

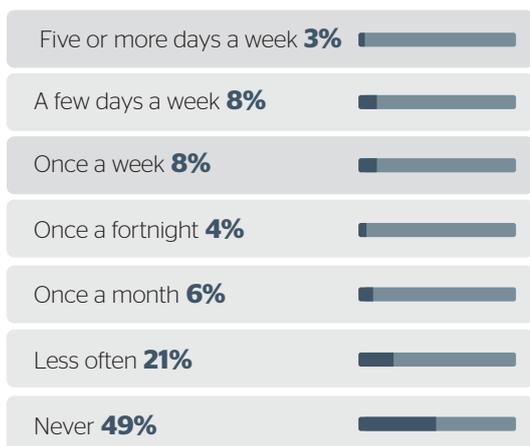
# RAC Member Priorities Tracker

## Cycling

In December 2021, 329 of our members<sup>1</sup> took part in a survey telling us their views and experiences about cycling and what could be done to make it easier and safer to ride.



### How often do we ride bikes?



### Are we riding bikes more often?

Our members<sup>2</sup>, and particularly regular bike riders<sup>4</sup>, have noticed an increase in the amount of people riding their bikes over the last 12 months.

	All members	Regular bike riders
Decreased	2%	0%
About the same	28%	26%
Increased	52%	66%
Not sure / can't say	18%	8%

When asked whether they themselves are riding their bike more or less often than 12 months ago:

	All members	Regular bike riders
Less often	43%	20%
About the same	30%	29%
More often	27% <sup>3</sup>	51%

### Regular bike riders<sup>4</sup>

estimate the length of their most common round-trip to be:

Less than 5km	32%	5-10km	31%
11-20km	22%	More than 20km	15%

### What are our main reasons for riding?

The main reasons members<sup>5</sup> identify for why they ride bikes are similar, no matter how often they ride<sup>6</sup>:

	All members	Regular bike riders
For exercise	72%	78%
For leisure/fun	72%	75%
Errands/shopping	16% <sup>7</sup>	22% <sup>9</sup>
Travel to work/study	15% <sup>8</sup>	32% <sup>10</sup>

<sup>1</sup> 243 from the Perth and Peel area and 86 from regional WA. Age, gender and location sampling quotas were applied, and data has been post-weighted to be representative of RAC's membership (which is broadly consistent with the WA population profile) - the margin of error at total sample level is +/- 5.4% at the 95% confidence level.

<sup>2</sup> All 329 members who responded to the survey. Numbers may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

<sup>3</sup> 20% in 2020.

<sup>4</sup> 'Regular bike riders' are those who ride their bike once a week or more (65 respondents). Numbers may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

<sup>5</sup> Does not include respondents who state they 'never' ride a bike.

<sup>6</sup> Respondents could choose more than one answer.

<sup>7</sup> Compared to 9% in 2020.

<sup>8</sup> Compared to 9% in 2020.

<sup>9</sup> Compared to 15% in 2020.

<sup>10</sup> Compared to 15% in 2020.



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## Satisfaction with existing infrastructure

When all members were asked how satisfied<sup>9</sup> they were with the quality and availability of off-road and on-road cycling infrastructure, only:

**34%** were satisfied with 'off-road bike / shared path network (e.g. for pedestrians and cyclists)

**22%** were satisfied with 'on-road bike network (e.g. bike lanes, reallocation of road space for people riding a bike)'

## How safe we feel riding

How safe<sup>10</sup> people feel while riding a bike varies considerably depending on the infrastructure they use.

Of those who regularly ride bikes:

**60%** feel safe when riding on 'off-road shared paths'  
> **23%** feel 'extremely safe'

**31%** feel safe when riding 'on the road (cycle lane)'

**14%** feel safe when riding 'on the road (sharing with vehicles)'  
> **25%** feel 'extremely unsafe'

**9%** feel safe when riding in bus lanes  
> **23%** feel 'extremely unsafe'

## What stops us from riding more often?

When members were asked what, if anything, stops them from riding more often, the top responses include:

 **Fear of sharing the roads with motorists** **47%**

 **Weather** **34%**  
61% of regular riders

 **Too far to get to where I need to go** **34%**  
23% of regular riders

 **Lack of safe bike routes** **33%**  
43% of regular riders

<sup>9</sup> Members who were 'satisfied' or 'very satisfied' with the infrastructure.

<sup>10</sup> Those members who said they felt 'extremely safe' and 'moderately safe'.

<sup>11</sup> Respondents chose from a prompted list.

<sup>12</sup> 'A moderate amount', 'a lot' or 'a great deal' more often. Other options included 'not at all' and 'a little'.

<sup>13</sup> Those who ride less than once a week.

<sup>14</sup> 26 responses for questions in this section.

## Priorities for government action

Members were asked how likely they would be to **ride a bike more often** if the government funded different types of bike infrastructure<sup>11</sup>.

Regular bike riders' top two priorities were:



**Building on/improving the on-road bike network**

**82%** would ride more often<sup>12</sup> vs **74%** in 2020



**Funding more projects to make local streets safer for people riding a bike**

**78%** would ride more often vs **69%** in 2020

Non-regular<sup>13</sup> bike riders' top two priorities were:



**Funding more projects to make local streets safer for people riding a bike**

**53%** would ride more often



**Building more 'green bridges' to make connections to/from key destinations easier and safer**

**52%** would ride more often

## eRideables<sup>14</sup>

**8%** of members surveyed ride eRideables



The top reasons for using an eRideable are:

**60%** for leisure/ fun

**20%** to do errands

**20%** to visit friends/family

**16%** to get to work/study

**12%** to avoid congestion

**4%** as part of a multimodal trip

**4%** for school related trip

Over half (52%) of the members surveyed that use eRideables estimate the length of their most common trip to be 5km or less, with 40% estimating it is 5-10km.



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