



# VILLA PARK, IL

TOTAL POPULATION

21,483

POPULATION DENSITY

4548

TOTAL AREA (sq. miles)

4.27

# OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY BUSINESSES

0

# OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY UNIVERSITIES

0

## 10 BUILDING BLOCKS OF A BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

	Average Bronze	Villa Park
High Speed Roads with Bike Facilities	20%	N/A - NO HIGH SPEED ROADS
Total on- and off-road Bicycle Network Mileage to Total Road Network Mileage	25%	4%
Bicycle Education in Schools	AVERAGE	NEEDS IMPROVEMENT
Share of Transportation Budget Spent on Bicycling	7%	UNKNOWN
Bike Month and Bike to Work Events	AVERAGE	ACCEPTABLE
Active Bicycle Advocacy Group	YES	YES
Active Bicycle Advisory Committee	MEETS QUARTERLY	MEETS AT LEAST MONTHLY
Bicycle-Friendly Laws & Ordinances	AVERAGE	ACCEPTABLE
Bike Plan is Current and is Being Implemented	YES	YES
Bike Program Staff to Population	1 PER 154K	NO STAFF

## CATEGORY SCORES

### ENGINEERING

*Bicycle network and connectivity*

2.00 /10

### EDUCATION

*Motorist awareness and bicycling skills*

0.80 /10

### ENCOURAGEMENT

*Mainstreaming bicycling culture*

2.36 /10

### EVALUATION & PLANNING

*Setting targets and having a plan*

2.97 /10

## KEY OUTCOMES

	Average Bronze	Villa Park
<b>RIDERSHIP</b> <i>Percentage of commuters who bike</i>	1.3%	0.54%
<b>SAFETY MEASURES CRASHES</b> <i>Crashes per 10k bicycle commuters</i>	1093	-
<b>SAFETY MEASURES FATALITIES</b> <i>Fatalities per 10k bicycle commuters</i>	20	-



» The data that Villa Park reported on its road network was incomplete or inconsistent. This lack of complete data makes it difficult to judge the current state of bicycling infrastructure in your community. Ensure that data is available on your roadway network and your bicycle network so that your community can utilize GIS-based or other network analyses, can create high-quality bicycle network maps, and accurately assess the quality of your bicycle network.

» Congratulations on adopting the 2018 Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan. This plan will be a blueprint for improvements and has many great recommendations for a more connected network of safe and comfortable bicycle facilities.

» Increase the amount of high quality bicycle parking throughout the community, and work to upgrade the quality of existing bike parking. Develop community-wide Bicycle Parking Standards to ensure that APBP-compliant bicycle parking is available in areas near popular destinations, transit stops, and urban activity centers. (See [apbp.org/bicycle-parking-solutions](http://apbp.org/bicycle-parking-solutions)).

» Bicycle safety education should be a routine part of education for students of all ages, and schools and the surrounding neighborhoods should be particularly safe and convenient for biking and walking. Work with local bicycle groups and interested parents to create Safe Routes to School programming for all schools.

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## KEY STEPS TO BRONZE CONTINUED

» Develop bicycle education opportunities for adults. Consider ways to target demographics who currently do not feel safe riding with classes or events that address their concerns and create an inclusive, welcoming environment.

» Increase the number of local League Cycling Instructors (LCIs) in your community, either by hosting an LCI seminar or sponsoring a Village staffer or local bike advocate to attend an existing seminar elsewhere. Having several active instructors in the area will enable you to expand cycling education for youth and adults, recruit more knowledgeable cycling ambassadors, deliver Bicycle Friendly Driver education to motorists, and have experts available to assist in encouragement programs. Visit [bikeleague.org/ridesmart](https://bikeleague.org/ridesmart) for more information.

» Improve Bike Month activities by creating a Bike to Work Day event, Bike to School Day event, and/or a Mayor's Ride. Bike to Work Day events can include competitions for participation between businesses and "energizer" stations where people can get coffee on the way to work. Bike to School Day events can include competitions related to bicycle use, outreach to parents, and coordination between the

schools and the city to create safer routes to schools.

» Develop education and encouragement outreach methods and programs that specifically target families, women, seniors, low-income, and non-English speaking communities, in addition to general non-targeted outreach and media campaigns that discuss current and new bicycle facilities, safe driver and bicyclist behavior, and events related to walking and biking.

» Increase the amount of staff time spent on improving conditions for people who bike and walk, either by creating a new dedicated position or expanding the responsibilities of current staff.

» Continue to develop a bicycle count program that utilizes several methods of data collection including automated bicycle counters to provide long-term data on bicycle use at fixed points and mobile counters to provide periodic or before/after data related to a changes in your community's road or bicycle network.

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### MORE RESOURCES FOR IMPROVING YOUR COMMUNITY:

- » League of American Bicyclists: <https://www.bikeleague.org>
- » Guide to the BFC Report Card: [https://bikeleague.org/sites/default/files/Guide\\_to\\_the\\_Bicycle\\_Friendly\\_Community\\_Report\\_Card.pdf](https://bikeleague.org/sites/default/files/Guide_to_the_Bicycle_Friendly_Community_Report_Card.pdf)
- » Resources for Building a Bicycle Friendly Community: [https://bikeleague.org/BFC\\_Resources](https://bikeleague.org/BFC_Resources)
- » Building Blocks of a Bicycle Friendly Community: <https://bikeleague.org/content/building-blocks-bicycle-friendly-communities>
- » The Five E's: <https://bikeleague.org/5-es>
- » Smart Cycling Program: <https://bikeleague.org/ridesmart>
- » Advocacy Reports and Resources: <https://bikeleague.org/reports>
- » Bicycle Friendly Business Program: <https://bikeleague.org/business>
- » National Bike Month: <https://bikeleague.org/bikemonth>

