WHERE WE RIDE

Analysis of bicycling in American cities

THE LEAGUE
OF AMERICAN BICYCLISTS
since 1880

BICYCLING BY THE NUMBERS

What's the Best Community in America for Bike Commuting?

Each year, the U.S. Census Bureau studies Americans' commuting habits, including how many people commute by bike. While commuting is only part of the bicycling story, the American Community Survey is a valuable insight into changing commuting patterns and transportation choices. Each year, the League of American Bicyclists digs into the data to assess the state of bicycling in cities across the country - to try and answer the age-old questions of what is the best community in America for bike commuting, and how does my community compare to the best?

Here are your answers.

ABOUT THE DATA SOURCE

The Census Bureau collects American Community Survey data from a sample of the population -- not the whole population -- in the United States and provides estimates. This 2012 data was collected from January 1, 2012, to December 31, 2012, from cities with a population of 65,000 and greater. It's important to note that the bicycling data in the ACS records only "journeys to work," or commuting. The ACS only counts the "primary" mode. It does not count commuters as bicyclists if they rode only part of the week, or rode their bicycle to transit and the transit portion was longer, etc. In short, the ACS mostly captures the regular, everyday bicycle commuters. The Census Bureau releases single year results as well as 3- and 5- year averages. This report relies on 1-year results to facilitate change-over-time comparisons. There are margins of error for every data sample, ACS included. Because of the limits of the sample size, some of the margins of error are considerable. This report's population figures are 2012 U.S. Census Bureau estimates. The number of bicyclists is from the one-year 2012 ACS survey estimate, and the percentage of bike commuters is an estimate based on the number of bicyclists by the total number of commuters.

For more specific information on those margins of error and our methodology, you may consult the American Community Survey website or contact KEN MCLEOD at ken@bikeleague.org and DARREN FLUSCHE at Darren@bikeleague.org.

TOP CITIES
BY % OF TOTAL POPULATION

Population: 1,000,000 plus

PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA
2.3%

Population 500,000 – 999,999

PORTLAND, OREGON
6.1%

Population 200,000 – 499,999

MADISON, WISCONSIN
6.2%

Population 50,000 to 200,000
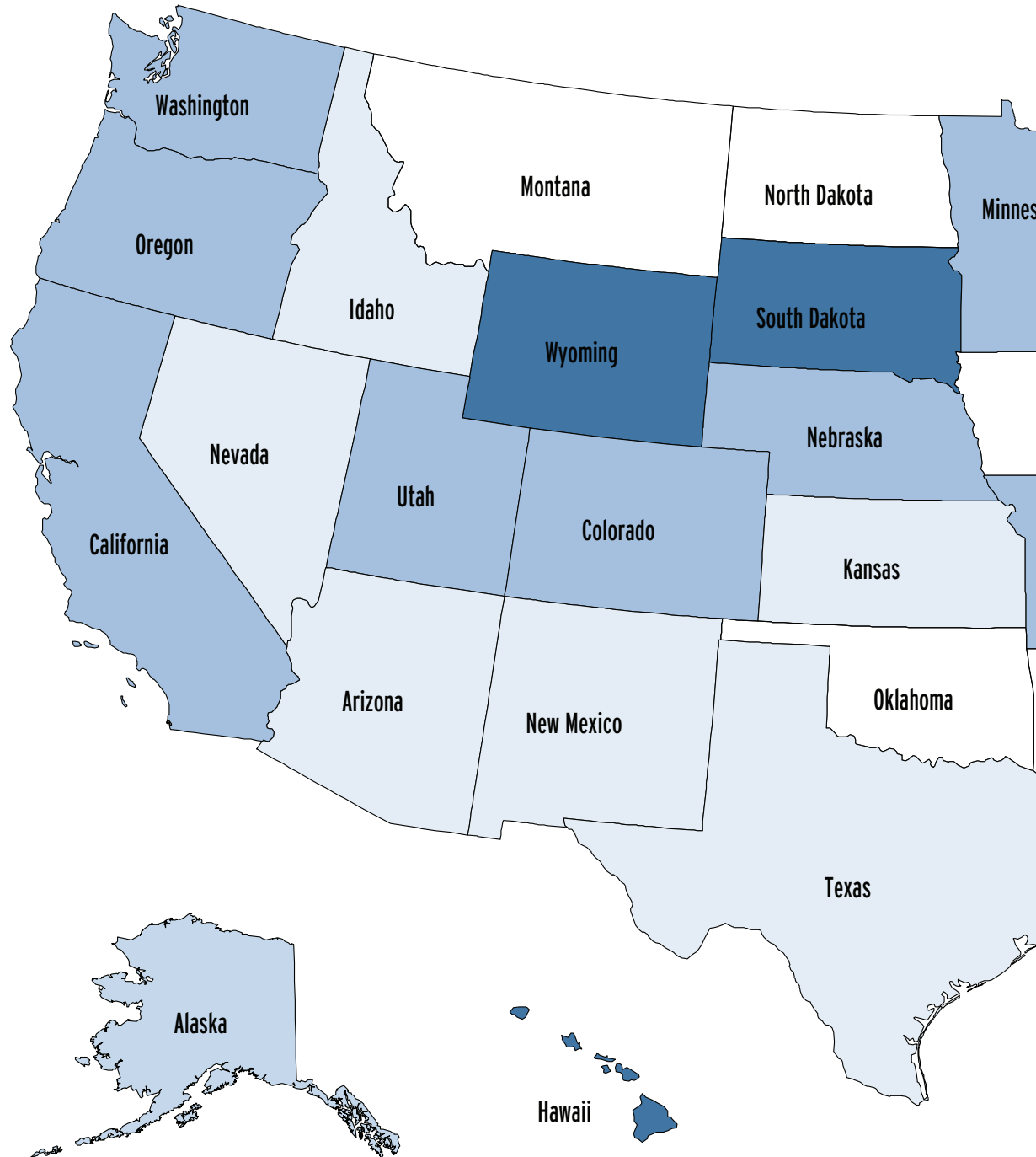
DAVIS, CALIFORNIA
19.1%

CITIES WITH
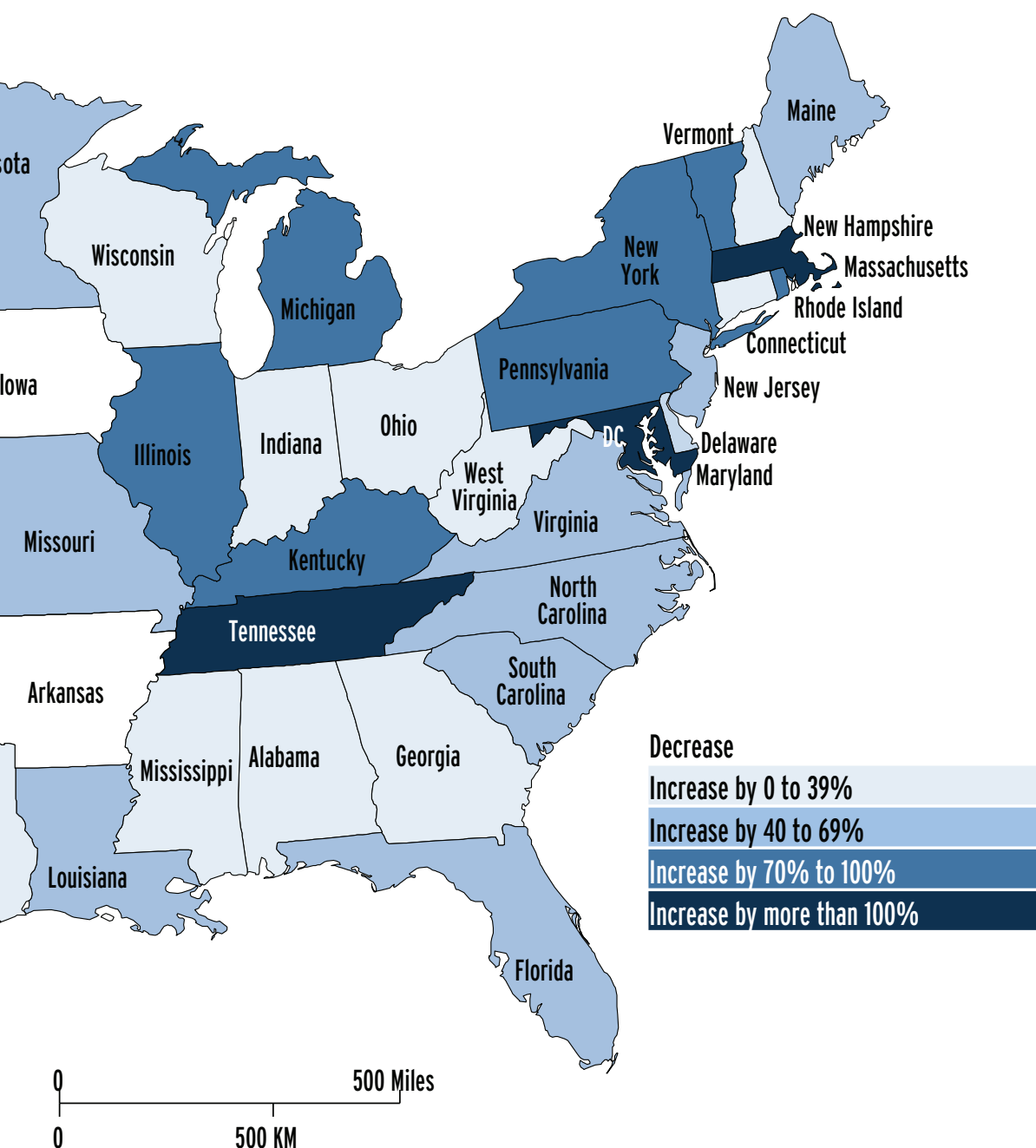# THE MOST BICYCLISTS
IN 2012

THESE cities have the largest number of bicyclists riding on their streets.

CITY	POPULATION	NUMBER OF BIKE COMMUTERS	% OF BIKE COMMUTERS
NEW YORK, NY	8,336,697	36,496	1%
CHICAGO, IL	2,714,844	19,147	1.6%
PORTLAND, OR	603,650	18,912	6.1%
LOS ANGELES, CA	3,857,786	17,223	1%
SAN FRANCISCO CITY, CA	825,863	16,864	3.8%
SEATTLE CITY, WA	634,541	15,007	4.1%
PHILADELPHIA, PA	1,547,607	13,726	2.3%
WASHINGTON, D.C.	632,323	13,493	4.1%
MINNEAPOLIS, MN	392,871	9,688	4.5%
DENVER, CO	634,265	9,416	2.9%
MADISON, WI	240,315	8,375	6.2%
AUSTIN, TX	842,595	6,999	1.6%
SAN DIEGO, CA	1,338,354	6,929	1.1%
BOULDER, CO	101,812	6,560	12.1%
BOSTON, MA	637,516	6,536	2%
FORT COLLINS, CO	148,634	6,190	7.9%
TUCSON, AZ	524,278	6,189	2.8%
EUGENE, OR	157,984	6,121	8.7%
DAVIS, CA	66,009	5,830	19.1%
CAMBRIDGE, MA	106,456	5,067	8.5%
SACRAMENTO, CA	475,524	5,016	2.6%
OAKLAND, CA	400,740	5,012	2.7%
PHOENIX, AZ	1,488,759	4,784	0.7%
BERKELEY, CA	115,417	4,290	7.6%
TEMPE, AZ	166,862	3,966	4.5%

BICYCLE COMMUTING GROWTH BY STATE

NATIONALLY, the average share of journeys to work by bike is .6%. But an average is just that -- there are countless American cities that have embraced bicycling on a much broader scale. This map traces the growth in bicycle commuting by state from 2005 to 2012.

Legend:
- Decrease
- Increase by 0 to 39%
- Increase by 40 to 69%
- Increase by 70% to 100%
- Increase by more than 100%

0 ———— 500 Miles
0 ———— 500 KM

50 STATES RANKED BY MODE SHARE

THE 50 STATES have seen a lot of growth in bicycle commuting rates since 1990. Here we rank them based on their 2012 commuter rate.

STATE	RANK	% OF BIKE COMMUTERS	% OF BIKE COMMUTERS IN 2005	% CHANGE IN BIKE COMMUTERS 2005-2012
OREGON	1	2.5%	1.5%	61.7%
MONTANA	2	1.6%	1.6%	-1%
COLORADO	3	1.5%	0.9%	61.3%
WYOMING	4	1.2%	0.65%	82.1%
HAWAII	5	1.2%	0.69%	69.6%
CALIFORNIA	6	1.1%	0.7%	58.5%
ALASKA	7	1.1%	0.9%	24%
IDAHO	8	1%	1%	2.4%
UTAH	9	0.99%	0.6%	59.8%
VERMONT	10	0.98%	0.5%	88.9%
WASHINGTON	11	0.93%	0.6%	41.2%
ARIZONA	12	0.9%	0.8%	16.4%
WISCONSIN	13	0.87%	0.6%	37.4%
SOUTH DAKOTA	14	0.82%	0.4%	98.2%
MINNESOTA	15	0.81%	0.5%	53.4%
MASSACHUSETTS	16	0.8%	0.4%	103.8%
FLORIDA	17	0.7%	0.4%	59.3%
ILLINOIS	18	0.69%	0.4%	81.6%
NEBRASKA	19	0.65%	0.4%	62.7%
NEW YORK	20	0.60%	0.3%	73.1%
INDIANA	21	0.54%	0.4%	35.3%
NEW MEXICO	22	0.52%	0.54%	2.9%
IOWA	23	0.51%	0.5%	-6.1%

50 STATES

STATE	RANK	% OF BIKE COMMUTERS	% OF BIKE COMMUTERS IN 2005	% CHANGE IN BIKE COMMUTERS 2005-2012
MICHIGAN	24	0.51%	0.28%	81.7%
PENNSYLVANIA	25	0.48%	0.26%	84.1%
MAINE	26	0.44%	0.28%	56.2%
RHODE ISLAND	27	0.43%	0.23%	90.2%
LOUISIANA	28	0.43%	0.27%	58.8%
NEVADA	29	0.41%	0.40%	2.6%
NEW JERSEY	30	0.39%	0.27%	47.9%
VIRGINIA	31	0.38%	0.23%	65.7%
SOUTH CAROLINA	32	0.37%	0.23%	62.2%
MARYLAND	33	0.37%	0.18%	112.8%
NORTH DAKOTA	34	0.36%	0.42%	-15.9%
CONNECTICUT	35	0.33%	0.27%	25.5%
DELAWARE	36	0.32%	0.30%	8.2%
OHIO	37	0.31%	0.23%	31%
NORTH CAROLINA	38	0.28%	0.20%	40%
KANSAS	39	0.28%	0.27%	3%
TEXAS	40	0.28%	0.23%	19.5%
NEW HAMPSHIRE	41	0.27%	0.20%	34.7%
MISSOURI	42	0.26%	0.19%	40.5%
KENTUCKY	43	0.23%	0.12%	97.7%
OKLAHOMA	44	0.23%	0.23%	-2%
GEORGIA	45	0.20%	0.16%	23.1%
TENNESSEE	46	0.15%	0.07%	107%
MISSISSIPPI	47	0.13%	0.11%	15.6%
ALABAMA	48	0.11%	0.09%	20.2%
WEST VIRGINIA	49	0.09%	0.07%	27.1%
ARKANSAS	50	0.08%	0.17%	-54%

TOP 70 LARGEST CITIES WITH
HIGHEST SHARE OF
BICYCLE COMMUTERS

COMMUTING trends are changing dramatically. More and more Americans are realizing that bicycling is a practical, reliable, and economical means to get to and from work - and it's also healthy and fun. In this section, we rank the 70 largest cities -- which we've been tracking since 2009 -- in America based on the percentage of bicycle commuters in those cities.

CITY	RANK	% OF BIKE COMMUTERS	POPULATION	% GROWTH FROM 1990 TO 2012	% GROWTH FROM 2000 TO 2012
PORTLAND, OR	1	6.1%	603,650	430.3%	248.6%
MINNEAPOLIS, MN	2	4.5%	392,871	179.1%	139.8%
WASHINGTON, D.C.	3	4.1%	632,323	445.4%	255.6%
SEATTLE, WA	4	4.1%	634,541	170.3%	118.2%
SAN FRANCISCO, CA	5	3.8%	825,863	292.2%	89.7%
DENVER, CO	6	2.9%	634,265	231.8%	200.8%
TUCSON, AZ	7	2.8%	524,278	-1.5%	24.5%
OAKLAND, CA	8	2.7%	400,740	147.3%	124.4%
SACRAMENTO, CA	9	2.6%	475,524	34.9%	89.5%
NEW ORLEANS, LA	10	2.4%	369,250	165.0%	108.5%
PHILADELPHIA, PA	11	2.3%	1,547,607	300.6%	165.6%
HONOLULU, HI	12	2.3%	345,604	82.0%	81.8%
BOSTON, MA	13	2.0%	637,516	128.3%	106.1%
BUFFALO, NY	14	1.6%	259,386	361.9%	269.6%
CHICAGO, IL	15	1.6%	2,714,844	459.7%	214.4%
AUSTIN, TX	16	1.6%	842,595	100.1%	67.6%
ST. PAUL, MN	17	1.4%	290,776	181.2%	119.4%
TAMPA, FL	18	1.4%	347,650	55.3%	57.0%
PITTSBURGH, PA	19	1.4%	306,212	231%	211.8%
FRESNO, CA	20	1.2%	505,870	22.9%	55.4%
ST. LOUIS, MO	21	1.2%	318,172	332.8%	233.3%
ANCHORAGE, AK	22	1.1%	298,610	151.5%	126.6%
SANTA ANA, CA	23	1.1%	330,913	0.4%	0.7%
SAN DIEGO, CA	24	1.1%	1,338,354	-4.5%	44.8%
BAKERSFIELD, CA	25	1%	358,600	94%	97.8%
BALTIMORE, MD	26	1%	621,342	320.8%	215.8%
RALEIGH, NC	27	1%	423,743	128.0%	200.7%
MIAMI, FL	28	1%	413,864	64.2%	80.6%
LOS ANGELES, CA	29	1%	3,857,786	66%	62.6%
NEW YORK CITY, NY	30	1%	8,336,697	220.4%	106.8%

TOP 70 LARGEST CITIES

CITY	RANK	% OF BIKE COMMUTERS	POPULATION	% GROWTH FROM 1990 TO 2012	% GROWTH FROM 2000 TO 2012
MILWAUKEE, WI	31	0.9%	598,920	176.4%	178.9%
ALBUQUERQUE, NNM	32	0.9%	555,419	-21.3%	-17.4%
MESA, AZ	33	0.9%	452,068	-36.9%	-26.4%
SAN JOSE, CA	34	0.8%	982,783	35.0%	36.7%
COLUMBUS, OH	35	0.8%	809,890	104.5%	130.7%
PHOENIX, AZ	36	0.7%	1,488,759	-33.9%	-15.1%
RIVERSIDE, CA	37	0.7%	313,700	-40.5%	-14.6%
LEXINGTON-FAYETTE COUNTY, KY	38	0.7%	305,489	92%	16.7%
ATLANTA, GA	39	0.6%	443,768	126.1%	104.4%
CLEVELAND, OH	40	0.6%	390,923	385.0%	192.4%
ANAHEIM, CA	41	0.6%	343,241	-47.0%	-49.0%
LONG BEACH, A	42	0.6%	467,888	-38.2%	-17.5%
VIRGINIA BEACH, VA	43	0.6%	447,021	39.6%	85.5%
DETROIT, MI	44	0.6%	701,524	464.4%	272.3%
STOCKTON, CA	45	0.5%	297,975	-40.8%	-31.5%
JACKSONVILLE, FL	46	0.5%	836,507	-9.2%	27.5%
CINCINNATI, OH	47	0.5%	296,552	125.7%	145.5%
INDIANAPOLIS, IN	48	0.5%	835,806	183.0%	122.5%
KANSAS CITY, MO	49	0.4%	464,346	285.5%	249.6%
COLORADO SPRINGS, CO	50	0.4%	431,846	-19.5%	-24.1%
AURORA, CO	51	0.4%	338,835	85.7%	132.2%
HOUSTON, TX	52	0.4%	2,161,686	7.1%	-17.9%
CORPUS CHRISTI, TX	53	0.4%	312,192	50.4%	44.2%
TOLEDO, OH	54	0.3%	284,022	171.3%	57.0%
LAS VEGAS, NV	55	0.3%	596,440	-51.7%	-13.7%
OMAHA, NE	56	0.3%	421,564	109.7%	124.3%

TOP 70 LARGEST CITIES

CITY	RANK	% OF BIKE COMMUTERS	POPULATION	% GROWTH FROM 1990 TO 2012	% GROWTH FROM 2000 TO 2012
WICHITA, KS	57	0.3%	385,586	10.9%	64.5%
LOUISVILLE-JEFFERSON, KY	58	0.3%	605,108	50.5%	-36.5%
ARLINGTON, TX	59	0.3%	375,598	56.4%	48.9%
FORT WORTH, TX	60	0.2%	782,027	26.3%	83.7%
CHARLOTTE, NC	61	0.2%	775,208	45.3%	53.6%
NEWARK, NJ	62	0.2%	277,718	1%	5.5%
MEMPHIS, TN	63	0.2%	655,141	67.5%	102.7%
NASHVILLE, TN	64	0.2%	623,255	54.5%	58.4%
DALLAS, TX	65	0.2%	1,241,108	31.8%	51.6%
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK	66	0.2%	599,309	36.4%	67.0%
SAN ANTONIO, TX	67	0.2%	1,383,194	17.2%	9.7%
TULSA, OK	68	0.1%	394,098	-27.6%	-27.8%
EL PASO, TX	69	0.1%	672,534	-71.9%	-20.4%
PLANO, TX	70	0.1%	270,816	-69.8%	-40.9%

TOP 25 CITIES WITH
THE HIGHEST SHARE OF BICYCLISTS

EVENTUALLY, any ranking of great places for bicycling has to take into account the simplest metric of all: what percentage of trips are made by bike. Here's a list of the top 25 cities with the highest percentage of journeys to work made by bike.

TOP 25 CITIES WITH HIGHEST SHARE OF BICYCLISTS

CITY	% OF BIKE COMMUTERS	POPULATION
DAVIS, CA	19.1%	66,009
BOULDER, CO	12.1%	101,812
PALO ALTO, CA	9.5%	66,359
EUGENE, OR	8.7%	157,984
CAMBRIDGE, MA	8.5%	106,456
FORT COLLINS, CO	7.9%	148,634
BERKELEY, CA	7.6%	115,417
SANTA BARBARA, CA	6.9%	89,638
MADISON, WI	6.3%	240,315
MISSOULA, MT	6.2%	68,386
PORTLAND, OR	6%	603,650
GAINESVILLE, FL	6%	126,038
CHICO, CA	5.7%	87,712
MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA	5.5%	76,612
EVANSTON, IL	5.3%	75,420
SANTA MONICA, CA	5.2%	91,814
MIAMI BEACH, FL	5.1%	90,579
ANN ARBOR, MI	4.9%	116,128
FLAGSTAFF, AZ	4.7%	67,472
MINNEAPOLIS, MN	4.5%	392,871
TEMPE, AZ	4.5%	116,862
WASHINGTON, D.C.	4.1%	632,323
SEATTLE, WA	4.1%	634,541
PROVO, UT	4%	115,925
BLOOMINGTON, IN	3.9%	78,592

TOP 50 CITIES WHERE
BIKE COMMUTING IS GROWING THE FASTEST

BIKE COMMUTING is often associated exclusively with places like Portland, Ore., and Boulder., Colo. The reality is that bicycle commuting is on the rise in communities across the country - and over the last two decades, Detroit tops the list of cities with the biggest increase. There are some other surprises in this Top 50 list.

CITY	POPULATION	% OF BIKE COMMUTERS	% OF BIKE COMMUTERS IN 1990	GROWTH FROM 1990 TO 2012
DETROIT, MI	701,524	0.6%	0.1%	464.4%
CHICAGO, IL	2,714,844	1.6%	0.3%	459.7%
WASHINGTON, DC	632,323	4.1%	0.8%	445.4%
PORTLAND, OR	603,650	6.1%	1.2%	430.3%
CLEVELAND, OH	390,923	0.6%	0.1%	385.0%
BUFFALO, NY	259,386	1.6%	0.3%	361.9%
ST. LOUIS, MO	318,172	1.2%	0.3%	332.8%
BALTIMORE, MD	621,342	1.0%	0.2%	320.8%
PHILADELPHIA, PA	1,547,607	2.3%	0.6%	300.6%
SAN FRANCISCO, CA	825,863	3.8%	1.0%	292.2%
KANSAS CITY, MO	464,346	0.4%	0.1%	285.5%
DENVER, CO	634,265	2.9%	0.9%	231.8%
PITTSBURGH, PA	306,212	1.4%	0.4%	231.0%
NEW YORK CITY, NY	8,336,697	1.0%	0.3%	220.4%
INDIANAPOLIS, IN	835,806	0.5%	0.2%	183%
ST. PAUL, MN	290,776	1.4%	0.5%	181.2%
MINNEAPOLIS, MN	392,871	4.5%	1.6%	179.1%
MILWAUKEE, WI	598,920	0.9%	0.3%	176.4%
TOLEDO, OH	284,022	0.3%	0.1%	171.3%

CITY	POPULATION	% OF BIKE COMMUTERS	% OF BIKE COMMUTERS IN 1990	GROWTH FROM 1990 TO 2012
SEATTLE, WA	634,541	4.1%	1.5%	170.3%
NEW ORLEANS, LA	369,250	2.4%	0.9%	165%
ANCHORAGE, AK	298,610	1.1%	0.5%	151.5%
OAKLAND, CA	400,740	2.7%	1.1%	147.3%
BOSTON, MA	637,516	2.0%	0.9%	128.3%
RALEIGH, NC	423,743	1.0%	0.4%	128.0%
ATLANTA, GA	443,768	0.6%	0.3%	126.1%
CINCINNATI, OH	296,552	0.5%	0.2%	125.7%
OMAHA, NE	421,564	0.3%	0.1%	109.7%
COLUMBUS, OH	809,890	0.8%	0.4%	104.5%
AUSTIN, TX	842,595	1.6%	0.8%	100.1%
BAKERSFIELD, CA	358,600	1.0%	0.5%	94%
LEXINGTON-FAYETTE COUNTY, KY	305,489	0.7%	0.3%	92%
AURORA, CO	338,835	0.4%	0.2%	85.7%
HONOLULU, HI	345,604	2.3%	1.2%	82.0%
MEMPHIS, TN	655,141	0.2%	0.1%	67.5%
LOS ANGELES, CA	3,857,786	1.0%	0.6%	66%
MIAMI, FL	413,864	1.0%	0.6%	64.2%
ARLINGTON, TX	375,598	0.3%	0.2%	56.4%
TAMPA, FL	347,650	1.4%	0.9%	55.3%
NASHVILLE-DAVIDSON, TN	623,255	0.2%	0.1%	54.5%
LOUISVILLE-JEFFERSON, KY	605,108	0.3%	0.2%	50.5%
CORPUS CHRISTI, TX	312,192	0.4%	0.2%	50.4%
CHARLOTTE, NC	775,208	0.2%	0.2%	45.3%
VIRGINIA BEACH, VA	447,021	0.6%	0.4%	39.6%
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK	599,309	0.2%	0.1%	36.4%
SAN JOSE, CA	982,783	0.8%	0.6%	35%
SACRAMENTO, CA	475,524	2.6%	1.9%	34.9%
DALLAS, TX	1,241,108	0.2%	0.2%	31.8%
FORT WORTH, TX	782,027	0.2%	0.2%	26.3%
FRESNO, CA	505,870	1.2%	1%	22.9%
SAN ANTONIO, TX	1,383,194	0.2%	0.2%	17.2%

TOP 20 BIKE CITIES
BY REGION

IN THIS SECTION, we look at the cities with the highest bike commuting modeshare, segmented by region. As we do every year for our Bicycle Friendly State^{SM} ranking, we've categorized cities into four regions: East, Midwest, South and West.

EAST

CITY	% OF BIKE COMMUTERS	NUMBER OF BIKE COMMUTERS	POPULATION
CAMBRIDGE, MA	8.5%	5,067	106,456
NEW HAVEN, CT	3.8%	2,120	130,749
SOMERVILLE, MA	3.7%	1,679	77,112
RICHMOND, VA	2.6%	2,526	210,309
PHILADELPHIA, PA	2.3%	13,726	1,547,607
BOSTON, MA	2%	6,536	637,516
SYRACUSE, NY	1.9%	1,040	144,161
BUFFALO, NY	1.6%	1,633	259,386
ALEXANDRIA, VA	1.5%	1,382	146,294
NEWTON, MA	1.4%	615	86,304
PITTSBURGH, PA	1.4%	2,024	306,212
ARLINGTON, VA	1.2%	1,697	221,045
PROVIDENCE, RI	1.2%	925	178,438
READING, PA	1.1%	335	88,096
WILMINGTON, DE	1%	346	71,289
BALTIMORE, MD	1%	2,699	621,342
NEW YORK, NY	1%	36,496	8,336,697
ROCHESTER, NY	0.8%	705	210,521
FREDERICK, MD	0.8%	281	66,390
BRIDGEPORT, CT	0.8%	480	146,434

MIDWEST

CITY	% OF BIKE COMMUTERS	NUMBER OF BIKE COMMUTERS	POPULATION
MADISON, WI	6.2%	8,375	240,315
EVANSTON, IL	5.3%	1,825	75,420
ANN ARBOR, MI	4.9%	2,770	116,128
MINNEAPOLIS, MN	4.5%	9,688	392,871
BLOOMINGTON, IN	3.9%	1,314	78,592
IOWA CITY, IA	3.2%	1,252	70,131
CHAMPAIGN, IL	3.2%	1,320	82,509
LINCOLN, NE	2.3%	3,247	265,389
SOUTH BEND, IN	2.2%	902	100,003
CHICAGO, IL	1.6%	19,147	2,714,844
ST. PAUL, MN	1.4%	1,997	290,776
NAPERVILLE, IL	1.4%	1,037	145,137
NORMAN, OK	1.2%	692	115,563
ST. CLOUD, MN	1.2%	374	64,949
ST. LOUIS, MO	1.2%	1,594	318,172
GRAND RAPIDS, MI	1%	858	190,426
GREEN BAY, WI	1%	487	104,869
MILWAUKEE, WI	0.9%	2,339	598,920
ROCHESTER, MN	0.9%	513	108,994
SKOKIE VILLAGE, IL	0.9%	259	65,076

SOUTH

CITY	% OF BIKE COMMUTERS	NUMBER OF BIKE COMMUTERS	POPULATION
GAINESVILLE, FL	6%	3,186	126,038
MIAMI BEACH, FL	5.1%	2,500	90,579
COLLEGE STATION, TX	3.3%	1,395	97,794
CHARLESTON, SC	2.9%	1,911	125,941
NEW ORLEANS, LA	2.4%	3,825	369,250
DENTON, TX	1.8%	1,030	121,123
WILMINGTON, NC	1.8%	996	109,927
AUSTIN, TX	1.5%	6,999	842,595
TAMPA, FL	1.4%	2,203	347,650
DURHAM, NC	1.3%	1,565	239,320
FORT LAUDERDALE, FL	1.3%	1,010	170,747
SAVANNAH, GA	1.3%	758	142,010
POMPANO BEACH, FL	1.2%	530	102,968
HOLLYWOOD, FL	1.1%	722	145,241
TALLAHASSEE, FL	1.1%	962	186,977
RALEIGH, NC	1%	2,148	423,743
MIAMI, FL	1%	1,785	413,864
ST. PETERSBURG, FL	0.9%	1,112	246,533
CHATTANOOGA, TN	0.8%	638	171,282
LUBBOCK, TX	0.7%	857	236,060
LEXINGTON-FAYETTE, KY	0.6%	1,019	305,489
ATLANTA, GA	0.6%	1,320	443,768

WEST

CITY	% OF BIKE COMMUTERS	NUMBER OF BIKE COMMUTERS	POPULATION
DAVIS, CA	19.1%	5,830	66,009
BOULDER, CO	12.1%	6,560	101,812
PALO ALTO, CA	9.5%	2,874	66,359
EUGENE, OR	8.7%	6,121	157,984
FORT COLLINS, CO	7.9%	6,190	148,634
BERKELEY, CA	7.6%	4,290	115,417
SANTA BARBARA, CA	6.9%	3,090	89,638
MISSOULA, MT	6.2%	2,262	68,386
PORTLAND, OR	6.1%	18,912	603,650
CHICO, CA	5.7%	2,157	87,712
MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA	5.5%	2,383	76,612
SANTA MONICA, CA	5.2%	2,538	91,814
FLAGSTAFF, AZ	4.7%	1,632	67,472
TEMPE, AZ	4.5%	3,966	166,862
SEATTLE, WA	4.1%	15,007	634,541
PROVO, UT	4.1%	2,387	115,925
SAN FRANCISCO, CA	3.8%	16,864	825,863
SALT LAKE CITY, UT	3.5%	3,356	189,311
REDWOOD CITY, CA	2.9%	1,251	79,005
DENVER, CO	2.7%	9,416	634,265
BOISE CITY, ID	2.7%	2,967	212,299

TOP COMMUTE SHARE
BY CITY SIZE

SIZE MATTERS. Cities compare themselves to peers of a similar size. In the tables that follow we break down the list of cities into those with more than a million population, those between 300,000 and 1,000,000, and on down to small cities between 65,000 and 100,000. While these population breaks are somewhat arbitrary, they do make for some interesting comparisons.[5]

POPULATION: 1 MILLION+

CITY	POPULATION	% OF BIKE COMMUTERS	# OF BIKE COMMUTERS
PHILADELPHIA, PA	1,547,607	2.3%	13,726
CHICAGO, IL	2,714,844	1.6%	19,147
SAN DIEGO, CA	1,338,354	1.1%	6,929
LOS ANGELES, CA	3,857,786	1%	17,223
NEW YORK, NY	8,336,697	1%	36,496
PHOENIX, AZ	1,488,759	0.7%	4,784
HOUSTON, TX	2,161,686	0.4%	3,793
DALLAS, TX	1,241,108	0.2%	1,178
SAN ANTONIO, TX	1,383,194	0.18%	1,090

5. If you're interested in other size comparisons, feel free to contact Ken McLeod at ken@bikeleague.org.

POPULATION: 300,000 TO 1 MILLION

CITY	POPULATION	% OF BIKE COMMUTERS	# OF BIKE COMMUTERS
PORTLAND, OR	603,650	6.14%	18,912
MINNEAPOLIS, MN	392,871	4.53%	9,688
WASHINGTON, DC	632,323	4.1%	13,493
SEATTLE, WA	634,541	4.1%	15,007
SAN FRANCISCO, CA	825,863	3.76%	16,864
DENVER, CO	634,265	2.86%	9,416
TUCSON, AZ	524,278	2.76%	6,189
OAKLAND, CA	400,740	2.74%	5,012
SACRAMENTO, CA	475,524	2.56%	5,016
NEW ORLEANS, LA	369,250	2.42%	3,825
HONOLULU, HI	345,604	2.26%	3,925
BOSTON, MA	637,516	2%	6,536
AUSTIN, TX	842,595	1.56%	6,999
PITTSBURGH, PA	306,212	1.38%	2,024
TAMPA, FL	347,650	1.41%	2,203
FRESNO, CA	505,870	1.22%	2,270
ST. LOUIS, MO	318,172	1.16%	1,594
SANTA ANA, CA	330,913	1.13%	1,698
BAKERSFIELD, CA	358,600	1.05%	1,494
BALTIMORE, MD	621,342	1.04%	2,699
RALEIGH, NC	423,743	1.01%	2,148
MIAMI, FL	413,864	1%	1,785
MILWAUKEE, WI	598,920	0.93%	2,339
ALBUQUERQUE, NM	555,419	0.92%	2,358
MESA, AZ	452,068	0.90%	1,736
SAN JOSE, CA	982,783	0.84%	3,844
COLUMBUS, OH	809,890	0.78%	3,089

POPULATION: 300,000 TO 1 MILLION

CITY	POPULATION	% OF BIKE COMMUTERS	# OF BIKE COMMUTERS
RIVERSIDE, CA	313,700	0.70%	883
LEXINGTON-FAYETTE, KY	305,489	0.66%	1,019
ATLANTA, GA	443,768	0.64%	1,320
CLEVELAND, OH	390,923	0.63%	882
ANAHEIM, CA	343,241	0.6%	951
LONG BEACH, CA	467,888	0.6%	1,257
VIRGINIA BEACH, VA	447,021	0.6%	1,375
DETROIT, MI	701,524	0.59%	1,183
JACKSONVILLE, FL	836,507	0.54%	2,005
INDIANAPOLIS, IN	835,806	0.46%	1,791
KANSAS CITY, MO	464,346	0.43%	928
COLORADO SPRINGS, CO	431,846	0.40%	806
AURORA, CO	338,835	0.40%	633
CORPUS CHRISTI, TX	312,192	0.35%	496
LAS VEGAS, NV	596,440	0.33%	851
OMAHA, NE	421,564	0.31%	633
WICHITA, KS	385,586	0.29%	516
LOUISVILLE-JEFFERSON, KY	605,108	0.28%	774
ARLINGTON, TX	375,598	0.25%	471
FORT WORTH, TX	782,027	0.24%	823
CHARLOTTE, NC	775,208	0.23%	867
MEMPHIS, TN	655,141	0.22%	615
NASHVILLE-DAVIDSON, TE	623,255	0.22%	687
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK	599,309	0.19%	536
TULSA, OK	394,098	0.15%	273
EL PASO, TX	672,534	0.09%	254

POPULATION: 200,000 TO 300,000

CITY	POPULATION	% OF BIKE COMMUTERS	# OF BIKE COMMUTERS
MADISON, WI	240,315	6.23%	8,375
BOISE, ID	212,299	2.78%	2,967
RICHMOND, VA	210,309	2.56%	2,526
LINCOLN, NE	265,389	2.30%	3,247
BUFFALO, NY	259,386	1.61%	1,633
IRVINE, CA	230,005	1.49%	1,662
ST. PAUL, MN	290,776	1.43%	1,997
DURHAM, NC	239,320	1.33%	1,565
ARLINGTON, VA	221,045	1.20%	1,697
ANCHORAGE, AK	298,610	1.15%	1,808
RENO, NV	231,004	1%	1,069
ST. PETERSBURG, FL	246,533	0.97%	1,112
MODESTO, CA	203,560	0.87%	678
SCOTTSDALE, AZ	223,517	0.86%	957
TACOMA, WA	201,999	0.83%	770
ROCHESTER, NY	210,521	0.81%	705
LUBBOCK, TX	236,060	0.76%	857
OXNARD, CA	201,565	0.73%	662
GLENDALE, AZ	232,118	0.69%	737
SPOKANE, WA	209,504	0.63%	569
CHANDLER, AZ	245,642	0.63%	795
FREMONT, CA	222,001	0.59%	483
BATON ROUGE, LA	230,040	0.58%	617
SAN BERNARDINO, CA	213,298	0.55%	394
STOCKTON, CA	297,975	0.54%	553
NORFOLK, VA	245,782	0.52%	627

POPULATION: 200,000 TO 300,000

CITY	POPULATION	% OF BIKE COMMUTERS	# OF BIKE COMMUTERS
JERSEY CITY, NJ	254,444	0.48%	593
CINCINNATI, OH	296,552	0.47%	614
PARADISE, NV	230,184	0.46%	481
FORT WAYNE, IN	252,427	0.42%	470
GREENSBORO, NC	277,095	0.40%	498
ORLANDO, FL	249,525	0.36%	457
GILBERT, AZ	221,136	0.36%	381
TOLEDO, OH	284,022	0.35%	396
HIALEAH, FL	231,953	0.33%	338
DES MOINES, IA	206,568	0.32%	318
CHULA VISTA, CA	252,424	0.28%	290
FONTANA, CA	201,817	0.24%	188
NEWARK, NJ	277,718	0.23%	226
AURORA, IL	203,318	0.21%	196
HENDERSON, NV	265,688	0.18%	221
CHESAPEAKE, VA	228,417	0.16%	177
FAYETTEVILLE, NC	202,105	0.12%	107
IRVING, TX	225,427	0.12%	133
WINSTON-SALEM, NC	234,354	0.08%	79
MONTGOMERY, AL	205,285	0.08%	64
PLANO, TX	270,816	0.05%	73
BIRMINGHAM, AL	212,835	0.05%	42
LAREDO, TX	244,143	0.04%	33

POPULATION: 100,000 TO 200,000

CITY	POPULATION	% OF BIKE COMMUTERS	# OF BIKE COMMUTERS
BOULDER, CO	101,812	12.06%	6,560
EUGENE, OR	157,984	8.71%	6,121
CAMBRIDGE, MA	106,456	8.45%	5,067
FORT COLLINS, CO	148,634	7.94%	6,190
BERKELEY, CA	115,417	7.57%	4,290
GAINESVILLE, FL	126,038	6.02%	3,186
ANN ARBOR, MI	116,128	4.93%	2,770
TEMPE, AZ	166,862	4.49%	3,966
PROVO, UT	115,925	4.05%	2,387
NEW HAVEN, CT	130,749	3.80%	2,120
SALT LAKE CITY, UT	189,311	3.46%	3,356
CHARLESTON, SC	125,941	2.90%	1,911
SALEM, OR	157,425	2.41%	1,550
COSTA MESA, CA	111,910	2.31%	1,401
SOUTH BEND, IN	100,003	2.17%	902
HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA	194,712	2.10%	2,036
SANTA CLARA, CA	119,307	2.03%	1,139
SYRACUSE, NY	144,161	1.99%	1,040
ORANGE, CA	139,425	1.89%	1,253
DENTON, TX	121,123	1.84%	1,030
WILMINGTON, NC	109,927	1.84%	996
SANTA MARIA, CA	101,469	1.68%	712
EAST LOS ANGELES, CA	126,918	1.59%	756
PASADENA, CA	138,553	1.55%	1,026
ALEXANDRIA, VA	146,294	1.53%	1,382
BILLINGS, MT	106,964	1.49%	815

POPULATION: 100,000 TO 200,000

CITY	POPULATION	% OF BIKE COMMUTERS	# OF BIKE COMMUTERS
RICHMOND, CA	106,526	1.49%	715
GRESHAM, OR	108,958	1.49%	711
NAPERVILLE, IL	145,137	1.42%	1,037
FORT LAUDERDALE, FL	170,747	1.31%	1,010
SAVANNAH, GA	142,010	1.26%	758
NORMAN, OK	115,563	1.22%	692
PROVIDENCE, RI	178,438	1.17%	925
POMPANO BEACH, FL	102,968	1.16%	530
FULLERTON, CA	138,589	1.16%	734
POMONA, CA	150,817	1.13%	652
HOLLYWOOD, FL	145,241	1.08%	722
SANTA ROSA, CA	170,684	1.06%	829
TALLAHASSEE, FL	186,977	1.05%	962
BURBANK, CA	104,380	1.04%	550
SAN BUENAVENTURA CITY, CA	107,755	1.02%	513
GRAND RAPIDS, MI	190,426	1%	858
ARVADA, CO	109,315	1%	538
GREEN BAY, WI	104,869	0.99%	487
ROCHESTER, MN	108,994	0.87%	513
CHATTANOOGA, TN	171,282	0.85%	638
GARDEN GROVE, CA	174,401	0.84%	640
ONTARIO, CA	167,207	0.83%	584
EVANSVILLE, IN	120,059	0.81%	461
ESCONDIDO, CA	147,556	0.81%	495
SANTA CLARITA CITY, CA	179,005	0.81%	686
SPRINGFIELD CITY, MO	162,193	0.79%	612
INGLEWOOD CITY, CA	111,174	0.78%	372
BRIDGEPORT CITY, CT	146,434	0.76%	480
LANSING CITY, MI	113,488	0.76%	376
ROCKFORD CITY, IL	151,019	0.69%	412
ALLENTOWN CITY, PA	118,974	0.69%	353
SUNNYVALE CITY, CA	146,199	0.69%	491

POPULATION: 100,000 TO 200,000

CITY	POPULATION	% OF BIKE COMMUTERS	# OF BIKE COMMUTERS
FLINT CITY, MI	100,515	0.67%	200
CEDAR RAPIDS CITY, IA	128,124	0.63%	406
AUGUSTA-RICHMOND COUNTY, GA	197,696	0.62%	501
METAIRIE, LA	137,210	0.61%	412
NORWALK CITY, CA	106,286	0.58%	254
DAYTON CITY, OH	141,354	0.56%	305
LAKEWOOD CITY, CO	145,522	0.56%	404
SALINAS CITY, CA	154,463	0.55%	348
SUNRISE MANOR, NV	190,583	0.55%	404
EL MONTE CITY, CA	115,113	0.52%	236
NEWPORT NEWS CITY, VA	180,726	0.50%	448
CONCORD CITY, CA	124,717	0.48%	285
BELLEVUE CITY, WA	126,447	0.44%	284
WATERBURY CITY, CT	109,915	0.43%	187
COLUMBIA CITY, SC	131,303	0.41%	248
HAMPTON CITY, VA	136,836	0.40%	245
VANCOUVER CITY, WA	165,502	0.38%	284
JOLIET CITY, IL	146,781	0.38%	265
LOWELL CITY, MA	108,528	0.38%	195
PUEBLO CITY, CO	107,775	0.38%	154
COLUMBIA CDP, MD	104,129	0.37%	208
ELIZABETH CITY, NJ	126,459	0.36%	198
VALLEJO CITY, CA	117,814	0.34%	158
WACO CITY, TX	127,003	0.33%	172
SPRING VALLEY, NV	177,162	0.33%	303
MORENO VALLEY, CA	199,561	0.32%	250
CENTENNIAL, CO	103,735	0.32%	167
AMARILLO, TX	195,571	0.29%	272
KNOXVILLE, TN	182,196	0.29%	245
STAMFORD, CT	125,102	0.29%	182

POPULATION: 100,000 TO 200,000

CITY	POPULATION	% OF BIKE COMMUTERS	# OF BIKE COMMUTERS
BROWNSVILLE CITY, TX	180,077	0.26%	162
GLENDALE CITY, CA	194,501	0.24%	207
JACKSON CITY, MS	175,376	0.24%	165
AKRON CITY, OH	198,551	0.24%	193
SIOUX FALLS CITY, SD	159,992	0.24%	208
SPRINGFIELD CITY, MA	153,557	0.22%	120
FARGO CITY, ND	109,467	0.22%	141
ERIE CITY, PA	101,040	0.19%	82
WEST VALLEY CITY, UT	132,431	0.19%	111
CORONA CITY, A	158,388	0.18%	123
OVERLAND PARK CITY, KS	178,941	0.18%	168
ELK GROVE CITY, CA	159,064	0.16%	107
HIGHLANDS RANCH, CO	101,898	0.15%	79
PALMDALE CITY, CA	155,660	0.15%	79
CLARKSVILLE CITY, TN	142,517	0.15%	94
WORCESTER CITY, MA	182,680	0.14%	110
OLATHE CITY, KS	130,031	0.12%	82
PEORIA CITY, AZ	159,761	0.12%	86
HAYWARD CITY, CA	149,398	0.11%	70
WEST COVINA CITY, CA	107,472	0.10%	44
TOPEKA CITY, KS	127,942	0.08%	47
DOWNEY CITY, CA	112,878	0.08%	38
LITTLE ROCK CITY, AK	196,530	0.06%	51
HUNTSVILLE CITY, AL	183,076	0.05%	40
MOBILE CITY, AL	194,823	0.04%	27
OCEANSIDE CITY, CA	171,272	0.02%	12

POPULATION: 65,000 TO 100,000

CITY	POPULATION	% OF BIKE COMMUTERS	# OF BIKE COMMUTERS
DAVIS, CA	66,009	19.08%	5,830
PALO ALTO, CA	66,359	9.46%	2,874
SANTA BARBARA, CA	89,638	6.91%	3,090
MISSOULA, MT	68,386	6.15%	2,262
CHICO, CA	87,712	5.69%	2,157
MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA	76,612	5.50%	2,383
EVANSTON, IL	75,420	5.25%	1,825
SANTA MONICA, CA	91,814	5.19%	2,538
MIAMI BEACH, FL	90,579	5.06%	2,500
FLAGSTAFF, AZ	67,472	4.71%	1,632
BLOOMINGTON, IN	78,592	3.88%	1,314
SOMERVILLE, MA	77,112	3.70%	1,679
COLLEGE STATION, TX	97,794	3.32%	1,395
IOWA CITY, IA	70,131	3.23%	1,252
CHAMPAIGN, IL	82,509	3.20%	1,320
REDWOOD CITY, CA	79,005	2.92%	1,251
SAN MATEO, CA	99,653	2.68%	1,406
BEAVERTON, OR	92,677	2.04%	915
PLEASANTON, CA	72,326	1.96%	666
RANCHO CORDOVA, CA	66,999	1.74%	484
OREM, UT	90,754	1.60%	664
NEWTON, MA	86,304	1.43%	615
COMPTON, CA	97,560	1.40%	460
SAN LEANDRO, CA	86,884	1.35%	575
OGDEN, UY	83,799	1.32%	494

POPULATION: 65,000 TO 100,000

CITY	POPULATION	% OF BIKE COMMUTERS	# OF BIKE COMMUTERS
ALAMEDA, CA	75,632	1.26%	482
LAKEWOOD, CA	80,835	1.25%	466
ST. CLOUD, MN	64,949	1.18%	374
LIVERMORE, CA	83,541	1.17%	502
SPOKANE, WA	90,638	1.13%	459
READING, PA	88,096	1.12%	335
WILMINGTON, DE	71,289	1.07%	346
SKOKIE, IL	65,076	0.86%	259
HILLSBORO, OR	95,340	0.84%	370
FREDERICK, MD	66,390	0.81%	281
YUMA, AZ	95,424	0.80%	294
NAPA, CA	78,332	0.75%	290
BROCKTON, MA	94,092	0.74%	307
PASSAIC, NJ	70,215	0.73%	185
SOUTH GATE, CA	95,297	0.72%	280
DULUTH, MN	86,197	0.72%	300
SILVER SPRING, MD	73,958	0.62%	278
WESTMINSTER, CO	91,355	0.57%	343
AUBURN, WA	73,165	0.55%	177
LONGMONT, CO	88,636	0.46%	209
CICERO, IL	84,129	0.40%	130
NEW BRITAIN, CT	73,148	0.39%	123
MERCED, CA	80,799	0.36%	103
WHITTIER, CA	86,159	0.34%	136
TYLER, TX	99,321	0.32%	152
EAST ORANGE CITY, NJ	64,275	0.29%	72
TRENTON CITY, NJ	84,492	0.29%	84
MACON CITY, GA	91,271	0.29%	85

POPULATION: 65,000 TO 100,000

CITY	POPULATION	% OF BIKE COMMUTERS	# OF BIKE COMMUTERS
NEW BEDFORD, MA	94,929	0.23%	91
WALNUT CREEK, CA	65,696	0.22%	65
QUINCY, MA	93,031	0.17%	84
NORWALK, CT	87,196	0.16%	77
LAWRENCE, MA	77,321	0.10%	31
SCRANTON, PA	75,813	0.10%	34
FEDERAL WAY, WA	91,933	0.09%	42
DOTHAN, AL	68,104	0.08%	24
GERMANTOWN, MD	91,541	0.05%	26

TOP 10 CITIES WITH
HIGHEST BIKE/ WALK/TRANSIT SHARE

MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION is on the rise. Fewer and fewer Americans are taking to cars to get to and from work. More and more commuters are turning to their bicycles, their subway systems and their own two feet to get around. Here we break down the top 10 cities, in three population segments, with the highest share of non-drivers by looking at the rates biking, walking and transit all together.

POPULATION: 1 MILLION+

CITY	POP.	BY BIKE, WALK, OR TRANSIT	BY BIKE OR WALK	% OF BIKE COMMUTERS	BY WALK	BY TRANSIT
NEW YORK, NY	8,336,697	67.0%	11.1%	0.97%	10.1%	55.9%
PHILADELPHIA, PA	1,547,607	36.5%	10.5%	2.29%	8.2%	26.0%
CHICAGO, IL	2,714,844	34.8%	8.5%	1.57%	6.9%	26.3%
LOS ANGELES, CA	3,857,786	15.5%	4.6%	0.98%	3.6%	10.9%
SAN DIEGO, CA	1,338,354	7.4%	3.7%	1.05%	2.7%	3.6%
HOUSTON, TX	2,161,686	7.0%	2.6%	0.38%	2.2%	4.4%
DALLAS, TX	1,241,108	6.6%	2.2%	0.20%	2.0%	4.3%
PHOENIX, AZ	1,488,759	5.8%	2.5%	0.73%	1.8%	3.2%
SAN ANTONIO, TX	1,383,194	5.2%	1.8%	0.18%	1.6%	3.4%

POPULATION: 200,000 TO 1 MILLION

CITY	POP.	BY BIKE, WALK, OR TRANSIT	BY BIKE OR WALK	% OF BIKE COMMUTERS	BY WALK	BY TRANSIT
WASHINGTON, DC	632,323	54.6%	16.0%	4.14%	11.9%	38.6%
JERSEY CITY, NJ	254,444	53.4%	8.3%	0.48%	7.8%	45.1%
BOSTON, MA	637,516	52.1%	17.5%	2%	15.5%	34.6%
SAN FRANCISCO, CA	825,863	46.7%	13.6%	3.76%	9.8%	33.1%
NEWARK, NJ	277,718	35.1%	7.3%	0.23%	7.1%	27.8%
SEATTLE, WA	634,541	33.7%	14.0%	4.10%	9.9%	19.7%
ARLINGTON, VA	221,045	31.8%	6.7%	1.20%	5.4%	25.2%
PITTSBURGH, PA	306,212	29.3%	12.0%	1.38%	10.6%	17.2%
BALTIMORE, MD	621.342	27.1%	7.9%	1.04%	6.8%	19.2%
OAKLAND, CA	400,740	26.2%	7.0%	2.74%	4.3%	19.2%

POPULATION: UP TO 200,000

CITY	POP.	BY BIKE, WALK, OR TRANSIT	BY BIKE OR WALK	% OF BIKE COMMUTERS	BY WALK	BY TRANSIT
UNION CITY, NJ	67,751	57.6%	16.2%	0.00%[2]	16.2%	41.3%
CAMBRIDGE, MA	106,456	57.5%	33.0%	8.45%	24.5%	24.5%
SOMERVILLE, MA	77,112	46.6%	16.2%	3.7%	12.5%	30.4%
BERKELEY, CA	115,417	46.4%	25.7%	7.57%	18.1%	20.6%
EVANSTON, IL	75,420	37.3%	16.9%	5.25%	11.7%	20.4%
MOUNT VERNON, NY	67,902	36.5%	7.6%	0.00%[3]	7.6%	28.8%
SILVER SPRING, MD	73,958	34.7%	4.7%	0.62%	4.0%	30.1%
MIAMI BEACH, FL	90,579	32.3%	18.9%	5.06%	13.9%	13.4%
BOULDER, CO	101,812	31.7%	22.9%	12.06%	10.8%	8.8%
YONKERS, NY	198,457	31.5%	6.0%	0.00%[4]	6.0%	25.5%

2. The ACS estimates a margin of error for the estimated number of bike commuters between 0 and 719.

3. The ACS estimates a margin of error for the estimated number of bike commuters between 0 and 195.

4. The ACS estimates a margin of error for the estimated number of bike commuters between 0 and 1,529.

GREAT CITIES FOR
WOMEN BICYCLISTS

THE POPULARITY OF BICYCLING is skyrocketing nationwide and interest among women is rising, too. Still, women are underrepresented as riders and leaders in many aspects of the bicycle movement. The League's Women Bike program works to get more women on bikes. Here, we look a the communities that have stellar percentages of women biking and are above the national average mode share of .6%.

CITY	POPULATION	% OF WOMEN BIKE COMMUTERS	TOTAL % OF BIKE COMMUTERS
SPOKANE VALLEY, WA	90,638	67.5%	1.1%
PROVIDENCE, RI	178,438	58%	1.2%
SAN LEANDRO, CA	86,884	56.7%	1.35%
LUBBOCK, TX	236,060	55.5%	.76%
SCOTTSDALE, AZ	223,517	55.5%	0.9%
CHICO, CA	87,712	52.4%	5.7%
YUMA, AZ	95,424	50.7%	0.8%
RICHMOND, CA	106,526	50.1%	1.5%

COLLEGE TOWNS FOR BICYCLISTS

COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY CAMPUSES are unique environments for their high density, stimulating atmosphere and defined boundaries. And those towns essentially built around those campuses are often ideal for incorporating bicycling. These college towns are the best of the best for bicycling.

COLLEGE TOWN	% OF BIKE COMMUTERS	% POP. IN COLLEGE, GRADUATE, OR PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL
DAVIS, CA	19.1%	34.6%
BOULDER, CO	12.1%	33%
PALO ALTO, CA	9.5%	7.2%
EUGENE, OR	8.7%	23.1%
CAMBRIDGE, MA	8.5%	29.5%
FORT COLLINS, CO	7.9%	23.1%
BERKELEY, CA	7.6%	31.4%
SANTA BARBARA, CA	6.9%	10.2%
MADISON, WI	6.2%	21.3%
MISSOULA, MT	6.2%	17.2%

TOP 30 CITIES IN WHICH
BIKING KNOWS NO AGE BOUNDARIES

THE JOYS OF BICYCLING don't change, no matter your age. From your first time pedaling without training wheels to a lazy afternoon ride far into retirement, bicycling is suitable for any age group. That is even more evident in the commuter data, which shows rates of bicycling remaining relatively steady across age groups. In this data set, we segment American cities into three age groups, from the average youngest to average oldest populations.

YOUNGEST CITIES

CITY	MEDIAN AGE (YEARS)	% BIKE COMMUTERS	COMMUTE BY WALK	COMMUTE BY BIKE OR WALK
DAVIS, CA	25.9	19.1%	3.1%	22.2%
BOULDER, CO	27.7	12.1%	10.8%	22.9%
CAMBRIDGE, MA	30.9	8.5%	24.5%	33.0%
FORT COLLINS, CO	30.1	7.9%	4.8%	12.7%
BERKELEY, CA	32.1	7.6%	18.1%	25.7%
MADISON CITY, WI	30.3	6.2%	9.2%	15.4%
MISSOULA CITY, MT	31.7	6.2%	4.7%	10.9%
GAINESVILLE CITY, FL	23.7	6%	4.9%	10.9%
CHICO CITY, CA	28.9	5.7%	5.9%	11.6%

MIDDLE-AGED CITIES

CITY	MEDIAN AGE (YEARS)	% BIKE COMMUTERS	COMMUTE BY WALK	COMMUTE BY BIKE OR WALK
EUGENE, OR	34.2	8.71%	8.0%	16.7%
PORTLAND, OR	36.6	6.14%	6.9%	13.1%
MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA	35.3	5.50%	2.8%	8.3%
EVANSTON, IL	32.9	5.25%	11.7%	16.9%
WASHINGTON, D.C.	33.7	4.14%	11.9%	16.0%
CHARLESTON, SC	33.3	2.90%	6.2%	9.1%
DENVER, CO	33.7	2.86%	5.0%	7.9%
BOISE, ID	36.4	2.78%	3.6%	6.4%
TUCSON, AZ	33.3	2.76%	3.8%	6.6%
OAKLAND, CA	36.3	2.74%	4.3%	7%

OLDEST CITIES

CITY	MEDIAN AGE (YEARS)	% BIKE COMMUTERS	COMMUTE BY WALK	COMMUTE BY BIKE OR WALK
PALO ALTO, CA	42	9.46%	4.3%	13.8%
SANTA BARBARA, CA	37.3	6.91%	7.3%	14.3%
SANTA MONICA, CA	40.2	5.19%	7.5%	12.7%
MIAMI BEACH, FL	40	5.06%	13.9%	18.9%
SAN FRANCISCO, CA	38.5	3.76%	9.8%	13.6%
SAN MATEO, CA	40	2.68%	4.9%	7.5%
HONOLULU, HI	40.4	2.26%	8.4%	10.7%
HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA	38.7	2.10%	1.2%	3.3%
PLEASANTON, CA	40.9	1.96%	2.5%	4.4%
BILLINGS, MT	38.3	1.5%	5%	6.4%

TOP 10 CITIES THAT
BRAVE THE ELEMENTS

BIKING in the rain, snow and cold isn't always fun, but it's not stopping American bike commuters from braving the elements. Even in the rainiest, coldest and snowiest climates across the country, people are still getting on their bikes to ride to work. Here, we look at the cities with the highest rates of bicycling in the rainiest, snowiest and coldest pockets of the country.[6]

RAINIEST CITIES

CITY	AVERAGE ANNUAL PRECIP. (IN.)	AVERAGE ANNUAL PRECIP. (DAYS)	COMMUTE BY BIKE	BY WALK	BY BIKE OR WALK	BY TRANSIT	BY BIKE, WALK, OR TRANSIT
MIAMI, FL	58.53	131	5.06%	13.9%	18.9%	13.4%	32.3%
CHARLESTON, SC	51.53	114	2.90%	6.2%	9.1%	2.6%	11.8%
NEW ORLEANS, LA	64.16	114	2.42%	4.7%	7.2%	6.6%	13.7%
SAVANNAH, GA	49.58	111	1.26%	4.8%	6.1%	3.6%	9.7%
PROVIDENCE, RI	46.45	124	1.17%	10.8%	12.0%	9.2%	21.2%
NEW YORK, Y	49.69	121	0.97%	10.1%	11.1%	55.9%	67.0%
ATLANTA, GA	50.2	115	0.64%	5.9%	6.5%	10.6%	17.2%
BATON ROUGE, LA	63.08	110	0.58%	3.2%	3.8%	2.5%	6.3%
JACKSONVILLE, FL	52.34	116	0.54%	1.4%	2.0%	1.9%	3.9%
COLUMBIA, SC	48.27	109	0.41%	20.7%	21.1%	2.2%	23.3%

6. Due to the government shutdown this data was gathered from infoplease.com, which used National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)'s data with with an observation period of 1971-2000. It includes data from 100 selected cities. Please contact Ken McLeod at ken@bikeleague.org if you would like comprehensive city data to compare to data from NOAA's National Climatic Data Center. We would be happy to publish your results.

COLDEST CITIES

CITY	AVERAGE MONTHLY TEMP. (°F)				BY BIKE	BY WALK	BIKE OR WALK	BY TRANSIT	BIKE, WALK, OR TRANSIT
	JAN.	APRIL	JULY	OCT.					
MADISON, WI	17.3	45.9	71.6	49.3	6.23%	9.2%	15.4%	8.6%	24.0%
MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL, MN	13.1	46.6	73.2	48.7	4.53%	6.9%	11.5%	12.1%	23.6%
BUFFALO,NY	24.5	45.3	70.8	50.7	1.61%	6.4%	8.0%	11.6%	19.6%
CHICAGO, ILL	22	47.8	73.3	52.1	1.57%	6.9%	8.5%	26.3%	34.8%
BILLINGS, MT	24	46.1	72	48.1	1.49%	5.0%	6.4%	1.1%	7.6%
PITTSBURGH, PA	27.5	49.9	72.6	52.5	1.38%	10.6%	12.0%	17.2%	29.3%
ANCHORAGE, AK	15.8	36.3	58.4	34.1	1.15%	2.9%	4.1%	2.1%	6.2%
GRAND RAPIDS, MI	22.4	46.3	71.4	49.9	1.00%	3.9%	4.9%	3.0%	7.9%
MILWAUKEE,WI	20.7	45.2	72	51.4	0.93%	5.5%	6.4%	8.6%	15.0%
DULUTH, MN	8.4	39	65.5	43.5	0.72%	4.6%	5.4%	4.1%	9.5%

SNOWIEST CITIES

CITY	AVERAGE ANNUAL PRECIP. (DAYS)	AVERAGE ANNUAL SNOWFALL (IN.)	BY BIKE	BY WALK	BIKE OR WALK	TRANSIT	BIKE, WALK, OR TRANSIT
MADISON, WI	120	43.8	6.23%	9.2%	15.4%	8.6%	24.0%
MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL, MN	115	49.9	4.53%	6.9%	11.5%	12.1%	23.6%
SALT LAKE CITY, UT	91	58.7	3.46%	4.6%	8.1%	8.1%	16.2%
DENVER, CO	89	60.3	2.86%	5.0%	7.9%	7.2%	15.1%
BOSTON, MA	127	42.8	2.00%	15.5%	17.5%	34.6%	52.1%
BUFFALO, NY	169	93.6	1.61%	6.4%	8.0%	11.6%	19.6%
BILLINGS,MT	96	56.9	1.49%	5.0%	6.4%	1.1%	7.6%
PITTSBURGH, PA	152	43.6	1.38%	10.6%	12.0%	17.2%	29.3%
ANCHORAGE, AK	115	70.8	1.15%	2.9%	4.1%	2.1%	6.2%
GRAND RAPIDS, MI	144	73.3	1.00%	3.9%	4.9%	3.0%	7.9%

CITY RIVALRIES BY BIKE

RIVALRIES are often played out on the field or court, but we wondered: Where do the cities stack up by bike? Here we look at five city rivalries to see who's truly the best. We take the current bike mode share, growth in bike commuting over one year and growth since 2005 to determine the winners.

CITY	MODE SHARE WINNER	GROWTH OVER 1 YEAR WINNER	GROWTH SINCE 2005 WINNER
BOSTON, MA	X		X
NEW YORK, NY		X	
SEATTLE, WA		X	X
PORTLAND, OR	X		
KANSAS CITY, MO			X
ST. LOUIS, MO	X	X	
PITTSBURGH, PA	X		
CLEVELAND, OH		X	X
TULSA, OK			
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK	X	X	X

RIVALRIES BY THE NUMBERS

CITY	ESTIMATED POP.	MODE SHARE					GROWTH IN MODE SHARE		
		2012	2011	2005	2000	1990	1990 TO 2012	2005 TO 2012	2011 TO 2012
BOSTON,MA	621,383	2%	1.7%	0.9%	1%	0.9%	128.3%	113.3%	15.4%
NEW YORK, NY	8,184,899	1%	0.8%	0.5%	0.5%	0.3%	220.4%	102.7%	17.5%
SEATTLE, WA	610,710	4.1%	3.5%	2.3%	1.9%	1.5%	170.3%	77.6%	18.7%
PORTLAND, OR	585,429	6.1%	6.3%	3.5%	1.8%	1.2%	430.3%	76.9%	-2.4%
KANSAS CITY, MO	460,665	0.4%	0.3%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	285.5%	1761.4%	42.4%
ST. LOUIS, MO	319,156	1.2%	0.3%	N/A	0.3%	0.3%	332.8%	NA	260.9%
PITTSBURGH, PA	305,759	1.4%	1.4%	1.0%	0.4%	0.4%	231.0%	35.9%	-1.2%
CLEVELAND, OH	396,240	0.6%	0.6%	0.4%	0.2%	0.1%	385.0%	60.1%	-0.4%
TULSA, OK	393,577	0.1%	0.4%	0.3%	0.2%	0.2%	-27.6%	-43.0%	-65%
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK	582,278	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	36.4%	9.2%	3.3%

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