



Hutchinson, MN



Award: Silver | Spring 2023

Award History:

Previously Bronze since 2014.

Hutchinson's BFA Program Stats

of Local Bicycle Friendly Businesses: **0**
 # of Local Bicycle Friendly Universities: **0**
 # of Local League Cycling Instructors: **2**
 Minnesota's Bicycle Friendly State Ranking: **#5**

The 5 Es Category Scores	Hutchinson	Max Score this round
Engineering	31%	53%
Education	43%	56%
Encouragement	46%	68%
Evaluation & Planning	21%	42%
Equity & Accessibility	17%	37%

Percentages shown above are the points received out of total points available in that category. See pages 2-3 for Hutchinson's subcategory points earned within each Category.

Key Outcomes

Overall Commuter Ridership: 1.5%

Male Commuter Ridership: 3%

Female Commuter Ridership: 0%

(Bicycle Mode Share among commuters, according to the Census Bureau's 2021 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimate.)

Bicycle Mode Share: unknown

(Reported by applicant)

Annual Average Bicyclist Crashes in last 5 years: 2.6

Annual Average Bicyclist Fatalities in last 5 years: 0

(Crashes and Fatalities both reported by applicant)

Community Profile

Population: 14,599

Area: 9 square miles

Population Density: 1622 people/square mile

Land Classification:

Mixed Urban/Suburban

Poverty Rate: 9.2%*

Median Household Income: \$58,795*

Percent of the Population that Speaks a

Language Other Than English at Home: 2.7%*

Percent with Disability: 14.7%*

Percent of Households with No Vehicle Available: 2.4%*

*Source: https://data.census.gov/profile/Hutchinson_city_Minnesota?q=1600000US2730644

Hutchinson's Bike Links

Bike Network Map, if available:

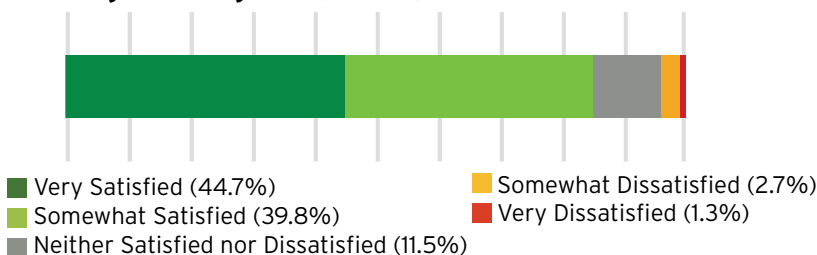
https://www.hutchinsonprce.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/2019-trails-parks.FINAL_.pdf

Bike Plan, if available:

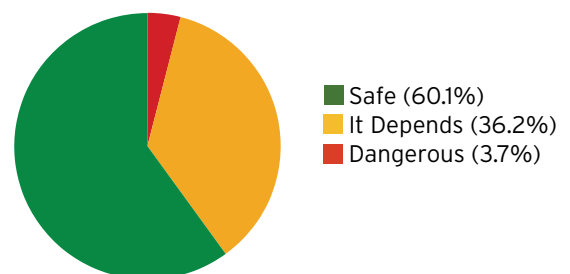
https://www.ci.hutchinson.mn.us/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Transportation-Plan_03-25-13.pdf

Spring 2023 BFC Public Survey Response Summary for Hutchinson, MN

How satisfied are you with how this community is designed for making bike riding safe? (n = 226)



Is it safe or dangerous to ride a bicycle in your neighborhood, or does it depend? (n = 218)



What is the number one change you would most like to see the local government make in this community for bicyclists? (n = 226)

1. More bike paths (28.8%)
2. None, can't think of any (18.6%)
3. Increase education for bicyclists (9.7%)
4. Improve markings and signage that direct people to safe bike routes (9.3%)
5. More bike lanes (7.1%)
6. Improve existing bike lanes to protected bike lanes (6.2%)

About this Report Card

The following scores are based on the online application submitted by Hutchinson in the Spring 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 the Summer of 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 Spring 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>Hutchinson earned 31% of the points available in the Engineering Category. Below is the breakdown of points that Hutchinson earned in each subcategory of the Engineering section compared to the total points available in that respective subcategory from the Spring 2023 BFC application.</i>	
	Engineering Subcategories	Hutchinson's Subcategory Points in Engineering
	Policies and Design Standards for the Built Environment	10 / 41 pts
	End-of-Trip Facilities	9 / 44 pts
	Bicycle Network	48 / 128 pts
	Network Maintenance	7 / 32 pts
	Bicycle Access to Public Transportation	6 / 23 pts
	Bike Sharing	4 / 21 pts
	Other Bicycle-Related Amenities	2 / 6 pts
	Regional Coordination	13 / 23 pts
Engineering Bonus Points	3 / 10 pts	

EDUCATION	<i>Hutchinson earned 43% of the points available in the Education Category. Below is the breakdown of points that Hutchinson earned in each subcategory of the Education section compared to the total points available in that respective subcategory from the Spring 2023 BFC application.</i>	
	Education Subcategories	Hutchinson's Subcategory Points in Education
	Youth Bicycle Education	40 / 69 pts
	Adult Bicycle Education	17 / 47 pts
	Motorist Education	14 / 28 pts
	Bicycle Safety Education Resources	2 / 16 pts
	Inclusive Education	7 / 26 pts
Education Bonus Points	3 / 7 pts	

ENCOURAGEMENT	<i>Hutchinson earned 46% of the points available in the Encouragement Category. Below is the breakdown of points that Hutchinson earned in each subcategory of the Encouragement section compared to the total points available in that respective subcategory from the Spring 2023 BFC application.</i>	
	Encouragement Subcategories	Hutchinson's Subcategory Points in Encouragement
	Encouragement Policies, Programs and Partnerships	2 / 17 pts
	Route-Finding Support	5 / 10 pts
	Bicycle Culture and Promotion	47 / 91 pts
	Access To Bicycle Equipment and Repair Services	19 / 35 pts
	Reducing Work-Related/Fleet VMT	3 / 11 pts
	Encouragement Bonus Points	3 / 7 pts

EVALUATION & PLANNING	<i>Hutchinson earned 21% of the points available in the Evaluation & Planning Category. Below is the breakdown of points that Hutchinson earned in each subcategory of the Evaluation & Planning section compared to the total points available in that respective subcategory from the Spring 2023 BFC application.</i>	
	Evaluation & Planning Subcategories	Hutchinson's Subcategory Points in Evaluation & Planning
	Staffing And Committees	12 / 40 pts
	Public Engagement for Bicycle Planning	5 / 35 pts
	Planning, Funding, And Implementation	8 / 46 pts
	Evaluating The Bicycle Network	6 / 24 pts
	Evaluating Ridership	4 / 20 pts
	Evaluating & Improving Safety Outcomes	8 / 42 pts
Evaluation & Planning Bonus Points	3 / 7 pts	

EQUITY & ACCESSIBILITY	<i>Hutchinson earned 17% of the points available in the Equity & Accessibility Category. Below is the breakdown of points that Hutchinson earned in each subcategory of the Equity & Accessibility section compared to the total points available in that respective subcategory from the Spring 2023 BFC application.</i>	
	Equity & Accessibility Subcategories	Hutchinson's Subcategory Points in Equity & Accessibility
	Equity & Accessibility Staffing, Committees, & Partnerships	8 / 24 pts
	Equity Data Collection & Goals	0 / 12 pts
	Equity & Accessibility Policies & Plans	1 / 31 pts
	Equity & Accessibility in Engineering	7 / 44 pts
	Equity & Accessibility in Education	11 / 52 pts
	Equity & Accessibility in Encouragement	14 / 42 pts
	Equity & Accessibility in Evaluation & Planning	6 / 58 pts
Equity & Accessibility Bonus Points	0 / 9 pts	



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FEEDBACK TO IMPROVE:

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

- » Continue to expand and improve Hutchinson'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.
- » Lower speed limits -- and designed speeds -- on residential streets to 20 mph or less and introduce traffic calming measures to ensure compliance.
- » Continue work on the Dakota Rail Trail expansion project to connect Hutchinson with Lester Prairie.
- » Continue to increase the amount of high quality bicycle parking throughout the community, and to upgrade the quality of existing bike parking to meet APBP standards. Adopt a bike parking ordinance for 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).
- » Expand bicycle safety education to be a routine part of education for students of all ages by implementing existing programming at all K-12 schools in the community.
- » Expand bicycle education opportunities for adults. Consider ways to target demographics who currently do not feel safe riding with classes or events that address their concerns and create an inclusive, welcoming environment.
- » Encourage more local businesses, agencies, and organizations to promote cycling to their employees and customers and to seek recognition through the Bicycle Friendly Business program. City Hall or other municipal buildings could apply to the BFB program as an employer to lead by example among other local employers.
- » As COVID-related social restrictions end, work to bring back the many great encouragement events that Hutchinson previously had, such as semi-annual bike to work events, weekly "Walking School Bus", "Two-Wheel Tuesday" bike rides for 3M employees, families and friends, Open Streets, and Water Carnival Kids Fun Day. Also consider creating new events such as a "bike bus" to school, a Winter Bike to Work Day or Winter Bike Challenge, and integrating biking and bike valet parking into other existing community events.
- » Restart the Wheels of Mercy bike share program and focus on programming to encourage more bicycling for transportation and commuting. Utilize the Wheels of Mercy program to make shared bikes available for adult bike education courses.
- » The 2012 Transportation Plan should be updated to reflect the work developed in the new PRCE Master Plan and the forthcoming update Trail Master Plan. The updated Transportation Plan should contain goals around bike ridership targets, bike facility improvements and connect all of these plans together.
- » Expand national partnerships to include work with AARP on becoming an Age-Friendly City.



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FEEDBACK TO IMPROVE, CONTINUED:

- » Expand the bike program manager and Safe Routes to School coordinator positions into full-time paid positions.
- » Repeal the local law requiring bicyclists to use bike lanes when provided, and focus attention instead on improving bike lanes to make them more desirable and convenient to use.
- » Continue to explore and prioritize more inclusive outreach and engagement methods in your transportation planning processes when seeking public input on new plans, policies, and infrastructure decisions. For example, rather than only or primarily soliciting input during public meetings in the evenings at city hall, create more accessible public input and engagement events at a variety of times and in a variety of spaces, such as at parks, schools, recreation centers, churches, or low-income housing areas. Consider also providing childcare, variable scheduling, and online meetings.
- » Collect more socioeconomic and demographic data as it relates to current transportation habits and patterns, and establish equity-related indicators to inform future prioritization and budgeting processes.
- » Partner with MnDOT to site and install a permanent bike/ped counter in the community.

MORE RESOURCES FOR IMPROVING YOUR COMMUNITY:

- » **Guide to this BFC Report Card:** <https://bit.ly/BFC-Report-Card-Guide-Sp23>
- » **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 League's Benchmarking Project on Biking and 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>
- » **Advocacy Reports and Resources from the League:** <http://bikeleague.org/reports>
- » **Federal Funding Resources from the League:**
<https://bikeleague.org/take-action/policy-advocacy/federal-policy/federal-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>