and/or improve reporting practices to make sure your investments are counted.

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

Creating Complete Streets requires good policy, good design guidance, good training, and accountability. While some important infrastructure like protected bike lanes have available guidance and resources, not all Complete Streets features do, based on our data. Improving guidance and training so that safe and accessible streets for all people are a norm is an important step of becoming a more Bicycle Friendly State.

According to CDC data, 30.1% of West Virginians are physically inactive, one of the ten highest rates in the nation. Providing safe and accessible places to bike is a great way to promote physical activity. Just like training for a 5k or other event, it is important to set goals for how to foster improvement over time.

Dedicated state funding for bike improvements may help make them more routine, so that they can be completed during repaving or at other times where a federal grant might create a burden. Over time, routine changes can have a big impact, especially if they are part of a planned network.

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	No
Bicycle Safety Emphasis Area	No

Federal Data on Biking	Rank
Ridership 0.14% of commuters biking to work	47/50
Safety 9.4 fatalities per 10K bike commuters	28/50
Spending \$2.67 per capita FHWA spending on biking and walking	29/50

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.