



# BICYCLE FRIENDLY STATE

# WASHINGTON



## 2018 PROGRESS REPORT

**#1**  
2017 ranking

TOTAL COUNTS	
BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES	18
BICYCLE FRIENDLY BUSINESSES	39
BICYCLE FRIENDLY UNIVERSITIES	1

REGION: WEST

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Washington state, the only state to be ranked #1 in the ten years of our Bicycle Friendly State ranking, shows some weakness in its federal data indicators.

While the state's federal data indicators are consistently above the national average and each one is in the top 10 over the last decade, both the rate of bicycling to work and the rate of bicyclist traffic fatalities are headed in the wrong direction.

The state certainly has the tools to reverse these trends in both its advocacy organizations and the Washington Department of Transportation, but the state is in danger of losing its long-time #1 ranking.

#### Bicycle Friendly Actions ✓ = New Progress in 2018

Complete Streets Law / Policy	Yes
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)	Yes

#### Featured Statewide Member - Cascade Bicycle Club and Washington Bikes



Cascade Bicycle Club/Washington Bikes highlight several actions taken by the Washington State legislature and Department of Transportation.

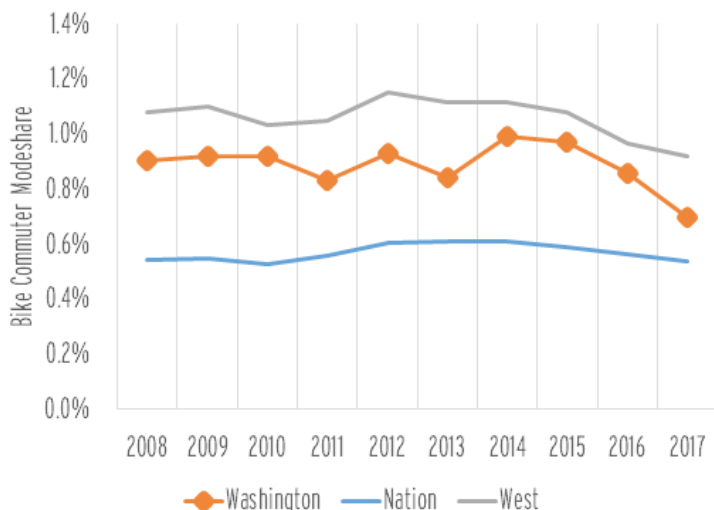
The legislature adopted a version of the 3 class e-bike regulation promoted by the bicycle industry and funded "a groundbreaking new study that will examine the public health and economic benefits of cycling and hiking in Washington state."

The Department of Transportation opened a regional trail connection on the SR 520 Floating Bridge, providing "a new biking connection to residential, employment, and education between Seattle and neighboring jurisdictions on the world's longest floating bridge."

Despite these actions, and Washington's long-time #1 ranking, "more people walking and biking are dying in Washington state."

To address bicyclist and pedestrian safety, as well as all road users, Cascade Bicycle Club/Washington Bikes says "It will be important for the Washington Traffic Safety Commission, Washington State Department of Transportation, and many other partners to reform and find robust solutions to improve safety for the state's most vulnerable users, notably by using Vision Zero and sustainable safety strategies."

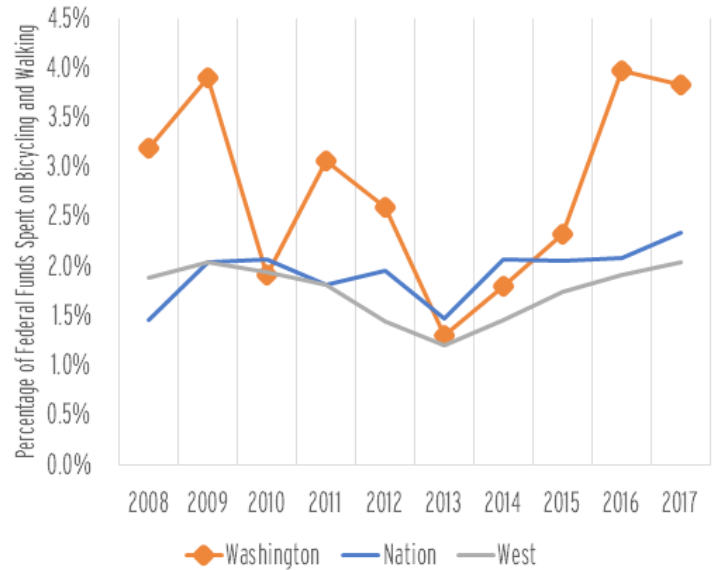
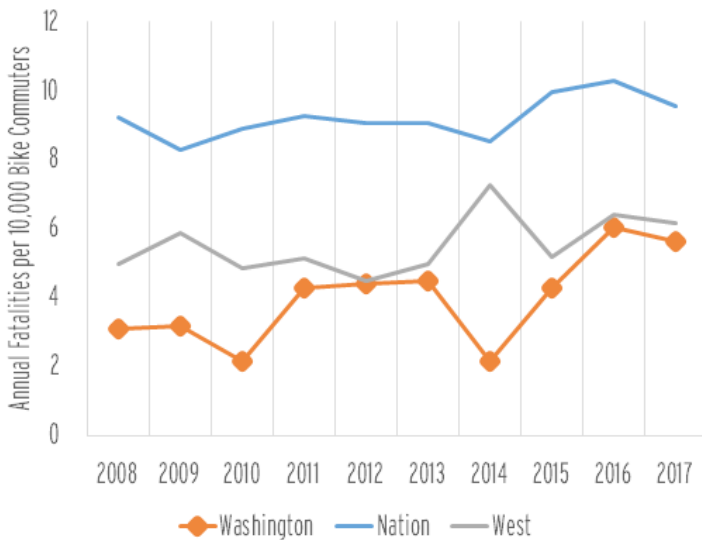
Federal Data on Biking		Ten-Year Trend	Ten-Year Rank
Ridership	0.9% of commuters biking to work	One of 15 largest decreases in bike commuting	10/50



This Progress Report provides an update on Washington'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>More dangerous, but not strongly</b>	<b>9/50</b>

Federal Data on Biking		Ten-Year Trend	Ten-Year Rank
<b>Spending</b>	<b>2.8%</b> of FHWA spending on biking and walking	<b>Slight increase in funding</b>	<b>6/50</b>



## Featured Agency - Washington Department of Transportation

"It has been a productive first year for WSDOT's new Active Transportation Division. The division was established to support the agency's emphasis on creating a seamless and fully integrated multimodal transportation system as part of its Practical Solutions approach, which means incorporating bicycling and walking into the spectrum of agency policies, programs, and culture as a whole. This has included direct engagement with hundreds of WSDOT staff and external partners at workshops, conferences, and meetings to highlight increased emphasis on bicycling and walking, which would not be possible without the added capacity of the Active Transportation Division."

"Apart from showing leadership at the state level, WSDOT is engaging at the national level to ensure that we continue to contribute and be informed of the state of the practice for bicycle transportation. In recognition of this national presence the head of the Division was appointed to AASHTO's Active Transportation Council and its Steering Committee."

"WSDOT signed on in support of a research pilot study in the Seattle area examining the effect of establishing a 15mph speed limit on trails managed by Seattle Parks, with e-bike use to be examined as an element of the study. WSDOT's position is that regulation of bicyclist speed should be considered independent of the type of bicycle used."



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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>