



BICYCLE FRIENDLY STATE REPORT CARD



STATE ADVOCACY GROUP(S):
Ride Illinois

2024

ILLINOIS

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

#3 Midwestern 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	No	↓
Speed limit laws for #SlowRoads	Yes	↔

FEEDBACK

The Illinois Department of Transportation is working on its first Active Transportation Plan – Walk Roll Illinois – and expects its release in 2024. This builds upon previous bicycle planning activities like the 2014 statewide bike plan and it is great to see the state’s continued attention to the safety of people who bike and walk.

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.

Despite state legislation that removed the 20% local cost share/match requirement for on- and off-road bicycle accommodations on the state DOT’s road projects in and within one mile of an urban area, Illinois has one of the 10 lowest per capita rates of using federal funds for bicycling and walking projects and its percentage of federal funds used for biking and walking projects decreased since our last ranking. Work with communities to understand how to ensure the state legislation has its intended effect of allowing more communities to use federal funds for biking and walking projects.

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

The Illinois DOT is working on the state’s first Active Transportation plan. We are excited to see Illinois take further action to plan for and protect its most vulnerable road users.

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	0.6% of commuters biking to work	14/50
Safety	8 fatalities per 10K bike commuters	18/50
Spending	\$2.20 per capita FHWA spending on biking and walking	43/50

	Categories	% of available points	Rank
	Funding	31%	49/50
	Infrastructure	56%	36/50
	Laws	80%	4/50
	Policies	77%	10/50
	Capacity & Support	92%	5/50
	Safety	67%	12/50
	Every Ride Counts	57%	9/50