



# Maine

## BFS Report Card

RANKING #

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REGIONAL RANKING

NORTHEAST #4

Governor: Paul LePage

DOT Commissioner: David Bernhardt

Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinator: Daniel Stewart

State Advocacy Group: Bicycle Coalition of Maine

### Category Scores

Scoring: 5 = High 1 = Low

3	Legislation and Enforcement
4	Policies and Programs
3	Infrastructure and Funding
4	Education and Encouragement
3	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 a variety of other resources to ensure adoption and implementation. Bicycle ridership, while good, must continue to increase. Determine barriers that people face when bicycling and implement a comprehensive strategy to reduce barriers and increase ridership.
- Adopt a statewide bicycle plan that addresses each of the five “Es”, has clear implementation actions, and performance metrics to gauge success.
- Bicycle ridership, while at the national average, must continue to increase. Determine barriers that people face when bicycling and implement a comprehensive strategy to reduce barriers and increase ridership.

### One Bicycle Friendly Success

The Bicycle Coalition of Maine has the highest advocacy capacity of any group in the country.

### Top Tip for Improvement

Adopt a Complete Streets policy along with training and implementation guidance for engineers and planners.

### 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

The Bicycle Friendly States ranking is based on a comprehensive survey completed by state departments of transportation and state bicycling advocates. It asks 50 questions across 5 categories: Legislation and Enforcement, Policies and Programs, Infrastructure and Funding, Education and Encouragement, Evaluation and Planning. The results listed above provide only a snap shot of the full application. They are intended to offer some ideas for further growth in bicycle friendliness. For more information, visit [www.bikeleague.org/states](http://www.bikeleague.org/states) or contact Matt Wempe at (202) 822-1333 or [matt@bikeleague.org](mailto:matt@bikeleague.org).

