



BICYCLE FRIENDLY STATE REPORT CARD



STATE ADVOCACY GROUP(S):
Bike Walk Tennessee,
Jeff Roth Cycling Foundation

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TENNESSEE

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

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

FEEDBACK

Spend at least 2% of federal transportation funds on biking and walking improvements. Tennessee has not met this key Bicycle Friendly Action metric since 2019. Between 2013 and 2019, Tennessee achieved this metric six out of seven years.

Tennessee does not provide laws establishing default urban area speed limits. Providing clear legal authority or guidance for how communities may establish 20 mile per hour speed limits on streets in urban or residential areas would benefit the safety of all people using Tennessee's streets.

Tennessee 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.

Tennessee has a bicyclist fatality rate worse than the national average. Between 2018 and 2022, over 60% of people killed while bicycling were killed on state-owned roads, primarily arterial roadways in urban areas. The state DOT should work to improve bicycle safety on those roadway types.

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 Tennessee adopted a statewide Active Transportation Plan in 2021. We look forward to its implementation.

TOP TIP Despite a recently adopted Active Transportation Plan, Tennessee has seen its percentage of federal transportation funds spent on bicycling and walking projects fall in recent years. Addressing the safety issues for bicyclists in Tennessee requires investment in safer infrastructure.

Federal Data on Biking	Rank
Ridership 0.1% of commuters biking to work	48/50
Safety 27 fatalities per 10K bike commuters	39/50
Spending \$3.13 per capita FHWA spending on biking and walking	28/50

Categories	% of available points	Rank
Funding	47%	32/50
Infrastructure	83%	17/50
Laws	60%	20/50
Policies	54%	26/50
Capacity & Support	42%	37/50
Safety	29%	44/50
Every Ride Counts	7%	39/50