



# BICYCLE FRIENDLY STATE REPORT CARD



STATE ADVOCACY GROUP(S):  
Bike Walk Montana

2024

## MONTANA

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

#12 Western REGIONAL RANK (OF 13)

Bicycle Friendly Actions	Action Taken	Progress <small>SINCE LAST REPORT CARD</small>
Complete Streets Law/Policy	No	↔
Safe Passing Law (3ft+)	No	↔
Statewide bike plan last 10 years	Yes	↔
2%+ federal funds on bike/pedestrian	No	↔
Speed limit laws for #SlowRoads	Yes	↔

### FEEDBACK

Adopt a statewide Complete Streets policy or other policy that institutionalizes planning, designing, and building safe places for people to bike and walk as part of the transportation system. Montana is one of only 14 states without a resolution, policy, or law that addresses creating a transportation system for all of the ways that people move.

Adopt a safe passing law with a minimum distance of 3 feet to address bicyclist safety. Montana is one of only 10 states that does not define a safe distance.

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

Montana State University, with the support of USDOT grants, is doing leading research on traffic safety culture and rural road safety. The Montana DOT and Montana communities should take full advantage of having this great resource in the state.

**ONE SUCCESS** Communities throughout Montana have received 18 Safe Streets and Roads for All grants to create comprehensive safety action plans with a goal of significantly decreasing traffic deaths and building safer infrastructure.

**TOP TIP** A Complete Streets law or statewide policy would help ensure that bicycling and walking safety is included in every transportation project and reduce costs associated with retrofitting projects created without people biking and walking in mind.

Federal Data on Biking	Rank
Ridership <b>1% of commuters</b> biking to work	2/50
Safety <b>3.4 fatalities</b> per 10K bike commuters	5/50
Spending <b>\$3.91 per capita</b> FHWA spending on biking and walking	17/50

Categories	% of available points	Rank
Funding	34%	47/50
Infrastructure	84%	14/50
Laws	20%	46/50
Policies	40%	40/50
Capacity & Support	42%	42/50
Safety	30%	42/50
Every Ride Counts	22%	30/50

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](#).