



YPSILANTI, MI

TOTAL POPULATION
20,648

POPULATION DENSITY
4568.14

TOTAL AREA (sq. miles)
4.52

OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY BUSINESSES **1**

OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY UNIVERSITIES **0**

10 BUILDING BLOCKS OF A BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

	Average Silver	Ypsilanti
High Speed Roads with Bike Facilities	35%	0%
Total on- and off-road Bicycle Network Mileage to Total Road Network Mileage	48%	37%
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	ACCEPTABLE
Bike Plan is Current and is Being Implemented	YES	YES
Bike Program Staff to Population	1 PER 78K	1 PER 82.6K

CATEGORY SCORES

ENGINEERING <i>Bicycle network and connectivity</i>	3.9 /10
EDUCATION <i>Motorist awareness and bicycling skills</i>	2.5 /10
ENCOURAGEMENT <i>Mainstreaming bicycling culture</i>	2.9 /10
EVALUATION & PLANNING <i>Setting targets and having a plan</i>	4.0 /10

KEY OUTCOMES

	Average Silver	Ypsilanti
RIDERSHIP <i>Percentage of Commuters who bike</i>	2.7%	1.50%
SAFETY MEASURES CRASHES <i>Crashes per 10k bicycle commuters</i>	537	473
SAFETY MEASURES FATALITIES <i>Fatalities per 10k bicycle commuters</i>	6.3	11.8



KEY STEPS TO SILVER



» Continue to expand and improve Ypsilanti's low-stress on-road bike network and ensure that your community follows a 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. Identify gaps and add new facilities that complete and expand the bicycle network, and work to upgrade existing facilities, such as by converting bike lanes into protected bike lanes and roads with sharrows into dedicated bicycle boulevards.

» 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. Middle and high school education efforts could most notably be improved — this is particularly important as older students learn to drive and share the road.

» Increase the amount of staff time spent on improving conditions for people who bike and walk, either by creating a new dedicated position or expanding the responsibilities of current staff. Ensure that this position is well supported with training and professional development opportunities to stay up-to-speed on the latest best practices and safety guidelines for bicycle planning, outreach, and infrastructure.

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KEY STEPS TO **SILVER** CONTINUED

» Continue to develop a bicycle count program that utilizes several methods of data collection. Observational counts and surveys can supplement automated data in order to collect demographic information and examine social equity goals.

» 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.

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>
- » About the BFC Application Process: <https://bikeleague.org/content/about-bfc-application-process>
- » The Five E's: <https://bikeleague.org/5-es>
- » Tips for Current and Aspiring BFCs: <https://bikeleague.org/BFC-tips>
- » 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>

