



# BICYCLE FRIENDLY STATE

## NORTH DAKOTA



### 2018 PROGRESS REPORT

#48  
2017 ranking

TOTAL COUNTS  
 BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES 3  
 BICYCLE FRIENDLY BUSINESSES 2  
 BICYCLE FRIENDLY UNIVERSITIES 0

REGION: MIDWEST

### 2018 Progress Report

North Dakota has a lot of room to improve conditions for bicyclists. With Iowa recently adopting a bike plan, North Dakota is the ONLY state that has not taken any of our five Bicycle Friendly Actions. In addition, North Dakota's federal data shows that it has one of the five worst long-term trends in the rate of bicycling to work and the rate of bicyclist traffic fatalities.

This lack of action and worsening data is underlined by a relatively consistent low use of federal funding for bicycling and walking, not reaching the national or Midwestern regional average once in the last decade.

The positive report from the North Dakota Active Transportation Alliance hopefully points to some political leadership to address these long-term trends.

Bicycle Friendly Actions ✓ = New Progress in 2018	
Complete Streets Law / Policy	No
Safe Passing Law (3ft+)	No
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)	No

### Featured Statewide Member - North Dakota Active Transportation Alliance



"It is the hope of the North Dakota Active Transportation Alliance (NDATA) that the North Dakota Statewide Active and Public Transportation Plan will be the beginning of many more conversations and opportunities to build awareness around the value of active and public transportation in North Dakota.

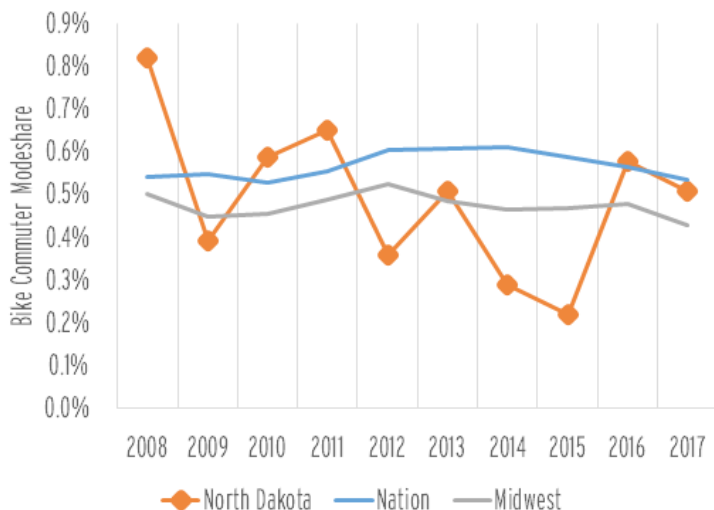
The rural nature of North Dakota truly adds to the value of bicycling as it serves as a backdrop to Adventure Cycling's Northern Tier cycling route and the Lewis and Clark cycling route. Riding unfettered from stop signs, traffic signals and air pollution is the norm.

The challenge for the NDATA is to bring the simple, common sense values of active transportation to communities around the state and to the NDDOT.

Fortunately, the leadership of the NDDOT has changed significantly with the election of Governor Doug Burgum. Governor Burgum understands the economic value of urban density and density in small rural towns.

This culture shift is helping bring active transportation to the forefront of conversations pertaining to the "Main Street Initiative."

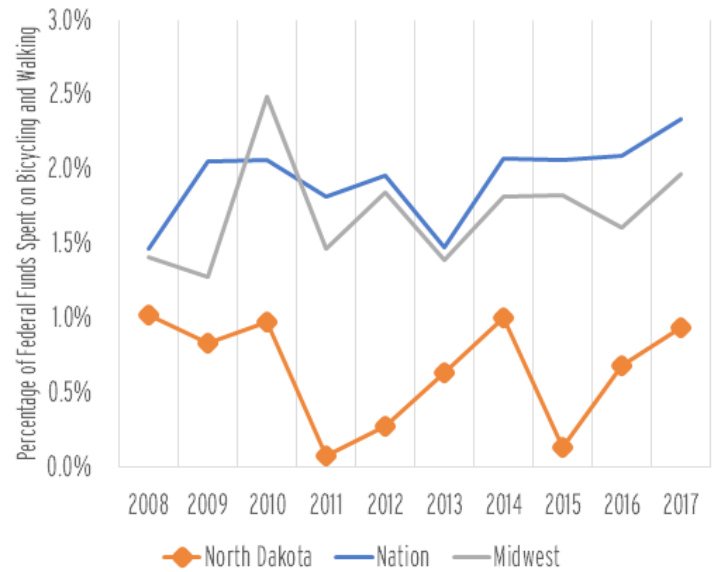
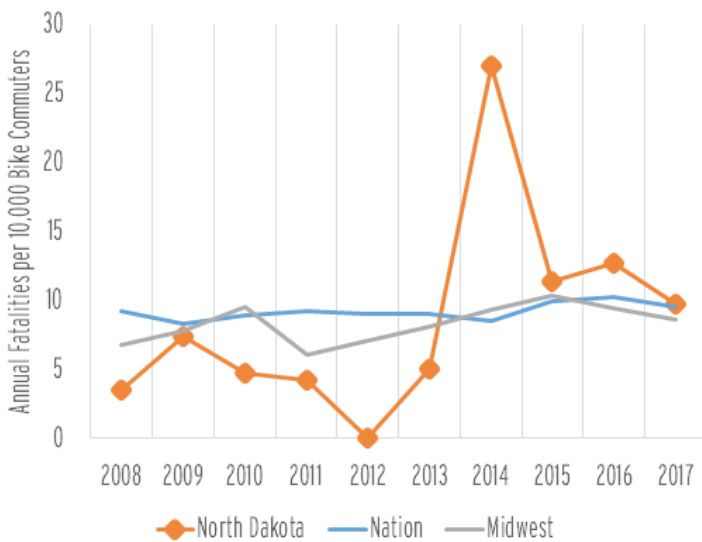
Federal Data on Biking		Ten-Year Trend	Ten-Year Rank
Ridership	0.5% of commuters biking to work	One of 5 largest decreases in bike commuting	22/50



This Progress Report provides an update on North Dakota'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>8.6</b> fatalities per 10k bike commuters	<b>One of 5 most more dangerous</b>	<b>26/50</b>

Federal Data on Biking		Ten-Year Trend	Ten-Year Rank
<b>Spending</b>	<b>0.7%</b> of FHWA spending on biking and walking	<b>Slight decrease in funding</b>	<b>49/50</b>



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

The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) last adopted a statewide bicycle master plan in 1994. There are currently no indications of a new or updated plan in the future.

According to data reported to the Federal Highway Administration for the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside program, North Dakota provided funding to approximately 12% of the applications for funding to that program in fiscal year 2017.

The NDDOT website highlights recent projects funded through that program such as interpretive centers, snow fencing, and shared use paths including the Jamestown shared use path that is kept clear of snow in winter by local authorities.

More information on recent projects is available at <https://www.dot.nd.gov/divisions/localgov/TA-recent-projects.htm>.



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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>