



BICYCLE FRIENDLY STATE REPORT CARD



STATE ADVOCACY GROUP(S):
Bike Walk Kentucky

2024

KENTUCKY #32 NATIONAL RANK (OF 50) COMPARED TO LAST REPORT CARD: #7 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

Congratulations on adopting a statewide Bike Plan. This should provide a basis for investments, safety improvements, and coordination with communities throughout the state.

Kentucky sets default urban and residential area speed limits at 35 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 Kentucky's streets.

Spend at least 2% of federal transportation funds on biking and walking improvements. Local advocates report recent increases in funding for bicycling and walking projects, so make sure those efforts are reported and reflected in federal data.

Kentucky has a bicyclist fatality rate worse than the national average. According to NHTSA data, 84% of cyclists killed in Kentucky were killed on state DOT-owned roadways since 2015 despite the state owning only 35% of roadways. This is the second largest over-representation among all states. Addressing safety on state-owned roadways is key to improving bicyclist safety in Kentucky.

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 Kentucky has been making progress implementing the Complete Streets, Roads, and Highways Manual published in 2022 and continues to work to improve roadway safety through multimodal design.

TOP TIP Despite progress in design and implementation for Complete Streets, safety remains a major challenge and may require region-specific action plans to address.

Federal Data on Biking	Rank
Ridership 0.2% of commuters biking to work	43/50
Safety 25.9 fatalities per 10K bike commuters	38/50
Spending \$4.42 per capita FHWA spending on biking and walking	11/50

Categories	% of available points	Rank
Funding	52%	21/50
Infrastructure	64%	29/50
Laws	37%	41/50
Policies	74%	13/50
Capacity & Support	90%	11/50
Safety	24%	48/50
Every Ride Counts	12%	36/50