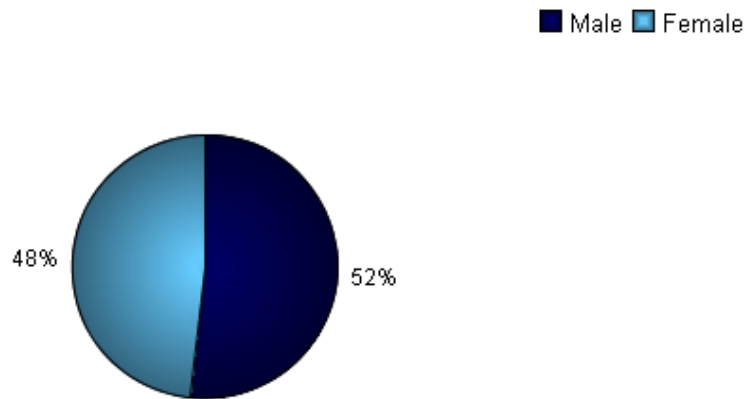


Parent Survey Summary

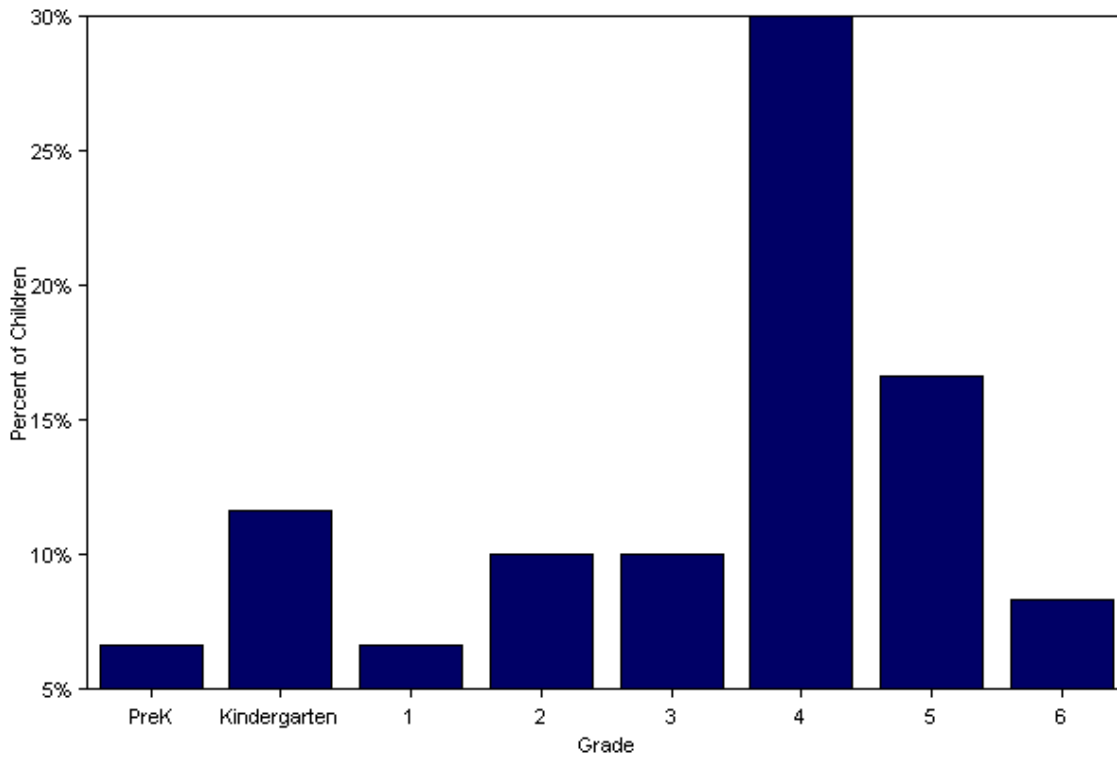
Program Name:	Safe Routes To School (Waitsfield Elementary)	Month and Year Collected:	September 2012
School Name:	Waitsfield Elementary School	Set ID:	8431
School Enrollment:	152	Date Report Generated:	09/20/2012
Enrollment within Grades Targeted by SRTS Program:	Don't Know	Number of Questionnaires Analyzed for Report:	60
Number of Questionnaires Distributed:	152		

This report contains information from parents about their children's trip to and from school. The report also reflects parents' perceptions regarding whether walking and bicycling to school is appropriate for their child. The data used in this report were collected using the Survey about Walking and Biking to School for Parents form from the National Center for Safe Routes to School.

Sex of children for parents that provided information



Grade levels of children represented in survey

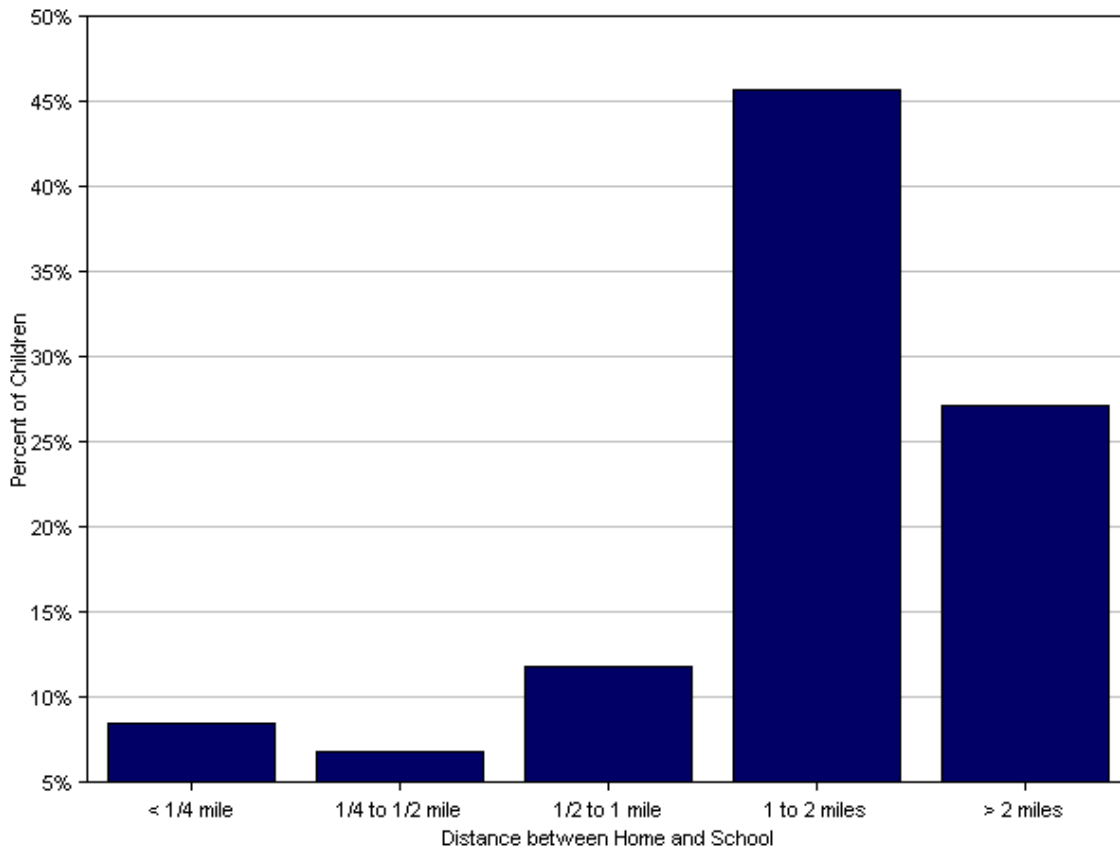


Grade levels of children represented in survey

Grade in School	Responses per grade	
	Number	Percent
PreK	4	7%
Kindergarten	7	12%
1	4	7%
2	6	10%
3	6	10%
4	18	30%
5	10	17%
6	5	8%

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Parent estimate of distance from child's home to school

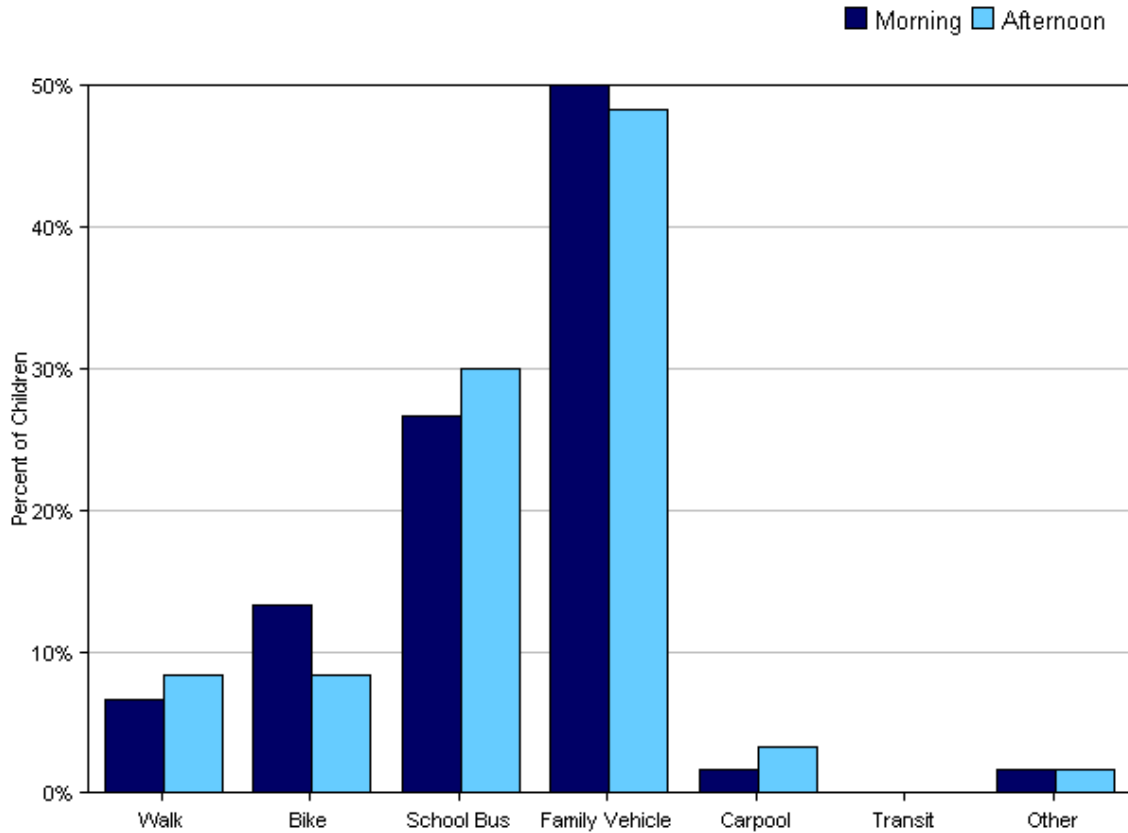


Parent estimate of distance from child's home to school

Distance between home and school	Number of children	Percent
Less than 1/4 mile	5	8%
1/4 mile up to 1/2 mile	4	7%
1/2 mile up to 1 mile	7	12%
1 mile up to 2 miles	27	46%
More than 2 miles	16	27%

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Typical mode of arrival at and departure from school



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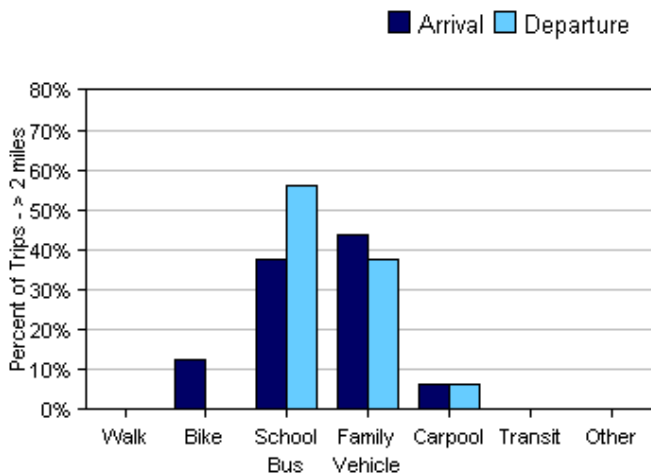
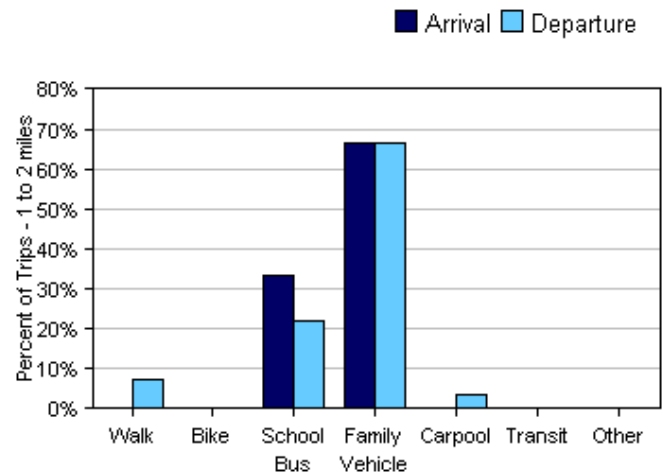
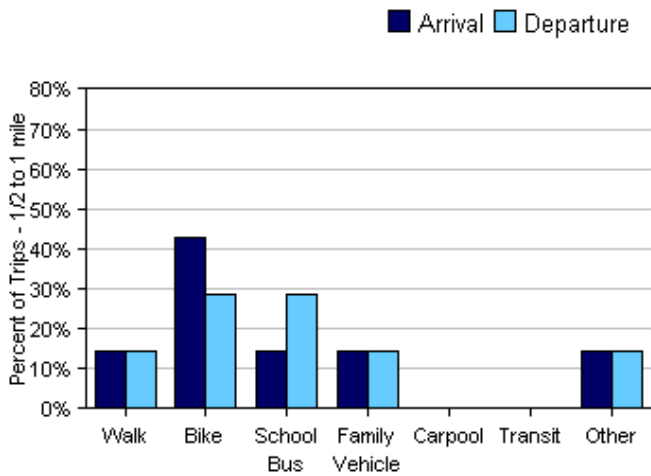
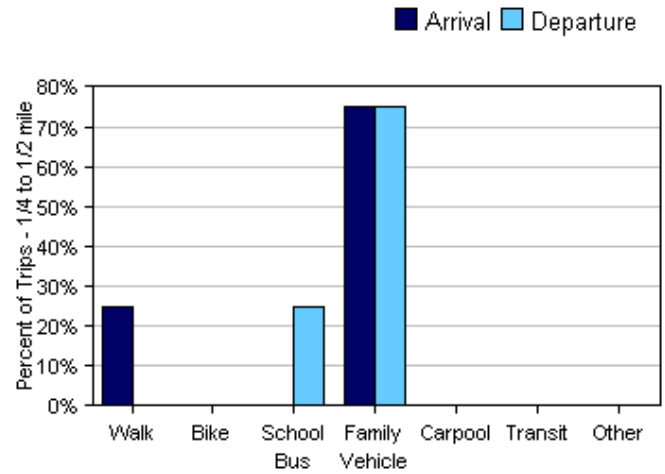
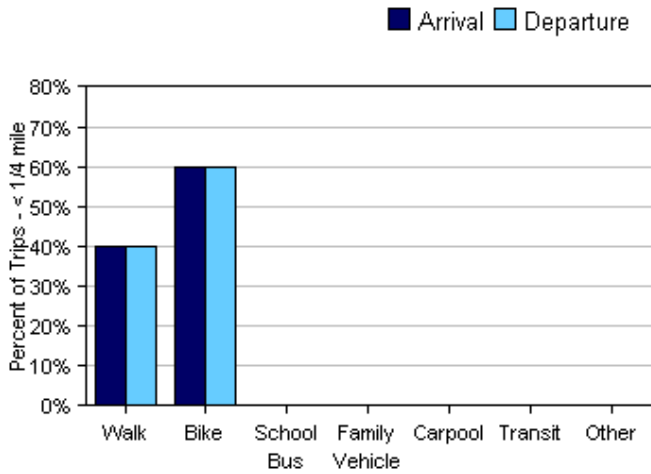
Time of Trip	Number of Trips	Walk	Bike	School Bus	Family Vehicle	Carpool	Transit	Other
Morning	60	7%	13%	27%	50%	2%	0%	2%
Afternoon	60	8%	8%	30%	48%	3%	0%	2%

No Response Morning: 0

No Response Afternoon: 0

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Typical mode of school arrival and departure by distance child lives from school



Typical mode of school arrival and departure by distance child lives from school

School Arrival

Distance	Number within Distance	Walk	Bike	School Bus	Family Vehicle	Carpool	Transit	Other
Less than 1/4 mile	5	40%	60%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
1/4 mile up to 1/2 mile	4	25%	0%	0%	75%	0%	0%	0%
1/2 mile up to 1 mile	7	14%	43%	14%	14%	0%	0%	14%
1 mile up to 2 miles	27	0%	0%	33%	67%	0%	0%	0%
More than 2 miles	16	0%	13%	38%	44%	6%	0%	0%

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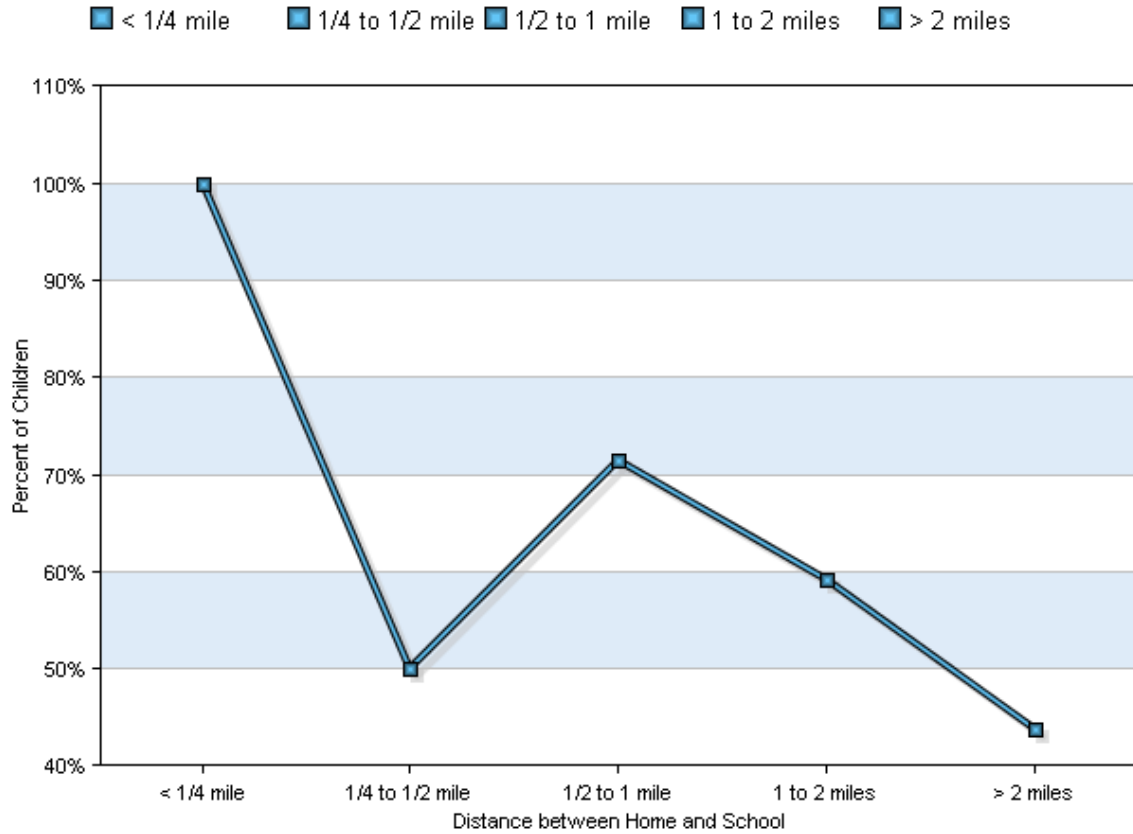
School Departure

Distance	Number within Distance	Walk	Bike	School Bus	Family Vehicle	Carpool	Transit	Other
Less than 1/4 mile	5	40%	60%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
1/4 mile up to 1/2 mile	4	0%	0%	25%	75%	0%	0%	0%
1/2 mile up to 1 mile	7	14%	29%	29%	14%	0%	0%	14%
1 mile up to 2 miles	27	7%	0%	22%	67%	4%	0%	0%
More than 2 miles	16	0%	0%	56%	38%	6%	0%	0%

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Percent of children who have asked for permission to walk or bike to/from school by distance they live from school

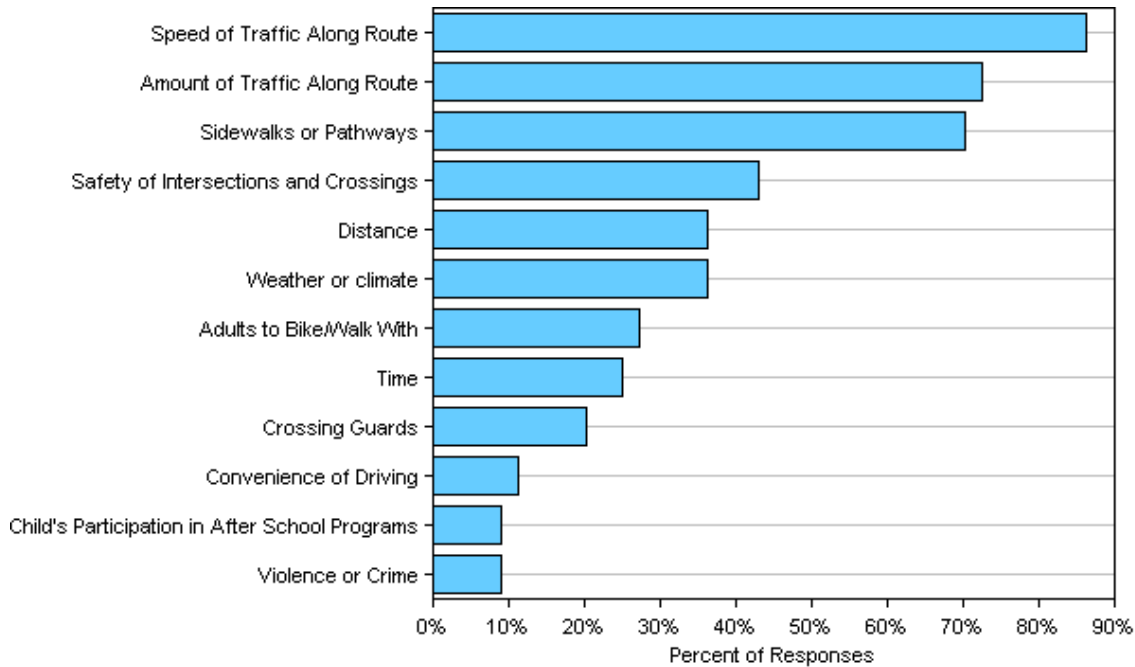


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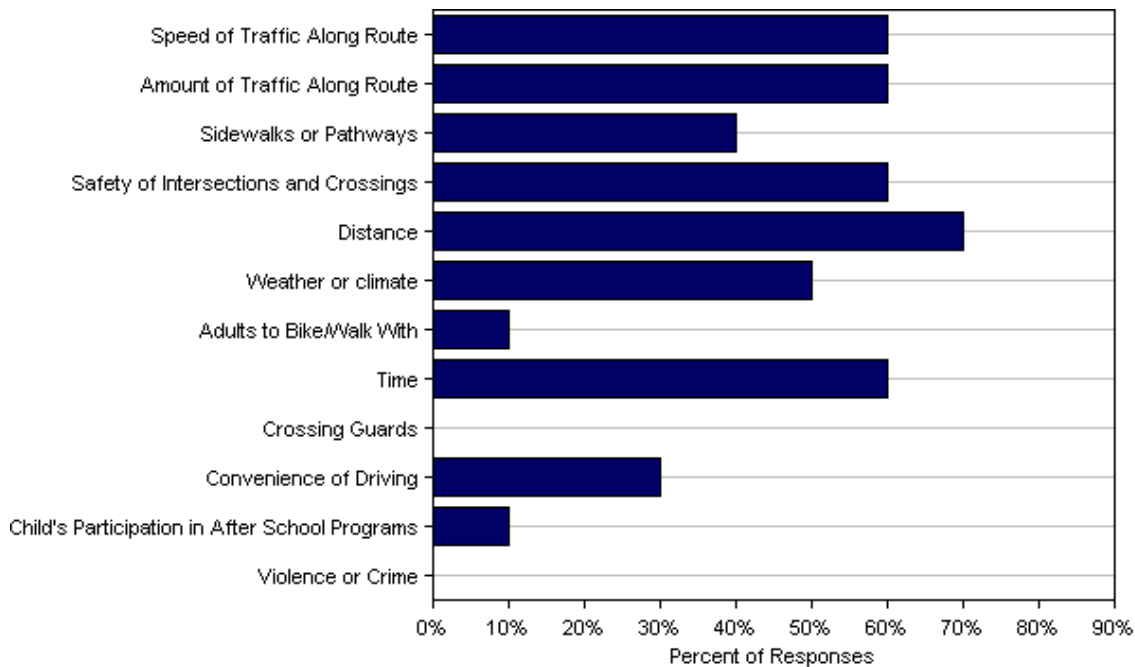
Asked Permission?	Number of Children	Less than 1/4 mile	1/4 mile up to 1/2 mile	1/2 mile up to 1 mile	1 mile up to 2 miles	More than 2 miles
Yes	35	100%	50%	71%	59%	44%
No	24	0%	50%	29%	41%	56%

Don't know or No response: 1
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Issues reported to affect the decision to not allow a child to walk or bike to/from school by parents of children who do not walk or bike to/from school



Issues reported to affect the decision to allow a child to walk or bike to/from school by parents of children who already walk or bike to/from school



Issues reported to affect the decision to allow a child to walk or bike to/from school by parents of children who already walk or bike to/from school

Issue	Child does not walk/bike to school	Child walks/bikes to school
Speed of Traffic Along Route	86%	60%
Amount of Traffic Along Route	73%	60%
Sidewalks or Pathways	70%	40%
Safety of Intersections and Crossings	43%	60%
Distance	36%	70%
Weather or climate	36%	50%
Adults to Bike/Walk With	27%	10%
Time	25%	60%
Crossing Guards	20%	0%
Convenience of Driving	11%	30%
Child's Participation in After School Programs	9%	10%
Violence or Crime	9%	0%
Number of Respondents per Category	44	10

No response: 6

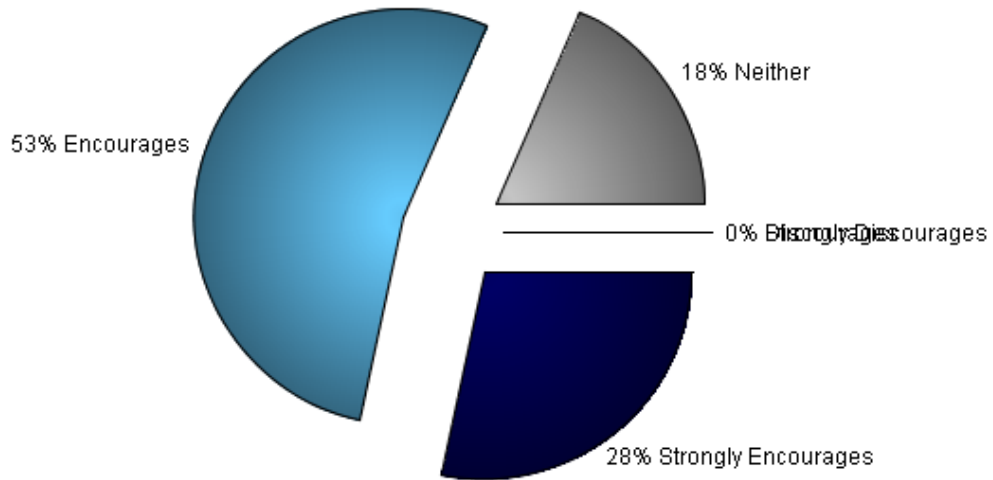
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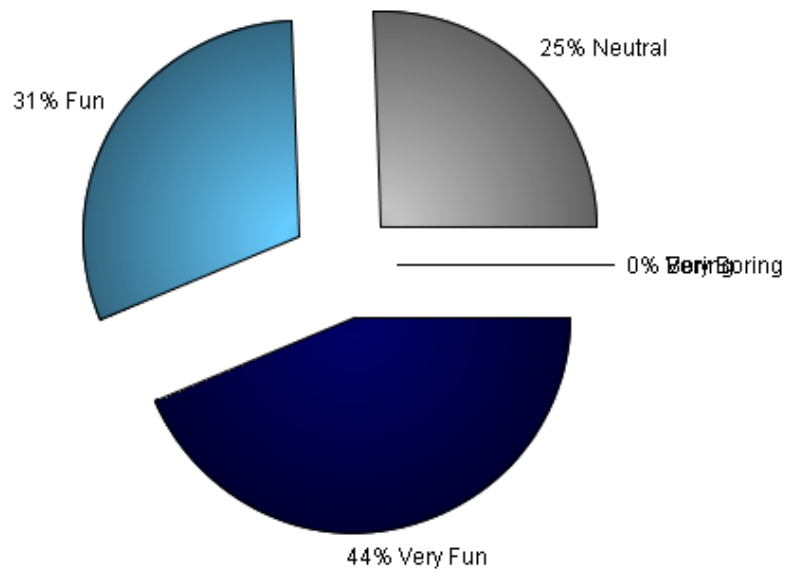
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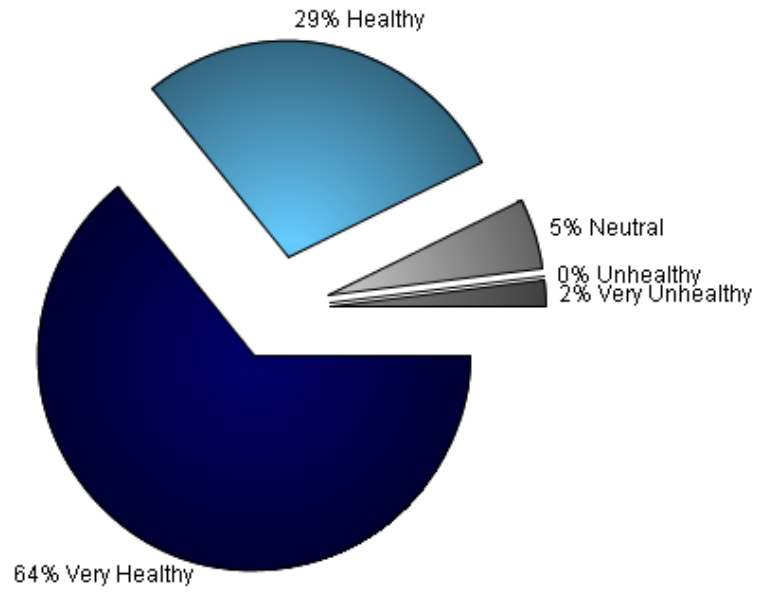
Parents' opinions about how much their child's school encourages or discourages walking and biking to/from school



Parents' opinions about how much fun walking and biking to/from school is for their child



Parents' opinions about how healthy walking and biking to/from school is for their child



Comments Section

SurveyID	Comment
888154	My daughter is biking with other children her age to school. My younger daughter does not have that "gang" to ride with. I imagine she will not have the same drive to bike when she is in 4th grade.
888193	Would love to bike/walk but will never do it no matter the age due to the speed and amount of traffic on 100, plus there is not enough of a shoulder for me to feel my child is safe.
891118	A big problem to add to the list in #10 is HILLS! We have some pretty steep hills that will deter our children from walking/biking to school as they get older.
894779	For us the single most terrifying (and only terrifying) part of the commute is the Rt. 100 section from Tremblay Rd. to Kenyons. The guardrails pinch the shoulder and traffic is very fast and unforgiving. I wish the town could cajole Kenyon into allowing a path along the edge of their fields to the school, or at least to the driveway to the south of their cow pasture. Not likely to happen, I understand, but right now I would not encourage any kids to ride alone along this stretch due to the traffic speed and road width.
894787	Although we only live 2.3 miles from school and it would be a relatively easy bike ride, the route is along route 100 and the speed of traffic, lack of an adequate shoulder and blind spots make this a dangerous route to school. In a perfect world I would love to see a separate walking/bike path along route 100 that students and the community could access. For now if the shoulder was even 4 feet wide, it would make a big difference but in places it doesn't even exist.
894789	Sidewalks, crossing guards and street markings (and even signs) are definitely needed. While we live too far away for my kids to ever walk or bike to school, it is not even easy to ride a bike or push a stroller along the so called sidewalk from Bridge St to the school. I also stop most mornings by the Health Center to let kids cross the street. There should definitely be a crosswalk and crossing guard at this location.
894809	My kid would love to ride her bike to school. The ride is fairly easy. We participated once in the bike to school initiative and found that turning onto and riding along rt 100 between Tromblay and Loop road too frightening at that time of day with the increased morning traffic. A car nearly ran into my young biker when crossing rt 100. We do this ride on other occasions (weekends) when there is less traffic. Wish there was a way to avoid going onto rt 100.
888181	My children and I walked or biked to school together probably 15 times last year, but have not yet this year. It is a GREAT start to the day. However, because of the lack of a bike path on rt. 100, I do not feel comfortable allowing them to do this without me.
888191	Intersections, and side walks are a huge issue. There needs to be improvements to that kids can go to school comfortably with safety. There aren't connecting sidewalks or paths that parents can be at ease with. That's a problem. If there was, my son would ride every day!
890986	My 2 kids bicycle because otherwise they would be on the bus for 50 minutes. The road they travel on is steep with almost no shoulder - not safe.
891033	We live too far away from school on busy route 100 (several rear end accidents and collisions happen along our route to school. Many people speed and pass in the section of road by our drive way and once we were walking on the side of the road and we were almost hit by a passing car. I think we will never walk to school because of the distance and busy road condition. However, if we lived in town where there were sidewalks that would be different. I deeply feel walking is a very healthy activity but I am not sure I'd do it in a thunderstorm or soaking rain. A side note: I probably won't ever send my son on the school bus either as he has a medical condition so that affects my choice to drive him to school as well.
894753	Route 100 north of WES is the main drag between our home and the school. I don't think focusing on making that better access for walking/biking kids is worth it. I think the Safe Routes focus on the speed and access right around the school makes sense. My kids walk to the VG or to my office in town and I'm more and more comfortable with that as improvements are made. Thanks!
894765	We walk and ride to school with our children when we can.
894790	We would love to have our son ride but not on RT. 100. It is too busy. Perhaps a place to park farther out with a safe route would be nice to be able to participate on riding in many mornings. He would LOVE it! We could park ride and adult ride back to the car and go to work. That would be nice.
894843	A crosswalk would be a welcome addition to my childs' bike ride to school.
894856	A safe path along rt 100 from Tremblay would be great. Along with a crossing guard at or near the school.
889407	The school has an issue with the traffic from the morning

891867	I would let my child ride her bike if I was comfortable with her abilities. The hill to school is steep, though I see plenty of kids riding it alone. There also is a lot of commuter traffic at that time, which makes me uneasy.
888129	The school parking lot is the biggest concern about the safety of my child getting to school
891203	The school parking lot is not a safe environment for children getting to school in any mode of transportation. There is no adult supervision, and kids fooling around waiting for the doors to be unlocked.
894781	I encourage them to walk half way. I am not comfortable with them crossing Bridge Street by themselves, so we drive part way and they walk the rest of the way time and weather permitting. If they do not have after school programs, I meet them at the library on the way home.
888192	Sidewalks or bike paths that enable walkers/bikers to avoid being on Route 100 are essential for safety.
894755	We need additional crosswalks. Also, my child will not be allowed to ride on the route 100 shoulder even with a bike lane. They will continue to ride on the sidewalk.