

# Park Ridge Bike Survey Results

# Survey Results

- 259 people responded to the survey
- Respondents were required to enter their zip code at the beginning of the survey
  - 249 were Park Ridge residents (96.%)
  - 4 were from Niles (1%)
  - The remainder left a Chicago zip code
- The following slides will show more in-depth results. The top answers will be shown for questions where there were many options
- The task force was invited to view all the results via Google Forms

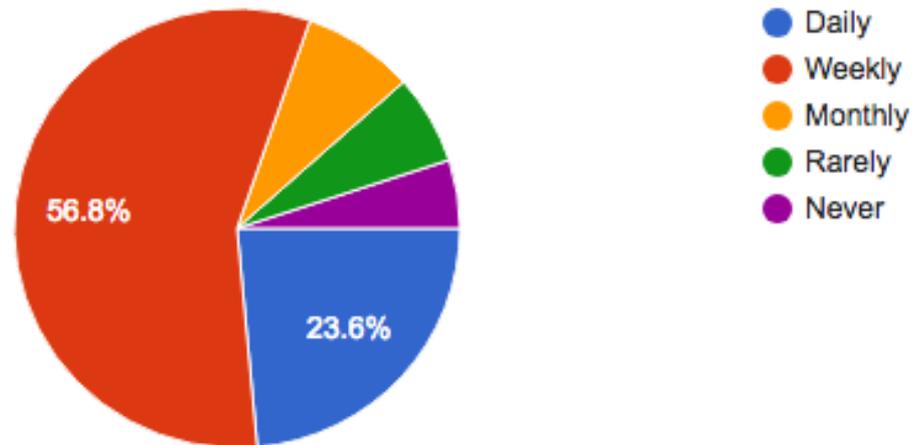
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- What destinations would you like to reach by biking? (select at that apply)
  - Uptown area south of Touhy, including Metra station: 223 (86%)
  - Des Plaines River Trail: 202 (78%)
  - Centennial Park area, including fitness center: 194 (75%)
  - North Branch Trail: 187 (72%)
  - Uptown area North of Touhy: 183 (71%)
- What other parks not mentioned would you like to reach by biking?
  - This was open ended and only 58 responded. Results were dispersed.
  - 6 responses for Hinkley Park, 4 responses Maine Park and 4 responses for Prospect Park

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In a typical month with nice weather, how often do you bike in Park Ridge?

259 responses



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- What prevents you from biking more often in Park Ridge?  
(select all that apply)
  - Difficulty crossing major intersections: 185 (71%)
  - Lack of bicycle lanes and other facilities on roads: 177 (63%)
  - Unsafe driving behavior towards cyclists: 140 (54%)
  - Lack of safe routes for you or your children to bike to school: 93 (36%)
  - Lack of street lighting: 63 (24%)

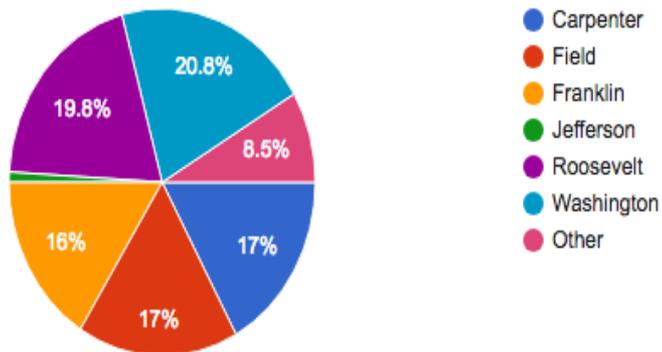
# Schools

- 163 respondents (63%) have a child that attends school
  - 109 of those respondents (67%) has a child in elementary school
  - 52 (32%) has a child in middle school
  - 44 (27%) has a child in high school

# Elementary Schools

What school does your child(ren) attend?

106 responses



Mark all that apply, assuming good weather (regarding transportation to school)

- I drive my child to school: 55 (51%)
- My child takes the bus: 27 (25%)
- My child walks to school: 56 (52%)
- My child bikes to school: 16 (15%)

# Middle Schools

- Emerson: 26 (51%), Lincoln: 21 (42%), Other: 4 (7%)
- Mark all that apply, assuming good weather (regarding transportation to school)
  - I drive my child to school: 25 (50%)
  - My child takes the bus: 29 (58%)
  - My child walks to school: 12 (24%)
  - My child bikes to school: 6 (12%)

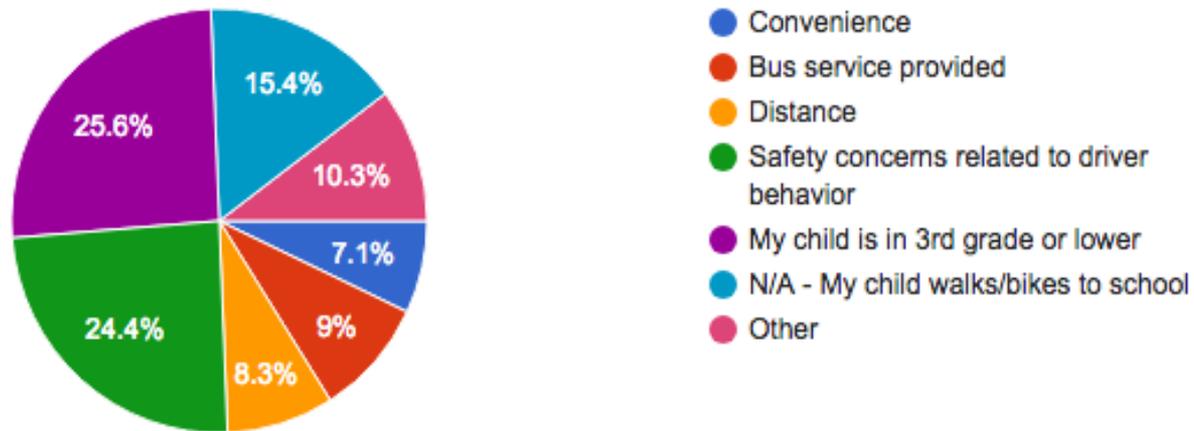
# High School

- All 42 out of 43 respondents with a high school student selected Maine South. One selected “other”
- Mark all that apply, assuming good weather (regarding transportation to school)
  - High school student goes to school in a car: 36 (82%)
  - High school student takes the bus: 11 (25%)
  - High school student walks to school: 14 (32%)
  - High school student bikes to school: 10 (23%)

# Schools

If your child(ren) does not walk or bike to school, what is the primary reason?

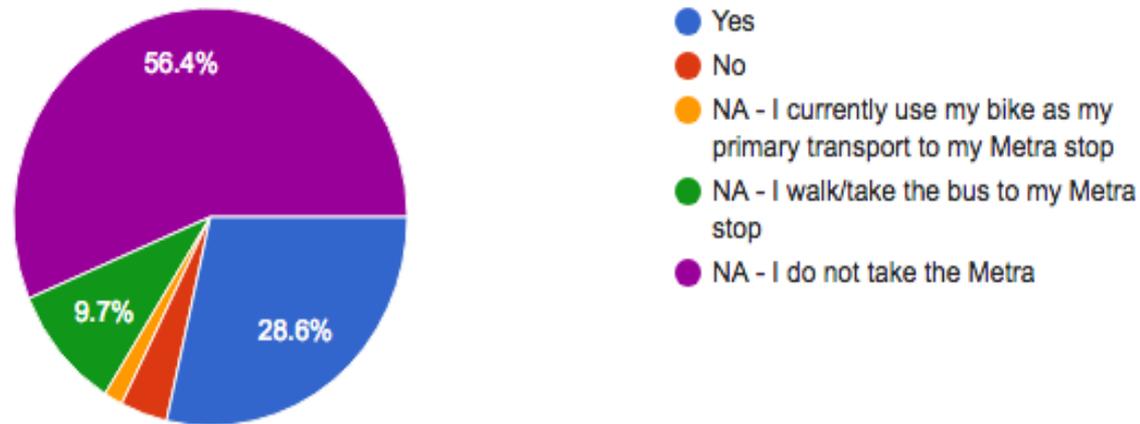
156 responses



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If you currently drive to and park near a Metra stop as part of your commute, would you bike instead in favorable weather if improvements were made to make biking safer and more convenient?

259 responses



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- The most popular roads to bike on in Park Ridge
  - Sibley
  - Courtland
  - Bellplaine
  - Western
- Why are these the most popular streets?
  - Wide street
  - Less car traffic
  - Contains a bike lane or bike route sign

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- The least popular streets to bike on in Park Ridge
  - Touhy
  - Cumberland
  - Northwest Highway
  - Dee Road
- The overwhelming reason for selecting all these streets were that they were too busy and traffic moves too fast
- Many more specifically indicated they do not feel safe at all on these roads because cars seem to have no regard for cyclists

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- Respondents were asked to provide three intersections that are unsafe for biking
- The most common responses were:
  - Prospect/Touhy/Northwest Highway
  - Devon and Talcott
  - Busse and Touhy
  - Busse and Dee

# Survey Results

- At the end of the survey, respondents were asked to leave a name and email address if they are interested in getting involved in the Park Ridge bike plan
- 105 people left their contact information