



# Grand Junction, CO



2024 BFC Award: Silver

## Award History:

Previously Bronze since 2015.

## Grand Junction's BFC Program Stats

# of Local Bicycle Friendly Businesses: 0

# of Local Bicycle Friendly Universities: 1

# of Local League Cycling Instructors: 0

Colorado's Bicycle Friendly State Ranking: #6

The 5 Es Category Scores	Grand Junction	Max Score this round
Engineering	57.34%	79.26%
Education	35.25%	83.25%
Encouragement	54.34%	90.86%
Evaluation & Planning	49.93%	75.73%
Equity & Accessibility	26.12%	75.47%

Scores are determined by points earned in each 'E' Category, weighted against comparable communities in the 2024 BFC round. See pages 2-3 for your full subcategory points in each Category.

## Key Outcomes

**Overall Commuter Ridership:** 2.3%

Male Commuter Ridership: 2.2%

Female Commuter Ridership: 2.3%

(Bicycle Mode Share among commuters, according to the Census Bureau's 2022 or 2023 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimate.)

**Bicycle Mode Share:** 1.4% - per Google Environmental Insights Explorer, 2021 (Reported by applicant)

**Annual Average Bicyclist Crashes in last 5 years:** 21.8

**Annual Average Bicyclist Fatalities in last 5 years:** 0.4

(Crashes and Fatalities both reported by applicant)

## Community Profile

**Population:** 67,000

(Size classification for weighted scoring: Medium)

**Area:** 41.2 square miles

**Population Density:** 1,626.20 people/square mile

**Land Classification:** Mixed Suburban/Urban/Rural

**Poverty Rate:** 14.1%\*

**Median Household Income:** \$61,458\*

**Percent of the Population that Speaks a Language Other Than English at Home:** 5.3%\*

**Percent with Disability:** 15.3%\*

**Percent of Households with No Vehicle Available:** 5.6%\*

\*Source: [https://data.census.gov/profile/Grand\\_Junction\\_city,\\_Colorado?g=160XX00US0831660](https://data.census.gov/profile/Grand_Junction_city,_Colorado?g=160XX00US0831660)

## Grand Junction's Bike Links

**Bike Network Map, if available:**

<https://www.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/334836a1de2845a388d753b1ce88e5ef>

**Bike Plan, if available:**

<https://www.gjcity.org/1233/Pedestrian-Bicycle-Plan>

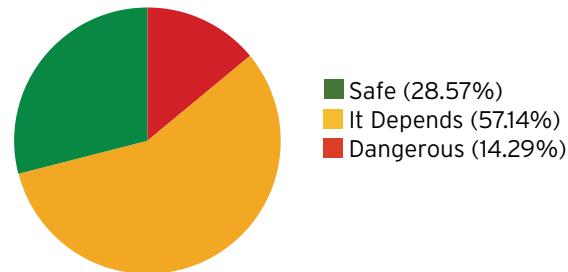
## 2024 BFC Public Survey Response Summary for Grand Junction, CO

How satisfied are you with how this community is designed for making bike riding safe? (n = 42)



█ Very Satisfied (9.52%)  
█ Somewhat Satisfied (40.48%)  
█ Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied (16.67%)  
█ Somewhat Dissatisfied (19.05%)  
█ Very Dissatisfied (14.29%)

Is it safe or dangerous to ride a bicycle in your neighborhood, or does it depend? (n = 42)



What are the top 1-3 changes you would most like to see the local government make in this community for bicyclists? (n = 42)

1. More bike paths (54.76%)
2. More bike lanes (50.00%)
3. Improve existing bike lanes to protected bike lanes (38.10%)
4. Increase education for drivers (26.19%)

## About this Report Card

The following scores are based on the online application submitted by Grand Junction in the 2024 Bicycle Friendly Community (BFC) submission round. These scores reflect a combination of automatically-generated points earned through the online application, as well as judge-assigned points and bonus points given by BFC reviewers.

The League updated its Bicycle Friendly Community application and awards criteria in 2022, after nearly a year of research, focus groups, interviews, listening sessions, and other outreach. The updated application includes a new section on Equity and Accessibility, and other changes throughout. As such, **this Bicycle Friendly Community Report card is a beta version** as we refine our new scoring system and develop a greater understanding of how to convey new information.

All 2024 BFC Report Cards (including this one) will be republished with updated scores if there are significant changes to the points system after the next round of BFC applications. To learn more about the BFC application and awards criteria, please visit <https://bikeleague.org/community>.

## ENGINEERING

*Grand Junction earned a weighted score of 57.34% in the Engineering Category. Below is the full breakdown of points that Grand Junction earned in each subcategory within the Engineering section, compared to the total points available in that subcategory from the 2024 BFC application.*

Engineering Subcategories	Grand Junction's Subcategory Points in Engineering
Policies and Design Standards for the Built Environment	19.1 / 41 pts
End-of-Trip Facilities	14.5 / 44 pts
Bicycle Network	41.7 / 128 pts
Network Maintenance	19.3 / 32 pts
Bicycle Access to Public Transportation	11.8 / 23 pts
Bike Sharing	2.9 / 24 pts
Other Bicycle-Related Amenities	2.3 / 6 pts
Regional Coordination	16.3 / 23 pts
Engineering Bonus Points	5.5 / 10 pts

## EDUCATION

*Grand Junction earned a weighted score of 35.25% in the Education Category. Below is the full breakdown of points that Grand Junction earned in each subcategory of the Education section, compared to the total points available in that subcategory from the 2024 BFC application.*

Education Subcategories	Grand Junction's Subcategory Points in Education
Youth Bicycle Education	24.3 / 68 pts
Adult Bicycle Education	16.1 / 47 pts
Motorist Education	1.6 / 28 pts
Bicycle Safety Education Resources	0.2 / 16 pts
Inclusive Education	6.0 / 26 pts
Education Bonus Points	2.5 / 7 pts

## ENCOURAGEMENT

**Grand Junction earned a weighted score of 54.34% in the Encouragement Category.** Below is the full breakdown of points that Grand Junction earned in each subcategory of the Encouragement section, compared to the total points available in that subcategory from the 2024 BFC application.

## EVALUATION & PLANNING

**Grand Junction earned a weighted score of 49.93% in the Evaluation & Planning Category.** Below is the full breakdown of points that Grand Junction earned in each subcategory of the Evaluation & Planning section, compared to the total points available in that subcategory from the 2024 BFC application.

## EQUITY & ACCESSIBILITY

**Grand Junction earned a weighted score of 26.12% in the Equity & Accessibility Category.** Below is the full breakdown of points that Grand Junction earned in each subcategory of the Equity & Accessibility section, compared to the total points available in that subcategory from the 2024 BFC application.

Encouragement Subcategories	Grand Junction's Subcategory Points in Encouragement
Encouragement Policies, Programs and Partnerships	5.0 / 17 pts
Route-Finding Support	6.5 / 10 pts
Bicycle Culture and Promotion	41.4 / 91 pts
Access To Bicycle Equipment and Repair Services	12.3 / 35 pts
Reducing Work-Related/Fleet VMT	8.5 / 11 pts
Encouragement Bonus Points	4.8 / 7 pts

Evaluation & Planning Subcategories	Grand Junction's Subcategory Points in Evaluation & Planning
Staffing And Committees	14.2 / 35 pts
Public Engagement for Bicycle Planning	15.1 / 35 pts
Planning, Funding, And Implementation	9.8 / 46 pts
Evaluating The Bicycle Network	5.5 / 25 pts
Evaluating Ridership	6.9 / 20 pts
Evaluating & Improving Safety Outcomes	17.5 / 42 pts
Evaluation & Planning Bonus Points	4.6 / 15 pts

Equity & Accessibility Subcategories	Grand Junction's Subcategory Points in Equity & Accessibility
Equity & Accessibility Staffing, Committees, & Partnerships	3.8 / 24 pts
Equity Data Collection & Goals	- / 27 pts
Equity & Accessibility Policies & Plans	2.9 / 21 pts
Equity & Accessibility in Engineering	8.9 / 44 pts
Equity & Accessibility in Education	10.8 / 52 pts
Equity & Accessibility in Encouragement	9.6 / 42 pts
Equity & Accessibility in Evaluation & Planning	8.0 / 51 pts
Equity & Accessibility Bonus Points	3.1 / 9 pts



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## FEEDBACK TO IMPROVE:

**To maintain and improve on Grand Junction's Silver-level Bicycle Friendly Community award, BFC Reviewers recommend...**

- » Continue to expand and improve Grand Junction's low-stress on-road bike network and ensure that your community follows a bicycle facility selection criteria that increases separation and protection of bicyclists based on levels of motor vehicle speed and volume, to maximize safety and comfort for bicyclists of all ages and abilities. Identify gaps and add new facilities that complete and expand the bicycle network, and work to upgrade existing facilities, such as by converting bike lanes into protected bike lanes, and upgrading roads with signed bike routes into dedicated bicycle boulevards through speed reductions and traffic calming. (See below.)
- » Lower speed limits -- and designed speeds -- on residential streets to 20 mph or less. Introduce road diets and traffic calming measures to ensure compliance. Develop a system of bicycle boulevards, utilizing these quiet neighborhood streets, that creates an attractive, convenient, and comfortable cycling environment welcoming to cyclists of all ages and skill levels. Use the Bicycle Boulevards section of the NACTO Urban Bikeway Design Guide for design guidelines.
- » Continue to increase the amount of high quality bicycle parking throughout the community, and to upgrade the quality of existing bike parking to meet APBP standards as well as your own code requirements to accommodate cargo bicycles or bicycles with trailers in certain circumstances (see GJMC 21.08.020(a)(2), page 347). Ensure that APBP-compliant bicycle parking is available in areas near popular destinations and urban activity centers. Without secure and convenient bike parking it is difficult for a person to choose to ride their bicycle for transportation or utilitarian trips.
- » Work with private vendors and local partners to transition from temporary to permanent implementation of the Grand Junction Shared Micromobility Pilot, including the introduction of standard and/or e-bikes as part of the permanent program. Bike sharing is a convenient, cost effective, and healthy way of encouraging locals and visitors to make short trips by bike, make bicycling more accessible to all, and to bridge the 'last mile' between destinations.
- » Improve bicycle safety education for students of all ages by incorporating more on-bicycle education opportunities and by expanding the program to all K-12 schools. Providing bicycles in schools for on-bike education ensures that all students can learn to safely ride a bicycle regardless of the availability of a bicycle in their household. Work with the school district, local bicycle groups, and interested parents to expand and improve the Safe Routes to School program.
- » Increase the number of local League Cycling Instructors (LCIs) in your community, either by hosting an LCI seminar or sponsoring a City staffer or local bike advocate to attend an existing seminar elsewhere. Having several active instructors in the area will enable you to expand cycling education for youth and adults, recruit more knowledgeable cycling ambassadors, deliver Bicycle Friendly Driver education to motorists, and have experts available to assist in encouragement programs. Visit [bike-league.org/ridesmart](http://bike-league.org/ridesmart) for more information.
- » Continue efforts to establish a performance measurement program for bicycling and/or active transportation infrastructure. See FHWA's resources on this topic: [https://bit.ly/FHWA\\_bikepedPMs](https://bit.ly/FHWA_bikepedPMs).



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## FEEDBACK TO IMPROVE, CONTINUED:

- » Congratulations on adopting the 2023 Pedestrian & Bicycle Plan. This plan will be a blueprint for improvements and has many great recommendations for a more connected network of safe and comfortable bicycle facilities. Establish and adopt specific measurable goals to better benchmark and track the success of your bike plan.
- » Continue efforts to improve data-driven road safety operations. Adopt a goal to eliminate traffic fatalities and serious injuries and support this goal by collaborating to implement the Mesa County Safety Action Plan, and by adopting a City-wide Vision Zero policy to commit to specific strategies to reduce traffic crashes and deaths for all road users, including bicyclists and pedestrians. Introducing low stress bikeway facilities and lowering vehicle speeds through traffic calming treatments are important engineering components for addressing roadway safety.
- » Explore resources from other communities in the U.S. and abroad that face similar infrastructure challenges as Grand Junction related to working with canal operators to develop canal trails. The Dutch Cycling Embassy (<https://dutchcycling.nl/>) may be a helpful resource for your community.

## MORE RESOURCES FOR IMPROVING YOUR COMMUNITY:

- » **Guide to this BFC Report Card:** <https://bit.ly/BFC-Report-Card-Guide-2024>
- » **League of American Bicyclists:** <https://www.bikeleague.org>
- » **Bicycle Friendly Community (BFC) Program:** <https://bikeleague.org/community>
- » **Resources for Building a Bicycle Friendly Community:** [https://bikeleague.org/BFC\\_Resources](https://bikeleague.org/BFC_Resources)
- » **About the BFC Application Process:** <https://bikeleague.org/content/about-bfc-application-process>
- » **The Five E's:** <https://bikeleague.org/5-es>
- » **The BFC Ideabook and Map:** <https://bikeleague.org/BFCIdeaBook>
- » **The League's Benchmarking Project on Biking & Walking Data and Reports:** <https://data.bikeleague.org>
- » **Bicycle Friendly State (BFS) Rankings and Report Cards:** <https://bikeleague.org/state>
- » **Bicycle Friendly Business (BFB) Program:** <https://bikeleague.org/business>
- » **Bicycle Friendly University (BFU) Program:** <https://bikeleague.org/university>
- » **Smart Cycling Education Program:** <https://bikeleague.org/ridesmart>
- » **National Bike Month Resources:** <https://bikeleague.org/bikemonth>
- » **More Reports and Resources from the League:** <http://bikeleague.org/reports>
- » **Federal Funding Resources from the League:** <https://bikeleague.org/federal-funding-resources/>
- » **Pedestrian and Bicycle Funding Opportunities from U.S. DOT Transit, Safety, and Highway Funds:** [https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/bicycle\\_pedestrian/funding/funding\\_opportunities.pdf](https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/bicycle_pedestrian/funding/funding_opportunities.pdf)
- » **U.S. DOT Navigator:** <https://www.transportation.gov/dot-navigator>