



BICYCLE FRIENDLY STATE REPORT CARD



STATE ADVOCACY GROUP(S):
Florida Bicycle Association,
Bike Florida

2024

FLORIDA

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

#1 Southern REGIONAL RANK (OF 13)

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	Yes	
Speed limit laws for #SlowRoads	Yes	

FEEDBACK

Beginning in 2013, Florida has published a Pedestrian and Bicycle Strategic Safety Plan every five years with the most recent plan being published in 2021. Based on that update cycle, a new Safety Plan should be published next year.

Florida has a bicyclist fatality rate worse than the national average. According to NHTSA data, 55% of cyclists killed in Florida were killed on state DOT-owned roadways since 2015 despite the state owning only 10% of all roadways. This is the one of largest over-representations in the country. Addressing safety on state-owned roadways is key to improving bicyclist safety in the state.

Florida's fatality rates for people biking and walking are grim. Other data shows the state is making efforts to improve. The high-speed nature of many Florida roads presents an ongoing challenge to improving safety. The Safe System Approach promoted by FHWA emphasizes the importance of speed in the survivability of crashes and Florida should consider how it can build for lower speeds over time.

ONE SUCCESS In 2024, the Florida Bicycle Association launched a pilot program to help teach safe bicycling to elementary students and safer driving to high school students. Since launching in the spring, more than 2,500 students at 14 schools have taken part in the program.

TOP TIP Expand school-based on-bike education through programs like Safe Routes to School, so that all students in the state have the opportunity to learn cycling safety.

Federal Data on Biking	Rank
Ridership 0.5% of commuters biking to work	19/50
Safety 36.7 fatalities per 10K bike commuters	46/50
Spending \$5.64 per capita FHWA spending on biking and walking	6/50

Categories	% of available points	Rank
Funding	58%	10/50
Infrastructure	90%	7/50
Laws	63%	13/50
Policies	63%	19/50
Capacity & Support	96%	2/50
Safety	48%	28/50
Every Ride Counts	63%	4/50

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