



# BICYCLE FRIENDLY STATE



## 2018 PROGRESS REPORT

**#15**  
2017 ranking

TOTAL COUNTS  
 BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES 29  
 BICYCLE FRIENDLY BUSINESSES 89  
 BICYCLE FRIENDLY UNIVERSITIES 6

# FLORIDA

REGION: SOUTH

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Florida has a reputation for being dangerous for bicyclists and this reputation is borne out in its federal data, which shows a consistently high rate of bicyclist traffic fatalities. However, it is notable that Florida has responded to this reputation by spending a higher percentage of federal funding on bicycling and walking than most states.

This high rate of spending may explain why Florida is the only Southern state to have a rate of bicycling to work that is higher than the national average over the last ten years, and it is consistently higher.

While other southern states have seen spikes in the rate of bicyclist fatalities Florida has been remarkably consistent in recent years.

Hopefully the continued commitment of the state of Florida to make bicycling and walking investments will pay off in improvements in its bicyclist fatality rate over time.

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

## Featured Statewide Member - Florida Bicycle Association



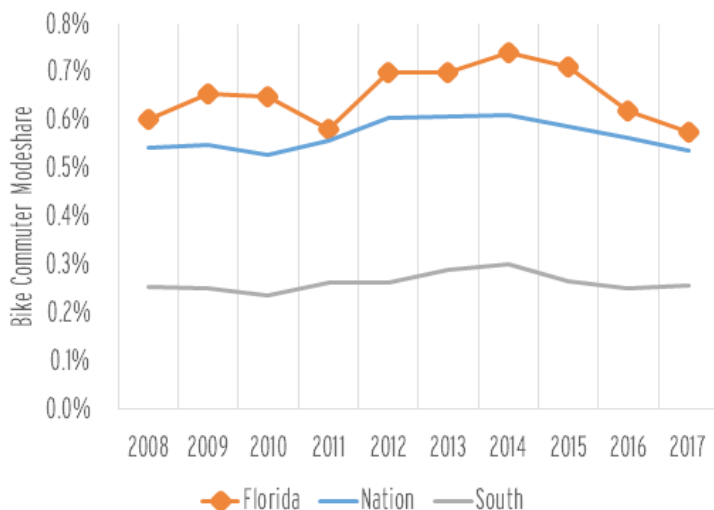
According to the Florida Bicycle Association: "Our legislative platform includes the following initiatives:

- Move Over for People (put people in the current Move Over law),
- Texting as a Primary Offense (currently it is only a secondary offense),
- Hand-held device ban for motorists and bicyclists,
- Adopt E-Bike definition categories as proposed by People for Bikes, and
- Support funding for paved and natural surface trails.

The Florida Bicycle Association engages our members and cycling enthusiasts across the state with personal appearances to promote networking, information and best practices sharing.

Our Ride Leader / Ride Marshal program has certified over 60 cyclists within the first year and the year isn't over yet. Finally, we are very excited to learn that Florida recently received a National Interscholastic Cycling Association league designation. The sport of mountain biking in schools across the state will further educate and encourage our youth to bicycle."

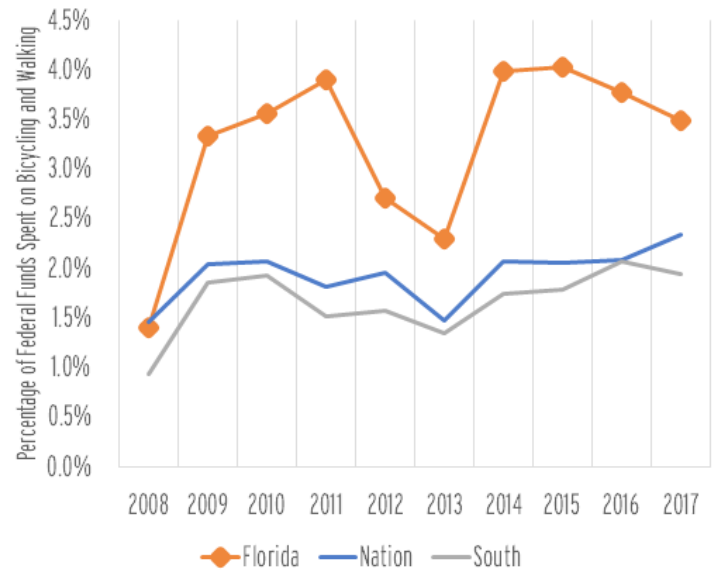
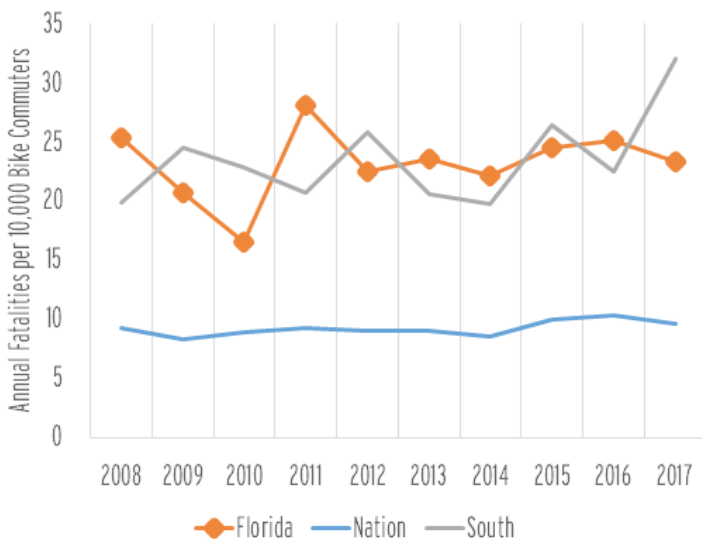
Federal Data on Biking		Ten-Year Trend	Ten-Year Rank
Ridership	0.7% of commuters biking to work	One of 15 largest increases in bike commuting	17/50



This Progress Report provides an update on Florida'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>23.1</b> fatalities per 10k bike commuters	<b>More dangerous, but not strongly</b>	<b>44/50</b>

Federal Data on Biking		Ten-Year Trend	Ten-Year Rank
<b>Spending</b>	<b>3.2%</b> of FHWA spending on biking and walking	<b>One of 10 largest increases in funding</b>	<b>2/50</b>



## Featured Agency - Florida Department of Transportation

The Florida Department of Transportation is leading a cultural change within its agency and with other agencies. As part of this FDOT is promoting "Active Transportation" through a partnership with the Florida Department of Health as "Transportation Choices" and "Transportation Options."

Recognizing a history of bicyclist and pedestrian safety issues, "the Florida Department of Transportation analyzed all pedestrian and bicyclist traffic crashes and designated 2,500 intersections and corridors for lighting retrofit. This \$100 million project was initially designated as a 5 year project, but was fast tracked for quicker implementation to improve the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists."

With more than 20% of Florida residents being over the age of 65, FDOT "partnered with the Florida Traffic and Bicycle Safety Education Program to develop a "Bicycling is Golden" training program for aging bicyclists to refresh their bicycling skills and to teach new, safer skills." FDOT also developed and updated three manuals that will help its employees, and local and private partners, better include bicycling, walking, and transit into transportation projects, including:

"An intersection control evaluation manual (ICE) ... to evaluate alternative intersection design and driveway connections with the goal of reducing conflict points for pedestrians and bicyclists and transit users," lane elimination or road diet guidance and procedures to reduce speed and improve multimodal operations, and a speed zoning manual to address reduced speed zones near public schools.



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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>