

Arlington Transportation Survey

Conducted July 21 through September 30, 2014



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Transit usage in Arlington

Based on 1,291 responses

- 50% of respondents use public transportation on a weekly basis
- 37% of respondents depend on public transportation to get to their job, school, and other activities
 - Why do these respondents depend on public transportation? The most common responses:
 - High cost of parking in Cambridge & Boston
 - Driving takes too long and is stressful
 - Do not own a car
 - Prefer public transportation
 - Household only has 1 automobile
- 20% of respondents answered “no” to the question “Without public transit, could you get to your job, school, and/or other activities?”

Automobile usage in Arlington

Based on 1,291 responses

- 93% of respondents have an automobile available for use
- 41% of Arlington households have 1 car; 48% have 2 cars
- The average Arlington household has 1.9 licensed drivers
- Driving alone is the single most common mode of transportation

Biking in Arlington

Based on 1,291 responses

- 71% of respondents own a bike
- Of those who own a bike, 40% have used a bike for commuting
- Of those who own a bike, respondents ride an average of 25 miles per week
- 13% of respondents have used a bike share service such as Hubway

Car sharing in Arlington

Based on 1,291 responses

- 23% of respondents have used a car sharing/transportation network service such as Uber, Lyft, Sidecar
- 30% of respondents have carpooled with a neighbor
- 4% have carpooled with someone they didn't know
- 63% of respondents would carpool with a stranger if a safe and reliable option was available
- The average respondent household has 1.8 smartphones

Common themes of comments provided by survey respondents

Based on 1,291 responses

- Traffic along Mass Ave. creates delays and inconvenience for both automobile drivers and transit users on buses (77, 79) that travel on Mass Ave
- Traffic at the intersection of Route 16 & Mass Ave was identified as a major cause of delays
- Commuters are happy with the number of transit options in Arlington, but would welcome more; many wish for rail or street car service
- The 62, 67, and 76 buses do not have enough frequency during peak commuter hours
- Many wish there was a bike sharing option such as Hubway available in Arlington
- Bicyclists need to do a better job sharing the road with cars and vice versa