

Top ten IL cities for bicycle involved crashes in 2011:

Chicago: 1404

Evanston: 44

Aurora: 43

Champaign: 40

Joliet/Springfield TIED: 38

Skokie: 34

Elgin: 32

Berwyn: 29

Rockford: 26

Skokie response: Skokie's runs a Bicycle Safety Day that is sponsored by the Village's Public Safety Commission. The annual free event features bicycle safety checks, registration and safety instruction. Village officials say this initiative is one of many that are in place or planned in the Village of Skokie to promote and facilitate safe bicycling in the community including requiring helmets for children, creating multi-use trails and expanding bike lanes and paths.

Elgin officials are studying ways to increase bicycle awareness and have created this bicycle master plan: <http://www.cityofelgin.org/index.aspx?NID=264>

Berwyn response: In the past 12 months, Berwyn officials have been working with IDOT and CMAP to build an active transit plan. New streets are being built with all modes of transportation in mind. Berwyn officials are also very active on the bicycle safety front by conducting events like bike rodeos where they distribute hundreds of free helmets.

Joliet provided 2012 crash data that city officials have submitted to IDOT. According to their latest count, last year, Joliet had 26 bicycle involved collisions. 21 involved injuries. No 2012 crashes were fatal.