



ADA COUNTY, ID

TOTAL POPULATION

481,587

POPULATION DENSITY

454

TOTAL AREA (sq. miles)

1060

OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY BUSINESSES **42**

OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY UNIVERSITIES **1**

10 BUILDING BLOCKS OF A BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

	Average Gold	Ada County
High Speed Roads with Bike Facilities	35%	48%
Total on- and off-road Bicycle Network Mileage to Total Road Network Mileage	76%	29%
Bicycle Education in Schools	GOOD	NEEDS IMPROVEMENT
Share of Transportation Budget Spent on Bicycling	14%	7%
Bike Month and Bike to Work Events	VERY GOOD	EXCELLENT
Active Bicycle Advocacy Group	YES	NO
Active Bicycle Advisory Committee	MEETS AT LEAST MONTHLY	MEETS AT LEAST MONTHLY
Bicycle-Friendly Laws & Ordinances	GOOD	GOOD
Bike Plan is Current and is Being Implemented	YES	YES
Bike Program Staff to Population	1 PER 33K	1 PER 96K

CATEGORY SCORES

ENGINEERING <i>Bicycle network and connectivity</i>	5.70 /10
EDUCATION <i>Motorist awareness and bicycling skills</i>	5.42 /10
ENCOURAGEMENT <i>Mainstreaming bicycling culture</i>	7.85 /10
EVALUATION & PLANNING <i>Setting targets and having a plan</i>	6.42 /10

KEY OUTCOMES

	Average Gold	Ada County
RIDERSHIP <i>Percentage of Commuters who bike</i>	5.1%	1.69%
SAFETY MEASURES CRASHES <i>Crashes per 10k bicycle commuters</i>	287	332.34
SAFETY MEASURES FATALITIES <i>Fatalities per 10k bicycle commuters</i>	2.2	2.7



KEY STEPS TO GOLD



- » Continue to work toward ACHD's 2018 Bike Master Plan's primary goal to "Complete and maintain a bicycle facility network that maximizes safety, provides connectivity, and supports the bicycle as a viable transportation option among the residents of Ada County and its six cities." In improving and expanding the bikeway network, ensure that the County follows a bicycle facility selection criteria that increases separation and protection of bicyclists based on levels of motor vehicle speed and volume.
- » Establish a stronger mechanism to evaluate and inventory the quality of new and existing bike facilities, and ensure that all new and upgraded facilities meet national safety standards in terms of width and appropriate level of protection based on motor vehicle speed and volume of roadways.

- » Continue to increase the amount of high quality bicycle parking throughout the County. Ensure that APBP-compliant bicycle parking is available in areas near popular destinations and urban activity centers. Without secure and convenient bike parking it is difficult for a person to choose to ride their bicycle for transportation or utilitarian trips.
- » Expand bicycle safety education to be a routine part of education for students of all ages, and ensure that schools and the surrounding neighborhoods are 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 K-12 schools in the County.

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KEY STEPS TO **GOLD** CONTINUED

- » Work with local League Cycling Instructors (LCIs) to offer Bicycle Friendly Driver training to motorists in Ada County, particularly to professional drivers and fleet operators.
- » Adopt a target level of bicycle use (percent of trips) to be achieved within a specific timeframe, and ensure data collection necessary to monitor progress. 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. Observational counts and surveys can supplement automated data in order to collect demographic information and examine social equity goals.
- » Adopt a comprehensive road safety plan or a Vision Zero policy to identify specific strategies to reduce traffic crashes and deaths for all road users, including bicyclists and pedestrians. Road diets, lane diets, and traffic calming treatments are important engineering components for addressing safety.
- » Continue to engage with local active transportation advocates, bike clubs, shops, and others in the bicycling community to ensure there is an inclusive and participatory planning process for expanding and improving Ada County's bicycle network and programming.

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
- » Resources for Building a Bicycle Friendly Community: 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: <http://bikeleague.org/reports>

