



HARTFORD, CT

TOTAL POPULATION
122,105

POPULATION DENSITY
6803

TOTAL AREA (sq. miles)
17.95

OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY BUSINESSES **1**

OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY UNIVERSITIES **0**

10 BUILDING BLOCKS OF A BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

	Average Silver	Hartford
High Speed Roads with Bike Facilities	35%	0%
Total on- and off-road Bicycle Network Mileage to Total Road Network Mileage	48%	14%
Bicycle Education in Schools	GOOD	NEEDS IMPROVEMENT
Share of Transportation Budget Spent on Bicycling	11%	UNKNOWN
Bike Month and Bike to Work Events	GOOD	AVERAGE
Active Bicycle Advocacy Group	YES	YES
Active Bicycle Advisory Committee	MEETS EVERY TWO MONTHS	MEETS AT LEAST MONTHLY
Bicycle-Friendly Laws & Ordinances	GOOD	VERY GOOD
Bike Plan is Current and is Being Implemented	YES	YES
Bike Program Staff to Population	1 PER 78K	1 PER 122K

CATEGORY SCORES

ENGINEERING <i>Bicycle network and connectivity</i>	3.98 /10
EDUCATION <i>Motorist awareness and bicycling skills</i>	3.41 /10
ENCOURAGEMENT <i>Mainstreaming bicycling culture</i>	2.84 /10
EVALUATION & PLANNING <i>Setting targets and having a plan</i>	4.27 /10

KEY OUTCOMES

	Average Silver	Hartford
RIDERSHIP <i>Percentage of Commuters who bike</i>	2.7%	0.32%
SAFETY MEASURES CRASHES <i>Crashes per 10k bicycle commuters</i>	537	2,481
SAFETY MEASURES FATALITIES <i>Fatalities per 10k bicycle commuters</i>	6.3	0



KEY STEPS TO SILVER



» Congratulations on adopting the 2019 Bicycle Master Plan, and the recent launch of a Vision Zero Initiative in Hartford. Establish a dedicated annual budget for implementation of the Bike Plan, and ensure there is ongoing funding to support the Vision Zero Initiative, in addition to funding for ongoing bicycle programming and infrastructure development/maintenance.

» Continue to expand and improve the bike network throughout Hartford and ensure that your community continues to follow a bicycle facility selection criteria that increases separation and protection of bicyclists based on levels of motor vehicle speed and volume.

» Take advantage of Hartford's high number of low-speed streets as well as the recently awarded Made to Move grant to develop a network of bike boulevards/neighborhood greenways

throughout the community. Diverters, wayfinding, chicanes, and other treatments can be effective at reducing vehicle speeds and promoting the bicycle-oriented nature of a bike boulevard to encourage and optimize bicycle travel on these low-stress corridors.

» 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, and to appoint or hire a Safe Routes to School Coordinator to oversee this important work. Consider initiating a community-wide Bike to School Day event every Fall and Spring to celebrate and further encourage schools' efforts.

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KEY STEPS TO **SILVER** CONTINUED

- » 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.
- » Build on the success of the BID's free roadside bicycle assistance and develop a community-wide trip reduction ordinance/program, commuter incentive program, and/or a Guaranteed Ride Home program to encourage and support bike commuters in Hartford.

- » Continue efforts to reinstate a bike share system that is open to the public. As Hartford found previously, bike sharing is a convenient, cost effective, and healthy way of encouraging locals and visitors to make short trips by bike, make bicycling more accessible to all, and to bridge the 'last mile' between public transit and destinations.

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: <https://bikeleague.org/reports>
- » Bicycle Friendly Business Program: <https://bikeleague.org/business>
- » National Bike Month: <https://bikeleague.org/bikemonth>

