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Nebraska ranked as 50th Bicycle Friendly State by the League of American Bicyclists *Nebraska falls to last place after having been 48th in 2015*

Today, the League of American Bicyclists (League) released its 2017 Bicycle Friendly State ranking. This is the League's 9th Bicycle Friendly State rank and first since 2015. Nebraska was ranked as the 50th Bicycle Friendly State (BFSSM).

To see each state's ranking, report card, and learn more about the data used for the ranking please visit the following links:

- [Ranking](#)
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“This is obviously very disappointing news and should serve as a wake up call for our state,” said Julie Harris, Executive Director of the Nebraska Cycling Alliance. “Nebraska should never rank last in anything related to quality of life, safety or anything else that impacts the ability to recruit and retain great people and great businesses. The silver lining is that we’ve had some recent successes collaborating with the Nebraska Department of Transportation and we look forward to building on this momentum by inviting them to work together to address the issues identified in the report card.”

The League launched its Bicycle Friendly State program in 2008 in order to better understand state efforts related to bicycling and provide a comparative framework that allows states to easily identify areas of improvement. Through our ranking, we hope that states and the public can easily understand the relative strengths and weaknesses of each state's efforts related to bicycling. Most of the League's focus is on the behavior of state Departments of Transportation and state legislators. These two groups are powerful policymakers and implementers who have significant impacts on conditions for bicyclists in each state.

The Bicycle Friendly State ranking seeks to rank each state according to its current conditions and efforts related to bicycling. Each state receives a report card that showcases:

- Federal data on bicycling conditions
- 5 Bicycle Friendly Actions chosen by the League of American Bicyclists as important indicators of state efforts related to bicycling
- Rankings and scores in 5 Categories analyzed to create the state's ranking
- A state summary with key points of emphasis
- Feedback Points that provide guidance on improving the state's ranking and the safety and mobility of bicyclists within the state

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The Bicycle Friendly State ranking is based upon data drawn from several data sources:

- Bike commuting data from the Census Bureau's [American Community Survey](#),
- Bicyclist fatality data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's [Fatality Analysis Reporting System](#),
- Bicycle and Pedestrian spending data from the Federal Highway Administration's [Fiscal Management Information System](#),
- Survey responses from state Departments of Transportation to the combined [Bicycle Friendly State & Benchmarking Survey](#),
- Data on advocacy and bicycle-related laws maintained by the [League of American Bicyclists](#).

To learn more about the data on each Bicycle Friendly State Report Card, please reference [this Guide](#) that describes the data sources, calculations, and surveys used to create the report cards and rankings. The Guide as well as charts and maps that illustrate the data used to develop the 2017 Bicycle Friendly State rankings [can be found by following this link](#).

The Nebraska Bicycling Alliance is the state's bicycle advocacy organization. Our mission is to cultivate a more bicycle friendly state through partnerships, education and advocacy.

The League of American Bicyclists is leading the movement to create a Bicycle Friendly America for everyone. As leaders, our commitment is to listen and learn, define standards and share best practices to engage diverse communities and build a powerful, unified voice for change.

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