



# BICYCLE FRIENDLY STATE

# 2015 Ranking

**Key:** Percent of total points available attained by state



STATE	2015 Rank	2014 Rank	Points out of 100		Scoring Criteria				
			2015 Points	2014 Points	Legislation & Enforcement	Policies & Programs	Infrastructure & Funding	Education & Encouragement	Evaluation & Planning
Washington	1	1	66.2	66.8	80-100	80-100	40-60	80-100	80-100
Minnesota	2	2	62.7	62.0	40-60	80-100	40-60	80-100	40-60
Delaware	3	4	54.8	55.7	40-60	80-100	40-60	80-100	20-40
Massachusetts	4	10	54.8	53.7	40-60	80-100	40-60	80-100	40-60
Utah	5	8	54.3	53.7	80-100	80-100	40-60	80-100	40-60
Oregon	6	5	54.2	55.2	80-100	80-100	40-60	40-60	20-40
Colorado	7	6	53.9	54.1	80-100	80-100	20-40	80-100	20-40
California	8	9	53.1	53.7	80-100	80-100	40-60	80-100	40-60
Wisconsin	9	3	52.2	56.9	20-40	40-60	20-40	80-100	40-60
Maryland	10	7	49.0	53.8	40-60	80-100	20-40	80-100	20-40
New Jersey	11	12	48.6	53.0	20-40	80-100	40-60	80-100	40-60
Pennsylvania	12	19	47.9	41.4	40-60	80-100	40-60	40-60	20-40
Virginia	13	18	47.2	41.5	20-40	80-100	40-60	80-100	20-40
Illinois	14	11	46.0	53.1	80-100	40-60	20-40	80-100	20-40
Maine	15	13	45.6	50.6	80-100	80-100	20-40	40-60	20-40
Ohio	16	16	45.3	45.1	40-60	40-60	40-60	80-100	20-40
Vermont	17	17	43.3	44.7	40-60	80-100	20-40	40-60	20-40
Michigan	18	14	42.8	50.1	20-40	80-100	20-40	80-100	20-40
Arizona	19	15	42.2	46.7	40-60	80-100	20-40	80-100	20-40
Tennessee	20	22	42.0	39.7	40-60	40-60	40-60	40-60	20-40
Idaho	21	20	41.7	41.1	40-60	20-40	20-40	80-100	20-40
Connecticut	22	21	41.4	40.0	40-60	40-60	40-60	40-60	20-40
North Carolina	23	23	39.1	39.5	20-40	80-100	20-40	40-60	20-40
Florida	24	28	38.7	35.3	20-40	40-60	20-40	80-100	20-40
Georgia	25	26	37.5	38.6	20-40	40-60	40-60	40-60	20-40
Rhode Island	26	27	36.1	38.5	20-40	40-60	40-60	40-60	20-40
New Hampshire	27	24	35.9	38.7	20-40	40-60	40-60	40-60	20-40
Iowa	28	25	35.7	38.6	20-40	40-60	40-60	40-60	20-40
New York	29	29	35.4	33.9	20-40	40-60	20-40	40-60	20-40
Texas	30	33	35.2	31.0	40-60	40-60	20-40	80-100	20-40
Nevada	31	30	35.1	33.8	20-40	40-60	20-40	20-40	20-40
Mississippi	32	31	34.5	32.8	40-60	20-40	20-40	40-60	20-40
Louisiana	33	32	34.2	32.1	40-60	40-60	40-60	20-40	20-40
Missouri	34	34	34.0	30.0	20-40	20-40	20-40	40-60	20-40
Wyoming	35	36	31.7	28.2	20-40	40-60	20-40	40-60	20-40
Arkansas	36	38	30.8	27.1	40-60	40-60	40-60	20-40	20-40
Indiana	37	37	30.2	27.4	20-40	20-40	20-40	40-60	20-40
South Dakota	38	39	29.9	26.1	20-40	40-60	20-40	40-60	20-40
North Dakota	39	35	29.6	28.4	20-40	40-60	20-40	40-60	20-40
New Mexico	40	41	28.3	25.2	20-40	20-40	20-40	40-60	20-40
Alaska	41	43	26.9	24.5	20-40	40-60	20-40	20-40	20-40
West Virginia	42	44	25.8	24.0	20-40	40-60	20-40	20-40	20-40
Hawaii	43	40	24.4	26.0	20-40	20-40	20-40	20-40	20-40
South Carolina	44	47	24.0	22.0	20-40	40-60	20-40	40-60	20-40
Oklahoma	45	42	23.7	25.1	20-40	20-40	20-40	40-60	20-40
Montana	46	49	23.6	17.9	20-40	20-40	20-40	40-60	20-40
Nebraska	47	45	19.2	22.2	20-40	20-40	20-40	20-40	20-40
Kansas	48	46	19.1	22.2	20-40	20-40	20-40	20-40	20-40
Kentucky	49	48	18.3	19.1	20-40	20-40	20-40	20-40	20-40
Alabama	50	50	12.3	17.4	20-40	20-40	20-40	20-40	20-40



# Iowa

# RANKING # 28

## REGIONAL RANKING » MIDWEST #6

GOVERNOR: Terry Branstad

DOT COMMISSIONER: Paul Trombino III

BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN COORDINATOR: Milly Ortiz

STATE ADVOCACY GROUP: Iowa Bicycle Coalition

## CATEGORY SCORES

SCORING: 5 = HIGH 1 = LOW

2 LEGISLATION AND ENFORCEMENT

3 POLICIES AND PROGRAMS

2 INFRASTRUCTURE AND FUNDING

3 EDUCATION AND ENCOURAGEMENT

1 EVALUATION AND PLANNING

## TOP 10 SIGNS OF SUCCESS

= NEW IN 2015

1% OR MORE OF PEOPLE COMMUTING BY BIKE

SAFE PASSING LAW (3 FEET OR GREATER)

COMPLETE STREETS POLICY



DEDICATED STATE FUNDING



ACTIVE STATE ADVOCACY GROUP

STATE BICYCLE PLAN (ADOPTED 2005 OR LATER)



SHARE THE ROAD CAMPAIGN

VULNERABLE ROAD USER LAW

BICYCLE SAFETY EMPHASIS IN STRATEGIC HIGHWAY SAFETY PLAN



2% OR MORE FEDERAL FUNDS SPENT ON BIKE/PEP

## OVERALL POINTS

# 36 of 100

2014: 38 of 100

## FEEDBACK

- 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.
- Adopt a safe passing law with a minimum distance of 3 feet to address bicyclist safety.
- Adopt a law prohibiting a motorist from opening an automobile's door unless the motorist is able to do so safely. Iowa is one of only 10 states to not have this type of law.
- Adopt a statewide bicycle plan that addresses each of the five "Es", has clear implementation actions, and performance measures to gauge success.
- The state could spend more federal funding on bicyclists and pedestrians. Adopt project prioritization criteria for federal funds that incentivize bicycle projects and accommodations.
- Update state traffic laws regarding bicyclists riding "as far right as practicable" to better inform bicyclists and the public where bicyclists can ride. Several states now specify that a bicyclist can ride explicitly in terms of the safety of the bicyclist and surrounding traffic. For instance, Colorado's law says that a bicyclists shall ride "far enough to the right as judged safe by the bicyclist to facilitate the movement of ... overtaking vehicles."
- Since arterial and collector roads are the backbone of every transportation network, it is essential to provide adequate bicycle facilities along these roads. Increase the percentage of state highway network that has paved shoulders or bike lanes greater or equal to 4 feet wide.
- Adopt a law allowing transportation agencies to post 20 mph or lower speed limits under certain circumstances.

The Bicycle Friendly States ranking is based on a comprehensive survey completed by state departments of transportation and state bicycling advocates. It asks comprehensive questions across 5 categories: Legislation and Enforcement, Policies and Programs, Infrastructure and Funding, Education and Encouragement, Evaluation and Planning. The results listed above provide only a snap shot of the full application. They are intended to offer some ideas for further growth in bicycle friendliness. For more information, visit [www.bikeleague.org/states](http://www.bikeleague.org/states) or contact Ken McLeod at (202)-822-1333 or [ken@bikeleague.org](mailto:ken@bikeleague.org).