



Bicycle and pedestrian networks are largely under the jurisdiction of cities and Texas Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs). These entities do most of the bicycle and pedestrian planning, maintain their own bikeway systems, and gather the majority of the bicycle and pedestrian-related data. However, TxDOT has made significant strides in collecting its own information about the bicycle and pedestrian usage of the Texas transportation system.

TxDOT administers several federal grant programs. These resources go toward funding programs like the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program, which sponsors local bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure projects, the Safe Routes to Schools- Infrastructure Program that supports projects that facilitate walking and biking to school, and those supported by resources committed through the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Quick Facts

45th 2016 National Ranking for commuters who bicycle or walk to work¹

25th 2017 National Ranking for Bicycle Friendly States²

201% Increase in bicycle traffic in Arlington, TX between 2011 and 2016³

24% NHTS respondents reporting safety as the reason for not biking more and say the cause is too many cars⁴

¹ Alliance for Bicycling and Walking

² League of American Bicyclists

³ People Powered Movement

⁴ 2017 National Household Travel Survey

Active Commuting in Texas' Most Populous Metropolitan Areas - 2016

City	2016 Ranking	% of Commuters who Walk or Bike to Work
Austin	20	4.2
Houston	30	2.7
San Antonio	41	2.1
El Paso	42	2.1
Dallas	44	2.1
Arlington	46	1.9
Forth Worth	50	1.3

Source: 2016 Walking and Bicycling Benchmarking Report (2011-2013 ACS data)

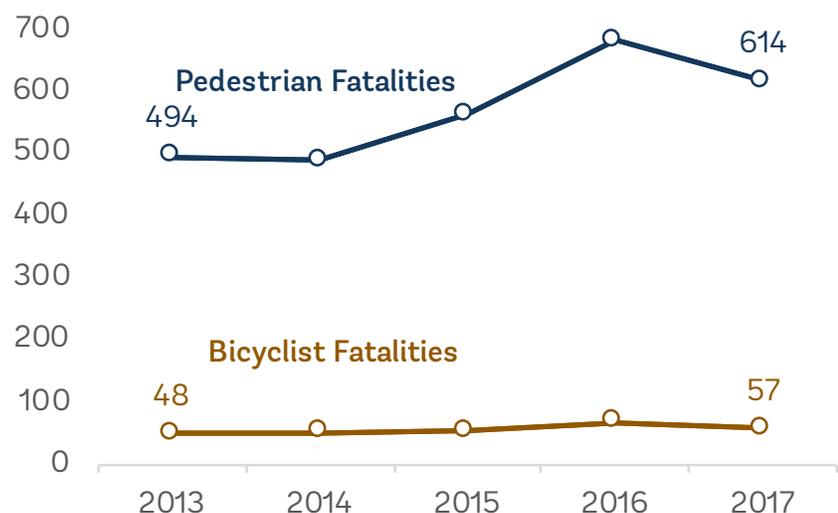
Looking Ahead

Collecting bicycle and pedestrian data helps TxDOT understand how many people walk and bicycle and where the most popular routes exist. This data informs decisions about where new bicycling and walking infrastructure should go to best serve the most Texans.

As the population continues to rise, especially in urban areas, active modes of transportation may be more even more essential to improving resident health, decreasing air and other pollutants, and offering low-cost, accessible transportation options.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety

There was a decrease in bicyclist and pedestrian fatalities from 2016 to 2017 in Texas. Since 2013, however, pedestrian and bicyclist traffic fatalities have been rising along with statewide vehicle miles traveled.



Source: Texas Motor Vehicle Crash Statistics, TxDOT