



BICYCLE FRIENDLY STATE REPORT CARD



STATE RANKING OVERALL (OUT OF 50)

#31

TOTAL COUNTS

BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES 5
 BICYCLE FRIENDLY BUSINESSES 16
 BICYCLE FRIENDLY UNIVERSITIES 1

SEE THE DATABASE MAP: BIKELEAGUE.ORG/BFA/AWARDS

NEVADA

STATE ADVOCACY GROUP: NONE

Summary

Nevada has both high and low scoring categories. The Education & Encouragement category stands out as low-scoring in part because Nevada is one of the few states without a statewide advocacy group. Perhaps statewide organizing is more difficult when almost 85% of the state's land is owned by the federal government.

Dealing with these vast areas of public lands and the rural communities near them may present particularly difficult challenges for the Nevada Department of Transportation and Nevada advocates. One way to potentially address these challenges and provide a basis for statewide improvements for bicycling might be passing a complete streets law or policy. This might reinforce and complement the current statewide bike plan.

Feedback Points

Complete the two remaining uncompleted rural county bike plans and begin and/or continue statewide implementation of all regional bike plans.

Consider new planning, engineering, and design metrics that reduce the emphasis given to roadway capacity and level of service in urban areas. Alternative metrics might focus on speed reduction, non-motorized user safety and mobility, and economic development.

Nevada has a statewide Complete Streets policy that became effective after data collection for this year's Bicycle Friendly State ranking was completed. This year's ranking does not reflect that Complete Streets policy in its point totals found on page 2. We have updated Nevada's Bicycle Friendly Actions to reflect this newly adopted policy in order to avoid confusion and look forward to seeing Nevada's implementation of this policy.

Provide specific training to engineers and planners on how to plan, design, and implement bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, including protected bike lanes, safe rural bicycling routes, and other facilities that have become more widespread in recent years. Significant changes in best practices have occurred recently and training is essential to ensuring that communities in your state have access to the best possible solutions for their bicycle and pedestrian safety and mobility issues.

Nevada should spend more federal funding on bicyclists and pedestrians. Current federal spending on biking and walking projects is lower than the 2% set-aside provided in federal law. Adopt project prioritization criteria for federal funds that incentivize bicycle projects and accommodations.

Comparison States

National (Overall)	Western Region (out of 13)
29. Louisiana	6. Arizona
30. Iowa	7. Idaho
31. Nevada	8. Nevada
32. Missouri	9. Alaska
33. South Dakota	10. Wyoming

Categories	Rank out of 50
Infrastructure & Funding	23
Education & Encouragement	48
Legislation & Enforcement	4
Policies & Programs	44
Evaluation & Planning	28

Bicycle Friendly Actions	✓ = Progress ✓ = New in 2017
Complete Streets Law / Policy	✓
Safe Passing Law (3ft+)	✓
Statewide bike plan last 10 years	✓
2% or more fed funds on bike/ped	
Bicycle Safety Emphasis Area	

Federal Data on Biking		Rank
Ridership	0.4% of commuters biking to work ⁱ	30/50
Safety	11.8 fatalities per 10k bike commuters ⁱⁱ	36/50
Spending	\$1.72 per capita FHWA spending on biking and walking ⁱⁱⁱ	39/50


ⁱ This figure is based upon the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS) 5-year estimate.


ⁱⁱ This figure is based upon fatalities reported over a five-year period according to the National Highway Administration (NHTSA)'s Fatality Analysis Reporting System and the 2015 5-year ACS estimate of the number of bicycle commuters.


ⁱⁱⁱ FHWA spending is based upon projects coded using any of three project types associated with bicycling and walking projects through the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)'s Fiscal Management Information System. To calculate per capita spending we used a five-year average for fiscal years 2011-2016 and the 2015 5-year ACS state population estimate.





The Category Scores below are aggregated from smaller sub-categories—each of which is sorted in descending order, from the topic with the highest possible points available to least.

 Infrastructure & Funding Ranked 23 rd of 50 States	
Design and Existence of Infrastructure Has the state made it easy to build bicycle infrastructure and installed a variety of infrastructure on state facilities?	14/38 pts
State Transportation Funding Does the state report that funding is allocated to bicycling?	20/28 pts
Use of Federal Transportation Funding Does the state take advantage of available federal funding for biking and walking?	6/16 pts
Planned and Recently Built Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities How many lane miles of bicycle and pedestrian facilities has the state reportedly planned to build and built?	10/10 pts
State Transportation Funding Restrictions Does the state have any policies that limit the ability to fund bicycling and walking infrastructure?	8/8 pts
Total of Possible 100 Points: 58/100 pts	

 Policies & Programs Ranked 44 th of 50 States	
Complete Streets Does the state have a complete streets policy and processes to support its implementation?	6/56 pts
Design and Access Policies Does the state have policies in place to ensure good design and access for people who bike and walk?	14/25 pts
State of Practice Development Does the state support trainings on bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure and complete streets implementation?	6/13 pts
Sustainable Transportation Policies Does the state work incorporate multi-disciplinary considerations in the development and implementation of transportation projects?	5/6 pts
Total of Possible 100 Points: 31/100 pts	

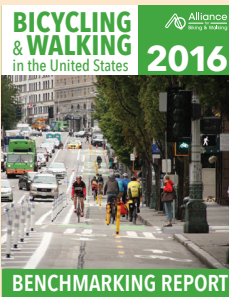
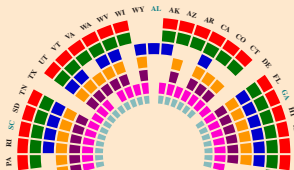

 Education & Encouragement Ranked 48 th of 50 States	
State DOT Education & Encouragement Support Does the state DOT support bicycling and walking events and education materials?	30/35 pts
Mode Share Do many people bike to work and is that number increasing relative to other modes?	0/30 pts
Driver Education Requirements Does the state require drivers to answer questions about bicyclist safety as part of the driver's licensing test?	5/20 pts
Advocacy Does the state have a bicycle advocacy group that is a member of the League of American Bicyclists or was identified by the state?	0/15 pts
Total of Possible 100 Points: 35/100 pts	

 Evaluation & Planning Ranked 28 th of 50 States	
State DOT Bicycle & Pedestrian Plans Does the state have a bicycle and/or pedestrian plan and does that plan follow best practices?	33/48 pts
Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Has the state made bicyclist and pedestrian safety an emphasis and what does data say about safety?	17/34 pts
Understanding People who Bike and Walk Does the state have programs in place to collect data on people who walk and bike?	1/10 pts
Formal User Group Engagement Does the state have an official Bicycle and/or Pedestrian Advisory Committee and does it follow best practices?	8/8 pts
Total of Possible 100 Points: 59/100 pts	

 Legislation & Enforcement Ranked 4 th of 50 States	
Laws that regulate driver behavior and methods of enforcement Does the state have strong comprehensive distracted driving laws and allow photo enforcement?	25/37 pts
Laws that restrict the behavior of people who bike and walk How does the state unnecessarily restrict the behavior of people who bike and walk? (low points = more restrictions)	26/28 pts
Laws that create protections for people who bike and walk Does the state have laws that provide specific protections for people who bike and walk?	25/25 pts
Laws that influence the built environment Does the state allow speed limits of 20 mph or less?	5/10 pts
Total of Possible 100 Points: 81/100 pts	

Dig into the data: Robust interactive report + Downloads

The Bicycle Friendly State survey used to create this ranking is also the basis for a biennial report. Explore tons of bicycling, walking, & health data on states and cities at bikingandwalkingbenchmarks.org.



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SMART CYCLING RESOURCES



Bike Safety Education is a key component to keeping roadways safe for all users. Having League Cycling Instructors (LCIs) in your state creates more opportunities for bike safety education to be shared. LCIs are certified by the League through an intense 3-day seminar focused on how to effectively deliver the Smart Cycling curriculum. To host a LCI seminar in your state, contact education@bikeleague.org.

Visit bikeleague.org/ridesmart to access Smart Cycling videos, Smart Cycling Quick Guides (available in English & Spanish), and Smart Cycling manuals.



ABOUT THE LEAGUE & MEMBERSHIP

Support the League by becoming a member today and add your voice to the bicycling movement! **Over 75% of our funding comes from individuals.** Members support our time-tested programs like Bicycle Friendly America, Smart Cycling and Federal Advocacy. As a member, you'll enjoy valuable perks like *Bicycling Magazine*, discounts at dozens of national bike retailers and manufacturers, and exclusive pricing to the National Bike Summit. Together, let's advance bicycling on Capitol Hill and in your community!

WE BELIEVE

Bicycling brings people together. When more people ride bikes:

- » Life is better for everyone;
- » Communities are safer, stronger and better connected;
- » Our nation is healthier, economically stronger, environmentally cleaner and more energy independent.

OUR VISION

is a nation where everyone recognizes and enjoys the many benefits and opportunities of bicycling.

OUR MISSION

is to lead the movement to create a Bicycle Friendly America for everyone. As leaders, our commitment is to listen and learn, define standards and share best practices to engage diverse communities and build a powerful, unified voice for change.

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