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Measuring Walking & Biking in U.S. Cities

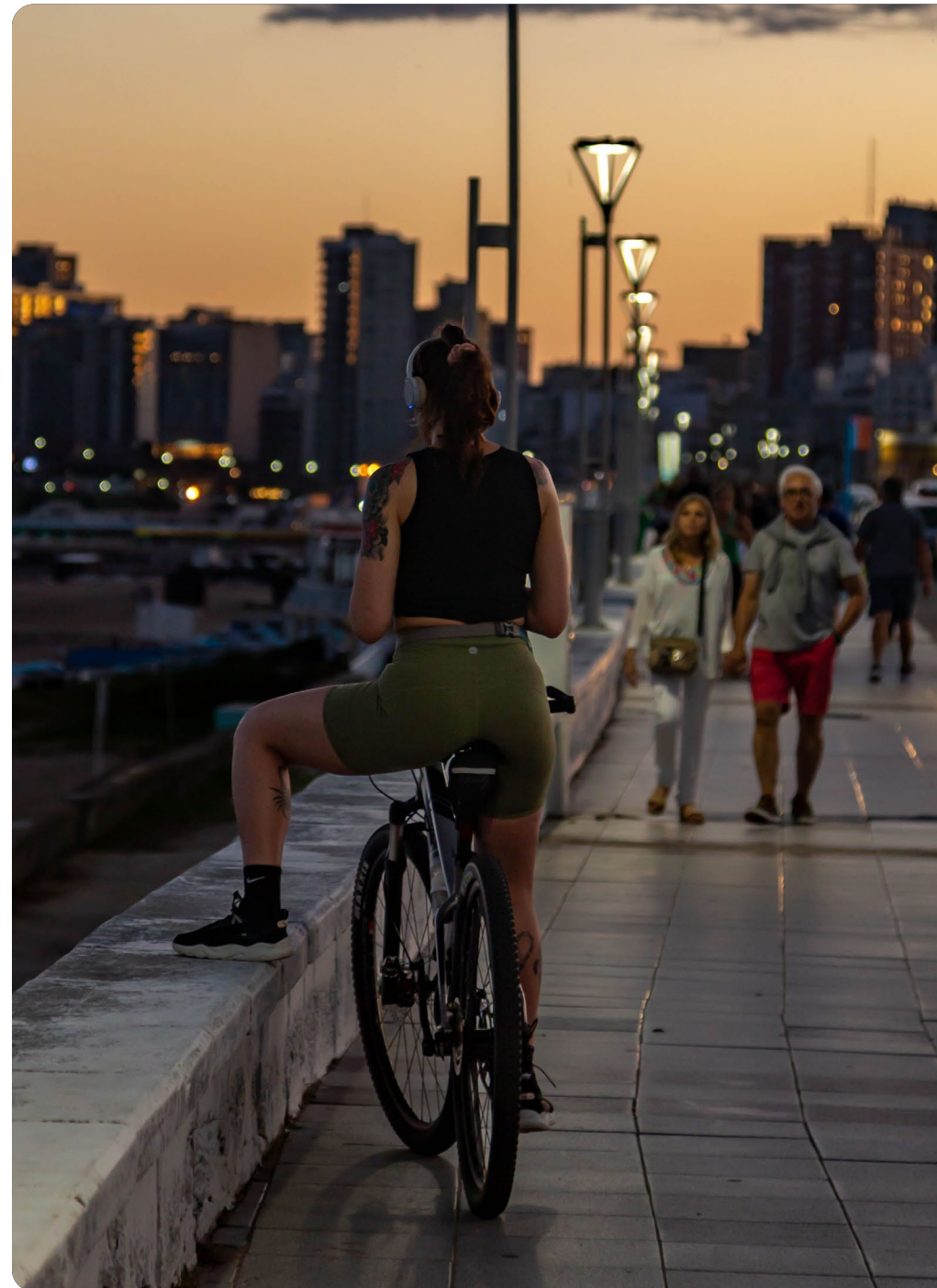
Includes:

- Bike miles traveled by city
- Pedestrian miles traveled by city
- Top bike trails by state
- Top pedestrian trails by state



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The Value of Measuring Bike & Pedestrian Activity

Walking and biking are essential modes of transportation, critical to the economy, public health, climate health, equity, accessibility, and more. Yet our roadways are primarily designed for cars and trucks, and those on foot often struggle to use these roadways.

But now agencies are increasingly focused on building infrastructure to support walking and biking. To do so, they need data to show where people walk and bike; how infrastructure impacts activity; and how investments affect usage.

As the saying goes, you can't manage what you can't measure, and for many cities, understanding where people walk and bike remains difficult because traditional counting programs rely on a limited number of permanent sensors, short-term manual counts, surveys, or observations at known facilities. These approaches can provide valuable snapshots, but they often miss activity on neighborhood streets, informal routes, trails, and locations without existing infrastructure, making it challenging to establish a network-wide baseline or understand seasonality.

StreetLight's [Active Transportation Scanner](#) aims to fill this data gap, by estimating bicycle and pedestrian volumes and mode share across roads

and pathways throughout a community. With a more complete view of active transportation activity, agencies can identify priority corridors, understand how people use existing infrastructure, and evaluate whether investments are changing how people move. Transportation executives, planners, operators, engineers, and consultants can use block-by-block, segment-by-segment bicycle and pedestrian volume and mode share data to advocate for active transportation policy and funding, and identify and design the right infrastructure investments.

This report takes that granular data and rolls it up to quantify miles traveled by bikers and pedestrians in the top 100 cities by population.

Cities are often the center of walking and biking activity, as denser, at-grade streets connect people to services, jobs, and necessities over shorter distances. They also are more likely to have transit connections that people access on foot.

In addition to walking and biking as essential travel modes, these activities are also popular for recreation. **The report supplements miles traveled by city with identification of the top facilities for walking and biking in each state.** In states where citywide walking and biking is less common, there are often destinations and recreational paths where people show real enthusiasm for these activities.

Overall, the data reveals some notable findings. **In every city, walking accounts for far more travel than biking, despite how much farther and faster one can go on a bike. Across the U.S., per capita biking reaches 23 miles traveled per year vs. 150 miles via walking.** Biking is often seen as a more niche activity, for enthusiasts and daredevils, in part because lack of dedicated infrastructure creates safety concerns and forces bikers onto streets alongside heavy, fast-moving vehicles.

Our per capita data shows more geographic diversity among top performers than we typically see in metro-wide studies on safety and active transportation, as well as top performers spread across cities of all sizes. For example, Boise ranks second for bike miles traveled per capita. The Boise River Greenbelt is a hugely popular 25 mile+ trail running through the city. It's an example of the outsized impact dedicated bike pathways can have in cities.

Our per capita ranking of walking miles traveled also shows especially strong performance in places like Orlando and Anaheim with large tourist populations concentrated in walkable, warm weather parks. On the other hand, New York City, which is often seen as the most walkable city in the U.S., ranks eighth. Since the analysis focuses on miles traveled overall, New York City's colder weather combined with dense transit and services may cut down on the length of trips, compared to warmer and less transit-rich locations.



While per capita normalization is a standard methodology for planners, we have also included tables ranking miles traveled per geographic square mile to highlight the comparative density of active transportation activity in the cities measured. **Neither measure is perfect and both show the value of looking at data from multiple angles.**

Looking at how extensively each mile of roadway is used for active modes, we see places like New York City, Jersey City, and San Francisco jump in the rankings, as compared to per capita activity.

Additionally, note that in cities in Florida and New York, we do see some potential mode confusion that may inflate miles traveled across both measures. In the top walking and biking facilities state ranking, we have also removed retirement communities, ski resorts, and airports due to mode confusion concerns. The report reflects 2024 data and covers the continental U.S.

Key Report Findings

- **Nationally, walking accounts for 7 times more travel than biking, despite biking's ability to carry people farther, faster.** StreetLight estimates 151 pedestrian miles are traveled per year per person in the U.S. vs. 23 bicycle miles. Biking remains a far more niche activity than walking, likely due to limited safe and accessible infrastructure.
- **Top cities for biking and walking miles traveled are spread throughout the U.S. and vary greatly in population size.** We rarely see this geographic diversity when analyzing metro-wide active transportation activity. The findings show how cities of all sizes can be incubators for active transportation, even in otherwise sprawling and vehicle-centric regions.
- **New York City leads bicycle miles per capita, at 58 annual miles per resident,** followed by Boise (53 mi), New Orleans (49 mi), Jersey City (48 mi), and Irvine (47 mi).
- **Boise is the most notable smaller-city bicycle leader.** It ranks second nationally for bike miles per capita despite a population of approximately 233,000.



- **New Orleans is a leader for both modes.** It ranks third for bicycle miles per capita (49 mi) and fourth for pedestrian miles per capita (386 mi).
 - **Orlando, home to DisneyWorld, is the clear walking-per-capita leader, at 653 miles per resident annually.** As noted, places like Orlando and Anaheim (455 mi) benefit from high tourist activity at warm weather pedestrian parks.
 - **Per-capita biking and walking rankings vary significantly.** Only three cities—New York, New Orleans, and Orlando—appear in the top 10 for both modes by per-capita miles.
 - **Several cities, including a number of cities in the south, show much higher walking activity compared to biking.** Arlington, TX; Irving, TX; Dallas, TX; Anaheim, CA; Baton Rouge, LA; and Plano, TX rank much higher for pedestrian miles per capita compared to biking miles per capita.
 - **Boston stands out for walking and biking activity, across all measures.** It ranks second for pedestrian miles per capita, 11th for bicycle miles per capita, and in the top four for both bicycle and pedestrian miles traveled per geographic square mile.
 - **Jersey City shows the strongest bicycle density after New York,** with 7,893 bicycle miles traveled annually per square mile, nearly three times third-ranked San Francisco's figure.
- **The statewide cycling and walking facility leaders reveal distinct differences by mode.**
 - Cycleway leaders include major urban and recreational corridors such as New York's Hudson River Greenway, Chicago's Lakefront Trail, Atlanta's Beltline Eastside Trail, Boise River Greenbelt, and Seattle's Burke-Gilman Trail.
 - Pedestrian leaders are often destination-based: universities, theme parks, zoos, entertainment districts, and boardwalks.

Biking Trends Across the U.S.

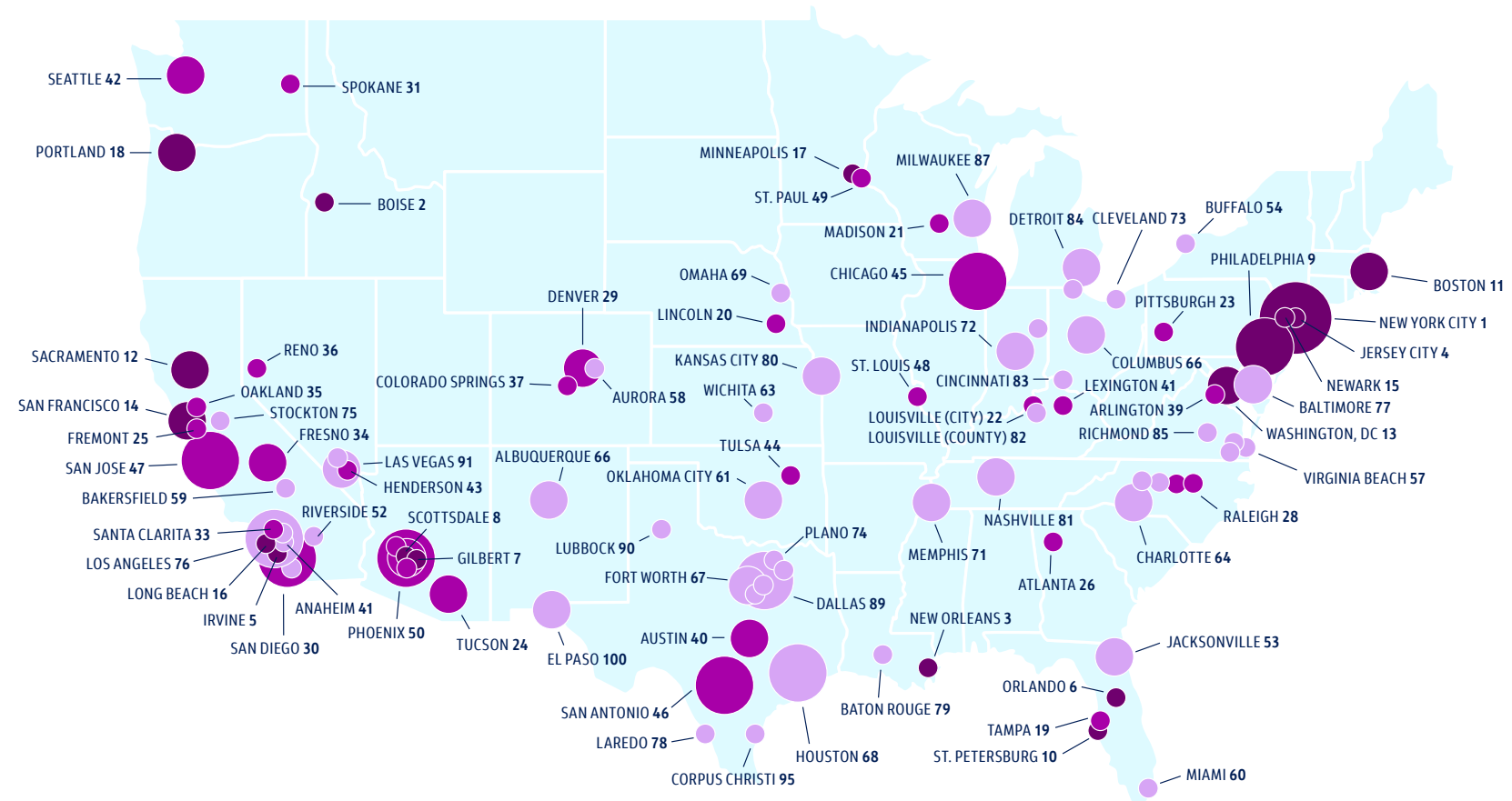
Biking had a major and [well documented](#) resurgence during the COVID pandemic, and investments in city bike-share networks and dedicated bicycle infrastructure over the past decade further facilitated activity. Still, bike travel accounts for a fraction of activity compared to walking. It is still largely seen as recreational, and supportive infrastructure, while improved, remains spotty.

Warm weather cities like New Orleans, LA; Irvine, CA; Gilbert, AZ; and Scottsdale, AZ rank high for bike miles traveled per capita. Other top cities, like New York City and Boise, ID, do not benefit from year-round good weather but have built out substantial infrastructure. Boise stands out especially because of the dramatic difference in its bike per capita ranking (#2) as compared to its walk ranking (#87). Other cities that perform significantly better for biking per capita over walking per capita include Sacramento, CA; Tucson, AZ; and Minneapolis, MN.

Biking activity per square mile rankings sees cities like Chicago, San Francisco, and Washington, D.C. jump up in the rankings. These are cities with significant bike activity density on their streets.



Bike Miles Traveled (BMT) Per Capita



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Top 50 U.S. Cities Ranked by Annual BMT Per Capita



	Rank	BMT/Capita		Rank	BMT/Capita
New York, NY*	1	58	Atlanta, GA	26	31
Boise City, ID	2	53	Chandler, AZ	27	31
New Orleans, LA	3	49	Raleigh, NC	28	29
Jersey City, NJ	4	48	Denver, CO	29	28
Irvine, CA	5	47	San Diego, CA	30	28
Orlando, FL*	6	42	Spokane, WA	31	28
Gilbert, AZ	7	42	Mesa, AZ	32	28
Scottsdale, AZ	8	42	Santa Clarita, CA	33	27
Philadelphia, PA	9	41	Fresno, CA	34	26
St. Petersburg, FL	10	41	Oakland, CA	35	26
Boston, MA	11	40	Reno, NV	36	26
Sacramento, CA	12	40	Colorado Springs, CO	37	25
Washington, DC	13	40	Glendale, AZ	38	25
San Francisco, CA	14	39	Arlington, VA	39	25
Newark, NJ	15	38	Austin, TX	40	24
Long Beach, CA	16	37	Lexington-Fayette, KY	41	23
Minneapolis, MN	17	37	Seattle, WA	42	23
Portland, OR	18	36	Henderson, NV	43	23
Tampa, FL*	19	35	Tulsa, OK	44	22
Lincoln, NE	20	34	Chicago, IL	45	22
Madison, WI	21	34	San Antonio, TX	46	22
Louisville, KY	22	33	San Jose, CA	47	21
Pittsburgh, PA	23	33	St. Louis, MO	48	21
Tucson, AZ	24	33	St. Paul, MN	49	20
Fremont, CA	25	32	Phoenix, AZ	50	20

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BMT PER CAPITA



TAKEAWAY:

Top performers are a mix of Northeast corridor cities, as well as warm weather destination cities.

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Bottom 50 U.S. Cities Ranked by Annual BMT Per Capita



	Rank	BMT/Capita		Rank	BMT/Capita
Durham, NC	51	20	Los Angeles, CA	76	14
Riverside, CA	52	19	Baltimore, MD	77	14
Jacksonville, FL	53	19	Laredo, TX	78	14
Buffalo, NY	54	19	Baton Rouge, LA	79	13
Fort Wayne, IN	55	18	Kansas City, MO-KS	80	13
Chula Vista, CA	56	18	Nashville-Davidson metropolitan government	81	13
Virginia Beach, VA	57	17	Louisville/Jefferson County metro government	82	13
Aurora, CO	58	17	Cincinnati, OH	83	13
Bakersfield, CA	59	17	Detroit, MI	84	13
Miami, FL	60	16	Richmond, VA	85	12
Oklahoma City, OK	61	16	Santa Ana, CA	86	12
Greensboro, NC	62	16	Milwaukee, WI	87	11
Wichita, KS	63	16	Toledo, OH	88	10
Charlotte, NC	64	16	Dallas, TX	89	10
Columbus, OH	65	16	Lubbock, TX	90	10
Albuquerque, NM	66	16	Las Vegas, NV	91	9
Fort Worth, TX	67	16	Norfolk, VA	92	9
Houston, TX	68	15	Winston-Salem, NC	93	9
Omaha, NE	69	15	Chesapeake, VA	94	9
Anaheim, CA	70	15	Corpus Christi, TX	95	9
Memphis, TN	71	15	North Las Vegas, NV	96	9
Indianapolis, IN	72	15	Arlington, TX	97	8
Cleveland, OH	73	15	Irving, TX	98	6
Plano, TX	74	14	Garland, TX	99	5
Stockton, CA	75	14	El Paso, TX	100	5

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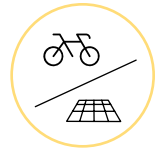
TAKEAWAY:

In lower-ranking cities, biking activity is minimal. Ten cities see less than 10 bike miles traveled per person annually.

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Top 50 U.S. Cities Ranked by Annual BMT Per Square Mile



	Rank	BMT/sq mi		Rank	BMT/sq mi
New York, NY*	1	16,294	Los Angeles, CA	26	541
Jersey City, NJ	2	7,893	Pittsburgh, PA	27	536
San Francisco, CA	3	2,887	Milwaukee, WI	28	497
Boston, MA	4	2,189	San Diego, CA	29	487
Washington, DC	5	2,070	Orlando, FL*	30	475
Chicago, IL	6	1,694	Cleveland, OH	31	452
Minneapolis, MN	7	1,686	Chandler, AZ	32	397
Philadelphia, PA	8	1,465	Lincoln, NE	33	391
Newark, NJ	9	1,445	Austin, TX	34	381
Seattle, WA	10	1,192	Fremont, CA	35	368
Miami, FL	11	738	Tampa, FL*	36	367
Arlington, VA	12	707	Gilbert, AZ	37	360
Atlanta, GA	13	689	St. Petersburg, FL*	38	358
Long Beach, CA	14	685	Louisville, KY	39	342
Buffalo, NY	15	644	Baltimore, MD	40	324
Irvine, CA	16	610	Anaheim, CA	41	324
Oakland, CA	17	609	Raleigh, NC	42	309
San Jose, CA	18	606	Mesa, AZ	43	300
Denver, CO	19	599	Fresno, CA	44	294
Sacramento, CA	20	589	Chula Vista, CA	45	292
St. Paul, MN	21	586	Spokane, WA	46	281
Boise City, ID	22	577	St. Louis, MO	47	261
Portland, OR	23	576	Riverside, CA	48	259
Madison, WI	24	575	Santa Ana, CA	49	258
New Orleans, LA	25	542	Reno, NV	50	253

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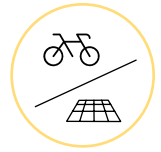
BMT per square mile measures the relative density of biking activity. There is a huge spread in terms of mileage per city, and top performers are cities more commonly associated with bike activity.

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Glendale, AZ	51	252	Norfolk, VA	76	126
Tucson, AZ	52	249	Las Vegas, NV	77	124
Scottsdale, AZ	53	244	Fort Wayne, IN	78	123
Colorado Springs, CO	54	234	Bakersfield, CA	79	117
Durham, NC	55	221	Nashville-Davidson metropolitan government	80	109
Santa Clarita, CA	56	220	Fort Worth, TX	81	105
Phoenix, AZ	57	209	Kansas City, MO-KS	82	96
Columbus, OH	58	208	Laredo, TX	83	96
Henderson, NV	59	199	North Las Vegas, NV	84	95
Albuquerque, NM	60	197	Greensboro, NC	85	94
Detroit, MI	61	195	Oklahoma City, OK	86	92
Richmond, VA	62	192	Dallas, TX	87	90
San Antonio, TX	63	184	Baton Rouge, LA	88	86
Charlotte, NC	64	184	Plano, TX	89	83
Aurora, CO	65	184	Arlington, TX	90	83
Cincinnati, OH	66	180	Toledo, OH	91	81
Stockton, CA	67	176	Memphis, TN	92	79
Lexington-Fayette, KY	68	172	Corpus Christi, TX	93	53
Tulsa, OK	69	170	Irving, TX	94	53
Virginia Beach, VA	70	145	Winston-Salem, NC	95	47
Houston, TX	71	141	Louisville/Jefferson County metro government	96	47
Jacksonville, FL	72	131	Garland, TX	97	43
Indianapolis, IN	73	131	Chesapeake, VA	98	40
Wichita, KS	74	129	El Paso, TX	99	39
Omaha, NE	75	127	Lubbock, TX	100	39

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TAKEAWAY:

Lower-ranking cities for BMT per square mile tend to have more sprawling geographies.

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Walking Trends Across the U.S.

Walking accounts for far more travel than biking on a per person basis in every city in the U.S. At the high end, Orlando, FL sees 653 miles traveled per person via walking, whereas Stockton, CA, at the low end, sees 75 miles traveled per person annually. Density, infrastructure, transit, climate, and demographics likely play a large role in the extent of walking's role in travel activity. For those without cars, walking is often the default mode of travel.

A number of cities in warm weather locations in Texas and elsewhere show much higher rankings for walking as compared to biking. Those include Dallas, TX; Arlington, TX; Anaheim, CA; Baton Rouge, LA; and Plano, TX. Tourism plays a stronger role in driving up walking activity as compared to biking. Orlando, Anaheim, Las Vegas, New Orleans, Tampa, and Miami all rank highly for pedestrian miles per capita, likely reflecting visitor activity in addition to resident travel. For transportation practitioners, it's important to consider the different active travel patterns of residents and visitors when building infrastructure.



When looking at the density of walking activity on a city's streets, Northeast corridor cities take five of the top 10 spots. This is also the measure where Los Angeles, the second biggest city in the country, performs best. L.A. is famously car-centric but many in the city still walk as their primary travel mode or to connect to transit.

Top 50 U.S. Cities Ranked by Annual PMT Per Capita

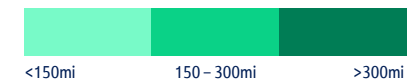


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Orlando, FL	1	653	Irving, CA	26	225
Boston, MA	2	530	Nashville-Davidson metropolitan government	27	222
Anaheim, CA	3	455	Cincinnati, OH	28	220
New Orleans, LA	4	386	Baltimore, MD	29	218
Tampa, FL	5	376	Memphis, TN	30	213
Newark, NJ	6	371	Fort Worth, TX	31	210
Washington, DC	7	360	San Antonio, TX	32	210
New York, NY	8	342	Lubbock, TX	33	209
Atlanta, GA	9	306	Las Vegas, NV	34	206
St. Louis, MO	10	275	Austin, TX	35	205
Houston, TX	11	270	Scottsdale, AZ	36	200
San Diego, CA	12	266	Chicago, IL	37	199
Plano, TX	13	265	Raleigh, NC	38	196
Baton Rouge, LA	14	256	St. Petersburg, FL	39	193
Long Beach, CA	15	252	Charlotte, NC	40	192
Irvine, CA	16	248	Los Angeles, CA	41	188
Miami, FL	17	247	Oklahoma City, OK	42	185
Arlington, TX	18	247	Lexington-Fayette, KY	43	177
Denver, CO	19	245	Indianapolis, IN	44	176
Pittsburgh, PA	20	244	Phoenix, AZ	45	175
Dallas, TX	21	240	San Francisco, CA	46	173
Philadelphia, PA	22	237	Laredo, TX	47	173
Arlington, VA	23	235	Glendale, AZ	48	173
Jersey City, NJ	24	226	Tulsa, OK	49	172
Louisville, KY	25	225	Columbus, OH	50	168

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PMT PER CAPITA



TAKEAWAY:

Warm weather tourist destinations perform especially well for walking activity per capita.

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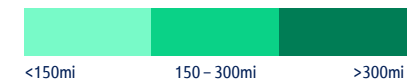


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Norfolk, VA	51	166	Louisville/Jefferson County metro government	76	139
Kansas City, MO-KS	52	165	Henderson, NV	77	137
Greensboro, NC	53	164	Buffalo, NY	78	134
Omaha, NE	54	164	Jacksonville, FL	79	131
Virginia Beach, VA	55	164	Wichita, KS	80	130
Riverside, CA	56	161	Chandler, AZ	81	130
Santa Ana, CA	57	159	Minneapolis, MN	82	130
Chula Vista, CA	58	159	Fort Wayne, IN	83	130
Seattle, WA	59	157	Sacramento, CA	84	128
Garland, TX	60	155	Winston-Salem, NC	85	127
Fremont, CA	61	154	Spokane, WA	86	127
Corpus Christi, TX	62	151	Boise, ID	87	126
Portland, OR	63	150	Toledo, OH	88	125
Detroit, MI	64	150	Chesapeake, VA	89	124
Gilbert, AZ	65	148	Milwaukee, WI	90	121
Cleveland, OH	66	146	Durham, NC	91	115
Reno, NV	67	145	Mesa, AZ	92	112
Aurora, CO	68	145	Tucson, AZ	93	108
El Paso, TX	69	144	St. Paul, MN	94	108
North Las Vegas, NV	70	144	Albuquerque, NM	95	107
Lincoln, NE	71	143	San Jose, CA	96	106
Santa Clarita, CA	72	142	Fresno, CA	97	104
Richmond, VA	73	142	Colorado Springs, CO	98	99
Oakland, CA	74	142	Bakersfield, CA	99	93
Madison, WI	75	141	Stockton, CA	100	75

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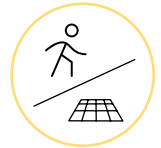
TAKEAWAY:

Even among the lower-ranked cities, walking still plays a broad role in how people get around a city. On average, the bottom 50 cities see a median of 135 walking miles traveled per person per year.

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New York, NY	1	102,911	Irvine, CA	26	5,790
Boston, MA	2	40,232	New Orleans, LA	27	5,700
Jersey City, NJ	3	37,456	Buffalo, NY	28	5,381
Anaheim, CA	4	29,020	Cincinnati, OH	29	5,239
Washington, DC	5	23,850	St. Paul, MN	30	4,820
Newark, NJ	6	21,869	Raleigh, NC	31	4,702
Chicago, IL	7	20,217	Oakland, CA	32	4,423
San Francisco, CA	8	17,387	Santa Ana, CA	33	4,311
Orlando, FL	9	16,013	Austin, TX	34	4,299
Miami, FL	10	13,239	San Jose, CA	35	4,029
Arlington, VA	11	11,348	Madison, WI	36	3,991
Seattle, WA	12	11,035	Las Vegas, NV	37	3,863
Philadelphia, PA	13	10,300	Houston, TX	38	3,643
Minneapolis, MN	14	9,344	Arlington, TX	39	3,641
Denver, CO	15	9,089	Chula Vista, CA	40	3,566
Atlanta, GA	16	8,742	Dallas, TX	41	3,411
Los Angeles, CA	17	8,630	Columbus, OH	42	3,348
Long Beach, CA	18	6,974	Louisville, KY	43	3,183
Milwaukee, WI	19	6,779	Detroit, MI	44	3,081
San Diego, CA	20	6,577	San Antonio, TX	45	3,050
Pittsburgh, PA	21	6,412	Charlotte, NC	46	3,018
Cleveland, OH	22	6,237	Nashville-Davidson metropolitan government	47	2,979
Baltimore, MD	23	6,167	Portland, OR	48	2,851
St. Louis, MO	24	6,140	Norfolk, VA	49	2,762
Tampa, FL	25	5,959	Sacramento, CA	50	2,748

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PMT PER SQUARE MILE



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Northeast corridor cities take five of the top 10 spots when looking at the density of walking per square mile. This is also the measure where Los Angeles, the second biggest city in the country, performs best.

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Lincoln, NE	52	2,528	Henderson, NV	77	1,655
Phoenix, AZ	53	2,515	Gilbert, AZ	78	1,600
Irving, TX	54	2,451	Mesa, AZ	79	1,583
Richmond, VA	55	2,446	Fresno, CA	80	1,557
Baton Rouge, LA	56	2,392	Garland, TX	81	1,553
St. Petersburg, FL	57	2,313	Memphis, TN	82	1,552
Glendale, AZ	58	2,182	Laredo, TX	83	1,544
Plano, TX	59	2,137	Oklahoma City, OK	84	1,505
Chandler, AZ	60	2,084	Toledo, OH	85	1,503
Tulsa, OK	61	2,082	Scottsdale, AZ	86	1,476
Aurora, CO	62	2,061	Wichita, KS	87	1,417
Fort Worth, TX	63	2,052	El Paso, TX	88	1,407
Kansas City, MO-KS	64	2,050	Jacksonville, FL	89	1,389
Lexington-Fayette, KY	65	2,037	Greensboro, NC	90	1,369
Santa Clarita, CA	66	2,013	Lubbock, TX	91	1,331
Albuquerque, NM	67	1,986	Tucson, AZ	92	1,329
Fremont, CA	68	1,977	Fort Wayne, IN	93	1,258
Reno, NV	69	1,967	Colorado Springs, CO	94	1,233
Omaha, NE	70	1,962	Corpus Christi, TX	95	1,227
Indianapolis, IN	71	1,949	Stockton, CA	96	1,202
North Las Vegas, NV	72	1,944	Winston-Salem, NC	97	1,053
Boise, ID	73	1,876	Bakersfield, CA	98	977
Durham, NC	74	1,788	Louisville/Jefferson County metro government	99	900
Virginia Beach, VA	75	1,740	Chesapeake, VA	100	784

NUMBER INSIDE EACH CELL INDICATES THE CITY'S NATIONAL RANK

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PMT PER SQUARE MILE



TAKEAWAY:

Lower-performing cities for walking density per square mile are concentrated in the south.

Numbers are rounded for simplicity.

StreetLight normalizes for population based on the 2020 Census. Cities are defined according to the Census. In some cases, geographic anomalies and administrative boundaries may result in cities split between the consolidated city vs. surrounding area.

Major Facilities by Region

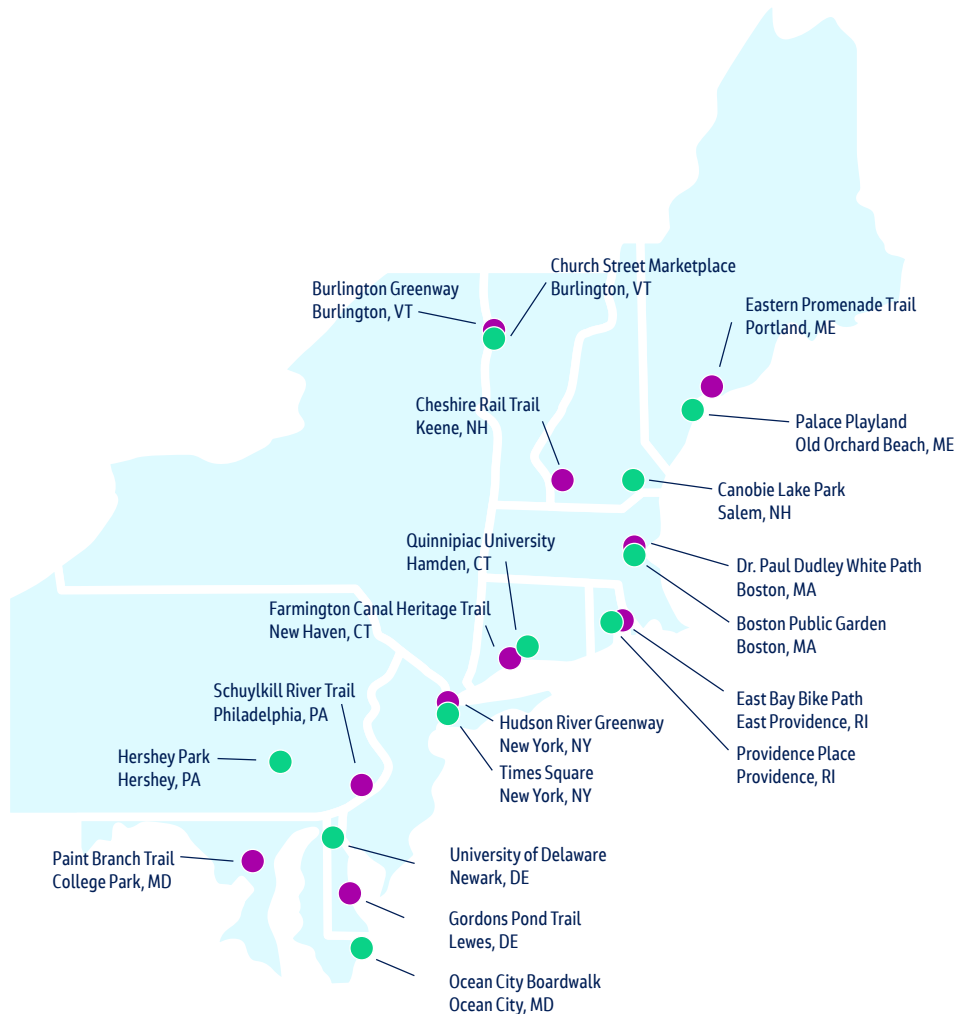
In many states, there has been investment in dedicated facilities for cyclists and walkers, or there are specific destinations where walking or biking is most common. Sometimes these are embedded in cities but often they are outside of city-limits.

Comparing top biking and walking trails, the busiest bicycle trails are more often linear, city-based, or recreational corridors. Examples include the Hudson River Greenway, Chicago Lakefront Trail, Boise River Greenbelt, Atlanta Beltline, Katy Trail, Burke-Gilman Trail, and Schuylkill River Trail. Many of these facilities also serve pedestrians.

Statewide, walking paths with the highest usage are often destination-based, including universities, resorts, and entertainment districts, rather than linear paths. Americans may love their cars, but the popularity of walkable tourist destinations prove how much enthusiasm and economic benefit there is when people are separated from fast-moving cars and trucks and can safely traverse a locale on foot.

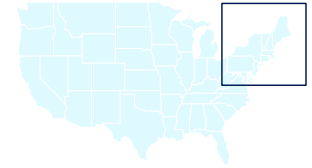


Northeast Region



BUSIEST BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES

Per state in the Northeast U.S.



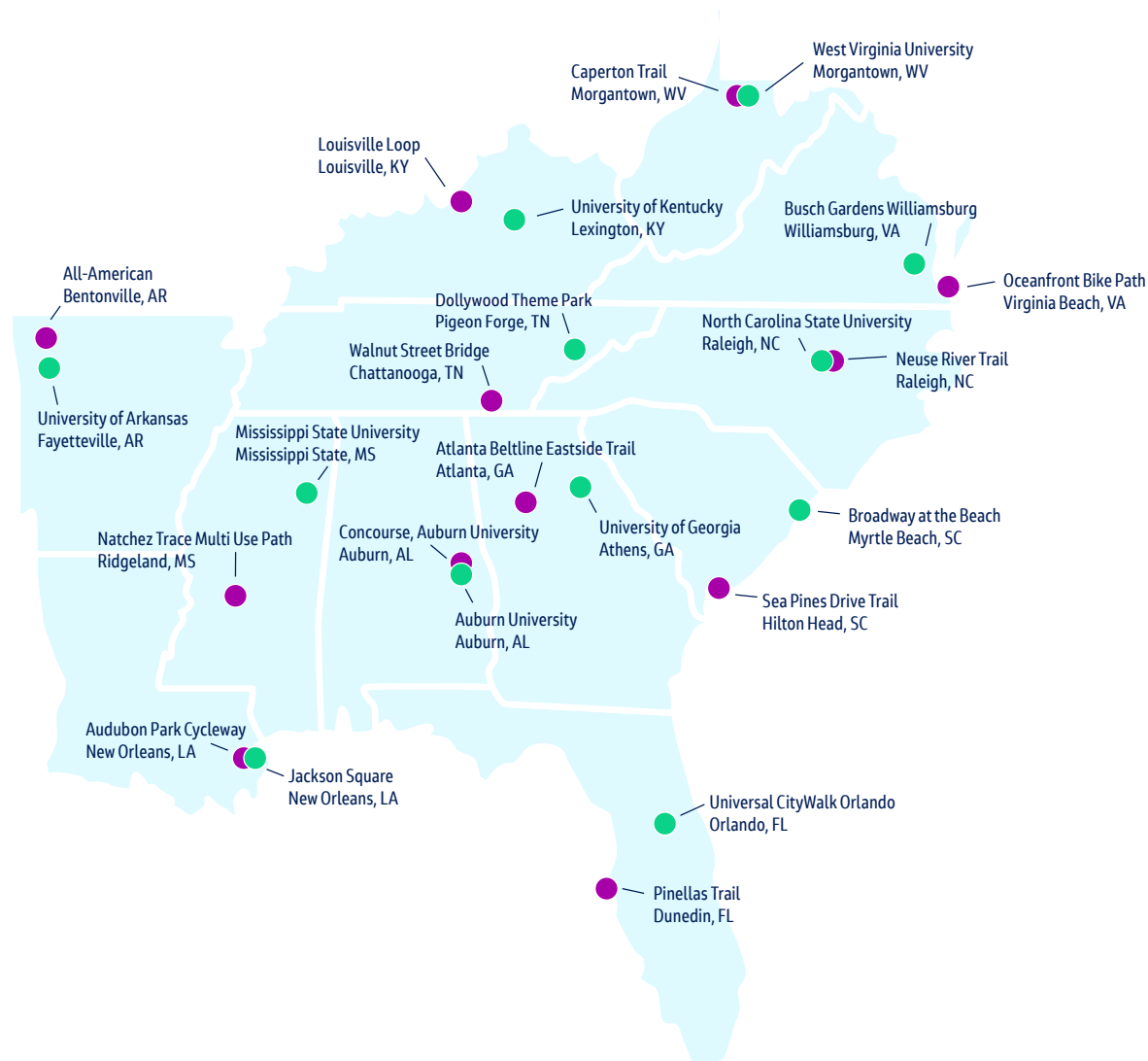
TAKEAWAY:

In the Northeast region, many of the most popular trails are coastal or run along major waterways. Often, these are dedicated recreational facilities. Few top walkable districts are university-based.



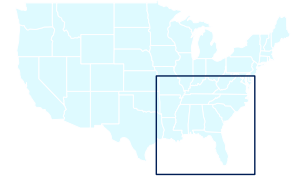
Ocean City Boardwalk
Ocean City, Maryland

Southeast Region



BUSIEST BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES

Per state in the Southeast U.S.



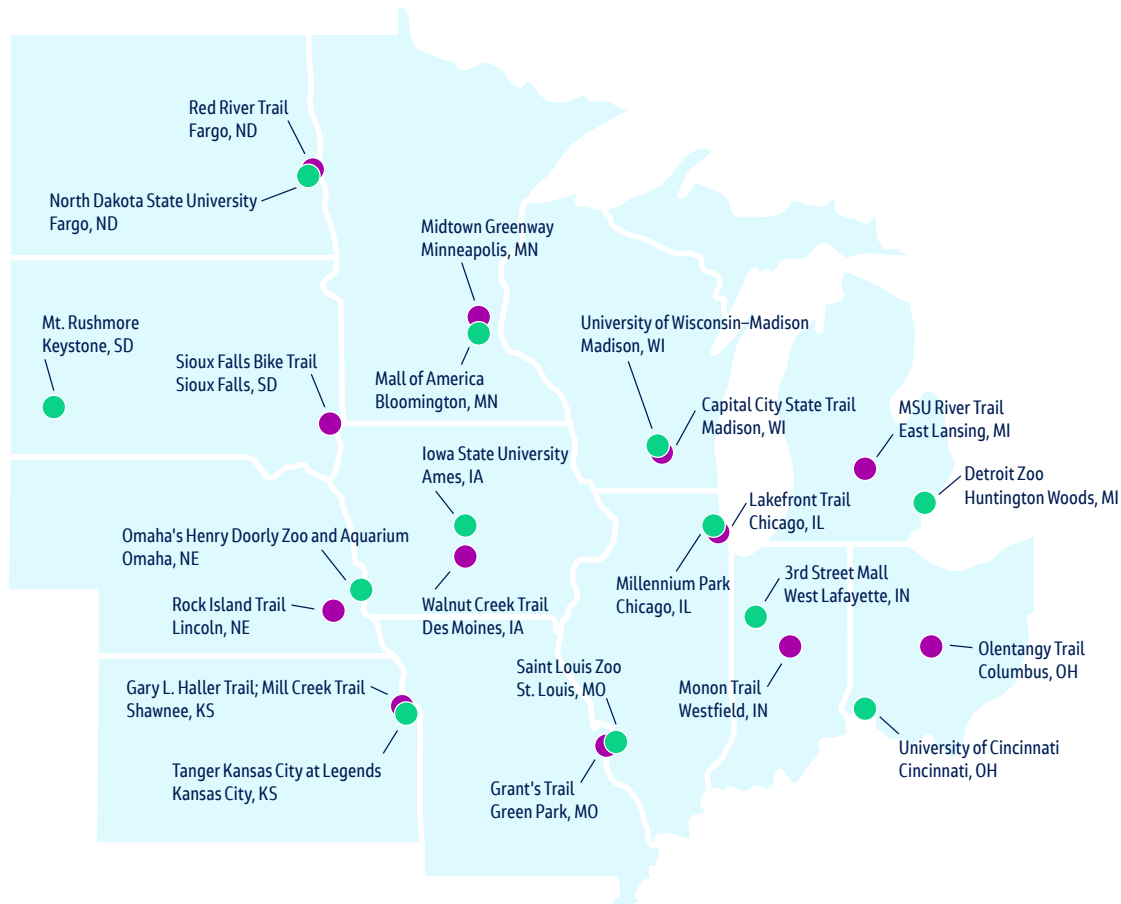
TAKEAWAY:

In the Southeast, a significant share of the top walking trails are based on college campuses or theme parks. A number of biking trails run along the waterfront.



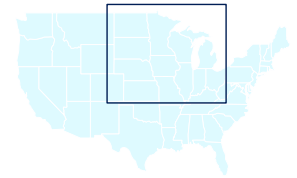
Walnut Street Bridge
Chattanooga, TN

Midwest Region



BUSIEST BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES

Per state in the Midwest U.S.



TAKEAWAY:

Top midwestern bike paths are heavily trail-based, while top-used pedestrian walkways include universities, malls, zoos, and an aquarium.

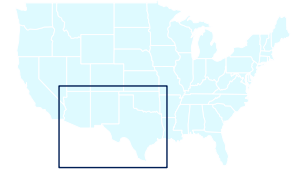


Lakefront Trail
Chicago, IL

Southwest Region



BUSIEST BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES
Per state in the Southwest U.S.



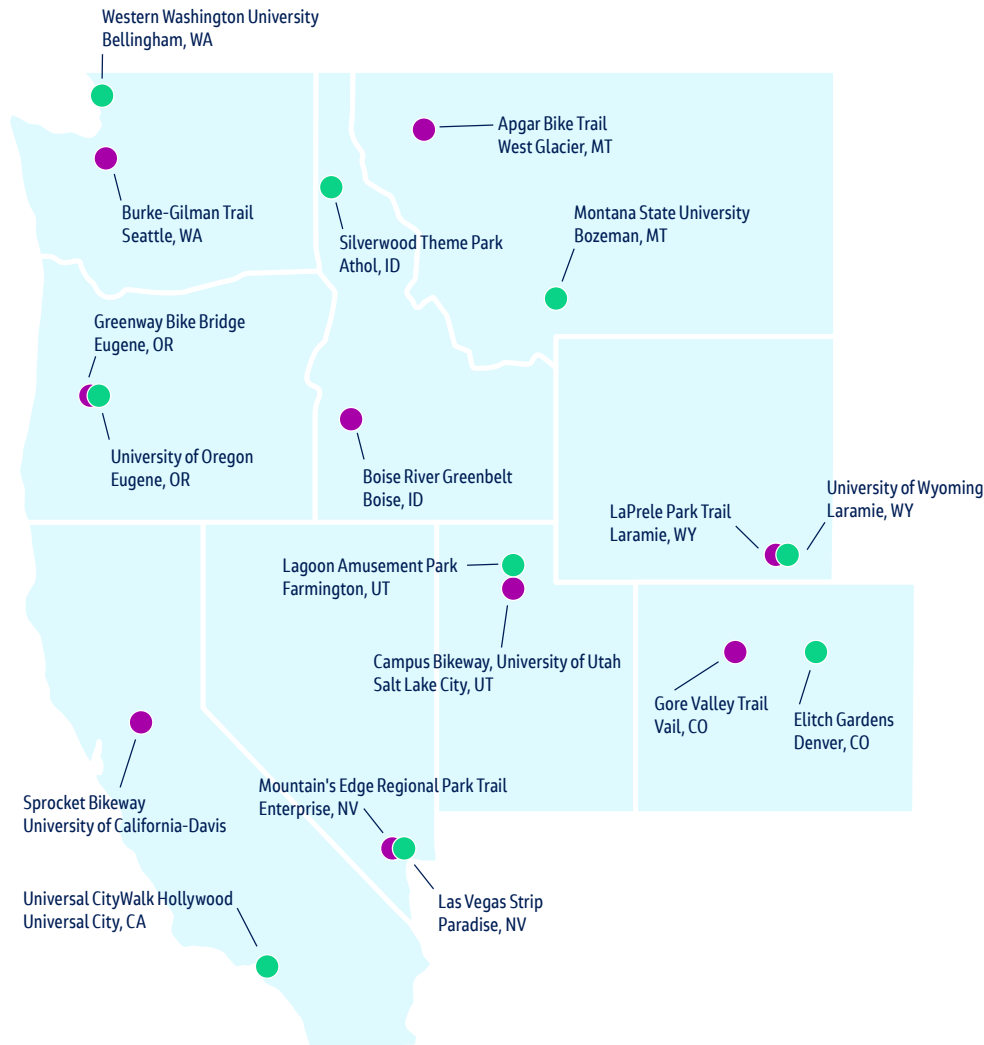
TAKEAWAY:

In the Southwest, many top biking trails are close to major pedestrian destinations. Only Arizona's top walking and biking destinations are university locations.



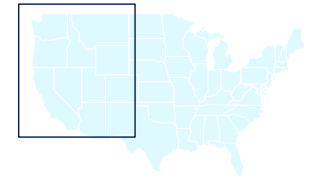
The University of Arizona
Tucson, AZ

West Region



BUSIEST BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES

Per state in the West U.S.



TAKEAWAY:

The West, which is known for its robust outdoor lifestyle, sees significant geographic distinction between its top biking and walking locations. Universities are also common top walking destinations.



Boise River Greenbelt
Boise, ID

About StreetLight

StreetLight Data, Inc. (“StreetLight”) pioneered the use of Big Data analytics to shed light on how people, goods, and services move, empowering smarter, data-driven transportation decisions. The company applies proprietary machine-learning algorithms and its vast data processing resources to measure travel patterns of vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians, accessible as aggregated, anonymized analytics on the StreetLight InSight® SaaS platform. A wholly owned subsidiary of Jacobs, StreetLight provides innovative digital solutions to help communities reduce congestion, improve safe and equitable transportation, and maximize the positive impact of infrastructure investment.

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