



# BICYCLE FRIENDLY STATE



## 2018 PROGRESS REPORT

#39

2017 ranking

TOTAL COUNTS  
 BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES 2  
 BICYCLE FRIENDLY BUSINESSES 4  
 BICYCLE FRIENDLY UNIVERSITIES 2

# ALABAMA

REGION: SOUTH

## 2018 Progress Report

Alabama, by any measure, has a lot of room to improve conditions for bicyclists.

Each federal data point shows that Alabama is usually outperformed by the national average and other states in the south. In recent years, there was a bright spot in federal spending - which ticked above both the national average and southern average in 2015 and 2016, but 2017 saw it return to a lower rate.

Alabama does have a statewide bicycle plan and bicycle safety as an emphasis area in its strategic highway safety plan. Those two actions should set the basis for improvements in the safety and use of bicycles in Alabama. While 2017 saw a lower rate of the use of federal funds on bicycling and walking than in the previous two years, it was still considerably higher than during the preceding four years.

If Alabama can consistently spend an average percentage of its federal funds on bicycling and walking projects that would represent a significant improvement.

Bicycle Friendly Actions ✓ = New Progress in 2018	
Complete Streets Law / Policy	No
Safe Passing Law (3ft+)	Yes
Statewide bike plan in last 10 years	Yes
Bicycle Safety Emphasis Area	Yes
2% or more fed funds on bike/ped (in last five fiscal years)	No

## Featured Statewide Member - Alabama Bicycle Coalition

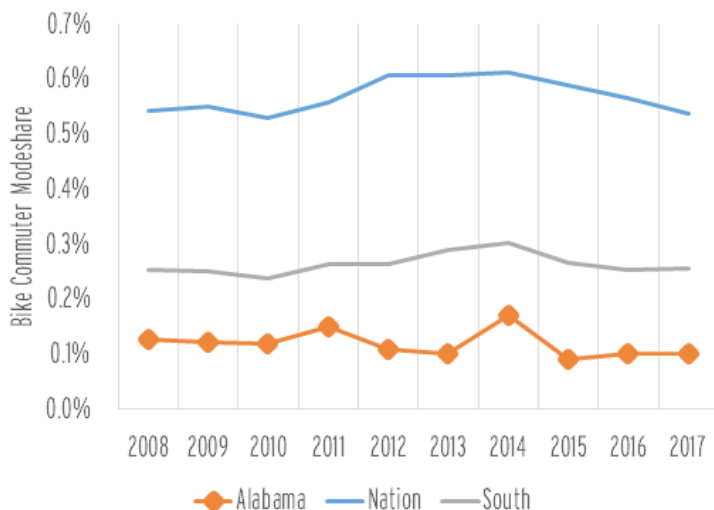


The Alabama Bicycle Coalition (AlaBike) is a statewide, grassroots not-for-profit 501(c)(3) cycling advocacy organization whose mission is to promote cycling safety, education, and access.

AlaBike works with state and local officials to preserve, improve, create and institutionalize bicycle-friendly roads and policies throughout Alabama. Bicycle-friendly cities, towns, counties and regions provide a healthy environment for its citizens and project an attractive image to visitors and prospective residents. The investment in a high-quality, user-friendly road network is returned many times in improved quality of life and property values.

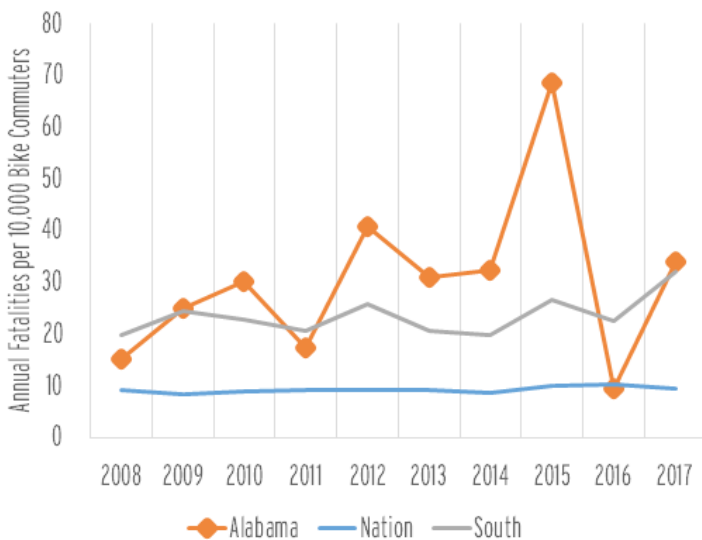
AlaBike seeks support to develop programs to promote this vision.

Federal Data on Biking		Ten-Year Trend	Ten-Year Rank
Ridership	0.1% of commuters biking to work	Slight decrease in bike commuting	49/50

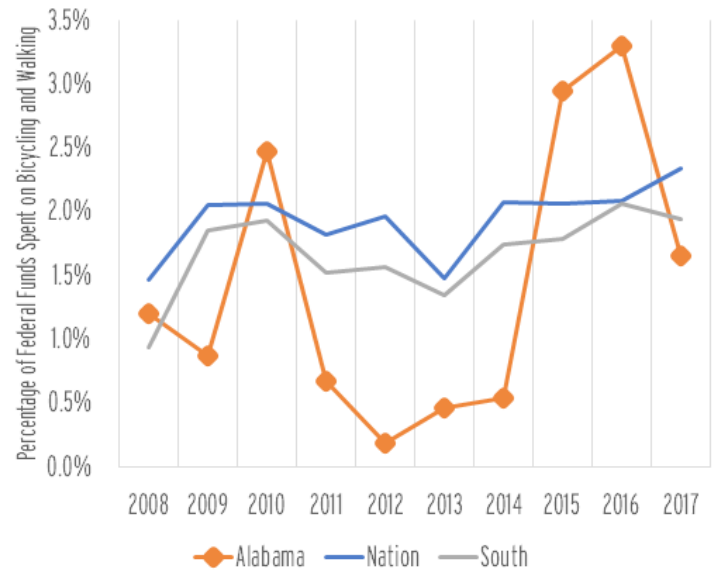


This Progress Report provides an update on Alabama's efforts related to bicycling. A full report card based upon a comprehensive survey is available at: <http://bikeleague.org/content/state-report-cards>

Federal Data on Biking		Ten-Year Trend	Ten-Year Rank
<b>Safety</b>	<b>30.4</b> fatalities per 10k bike commuters	<b>One of 5 most more dangerous</b>	<b>48/50</b>



Federal Data on Biking		Ten-Year Trend	Ten-Year Rank
<b>Spending</b>	<b>1.4%</b> of FHWA spending on biking and walking	<b>One of 10 largest increases in funding</b>	<b>34/50</b>



## Featured Agency - Alabama Department of Transportation (Agency did not respond)

The Alabama Department of Transportation adopted a statewide bicycle and pedestrian plan in 2017. That plan noted that many cities and regions within Alabama had already adopted a bicycle and/or pedestrian plan with "all 14 Metropolitan Planning Organizations in Alabama and six individual cities had standalone bicycle and pedestrian plans as of January 2016. [And] another 43 cities and counties have bicycle and pedestrian elements in their respective comprehensive or community master plans."

ALDOT's bicycle and pedestrian plan includes four goals:

1. Improve safety for bicyclists and pedestrians of all ages and abilities,
2. Develop complete and connected bicycle and pedestrian systems,
3. Support state, regional, and local economic development, and
4. Increase travel options for all transportation system users and protect the natural environment.

Learn more at <https://www.dot.state.al.us/oeweb/pdf/bicyclePedestrian/StatewideBicyclePedestrianPlan.pdf>.



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Every member organization of the League of American Bicyclists gets free access to a powerful advocacy software package. In 2017, the League facilitated over a dozen actions that engaged thousands of people. In New Jersey, these efforts led to a law that requires that drivers are educated about bicyclist and pedestrian safety as part of their driver's license training.

Learn about current actions and how your organization can use our tools at <https://bikeleague.org/TakeAction>