



Lincoln, NE



Award: Silver | Fall 2023

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Lincoln's BFA Program Stats

of Local Bicycle Friendly Businesses: **11**
 # of Local Bicycle Friendly Universities: **1**
 # of Local League Cycling Instructors: **4**
 Nebraska's Bicycle Friendly State Ranking: **#49**

The 5 Es Category Scores	Lincoln	Max Score this round
Engineering	43.00%	79.3%
Education	64.75%	76.3%
Encouragement	68.73%	87.5%
Evaluation & Planning	45.08%	78.0%
Equity & Accessibility	44.87%	70.5%

Scores are determined by points earned in each 'E' Category, weighted against comparable communities in the Fall 2023 BFC round. See pages 2-3 for your full subcategory points in each Category.

Community Profile

Population: 292,627
 Area: 101.71 square miles
 Population Density: 2877.1 people/square mile
 Land Classification:
 Mixed Urban/Suburban
 Poverty Rate: 13.9%*
 Median Household Income: \$62,294*
 Percent of the Population that Speaks a Language Other Than English at Home: 10.9%*
 Percent with Disability: 12.1%*
 Percent of Households with No Vehicle Available: 5.4%*
 *Source: https://data.census.gov/profile/Lincoln_city,_Lancaster_County,_Nebraska?g=060XX00US3110991753

Key Outcomes

Overall Commuter Ridership: 0.8%
 Male Commuter Ridership: 1.1%
 Female Commuter Ridership: 0.4%
 (Bicycle Mode Share among commuters, according to the Census Bureau's 2022 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimate.)

Bicycle Mode Share: Unknown
 (Reported by applicant)

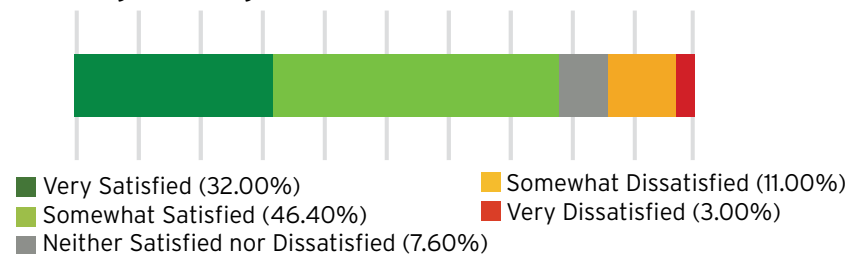
Annual Average Bicyclist Crashes in last 5 years: 100
Annual Average Bicyclist Fatalities in last 5 years: 0
 (Crashes and Fatalities both reported by applicant)

Lincoln's Bike Links

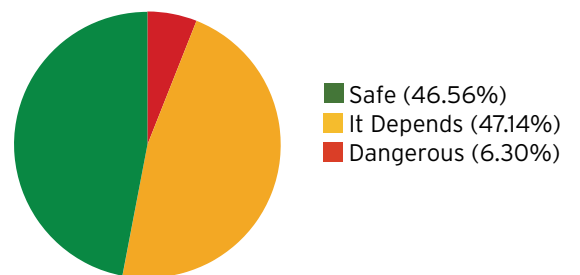
Bike Network Map, if available:
<https://www.lincoln.ne.gov/City/Departments/Planning-Department/MPO/Bike-Lincoln/Plan-Your-Trip>
Bike Plan, if available:
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Fall 2023 BFC Public Survey Response Summary for Lincoln, NE

How satisfied are you with how this community is designed for making bike riding safe? (n = 528)



Is it safe or dangerous to ride a bicycle in your neighborhood, or does it depend? (n = 524)



What is the number one change you would most like to see the local government make in this community for bicyclists? (n = 527)

1. More bike paths (27.30%)
2. More bike lanes (15.40%)
3. Increase education for drivers (11.80%)

About this Report Card

The following scores are based on the online application submitted by Lincoln in the Fall 2023 Bicycle Friendly Community (BFC) submission round. These scores reflect a combination of automatically-generated points earned through the online application, as well as judge-assigned points and bonus points given by BFC reviewers.

The League updated its Bicycle Friendly Community application and awards criteria in 2022, after nearly a year of research, focus groups, interviews, listening sessions, and other outreach. The updated application includes a new section on Equity and Accessibility, and other changes throughout. As such, **this Bicycle Friendly Community Report card is a beta version** as we refine our new scoring system and develop a greater understanding of how to convey new information.

All Fall 2023 BFC Report Cards (including this one) will be republished with updated scores if there are significant changes to the points system after the next round of BFC applications. To learn more about the BFC application and awards criteria, please visit <https://bikeleague.org/community>.

ENGINEERING	<i>Lincoln earned a weighted score of 43.00% in the Engineering Category. Below is the full breakdown of points that Lincoln earned in each subcategory within the Engineering section, compared to the total points available in that subcategory from the Fall 2023 BFC application.</i>	
	Engineering Subcategories	Lincoln's Subcategory Points in Engineering
	Policies and Design Standards for the Built Environment	10.9 / 41 pts
	End-of-Trip Facilities	13.9 / 44 pts
	Bicycle Network	32.7 / 128 pts
	Network Maintenance	15.8 / 32 pts
	Bicycle Access to Public Transportation	11.1 / 23 pts
	Bike Sharing	5.9 / 24 pts
	Other Bicycle-Related Amenities	1.8 / 6 pts
	Regional Coordination	5 / 23 pts
Engineering Bonus Points	3.5 / 10 pts	

EDUCATION	<i>Lincoln earned a weighted score of 64.75% in the Education Category. Below is the full breakdown of points that Lincoln earned in each subcategory of the Education section, compared to the total points available in that subcategory from the Fall 2023 BFC application.</i>	
	Education Subcategories	Lincoln's Subcategory Points in Education
	Youth Bicycle Education	29.5 / 68 pts
	Adult Bicycle Education	32.4 / 47 pts
	Motorist Education	10.5 / 28 pts
	Bicycle Safety Education Resources	2.6 / 16 pts
	Inclusive Education	6.5 / 26 pts
	Education Bonus Points	3.5 / 7 pts

ENCOURAGEMENT	<i>Lincoln earned a weighted score of 68.73% in the Encouragement Category. Below is the full breakdown of points that Lincoln earned in each subcategory of the Encouragement section section, compared to the total points available in that subcategory from the Fall 2023 BFC application.</i>	
	Encouragement Subcategories	Lincoln's Subcategory Points in Encouragement
	Encouragement Policies, Programs and Partnerships	6.1 / 17 pts
	Route-Finding Support	6.1 / 10 pts
	Bicycle Culture and Promotion	57.9 / 91 pts
	Access To Bicycle Equipment and Repair Services	15.3 / 35 pts
	Reducing Work-Related/Fleet VMT	3.4 / 11 pts
	Encouragement Bonus Points	4.8 / 7 pts

EVALUATION & PLANNING	<i>Lincoln earned a weighted score of 45.08% in the Evaluation & Planning Category. Below is the full breakdown of points that Lincoln earned in each subcategory of the Evaluation & Planning section, compared to the total points available in that subcategory from the Fall 2023 BFC application.</i>	
	Evaluation & Planning Subcategories	Lincoln's Subcategory Points in Evaluation & Planning
	Staffing And Committees	14.3 / 35 pts
	Public Engagement for Bicycle Planning	11.3 / 35 pts
	Planning, Funding, And Implementation	12.1 / 46 pts
	Evaluating The Bicycle Network	14.6 / 25 pts
	Evaluating Ridership	7.4 / 20 pts
	Evaluating & Improving Safety Outcomes	4 / 42 pts
Evaluation & Planning Bonus Points	4.8 / 15 pts	

EQUITY & ACCESSIBILITY	<i>Lincoln earned a weighted score of 44.87% in the Equity & Accessibility Category. Below is the full breakdown of points that Lincoln earned in each subcategory of the Equity & Accessibility section, compared to the total points available in that subcategory from the Fall 2023 BFC application.</i>	
	Equity & Accessibility Subcategories	Lincoln's Subcategory Points in Equity & Accessibility
	Equity & Accessibility Staffing, Committees, & Partnerships	6.3 / 24 pts
	Equity Data Collection & Goals	11.1 / 27 pts
	Equity & Accessibility Policies & Plans	4.9 / 21 pts
	Equity & Accessibility in Engineering	4.8 / 44 pts
	Equity & Accessibility in Education	14.8 / 52 pts
	Equity & Accessibility in Encouragement	16.7 / 42 pts
	Equity & Accessibility in Evaluation & Planning	14.5 / 51 pts
Equity & Accessibility Bonus Points	2.6 / 9 pts	



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FEEDBACK TO IMPROVE:

To maintain and improve on Lincoln's Silver-level Bicycle Friendly Community award, BFC Reviewers recommend...

- » Lower speed limits -- and designed speeds -- on residential streets to 20 mph or less. Introduce road diets and traffic calming measures to ensure compliance. Develop a system of bicycle boulevards, utilizing these quiet neighborhood streets, that creates an attractive, convenient, and comfortable cycling environment welcoming to cyclists of all ages and skill levels. Use the Bicycle Boulevards section of the NACTO Urban Bikeway Design Guide for design guidelines.
- » Continue to expand and improve Lincoln's low-stress bike network and ensure that your community continues to follow 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 continue working to upgrade existing facilities, such as by converting bike lanes into protected bike lanes, and upgrading roads with sharrows or signed bike routes into dedicated bicycle boulevards.
- » Continue to increase the amount of high quality bicycle parking throughout the community. Adopt a bike parking ordinance for both 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)
- » Improve bicycle safety education for students of all ages by incorporating more on-bicycle education opportunities and by expanding the program to all K-12 schools. Providing bicycles in schools for on-bike education ensures that all students can learn to safely ride a bicycle regardless of the availability of a bicycle in their household. Work with the school district, local bicycle groups, and interested parents to expand and improve the Safe Routes to School program.
- » Host another League Cycling Instructor (LCI) seminar to increase the number and diversity of local LCIs in your community. Having several active instructors in the area who are representative of bicyclists in your community will enable you to expand cycling education for youth and adults, recruit more knowledgeable cycling ambassadors, deliver Bicycle Friendly Driver education to motorists, and have more experts available to assist in encouragement programs. Visit bikeleague.org/ridesmart for more information.
- » Develop a community-wide Guaranteed Ride Home program to support active transportation commuters in Lincoln.
- » As part of your work promoting the Bicycle Friendly Business (BFB) program, consider having City Hall apply to become a BFB to be a role model among other local employers.
- » Lincoln is lucky to have the Lincoln Bike Kitchen providing bicycling education, repair services, and outreach efforts to reach and support new riders in your community. Explore ways for the local government to provide in-kind and/or financial support or partnership opportunities with the Lincoln Bike Kitchen. Consider looking into contracting with them to increase bicycling education or other services, or providing free PSA or advertising space on government communications channels, such as on public buses. We encourage you to reach out to LBK to find out what kinds of support may be most beneficial to them to help you both succeed in your shared goals of supporting local bicyclists.
- » Establish a dedicated annual budget for implementation of your Bicycle Master Plan, in addition to funding for ongoing bicycle programming and infrastructure development and maintenance.



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FEEDBACK TO IMPROVE, CONTINUED:

- » Congratulations on receiving a Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Grant to advance Lincoln's local Vision Zero efforts and create a new Safe Streets Lincoln Action Plan! Use the new plan to collect data about bicyclist safety and perceptions of safety, and to identify specific strategies that will reduce traffic crashes and deaths for all road users, including bicyclists and pedestrians. Introducing low stress bikeway facilities and lowering vehicle speeds through traffic calming treatments are important engineering components for addressing roadway safety.
- » Your 2023 BFC application reported that ACS data shows a gender gap in bicycle modeshare (1.1% of male commuters bike to work, compared to 0.4% of female commuters, according to ACS data). Consider how focused outreach around bicycling education, encouragement, and engagement could help bring more women to bike for transportation in Lincoln. Consider how local data collection efforts may be able to further inform your work by capturing gender in other bike use and modeshare counts, as well as identifying gender disparities in perceptions of safety and barriers to bicycling.

MORE RESOURCES FOR IMPROVING YOUR COMMUNITY:

- » **Guide to this BFC Report Card:** <https://bit.ly/BFC-Report-Card-Guide-Fa23>
- » **League of American Bicyclists:** <https://www.bikeleague.org>
- » **Bicycle Friendly Community (BFC) Program:** <https://bikeleague.org/community>
- » **Resources for Building a Bicycle Friendly Community:** https://bikeleague.org/BFC_Resources
- » **About the BFC Application Process:** <https://bikeleague.org/content/about-bfc-application-process>
- » **The Five E's:** <https://bikeleague.org/5-es>
- » **The BFC Ideabook and Map:** <https://bikeleague.org/BFCIdeaBook>
- » **The League's Benchmarking Project on Biking & Walking Data and Reports:** <https://data.bikeleague.org>
- » **Bicycle Friendly State Rankings and Report Cards:** <https://bikeleague.org/state>
- » **Bicycle Friendly Business (BFB) Program:** <https://bikeleague.org/business>
- » **Bicycle Friendly University (BFU) Program:** <https://bikeleague.org/university>
- » **Smart Cycling Education Program:** <https://bikeleague.org/ridesmart>
- » **National Bike Month Resources:** <https://bikeleague.org/bikemonth>
- » **Advocacy Reports and Resources from the League:** <http://bikeleague.org/reports>
- » **Federal Funding Resources from the League:** <https://bikeleague.org/federal-funding-resources/>
- » **Pedestrian and Bicycle Funding Opportunities from U.S. DOT Transit, Safety, and Highway Funds:** https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/bicycle_pedestrian/funding/funding_opportunities.pdf
- » **U.S. DOT Navigator:** <https://www.transportation.gov/dot-navigator>