



# BICYCLE FRIENDLY STATE

## WEST VIRGINIA



### 2018 PROGRESS REPORT

#37

2017 ranking

TOTAL COUNTS

BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES 1  
 BICYCLE FRIENDLY BUSINESSES 6  
 BICYCLE FRIENDLY UNIVERSITIES 0

REGION: SOUTH

### 2018 Progress Report

West Virginia has some positive trends in its federal data indicators and has taken four of our five Bicycle Friendly Actions, one of five Southern states to do so.

Despite these positive trends and actions, West Virginia still ranks near the bottom of all states for the rate of bicycling to work and the use of federal funds for bicycling and walking.

Over the last decade, West Virginia has one of the five lowest rates of federal funding in a single year and one of the five lowest maximum rates of federal funding in a single year, with the state never spending at a rate equal to the nation average.

Long-term improvement will likely be tied to a commitment to funding improvements for bicycling and walking.

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)	No

### Featured Statewide Member - West Virginia Connecting Communities

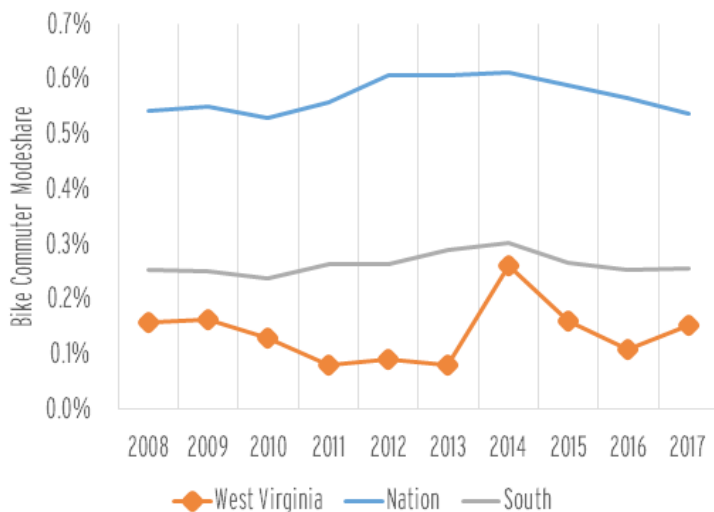


According to West Virginia Connecting Communities, progress in West Virginia has been minimal with the greatest statewide progress being the Governor announcing the members of the Complete Streets Advisory Council.

The Complete Streets Advisory Board was created under West Virginia's Complete Streets law adopted in 2013, which established the Board under section 17-4A-3 and provided that the Governor could appoint 13 members from various groups. West Virginia Connecting Communities worked with the Secretary of West Virginia's Department of Health and Department of Transportation to recommend members.

West Virginia's needs for bicycling remain fairly basic, and similar to many other states, including dedicated state funding for completing a proposed statewide bike route system, signage for the routes, and infrastructure to make the routes safe.

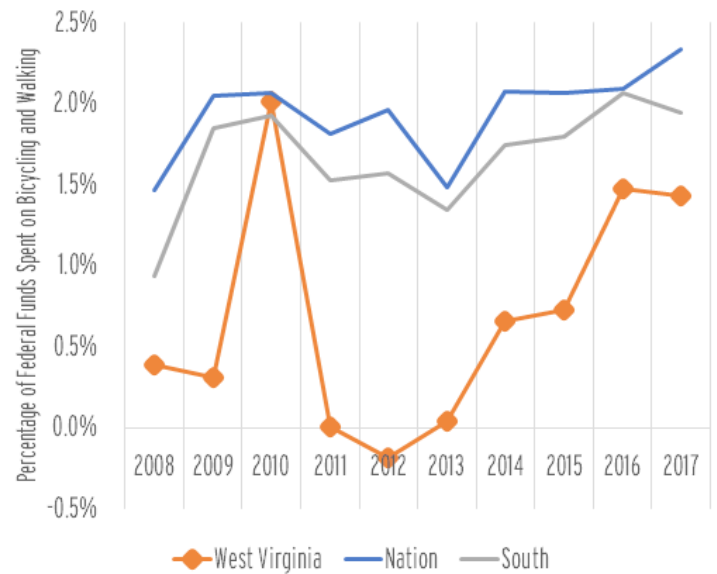
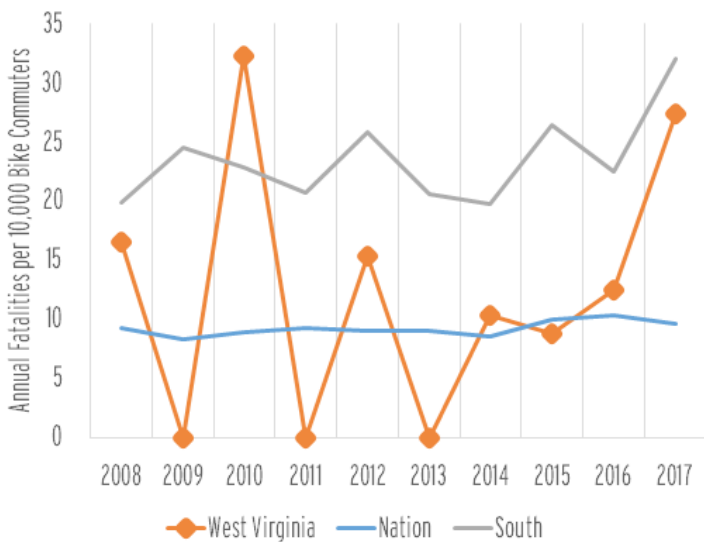
Federal Data on Biking		Ten-Year Trend	Ten-Year Rank
Ridership	0.1% of commuters biking to work	Slight increase in bike commuting	47/50



This Progress Report provides an update on West Virginia'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
<b>Safety</b>	<b>12.3</b> fatalities per 10k bike commuters	<b>One of 15 most more dangerous</b>	<b>34/50</b>

Federal Data on Biking		Ten-Year Trend	Ten-Year Rank
<b>Spending</b>	<b>0.7%</b> of FHWA spending on biking and walking	<b>Slight increase in funding</b>	<b>48/50</b>



## Featured Agency - West Virginia Department of Transportation (Agency did not respond)

In August 2017 the West Virginia Department of Transportation published the West Virginia Bicycle System Plan whose purpose is to "identify and finalize a system of designated, signed bicycle routes using West Virginia's highway system. A prime objective is to develop routes which would connect to other states, allowing expansion of the US Bicycle Route System and connecting WV cities and communities."

According to data reported to the Federal Highway Administration for the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside program, West Virginia provided funding to approximately 30% of the applications for funding to that program in fiscal year 2017.



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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>