

# Waban Future Planning Survey #1: Transportation and Open Space

Thursday, July 20, 2017

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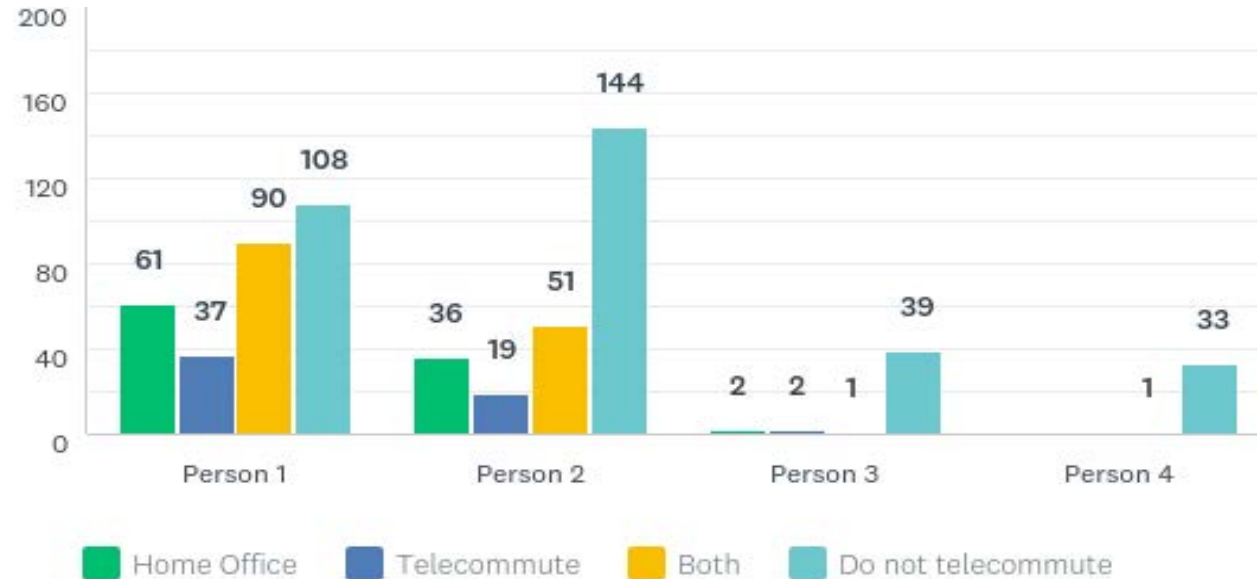
**Total Responses**

Date Created: Thursday, December 08, 2016

Complete Responses: 296

# Q1: Do members of your household work from home (e.g. home office, clients come to your home), telecommute (e.g. use messaging/skype/phone to work with others) or do both:

Answered: 299 Skipped: 12



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Less than 1x per week - once or twice a month

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Not advanced scheduled; as young parents we often have to telecommute if kids are sick and held home from daycare etc.

less than 1x week in both instances

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I work exclusively from my home office, but travel to see clients at their sites

This is when I am not traveling

Periodically as needed: probably ~1-2 times per month

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I work occasionally from home but mostly not

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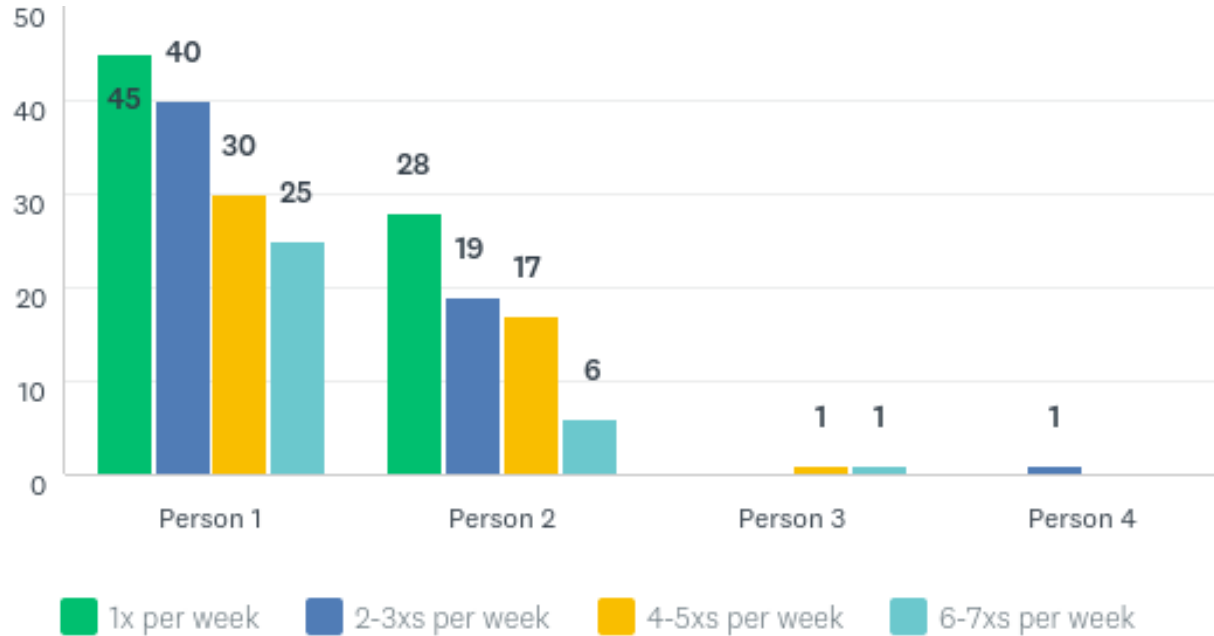
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	Home Office	Telecommute	Both	Do not telecommute	Total	Weighted Average
Person 1	<b>20.61%</b> 61	<b>12.50%</b> 37	<b>30.41%</b> 90	<b>36.49%</b> 108	296	2.83
Person 2	<b>14.40%</b> 36	<b>7.60%</b> 19	<b>20.40%</b> 51	<b>57.60%</b> 144	250	3.21
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## Q2: If you answered telecommute in the previous question, how often?

Answered: 155 Skipped: 156



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Answered: 155 Skipped: 156

	1x per week	2-3xs per week	4-5xs per week	6-7xs per week	Total	Weighted Average
Person 1	<b>32.14%</b> 45	<b>28.57%</b> 40	<b>21.43%</b> 30	<b>17.86%</b> 25	140	3.25
Person 2	<b>40.00%</b> 28	<b>27.14%</b> 19	<b>24.29%</b> 17	<b>8.57%</b> 6	70	3.01
Person 3	<b>0.00%</b> 0	<b>0.00%</b> 0	<b>50.00%</b> 1	<b>50.00%</b> 1	2	4.50
Person 4	<b>0.00%</b> 0	<b>100.00%</b> 1	<b>0.00%</b> 0	<b>0.00%</b> 0	1	3.00

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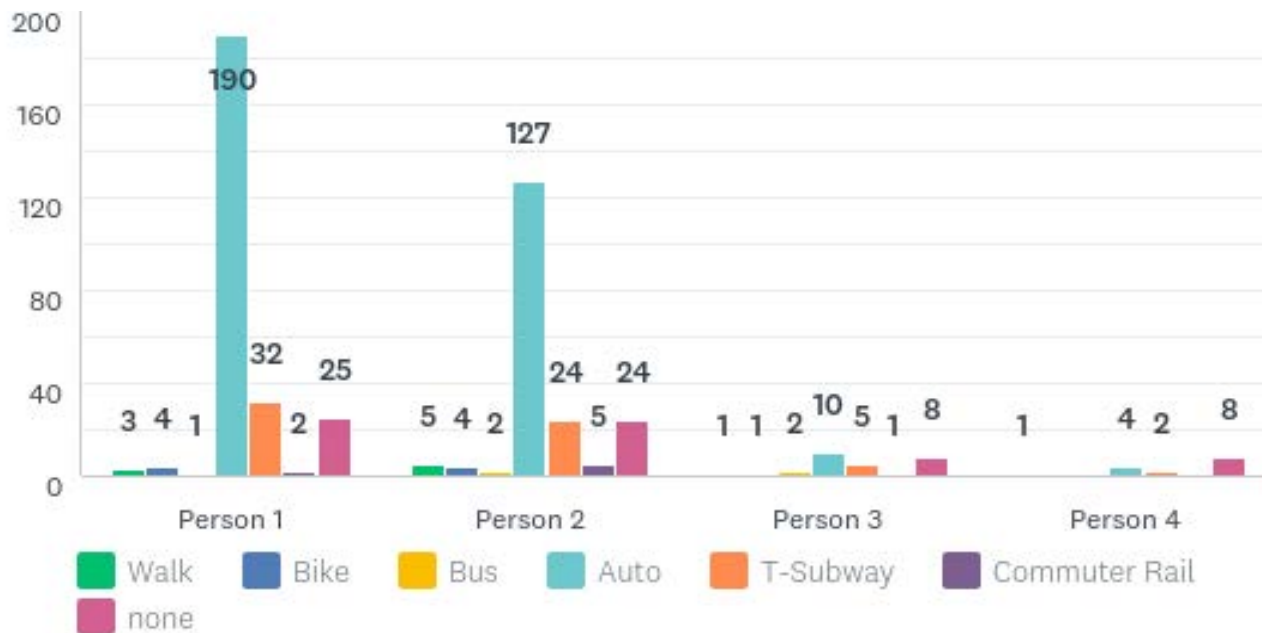
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### Q3: For those members of your household who work outside the home, what is the primary way they travel to work?

Answered: 277 Skipped: 34



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	Walk	Bike	Bus	Auto	T-Subway	Commuter Rail	none	Total
Person 1	1.17% 3	1.56% 4	0.39% 1	73.93% 190	12.45% 32	0.78% 2	9.73% 25	257
Person 2	2.62% 5	2.09% 4	1.05% 2	66.49% 127	12.57% 24	2.62% 5	12.57% 24	191
Person 3	3.57% 1	3.57% 1	7.14% 2	35.71% 10	17.86% 5	3.57% 1	28.57% 8	28
Person 4	6.67% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	26.67% 4	13.33% 2	0.00% 0	53.33% 8	15

# Q3: For those members of your household who work outside the home, what is the primary way they travel to work? Comments

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There is no 'primary' way...various methods of transport are used.

This is how I used to travel to work and is a reason why I live in Waban

we are both retired.

Carpool

I am retired but attend classes at Brandeis and drive. Classes=work

1) Drives to/from Framingham on Rt-9 and I-90 2) Drives to/from Waltham on Rt-128

Person 2 drives to bus stop in Newton Corner

I used to take the train but parking at Newtonville required ton. of quarters daily, the stairs are challenging and were icy sometimes and when I started telecommuting, the monthly pass meant I was paying for rides I didn't need and it often stopped

No public transportation available to my workplace

My wife and I are retired and have no other persons at home.

N/A

Person 2 occasionally drives or takes T to see clients

Runs to work

Also bike

commute together by car although one of us might take the T home

persons 3 & 4 not living in Waban

However, frequently by the T

This is a combination of auto and walk

Person 2 usually carools w person 1

Mass Pike into Boston

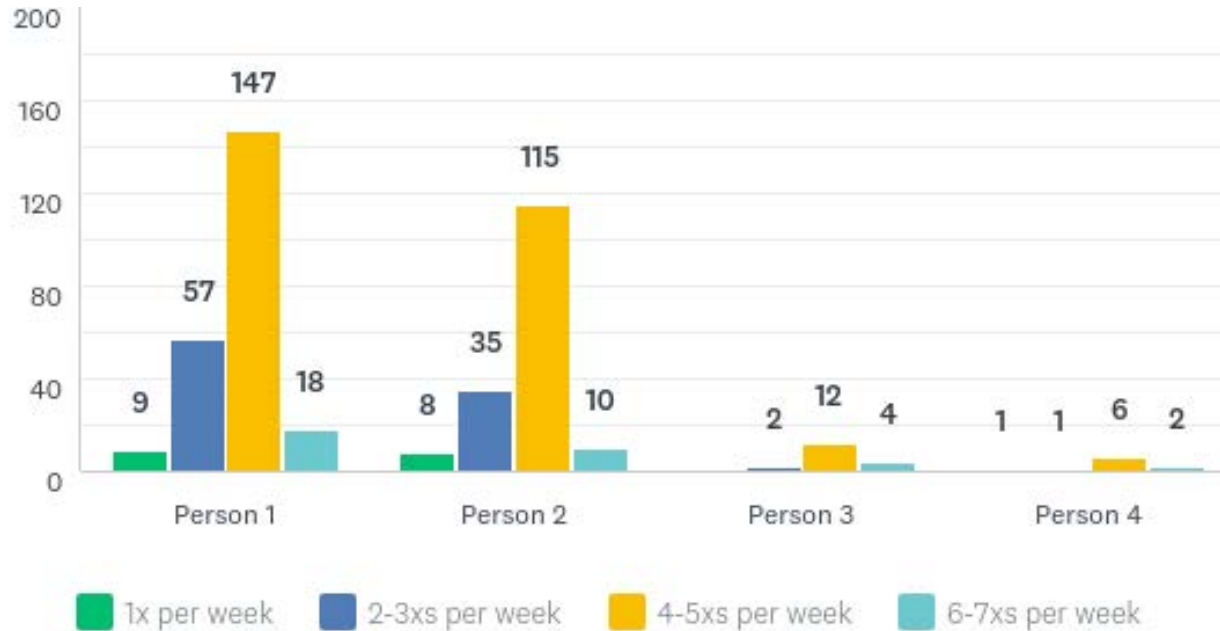
Person 2 - run commutes

Retired

Job requires on-site presence.

## Q4: How often do they make the roundtrip to and from work?

Answered: 257 Skipped: 54



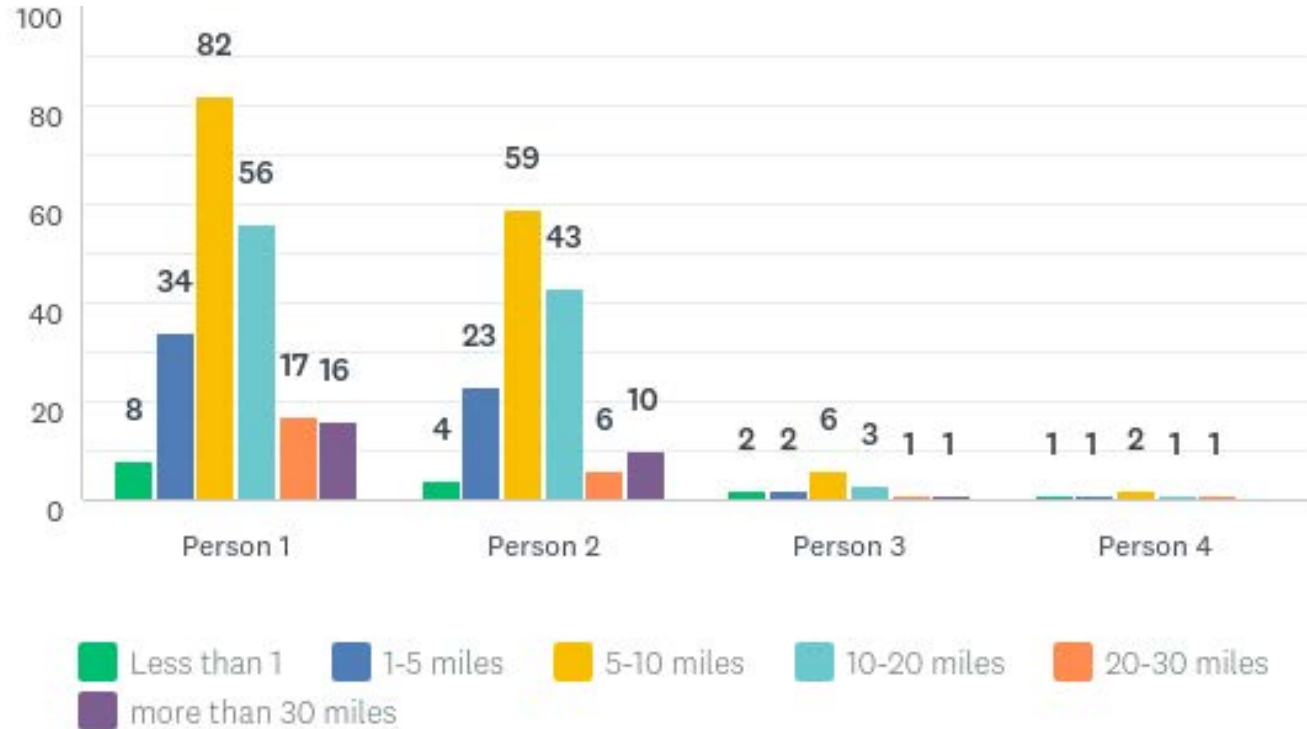
## Q4: How often do they make the roundtrip to and from work?

Answered: 257 Skipped: 54

	1x per week	2-3xs per week	4-5xs per week	6-7xs per week	Total	Weighted Average
Person 1	<b>3.90%</b> 9	<b>24.68%</b> 57	<b>63.64%</b> 147	<b>7.79%</b> 18	231	2.75
Person 2	<b>4.76%</b> 8	<b>20.83%</b> 35	<b>68.45%</b> 115	<b>5.95%</b> 10	168	2.76
Person 3	<b>0.00%</b> 0	<b>11.11%</b> 2	<b>66.67%</b> 12	<b>22.22%</b> 4	18	3.11
Person 4	<b>10.00%</b> 1	<b>10.00%</b> 1	<b>60.00%</b> 6	<b>20.00%</b> 2	10	2.90

## Q5: How many miles do they travel to work?

Answered: 259 Skipped: 52



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	Less than 1	1-5 miles	5-10 miles	10-20 miles	20-30 miles	more than 30 miles	Total	Weighted Average
Person 1	3.76% 8	15.96% 34	38.50% 82	26.29% 56	7.98% 17	7.51% 16	213	2.61
Person 2	2.76% 4	15.86% 23	40.69% 59	29.66% 43	4.14% 6	6.90% 10	145	2.56
Person 3	13.33% 2	13.33% 2	40.00% 6	20.00% 3	6.67% 1	6.67% 1	15	2.40
Person 4	16.67% 1	16.67% 1	33.33% 2	16.67% 1	16.67% 1	0.00% 0	6	2.33

## Q5: How many miles do they travel to work?

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Answered: 259 Skipped: 52

travel to and from work is variable

Person 2 also travels 1-5 miles but that answer isn't accepted.

mileage is one way

Over 50 miles once per week

we both commute same distance but survey would only allow input for 1

This won't allow me to check 5-10 miles for both people

form doesn't work; P 3 and 4, both 1-5 mi.

Person 2 is also 5-10 miles

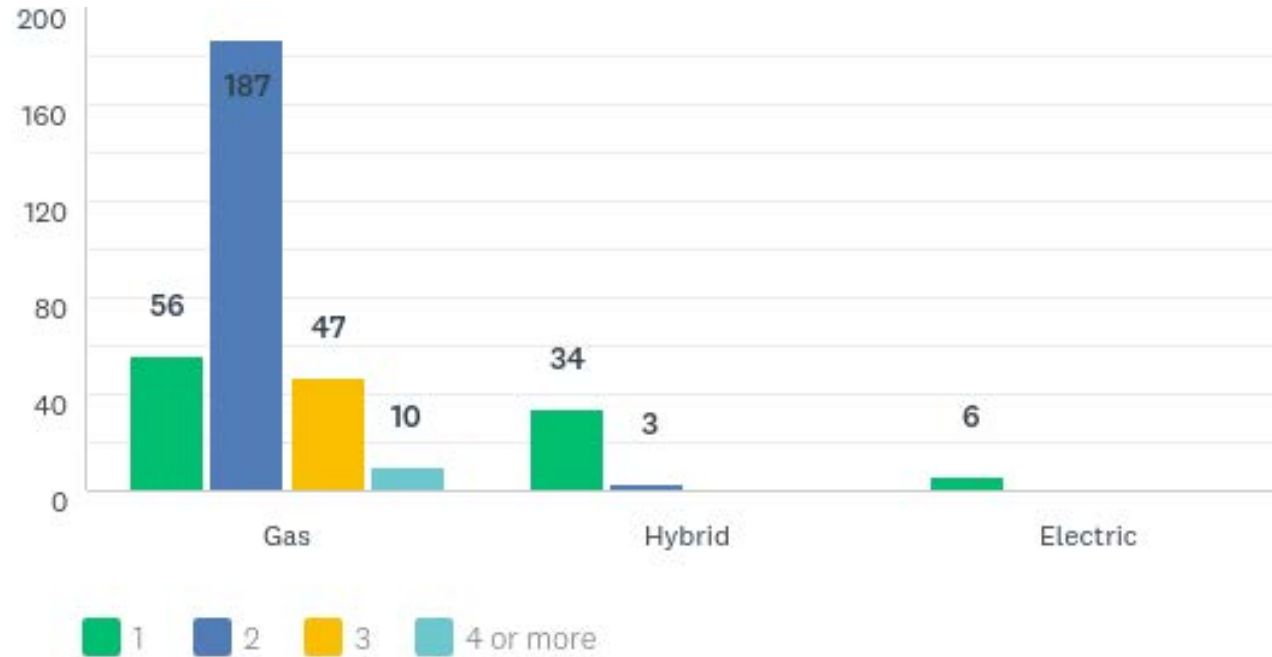
Person 2 works 5-10 miles but the survey won't let me add it

Survey will not let me select an answer for Person 2, would be 10-20 miles



## Q6: How many cars are there in your household?

Answered: 304 Skipped: 7



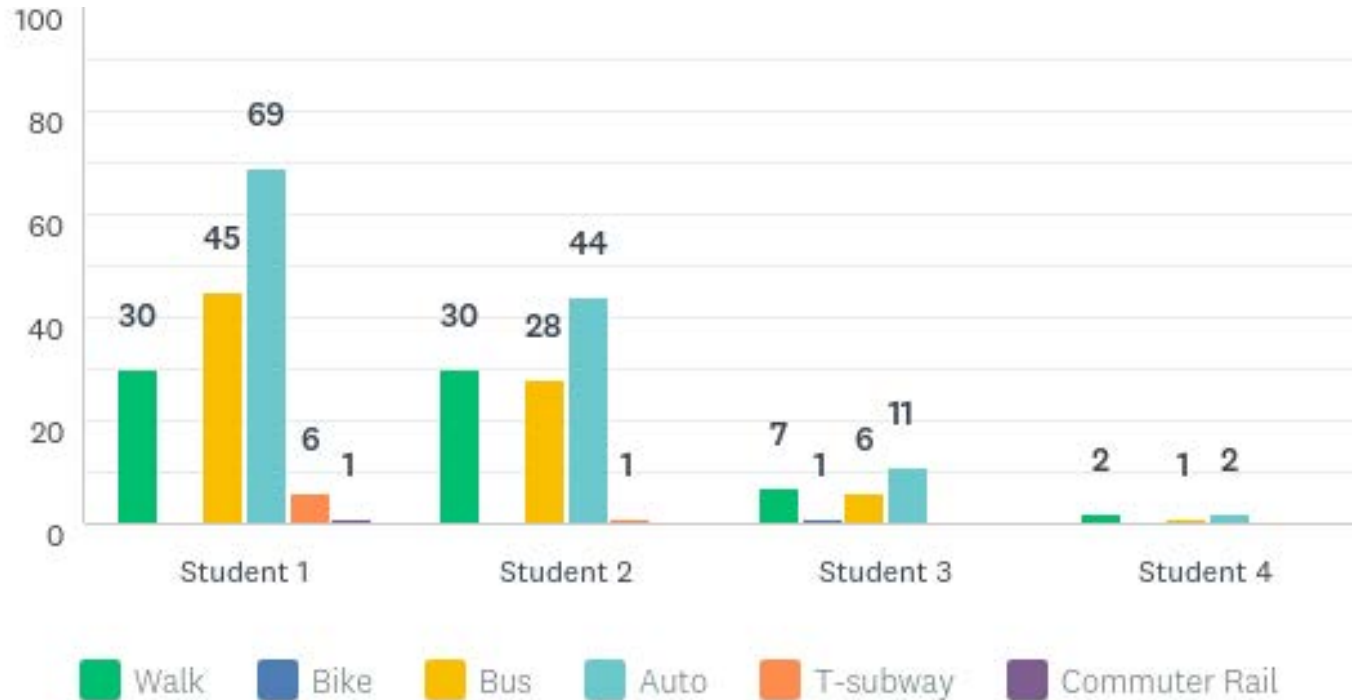
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Answered: 304 Skipped: 7

	1	2	3	4 or more	Total	Weighted Average
Gas	<b>18.67%</b> 56	<b>62.33%</b> 187	<b>15.67%</b> 47	<b>3.33%</b> 10	300	2.04
Hybrid	<b>91.89%</b> 34	<b>8.11%</b> 3	<b>0.00%</b> 0	<b>0.00%</b> 0	37	1.08
Electric	<b>100.00%</b> 6	<b>0.00%</b> 0	<b>0.00%</b> 0	<b>0.00%</b> 0	6	1.00

## Q7: For up to 4 students in your home, what is the primary mode of transportation to school?

Answered: 152 Skipped: 159



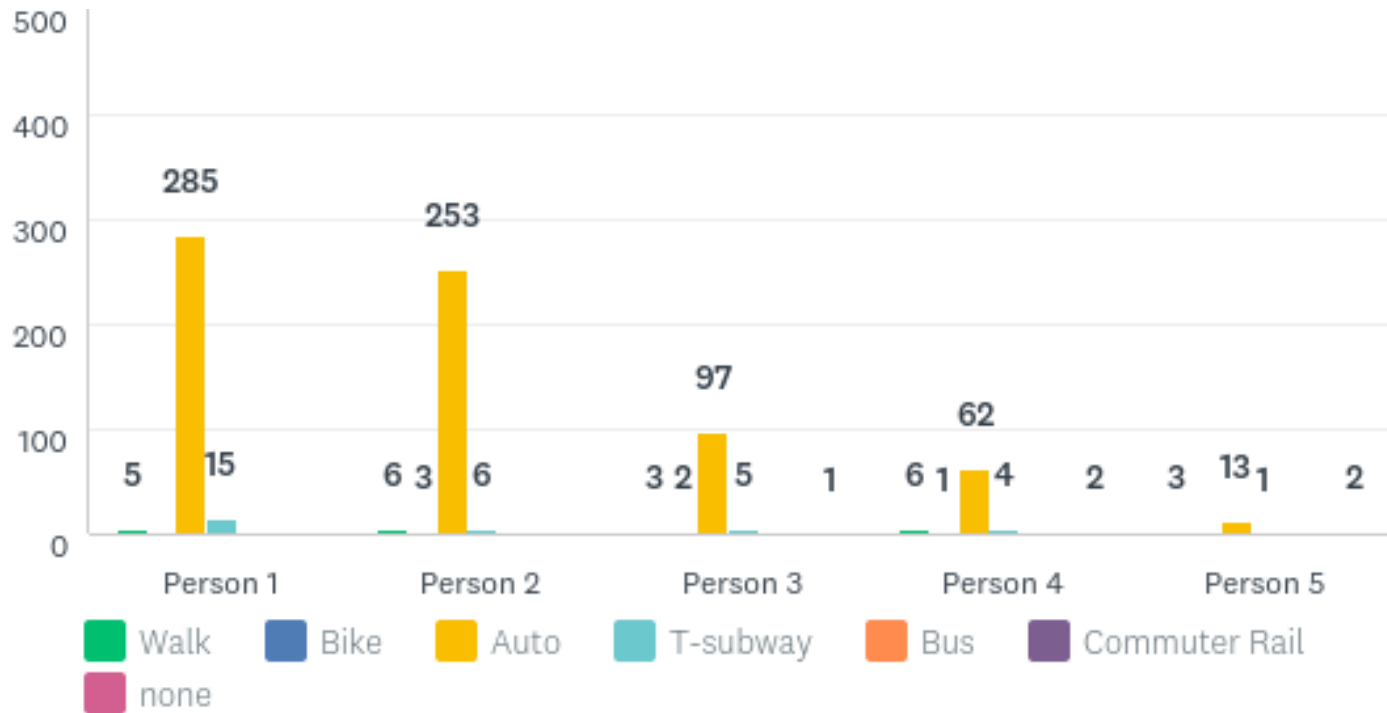
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Answered: 152 Skipped: 159

	Walk	Bike	Bus	Auto	T-subway	Commuter Rail	Total	Weighted Average
Student 1	19.87% 30	0.00% 0	29.80% 45	45.70% 69	3.97% 6	0.66% 1	151	3.16
Student 2	29.13% 30	0.00% 0	27.18% 28	42.72% 44	0.97% 1	0.00% 0	103	2.86
Student 3	28.00% 7	4.00% 1	24.00% 6	44.00% 11	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	25	2.84
Student 4	40.00% 2	0.00% 0	20.00% 1	40.00% 2	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	5	2.60

# Q8: Thinking about non-work or non-school related trips, what is the primary way members of your household travel?

Answered: 305 Skipped: 6



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Answered: 305 Skipped: 6

	Walk	Bike	Auto	T-subway	Bus	Commuter Rail	none	Total	Weighted Average
Person 1	<b>1.64%</b> 5	<b>0.00%</b> 0	<b>93.44%</b> 285	<b>4.92%</b> 15	<b>0.00%</b> 0	<b>0.00%</b> 0	<b>0.00%</b> 0	305	3.02
Person 2	<b>2.24%</b> 6	<b>1.12%</b> 3	<b>94.40%</b> 253	<b>2.24%</b> 6	<b>0.00%</b> 0	<b>0.00%</b> 0	<b>0.00%</b> 0	268	2.97
Person 3	<b>2.78%</b> 3	<b>1.85%</b> 2	<b>89.81%</b> 97	<b>4.63%</b> 5	<b>0.00%</b> 0	<b>0.00%</b> 0	<b>0.93%</b> 1	108	3.01
Person 4	<b>8.00%</b> 6	<b>1.33%</b> 1	<b>82.67%</b> 62	<b>5.33%</b> 4	<b>0.00%</b> 0	<b>0.00%</b> 0	<b>2.67%</b> 2	75	2.99
Person 5	<b>15.79%</b> 3	<b>0.00%</b> 0	<b>68.42%</b> 13	<b>5.26%</b> 1	<b>0.00%</b> 0	<b>0.00%</b> 0	<b>10.53%</b> 2	19	3.16

## Q8: Thinking about non-work or non-school related trips, what is the primary way members of your household travel? Comments:

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Would bike more but afraid of distracted/impatient car drivers.

It's a mix of walking, T, and car. We try to avoid the car as often as possible.

Q 7 can't be answered accurately with the options provided and Q 8 - it is too variable to answer accurately we use the T often, but cars are primary.

Depends on location and time of day - walk, auto or T

We are car centered but do use the green line for access to the city and esp for sports events. Hockey baseball basketball

Lots of driving to/from Waban; occasionally use Green Line to go downtown Boston

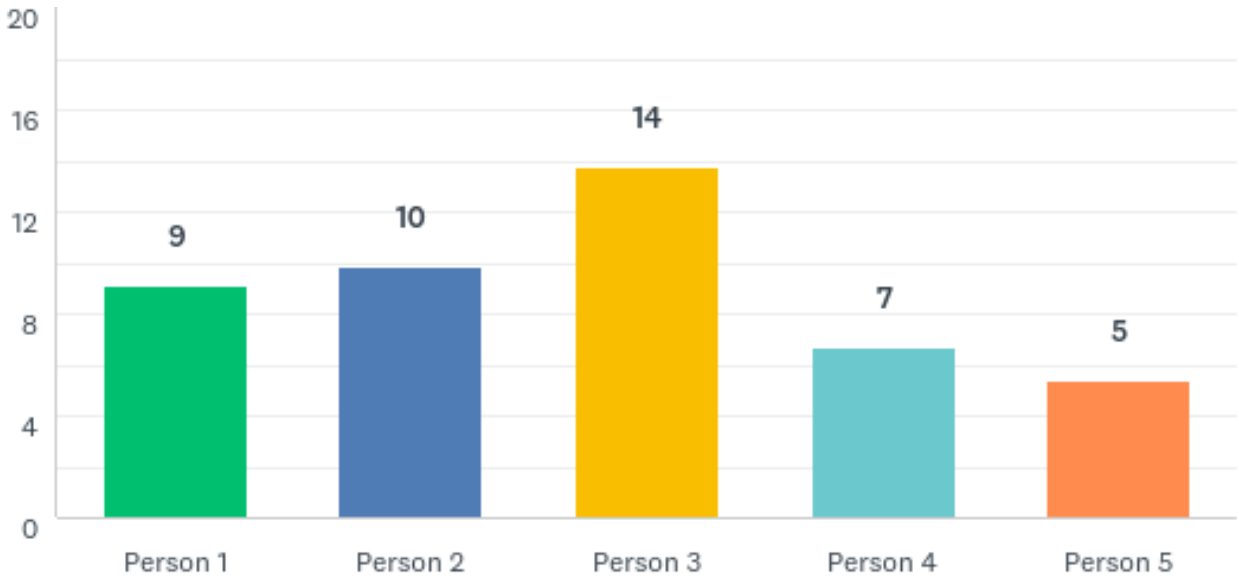
But we use the T often

Also T, walking, and biking. We bought our house because of closeness to T. Our daughter commuted by T to her internship last summer

Errands and shuttling kids around: very tough to do this with anything other than a car.

**Q9: Focusing on automobiles for non-work and non-school trips, on average, how many round trips per week does each member of your household take? (e.g to store and back, or multiple stops and back)  
Please enter numerals only:**

Answered: 285 Skipped: 26





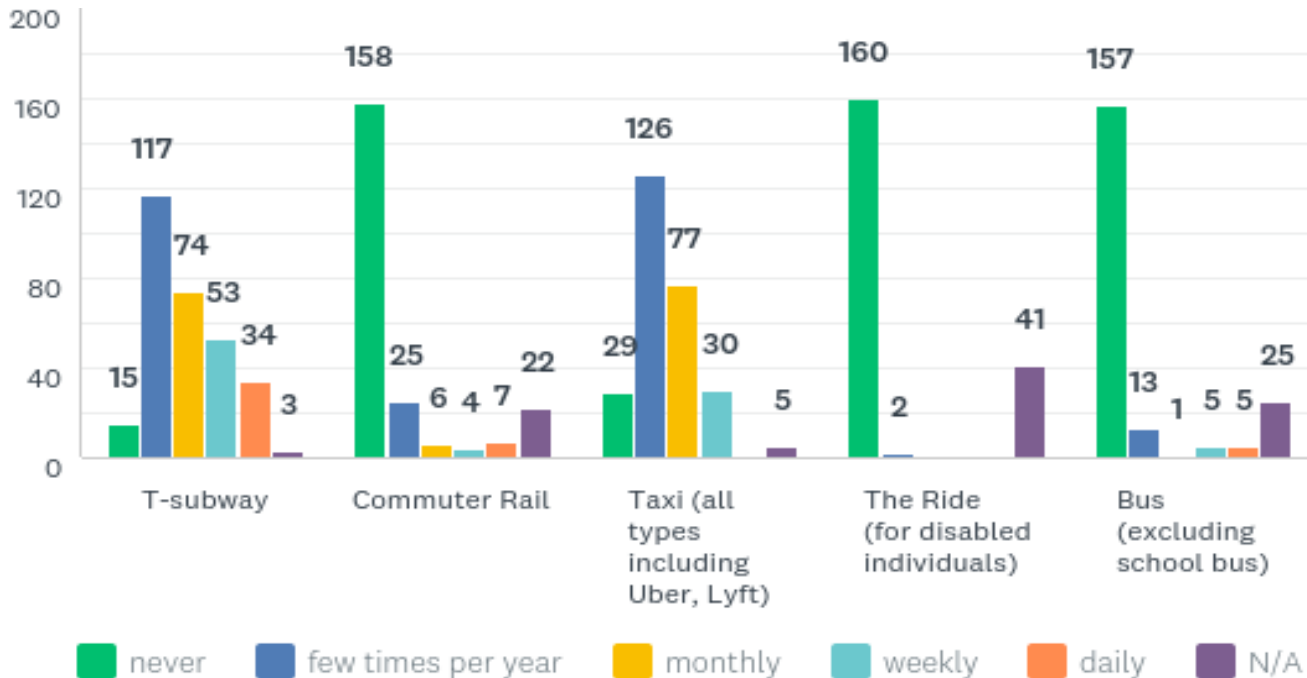
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**Please enter numerals only:**

Answered: 285 Skipped: 26

Answer Choices	Average Number	Total Number	Responses
Person 1	9	2,599	285
Person 2	10	2,535	256
Person 3	14	935	68
Person 4	7	242	36
Person 5	5	38	7
Total Respondents: 285			

# Q10: If any members of your household use any of the following means of public transportation, approximately how often do they do so? (Please answer in the aggregate for all members of your household)



Answered: 300 Skipped: 11

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Answered: 300 Skipped: 11

	never	few times per year	monthly	weekly	daily	N/A	Total	Weighted Average
T-subway	<b>5.07%</b> 15	<b>39.53%</b> 117	<b>25.00%</b> 74	<b>17.91%</b> 53	<b>11.49%</b> 34	<b>1.01%</b> 3	296	2.91
Commuter Rail	<b>71.17%</b> 158	<b>11.26%</b> 25	<b>2.70%</b> 6	<b>1.80%</b> 4	<b>3.15%</b> 7	<b>9.91%</b> 22	222	1.39
Taxi (all types including Uber, Lyft)	<b>10.86%</b> 29	<b>47.19%</b> 126	<b>28.84%</b> 77	<b>11.24%</b> 30	<b>0.00%</b> 0	<b>1.87%</b> 5	267	2.41
The Ride (for disabled individuals)	<b>78.82%</b> 160	<b>0.99%</b> 2	<b>0.00%</b> 0	<b>0.00%</b> 0	<b>0.00%</b> 0	<b>20.20%</b> 41	203	1.01
Bus (excluding school bus)	<b>76.21%</b> 157	<b>6.31%</b> 13	<b>0.49%</b> 1	<b>2.43%</b> 5	<b>2.43%</b> 5	<b>12.14%</b> 25	206	1.28

**Q10: If any members of your household use any of the following means of public transportation, approximately how often do they do so? (Please answer in the aggregate for all members of your household) Comments:**

To and from airport

Taxis to and from the airport.

also bicycle although still terrible bike paths

Mostly to the airport and back.

No one works on a T line.

In winter and for evenings. I do not drive at night.

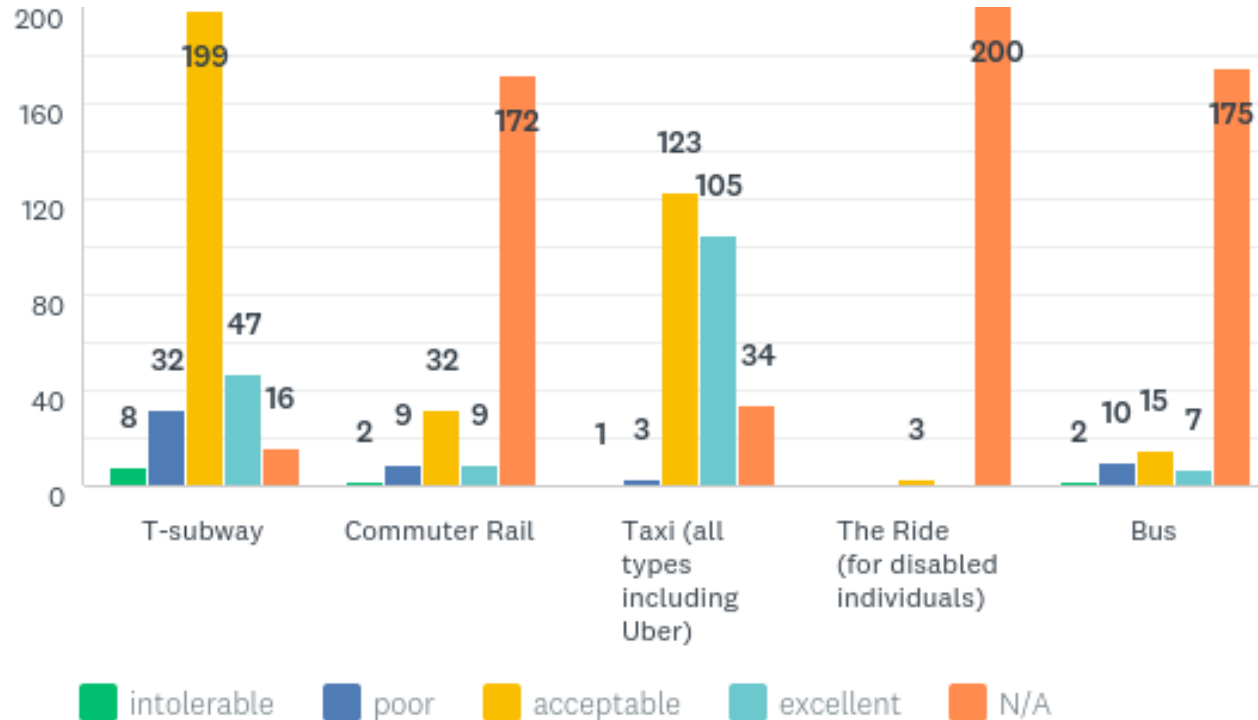
Not enough routes. Takes too long. Often public transport takes 3x as long

Uber/Lyft are great options for times when being a 4 person, 1-car family doesn't cut it. City making it easier for ride-share type services like this is key. Being without an auto in this city and raising kids who do lots of activities = highly unrealistic. biking/walking only work for certain situations. The green line stinks. The buses are unreliable and can take forever. What's left? Hop in your gas-guzzling SUV that sits idle in your drive way 95% of the time or do ride-share. Smart ride-share is absolutely the way forward.

Need better/more Green Line parking

# Q11: How reliable have members of your household found each of the following modes of public transportation to be?

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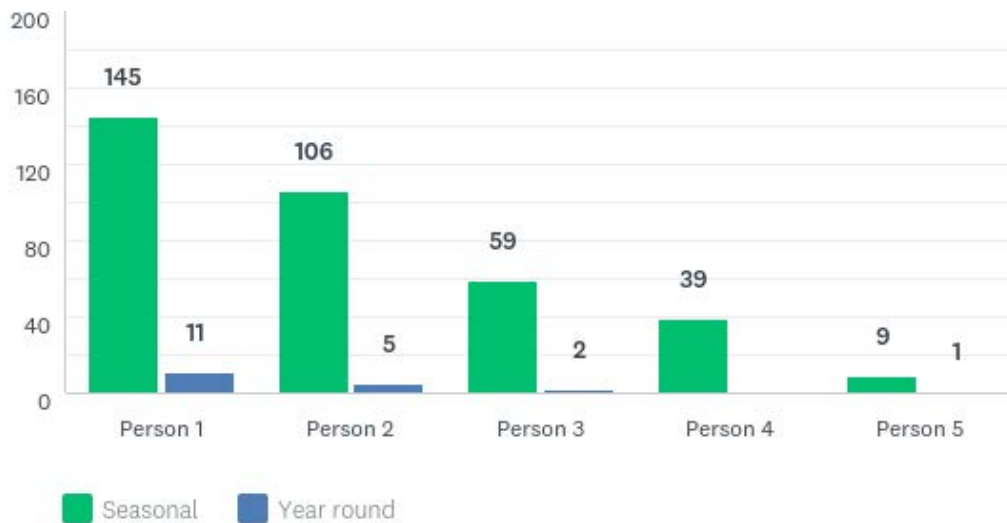
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Answered: 303 Skipped: 8

	intolerable	poor	acceptable	excellent	N/A	Total	Weighted Average
T-subway	<b>2.65%</b> 8	<b>10.60%</b> 32	<b>65.89%</b> 199	<b>15.56%</b> 47	<b>5.30%</b> 16	302	3.00
Commuter Rail	<b>0.89%</b> 2	<b>4.02%</b> 9	<b>14.29%</b> 32	<b>4.02%</b> 9	<b>76.79%</b> 172	224	2.92
Taxi (all types including Uber)	<b>0.38%</b> 1	<b>1.13%</b> 3	<b>46.24%</b> 123	<b>39.47%</b> 105	<b>12.78%</b> 34	266	3.43
The Ride (for disabled individuals)	<b>0.00%</b> 0	<b>0.00%</b> 0	<b>1.48%</b> 3	<b>0.00%</b> 0	<b>98.52%</b> 200	203	3.00
Bus	<b>0.96%</b> 2	<b>4.78%</b> 10	<b>7.18%</b> 15	<b>3.35%</b> 7	<b>83.73%</b> 175	209	2.79

## Q12: For those members of your household that ride bikes, do they do so seasonally or year round?

Answered: 169 Skipped: 142



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Answered: 169 Skipped: 142

	Seasonal	Year round	Total	Weighted Average
Person 1	<b>92.95%</b> 145	<b>7.05%</b> 11	156	2.07
Person 2	<b>95.50%</b> 106	<b>4.50%</b> 5	111	2.05
Person 3	<b>96.72%</b> 59	<b>3.28%</b> 2	61	2.03
Person 4	<b>100.00%</b> 39	<b>0.00%</b> 0	39	2.00
Person 5	<b>90.00%</b> 9	<b>10.00%</b> 1	10	2.10



# Q13: For those members of your household that ride bikes, how often do they do so?

Answered: 175 Skipped: 136



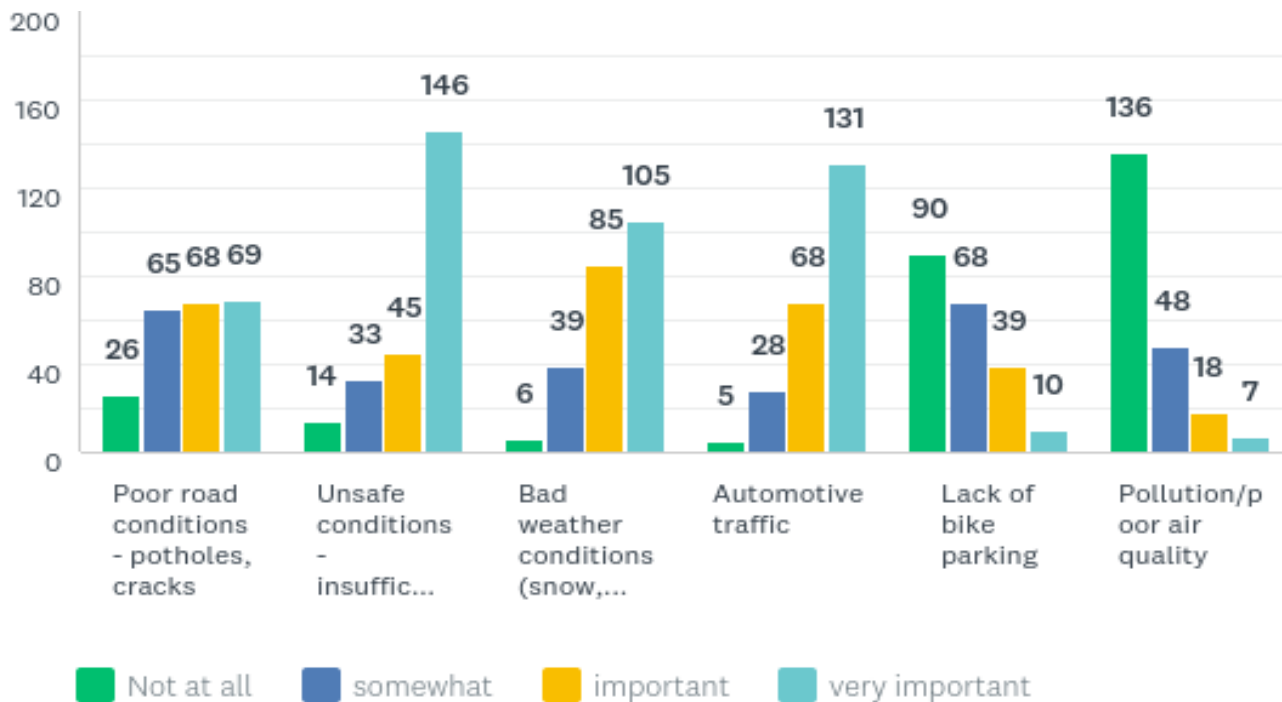
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Answered: 175 Skipped: 136

	Daily	Weekly	1-3xs per month	A few times per year	Total	Weighted Average
Person 1	<b>10.37%</b> 17	<b>26.83%</b> 44	<b>28.66%</b> 47	<b>34.15%</b> 56	164	3.87
Person 2	<b>5.13%</b> 6	<b>24.79%</b> 29	<b>32.48%</b> 38	<b>37.61%</b> 44	117	4.03
Person 3	<b>4.76%</b> 3	<b>34.92%</b> 22	<b>30.16%</b> 19	<b>30.16%</b> 19	63	3.86
Person 4	<b>2.70%</b> 1	<b>35.14%</b> 13	<b>35.14%</b> 13	<b>27.03%</b> 10	37	3.86
Person 5	<b>0.00%</b> 0	<b>30.00%</b> 3	<b>50.00%</b> 5	<b>20.00%</b> 2	10	3.90

# Q14: A number of factors discourage people from using bikes more often. Please rate the following:

Answered: 245 Skipped: 66



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Answered: 245 Skipped: 66

	Not at all	somewhat	important	very important	Total
Poor road conditions - potholes, cracks	<b>11.40%</b> 26	<b>28.51%</b> 65	<b>29.82%</b> 68	<b>30.26%</b> 69	228
Unsafe conditions - insufficient bike lanes	<b>5.88%</b> 14	<b>13.87%</b> 33	<b>18.91%</b> 45	<b>61.34%</b> 146	238
Bad weather conditions (snow, rain)	<b>2.55%</b> 6	<b>16.60%</b> 39	<b>36.17%</b> 85	<b>44.68%</b> 105	235
Automotive traffic	<b>2.16%</b> 5	<b>12.07%</b> 28	<b>29.31%</b> 68	<b>56.47%</b> 131	232
Lack of bike parking	<b>43.48%</b> 90	<b>32.85%</b> 68	<b>18.84%</b> 39	<b>4.83%</b> 10	207
Pollution/poor air quality	<b>65.07%</b> 136	<b>22.97%</b> 48	<b>8.61%</b> 18	<b>3.35%</b> 7	209

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Comments Part 1:

Distracted/impatient/dangerous drivers

Who are you asking about? Many of us ride despite the poor conditions. That doesn't mean we're not discouraged.

Newton needs more bike lanes.

Hard to carry things; I live on a big long hill: exhausting to bike up.

ride bikes on trails only; for leisure not transportation. Sharing roads with cars is too dangerous for cyclists.

The New England is not suitable for biking

Our family loves to bike and Boston drivers are dangerous! It's very frightening to cycle here.

not really practical for modern life

Hilly terrain in Newton

Lazy

Distance, variable weather, baggage, lack of showers at end location, etc.

We are both elderly.

I am not in favor of adding bike lanes. Traffic is already too congested.

After our biker was hit by a car in Waban we bike much much less.

I used to ride my bike to work in Boston, but given how many fatalities occur because of distracted driving and poor road conditions, I no longer do so

The more "development" and dense housing we get in Newton, the less safe it is to ride a bike. It is unfortunate b/c we moved here for the green open spaces (and less dense housing) which = quieter streets where children can safely ride bikes, and the Mayor and others in city government seem to want to turn Newton into Brookline. We would have moved to Brookline if we wanted to live in a semi-urban area. We moved here to be in a quiet "green" city that was safe for kids to run around and bike around. Now I worry about our children walking to the Windsor Club.

We do not feel safe using bikes in traffic, regardless of bike lanes. Cont.

# Q14: A number of factors discourage people from using bikes more often.

## Please rate the following:

Comments Part 2:

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Quinobequin Rd where we live is very dangerous to walk or ride a bike

time

NA

age

Will you interpret unsafe conditions to mean not enough bike lanes? I think bikes are dangerous!!!!

Bikes are a danger. Riders are non-compliant with traffic laws and hog the road making it threatening for people driving cars. Bike lanes make driving more crowded , slows traffic, and generally make driving less safe for

The new bump outs for sidewalks in Newton are treacherous for cycling. Don't understand the logic behind them, and the whole family is backing off of biking in Newton because of them

discourteous and/or poorly educated motorists

lack of showering facilities at work

Auto traffic is so dangerous. As if they resent bikers and feel imposed on and slowed by them

Narrow roads hamper safety

I'm old and weak.

It is unsafe to ride a bike in Newton - bike lanes have no impact, drivers are crazy and traffic laws ago unenforced

Awareness of connected corridors through Newton.

Awareness/Education (for bikers as well as drivers) is key: dooring is the single biggest threat. Making the "Dutch Reach" standard practice by everyone in a car would be huge. Right hooks are also a killer: drivers don't use turn signals (education issue); bikers need to assume they're invisible/don't hover around cars' blind spots in the right land (yes - even in a dedicated bike lane...no one seems to "get" the concept of a dedicated bike lane...unless they're physically separated from the road and parking: those can actually increase the danger for bicyclists...at key points on my commute I will purposefully get out in the middle of traffic b/c certain bike lane stretches are death traps as you go in between parked cars...any one of which could open their door at any moment, and texting drivers who never use turn signals suddenly pulling over for parking spaces or to drop a passenger off in the middle of traffic).

Dangerous, texting drivers

Biggest problem is fear of drivers

I do not ride a bike. I am elderly and would not ride except on bike trails.

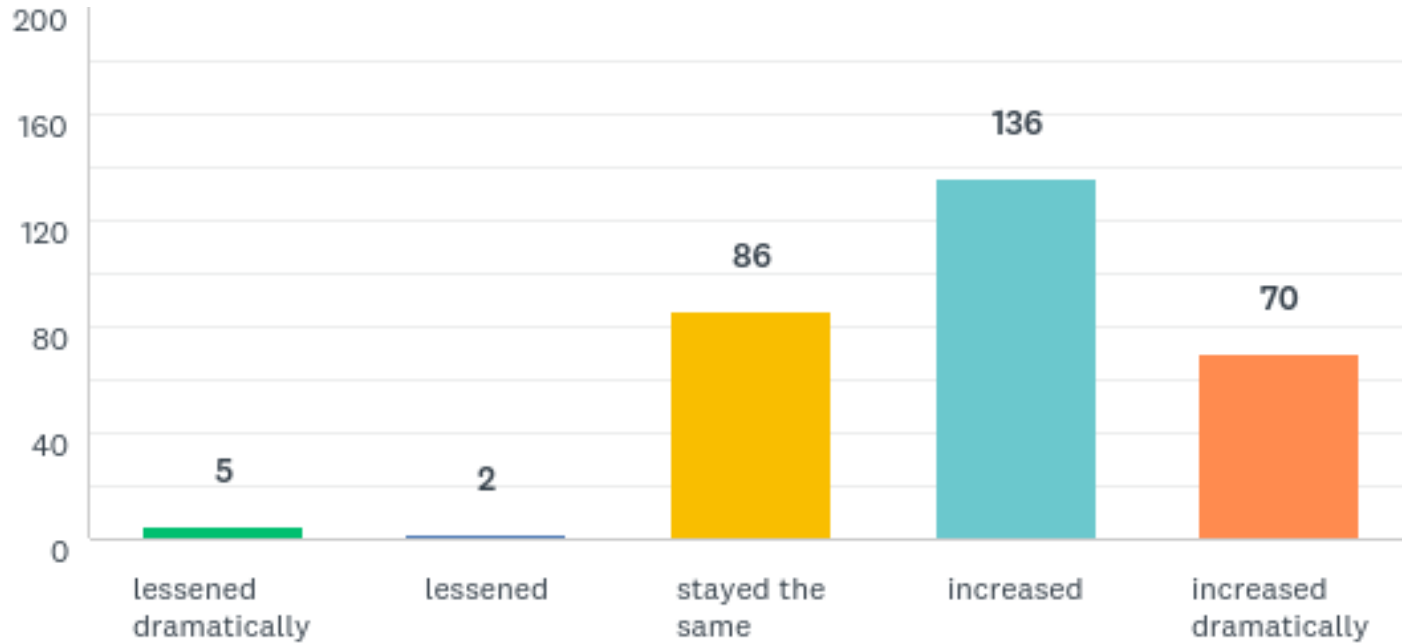
Poor understanding between motorists and cyclists about respective concerns and risks

Limited bike lanes a major issue. Notable are lack of bike lanes on Washington Street, Bean Street and Chestnut Street. All major access roads for Waban.

Requires exertion, sweat, changing clothes if for work but no shower available.

# Q15: Thinking about traffic in our village over the last 5 years, would you say traffic has...

Answered: 299 Skipped: 12



## Q15: Thinking about traffic in our village over the last 5 years, would you say traffic has...

Answered: 299 Skipped: 12

Answer Choices	Responses	
lessened dramatically	1.67%	5
lessened	0.67%	2
stayed the same	28.76%	86
increased	45.48%	136
increased dramatically	23.41%	70
Total		299



# Q15: Thinking about traffic in our village over the last 5 years, would you say traffic has...

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Answered: 299 Skipped: 12

This isn't clear: do you mean In Waban Sq? or throughout Waban?

I counted approximately 55 cars backed up heading southbound Chestnut Street waiting to get through the stop sign at Route 9.

The new lights near Angier School are much worse than the prior set up

Commuters now use Quinobequin, Chestnut, Beacon etc. more. Starbucks resulted in traffic and parking problems near the bank and post office.

No clue. We are still new here

Too many drivers are rushed in the mornings and evenings; I am concerned about drivers who run red lights at intersections.

My street Beethoven is now a major cut thru. I have nearly run over by cars while on foot and on bike numerous times. We have a new school and it is dangerous for children!

New Angier school is terrible for biking

especially on Chestnut street

More Houses (New Units) = More Cars

congestion throughout Newton has increased in last 5 years

Just moved to Waban 1.5 years ago, so can't comment

It has worsened everywhere

too much construction and development. 2 homes going up on lots that were previously occupied by a single family. All the construction means lots of trucks.

# Q15: Thinking about traffic in our village over the last 5 years, would you say traffic has...

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Answered: 299 Skipped: 12

Quinobequin Rd where we live is very dangerous to walk or ride a bike

We need more cross walk lights (e.g. on Chestnut St)

Especially around Angier during morning rush hour and waban center. Traffic design is extremely poor, lights too close, too many advocates cross walks (doesn't consolidate crossing), and space inside Angier insufficient for volumes which he bottlenecks rest of traffic.

Radcliff Rd has become a cut-through to Rt 9 & Needham St

We have only been here 3 years

Approaching Chestnut and beacon is a disaster. Beacon near engine 6 a disaster waiting to happen.

Use of Waze and GPS Software to avoid traffic on arterial roads seems to have created additional auto traffic

only lived in Waban 2 years

Just moved here less than 2 years ago

Changes in traffic pattern have made entrance into Village from west more congested

Increased especially around the post office and bank

The lights at Angier are so crazy and misplaced. We need a light at Beacon and Windsor!

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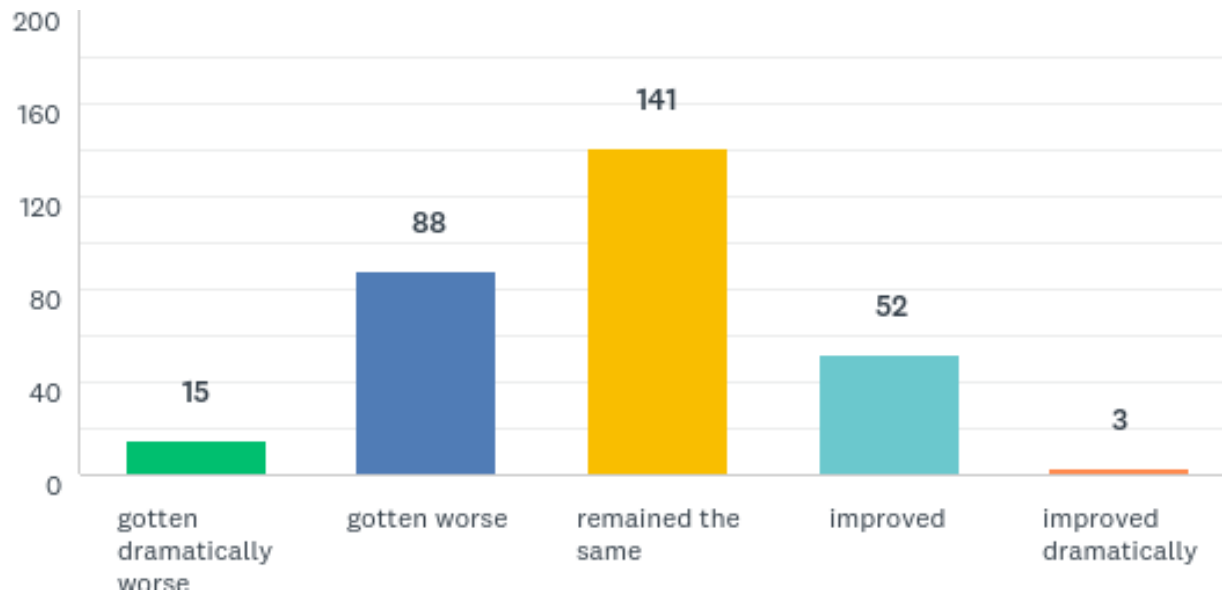
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Answered: 299 Skipped: 12

Answer Choices	Responses	
gotten dramatically worse	5.02%	15
gotten worse	29.43%	88
remained the same	47.16%	141
improved	17.39%	52
improved dramatically	1.00%	3
Total		299

# Q16: What about pedestrian safety over the last 5 years? Would you say it has

Comments Pt 1

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More pedestrians, fewer accommodations, many more huge trucks with no side guards,

Always terrible

Cars on Beacon St and Chestnut are driving at 40 mph or higher. It is a commuter route. Very dangerous crossing even with the new flashers in Waban village

I appreciate the crossing guards in the mornings and the signs in the crosswalks reminding drivers about pedestrian right of ways and laws.

Drivers are too busy texting to pay attention. Many close calls.

Not sure

the new lights because of Angier remodel really helped Beacon Street in the village area

Island near Angier and crosswalk signal on Beacon St have helped. However, the crosswalk light is not intuitive to drivers and not easily seen. Traditional crosswalk signals seem safer.

Incorporation of pedestrian safety into Angier and Zervas planning and developments

Just moved to Waban 1.5 years ago, so can't comment

One member of our family was hit by a car in Waban, while biking

People are not paying attention and everyone is impatient and in a rush and unbelievably RUDE!!!!

I will walk more once the Beacon St. sidewalks are completed.

Don't know

Largely Beacon a street and Chestnut Street

# Q16: What about pedestrian safety over the last 5 years? Would you say it has

Comments Pt 2

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Quinobequin Rd had become unbearable to walk or ride a bike

because of new cross walk light on Beacon St in Waban village

fast commuter drivers through the neighborhood

More distracted motorists

Drivers using phones ignore red lights. Need enforcement at beacon and centre.

only lived in Waban 2 years

They completed sidewalks on Beacon Street about 4 yrs ago

Improved around Angier school area

New crosswalk on Beacon is great

people text and drive

Lack of police action in the square....ticketing bad drivers sends a message

We need better sidewalks in many areas

There is rampant auto speeding with little apparent enforcement.

need police enforcement of speeding.

Waban Market area turnaround is awful. We see accidents all the time in front of the market and near Windsor Club

Along Quinobequin Rd, it has gotten worse with the speeding traffic--something has to be done!

Have not been here 5 years

Pedestrians have become more aggressive as well. They don't wait for lights or for traffic to completely clear.

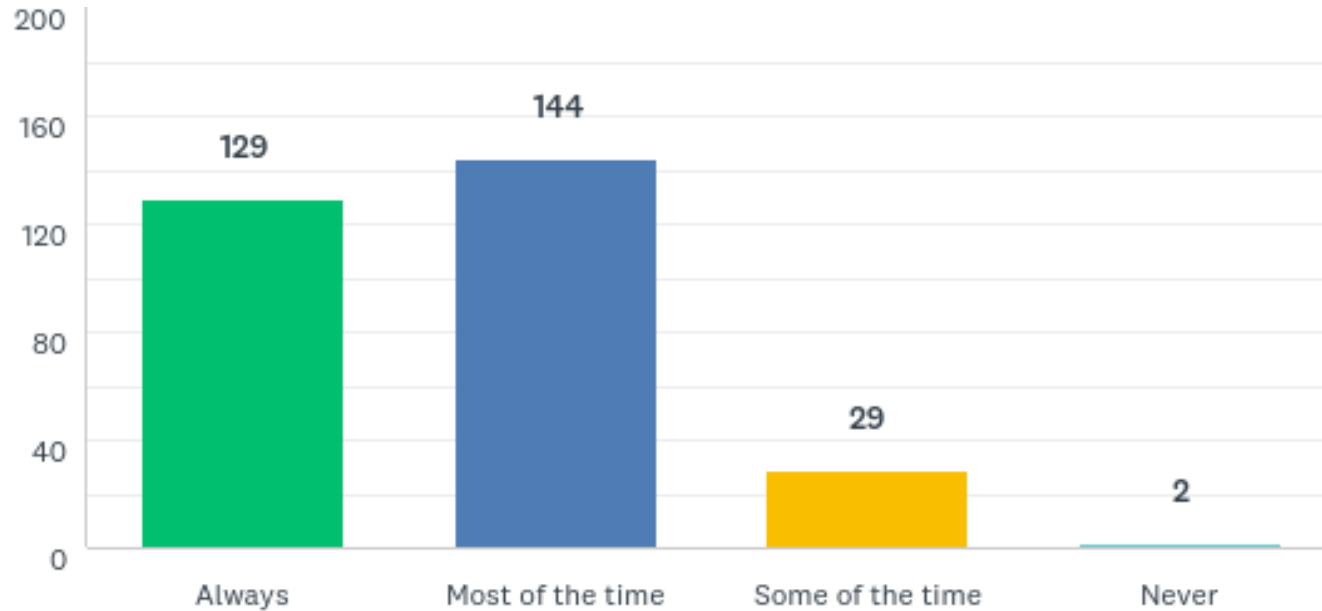
CELL PHONES!!! No one is paying attention.

I think Waban has more than its share of entitled, and often, very bad drivers

the crosswalk signal by bridge is great

## Q17: Are you able to find a parking space within a reasonable distance to the village center?

Answered: 304 Skipped: 7





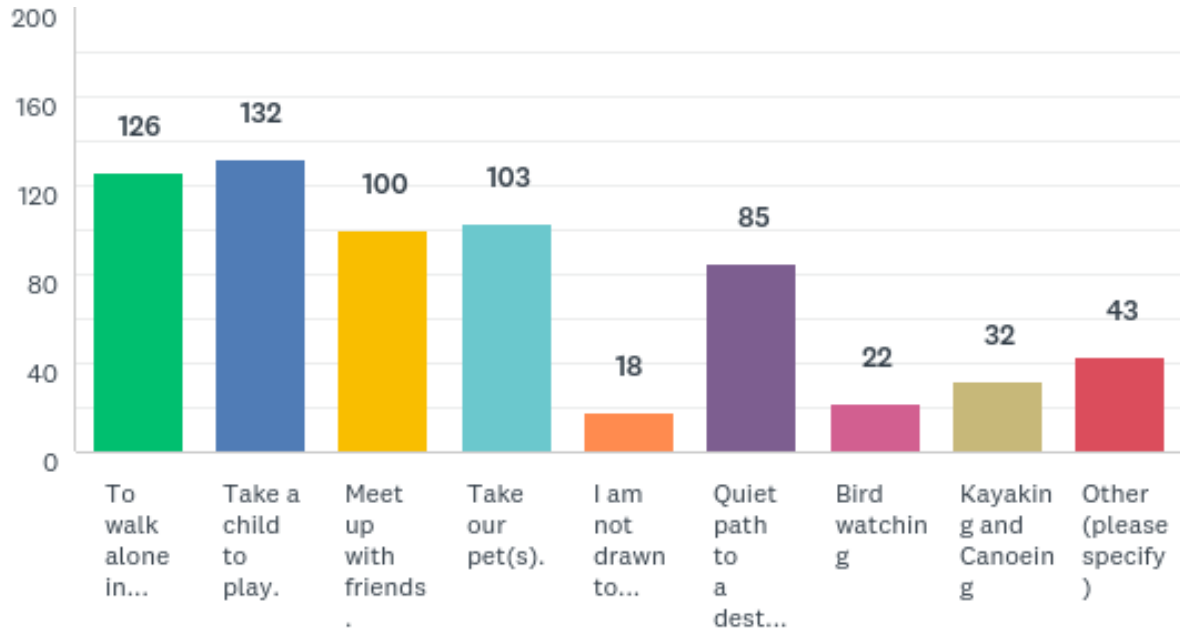
## Q17: Are you able to find a parking space within a reasonable distance to the village center?

Answered: 304 Skipped: 7

Answer Choices	Responses	
Always	42.43%	129
Most of the time	47.37%	144
Some of the time	9.54%	29
Never	0.66%	2
Total		304

## Q18: What draws you to Newton open spaces?

Answered: 290 Skipped: 21



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Answered: 290 Skipped: 21

Answer Choices	Responses	
To walk alone in contemplation.	43.45%	126
Take a child to play.	45.52%	132
Meet up with friends.	34.48%	100
Take our pet(s).	35.52%	103
I am not drawn to parks	6.21%	18
Quiet path to a destination	29.31%	85
Bird watching	7.59%	22
Kayaking and Canoeing	11.03%	32
Other (please specify)	14.83%	43
Total Respondents: 290		

# Q18: What draws you to Newton open spaces?

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## Comments

Exercise

Farmer's market

walking, biking destination

Walk with spouse or others usually

Quiet

Exercise with a friend.

Walk with friends

Running

Fitness

exercise

Walking with someone

swimming in Crystal Lake

Open spaces reduce the housing density, are therefore good for cities and towns

Kids sports

sports, run

We usually seek open spaces outside Newton.

Exercise, sports

Sports events. Exercise

family picnic

walking with adults

to play tennis

to run

Little League

Running

Kids sporting events

Waban ave.

Sports games

Running, exercise, sports (having a toss) away from streets

Exercise

to read

hiking

Walk for exercise

Nature!

sports

Walking for exercise

Exercise

walking/exercise

Running

Take a walk with my family

Exercise

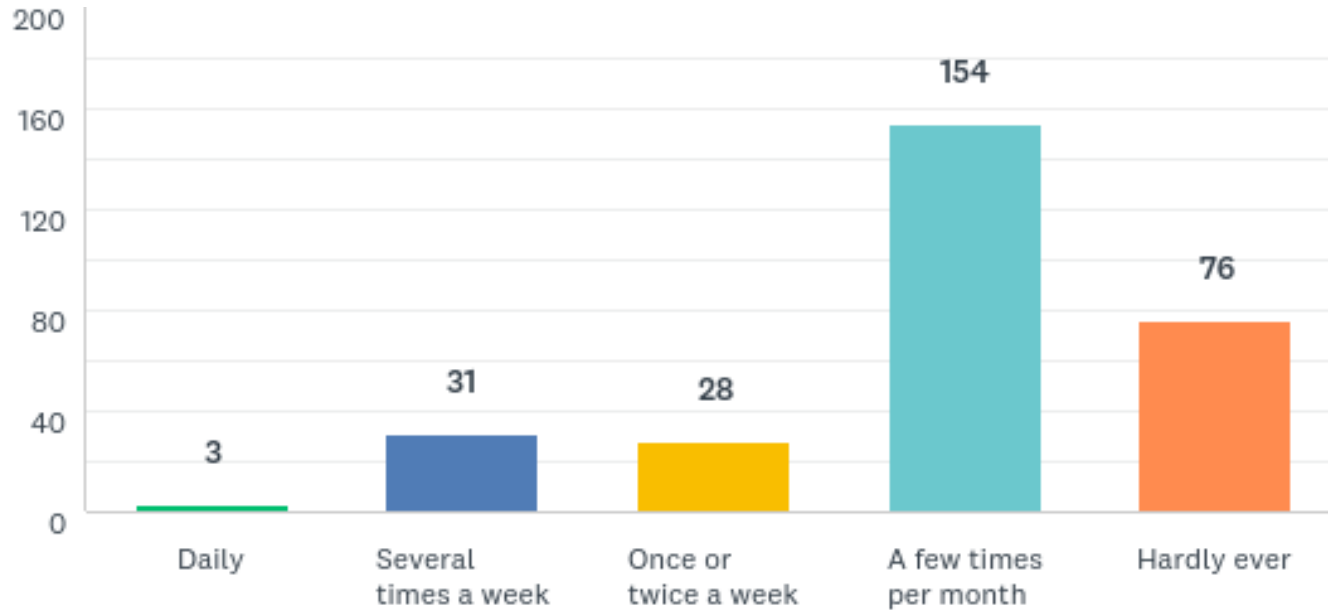
Soccer. Please explore how we can better balance grass fields and turf. Overuse of grass fields and poor weather has made it impossible to keep all grass fields at the right condition for sports.

running path

running

## Q19: Do you visit open spaces outside of Newton?

Answered: 292 Skipped: 19



## Q19: Do you visit open spaces outside of Newton?

Answered: 292 Skipped: 19

Answer Choices	Responses
Daily	1.03% 3
Several times a week	10.62% 31
Once or twice a week	9.59% 28
A few times per month	52.74% 154
Hardly ever	26.03% 76
Total	292

# Q20 If you visited open spaces outside of Newton, what did you like about them?

Answered: 292 Skipped: 19

Larger, close to ocean/mountains.

Can take the dogs off leash safely

Woods, hiking, views, lack of goose poop.

Off leash dog parks

Well cared for grounds, beautiful specimen with info provided

Availability of bike trails, walking trails.

Convenient to work.

Dogs can run off-leash and there is more space

more rural

The beauty of the trees; the trails.

natural environment, walking trails.

Off leash trails for dogs mostly in Weston.

They are lovely

Nature walks

vegetation, birds, water

Quiet

Nature preserves

LONGER WALKS

Dogs can run off leash

nice place to walk

Beauty, walking spaces.

Walking paths w/ trees

clean and no falling trees

Nature, views.

good walking paths

Weston reservoir and Wellesley park for dogs

more rural, change of scenery

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More remote

No traffic sounds, unfamiliar/new scenery, off-leash dog walking.

They were near bodies of water; there were benches. other people around

Quiet, clean, safe, beauty of nature

scenery - and pathways

Well maintained, quiet, large!

off leash dog park

Hopkington state park to swim and paddle

Different terrain, access to water

Nature - hiking - quiet

off leash dog walking

In Brookline and Boston: water features for the kids to play in when it's hot.

Quiet, scenic, accessible

Walking trails, requiring dogs to be on leash, parking.

Went to attend a kid's sports event. Otherwise we stay in Newton.

Walk around water.

Variety; change things up

Change of scenery

Quiet

longer walks

trees and quietness

Larger, slightly better walking paths i.e., stone dust

Large and quiet

Walk dog off leash; beauty of the spot; quiet

Pet friendly

Lincoln's beautiful trail system, MA Audubon & Trustees beautiful properties/trails.

quiet, privacy, diversity of flora and fauna

I love the peacefulness and beauty of Cold Spring Park - we play soccer in the many fields - we do the Cochicuate Aqueduct hike - there are many more places I would love to discover

# Q20 If you visited open spaces outside of Newton, what did you like about them?

Answered: 292 Skipped: 19

Boston's plantings and public art on the Greenway and walkway along the harbor. The greenspace is connected to shops and restaurants shops and restaurants. It would be great to develop thT pTh behind Needham St and to make that street nice to walk on by adding trees and making it safer to cross back and forth to facilitate walking to shop.

larger, less traffic nearby.

Water views, away from traffic

Enjoy hiking, being in nature, being near historical areas

I want to experience other places. I love Newton, but I also enjoy exploring other communities.

quality habitat for wildlife, coastal breezes

Walden pond

More rugged, larger expanse

Leash free Beautiful Long hikes

More remote, larger, more variety

Turf fields. Better sports structures. Multipurpose fields.

Dog parks with FENCES

walking paths, serenity, away from cars

hills/mountains

Kids love the parks and playgrounds in Newton

good walking surface, clean, lots of vegetation or pleasant water view

More dog friendly

Good paths. Away from traffic

Interesting play structures, convenient parking

Variety for kids to play safely

Safe and peaceful

lots of space and lots of sky

Safe walking paths. Views. Such as a lake.

no traffic, beauty, accessible

Able to take dogs off leash

The plantings, such as in Boston Garden

Off leash dog walks

Public water fountains

peace, cleanliness, plantings, maintenance

Long trails.

Dog friendly, good parking

Oceans/Mountains

Weston does not have a mandatory leash law for dogs unlike Newton & also does not charge for off leash areas

good trails

Charm. Newton center is ugly missing any charm, with that pkg lot in the center. Visit Naperville I'm where I visited recently and was impressed with city planning.

Ease of Access, quiet, cleanliness,

More space, pond for dog to swim, hills/mountains to hike

Quieter, bigger.

Pleasant community places.

nature, beauty, walking paths

Being out of traffic, congestion and noise, in among trees and wildlife.

Off lease wooded paths

Quieter

Offleash. Terrain. View. Community.

well maintained, clean, safe for off-leash dogs and legal for off-leash dogs

Peaceful. Quiet. Walk dog off leash

proximity to public transportation, restaurants nearby, quiet space

close to my office, can meet other friends, different play structures, variety

Off leash dog walking, parking and beauty

More expansive than Newton open spaces.

More birdsong, natural landscape, less people



# Q20 If you visited open spaces outside of Newton, what did you like about them?

Answered: 292 Skipped: 19

I like small hikes with my dogs out in nature, away from traffic.

Safe. Peaceful. Green. Quiet.

Just feels like I am a bit more away from everything. Also, maybe a convenient path to walk on that feels safe.

attractive, uncrowded

Not relevant to Waban - I go to rural Southeast MA for kayaking and biking

Variety - the same walks can get boring

appearance, amenities

ability to have dogs off leash

Different terrain, lots of different birds

Water views, great birds/animals, beautiful spaces

Quiet

we can take our dog off leash

New place to take the dog

Quieter. Less dog poop.

Good bike paths, good kayaking

Change of scenery and new views

I love getting exercise on wooded trails - perfect blend of nature, relaxation, and good for my joints!

More space, more "woody", quieter

More off-leash options, varied topography, change of scene.

Maintained, creative art or community building installs.

Woodsy nature, streams, seems like I'm in the wilderness.

The ocean

Protected wildlife sanctuary.

Weston dog park has well maintained path and allows for off leash dogs

Audubons - quieter, more wooded but with clear paths and bathroom facilities

lack of leash laws

Wellesley has a great trail system

They are poorly maintained and a mess. Just like Newton South. I' referring to the athletic fields and schools

Ease of parking, signs for trails, quiet

Quieter and better maintained. Surrounding area is quieter. Newton Center park may be nice but at no time do you feel like you are " in nature." The walk from Concord center to the Old North Bridge is far more relaxing.

The parks in in significantly better condition (play structures, grass/weeds, trash, etc)

Vital to my mental health. Getting out - by myself - taking a walk through a park (or - better yet - woods) = going to Church for me, for all intents and purposes.

Those near the sea

Paths, plantings

Beach

Quiet, good drainage and quality of path, away from roads, natural setting

Splash pad/playground

More rural. Just like to explore various places.

less traffic and noise, more space

Peaceful, verdant, fresh air

Something different - larger, different terrain, for example the Arnold Arboretum or the Blue Hills

Different play structures for kids as well as water spray parks.

Peaceful and beautiful

better biking trails for children (away from cars)

Change of scenery

Feels secluded/away from the city, can let pets/kids run around

A different space to get exercise and relax.

Dog walking opportunities. Canoe / Kayak.

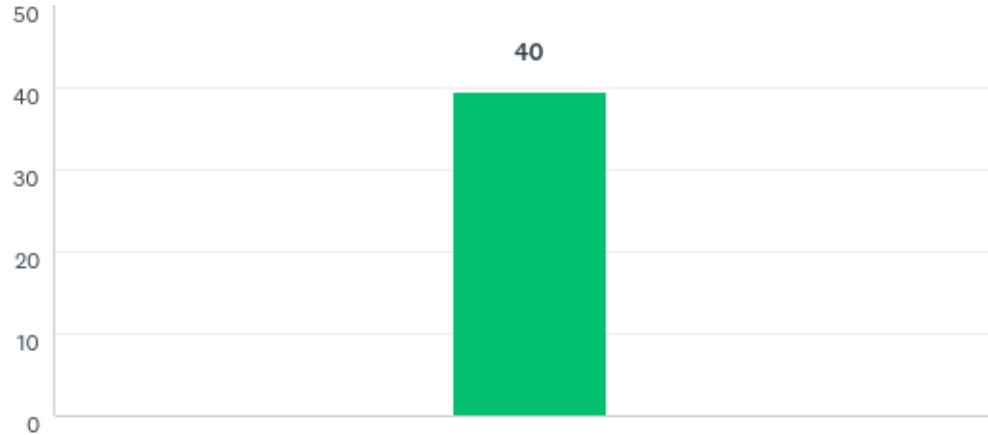
Lack of crowds

In the summer, water features drive our outdoor destinations: rivers, lakes, ocean etc

## Q21: Estimate how many times in the past year have you gone to open spaces in Newton?

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Answered: 275 Skipped: 36



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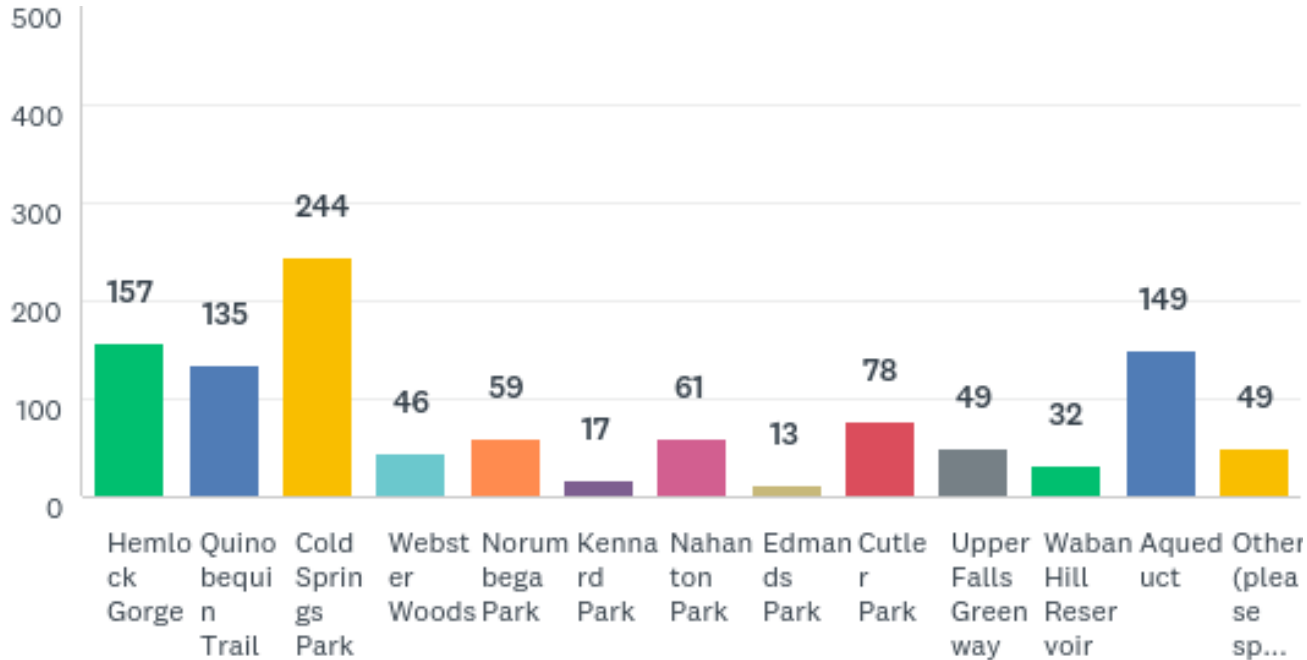
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Answered: 275 Skipped: 36

Answer Choices	Average Number	Total Number	Responses
	40	10,885	275
Total Respondents: 275			

## Q22: Have you visited:

Answered: 279 Skipped: 32



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Answered: 279 Skipped: 32

Answer Choices	Responses
Hemlock Gorge	56.27% 157
Quinobequin Trail	48.39% 135
Cold Springs Park	87.46% 244
Webster Woods	16.49% 46
Norumbega Park	21.15% 59
Kennard Park	6.09% 17
Nahanton Park	21.86% 61
Edmands Park	4.66% 13
Cutler Park	27.96% 78
Upper Falls Greenway	17.56% 49
Waban Hill Reservoir	11.47% 32
Aqueduct	53.41% 149
Other (please specify)	17.56% 49
Total Respondents: 279	

## Q22: Have you visited: OTHER

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Lincoln Playground in Waban

I don't usually choose newton open spaces because there are many other places that are much more interesting and beautiful to visit

Waban Avenue Greenway

Waban area

crystal lake

Charles River

WE used to bike ride years ago around these areas.

cabot woods?

Crystal lake

Cabot

Cutler Park Loop goes through Newton at points, no?

Playgrounds at Angier and elsewhere

Bullogh's Pond

Lincoln Playground

Cabot Park, We live near Cold Springs so we go there for daily walks.

I drew the maps for "Walking Trails of Newton"

Playground

Macgrath, Lincoln, Richardson

Hunnewell Park, Cabot Park

Used to go more often but increased danger of traffic and no sidewalks on Quinobequin Rd make it hard to get there

chestnut hill reservoir

Richardson Park

Lincoln Field

Cabot Park

parks - Lincoln, Richardson

I do not even know where some of the spaces are. Is there a map?

Cabot woods

Tennis

The Cove Auburndale

Lincoln Field

Neighborhood walk on waban ave.

route 30, at least weekly

Lincoln Eliot Park

Angier playground, Lincoln park

Walk along aqueduct from Waban Ave to Whole Foods

Weston Woods, Dover Woods (Hale Reservation), Weston Reservoir, Cat Rock, Needham Town Forest

The cove

Too much attention to Hemlock Gorge and not enough to other lovely areas

many playgrounds and soccer fields too

Angier School playground; other Newton playgrounds

Leo G Martin, Fyffe footbridge, Dolan pond,

Newton City Hall

park on Dudley Road

Crystal Lake, Bullough's Pond, Hammond Pond, Houghton Garden, Dolan Pond

Brae Burn golf course for skiing

Lincoln Field, Forte Field, Albalmarle Fields, Newton Centre Fields/Playground, Richardson Playground

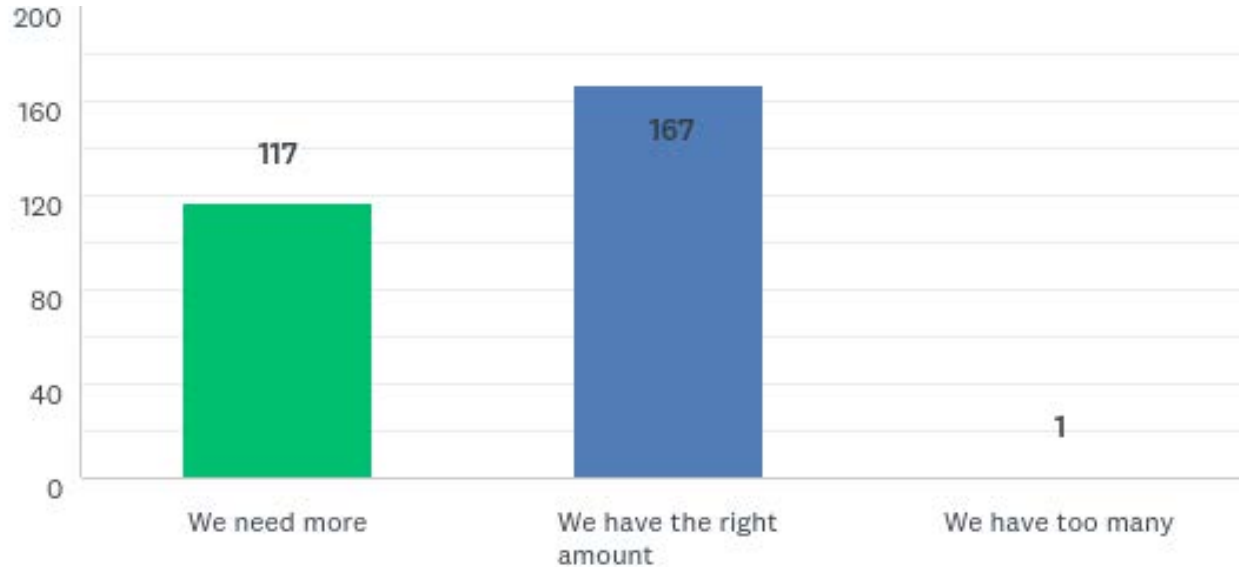
I plan to visit most this spring and summer

Rail trail behind Needham street

Lincoln Park on Moffat Rd

## Q23: About open spaces in Newton, would you say:

Answered: 285 Skipped: 26



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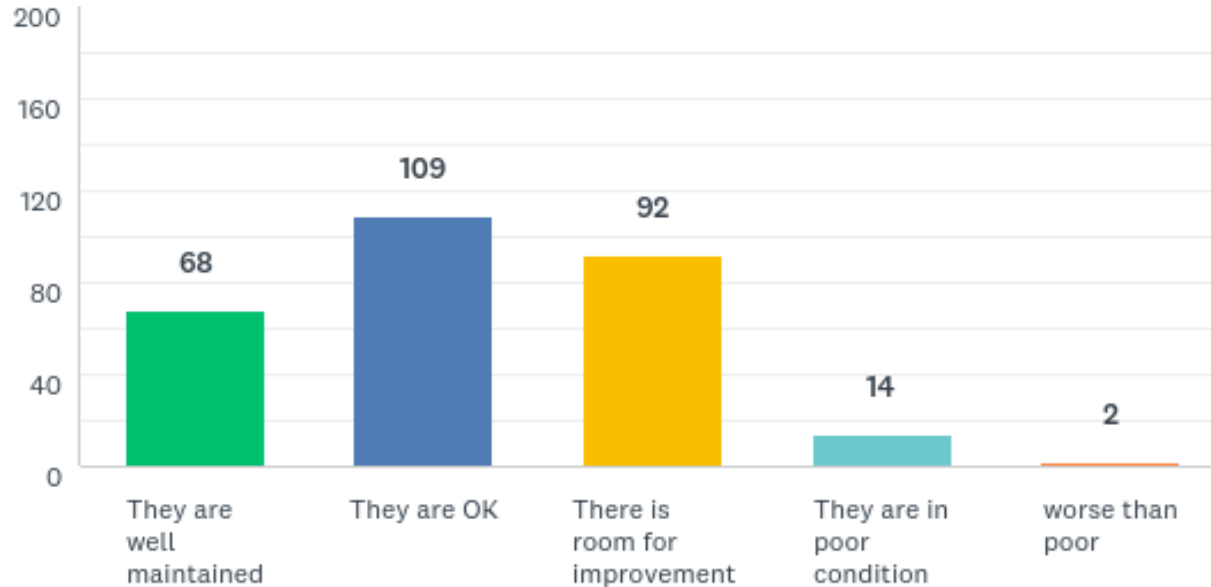
Answered: 285 Skipped: 26

Answer Choices	Responses	
We need more	41.05%	117
We have the right amount	58.60%	167
We have too many	0.35%	1
Total		285



## Q24: What do think of the condition and maintenance of open space, parks, playgrounds, and outdoor recreation facilities in Newton?

Answered: 285 Skipped: 26



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Answered: 285 Skipped: 26

Answer Choices	Responses	
They are well maintained	23.86%	68
They are OK	38.25%	109
There is room for improvement	32.28%	92
They are in poor condition	4.91%	14
worse than poor	0.70%	2
Total		285

# Q24: What do think of the condition and maintenance of open space, parks, playgrounds, and outdoor recreation facilities in Newton?

There's gotta be a way to maintain grass at Cold Spring dog park.

Broken benches, fallen trees. Bordering on disgraceful

some are better than others. Quinobequin Trail needs work.

It would be great to have dispensers of insect repellent as they do in some places at entrances as they have in some open space areas in CA

Richardson needs improvement

Not enough trash cans - big bellies are good but not enough

We do not have enough league playing fields for our kids who play Lacrosse

need more fenced in dog parks

The playgrounds are pretty horrendous. Enough so that I would consider moving to another city with better parks like Brookline or Cambridge in order for my son to have better access to playgrounds with water features, safe play structures, etc.

Could be cleaner, with poison ivy cleared

Trail maintenance could be better. Playground equipment is generally very well maintained.

Most seem neglected aside from some private efforts. I loved the art in Kennard Park. I would love to see art on the common in Comm Ave and to develop the common space. Tons of people walk the carriage lane. And thank you for the sidewalk along Comm between Fuller and Homer. Sidewalks, just having them, ensuring they are clear of snow is a problem in Newton.

I'm not really familiar with them.

We are fortunate to have parks in various parts of the city for daily walks.

We need more fences in dog parks.

Parks are OK, bike trails/paths are terrible

The exertrail at Cold Spring Park needs an overhaul - path is a tripping hazard with rocks and stations are broken

Need playing fields

Angier school park and Waban parks are nice. Good to visit when grandchildren visit

Don't really use them

Dog poop!!

DCR does not do a satisfactory job....QBQ is in terrible shape and still a dangerous roadway with overgrown vegetation and bad road conditions

need more dog waste receptacles

It is horrendous that many of the town fields are not properly maintained

porta-potties are absent in many locations; need bike racks everywhere

Maintenance of anything is not the forte of this admin. h \$ they have

We need to preserve open space, both public and private.

Parks & Rec needs more funding. DPW and P&R need to be more careful around trees to protect them.

Quinobequin trail--needs landscaping, cleanup.

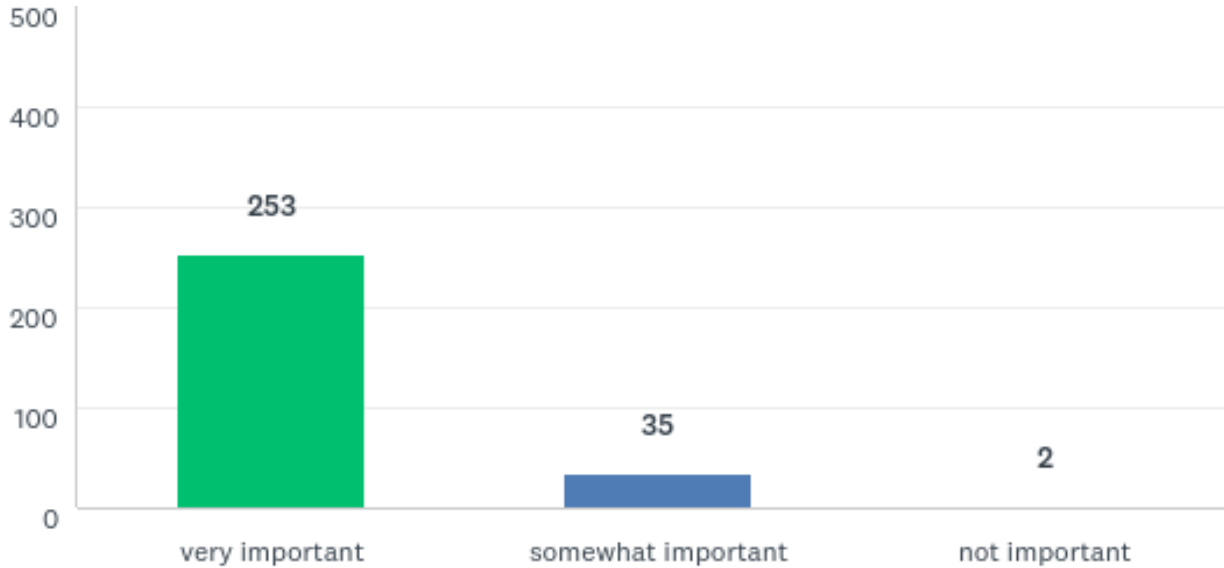
Some are poor, but others could only use improvement.

Cold Springs is okay. Quinobequin Trail needs work! It needs major maintenance and upkeep.

sports fields should be upgraded throughout the city  
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Sports facilities lag behind most other towns.

# Q25: How important to your household is public and private greenery in Newton - open space, parks, pocket parks, street trees, front lawns and backyards?

Answered: 290 Skipped: 21



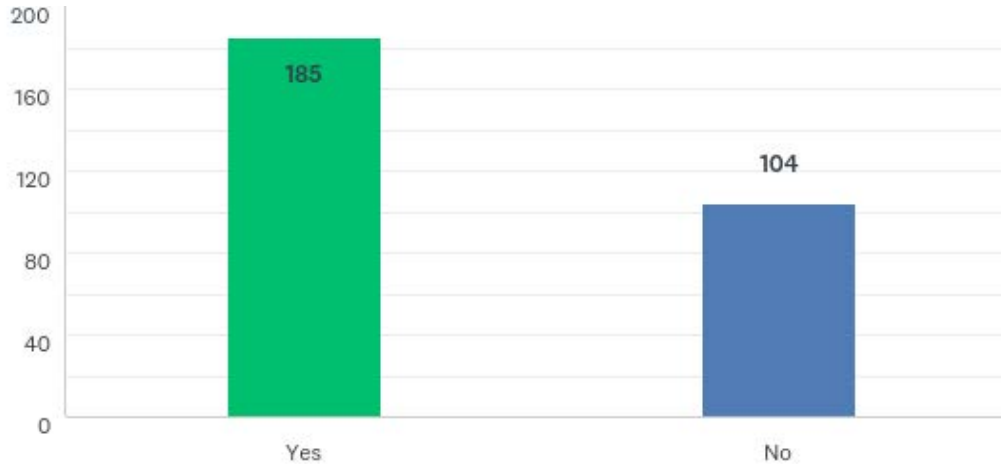
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Answered: 290 Skipped: 21

Answer Choices	Responses
very important	87.24% 253
somewhat important	12.07% 35
not important	0.69% 2
Total	290

## Q26: Are you aware the the State's Quinobequin Trail and Park are in Waban?

Answered: 289 Skipped: 22



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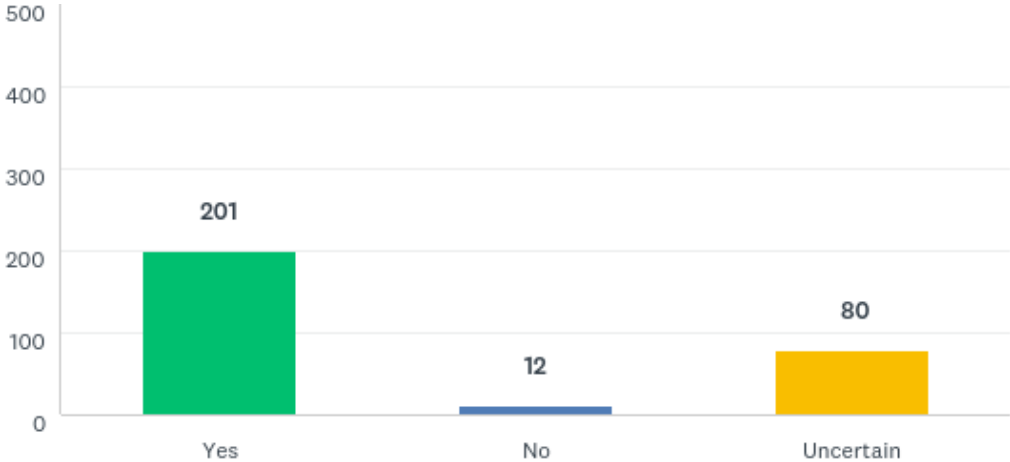
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Answered: 289 Skipped: 22

Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	64.01%	185
No	35.99%	104
Total		289

# Q27: Would you support advocating to the DCR and/or the State for condition improvements and better utilization of the Quinobequin Trail and Park?

Answered: 293 Skipped: 18





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Answered: 293 Skipped: 18

Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	68.60% 201
No	4.10% 12
Uncertain	27.30% 80
Total	293