



# BICYCLE FRIENDLY STATE REPORT CARD



STATE ADVOCACY GROUP(S):  
Bike Walk North Dakota

2024

## NORTH DAKOTA

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

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

### 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. North Dakota 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.

North Dakota sets default urban area speed limits above 20 miles per hour and does not provide clear legal authority or guidance for how communities may establish 20 mile per hour speed limits on streets in urban or residential areas. We know that slow road save lives and clearer laws and guidance supporting slower streets will benefit the safety of all people using North Dakota's streets.

Spend at least 2% of federal transportation funds on biking and walking improvements. Over the last 14 years, North Dakota has never achieved this benchmark level of investment in bicycling and walking. The higher-than-average per capita investment reflects how federal funds are distributed rather than state choices.

North Dakota has a bicyclist fatality rate worse than the national average. Nationwide, high-speed arterial roadways, often owned by the state DOT, are the most common place people biking are killed. In North Dakota, half of bicyclist fatalities occur on arterial roadways. Improving bicycle facilities on arterial roadways is key to improving safety.

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](#).

**ONE SUCCESS** The 2019 North Dakota Moves Plan includes guidance on leading bicycle infrastructure such as protected bike lanes and intersections and included at least nine pop-up demonstrations of safer infrastructure throughout the state. This is a great plan to build on!

**TOP TIP** Adopt a statewide Complete Streets law or policy that codifies the common-sense notion that transportation projects should consider all people who might use them.

Federal Data on Biking	Rank
Ridership <b>0.2% of commuters</b> biking to work	36/50
Safety <b>13.5 fatalities</b> per 10K bike commuters	26/50
Spending <b>\$4.95 per capita FHWA</b> spending on biking and walking	9/50

Categories	% of available points	Rank
Funding	44%	38/50
Infrastructure	35%	42/50
Laws	46%	32/50
Policies	29%	42/50
Capacity & Support	42%	43/50
Safety	64%	13/50
Every Ride Counts	23%	29/50