

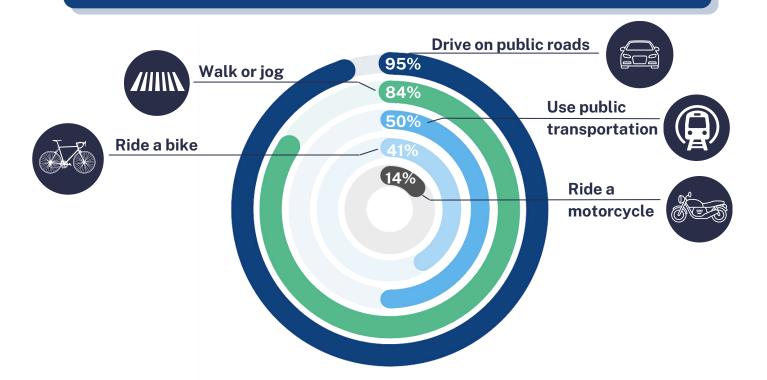
# **Washington Traffic Survey 2024**

The Washington (WA) Traffic Safety Commission (WTSC) has conducted a statewide survey of adults aged 18 and over. This research aims to inform statewide planning and evaluation of traffic safety programs.

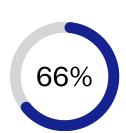
This infographic provides insight into this year's findings, covering road usage patterns, perceived roadway risks, community beliefs, and pedestrian and cyclist experiences on public roads.

ROAD USE =

#### How do people use public roads?



#### Adults who feel it is safe to...



Use public transportation



Drive on public



Walk or jog on public roads



Ride a bicycle on public roads

# Belief in Zero Tolerance for Road Harm





The only acceptable number of deaths and serious injuries on our roadways should be zero

# Public Interventions on Unsafe Driving Practices

71%

53%

Asked someone who was not using a seat belt to use a seat belt

56%

Asked a driver who was using their cell phone or distracted to focus on driving

Asked someone who was speeding or driving aggressively to slow down



48%

Took some action to prevent someone from driving impaired

## **Phone Use While Driving**

59%

Have NOT held & talked on the phone while driving



Drivers aged 18-44 are significantly more likely to talk on their phones while driving



# Where and when adults consistently buckle up

Men are significantly **less** likely to report always wearing a seatbelt

Within a few miles of home

Many miles away from home

93%

In the back seat of the car

94%

83%

SPEED

LIMIT

#### **Self-Reported High-Risk Driving Behavior**

REPORTED BEHAVIOR % "Yes"

78%



4%

3%

Drove 10+ mph over the speed limit

Drove after consuming alcohol

Drove after consuming cannabis

Perceived Frequency of High-Risk Driving **Behavior in Community** 

#### **PERCEIVED BEHAVIOR**

% "Sometimes" or more

86%

66%

67%

Few drivers admit to driving under the influence, yet a majority suspect it's common in their community

Drove 10+ mph over the speed limit

Drove after

**Drove after** consuming alcohol consuming cannabis

Most commonly reported experiences involving pedestrians and cyclists

Pedestrian and cyclists' **experiences** on public roads



**Drivers' experiences** around pedestrians and bicyclists



56%

Drivers not stopping or going too fast

56%

Lack of sidewalks or damaged sidewalks

43%

**Drivers turning without looking for** pedestrians or bicyclists

68%

Pedestrians not using marked crosswalks

59%

Bicyclists in the road



56%

Pedestrians/bicyclists using phones, ear pods, headsets

