



Arkansas

BFS Report Card

RANKING #

50

REGIONAL RANKING

SOUTH #14

Governor: Mike Beebe

DOT Commissioner: Scott Bennett

Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinator: David "Bud" Laumer

State Advocacy Group: N/A

Category Scores

Scoring: 5 = High 1 = Low

2 Legislation and Enforcement

1 Policies and Programs

1 Infrastructure and Funding

1 Education and Encouragement

1 Evaluation and Planning

Feedback

- Develop a Police Officer Standards and Training (POST) curriculum for bicycling enforcement both for new officers and continuing education – focus on laws related to bicyclists, interactions between motorists and bicyclists, and bicycle collision investigation.
- Adopt a statewide Complete Streets policy. The National Complete Streets Coalition has a model state policy and other resources to ensure adoption and implementation.
- Adopt federal funding project rating criteria that incentivize bicycle projects and accommodations. The state is spending a low amount, less than 0.56 percent, of federal funding on bicyclists and pedestrians.
- Conduct a share the road campaign creatively addressing the issues specific to your state.
- Arkansas is one of the least safe places for bicyclists in the country (based on the number of fatalities and bicyclists). Bicycle safety should be a major emphasis for all projects, programs, and policies to address this issue.
- In general, any question that was answered with "no" should be addressed so the answer can be a "yes" next year.

One Bicycle Friendly Success

Arkansas' safe passing law is an excellent first step towards becoming more bike-friendly.

Top Tip for Improvement

Adopt a state bicycle plan and establish a bicycle advisory committee to oversee implementation.

Top 10 Signs of Success

People Commuting by Bike (More than 1%)



Safe Passing/Vulnerable Road User Law

Complete Streets Policy

Dedicated State Funding

Active State Advocacy Group

State Bicycle Plan (Adopted 2002 or later)

Share the Road Campaign

Bicycle Education for Police



Bicycle Safety Emphasis in Strategic Highway Safety Plan

Top 10 State for Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Spending