



# BICYCLE FRIENDLY STATE REPORT CARD



STATE ADVOCACY GROUP(S):  
Bike Walk Mississippi

2024

# MISSISSIPPI

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

**#13** 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	No	
2%+ federal funds on bike/pedestrian	No	
Speed limit laws for #SlowRoads	Yes	

## FEEDBACK

Mississippi remains one of only five states that has never adopted a statewide bike plan. Mississippi is consistently the most dangerous state based on fatalities per bike commuters and among the most dangerous states based on fatalities per capita, and has similarly dangerous statistics for pedestrian safety. Since 2015, when the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration began reporting traffic deaths based on the agency that owns the roadway, a majority of bicyclists killed in Mississippi were killed on roads owned by the Mississippi DOT.

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

Mississippi has one of the lowest rates of bicycling to work in the nation. Bicycling is cheap, safe, and doesn't pollute. Work with cities to provide networks that allow more people to safely bike to work.

**ONE SUCCESS** Twelve communities throughout Mississippi have received Safe Streets and Roads for All grants to create comprehensive safety action plans with a goal of significantly decreasing traffic deaths.

**TOP TIP** Mississippi is one of only five states that has never adopted a statewide bike plan. Adopting a statewide bike plan can guide investments and improvements.

Federal Data on Biking	Rank
Ridership <b>0.1% of commuters</b> biking to work	50/50
Safety <b>105.2 fatalities</b> per 10K bike commuters	50/50
Spending <b>\$4.06 per capita FHWA</b> spending on biking and walking	14/50

Categories	% of available points	Rank
Funding	48%	27/50
Infrastructure	16%	46/50
Laws	46%	33/50
Policies	11%	47/50
Capacity & Support	42%	46/50
Safety	12%	50/50
Every Ride Counts	0%	49/50

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