

# Lawrence KANSAS



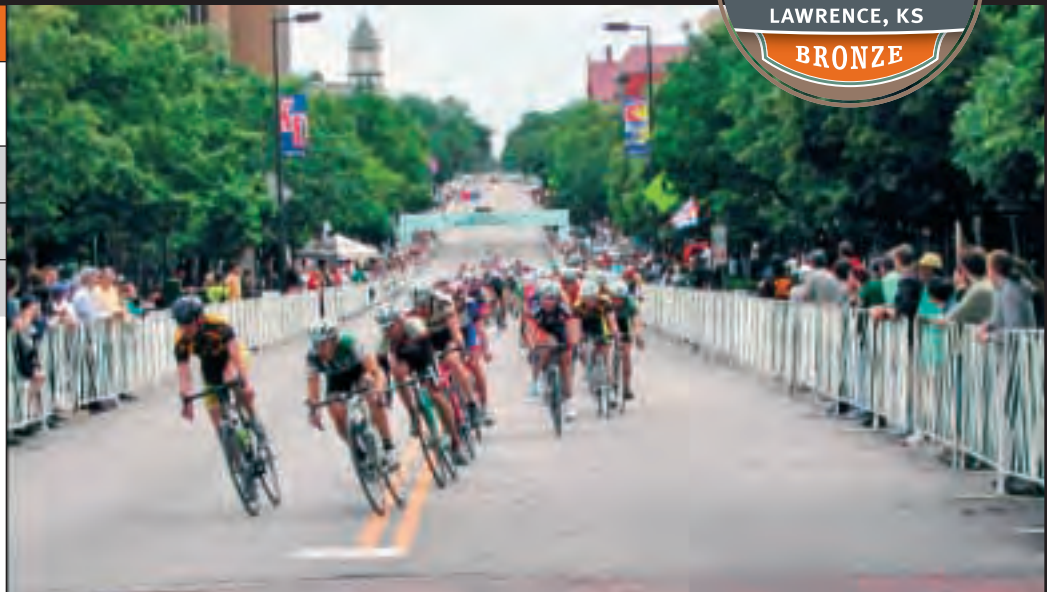
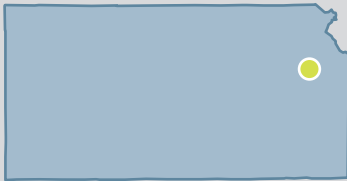
Level Awarded: **Bronze**

Date Awarded: **October 2004**

Population: **81,873**

Square Miles (land): **28.1**

Location:



## **MOST SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENT**

Lawrence prints an annual Parks and Recreation map of on-road and off-road bicycle facilities.

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

The city stands out among cities in Kansas and the Plains region for its high level of bicycle use. According to the 2000 census, 1.3 percent of Lawrence's population regularly bikes to work—almost three times the national average.

Lawrence is a leader in encouraging cycling and educational efforts to improve the safety of the activity. The city has dedicated September to bicycle education for children; May is Bicycle Awareness Month, focused on educating all road users about bicycle regulations and safety. Lawrence recently upgraded bike-parking facilities in Downtown Lawrence, one of the city's primary shopping and entertainment districts, to make it both safer and more practical to bike to work and on errands.

In partnership with the Lawrence Mountain Bike Club, the Lawrence Parks and Recreation Department has developed a BMX Track in Edgewood Park near the East Lawrence Recreation Center. The dirt track is designed for bicycles, and motorized vehicles are not allowed.

Bicycle safety education is included in the drivers licensing and testing process. This process functions as one of the main avenues of communicating bicycle safety materials to the general public in Lawrence. It is highly effective due to the testing procedures required of all citizens operating a motor vehicle.

Lawrence has established a highly advertised "share the road campaign" encouraging citizens to slow down and share the road when a fellow cyclist or motorist is around. The Lawrence Police Department also has bicycle-mounted officers that have the ability to enforce violations related to unsafe conduct.

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