



BICYCLE FRIENDLY STATE REPORT CARD



STATE ADVOCACY GROUP(S):
No statewide non-profit bike advocacy organization

2024

ARKANSAS

#39 NATIONAL RANK (OF 50)
COMPARED TO LAST REPORT CARD:

#9 Southern REGIONAL RANK (OF 13)

| Bicycle Friendly Actions | Action Taken | Progress <small>SINCE LAST REPORT CARD</small> |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|--|
| Complete Streets Law/Policy | No | |
| Safe Passing Law (3ft+) | Yes | |
| Statewide bike plan last 10 years | Yes | |
| 2%+ federal funds on bike/pedestrian | No | |
| Speed limit laws for #SlowRoads | No | |

FEEDBACK

Adopt a statewide Complete Streets policy or other policy that institutionalizes planning, designing, and building safe places for people to bike and walk as part of the transportation system. Arkansas is one of only 14 states without a resolution, policy, or law that addresses creating a transportation system for all of the ways that people move.

Spend at least 2% of federal transportation funds on biking and walking improvements.

Arkansas sets default urban area speed limits above 20 miles per hour and should provide guidance for how communities may establish 20 mile per hour speed limits on streets in urban or residential areas. We know that slow road save lives and guidance supporting slower streets will benefit the safety of all people using Arkansas's streets.

Arkansas has a bicyclist fatality rate worse than the national average. Between 2018 and 2022, nearly 70 percent of bicyclist deaths in Arkansas occurred on roads owned by the Arkansas DOT showing a significant need for safer bicycle facilities on state roads.

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 ken@bikeleague.org. See the [Report Card Use Guide](#).

ONE SUCCESS Arkansas completed a Vulnerable Road User Safety Assessment to provide a foundation for safety planning in the state.

TOP TIP Arkansas has seen serious injuries and deaths increase for people walking and biking in recent years, and is setting safety targets anticipating a continued increase. Arkansas has adopted a Safe System Approach and a goal of zero traffic deaths which are inconsistent with increasing deaths as targets. Change targets, policies, and investments to reliably reduce deaths.

| Federal Data on Biking | Rank |
|---|-------|
| Ridership 0.1% of commuters biking to work | 46/50 |
| Safety 28.3 fatalities per 10K bike commuters | 40/50 |
| Spending \$4.02 per capita FHWA spending on biking and walking | 16/50 |

| Categories | % of available points | Rank |
|--------------------|-----------------------|-------|
| Funding | 48% | 28/50 |
| Infrastructure | 83% | 15/50 |
| Laws | 40% | 38/50 |
| Policies | 43% | 33/50 |
| Capacity & Support | 42% | 40/50 |
| Safety | 26% | 47/50 |
| Every Ride Counts | 2% | 45/50 |