

NE 65th St Vision Zero Project

Online Survey Summary

Overview

NE 65th St is an arterial that moves people and goods throughout northeast Seattle. Since 2012, there have been 3 fatalities, 1 serious injury, and 231 collisions along this busy corridor between NE Ravenna Blvd and 39th Ave NE. Seattle is committed to Vision Zero, our plan to end traffic deaths and serious injuries by 2030.

To understand the community's safety concerns on NE 65th St and other streets in the study area, the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) shared an online survey with the Northeast Seattle community. The survey was advertised on the project website and distributed via the project listserv. The survey was available from February 28, 2017 to March 14, 2017. The survey received 426 responses.

Summary of Results

Differences in how people currently get around their neighborhood compared to how they want to get around could inform how our project could help the community. A high number of people currently walk (88%) and want to continue walking (89%). One big difference is that while most people currently get around by personal car/truck/van (85%), only 55% want to get around that way. Instead, more people want to take the bus/trolley/train (58%) and bike (51%) than currently do (53% and 39%, respectively).

The most important results from the online survey are what people consider the biggest safety problems on NE 65th St. The top five problems were speeding/aggressive driving (63%), lack of quality crossings (43%), failure to yield right of way to pedestrians (43%), distracted driving (37%), and congestion on streets (34%). Of those who wrote in answers, the biggest problems they identified were the lack of clear lane delineation and the lack of left-turn lanes and/or signals.

Other important takeaways from the survey are about people's concerns with walking and biking. People are mostly unsatisfied with the quality and number of pedestrian crossings on NE 65th St (53%). While most people (57%) feel safe as drivers traveling on or crossing NE 65th, most people don't feel safe walking or biking (57%), and most people think it's likely that someone would get injured walking or biking on NE 65th St (67%). Also, most people thought crossing busy streets is a barrier to walking (85%) and biking (70%), and most people thought a lack of bike facilities is a barrier to biking (68%).

One important piece of demographic information that should be considered when making improvements on NE 65th St is that 11% of respondents have some type of disability, including mobility (6%), vision (2%), and hearing (3%).

Survey Outline

The NE 65th St Vision Zero Project survey is divided into three key thematic areas:

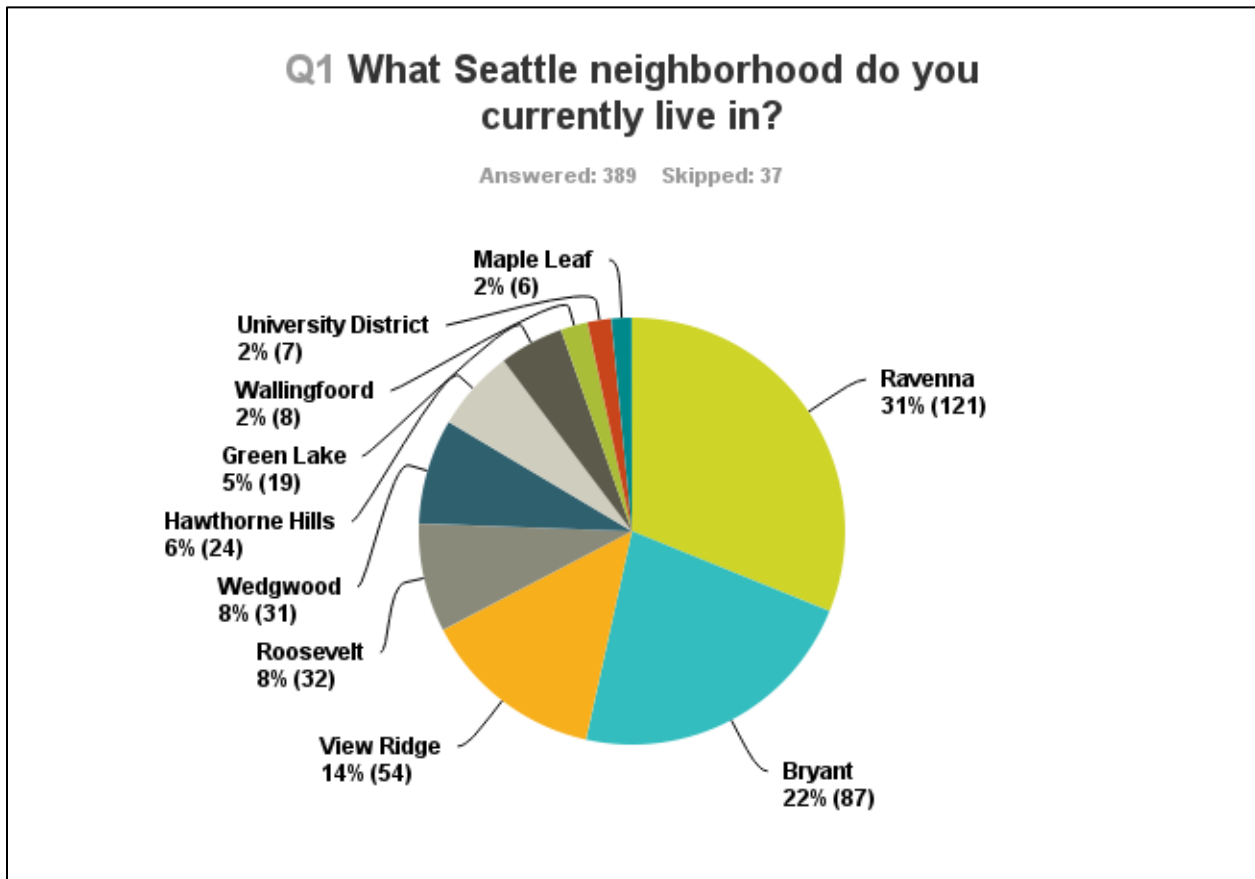
1. General Information
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General Information Questions

Question 1: What Seattle neighborhood do you currently live in?

The three neighborhoods with the highest percentage of responses were:

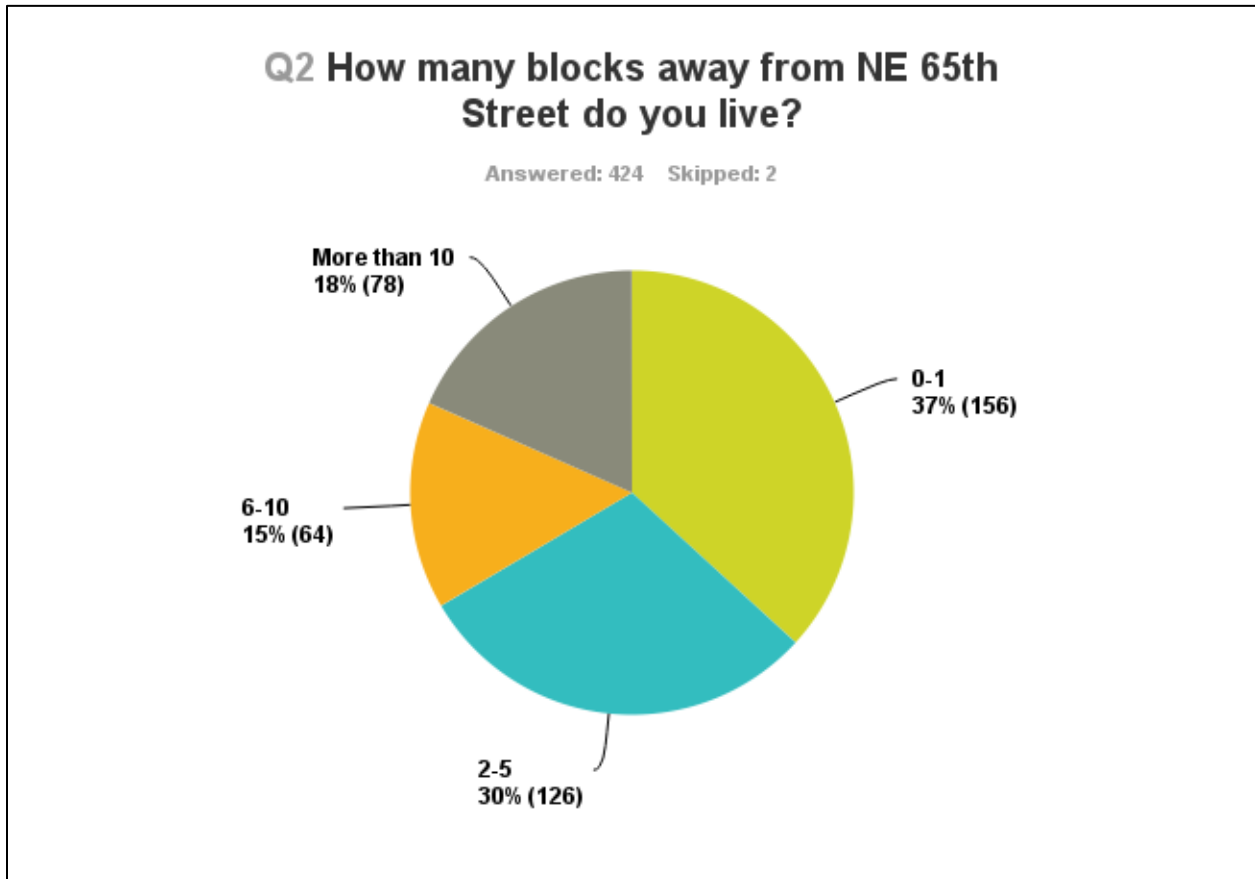
1. Ravenna (31%)
2. Bryant (23%)
3. View Ridge (14%)



Question 2: How many blocks away from NE 65th Street do you live?

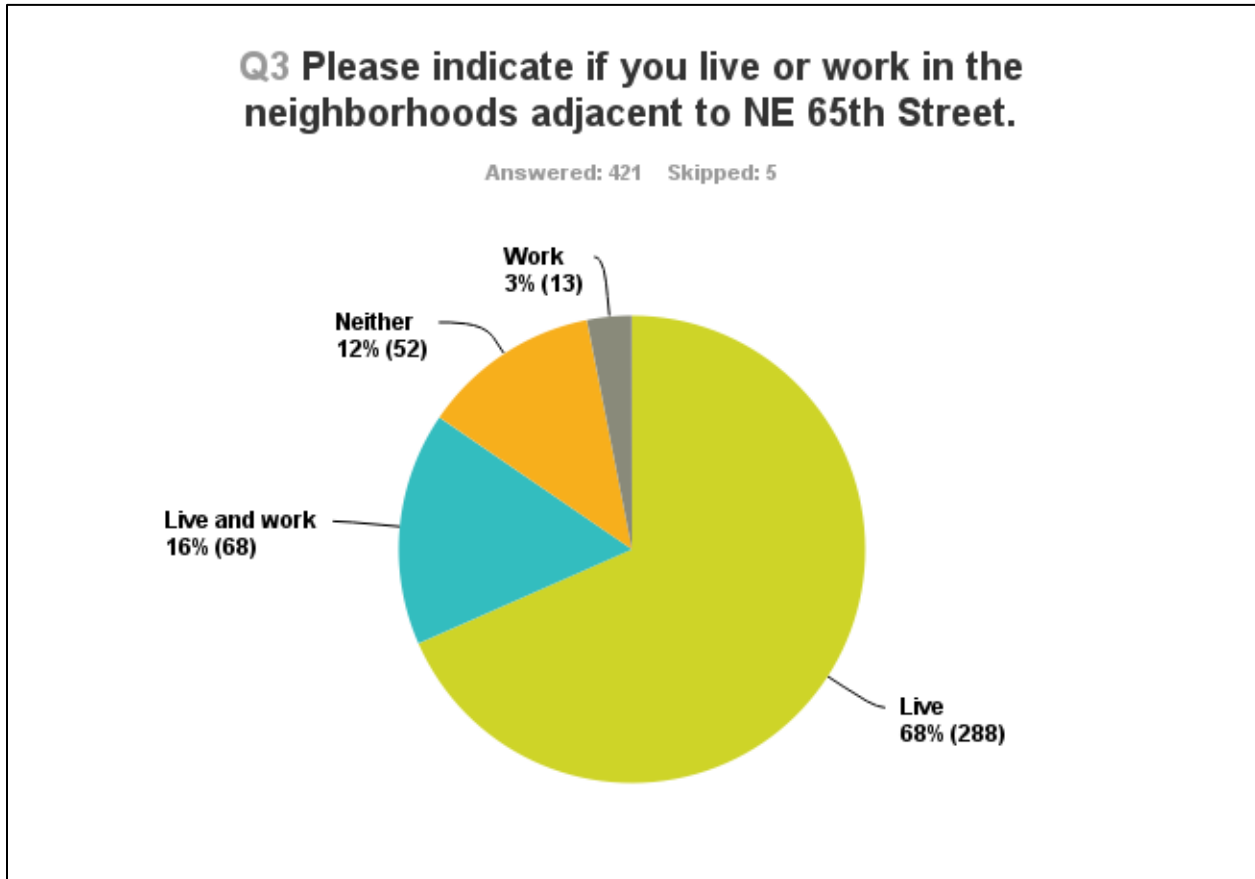
The answers were:

1. 0-1: 37%
2. 2-5: 30%
3. 6-10: 15%
4. More than 10: 18%



Question 3: Please indicate if you live or work in the neighborhoods adjacent to NE 65th Street.

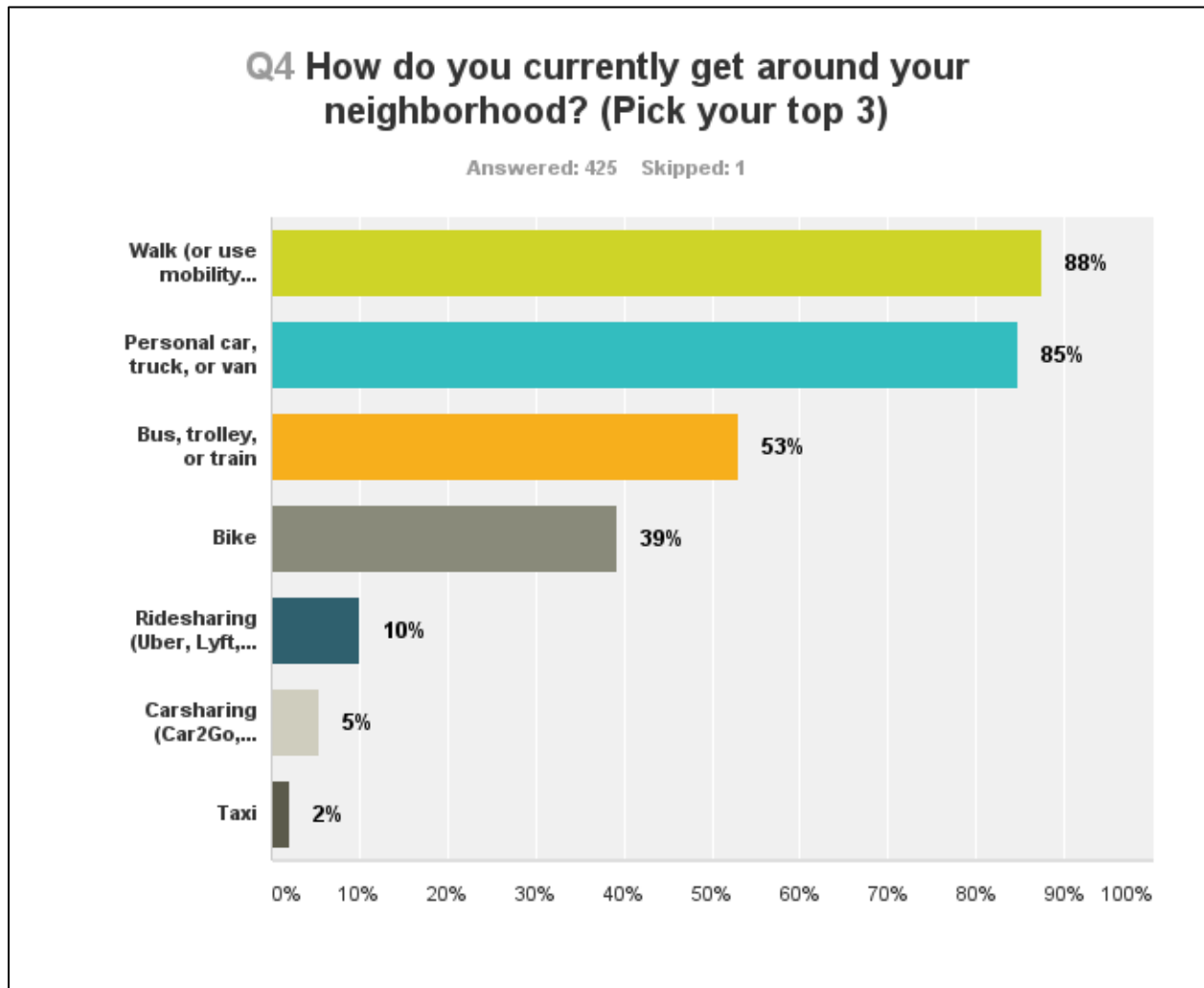
1. Live: 68%
2. Work: 3%
3. Live and work: 16%
4. Neither: 12%



Question 4: How do you currently get around your neighborhood? (Pick your top 3)

The four modes with the highest percentage of responses are listed below. Ridesharing, Carsharing, and Taxi each received 10% or less of responses.

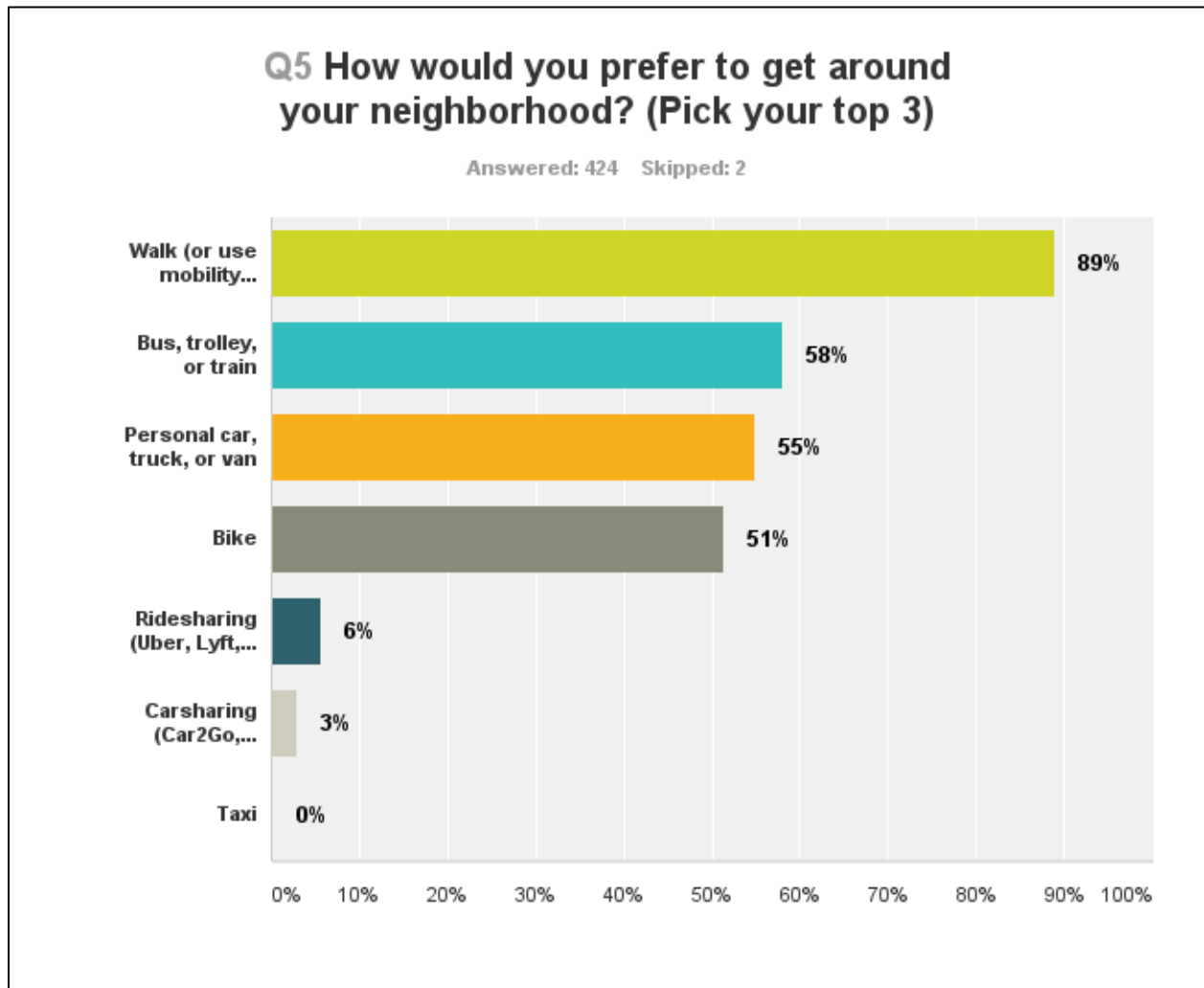
1. Walk (or use mobility device): 88%
2. Personal car, truck, or van: 85%
3. Bus, trolley, or train: 53%
4. Bike: 39%



Question 5: How would you prefer to get around your neighborhood? (Pick your top 3)

The four modes with the highest percentage of responses are listed below. Ridesharing, Carsharing, and Taxi each received 6% or less of responses.

1. Walk (or use mobility device): 89%
2. Bus, trolley, or train: 58%
3. Personal car, truck, or van: 55%
4. Bike: 51%



Traffic Safety Questions

Question 6: In your opinion, what are the biggest safety problems on NE 65th Street? (Pick your top 3)

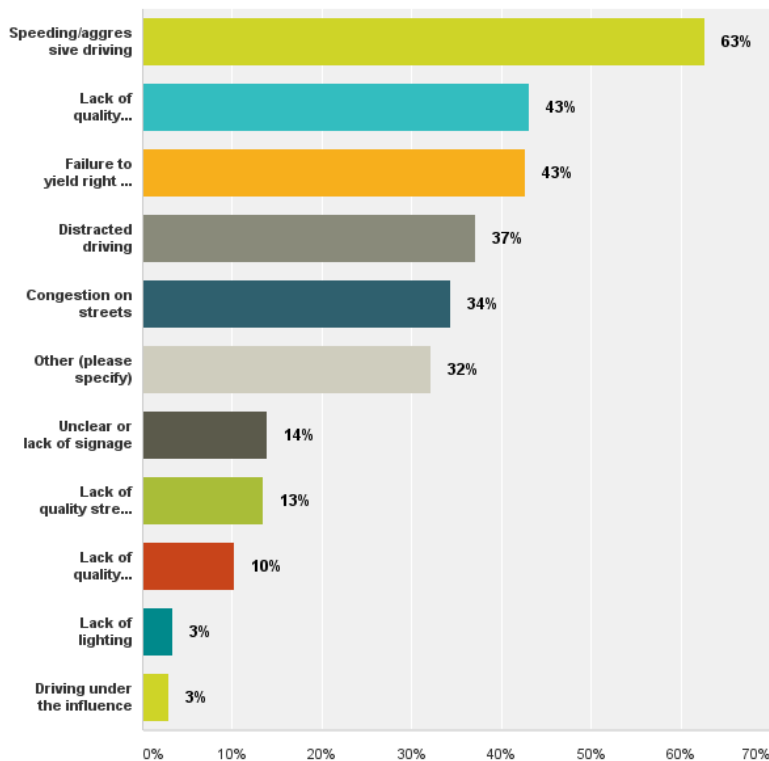
The five safety problems with the highest percentage of responses were:

1. Speeding/aggressive Driving (63%)
2. Lack of quality crossings (43%)
3. Failure to yield right of way to pedestrians (43%)
4. Distracted driving (37%)
5. Congestion on streets (34%)

32% of respondents indicated “Other” as a safety problem. Of those, 26% thought that the lack of clear lane delineation was the biggest safety problem, followed by 25% who thought the lack of left-turn lanes and/or signals was the biggest safety problem, and 12% who thought the lack of bicycle facilities was the biggest safety problem.

Q6 In your opinion, what are the biggest safety problems on NE 65th Street? (Pick your top 3)

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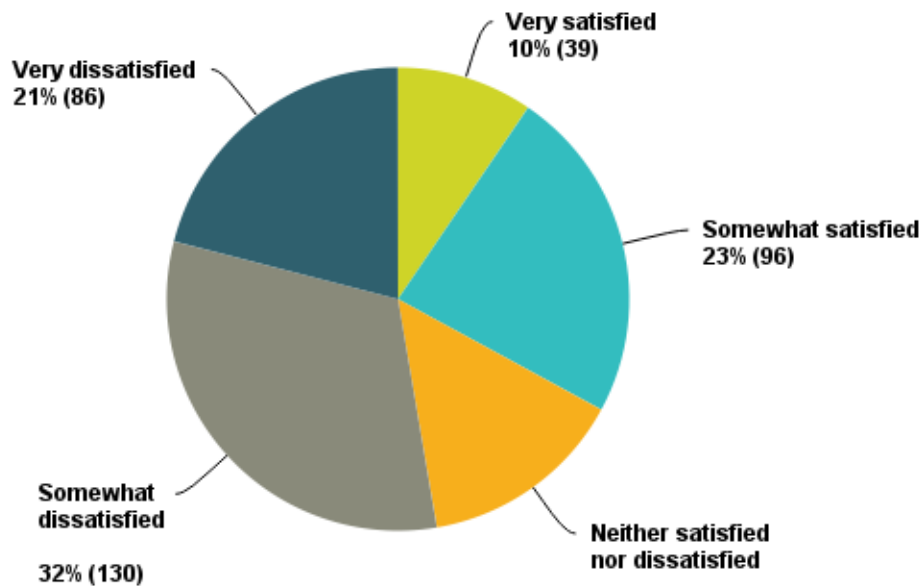


Question 7: How satisfied are you with the quality and number of pedestrian crossings on NE 65th Street? By crossings, we mean marked intersections with a pedestrian traffic signal and crosswalks.

1. Very satisfied: 10%
2. Somewhat satisfied: 23%
3. Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied: 14%
4. Somewhat dissatisfied: 32%
5. Very dissatisfied: 21%

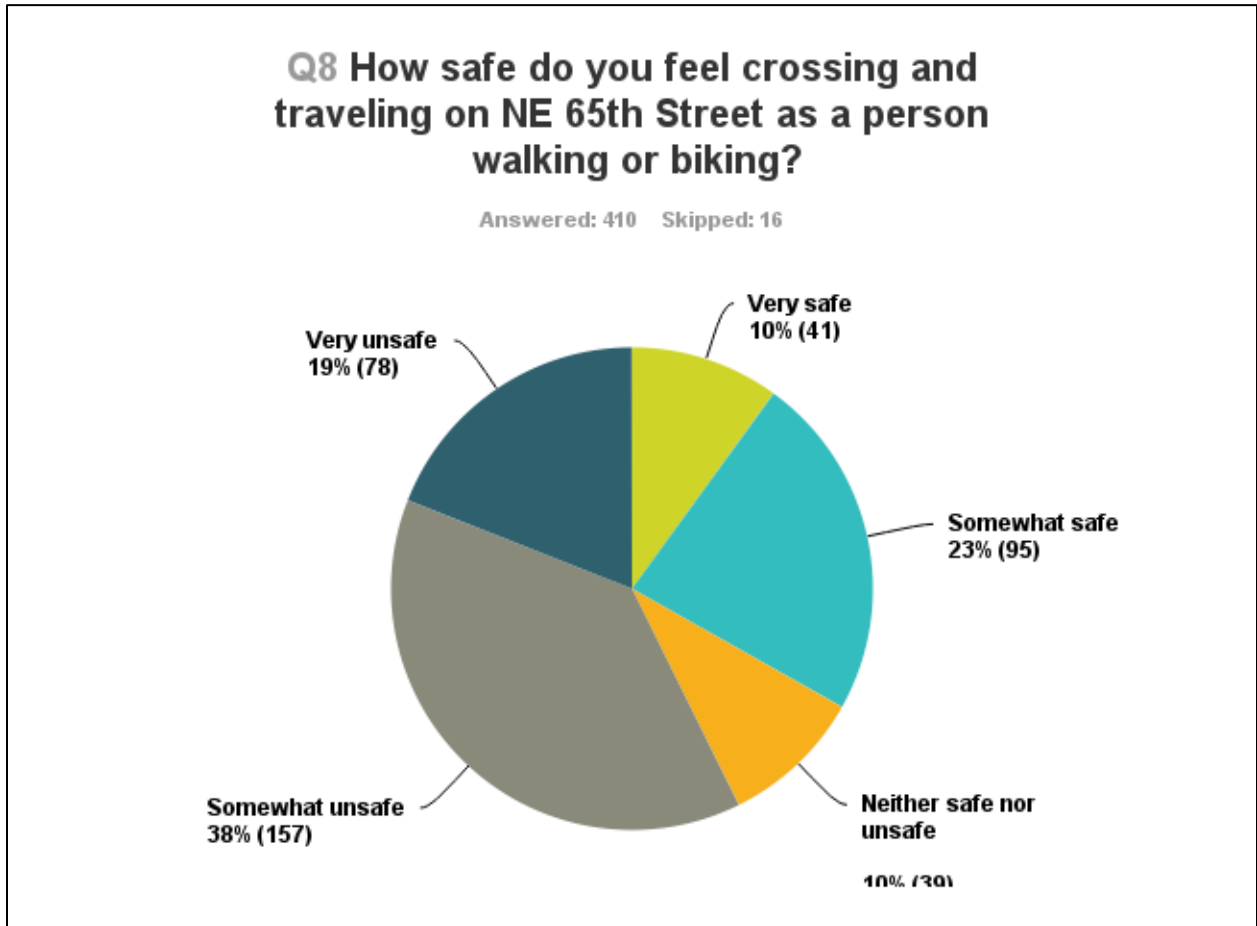
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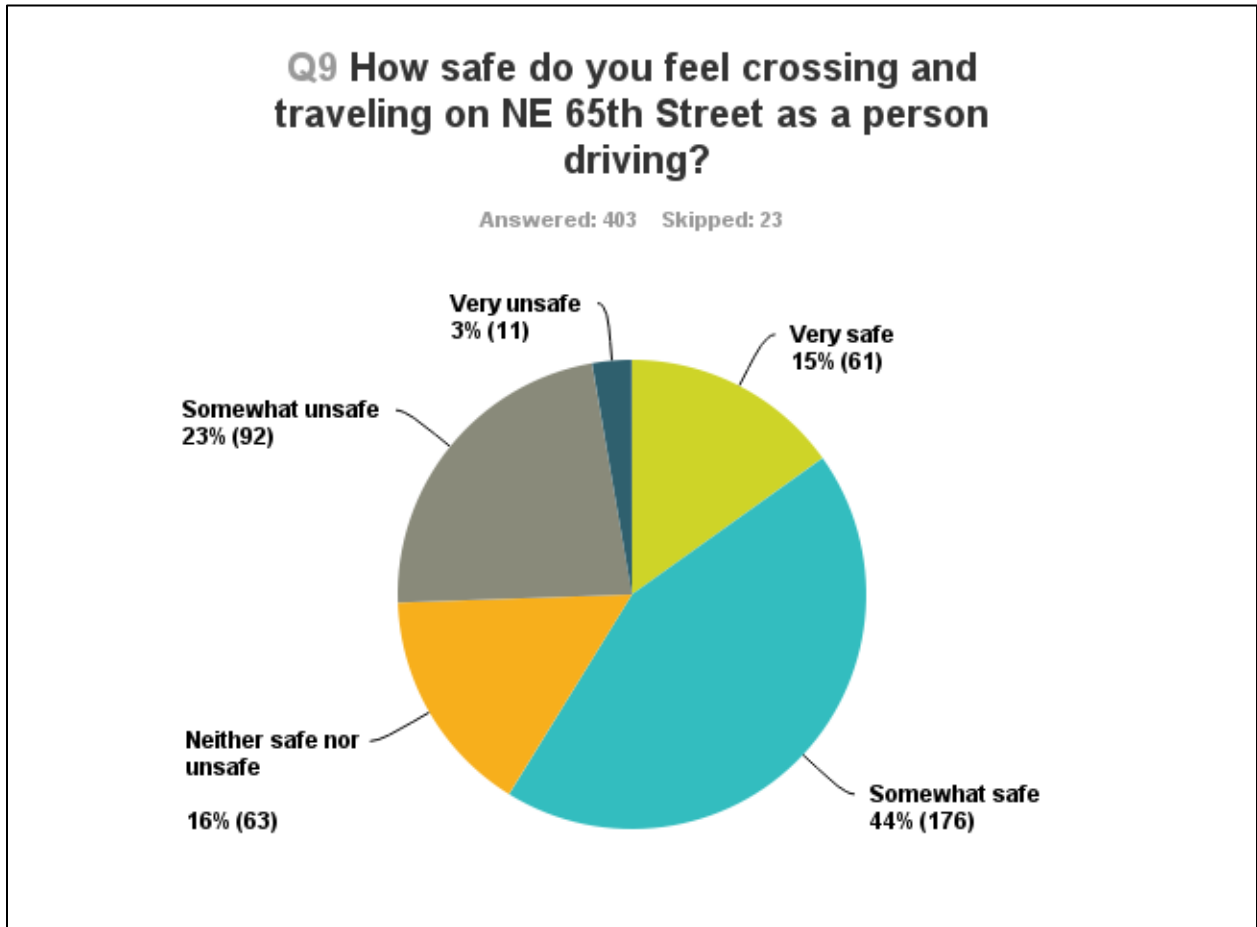
Question 8: How safe do you feel crossing and traveling on NE 65th Street as a person walking or biking?

1. Very safe: 10%
2. Somewhat safe: 23%
3. Neither safe nor unsafe: 10%
4. Somewhat unsafe: 38%
5. Very unsafe 19%



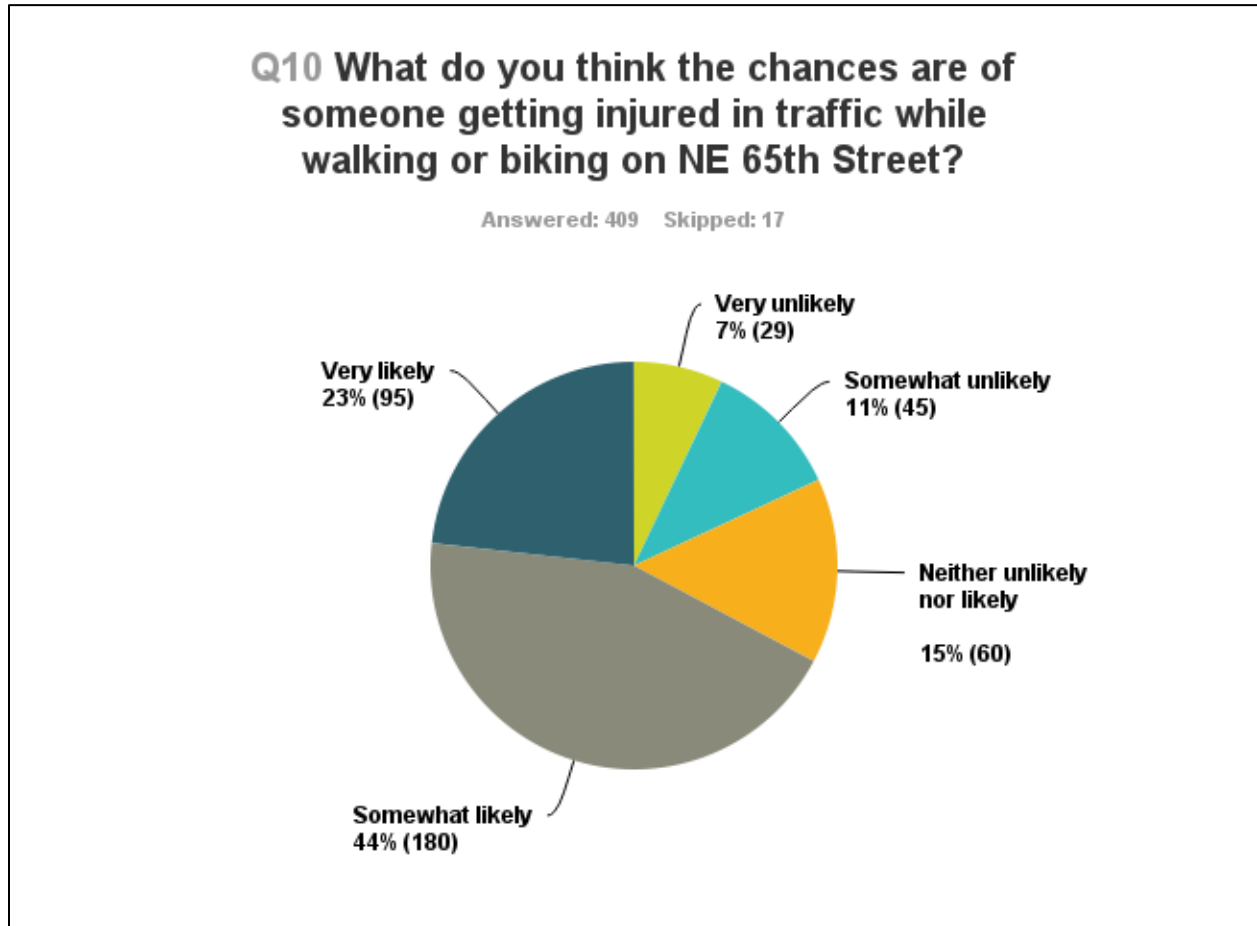
Question 9: How safe do you feel crossing and traveling on NE 65th Street as a person driving?

1. Very safe: 15%
2. Somewhat safe: 44%
3. Neither safe nor unsafe: 16%
4. Somewhat unsafe: 23%
5. Very unsafe: 3%



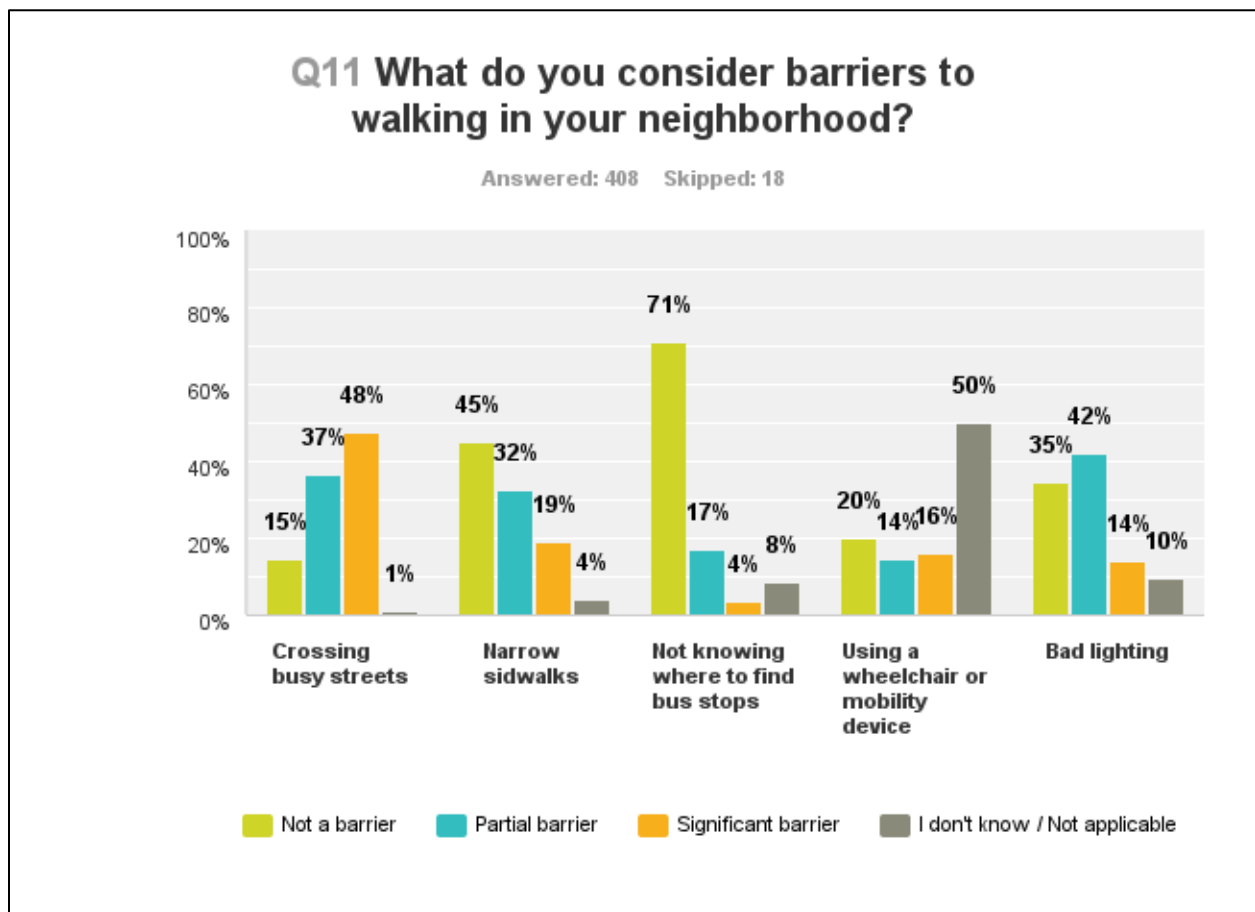
Question 10: What do you think the chances are of someone getting injured in traffic while walking or biking on NE 65th Street?

1. Very likely: 7%
2. Somewhat unlikely: 11%
3. Neither unlikely nor likely: 15%
4. Somewhat likely: 44%
5. Very likely: 23%



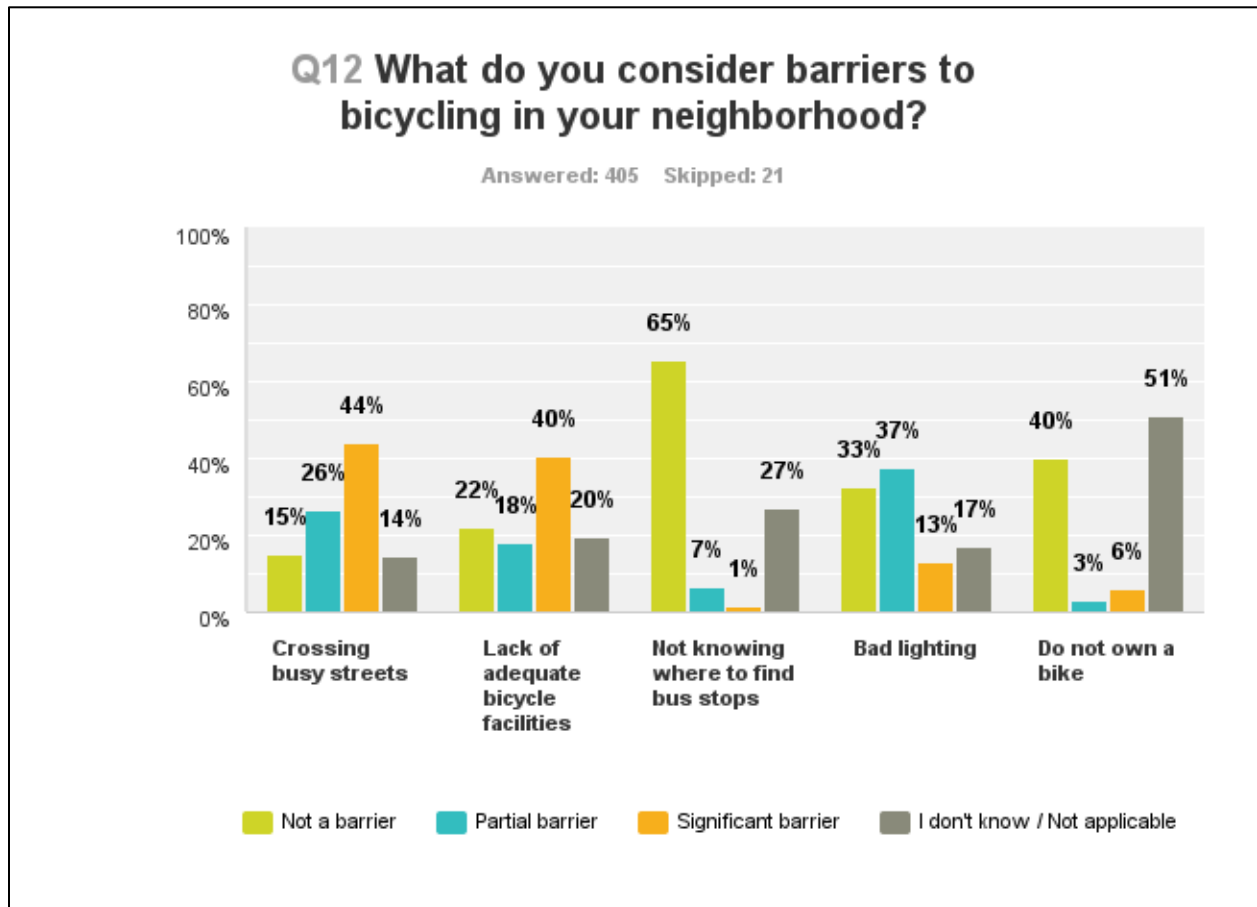
Question 11: What do you consider barriers to walking in your neighborhood?

1. Crossing busy streets: Most of the respondents (85%) thought that crossing busy streets was a barrier to walking in their neighborhood, either a partial barrier (37%) or a significant barrier (48%).
2. Narrow sidewalks: About half of the respondents (45%) didn't consider narrow sidewalks a barrier to walking in their neighborhood, while about half (51%) considered them a barrier. 32% saw them as a partial barrier, and 19% saw them as a significant barrier.
3. Not knowing where to find bus stops: The majority of respondents (71%) did not consider finding bus stops to be a barrier.
4. Using a wheelchair or mobility device: About half of the respondents (50%) indicated that they didn't know if using a wheelchair or mobility device was a barrier or that the question wasn't applicable to them. 20% did not consider this factor a barrier, while 14% saw it as a partial barrier, and 16% saw it as a significant barrier.
5. Bad lighting: 35% of respondents did not consider bad lighting a barrier to walking, while about half (56%) did, with 42% seeing it as partial barrier and 14% seeing it as a significant barrier.



Question 12: What do you consider barriers to bicycling in your neighborhood?

1. Crossing busy streets: Most respondents (70%) consider crossing busy streets to be a barrier to bicycling in their neighborhood, with 26% considering it a partial barrier and 44% considering it a significant barrier.
2. Lack of adequate bicycle facilities: Most respondents (68%) thought a lack of adequate bicycle facilities was a barrier to bicycling, with 18% seeing a partial barrier and 40% seeing a significant barrier.
3. Not knowing where to find bus stops: Most respondents (65%) did not consider knowing where to find bus stops to be significant barrier, and 27% didn't know if it was a barrier or thought it wasn't an applicable factor to them.
4. Bad lighting: Half of respondents considered bad lighting (50%) to be barrier to bicycling, either partials (37%) or significantly (13%). 33% of respondents didn't see this as barrier.
5. Do not own a bike: Half of respondents (51%) didn't know if not owning a bike was barrier or thought it wasn't an applicable factor to them. 40% of respondents did not consider not owning a bike to be a barrier.



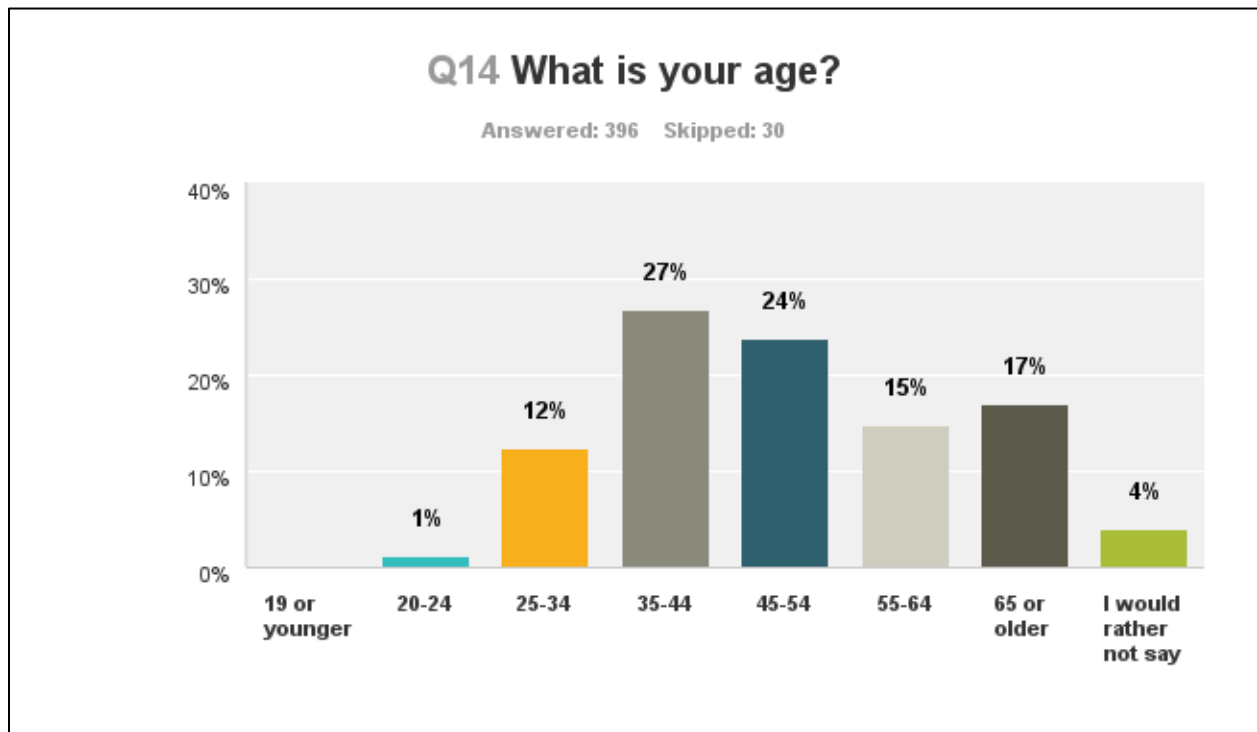
Demographic Information

Question 13: What's your email address?

We received 223 email addresses.

Question 14: What is your age?

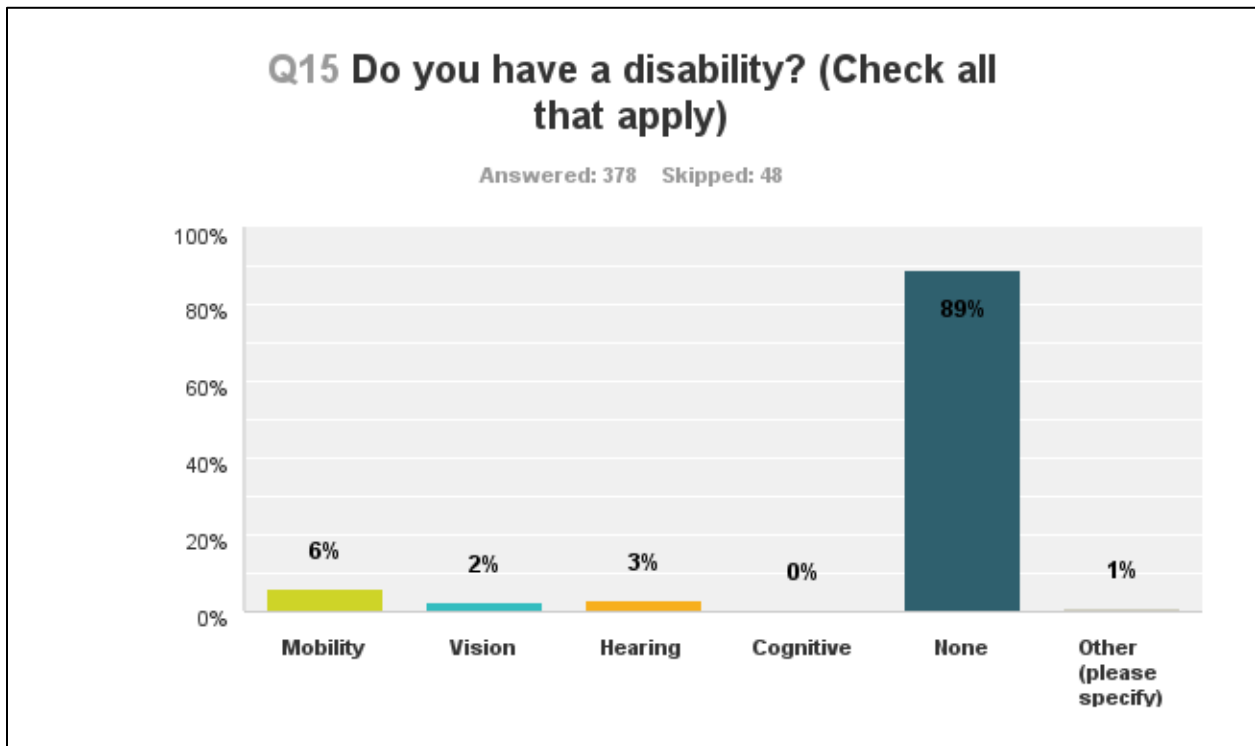
1. 19 or younger: 0%
2. 20-24: 1%
3. 25-34: 12%
4. 35-44: 27%
5. 45-54: 24%
6. 55-64: 15%
7. 65 or older: 17%
8. I would rather not say 4%



Question 15: Do you have a disability? (Check all that apply)

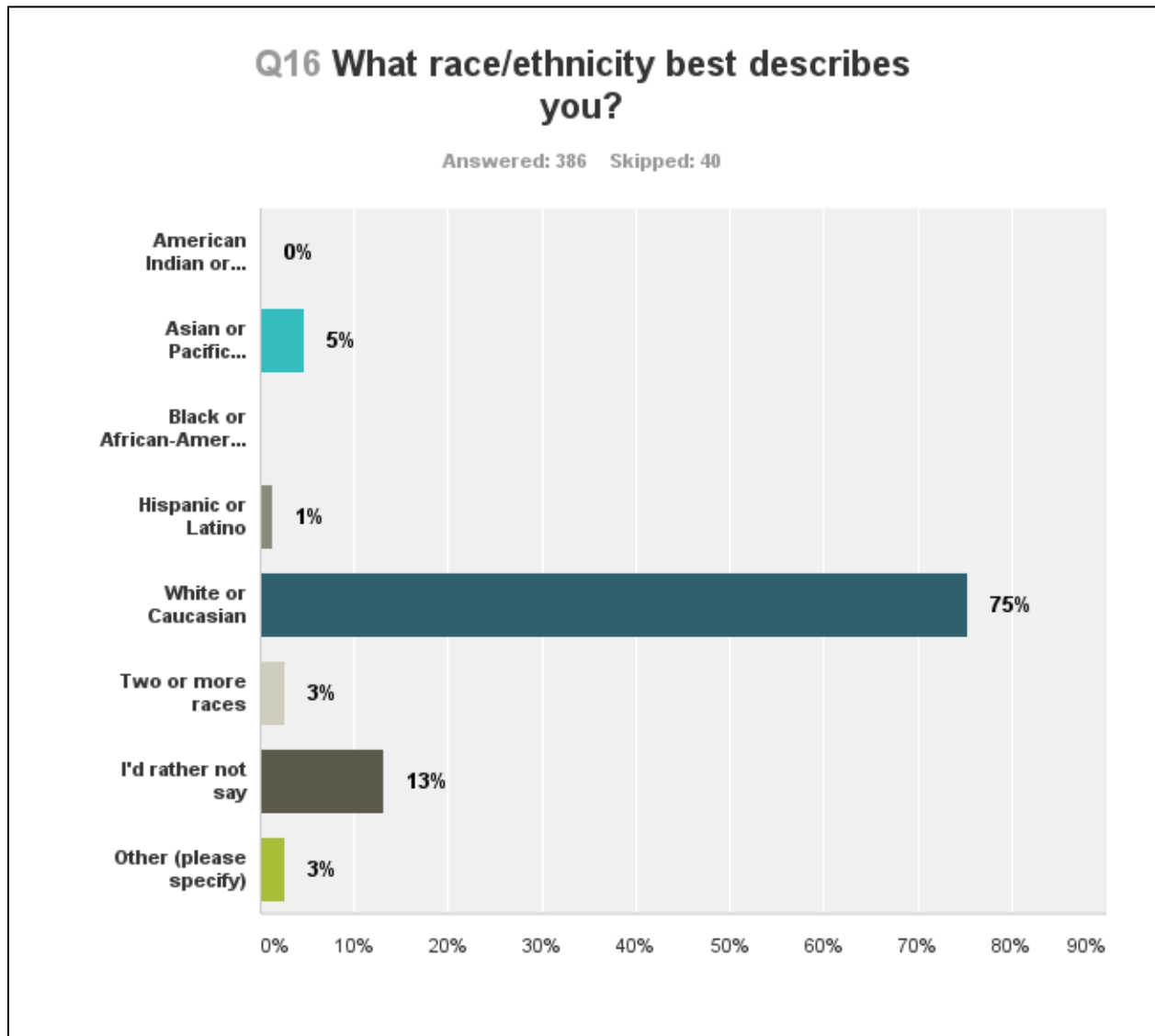
1. Mobility: 6%
2. Vision: 2%
3. Hearing: 3%
4. Cognitive: 0%
5. None: 89%
6. Other (please specify): 1%

Of the 4 respondents who indicated other, their responses were: general aging; white, conservative male; respiratory; and Rheumatoid arthritis-not everyone can ride a bike.



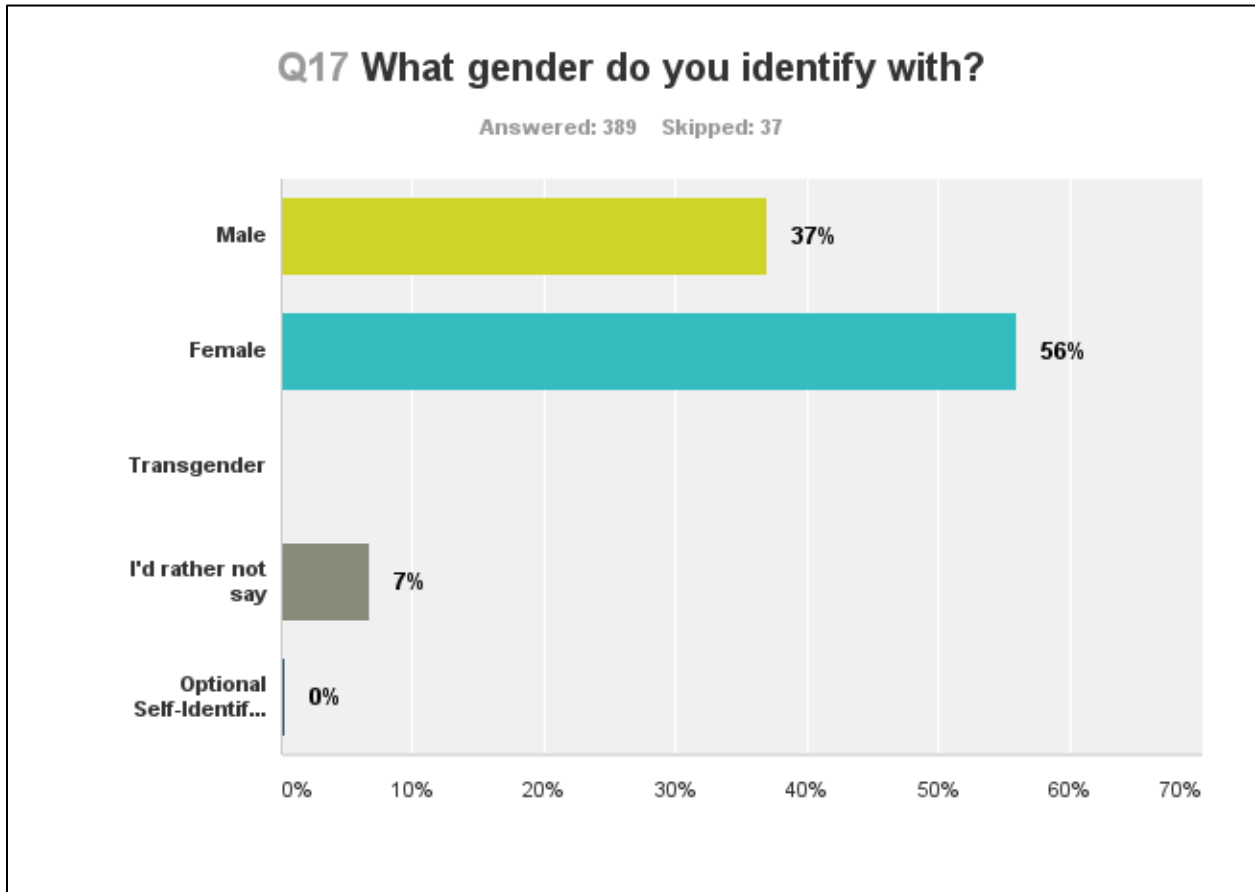
Question 16: What race/ethnicity best describes you?

1. American Indian or Alaska Native: 0%
2. Asian or Pacific Islander: 5%
3. Black or African-American: 0%
4. Hispanic or Latino: 1%
5. White or Caucasian: 75%
6. Two or more races: 3%
7. I'd rather not say: 13%
8. Other (please specify): 3%



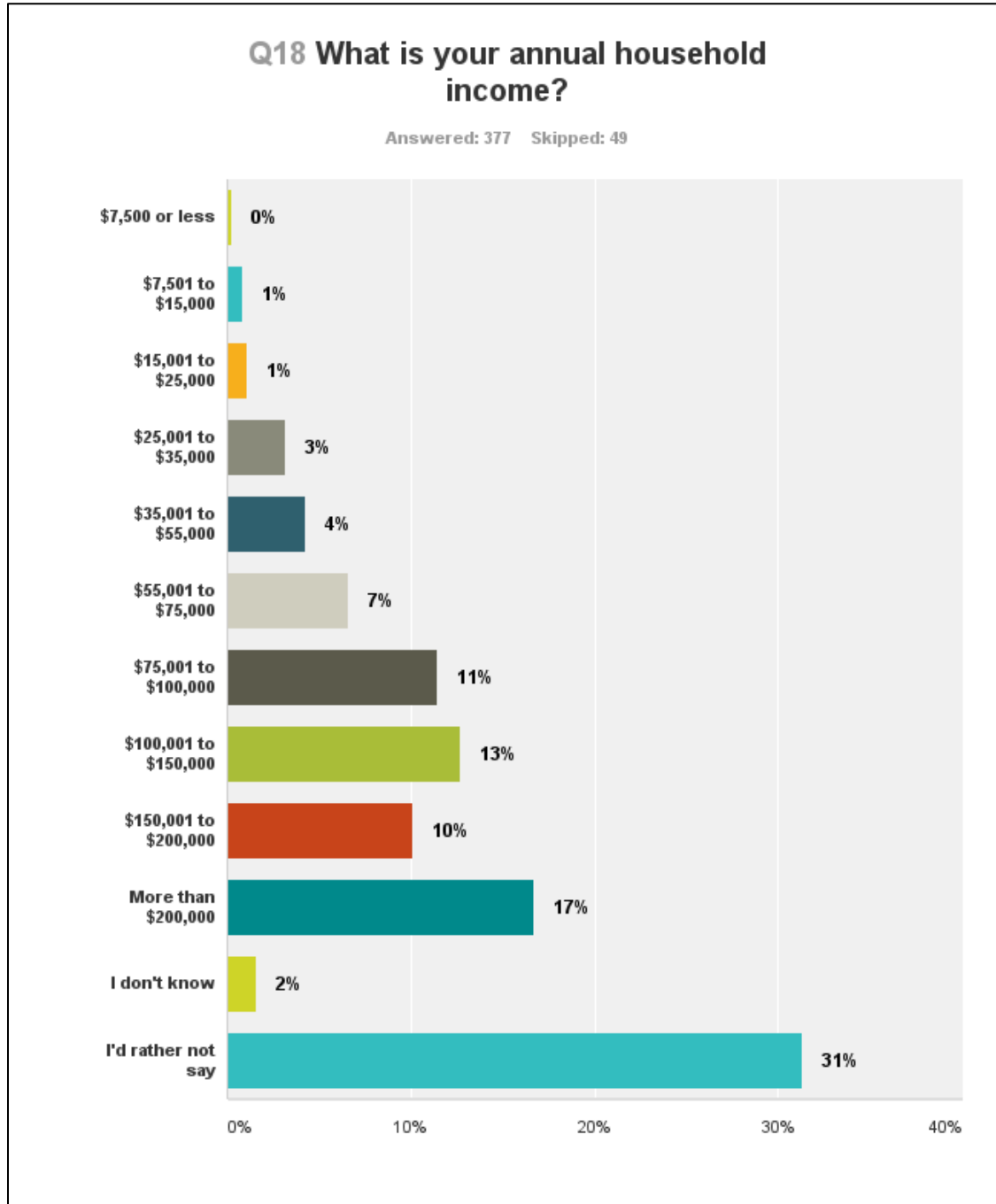
Question 17: What gender do you identify with?

1. Male: 37%
2. Female: 56%
3. Transgender: 0%
4. I'd rather no say: 7%
5. Optional Self-Identification: 0%



Question 18: What is your annual household income?

10% of respondents have an annual household income between \$0 and \$55,000 per year, 18% between \$55,000 and \$100,000, 23% between \$100,000 and \$200,000, and 17% over \$200,000. 31% of respondents preferred not to say.



Question 19: How did you learn about this safety corridor project? (Pick all that apply)

The top five ways that respondents learned about the project were:

1. Friend/neighbor/family member: 27%
2. City of Seattle/SDOT email: 22%
3. Blog: 19%
4. Twitter: 17%
5. Facebook: 17%

Q19 How did you learn about this safety corridor project? (Pick all that apply)

Answered: 389 Skipped: 37

