



Inclusive cycling

assessing the issues faced by disabled cyclists

(Survey taken by 221 respondents)

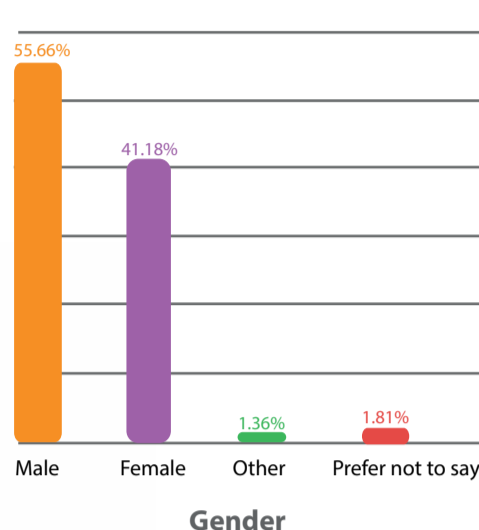
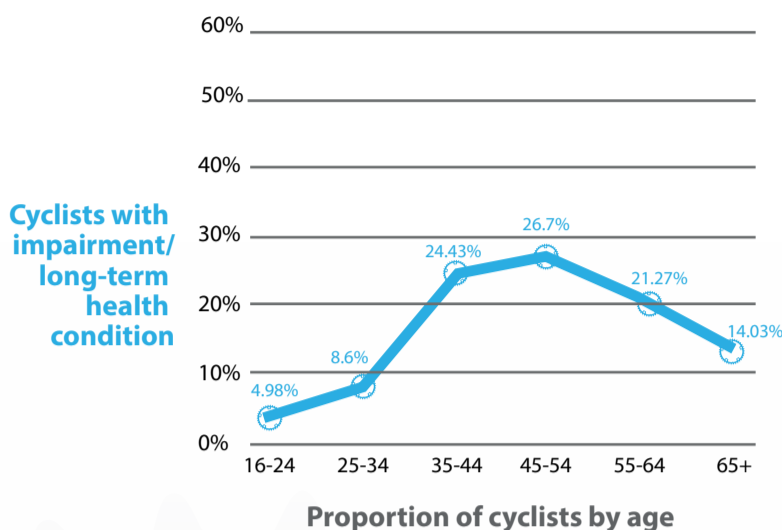


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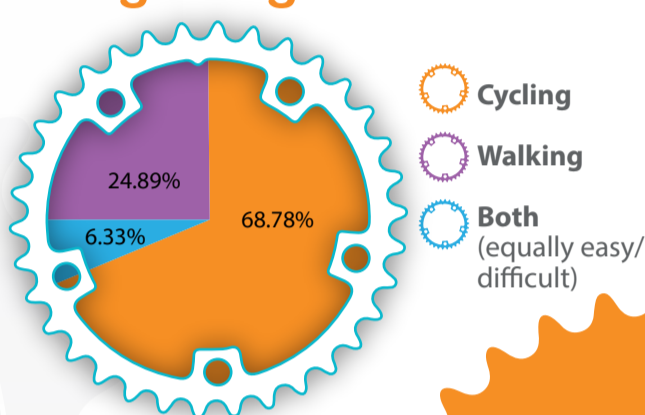
From February to March 2017, Wheels for Wellbeing carried out a survey to gather the views and experiences of disabled cyclists nationally in order to better understand their issues and concerns.

We believe this is the first ever such survey. Results challenge some widely held assumptions about disabled people and cycling. They also highlight a clear need to carry out a lot more research into this group.

Who took our survey?

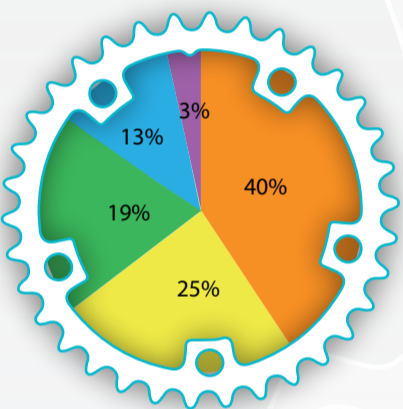


Method found easier for getting around



Type of cycles owned

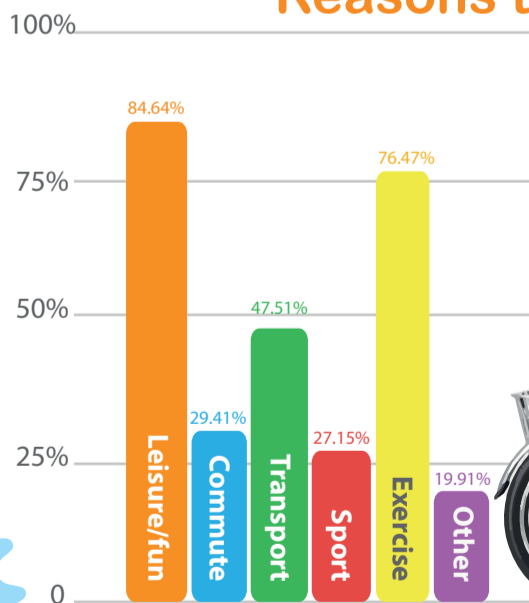
- Standard two wheeler: (with or without adaptations)
- Own a handcycle:
- Own a recumbent:
- Own a tricycle:
- Other: (tandem, cycle with electric assist)



Opinion poll on what would encourage more disabled people to cycle

Item	Overall Rank
Ensuring cycling infrastructure is inclusive and meets the needs of disabled cyclists (e.g. step-free, wide lanes)	1st
Introducing subsidies to make non-standard cycles less expensive	2nd
Introducing legislation that legally recognises cycles as mobility aids (e.g. like wheelchairs and mobility scooters)	3rd
Creating hire and loan schemes for non-standard cycles	4th
An information campaign to make disabled people more aware of cycling opportunities in their area	5th

Reasons that people cycle



The reality of cycling:

- 57.01% Experienced passers-by being positive
- 11.31% Allowed to use cycle in pedestrianised area after explaining it was a mobility aid
- 16.74% None of these
- 9.95% Couldn't get cycle through Cycle to Work scheme because the preferred cycle was over the £1,000 limit
- 37.75% Unable to park or store non-cycle due to inadequate facilities
- 35.75% Encountered abuse/disability hate whilst cycling
- 31.67% Asked to dismount cycle even when used as a mobility aid
- 19.46% Couldn't find any inclusive cycling opportunities in the area

Cycling frequency

