



# BICYCLE FRIENDLY STATE



## 2018 PROGRESS REPORT

#36

2017 ranking

TOTAL COUNTS  
 BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES 5  
 BICYCLE FRIENDLY BUSINESSES 8  
 BICYCLE FRIENDLY UNIVERSITIES 1

# ALASKA

REGION: WEST

## 2018 Progress Report

Alaska, according to federal data, had its best year for bicycling in 2010. That year saw Alaska have its highest recorded percentage of workers bicycling to work, saw zero bicyclist traffic fatalities, and saw Alaska spend a higher percentage of its federal funding on bicycling and walking than either the national or Western average.

Unfortunately, after that year federal funding for bicycling and walking has been spent at a lower and less consistent rate and both commuter mode share and safety statistics have been varied.

Hopefully the updated Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan and a potential update to the state's complete streets policy will help the state recover to its 2010 peak.

Bicycle Friendly Actions ✓ = New Progress in 2018	
Complete Streets Law / Policy	No
Safe Passing Law (3ft+)	No
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 - Local Cyclists working to create Walk/Bike Alaska

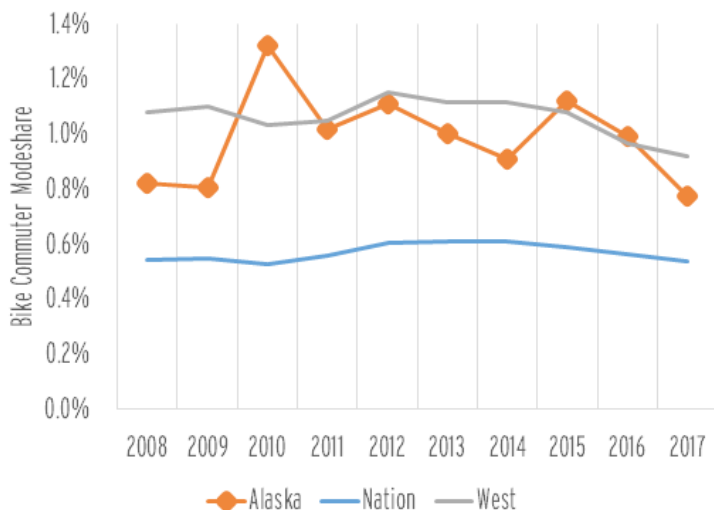
Alaska is a huge state, more than twice the size of Texas by total area. Organizing and planning for people who bike in a state so large can be difficult, but advocates in Alaska are in the process of forming a statewide advocacy group this year.

Walk/Bike Alaska hopes to provide a voice for people who walk and bike in Alaska, promoting the benefits of physical activity and working with the state to provide safe places for people who bike and walk.

Walk/Bike Alaska is especially crucial at this time as Alaska is updating its Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan and is considering an update to Complete Streets-like policies adopted in the mid-1990s by the Alaska Department of Transportation. This potentially sets up Alaska to significantly increase the Bicycle Friendly Actions it is taking, expanding from making bicycle safety an emphasis area in its Strategically Highway Safety Plan to potentially adopting a statewide bike plan, complete streets policy, and more.

It's an exciting time for statewide advocacy.

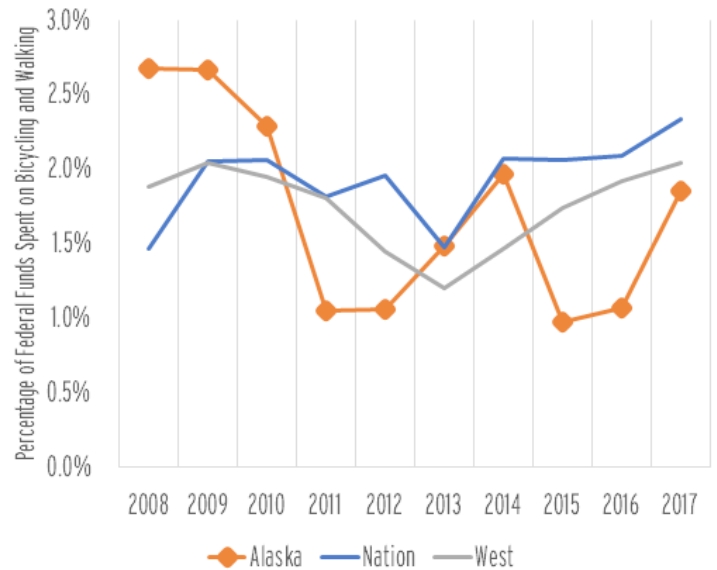
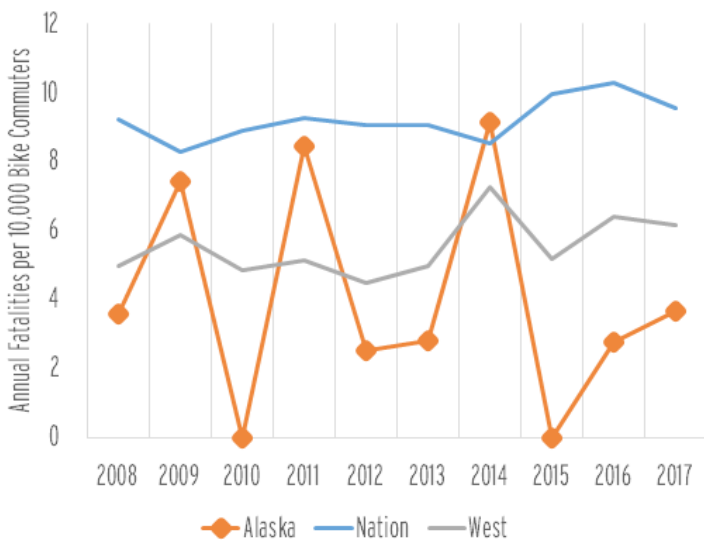
Federal Data on Biking		Ten-Year Trend	Ten-Year Rank
Ridership	1% of commuters biking to work	Slight decrease in bike commuting	7/50



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

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<b>Safety</b>	<b>4</b> fatalities per 10k bike commuters	<b>One of 10 most more safe</b>	<b>11/50</b>

Federal Data on Biking		Ten-Year Trend	Ten-Year Rank
<b>Spending</b>	<b>1.7%</b> of FHWA spending on biking and walking	<b>One of 5 largest decreases in funding</b>	<b>28/50</b>



## Featured Agency - Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities

“Since the mid-1990s the State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF), together with partners and local governments, have committed to improving opportunities for bicycling and walking in Alaska. The state is experiencing an increasing level of interest in walking and bicycling statewide, both as a mode of transportation and as an opportunity for recreation.

DOT&PF has been proactive in the provision of space for bicycle and pedestrian facilities on roads and trails throughout the state and has supported numerous programs that encourage more people to walk and bike to school and work. Since the first Alaska Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan was prepared in 1994 with the stated goal of promoting the increased use and safety of bicycling and walking as year-round transportation choices, there has been significant progress in ensuring facilities are provided and walking and bicycling are recognized as legitimate transportation choices.

This Alaska Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan (ASBPP) provides the opportunity to provide an updated approach to bicycle and pedestrian planning for Alaska, recognizing the progress that has been made, the future of active transportation, and how to plan for and measure progress toward a vision for increased and safer walking and bicycling opportunities and activity levels across the state.”



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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>