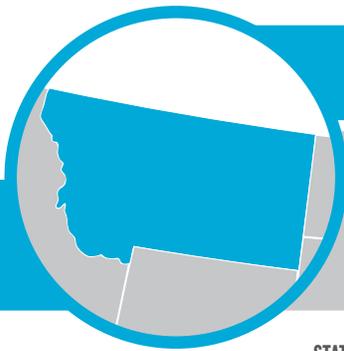




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STATE ADVOCACY GROUP: BIKE WALK MONTANA

Summary

Montana performs very well according to federal data. Despite this it has consistently performed poorly in our Bicycle Friendly State ranking. This difference can be explained by Montana's low scores in most categories of survey data.

While bicycling is often associated with urban environments, it is often well represented in primarily rural states. When a state has a lower overall population, relatively few pockets of bicycle-friendly areas can have an outsized effect on bicycling-related data.

Montana will be situated to move up our ranking when the state government is a strong partner for these communities and actively plans for inter-community bicycling connections that serve as assets for transportation and tourism.

Feedback Points

Adopt a safe passing law with a minimum distance of 3 feet to address bicyclist safety. The League of American has a model safe passing law and resources available at: http://bikeleague.org/content/model-safe-passing-law-0.

Adopt a statewide bicycle plan that addresses each of the five "Es", has clear implementation actions, and performance measures to gauge success.

Adopt a vulnerable road user law that increases penalties for a motorist that injures or kills a bicyclist or pedestrian. Model language is available here: http://bikeleague.org/content/model-legislation.

Adopt a statewide Complete Streets policy. The National Complete Streets Coalition has a model state policy and a variety of other resources to ensure adoption and implementation.

Establish a statewide bicycle advisory committee to provide accountability for bicycle projects and programs. The BAC should include diverse representation, formal inclusion in decision making, a workplan, and regularly held meetings (at least quarterly).

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Comparison States table with columns: National (Overall), Western Region (out of 13). Rows include Kentucky, New Mexico, Montana, Oklahoma, Kansas and Alaska, Wyoming, New Mexico, Montana, Hawaii.

Categories table with columns: Categories, Rank out of 50. Rows include Infrastructure & Funding (25), Education & Encouragment (2), Legislation & Enforcement (46), Policies & Programs (43), Evaluation & Planning (45).

Bicycle Friendly Actions table with columns: Action, Status (Progress/New in 2017). Rows include Complete Streets Law / Policy, Safe Passing Law (3ft+), Statewide bike plan last 10 years, 2% or more fed funds on bike/ped, Bicycle Safety Emphasis Area.

Federal Data on Biking table with columns: Category, Value, Rank. Rows include Ridership (1.4% of commuters, 2/50), Safety (1.8 fatalities per 10k bike commuters, 1/50), Spending (\$7.17 per capita, 5/50).

^ This figure is based upon the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS) 5-year estimate.

^ This figure is based upon fatalities reported over a five-year period according to the National Highway Administration (NHTSA)'s Fatality Analysis Reporting System and the 2015 5-year ACS estimate of the number of bicycle commuters.

^ FHWA spending is based upon projects coded using any of three project types associated with bicycling and walking projects through the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)'s Fiscal Management Information System. To calculate per capita spending we used a five-year average for fiscal years 2011-2016 and the 2015 5-year ACS state population estimate.



The Category Scores below are aggregated from smaller sub-categories—each of which is sorted in descending order, from the topic with the highest possible points available to least.

|  <b>Infrastructure &amp; Funding</b><br>Ranked 25 <sup>th</sup> of 50 States                          |                  |
|--|------------------|
| <b>Design and Existence of Infrastructure</b><br>Has the state made it easy to build bicycle infrastructure and installed a variety of infrastructure on state facilities?             | <b>17/38 pts</b> |
| <b>State Transportation Funding</b><br>Does the state report that funding is allocated to bicycling?   | <b>10/28 pts</b> |
| <b>Use of Federal Transportation Funding</b><br>Does the state take advantage of available federal funding for biking and walking?   | <b>10/16 pts</b> |
| <b>Planned and Recently Built Bicycle &amp; Pedestrian Facilities</b><br>How many lane miles of bicycle and pedestrian facilities has the state reportedly planned to build and built? | <b>10/10 pts</b> |
| <b>State Transportation Funding Restrictions</b><br>Does the state have any policies that limit the ability to fund bicycling and walking infrastructure?                              | <b>8/8 pts</b>   |
| Total of Possible 100 Points: <b>55/100 pts</b>  |                  |

|  <b>Policies &amp; Programs</b><br>Ranked 43 <sup>rd</sup> of 50 States                          |                  |
|---|------------------|
| <b>Complete Streets</b><br>Does the state have a complete streets policy and processes to support its implementation?   | <b>3/56 pts</b>  |
| <b>Design and Access Policies</b><br>Does the state have policies in place to ensure good design and access for people who bike and walk?   | <b>14/25 pts</b> |
| <b>State of Practice Development</b><br>Does the state support trainings on bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure and complete streets implementation?                            | <b>13/13 pts</b> |
| <b>Sustainable Transportation Policies</b><br>Does the state work incorporate multi-disciplinary considerations in the development and implementation of transportation projects? | <b>2/6 pts</b>   |
| Total of Possible 100 Points: <b>32/100 pts</b>   |                  |

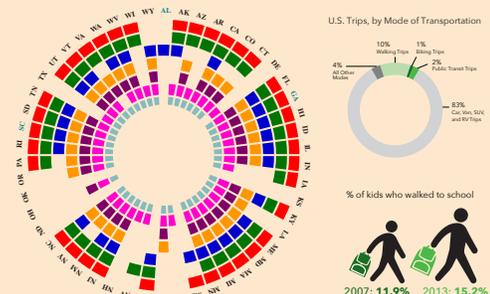
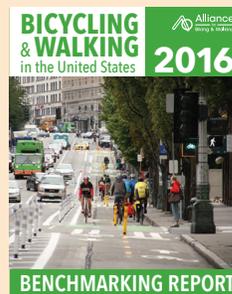
|  <b>Education &amp; Encouragement</b><br>Ranked 2 <sup>nd</sup> of 50 States |                  |
|---|------------------|
| <b>State DOT Education &amp; Encouragement Support</b><br>Does the state DOT support bicycling and walking events and education materials?                    | <b>35/35 pts</b> |
| <b>Mode Share</b> Do many people bike to work and is that number increasing relative to other modes?  | <b>17/30 pts</b> |
| <b>Driver Education Requirements</b><br>Does the state require drivers to answer questions about bicyclist safety as part of the driver's licensing test?     | <b>10/20 pts</b> |
| <b>Advocacy</b><br>Does the state have a bicycle advocacy group that is a member of the League of American Bicyclists or was identified by the state?         | <b>15/15 pts</b> |
| Total of Possible 100 Points: <b>77/100 pts</b>   |                  |

|  <b>Evaluation &amp; Planning</b><br>Ranked 45 <sup>th</sup> of 50 States |                  |
|--|------------------|
| <b>State DOT Bicycle &amp; Pedestrian Plans</b><br>Does the state have a bicycle and/or pedestrian plan and does that plan follow best practices?          | <b>18/48 pts</b> |
| <b>Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety</b><br>Has the state made bicyclist and pedestrian safety an emphasis and what does data say about safety?                | <b>19/34 pts</b> |
| <b>Understanding People who Bike and Walk</b><br>Does the state have programs in place to collect data on people who walk and bike?                        | <b>2/10 pts</b>  |
| <b>Formal User Group Engagement</b><br>Does the state have an official Bicycle and/or Pedestrian Advisory Committee and does it follow best practices?     | <b>0/8 pts</b>   |
| Total of Possible 100 Points: <b>39/100 pts</b>  |                  |

|  <b>Legislation &amp; Enforcement</b><br>Ranked 46 <sup>th</sup> of 50 States                           |                  |
|--|------------------|
| <b>Laws that regulate driver behavior and methods of enforcement</b><br>Does the state have strong comprehensive distracted driving laws and allow photo enforcement?                      | <b>0/37 pts</b>  |
| <b>Laws that restrict the behavior of people who bike and walk</b><br>How does the state unnecessarily restrict the behavior of people who bike and walk? (low points = more restrictions) | <b>28/28 pts</b> |
| <b>Laws that create protections for people who bike and walk</b><br>Does the state have laws that provide specific protections for people who bike and walk?                               | <b>14/25 pts</b> |
| <b>Laws that influence the built environment</b><br>Does the state allow speed limits of 20 mph or less?   | <b>5/10 pts</b>  |
| Total of Possible 100 Points: <b>47/100 pts</b>  |                  |

## Dig into the data: Robust interactive report + Downloads

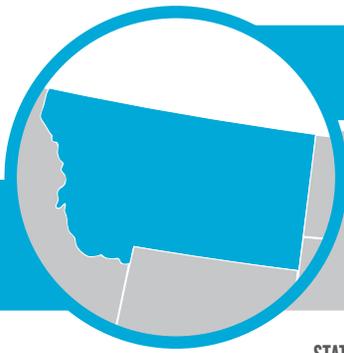
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STATE RANKING OVERALL (OUT OF 50)

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## Feedback Points, CONTINUED

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Update the state rumble strip policy to ensure compliance with the November 211 Federal Highway Administration guidance. Require that rumble strips are not installed unless a traffic safety study proves they are necessary.

Increase dedicated, long-term and sustainable, state transportation funding for active transportation. Current federal spending on biking and walking projects is lower than the 2% set-aside provided in federal law. Adopt project prioritization criteria for federal funds that incentivize bicycle projects and accommodations.



### ABOUT THE LEAGUE & MEMBERSHIP

Support the League by becoming a member today and add your voice to the bicycling movement! Over 75% of our funding comes from individuals. Members support our time-tested programs like Bicycle Friendly America, Smart Cycling and Federal Advocacy. As a member, you'll enjoy valuable perks like *Bicycling Magazine*, discounts at dozens of national bike retailers and manufacturers, and exclusive pricing to the National Bike Summit. Together, let's advance bicycling on Capitol Hill and in your community!

### WE BELIEVE

Bicycling brings people together. When more people ride bikes:

- » Life is better for everyone;
- » Communities are safer, stronger and better connected;
- » Our nation is healthier, economically stronger, environmentally cleaner and more energy independent.

### OUR VISION

is a nation where everyone recognizes and enjoys the many benefits and opportunities of bicycling.

### OUR MISSION

is to lead the movement to create a Bicycle Friendly America for everyone. As leaders, our commitment is to listen and learn, define standards and share best practices to engage diverse communities and build a powerful, unified voice for change.

### SMART CYCLING RESOURCES



Bike Safety Education is a key component to keeping roadways safe for all users. Having League Cycling Instructors (LCIs) in your state creates more opportunities for bike safety education to be shared. LCIs are certified by the League through an intense 3-day seminar focused on how to effectively deliver the Smart Cycling curriculum. To host a LCI seminar in your state, contact [education@bikeleague.org](mailto:education@bikeleague.org).

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