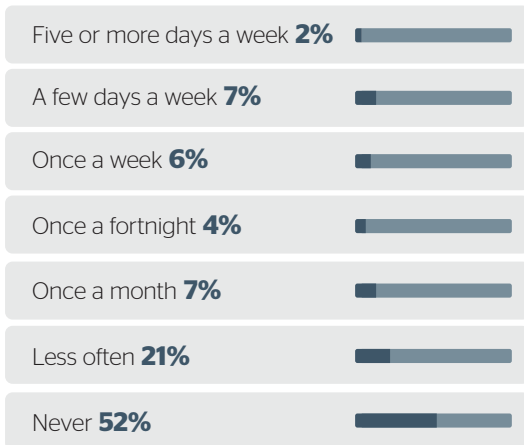


RAC Member Priorities Tracker

Cycling

In December 2022, 234 of our members¹ 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 their bikes.

How often do we ride bikes?²



Are we riding bikes more often?

Our members³ and particularly regular bike riders⁴ have noticed an increase in the amount of people riding their bikes over the last 12 months.

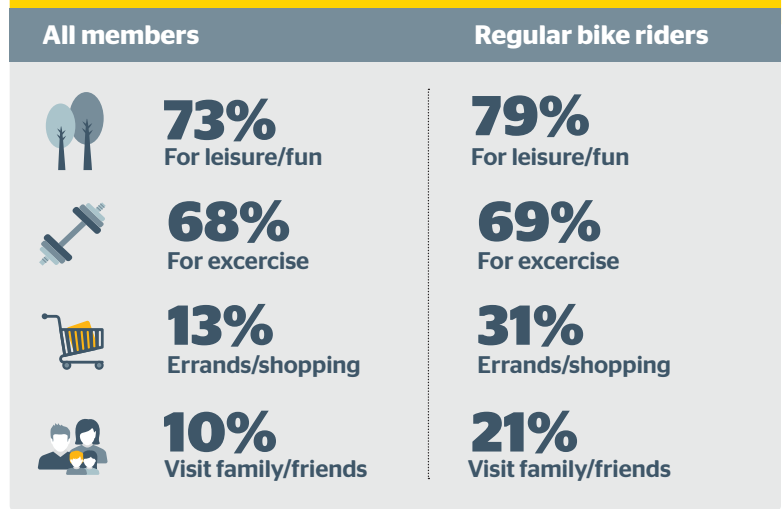
	All members	Regular bike riders
Decreased	4%	2%
About the same	31%	27%
Increased	47%	50%
Not sure / can't say	19%	21%

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

	All members	Regular bike riders
Less often	31%	17%
About the same	52%	54%
More often	17%	29%

What are our main reasons for riding?

The main reasons members⁵ ride bikes are similar, no matter how often they ride:



Satisfaction with existing infrastructure



When members were asked how satisfied⁶ they were with the quality and availability of off-road and on-road cycling infrastructure, only:

33% were satisfied with 'off-road bike / shared path network (e.g. for pedestrians and cyclists)'

26% were satisfied with 'on-road bike network (e.g. bike lanes, reallocation of road space for people riding a bike)'

¹ 182 from the Perth and Peel region and 51 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 +/-6% at the 95% confidence level.

² Applies to entirety of 2022 (2,092 responses) rather than just survey month. Data captured monthly.

³ Numbers may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

⁴ 'Regular bike riders' are those who ride their bike once a week or more. Numbers may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

⁵ Does not include respondents who state they 'never' ride a bike.

⁶ Members who were 'satisfied' or 'very satisfied' with the infrastructure.

How safe we feel riding

How safe⁷ people feel while riding a bike varies considerably depending on the infrastructure they use.

For regular bike riders:

62% feel safe when riding on 'off-road shared paths' » 25% feel 'extremely safe'
51% feel safe when riding 'on the road (with physical separation from vehicles)' » 10% feel 'unsafe' ⁸
37% feel safe when riding 'on the road (cycle lane)'
14% feel safe when riding 'in bus lanes' » 17% feel 'extremely unsafe'
7% feel safe when riding 'on the road (sharing with vehicles)' » 21% feel 'extremely unsafe'

Non-regular riders⁹ tended to feel significantly less safe than regular riders for almost all types of infrastructure. Riding when 'sharing the road with vehicles' was the exception, with 16% of non-regular riders feeling safe.

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	43% Top response for those that never ride (48%)
 Lack of safe bike routes	36% Top response for non-regular riders (44%)
 Too far to get to where I need to go	32%
 Weather	25% Top response for regular riders (52%)
 Too time consuming or inconvenient	20%

eRideables

9% of members surveyed ride eRideables.



The top three reasons for using an eRideable¹⁰ are:

51% for leisure/fun
39% to do errands/get groceries/do shopping
28% to get to work/study



Members were asked about the distance of their most common trip by eRideable:

52% less than 5km
36% 5-10km
12% 11-20km



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.

Regular bike riders would ride more often¹¹ if the government:

 Built on / improved the off-road bike / shared path network
82% would ride more often
 Funded more projects to make local streets safer for people riding a bike e.g. through the Safe Active Streets program
76% would ride more often

Non-regular bike riders would ride more often if the government:

 Built on / improved the off-road bike/ shared path network
61% would ride more often
 Funded more projects to make local streets safer for people riding a bike
60% would ride more often



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⁷ Those members who said they felt 'extremely safe' and 'moderately safe'.

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⁹ Those who ride their bike once a fortnight or less. This does not include those that never ride. ¹⁰ 22 responses to this question.

¹¹ 'A moderate amount', 'a lot' or 'a great deal' more often. Other options included 'not at all' and 'a little'.