



# COLORADO SPRINGS, CO

TOTAL POPULATION  
**478,221**

POPULATION DENSITY  
**2452.42**

# OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY BUSINESSES **4**

TOTAL AREA (sq. miles)  
**195**

# OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY UNIVERSITIES **2**

## 10 BUILDING BLOCKS OF A BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

	Average Gold	Colorado Springs
High Speed Roads with Bike Facilities	35%	26%
Total on- and off-road Bicycle Network Mileage to Total Road Network Mileage	76%	20%
Bicycle Education in Schools	GOOD	NEEDS IMPROVEMENT
Share of Transportation Budget Spent on Bicycling	14%	UNKNOWN
Bike Month and Bike to Work Events	VERY GOOD	EXCELLENT
Active Bicycle Advocacy Group	YES	YES
Active Bicycle Advisory Committee	MEETS AT LEAST MONTHLY	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 33K	1 PER 32K

## CATEGORY SCORES

<b>ENGINEERING</b> <i>Bicycle network and connectivity</i>	<b>5.21</b> / <sub>10</sub>
<b>EDUCATION</b> <i>Motorist awareness and bicycling skills</i>	<b>4.43</b> / <sub>10</sub>
<b>ENCOURAGEMENT</b> <i>Mainstreaming bicycling culture</i>	<b>6.70</b> / <sub>10</sub>
<b>EVALUATION &amp; PLANNING</b> <i>Setting targets and having a plan</i>	<b>4.91</b> / <sub>10</sub>

## KEY OUTCOMES

	Average Gold	Colorado Springs
<b>RIDERSHIP</b> <i>Percentage of Commuters who bike</i>	5.1%	0.63%
<b>SAFETY MEASURES CRASHES</b> <i>Crashes per 10k bicycle commuters</i>	287	664.36
<b>SAFETY MEASURES FATALITIES</b> <i>Fatalities per 10k bicycle commuters</i>	2.2	20.72



## KEY STEPS TO GOLD



» Congratulations on the adoption of the 2018 Bicycle 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.

» Continue to focus on implementing to new bike plan and to expand and improve low-stress on-road bike network. Ensure that your community follows the plan's bicycle facility selection criteria that increases separation and protection of bicyclists based on levels of motor vehicle speed and volume, to maximize safety and comfort for bicyclists of all ages and abilities. This means identifying gaps and adding new facilities that complete and expand the bicycle network, as well as upgrading existing

bike lanes into protected bike lanes by adding physical barriers that improve safety and accessibility for all ages and abilities.

» Continue to increase the amount of high quality bicycle parking throughout the community, and to upgrade the quality of existing bike parking to meet APBP standards. Adopt a bike parking ordinance for new and existing buildings that specifies the amount and location of secure, convenient bike parking available. Develop community-wide Bicycle Parking Standards that adhere to current APBP guidelines (see [www.apbp.org/bicycle-parking-solutions](http://www.apbp.org/bicycle-parking-solutions)). Conduct a bike parking study or audit to determine current conditions of bike parking, both in terms of quality and quantity.

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## KEY STEPS TO **GOLD** CONTINUED

- » 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 the school district, local bicycle groups, and interested parents to create Safe Routes to School programming for all K-12 schools.
- » Develop a community-wide trip reduction ordinance/program, commuter incentive program, and a Guaranteed Ride Home program to encourage and support bike commuters in Colorado Springs.
- » 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.

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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: <http://bikeleague.org/reports>