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Portland State University
Community & Transportation Preferences Survey
U.S. Metro Areas, 2015
Frequencies**

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3000 Respondents from the 50 largest metro areas

1000 phone (678 Landline respondents, 322 Wireless respondents) Margin of error 3.1%

2000 on-line from YouGov. Margin of error 2.2%

Sample from 50 largest US metropolitan statistical areas.

Weighted responses.

Q3 My first question is about the quality of life in your community. Would you say that you are very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied with the quality of life in your community?

	Total
Very satisfied	41
Somewhat satisfied	40
Somewhat dissatisfied	12
Very dissatisfied	5
Don't know/refused	2
Total satisfied	81
Total dissatisfied	17

Q4 -8. Now, I have a few questions about your neighborhood and home. For each, please indicate whether you agree or disagree with that statement. The (first/next) statement is

	Strng Agree	Smwt Agree	Smwt Dis	Strng Dis	DK/ Ref	Total Agree	Total Dis	Agree - Dis
Q4. There are lots of places to walk nearby, such as shops, cafes, and restaurants.	33	26	18	21	2	59	39	20
Q5. There are parks within walking distance.	46	24	12	16	2	70	28	42
Q6. There are sidewalks on most of the streets.	51	24	9	16	2	74	24	50
Q7. There are bike lanes and paths nearby	31	25	15	24	5	56	39	17
Q8. There is public transit nearby	44	23	10	19	4	67	29	38

Q9. Do you live in a

Single family, detached house	60
Single family, attached house such as a townhouse or rowhouse	10
A building with 2 or more apartments or condos	24
A mobile home or trailer	3
Other	1
Don't know/refused	2

Q10-16. If you were deciding today where to live, please indicate how important having each of the following is to you - is it very important, somewhat important, not very important, or not at all important.

	Very Impt	Smwt Impt	Not Very Impt	Not at All Impt	DK/Ref	Very/Smwt Impt	Not V/Not Impt	Impt - Not
Q10. Being within an easy walk of other places and things in a community, such as shops and parks	41	36	15	7	1	78	21	57
Q11. Sidewalks and places to take walks	55	30	9	6	1	84	14	70
Q12. Being within a short commute to work	42	32	10	13	3	74	23	51
Q13. Easy access to the highway	42	40	11	6	2	81	17	64
Q14. Having public transit nearby	36	27	20	16	1	63	36	27
Q15. Bike lanes and paths nearby	23	33	25	18	2	56	42	14
Q16. Separated bike paths or trails	23	33	24	17	2	56	42	15

Q17-18. Imagine for a moment that you are moving to another community. These questions are about the kind of community where you would like to live. Please select the community where you would prefer to live.

	Comm. A	Comm .B	Neither	Both	DK/Ref
Q17. (COMMUNITY A) Houses with large yards and you have to drive to the places where you need to go. (COMMUNITY B) Houses with small yards, and it is easy to walk to the places you need to go.	45	48	<1	<1	6
Q18. (COMMUNITY A) Own or rent an apartment or townhouse, and you have an easy walk to shops and restaurants and have a shorter commute to work. (COMMUNITY B) Own or rent a detached, single-family house, and you have to drive to shops and restaurants and have a longer commute to work	45	48	1	<1	6

Q19-25. Now, I'm going to read you a list, and I'd like you to tell me whether each of the following should be an extremely high priority, a high priority, a middle priority, a low priority, or an extremely low priority for the government.

	Extremely high priority	High priority	Middle priority	Low priority	Extremely low priority	Don't know	Extrm high/High
Q19. Maintaining and repairing roads, highways, freeways, and bridges	43	37	13	3	1	3	80
Q20. Providing convenient alternatives to driving such as walking, biking, and public transportation	23	29	27	13	5	3	52
Q21. Building more roads and expand existing roads to help reduce traffic congestion	24	33	26	9	4	3	57
Q22. Expanding public transportation, including trains and buses.	24	28	25	13	6	3	52
Q23. Developing communities where more people do not have to drive long distances to work or shop.	18	27	29	15	7	4	43
Q24. Building more sidewalks	15	28	30	17	7	3	43
Q25. Building more bike lanes and paths	10	20	30	24	12	4	30

Q26 Switching gears a bit, as you may know, increased fuel efficiency in cars has resulted in less gas tax funding to support roads and transit. Thinking about this, which ONE of the following approaches would you take to replace that tax revenue?

	Total
Increase tolls or more toll roads	11
Increase the gas tax	17
Replace the gas tax with a tax based on the number of miles driven.....	17
Do not replace the tax revenue	28
(All)	0
(None)	2
Don't know/refused	25

Q27-32 Now, I'd like to ask about your preferences regarding your daily travel. For each statement, please tell me if you agree or disagree. The (first/next) statement is

	Strng Agree	Smwt Agree	Smwt Dis	Strng Dis	DK/Ref	Total Agree	Total Dis	Agree - Dis
Q27. I like riding a bike	20	35	17	24	4	55	41	14
Q28. I like taking transit.	13	24	25	33	5	37	58	-22
Q29. I like driving.	40	34	13	9	4	75	22	52
Q30. I like walking.	41	40	9	8	2	81	17	63
Q31. I drive because I don't have a lot of options.	31	27	16	22	5	58	38	20
Q32. I would like to travel by bike more than I do now.	16	22	22	35	4	39	57	-18

Q33 And yes OR no, do you travel to work or school?

	Total
Yes.....	58
No	40
Don't know/refused.	2

Q34 (IF YES IN Q33) How did you usually get to work or school last week?
(1775 respondents)

	Total
Private vehicle, like a car or motorcycle.....	76
Public transit, like a bus, train, subway or ferry.....	14
Bicycle	2
Walk.....	5
(OTHER)	2
Don't know/refused	1

Q35 In the past thirty days, about how many days did you use public transportation such as buses, subways, light rail, or commuter trains?

	Total
Zero.....	70
1-10.....	15
More than 10.....	9
Don't know/refused	5

Q36 (IF ZERO IN Q35) Is public transit available to you, yes OR no?
(2109 respondents)

	Total
Yes.....	68
No	29
Don't know/refused	3

Q37 Please tell me, yes OR no, if any of the following would encourage you to make greater use of transit service. The first/next one is

	Yes	No	DK/Ref	Yes - no
Q37. More frequent service	59	33	8	27
Q38. Fasterservice	61	32	7	29
Q39. Free transit service	62	31	7	31
Q40. If the price of gas increased by one dollar or more	27	60	13	-33
Q41. Service extended to nearby communities or places I need to go	61	31	8	31
Q42. Safer service	57	35	9	22
Q43. Cleaner service	54	38	8	15
Q44. More reliable service	60	1	9	29

Q45 For each of the following statements, please tell me if you agree or disagree. The (first/next) statement is

	Strng Agree	Smwt Agree	Smwt Dis	Strng Dis	DK/Ref	Total Agree	Total Dis	Agree - Dis
Q45. Public transit is my only transportation option	10	9	13	63	5	19	76	-57
46 I prefer public transit over driving, even if it takes longer so I can be productive during my trip	11	14	22	46	7	25	68	-43
47 Local public transit service is reliable	19	38	19	11	13	57	30	28
48 Local public transit service is safe from crime	14	30	24	19	13	44	43	2
49 The cost of local public transit service is reasonable	21	33	16	13	16	54	30	25
50 Local public transit service is fast enough for my needs.	13	26	22	25	14	40	47	-7

Q51 In the past thirty days, how many days did you walk outside for more than ten minutes including walking the dog and for exercise?

	Total
Zero.....	16
1-10.....	38
More than 10.....	46
Don't know/refused.....	0

Q52 Now let me ask you about walks in general. Have you taken any of the following kinds of walks in the last 30 days?

	Yes	No	DK/Ref	Yes - no
52 To or from work or school	20	79	2	-60
53 To or from public transit	22	77	1	-55
54 Escorting children to or from school	13	85	1	-72
55 Running errands, shopping, or eating out	55	45	1	10
56 Just for exercise, including walking the dog	81	18	1	63

Q57 Thinking about why you choose to walk, please tell me if each of the following is a main reason, somewhat of a reason, or not a reason at all that you walk. The (first/next) reason is

	Main reason	Smwt Reason	Not a reason	DK/ref
57 For health and exercise benefits	63	28	8	1
58 Faster than driving	6	13	78	3
59 To enjoy being outside	57	33	9	1
60 To save money on gas and travel costs	13	24	61	2
61 To reduce the impact on the environment and air quality	11	29	57	2
62 To avoid having to park my car	9	21	68	2

Q63 Now, I'd like for you to think about things that may keep you from doing more walking. Please tell me Yes or No if each of the following keeps you from doing more walking. The one (first/next) is

	Yes	No	DK/Ref	Yes - no
63 The places I need to go are too far to walk	68	28	4	40
64 There are too few sidewalks or trails	28	67	5	-39
65 I need a vehicle for work or school or other reason	54	42	4	12
66 The weather is poor or unpredictable	41	55	4	-14
67 My health prevents me	24	72	4	-48
68 I do not feel safe because of traffic	24	72	4	-48
69 I do not feel safe because of crime	23	72	5	-49

Q70 Now, I have some questions about bicycling. Please tell me which of the following statements best fits you.
 I am physically able to ride a bicycle and I know how to do so.
 I am physically able to ride a bicycle but I don't know how.
 I am physically unable to ride a bicycle.

	Total
Able to ride bicycle and know how	72
Able to ride bicycle, don't know how	8
Unable to ride bicycle	13
Don't know/refused	6

Q71 (IF UNABLE IN Q70) And is this a temporary condition like a sprained ankle or is it a permanent condition that makes you physically unable to ride a bicycle?

(397 respondents)

	Total
Temporary condition.....	12
Permanent condition.....	79
Don't know/refused	9

Q72 (IF ABLE TO RIDE BICYCLE AND KNOW HOW IN BIKE OR TEMPORARY CONDITION)
 In the past thirty days, how many days did you ride a bicycle outside, including bicycling for exercise?

(2268 respondents)

	Total
Zero.....	76
1-10.....	19
More than 10	5
Don't know/refused.....	0

Q73 (IF Q72>0)
 And still thinking about bicycling, have you taken any of the following kind of ride in the last 30 days?

	Yes	No	DK/Ref	Yes - no
73 To or from work	16	84	1	-68
74 To or from public transportation	14	84	3	-70
75 Escorting children to or from school	9	90	1	-81
76 Running errands, shopping, or eating out	29	70	1	-40
77 Just for exercise	87	12	1	75

(550 respondents)

Q78 (IF Q72>0)

Thinking about why you choose to bike, please tell me if each of the following is a main reason, somewhat of a reason, or not a reason at all that you bike. The first/next reason is

	Main reason	Smwt Reason	Not a reason	DK/ref
78 For health and exercise benefits	75	17	7	1
79 Faster than driving	8	18	72	1
80 To enjoy being outside	64	26	8	2
81 To save money on gas and travel costs	17	27	55	2
82 To reduce the impact on the environment and air quality	18	31	49	2
83 To avoid having to park my car	11	21	67	2

(550 respondents)

Q84 (IF ABLE TO RIDE BICYCLE AND KNOW HOW IN BIKE OR TEMPORARY CONDITION)

Now, I'd like you to think about things that may keep you from doing more biking. Please tell me yes OR no, if any of these keep you from doing more biking? The first/next one is.

	Yes	No	DK/Ref	Yes - no
84 The places I need to go are too far to bike	49	47	4	2
85 There are too few bike lanes or trails	38	56	6	-18
86 I need a vehicle for work or school	51	45	4	7
87 My health prevents me from biking	12	84	4	-72
88 Poor or unpredictable weather	36	60	4	-24
89 I do not feel safe because of traffic	41	55	5	-14
90 I do not feel safe because of crime	18	77	5	-60
91 I do not have a bike to ride	47	50	3	-3

(2399 respondents)

Q92 Now, I'm going to read you a list of places you could ride a bike. For each, please tell me whether you would be comfortable or uncomfortable biking there.

	Very Cmfrt	Smwt Cmfrt	Smwt Uncmf	Very Uncmf	DK/ref	Total comfortable	Total uncomfortable	Cmfrt - Uncmf
92 A path or trail separate from the street	51	22	10	10	7	73	20	53
93 A quiet residential street with traffic traveling at speeds of twenty to twenty-five miles per hour	44	28	13	9	6	72	22	50
94 A quiet residential street with a 20 mile per hour speed limit that also had bicycle route markings, wide speed humps, and other things to discourage and slow down car traffic	46	27	12	9	7	72	21	51
95 A major urban or suburban street with four lanes, on-street parking, traffic speeds of thirty to thirty-five miles per hour and no bikelane	9	13	22	50	6	22	72	-50
96 A major urban or suburban street with four lanes, on-street parking, traffic speeds of thirty to thirty-five miles per hour and a striped bike lane	12	22	27	32	6	34	59	-25
97 A major urban or suburban street with four lanes, on-street parking, traffic speeds of thirty to thirty-five miles per hour and a wide bike lane physically separated from traffic by a raised curb, planters, or parked cars	29	26	19	19	7	55	38	17

Now, I have just a few questions for statistical purposes.

Q98 How many vehicles does your household own or lease for regular use?

	Total
Zero.....	10
1.....	30
2.....	34
3 or more.....	22
Don't know/refused	4

Q99 Do you own a bicycle or have one available at home for your use?

	Total
Yes.....	41
No.....	57
Don't know/refused	2

Q100 In what year were you born?

	Total
18-24	11
25-29	8
30-34	9
35-39	9
40-44	8
45-49	11
50-54	7
55-59	10
60-64	9
Over64	17
No answer	1

Q101 Do you have any children under the age of 19 living at home?

	Total
Yes	29
No	70
Don't know/refused	1

Q102 Last year, that is in 2014, what was your total family income from all sources, before taxes? Just stop me when I get to the right category.

	Total
Less than \$15,000	10
\$15,000 to under \$50,000	33
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	16
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	11
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	9
\$150,000 or more	8
Refused	5
Don't know	9

Q103 What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?

	Total
1-11th grade	6
High School graduate	29
Non-college post H.S. & Some college	30
College graduate	21
Post-graduate school	12
Don't know/refused	1
H.S. or less	35
Post H.S.	63
College graduate	33

Q104 Are you of Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin?

	Total
Yes.....	16
No	82
Don't know/refused	2

Q105 I am going to read a list of races. Please tell me which one best describes your race. Are you:

	Total
White	65
African American or Black	14
Asian.....	4
American Indian or Alaskan Native	1
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	0
Multiracial	3
Hispanic or Mexican.....	8
Other	2
Don't know/refused	3

Q2 Sex of respondent

	Total
Male.....	48
Female.....	52

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