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BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES 17
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Summary

Wisconsin fell significantly this year. In fact, this year is the first year that Wisconsin has been ranked outside the Top 10. This major drop is primarily due to one thing - Wisconsin's first-in-the-nation repeal of a Complete Streets law.

Wisconsin's repeal of its Complete Streets law reverberates throughout the data analyzed for the Bicycle Friendly State ranking and report card, contributing to a below average score in the Policies & Programs category and likely contributing to the state's low per capita federal spending on bicycling and walking.

Feedback Points

Wisconsin repealed Administrative Code Trans 75 as part of the 2015-2017 budget bill Act 55. This repeal removed existing Complete Streets language and processes, while retaining statutory language requiring 'due consideration' to providing bicycle and pedestrian accommodations.

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.

Wisconsin is stressing biking for tourism and economic development. This includes the availability of Joint Effort Marketing (JEM) grants for local communities to promote trail systems and events.

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Comparison States

Table with 2 columns: National (Overall) and Midwestern Region (out of 13). Rows include Connecticut, Texas, Wisconsin, Tennessee, Idaho, Illinois, Ohio, Iowa, and Missouri.

Table with 2 columns: Categories and Rank out of 50. Rows include Infrastructure & Funding (34), Education & Encouragement (14), Legislation & Enforcement (16), Policies & Programs (38), and Evaluation & Planning (32).

Table with 2 columns: Bicycle Friendly Actions and status (Progress/New in 2017). Rows include Complete Streets Law / Policy, Safe Passing Law (3ft+), Statewide bike plan last 10 years, 2% or more fed funds on bike/ped, and Bicycle Safety Emphasis Area.

Table with 3 columns: Federal Data on Biking, Rank, and Value. Rows include Ridership (0.8% of commuters, 16/50), Safety (4.7 fatalities per 10k, 14/50), and Spending (\$1.68 per capita, 40/50).


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


^ 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.


^ FHWAs 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.





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.

 <b>Infrastructure &amp; Funding</b> Ranked 34 <sup>th</sup> of 50 States	
<b>Design and Existence of Infrastructure</b> Has the state made it easy to build bicycle infrastructure and installed a variety of infrastructure on state facilities?	<b>10/38 pts</b>
<b>State Transportation Funding</b> Does the state report that funding is allocated to bicycling?	<b>20/28 pts</b>
<b>Use of Federal Transportation Funding</b> Does the state take advantage of available federal funding for biking and walking?	<b>6/16 pts</b>
<b>Planned and Recently Built Bicycle &amp; Pedestrian Facilities</b> How many lane miles of bicycle and pedestrian facilities has the state reportedly planned to build and built?	<b>0/10 pts</b>
<b>State Transportation Funding Restrictions</b> Does the state have any policies that limit the ability to fund bicycling and walking infrastructure?	<b>8/8 pts</b>
Total of Possible 100 Points: <b>44/100 pts</b>	

 <b>Policies &amp; Programs</b> Ranked 38 <sup>th</sup> of 50 States	
<b>Complete Streets</b> Does the state have a complete streets policy and processes to support its implementation?	<b>16/56 pts</b>
<b>Design and Access Policies</b> Does the state have policies in place to ensure good design and access for people who bike and walk?	<b>11/25 pts</b>
<b>State of Practice Development</b> Does the state support trainings on bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure and complete streets implementation?	<b>6/13 pts</b>
<b>Sustainable Transportation Policies</b> Does the state work incorporate multi-disciplinary considerations in the development and implementation of transportation projects?	<b>4/6 pts</b>
Total of Possible 100 Points: <b>37/100 pts</b>	

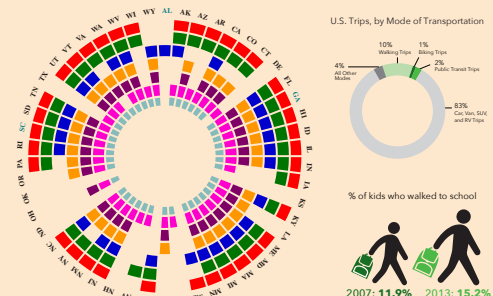
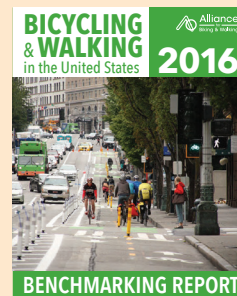
 <b>Education &amp; Encouragement</b> Ranked 14 <sup>th</sup> of 50 States	
<b>State DOT Education &amp; Encouragement Support</b> Does the state DOT support bicycling and walking events and education materials?	<b>30/35 pts</b>
<b>Mode Share</b> Do many people bike to work and is that number increasing relative to other modes?	<b>12/30 pts</b>
<b>Driver Education Requirements</b> Does the state require drivers to answer questions about bicyclist safety as part of the driver's licensing test?	<b>5/20 pts</b>
<b>Advocacy</b> Does the state have a bicycle advocacy group that is a member of the League of American Bicyclists or was identified by the state?	<b>15/15 pts</b>
Total of Possible 100 Points: <b>62/100 pts</b>	

 <b>Evaluation &amp; Planning</b> Ranked 32 <sup>nd</sup> of 50 States	
<b>State DOT Bicycle &amp; Pedestrian Plans</b> Does the state have a bicycle and/or pedestrian plan and does that plan follow best practices?	<b>21/48 pts</b>
<b>Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety</b> Has the state made bicyclist and pedestrian safety an emphasis and what does data say about safety?	<b>25/34 pts</b>
<b>Understanding People who Bike and Walk</b> Does the state have programs in place to collect data on people who walk and bike?	<b>2/10 pts</b>
<b>Formal User Group Engagement</b> Does the state have an official Bicycle and/or Pedestrian Advisory Committee and does it follow best practices?	<b>8/8 pts</b>
Total of Possible 100 Points: <b>56/100 pts</b>	

 <b>Legislation &amp; Enforcement</b> Ranked 16 <sup>th</sup> of 50 States	
<b>Laws that regulate driver behavior and methods of enforcement</b> Does the state have strong comprehensive distracted driving laws and allow photo enforcement?	<b>20/37 pts</b>
<b>Laws that restrict the behavior of people who bike and walk</b> How does the state unnecessarily restrict the behavior of people who bike and walk? (low points = more restrictions)	<b>22/28 pts</b>
<b>Laws that create protections for people who bike and walk</b> Does the state have laws that provide specific protections for people who bike and walk?	<b>21/25 pts</b>
<b>Laws that influence the built environment</b> Does the state allow speed limits of 20 mph or less?	<b>8/10 pts</b>
Total of Possible 100 Points: <b>71/100 pts</b>	

## 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](http://bikingandwalkingbenchmarks.org).





# BICYCLE FRIENDLY STATE REPORT CARD



## STATE RANKING OVERALL (OUT OF 50)

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## Feedback Points, CONTINUED

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Update your state bicycle master plan. The plan update should evaluate and build on the previous bicycle master plan, and reflect changes in bicycle user needs. Wisconsin's last bicycle plan was adopted in 1998. A more current bike plan incorporating recent best practices and design guidance can provide long-term guidance on bicycle project development.

Wisconsin spends fewer federal funds on biking and walking than average on a per capita basis and as a percentage of federal funds. With recent changes to Wisconsin's Complete Streets law it seems reasonable to worry that this low utilization of federal funding will continue or get worse. Wisconsin should take steps to ensure that its funding process leads to bicycling and walking investments.

Continue state efforts that focus on reducing biking and walking fatalities and injuries, including providing bicycle and pedestrian training to law enforcement.



### 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.

### 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](mailto:education@bikeleague.org).

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