



BICYCLE FRIENDLY STATE REPORT CARD



23% PERCENT OF STATE IN BFC SILVER+

STATE ADVOCACY GROUP:
RIDE ILLINOIS

ILLINOIS

#15 NATIONAL RANK (OF 50)

#3 REGIONAL RANK MIDWESTERN (OF 13)

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		F	D	C	B	A	
	Infrastructure & Funding		D				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					A	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		D				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 Illinois, the League of American Bicyclists believes the following actions will improve the safety, comfort, and accessibility of bicycling in Illinois.

In 2021, the Illinois legislature passed HB270 which removes the 20% local cost share/match requirement for on- and off-road bicycle accommodations on the state DOT's road projects in and within one mile of an urban area. Previous policy required localities to pay for bicycle accommodations on projects initiated by the state DOT, creating conflict between agencies and a discrepancy between how bicycle and car infrastructure was treated.

State support for online BikeSafetyQuiz lessons has been a great success reaching 27,485 driver education students, 6,234 high school health and physical education students, and 11,474 elementary school students in 2021. Continue to support this education work which pays-off in long-term dividends with safer drivers and bicyclists.

Use the next round of Illinois Transportation Enhancements Program (ITEP) funding, as well as funding from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), to increase bicycle safety and develop infrastructure that prioritizes active modes of transportation.

2021 drew renewed and unprecedented attention to the federal Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). Illinois should take steps to modernize its version of the MUTCD and other design manuals to reflect leading practices in bicycle facilities, intersection design, sidewalks, rumble strips, and other issues affecting bicycle and pedestrian safety.

Increase investments in active transportation (biking, walking, transit, and micro-mobility) in communities with high rates of physical inactivity, obesity, diabetes, or other health issues associated with physical inactivity.

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	Yes
Bicycle Safety Emphasis Area	Yes

Federal Data on Biking	Rank
Ridership 0.61% of commuters biking to work	18/50
Safety 6.9 fatalities per 10K bike commuters	21/50
Spending \$3.03 per capita FHWA spending on biking and walking	24/50

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.