



BICYCLE FRIENDLY STATE REPORT CARD



STATE ADVOCACY GROUP(S):
Ohio Bicycle Federation

2024

OHIO

#16

NATIONAL RANK (OF 50)

COMPARED TO LAST REPORT CARD: 1

#4

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	Yes	↔
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. Ohio 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.

Ohio 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 areas. We know that slow road save lives and clearer laws and guidance supporting slower streets will benefit the safety of all people using Ohio's streets.

Ohio has a bicyclist fatality rate worse than the national average. Since 2015, 36% of bicyclist fatalities have been on state owned roadways despite those roads accounting for only 16% of Ohio's roadways. Arterial roadways accounted for 42% of bicyclist deaths, more than any other roadway type. Addressing arterial roads is key to improving bicycle safety.

The Bike.Walk.Ohio plan is a great plan with model plans on which communities can build their own. Support implementation of the plan and ensure that all district offices are working in a coordinated manner to improve safety for people biking and walking.

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 Ohio DOT's Safer Streets Pilot Program was launched with \$25 million in funding to promote safer street designs by working with Ohio communities. This is a promising effort, particularly for addressing dangerous arterial roads.

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	0.3% of commuters biking to work	33/50
Safety	13.5 fatalities per 10K bike commuters	27/50
Spending	\$4.20 per capita FHWA spending on biking and walking	13/50

	Categories	% of available points	Rank
	Funding	57%	12/50
	Infrastructure	59%	33/50
	Laws	63%	16/50
	Policies	54%	24/50
	Capacity & Support	58%	25/50
	Safety	74%	5/50
	Every Ride Counts	46%	13/50