



BICYCLE FRIENDLY STATE



2018 PROGRESS REPORT

#16
2017 ranking

TOTAL COUNTS
 BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES 19
 BICYCLE FRIENDLY BUSINESSES 21
 BICYCLE FRIENDLY UNIVERSITIES 10

ILLINOIS

REGION: MIDWEST

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Illinois is one of the seven states that has taken all five of our Bicycle Friendly Actions. The federal data indicators for Illinois reflect the state's recent actions to improve bicycling, with each indicator showing improvements over the last decade.

Most notably, Illinois has the best trend of any state regarding the use of federal funds for bicycling and walking. Much of this trend could be explained by a well-timed spike in fiscal year 2017. Over the last five years, the state did not hit a 2% average of federal funds spent on bicycling and walking - our benchmark for the use of federal funds on bicycling and walking. Hopefully the spike is not an aberration, but a sign of things to come.

The state has continued its recent leadership by adopting HB 4799, which will require school districts to adopt policies on Kindergarten to Eighth grade bicyclist and education, the first such law that we are aware of.

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	Yes
2% or more fed funds on bike/ped (in last five fiscal years)	Yes

Featured Statewide Member - Ride Illinois



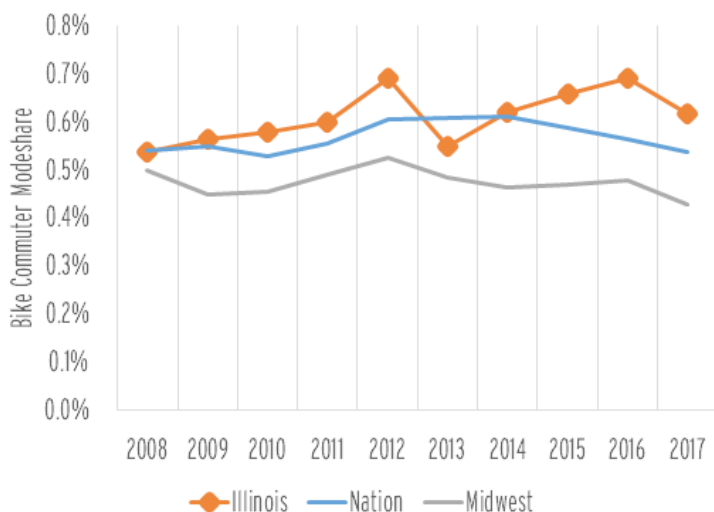
According to Ride Illinois the most exciting improvements in the state are happening around bicyclist and pedestrian education.

Most notable is likely HB 4799, which was supported by the Active Transportation Alliance, Chicago's long-time bicyclist, pedestrian, and transit advocacy organization. HB 4799 has passed the state legislature and is awaiting the Governor's signature. If signed, it would require school districts to adopt policies on K-8 bicyclist and pedestrian education.

The Illinois Department of Transportation has continued to support bicyclist education, helping Ride Illinois reach 90 driver's education programs, 13 elementary schools, and 17 police departments with bicyclists training, including the use of BikeSafetyQuiz.com.

Complete Streets policy implementation appears to be slow, as Ride Illinois reports "a staffing shortage at IDOT may contribute to the difficulty of updating design manuals to better implement the state's Complete Streets policies. However, progress is being made on updating the bicycle section of the Bureau of Local Roads manual."

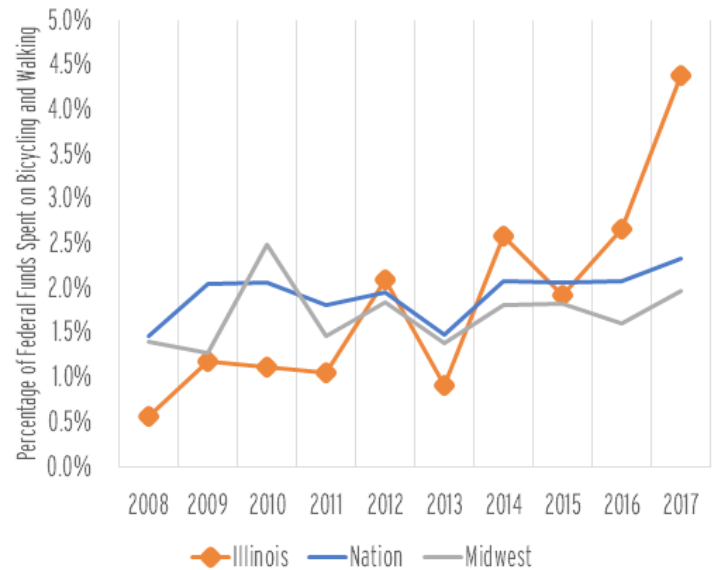
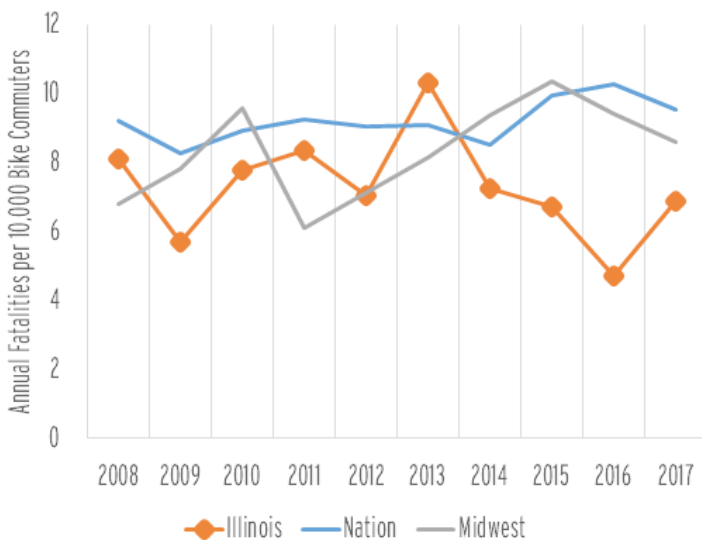
Federal Data on Biking		Ten-Year Trend	Ten-Year Rank
Ridership	0.6% of commuters biking to work	One of 5 largest increases in bike commuting	18/50



This Progress Report provides an update on Illinois'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	7.3 fatalities per 10k bike commuters	More safe, but not strongly	22/50

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Spending	1.8% of FHWA spending on biking and walking	One of 5 largest increases in funding	27/50



Featured Agency - Illinois Department of Transportation

"The Illinois Department of Transportation has partnered with Ride Illinois, a nonprofit organization working statewide for better bicycling conditions, in efforts to assess IDOT's Multi-Year Program (MYP). Ride Illinois assessed our MYP projects to identify where small project changes can make a big difference for vulnerable users. IDOT sends out Multi-Year Project letters when major projects have Complete Streets components. This MYP effort is meant to be a proactive approach to help increase accommodations throughout the State of Illinois. Illinois has 9 total Districts. Of the 9 Districts, 7 have been assessed with 2 remaining. The efforts are going well."

"The Illinois Department of Transportation continues to ensure professionals, designers, engineers and others are trained and seek continuing education. IDOT is partnering with the University of North Carolina Highway Safety Research Center by providing staff with Bicycle and Pedestrian Training for up to 70 participants in November of 2018."

The Illinois DOT has been working well with non-profit partners to improve bicycling education, particularly for school children. This has included working on bills that would provide bicycle and pedestrian education in schools, updating Rules of the Road education materials with the Secretary of State, and requesting applications for Safe Routes to School projects of up to \$200,000.



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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>