



BICYCLE FRIENDLY STATE REPORT CARD



18% PERCENT OF STATE IN BFC SILVER+

STATE ADVOCACY GROUP:

BICYCLE FEDERATION OF WISCONSIN

WISCONSIN

#29 NATIONAL RANK (OF 50)

#7 REGIONAL RANK (OF 13) MIDWESTERN

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		F	D	C	B	A	
	Infrastructure & Funding		D-				Considers the use of federal transportation funding, state transportation funding, and the existence of bicycle infrastructure in the state.
	Education & Encouragement				B		Considers bicycle mode share, advocacy, state goals to increase bicycling, and whether the state sponsors a conference on bicycling.
	Traffic Laws & Practices					C+	Considers traffic laws related to bicyclist safety and practices for automated enforcement and preventing racial disparities in traffic law enforcement.
	Policies & Programs		D-				Considers Complete Streets policies and programmatic support for implementing bicycling improvements, including staffing and integrating public health.
	Evaluation & Planning					C+	Considers state bicycle plans, safety outcomes, guidance on bicycle facilities, data collection on bicycling and walking, and public engagement of bicyclists.

Based on the information we obtained for Wisconsin, the League of American Bicyclists believes the following actions will improve the safety, comfort, and accessibility of bicycling in Wisconsin.

Adopt a statewide Complete Streets law. Wisconsin is the only state to have a Complete Streets law and then repeal it. The Wisconsin Department of Transportation has clarified the departmental approach to Complete Streets in Chapter 11 Section 46 of the agency's Facilities Development Manual. The Wisconsin legislature has created a presumption that bicycle and pedestrian facilities cannot be included in a state-funded project unless certain conditions are met.

Adopt a statewide Bike Plan or Active Transportation Plan. According to our data, Wisconsin last adopted a bike plan in 2002. As recently published in the draft Long-Range Multimodal Transportation Plan, Connect 2050, Appendix B, WisDOT will be starting an update to both the Wisconsin Pedestrian Policy Plan 2020, and the Wisconsin Bicycle Transportation Plan 2030 later this year.

Wisconsin spends a very low amount of federal funding on biking and walking per capita. Spend more and/or improve reporting practices to make sure your investments are counted.

Spend at least 2% of federal transportation funds on biking and walking improvements.

The Wisconsin Bike Fed has many exciting initiatives with the support of Governor Evers and Wisconsin's Department of Health Services. These initiatives will include a statewide bike summit, Cycling Without Age programming in 15 cities, and Safe Routes to School programming. It is great to see this support for efforts to help more people bike safely.

A bipartisan legislative trail caucus is forming to address trail funding needs. This is a great effort and we hope to see more efforts from the Wisconsin legislature to improve bicycling.

Bicycle Friendly Actions	Progress?
Complete Streets Law / Policy	No
Safe Passing Law (3ft+)	Yes
Statewide bike plan last 10 years	No
2% or more federal funds on bike/ped	No
Bicycle Safety Emphasis Area	Yes

Federal Data on Biking	Rank
Ridership 0.63% of commuters biking to work	16/50
Safety 4.4 fatalities per 10K bike commuters	13/50
Spending \$0.85 per capita FHWA spending on biking and walking	49/50

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 (202) 822-1333 or ken@bikeleague.org.