



BICYCLE FRIENDLY STATE



2018 PROGRESS REPORT

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2017 ranking

TOTAL COUNTS
BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES 3
BICYCLE FRIENDLY BUSINESSES 2
BICYCLE FRIENDLY UNIVERSITIES 0

DELAWARE

REGION: EAST

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Delaware has a ranking that is much higher than its federal data alone might suggest. This difference is explained by Delaware taking many strong actions at the state level that are showing up in improvements in its federal data indicators, even though the state has not yet broken through to be above average in those indicators.

Delaware does not excel in every federal data category but there is one category where it dominates other states: spending on bicycling and walking projects. It's #1 among all states in the U.S. over the last 10 years and it also ranks in the Top 10 with regard to increases in that spending.

Now, there are some signs that this major strategic investment by the state in cycling is now starting to pay off for Delaware:

- Delaware has the best trend in bicyclist fatality rate, and
- Sixth best trend in the rate of bicycling to work.

Delaware also adopted the Bicycle Friendly Delaware Act last year that included several innovative statutes that make bicycling easier and safer in the state.

Bicycle Friendly Actions ✓ = New Progress in 2018	
Complete Streets Law / Policy	Yes
Safe Passing Law (3ft+)	Yes
Statewide bike plan in last 10 years	Yes
Bicycle Safety Emphasis Area	No
2% or more fed funds on bike/ped (in last five fiscal years)	Yes

Featured Statewide Member - Bike Delaware



Bike Delaware

Making bicycling safe, convenient and fun

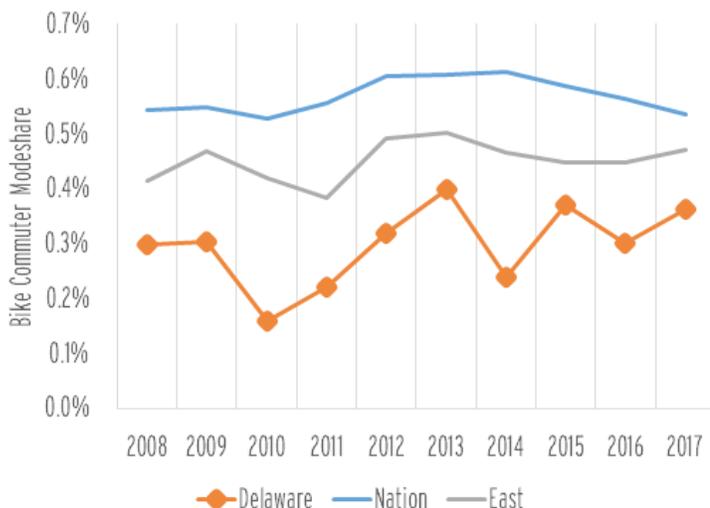
"The Walkable Bikeable Delaware campaign - an eight year, and still ongoing, effort to win strategic investments by state government in bicycle infrastructure - continues to rack up impressive wins.

In September, Delaware opened the biggest and most expensive piece of bicycle infrastructure in State history: a \$25 million project to complete the Wilmington-New Castle Greenway, including Delaware's longest bicycle bridge over the Christina River. Trailfest - the largest bicycle-related party ever seen in Delaware - drew over 3,000 people to celebrate the opening of the new trail.

In May, the Delaware Department of Transportation adopted a "color-unique" bicycle wayfinding signage system. This signage is similar to wayfinding found in Boulder, CO and Berkeley, CA but is unique at the state level in the U.S. It is also unique in that it is the only bicycle wayfinding signage system in the U.S. that is explicitly based on the concept of the "Low Traffic Stress" bicycle network.

Also in May, Delaware got its first new state bicycle plan since 2006. Just as with Delaware's new approach to bicycle wayfinding, Delaware's new bicycle plan is also based on Low Traffic Stress bicycle network planning as its foundational concept."

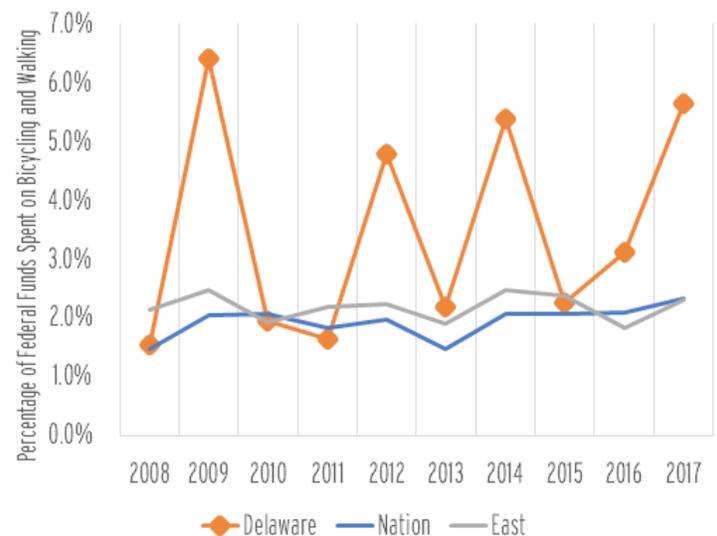
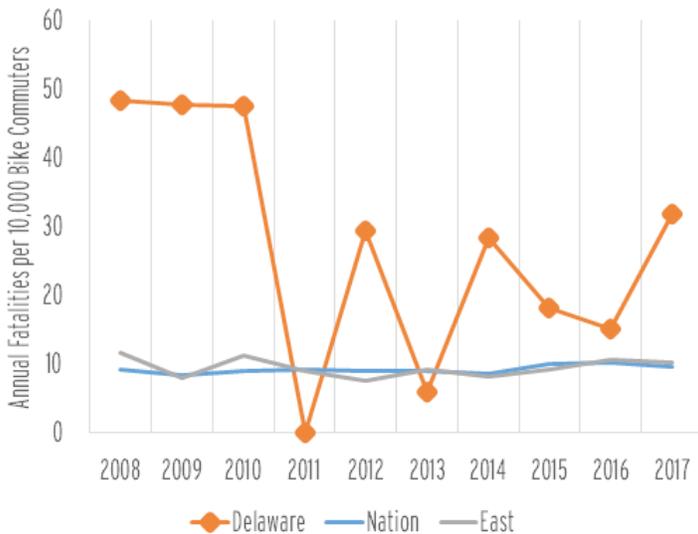
Federal Data on Biking		Ten-Year Trend	Ten-Year Rank
Ridership	0.3% of commuters biking to work	One of 10 largest increases in bike commuting	37/50



This Progress Report provides an update on Delaware's efforts related to bicycling. A full report card based upon a comprehensive survey is available at: <http://bikeleague.org/content/state-report-cards>

Federal Data on Biking		Ten-Year Trend	Ten-Year Rank
Safety	27.3 fatalities per 10k bike commuters	One of 5 most more safe	47/50

Federal Data on Biking		Ten-Year Trend	Ten-Year Rank
Spending	3.5% of FHWA spending on biking and walking	One of 10 largest increases in funding	1/50



Featured Agency - Delaware Department of Transportation

"Since the 2017 Bicycle Friendly State report card, DeDOT has completed the construction of the dedicated bicycle/pedestrian bridge over the Christina River. This will be a significant connection between the City of Wilmington and the City of New Castle. The ribbon cutting ceremony is anticipated being in September 2018.

Delaware continues to promote safe bicycling to the international students who live and work in the beach resort areas by conducting seminars explaining the existing and new Delaware Bicycle Laws and loaning out bicycles to the students for the summer. This summer Delaware scheduled twelve bicycle safety checkpoints in which 96% of our contacts were with the international students. At these checkpoints bicycle lights, helmets and maps are distributed as well as bicycle repairs. Also we continue to conduct bicycle rodeos at local elementary schools and community events (First Night Out, Open Streets Festivals, etc.) to teach the basic bicycle skills."

In addition, two upcoming projects will move bicycling forward in Delaware, with the Georgetown to Lewes Trail Phase 2 will begin construction in Fall 2018 as a rail-to-trail project and the Delaware Avenue Separated Bikeway will be the state's first projected bike lane with bike boxes and bicycle traffic signals, construction is anticipated in Spring 2021.



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Every member organization of the League of American Bicyclists gets free access to a powerful advocacy software package. In 2017, the League facilitated over a dozen actions that engaged thousands of people. In New Jersey, these efforts led to a law that requires that drivers are educated about bicyclist and pedestrian safety as part of their driver's license training.

Learn about current actions and how your organization can use our tools at <https://bikeleague.org/TakeAction>