



BICYCLE FRIENDLY STATE REPORT CARD



0% PERCENT OF STATE IN BFC SILVER+

STATE ADVOCACY GROUP:
BIKE WALK MISSISSIPPI

MISSISSIPPI

#48 NATIONAL RANK (OF 50)

#13 REGIONAL RANK SOUTHERN (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	F						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	C+						Considers Complete Streets policies and programmatic support for implementing bicycling improvements, including staffing and integrating public health.
	Evaluation & Planning	F						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 Mississippi, the League of American Bicyclists believes the following actions will improve the safety, comfort, and accessibility of bicycling in Mississippi.

Adopt a statewide Bike Plan or Active Transportation Plan. According to our data, Mississippi is one of only eight states that has never adopted a statewide bicycle plan.

Bike Walk Mississippi is launching a version of the successful Bicycle Safety Quiz that reaches tens of thousands of bicyclists each year. The state should support this effort and promote its use by students to improve the understanding of bicycle safety.

Spend at least 2% of federal transportation funds on biking and walking improvements. Spend more and/or improve reporting practices to make sure your investments are counted.

Ensure bridges are not a barrier to people bicycling in Mississippi by adopting a statewide policy requiring bicycle and pedestrian facilities on bridges when they are repaired or newly built.

Mississippi has a bicyclist fatality rate worse than the national average. High-speed arterial roadways, often owned by the state DOT, are the most common place people biking are killed. Improve those roadways to improve bicycle safety.

Make bicycle safety an emphasis area in your Strategic Highway Safety Plan with identified strategies for engineering improvements.

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	No - Lapse
Bicycle Safety Emphasis Area	No

Federal Data on Biking	Rank
Ridership 0.08% of commuters biking to work	50/50
Safety 35.6 fatalities per 10K bike commuters	50/50
Spending \$3.26 per capita FHWA spending on biking and walking	23/50

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.