



BICYCLE FRIENDLY STATE REPORT CARD



6% PERCENT OF STATE IN BFC SILVER+

STATE ADVOCACY GROUP:
BIKE WALK KENTUCKY

KENTUCKY

#37 NATIONAL RANK (OF 50)

#9 REGIONAL RANK SOUTHERN (OF 13)

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		F	D	C	B	A		
	Infrastructure & Funding						B+	Considers the use of federal transportation funding, state transportation funding, and the existence of bicycle infrastructure in the state.
	Education & Encouragement						D-	Considers bicycle mode share, advocacy, state goals to increase bicycling, and whether the state sponsors a conference on bicycling.
	Traffic Laws & Practices						C-	Considers traffic laws related to bicyclist safety and practices for automated enforcement and preventing racial disparities in traffic law enforcement.
	Policies & Programs						B-	Considers Complete Streets policies and programmatic support for implementing bicycling improvements, including staffing and integrating public health.
	Evaluation & Planning						B-	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 Kentucky, the League of American Bicyclists believes the following actions will improve the safety, comfort, and accessibility of bicycling in Kentucky.

Adopt a statewide Bike Plan or Active Transportation Plan. According to our data, Kentucky last adopted a statewide Bike Plan in 2009.

Kentucky has a bicycling to work rate of less than half the national average. Bicycling is cheap, safe, and one of the most popular ways for people to get physical activity. Work with cities to provide networks that allow more people to safely bike to work.

Kentucky has a bicyclist fatality rate worse than the national average. According to NHTSA data, nearly 82% of cyclists killed in Kentucky were killed on state DOT-owned roadways since 2015 despite the state owning only 35% of roadways. This is the second largest over-representation among all states. Addressing safety on state-owned roadways is key to improving bicyclist safety in Kentucky.

As part of adopting a statewide active transportation plan, Kentucky should consider creating resources and a technical assistance center for active transportation, including Safe Routes to School initiatives. This will help more low-income and rural communities access planning processes, grants, and other resources.

The KYTC Sidewalk and Curb Ramp Inventory for ADA Compliance using LiDAR is an innovative and interesting way to understand active transportation needs. If this inventory is successful, it would be great to see similar processes used for bike facilities and shoulders.

Congratulations for KYTC opening up its annual Kentucky Bicycle and Bikeway Commission meeting to the public after 2 years. Continuing to help educate and encourage the public about bicycling and ways to improving cycling in KY is always productive.

Bicycle Friendly Actions	Progress?
Complete Streets Law / Policy	Yes
Safe Passing Law (3ft+)	Yes
Statewide bike plan last 10 years	No
2% or more federal funds on bike/ped	Yes-New/Updated
Bicycle Safety Emphasis Area	Yes

Federal Data on Biking	Rank
Ridership 0.18% of commuters biking to work	44/50
Safety 13.7 fatalities per 10K bike commuters	37/50
Spending \$4.36 per capita FHWA spending on biking and walking	8/50

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.