WalkBikeDutchess Survey: Upper Hudson

Note: Not all respondents answered each question.

Q31. On average, how often do you walk and/or ride a bicycle? Select one response for each. (n=261)

**How Often I Walk**

- Every Day: 24%
- 5-6 Days per Week: 17%
- 3-4 Days per Week: 12%
- 1-2 Days per Week: 16%
- A few times per Month: 17%
- Rarely: 24%
- Never: 0%
- Weekends Only: 0%
- I am not physically able: 0%

**How Often I Bicycle**

- Every Day: 20%
- 5-6 Days per Week: 20%
- 3-4 Days per Week: 20%
- 1-2 Days per Week: 13%
- A few times per Month: 3%
- Rarely: 1%
- Never: 15%
- Weekends Only: 0%
- I am not physically able: 6%
Q32. For which of the following purposes do you usually walk/ride a bicycle? Select all that apply. (n=261)

- For exercise
- To enjoy my community/be outside
- To/from a park/recreational area
- To walk my pet
- For errands/shopping
- To visit family/friends
- To/from work
- To/from school
- To/from the bus or train
- Other

Trip Purposes

Graph showing the comparison between walking and cycling for various purposes.
Q33. When you choose to walk, why do you? Select all that apply. (n=257)

Why I Walk

- It's healthy/good exercise
- It's pleasant/fun
- It's environmentally friendly
- Destinations are relatively close
- To be with family/friends
- It's economical
- I don't drive/have access to a car
- Other

Q34. When you choose to ride a bicycle, why do you? Select all that apply. (n=215)

Why I Bicycle

- It's healthy/good exercise
- It's pleasant/fun
- It's environmentally friendly
- Destinations are relatively close
- It's economical
- To be with family/friends
- I don't drive/have access to a car
- Other
Q38. When you choose NOT to walk, why do you? Select up to 4 reasons. (n=228)

**Why I Don't Walk**

- Inadequate road shoulders/sidewalks
- There's too much traffic
- Poor surface quality
- I don't feel safe
- Drivers are inconsiderate
- Unpleasant walking environment
- It takes too long
- It's hard to walk with kids, bags, etc.
- Other
- It's too difficult for me physically

Q39. When you choose NOT to ride a bicycle, why do you? Select up to 4 reasons. (n=215)

**Why I Don't Bicycle**

- Road shoulders are too narrow
- There's too much traffic
- Too few bicycle paths/trails
- Poor road pavement
- Drivers are inconsiderate
- I don't feel safe
- No safe bicycle parking
- It's hard to ride with kids, bags, etc.
- The surrounding area is unpleasant
- It takes too long
- I don't know how to ride in traffic
- I don't have access to a bicycle
- It's too difficult for me physically
- Other
Q40. What is the best location for walking in your area? Be as specific as possible. (n=226)

Best Walking Locations

- Parks
- Poets' Walk
- Walkway Over The Hudson
- Rail Trails

Q41. What is the best location for bicycling in your area? Be as specific as possible. (n=198)

Best Bicycling Locations

- Rail Trails
- Parks
- Walkway Over The Hudson
Q42. What is the most problematic location for walking in your area? Why? Be as specific as possible. (n=205)

Difficult Walking Locations

- Rt. 9: 50
- Rt. 9G: 30
- Rt. 199: 10

Q43. What is the most problematic location for bicycling in your area? Why? Be as specific as possible. (n=198)

Difficult Bicycling Locations

- Rt. 9: 90
- Rt. 9G: 50
- Rt. 199: 20
Q44. When walking, what issues do you encounter most often? Select up to 4 issues. (n=245)

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Walking Issues

- Lack of adequate shoulders/sidewalks
- Aggressive/fast motorists
- Poor road or sidewalk condition
- Motorists passing too close to me
- Distracted/inattentive motorists
- Too much traffic
- Difficulty crossing intersections/roads
- Motorists not obeying traffic laws
- Large trucks
- Poorly lit streets
- Other:

Q45. When bicycling, what issues do you encounter most often? Select up to 4 issues. (n=210)

Bicycling Issues

- Lack of adequate shoulders/bicycle paths
- Motorists passing too close to me
- Poor road conditions
- Aggressive/fast motorists
- Too much traffic
- Distracted/inattentive motorists
- Difficulty crossing intersections/roads
- Motorists not obeying traffic laws
- Large trucks
- Poorly lit streets
- Other:
Q46. What is most important when you choose where to walk/ride a bicycle? (Select up to 3 criteria for each.) (n=255)

Route Criteria

- Seems safe
- Scenic
- Surface quality
- Low traffic volumes
- A trail/off-street path exists
- Wide road shoulders exist
- Direct route available
- Not too hilly
- Other

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Q47. Please indicate how strongly you agree with each of the following statements: (n=257)

Local Walkability

- Many alternative walking routes exist in my neighborhood
- Stores are within walking distance of my home
- My neighborhood has many interesting things to look at while walking
- It is easy to walk to a bus or train stop from my home
- Many places are within walking distance of my home

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Strongly Agree
Somewhat Agree
Somewhat Disagree
Strongly Disagree
Q48. How satisfied are you with how the community where you live is designed for safe walking and bicycling? (n=259)

Community Designed for Walking

- Very Satisfied: 16%
- Somewhat Satisfied: 44%
- Somewhat Dissatisfied: 24%
- Very Dissatisfied: 16%

Community Designed for Bicycling

- Very Satisfied: 25%
- Somewhat Satisfied: 29%
- Somewhat Dissatisfied: 41%
- Very Dissatisfied: 5%
Q49. In your opinion, what are the 4 most important improvements to be made? Select up to 4 improvements. (n=256)

**Suggested Improvements**

- Increase width of road shoulders
- Add bicycle lanes/shared lane markings
- Add more rail trails/shared-use paths
- Add more sidewalks
- Provide smoother road pavement
- Implement traffic calming
- Install better crosswalks/crossing signals
- Enforce traffic safety laws more strongly
- Maintain walking/bicycling facilities
- Provide more sidewalk amenities
- Expand safety education
- Add more bicycle racks/parking for bicycles
- Upgrade traffic signals to detect bicycles
- Provide safety/directional signage
- Other

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Appendix F: Walk-Bike Dutchess Survey- Upper Hudson
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Q50. Where is bicycle parking-- racks, lockers, etc. needed? Select the 3 most important locations. (n= 212)

Bicycle Parking Needs

- At stores
- At town halls/libraries/municipal facilities
- On sidewalks adjacent to local destinations
- At parks
- In parking lots
- At schools
- At bus stops/train stations
- At job sites
- Other

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Q51. If equally good facilities existed, how would you prefer to travel? For each trip type, choose by bicycle, walking, public transit, or car. (n=252)

How I Would Prefer to Travel

Q52. What factors should be used to prioritize improvements? Select up to 4 factors. (n=254)

Prioritizing Improvements