



# BICYCLE FRIENDLY STATE



## 2018 PROGRESS REPORT

#47

2017 ranking

TOTAL COUNTS  
 BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES 5  
 BICYCLE FRIENDLY BUSINESSES 10  
 BICYCLE FRIENDLY UNIVERSITIES 3

# KANSAS

REGION: MIDWEST

## 2018 Progress Report

Kansas has mixed signals in its federal data. Both the rate of bicycling to work and the rate of bicyclist traffic fatalities show modest trends that are bad for bicyclists over the last decade.

However, Kansas, somewhat surprisingly, has one of the five best trends for the use of federal funding for bicycling and walking. This is in part due to Kansas reaching a low of less than .1% of its federal funds spent on bicycling and walking in 2011.

In recent years, Kansas has rallied to be above both the national and Midwestern regional average in three of the last four years. This recent rally is also reflected in the update that we received regarding the actions of the Kansas Department of Transportation.

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

## Featured Statewide Member - Active Advocacy Organizations and Bicycle Clubs

There is currently no statewide advocacy organization in Kansas that is a member of the League of American Bicyclists.

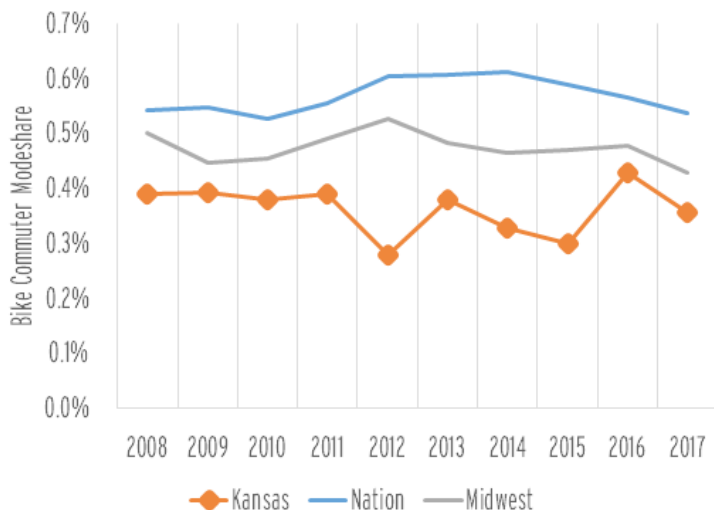
There are 5 local advocacy organizations that are members of the League in Kansas:

- Healthy Harvey Coalition Initiative,
- Bike Walk Wichita,
- LiveWell Lawrence,
- Revolve, and
- Thrive Allen County.

In addition there are 3 bicycle clubs that are members of the League in Kansas:

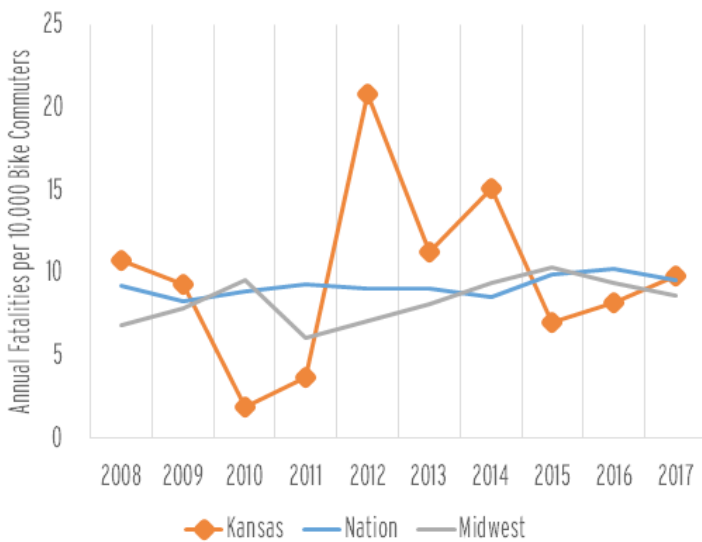
- Kaw Valley Bicycle Club,
- Leavenworth Bicycle Club, and
- Wine Meets Gravel.

Federal Data on Biking		Ten-Year Trend	Ten-Year Rank
Ridership	0.4% of commuters biking to work	Slight decrease in bike commuting	32/50

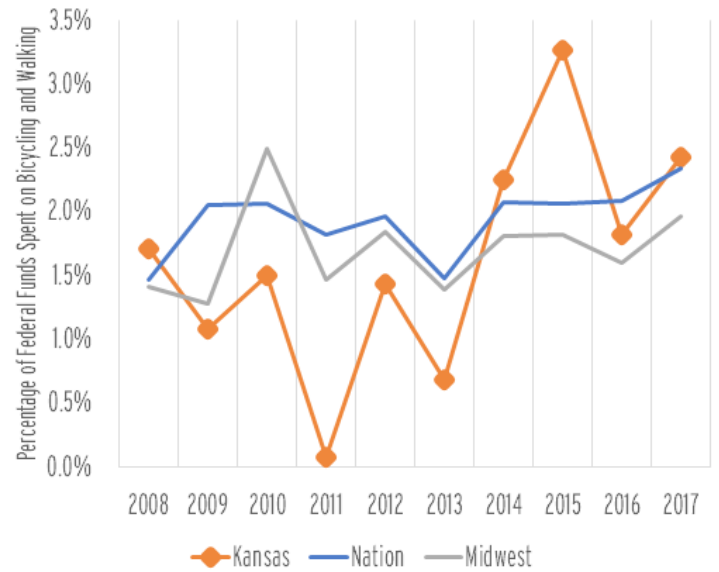


This Progress Report provides an update on Kansas's efforts related to bicycling. A full report card based upon a comprehensive survey is available at: <http://bikeleague.org/content/state-report-cards>

Federal Data on Biking		Ten-Year Trend	Ten-Year Rank
<b>Safety</b>	<b>9.8</b> fatalities per 10k bike commuters	<b>More dangerous, but not strongly</b>	<b>29/50</b>



Federal Data on Biking		Ten-Year Trend	Ten-Year Rank
<b>Spending</b>	<b>1.6%</b> of FHWA spending on biking and walking	<b>One of 5 largest increases in funding</b>	<b>29/50</b>



## Featured Agency - Kansas Department of Transportation

There is a lot of action to report from Kansas.

According to advocates in the state "KS DOT began the internal planning process for a new state Pedestrian and Bicycle Transportation Plan (PBTP)." If all goes well, the budget for the statewide plan will be approved so that the planning process can be funded within two years.

In preparation for the state's upcoming bicycle and pedestrian plan, "In February of 2018, Kansas's Executive Safety Council approved the motion to include a Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Emphasis Area in the state's 2019 Strategic Highway Safety Plan."

"KS (DOT and FHWA) have also participated in USDOT's EDC4/STEP program and will soon coordinate a training program for the state's district and area engineers. The EDC4/STEP program has helped KS draft a KS DOT Action Plan for Implementing Pedestrian Crossing Countermeasures at Uncontrolled Locations. We anticipate this will become an internal policy or guidance for including pedestrian and bicycle safety features within other projects (new construction and maintenance)."



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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>