BICYCLE FRIENDLY STATE REPORT CARD

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STATE ADVOCACY GROUP(S):
Arkansas Moves, Arkansas Active Transportation Coalition

2026

ARKANSAS

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

#8 Southern REGIONAL RANK (OF 13)

	Bicycle Friendly Actions	Action Taken	Progress SINCE LAST REPORT CARD
	Complete Streets Law/Policy	No	↔
	Safe Passing Law (3ft+)	Yes	↔
	Statewide bike plan last 10 years	Yes, but hitting 10 years soon	⬆ ⚠
	2%+ federal funds on bike/pedestrian	Yes	⬆
	Speed limit laws for #SlowRoads	No	↔

FEEDBACK

Adopt a statewide Complete Streets policy or other policy that institutionalizes planning, designing, and building safe places for people to bike and walk as part of the transportation system. Arkansas is one of only fourteen states without a resolution, policy, or law that addresses creating a transportation system for all the ways that people move.

Congratulations on spending at least 2% of federal transportation funds on biking and walking improvements. Arkansas has significantly increased its use of federal funds for biking and walking improvements in recent years.

Arkansas received a $25 million Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant to build a shared use trail running along state highway 112 between Bentonville and Fayetteville in 2025. Congratulations on this award and this is an exciting new facility creating a multimodal corridor.

Between 2020 and 2024, over 70 percent of bicyclist deaths in Arkansas occurred on roads owned by the Arkansas DOT showing a significant need for safer bicycle facilities on state roads.

Bridges connect places, but when they lack safe bicycling and walking facilities, they create safety issues and barriers for people who bike and walk. Adopt a policy that requires consideration or inclusion of bicycle and pedestrian access on bridges.

8 BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES IN STATE

37.6% POPULATION LIVES IN BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES

Federal Data on Biking		Rank
Ridership	**0.2%** of commuters biking to work	45/50
Safety	**35.5** fatalities per 10K bike commuters	44/50
Spending	**$8.73** per capita FHWA spending on biking and walking	5/50

Categories	% of available points	Rank
Funding	56%	22/50
Infrastructure	50%	34/50
Laws	54%	26/50
Policies	37%	40/50
Capacity & Support	73%	19/50
Safety	46%	45/50
Every Ride Counts	22%	35/50

SEE THE BICYCLE FRIENDLY STATE DATABASE MAP: 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**. See the **Report Card Use Guide**.