



BICYCLE FRIENDLY STATE REPORT CARD



43% PERCENT OF STATE IN BFC SILVER+

STATE ADVOCACY GROUP:
NEW YORK BICYCLING COALITION

NEW YORK

#13 NATIONAL RANK (OF 50)

#4 REGIONAL RANK (OF 11)

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		F	D	C	B	A		
	Infrastructure & Funding						A-	Considers the use of federal transportation funding, state transportation funding, and the existence of bicycle infrastructure in the state.
	Education & Encouragement						A-	Considers bicycle mode share, advocacy, state goals to increase bicycling, and whether the state sponsors a conference on bicycling.
	Traffic Laws & Practices						F+	Considers traffic laws related to bicyclist safety and practices for automated enforcement and preventing racial disparities in traffic law enforcement.
	Policies & Programs						B+	Considers Complete Streets policies and programmatic support for implementing bicycling improvements, including staffing and integrating public health.
	Evaluation & Planning						B+	Considers state bicycle plans, safety outcomes, guidance on bicycle facilities, data collection on bicycling and walking, and public engagement of bicyclists.

Based on the information we obtained for New York, the League of American Bicyclists believes the following actions will improve the safety, comfort, and accessibility of bicycling in New York.

Adopt a safe passing law with a minimum distance of 3 feet to address bicyclist safety. Over the last two decades most states have adopted a safe passing law to protect people biking. New York is one of 11 states that has not.

Adopt a statewide Bike Plan or Active Transportation Plan. Despite ambitious efforts like the Empire State Trail network, the last statewide bike plan is from 1997 and state efforts could be improved through more coordinated planning.

Make bicycle safety an emphasis area in your Strategic Highway Safety Plan with identified strategies for engineering improvements.

Repeal the state's mandatory bike lane law. These types of laws ignore the quality and safety of available bike lanes and the needs of different types of people who bike.

The deployment of e-bikes and e-scooters in the state of New York has been slow due to uncertainty in state law and guidance. As the state looks to an updated statewide bike plan, developing guidance for agencies and communities to accommodate these increasingly used vehicles would be a great priority.

Bicycle Friendly Actions	Progress?
Complete Streets Law / Policy	Yes
Safe Passing Law (3ft+)	No
Statewide bike plan last 10 years	No
2% or more federal funds on bike/ped	Yes
Bicycle Safety Emphasis Area	Yes

Federal Data on Biking	Rank
Ridership 0.72% of commuters biking to work	13/50
Safety 6.9 fatalities per 10K bike commuters	20/50
Spending \$3.65 per capita FHWA spending on biking and walking	16/50

SEE THE BICYCLE FRIENDLY STATE DATABASE MAP:
[BIKELEAGUE.ORG/BFA/AWARDS](https://bikeleague.org/BFA/AWARDS)

The Bicycle Friendly State ranking is based on a comprehensive survey—with over 100 data points—completed by state departments of transportation and state bicycling advocates. For more information, visit bikeleague.org/states or contact Ken McLeod at (202) 822-1333 or ken@bikeleague.org.