



BICYCLE FRIENDLY STATE

NEW JERSEY



2018 PROGRESS REPORT

#9

2017 ranking

TOTAL COUNTS
 BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES 7
 BICYCLE FRIENDLY BUSINESSES 4
 BICYCLE FRIENDLY UNIVERSITIES 1

REGION: EAST

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New Jersey, according to its federal data, has several issues that it needs to address in order to improve conditions for bicyclists.

Most troubling is the low rate of federal funding for bicycling and walking. After one year where the state used federal funds on bicycling and walking at a higher rate than either the national or Eastern regional average, that state has consistently been one of the worst performing states by this federal data indicator. The state's performance in 2010 shows that it is possible for the state to spend more on bicycling and walking, so the troubles since that time likely reflect a lack of political will or leadership in order to make those investments.

Bicycle Friendly Actions ✓ = New Progress in 2018	
Complete Streets Law / Policy	Yes
Safe Passing Law (3ft+)	No
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)	No

Featured Statewide Member - New Jersey Bike & Walk Coalition

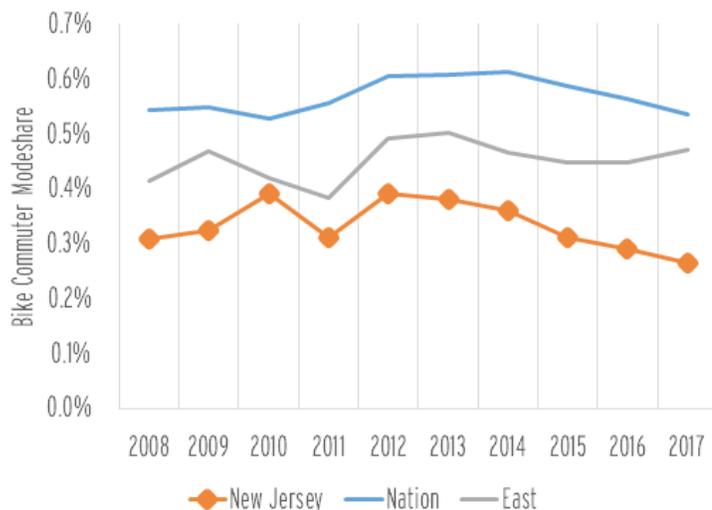


According to the New Jersey Bike & Walk Coalition, New Jersey is taking a number of positive steps to improve bicyclist safety including two notable initiatives with law enforcement:

1. "The state is undertaking a pilot Bicycle Safety Enforcement Exercise in one of the two municipalities that has a safe passing ordinance. They will use the C3FT device [a device that uses sensors] to measure passing distance between drivers and bike riders, and use the opportunity to educate drivers.
2. NJBWC continues to work with law enforcement officers using its "Bike's Eye View" safety program. This course is funded by the New Jersey Division of Traffic Safety and has been featured in national conferences, including the 2017 Lifesavers Conference and the 2018 National Bike Summit. In 2015, the Rutgers School of Planning and Public Policy published an evaluation of the training that showed it successfully increased understanding of laws as they apply to bicyclists.

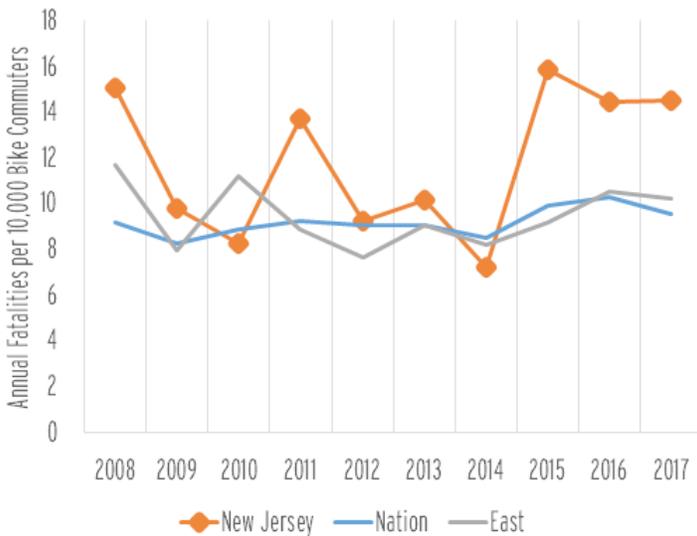
Unfortunately, the state continues to have difficulty spending federal funds on bicycling and walking. The New Jersey Department of Transportation has enlisted the Voorhees Transportation Center at Rutgers to re-search why these funds are so difficult to spend in New Jersey.

Federal Data on Biking		Ten-Year Trend	Ten-Year Rank
Ridership	0.3% of commuters biking to work	One of 15 largest decreases in bike commuting	33/50



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

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Safety	11.8 fatalities per 10k bike commuters	More dangerous, but not strongly	33/50



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Spending	0.7% of FHWA spending on biking and walking	Slight decrease in funding	47/50



Featured Agency - New Jersey Department of Transportation (Agency did not respond)

The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) adopted a statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan in 2016.

That plan included 5 goals:

1. "Improve safety,"
2. "Enhance accessibility, mobility, and connectivity,"
3. "Achieve health, equitable, and sustainable communities,"
4. "Foster a culture shift," and
5. "Facilitate coordination and integration."

In a survey conducted as part of the planning process, NJDOT asked "What keeps you from bicycling more often for short trips?" and 70% of respondents described "high traffic volumes and/or speeds" and "Motorists don't exercise caution around bicyclists" as major obstacles.

The entire plan is available at <https://www.state.nj.us/transportation/commuter/bike/pdf/bikepedmasterplan2016.pdf>.



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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>