



# BICYCLE FRIENDLY STATE REPORT CARD



STATE ADVOCACY GROUP(S):  
Bike Walk Connecticut

2024

## CONNECTICUT

#13 NATIONAL RANK (OF 50)  
COMPARED TO LAST REPORT CARD: **1**

#4 Eastern REGIONAL RANK (OF 11)

Bicycle Friendly Actions	Action Taken	Progress <small>SINCE LAST REPORT CARD</small>
Complete Streets Law/Policy	Yes	↔
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

Connecticut does not provide laws establishing default urban area speed limits. Providing clear legal authority or guidance for how communities may establish 20 mile per hour speed limits on streets in urban or residential areas would benefit the safety of all people using Connecticut's streets.

Spend at least 2% of federal transportation funds on biking and walking improvements. Local advocates report recent increases in funding for bicycling and walking projects, so make sure those efforts are reported and reflected in federal data.

According to NHTSA data, 50% of cyclists killed in Connecticut were killed on state DOT-owned roadways since 2015 despite the state owning only 17% of all roadways. Addressing safety on state-owned roadways is key to improving bicyclist safety in the state.

Expand the Safe Routes to School program to ensure that every child in Connecticut has the knowledge and skills to bike safely, fostering a new generation of cyclists who are confident and responsible on the road and grow into a new generation of safer drivers.

Connecticut should establish guidelines for right-of-way land acquisition for trails and remove barriers to Rail with Trail implementation.

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](https://bikeleague.org/states) or contact Ken McLeod at [ken@bikeleague.org](mailto:ken@bikeleague.org). See the [Report Card Use Guide](#).

**ONE SUCCESS** Connecticut launched an Active Transportation Microgrant Program to empower communities to take local action by providing \$5,000 grants for educational events, bike and pedestrian safety measures, and Safe Routes to School initiatives. In its first year, more than \$250,000 was awarded to 60+ organizations, schools, and towns.

**TOP TIP** The percentage of federal transportation funds spent on bicycling and walking improvements in Connecticut decreased each year since 2019. The state DOT should provide technical assistance to improve the use of federal funds.

Federal Data on Biking	Rank
Ridership <b>0.2% of commuters</b> biking to work	37/50
Safety <b>8.4 fatalities</b> per 10K bike commuters	19/50
Spending <b>\$2.59 per capita FHWA</b> spending on biking and walking	37/50

Categories	% of available points	Rank
Funding	43%	40/50
Infrastructure	98%	5/50
Laws	74%	7/50
Policies	91%	5/50
Capacity & Support	44%	30/50
Safety	77%	2/50
Every Ride Counts	2%	46/50