



# BICYCLE FRIENDLY STATE

## NORTH CAROLINA



### 2018 PROGRESS REPORT

#20  
2017 ranking

TOTAL COUNTS  
 BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES 13  
 BICYCLE FRIENDLY BUSINESSES 19  
 BICYCLE FRIENDLY UNIVERSITIES 10

REGION: SOUTH

### 2018 Progress Report

North Carolina looks like a lot of southern states, but North Carolina stands alone as the only southern state to take all five of our Bicycle Friendly Actions.

The most dramatic divergence from other southern states in its federal data is found in North Carolina's use of federal funds for bicycling and walking. Since the state's adoption of the BikeWalkNC plan and the Strategic Transportation Investments law in 2013, North Carolina's federal data shows a pronounced oscillating trend towards a greater use of federal funds for bicycling and walking.

In other federal data, North Carolina is very close to the Southern regional average.

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 - Bike Walk North Carolina (NC)



BikeWalk NC is a membership-based, statewide advocacy organization promoting non-motorized transportation choices for residents of and visitors to NC.

Our existing and potential support base includes shop owners, cycling clubs, transportation professionals, local advocacy organizations, elected officials, allied non-profits, business groups, government, environmental and health-oriented organizations and various individual advocates across the state interested in promoting people-powered transportation.

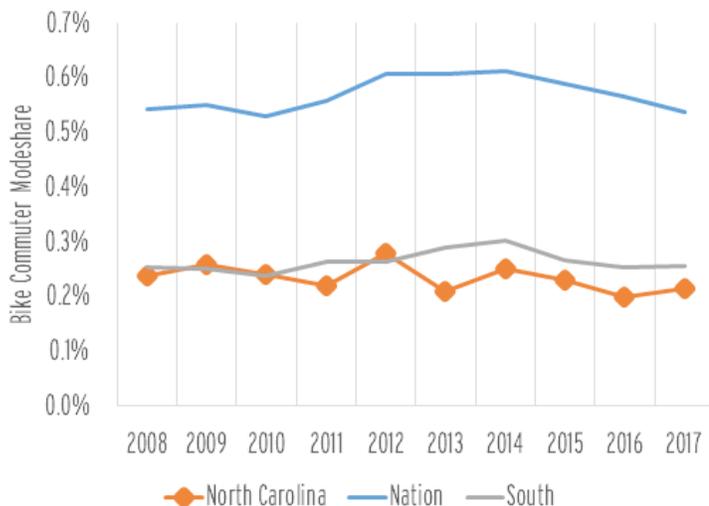
**Vision:**

"We envision a state where anyone can choose to bicycle, skate, run, and walk as normal, practical, healthy, safe and active transportation."

**Mission:**

"To inspire and support advocacy and educational efforts throughout North Carolina for an environment that fairly and equitably accommodates bicyclists, skaters, pedestrians, and others using human-powered active transportation."

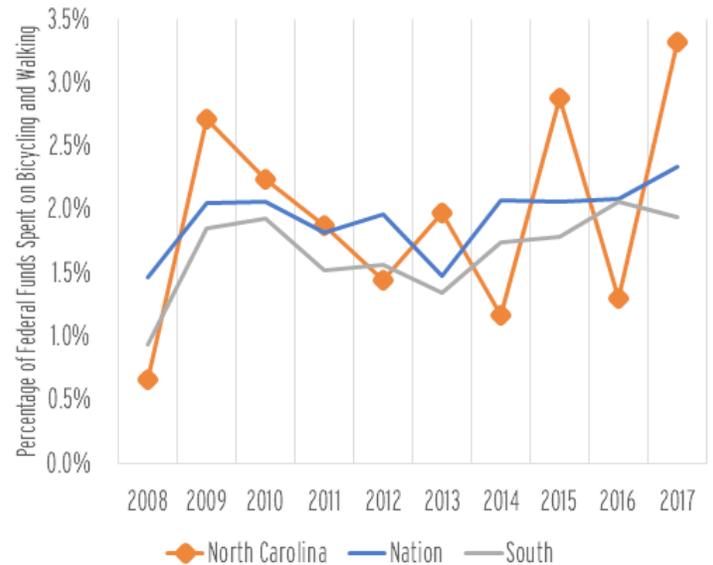
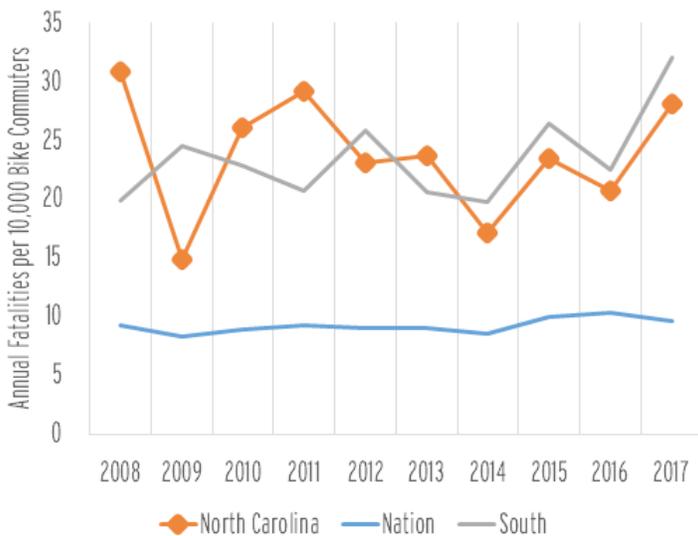
Federal Data on Biking		Ten-Year Trend	Ten-Year Rank
Ridership	0.2% of commuters biking to work	Slight decrease in bike commuting	43/50



This Progress Report provides an update on North Carolina'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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<b>Safety</b>	<b>23.7</b> fatalities per 10k bike commuters	<b>One of 10 most more safe</b>	<b>45/50</b>

Federal Data on Biking		Ten-Year Trend	Ten-Year Rank
<b>Spending</b>	<b>2%</b> of FHWA spending on biking and walking	<b>Slight increase in funding</b>	<b>22/50</b>



## Featured Agency - North Carolina Department of Transportation (Agency did not respond)

According to the North Carolina Department of Transportation website "In 2013, the N.C. Board of Transportation adopted WalkBikeNC, a comprehensive statewide plan for improving bicycling and walking conditions across North Carolina.

Focused on five main principles – mobility, safety, health, the economy and the environment – WalkBikeNC looks at how investments into sidewalks, bike lanes and greenways benefit communities at relatively low costs and how bicycle and pedestrian accommodations are able to:

- Promote physical, mental and social well-being by providing outdoor places to relax, exercise and socialize,
- Provide easy walking or bicycling connections between neighborhoods, schools, parks and trails,
- Increase property values, promote tourism and foster local businesses by encouraging foot traffic, and
- Improve overall quality of life."



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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>