



BICYCLE FRIENDLY STATE REPORT CARD



STATE ADVOCACY GROUP(S):
Bike Delaware

2024

DELAWARE

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

#2 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

Use the new authority the Delaware General Assembly gave to DeIDOT in 2024 to fix stroads.

Spend at least 2% of federal transportation funds on biking and walking improvements. Expanding funding for the state's "Bike and Pedestrian Improvements" DeIDOT budget line item to at least \$10 million per year and for the Delaware Bicycle Council's Bikeway Innovation Grant program would provide Delaware more than enough resources to take this key Bicycle Friendly Action.

Work with a municipality to establish Delaware's first official "Complete Community."

Delaware sets default urban area speed limits above 20 miles per hour and does not provide clear legal authority or 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 clearer laws and guidance supporting slower streets will benefit the safety of all people using Delaware's streets.

Use updated state design guidance on roundabouts to create new multimodal roundabout designs in urban and suburban areas.

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 Delaware has strong recent data showing that its past investments in bicycling infrastructure are paying off, with a top three growth rate in bicycling according to StreetLight Data and Census Bureau estimates.

TOP TIP Roundabouts are proven to improve intersection safety, but can be difficult for people biking. Commit to being a leader on roundabout safety and build hundreds of multimodal roundabouts in the next 10 years.

Federal Data on Biking	Rank
Ridership 0.3% of commuters biking to work	27/50
Safety 34.4 fatalities per 10K bike commuters	44/50
Spending \$3.88 per capita FHWA spending on biking and walking	18/50

Categories	% of available points	Rank
Funding	51%	23/50
Infrastructure	86%	10/50
Laws	66%	9/50
Policies	60%	22/50
Capacity & Support	76%	17/50
Safety	60%	16/50
Every Ride Counts	56%	10/50