

# **New Jersey** BFS Report Card

RANKING # 7 REGIONAL NORTHEAST #2		
Category Scores Scoring: 5 = High 1 = Low		
3	Legislation and Enforcement	
4	Policies and Programs	
3	Infrastructure and Funding	
4	Education and Encouragement	
4	Evaluation and Planning	

#### **One Bicycle Friendly Success**

The Ambassadors in Motion program is an excellent tool to assist local communities implement Complete Streets and create more bike-friendly places.

### **Top Tip for Improvement**

Adopt a vulnerable road user law that includes a minimum safe passing distance and stricter consequences for violations.

## **Top 10 Signs of Success**

	People Commuting by Bike (More than 1%)
	Safe Passing/Vulnerable Road User Law
50	Complete Streets Policy
50	Dedicated State Funding
50	Active State Advocacy Group
	State Bicycle Plan (Adopted 2002 or later)
50	Share the Road Campaign
50	Bicycle Education for Police
50	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 or contact Matt Wempe at (202) 822-1333 or matt@bikeleague.org.



Governor:	Chris Christie
DOT Commissioner:	James Simpson
Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinator:	Sheree Davis
State Advocacy Group:	New Jersey Bike + Walk Coalition

#### Feedback

- Adopt a vulnerable road user law with a minimum safe passing distance to address bicyclist safety.
- Focus Complete Streets training to fight the perception implementation simply means adding a sidepath to a street instead of bike lanes, sidewalks, and other design treatments.
- Adopt federal funding project rating criteria that incentivize bicycle projects and accommodations. The state is spending a low amount, less than 0.99 percent, of federal funding on bicyclists and pedestrians, particularly on transportation enhancements.
- 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.
- Hold a bicycle ride sponsored by the Governor and/or legislators to show their constituents that their elected officials support bicycling.
- Adopt a statewide bicycle plan that addresses each of the five "Es", has clear implementation actions, and performance metrics to gauge success.