

# RAC Member Priorities Tracker

## Walking

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

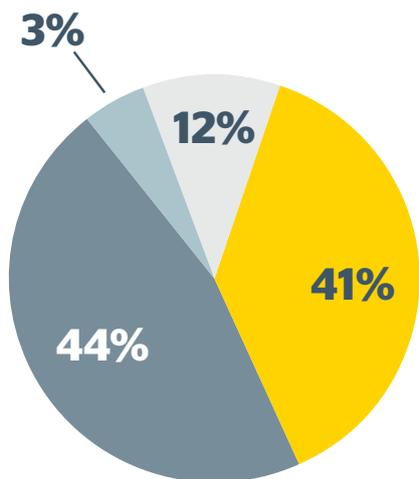
### How often do our members walk outside for at least 10 minutes?



### Walking in our local area

Over the last 12 months, nearly half (44%) of members estimate the amount of people walking and using the streets and public spaces in their local area has increased.

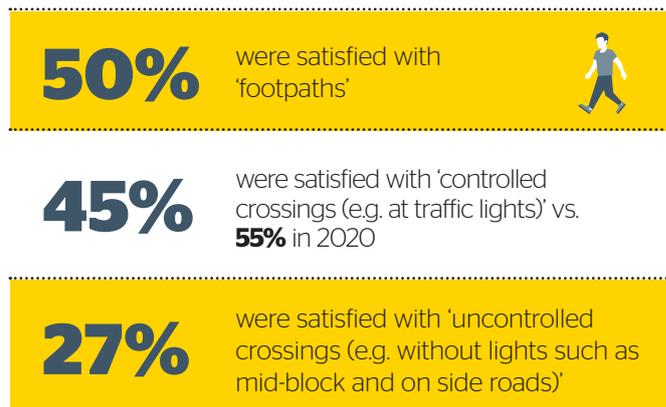
Just 3% thought that the amount of people walking in their local area declined in the last year.



■ Increased      ■ Not sure/can't say  
■ Stayed the same      ■ Decreased

### Satisfaction with existing infrastructure

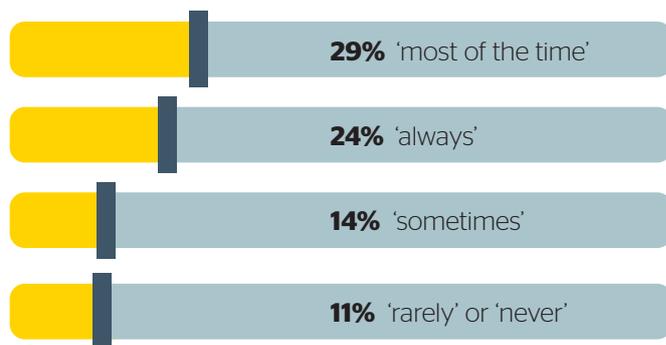
When members were asked how satisfied<sup>2</sup> they were with the quality and availability of infrastructure:



### Walking behaviour at signalised intersections



Just over half (**53%**) of all members '**wait for the green pedestrian light to cross the road**' most of the time or always<sup>3</sup>:



<sup>1</sup> 243 from the Perth and Peel areas 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 +/- 5.02% at the 95% confidence level.

<sup>2</sup> Respondents who were either 'satisfied' or 'very satisfied'.

<sup>3</sup> A further 21% said 'not applicable to me'.

## What stops us walking more often?

When asked what, if anything, stops members from walking more often, the top four responses were:



### Members across different locations, stages of life and age groups gave varied responses<sup>7</sup>:

Parents under 45 years of age identify the 'need to do school drop off/pick-ups to/from work' as a key barrier to walking more often **(25%)**

2 in 3 **(66%)** of those aged under 30 years, identify the weather as a key barrier

Nearly 1 in 4 **(23%)** of those aged 45 or older identify 'health or physical constrains/disability' as a barrier to walking more often

Members in the north-east were more likely to identify 'no local shops or amenities in walking distance' as being a key barrier **(21%)**, those in the north-west were more likely to say walking is too time consuming **(28%)**, and safety was a key concern for those in the south metro/ Peel subregion<sup>8</sup> **(23%)**

Regional members were more likely to identify 'health or physical constrains/disability' as a barrier to walking more often **(28%)**

## Priorities for government action

The top priorities<sup>9</sup> to encourage people to walk more include:

**47%**

'Better planning of communities to provide more destinations / amenities / transport services within walking distance'



**47%**

'Build on / improve the network of footpaths' (up from 38% in 2020)

» Regional members listed this as their top priority **(52%)**



**29%**

'Invest in improved public transport services'



**25%**

'Better use of technologies to improve pedestrian safety and experiences'



**24%**

'Activities to promote and market walking as both a viable and safe mode of transport'



<sup>4</sup> The north-east sub-region consists of the City of Swan, the Shire of Mundaring and the Shire of Kalamunda

<sup>5</sup> The north-west sub-region consists of the Cities of Wanneroo and Joondalup.

<sup>6</sup> For those in the central region, distance was a barrier for 18% and for south metro/ Peel (19%).

<sup>7</sup> These barriers were identified as the proportion of these groups nominating them was reasonably different to the overall sample.

<sup>8</sup> The south-metro sub region consists of the Cities of Armadale, Gosnells, Cockburn, Kwinana, Rockingham, Mandurah, Rockingham and Shires of Serpentine - Jarrahdale, Murray and Waroona.

<sup>9</sup> Respondents were asked to identify their top three priorities from a prompted list.



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