



BICYCLE FRIENDLY STATE REPORT CARD



STATE ADVOCACY GROUP(S):
Bike Walk Nebraska

2024

NEBRASKA **#48** NATIONAL RANK (OF 50) COMPARED TO LAST REPORT CARD: **1** **#12** Midwestern 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+)	Yes	↔
Statewide bike plan last 10 years	No	↔
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. Nebraska is one of only fourteen states without a resolution, policy, or law that addresses creating a transportation system for all of the ways that people move.

Nebraska remains one of only five states that has never adopted a statewide bike plan. 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 Nebraska were killed on roads owned by the Nebraska DOT.

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.

ONE SUCCESS Nebraska is developing a Complete Streets policy framework focused on sidewalks, crossings, and bikeways. Policy development is expected to take place during 2025.

TOP TIP State statutes regarding the Nebraska DOT's ability to fund and maintain "appurtenances to the state highway system which the department deems necessary for safety and public welfare" are unclear or conflicting. These statutes can impact the provision of sidewalks, lighting, and bikeways. The Complete Streets policy development is a great opportunity to address these issues.

Federal Data on Biking	Rank
Ridership 0.3% of commuters biking to work	26/50
Safety 2 fatalities per 10K bike commuters	3/50
Spending \$2.71 per capita FHWA spending on biking and walking	35/50

Categories	% of available points	Rank
Funding	21%	50/50
Infrastructure	8%	48/50
Laws	49%	26/50
Policies	0%	49/50
Capacity & Support	42%	47/50
Safety	49%	24/50
Every Ride Counts	4%	42/50

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](#).