

# Puget Sound Regional Household Travel Survey Program

Transit-Oriented Development Committee

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# Overview



- Intro to the Household Travel Survey (HTS) Program
- Transit Trends\*
- Centers Data\*
- 2023 presentation schedule & 2025 survey

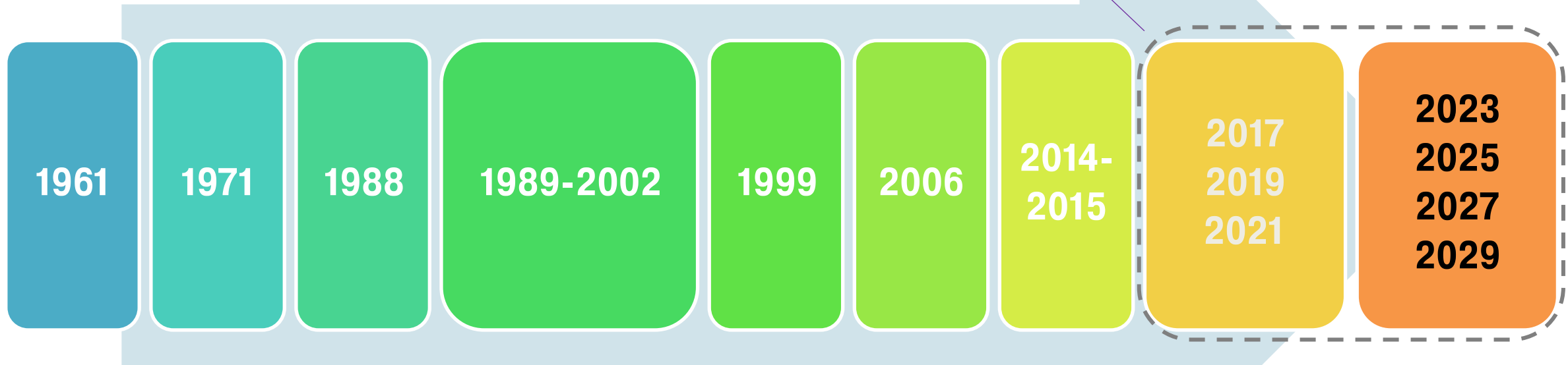
\* Unless otherwise noted, all data reported are from Puget Sound Regional Household Travel Surveys



# Puget Sound Regional Travel Studies

## More frequent snapshots

allows for more timely analysis & monitoring of trends. Data can be combined across years.



Webpage: <https://www.psrc.org/household-travel-survey-program>



# Multi-year HTS Program

**Program goal:** The surveys seek to capture quality, regionally representative data for activity and travel behaviors of residents on a typical weekday.

## Motivations

- Frequent snapshots, ability to combine multiple years of data
- “Smoother” budgets & labor roles
- More flexibility & opportunities for add-ons



# Uses of HTS data



## Analysis

- Most recent regional travel behaviors & patterns
- Trends: comparisons with previous surveys

## Model development

- SoundCast
  - Activity-based travel model system
  - Estimate activity/travel choice models
- UrbanSim
  - Parcel-based land use model system
  - Estimate residential location choice model





# Information in the HTS data

**Who** is traveling?

**Where** are they going?

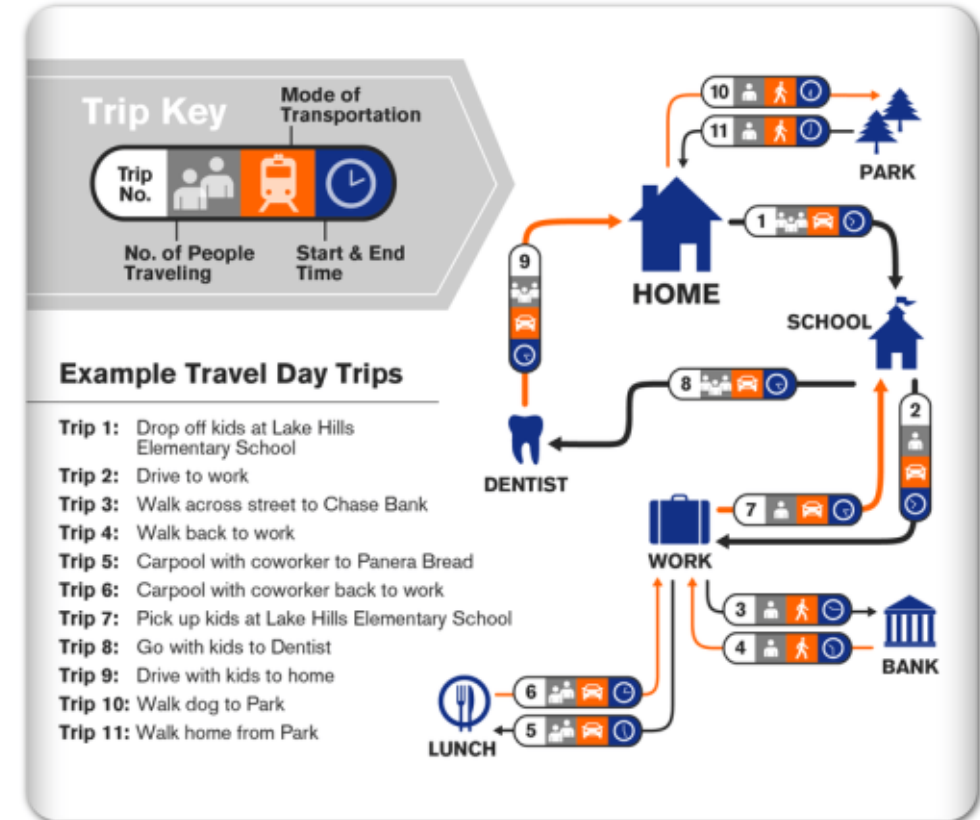
**When** do they travel?

**Why** are they going?

**How** do they get there?

## Planning/policy questions

- How much do people walk?
- How does transit use vary by race?
- What kinds of households get home deliveries?
- How often do workers typically telecommute?
- What households are displaced from their homes?



# 2017, 2019, & 2023 samples

## Representative samples

### 2017 sample

- 3,275 households
- Redmond & Seattle add-ons

### 2019 sample

- 3,044 households
- Seattle add-on

### 2023 sample

- 3,661 households
- Bellevue & Seattle add-ons

## Sampling & stratifications

- Random address sample from USPS
- Targeted areas for oversampling
  - People of color, low income, no vehicles, renters, young adults, Regional Growth Centers
- Lower expected response rates including rural areas



2023 PUGET SOUND REGIONAL  
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The banner features a grid of images: a ferry, a lighthouse, a cyclist, a person walking on a rainbow crosswalk, a scenic view of a bridge over water, and a bus stop. It includes icons for various modes of transport (walking, bicycle, car, bus, train) and logos for the Puget Sound Regional Council and Seattle Department of Transportation.



# The 2023 HTS data – The connections are the magic

## Directly observed demographics:

- Age
- Disability (new)
- Education
- Gender
- Income
- Race & ethnicity
- Sexuality (new)

## Examples of planning topics for analysis:

- Active travel
- Electric vehicle charging (new)
- Home deliveries
- Public transit use
- Residential displacement
- Shopping & travel purposes
- Working at home
- Vehicle miles travel & greenhouse gas emissions





# Transit Trends



# Overall Trends

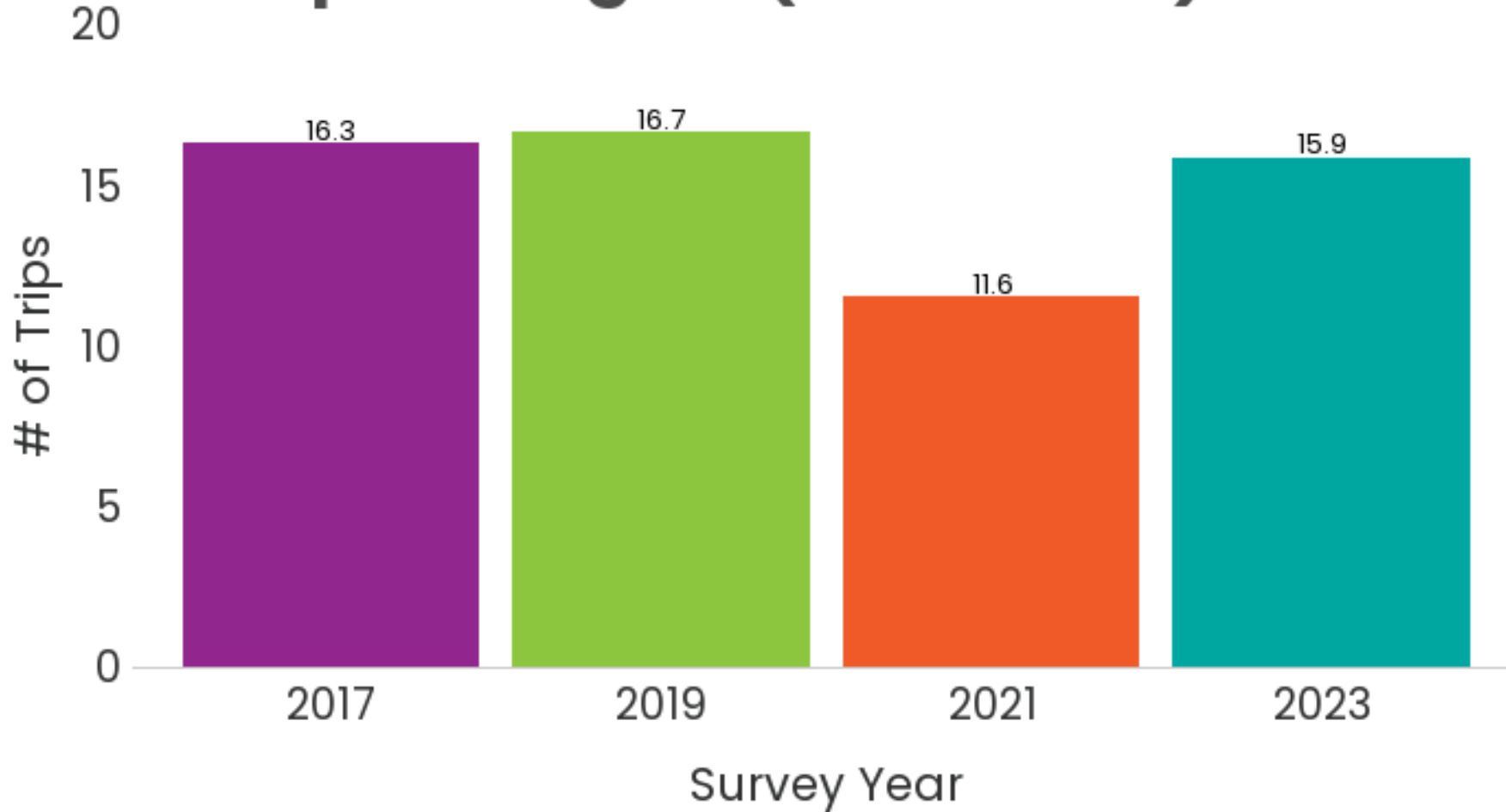
## Trip Mode Share By County (2023)

Trip Mode Share	Home County				
Trip Mode	King	Kitsap	Pierce	Snohomish	Region
Drive Alone	45%	46%	39%	45%	44%
Carpool	37%	38%	48%	46%	41%
Transit	5%	6%	4%	3%	5%
Walking	11%	10%	9%	5%	10%
Bike/Micromobility	1.7%	0.3%	0.5%	0.5%	1.1%



# Overall Trends

## Total Trips in Region (in millions)



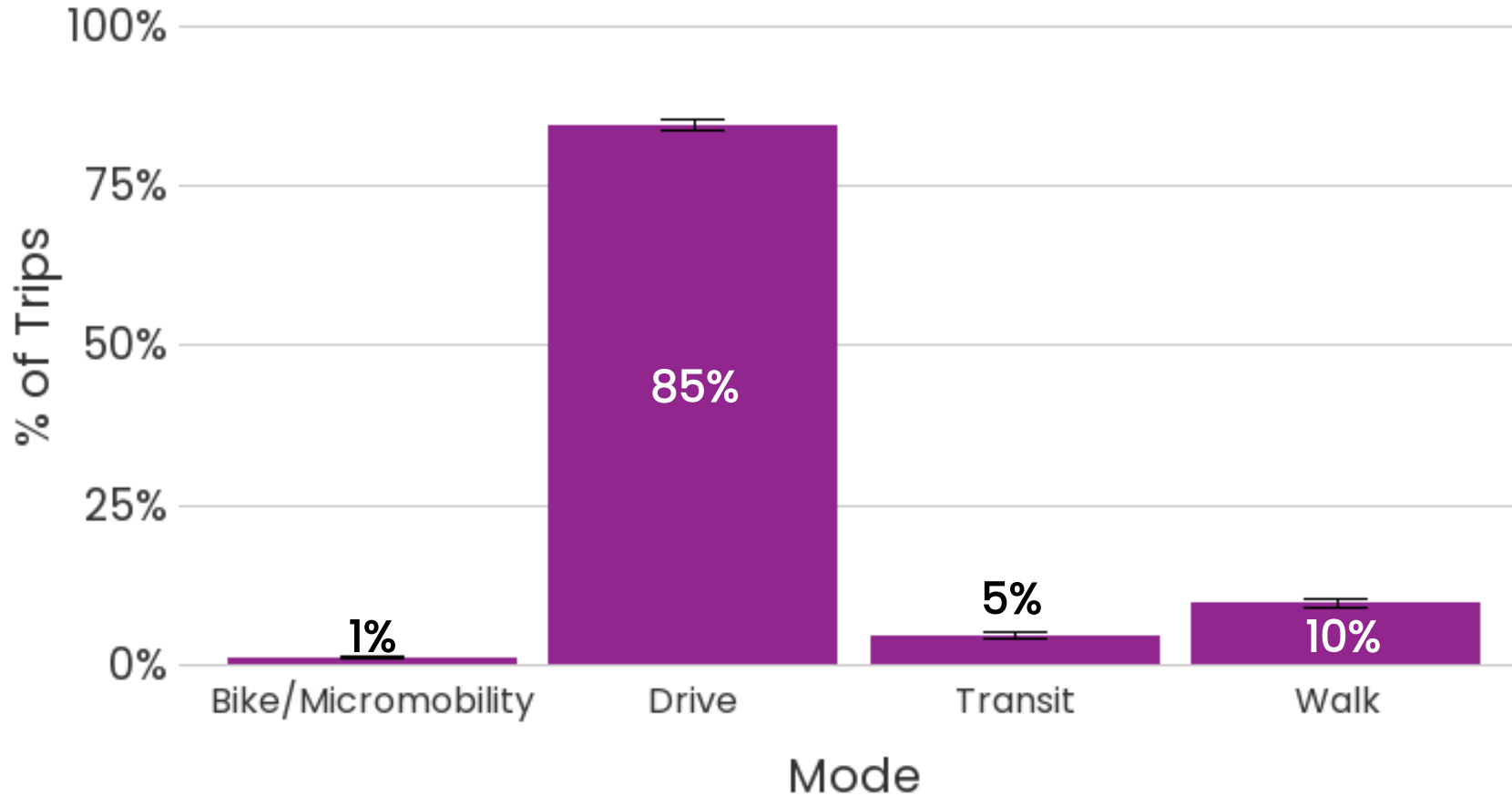
Number of trips made by residents on an average weekday in 2023 is nearly back to pre-pandemic level.





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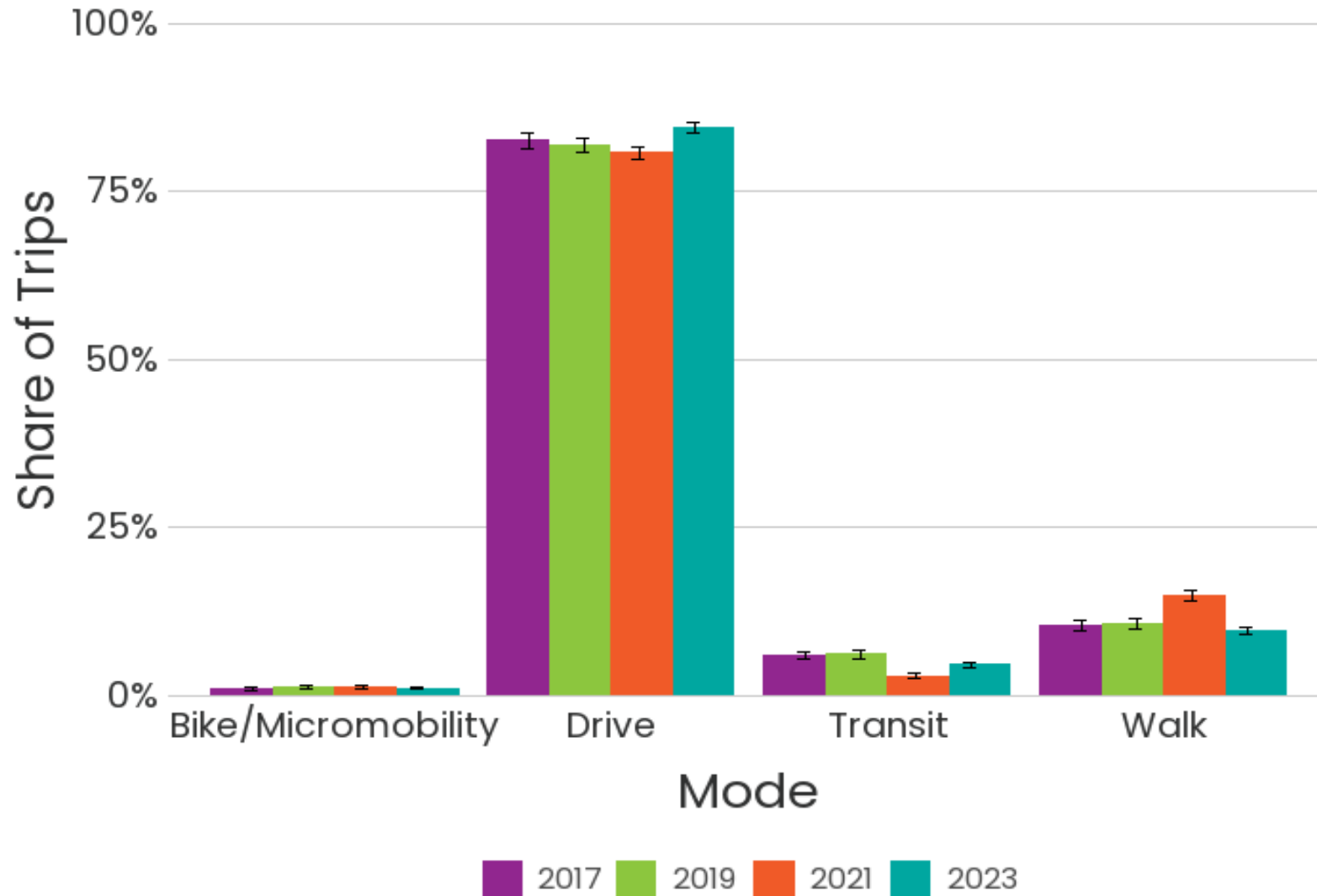
## Trips by Mode - Share (2023)



On an average weekday, 5% of trips are made by transit.



# Overall Trends



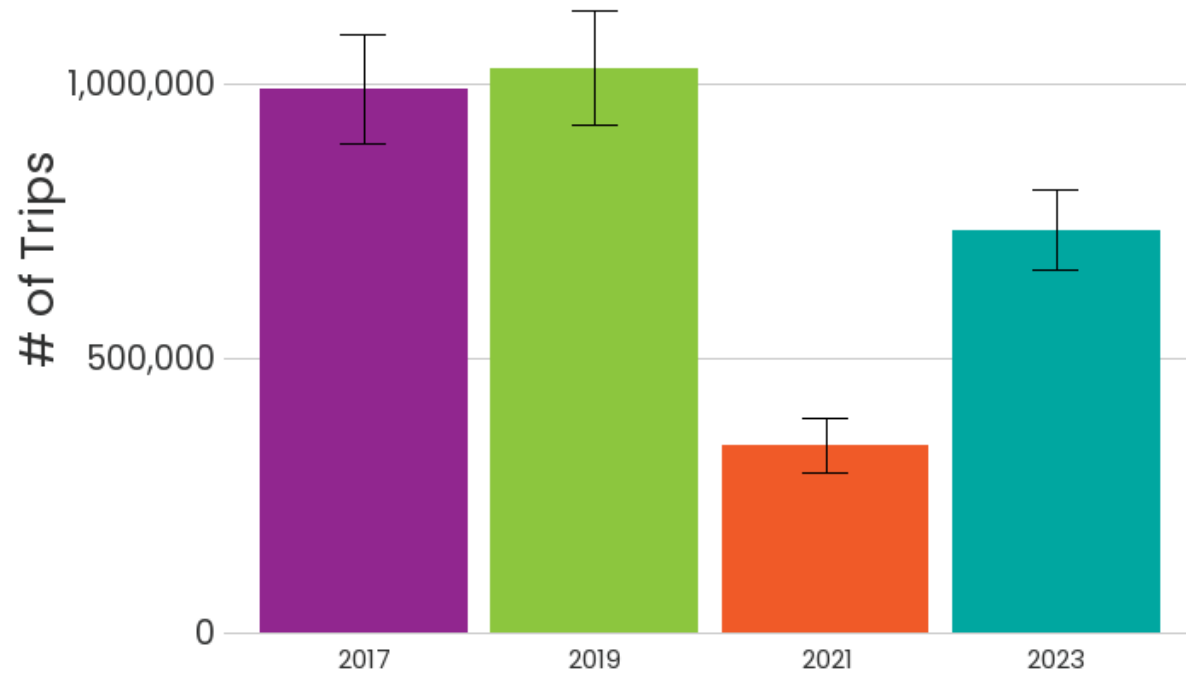
In 2023, walking decreased to pre-pandemic level and transit saw increase.



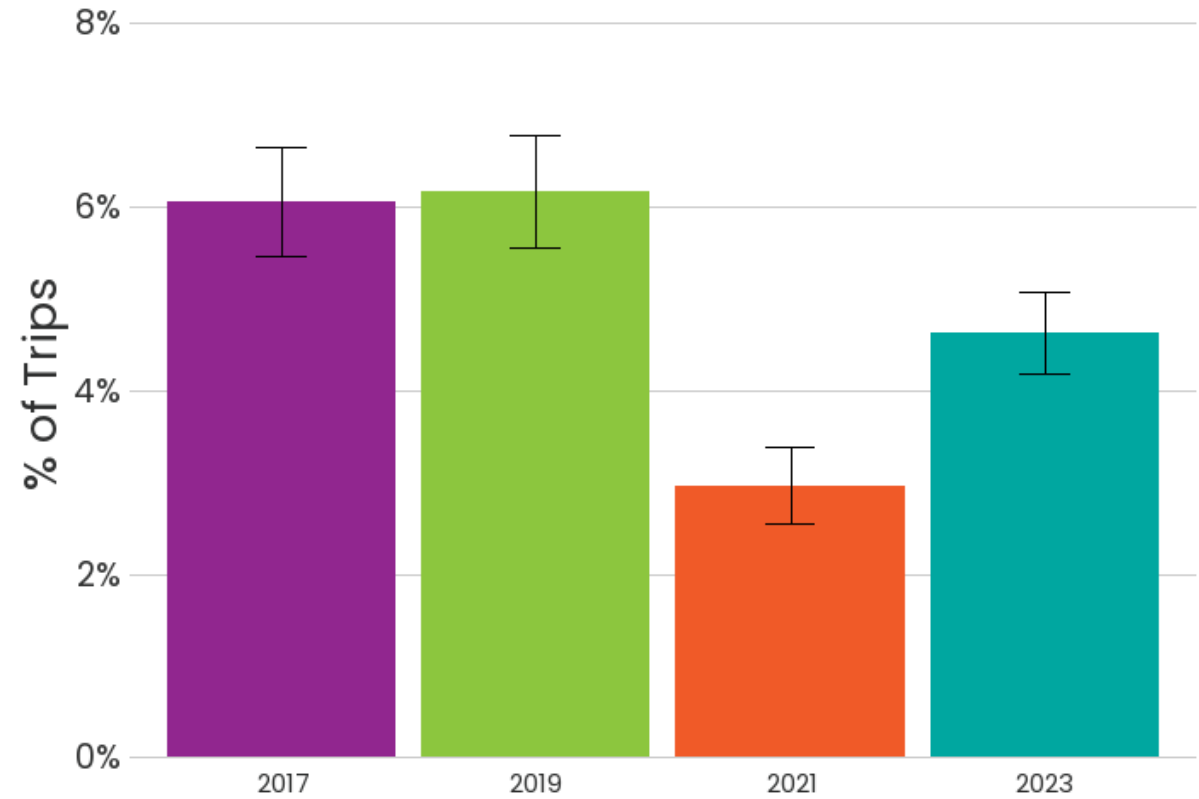
# Transit Trips

## Transit trips started to rebound in 2023

Transit Trips - Count



Transit Trips - Share



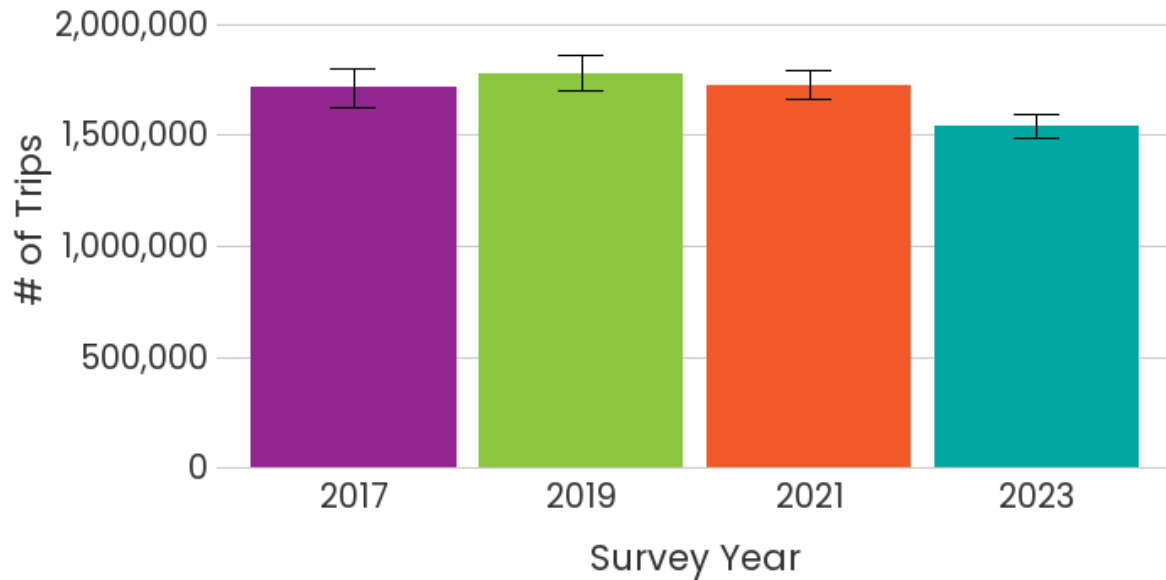


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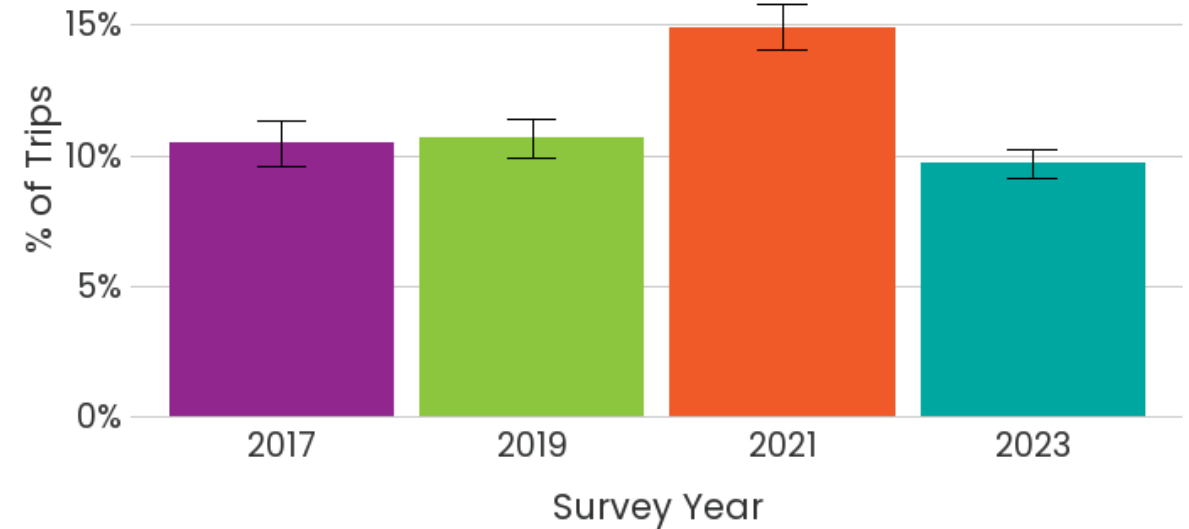
- Count of walking trips on an average weekday decreased from 2021

- Share of trips made by walking in 2023 is similar to pre-pandemic years

## Walk Trips - Count



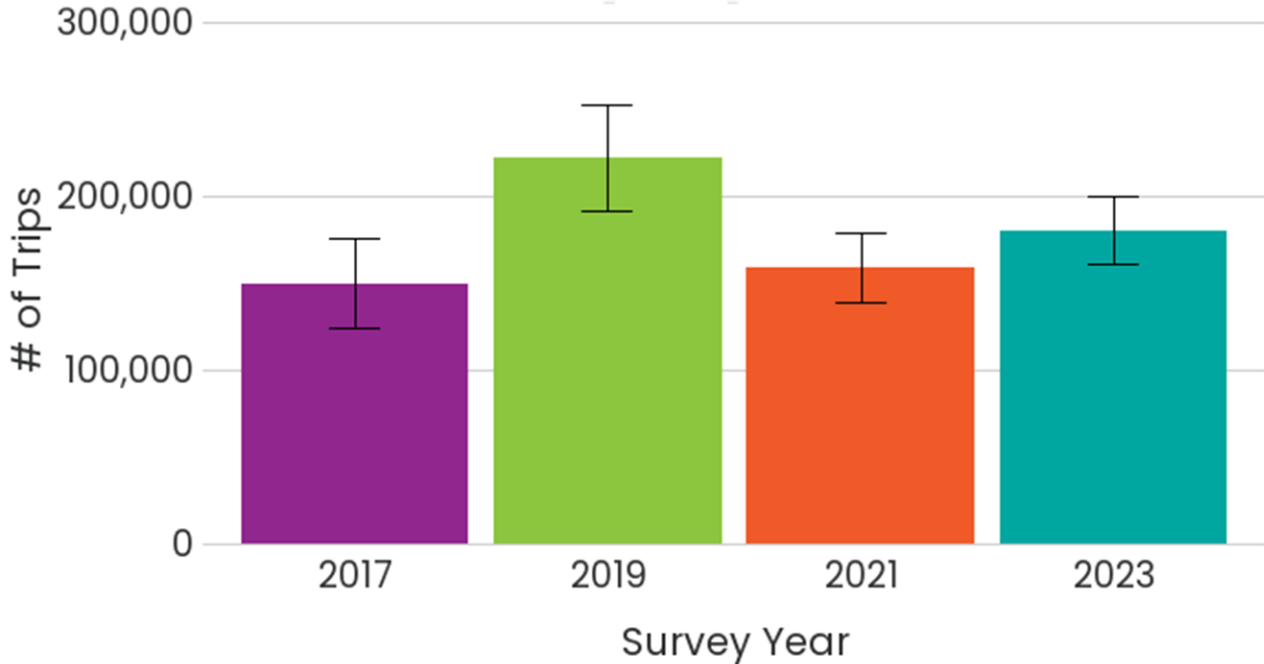
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# Bike & Micromobility Trips

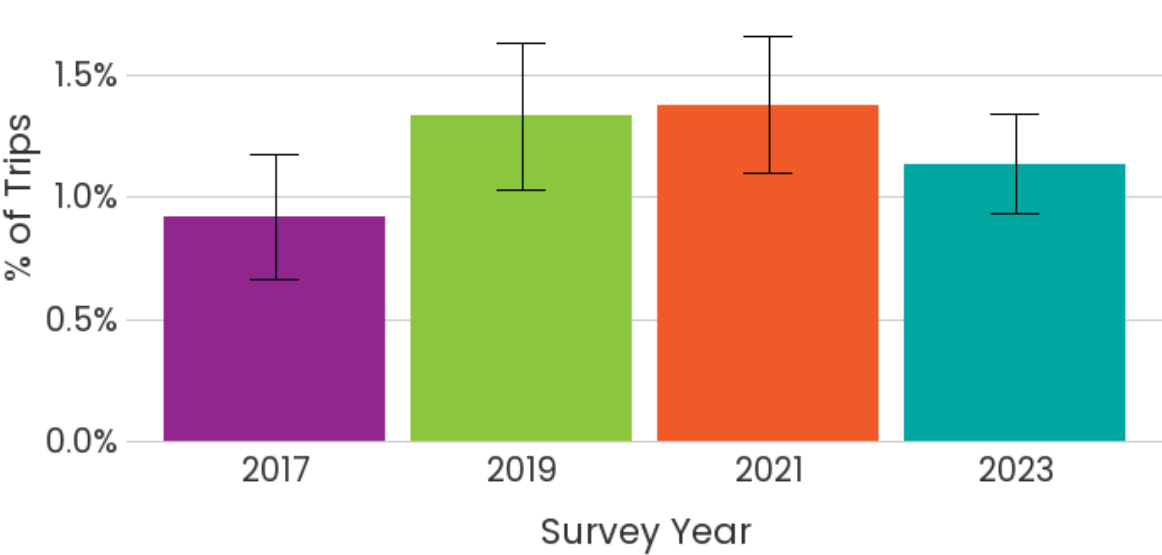
- Count of trips made by bicycle or micromobility fell in 2021 and began to recover in 2023

Bike & Micromobility Trips – Count



- Share of trips made by bicycle or micromobility has remained around 1% in all four survey years
- In 2023, 9% of people said they biked within the last 30 days

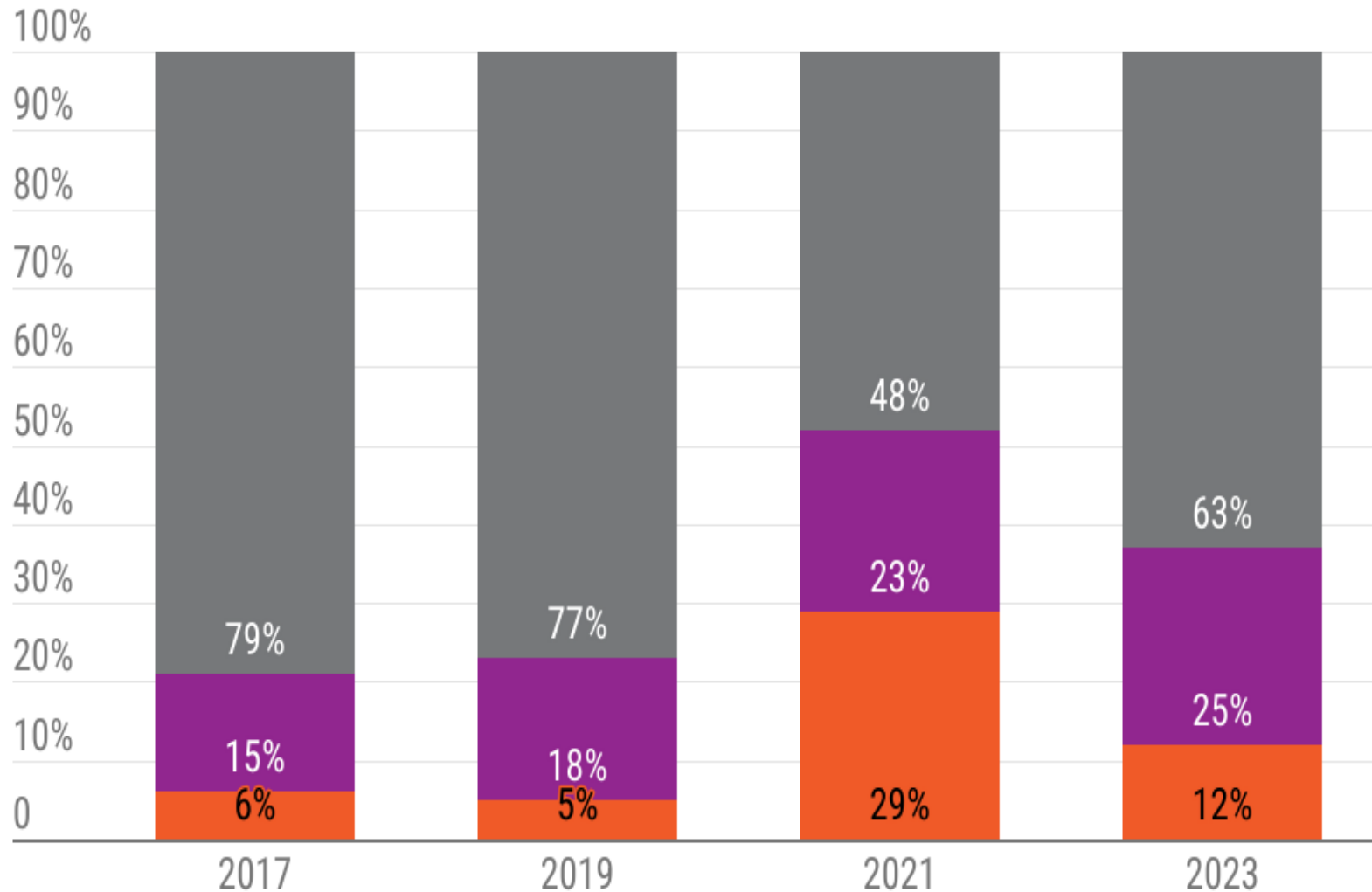
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# Work at Home Trends

% of workers regionally

● Fully At Home ● Hybrid ● Fully in Person

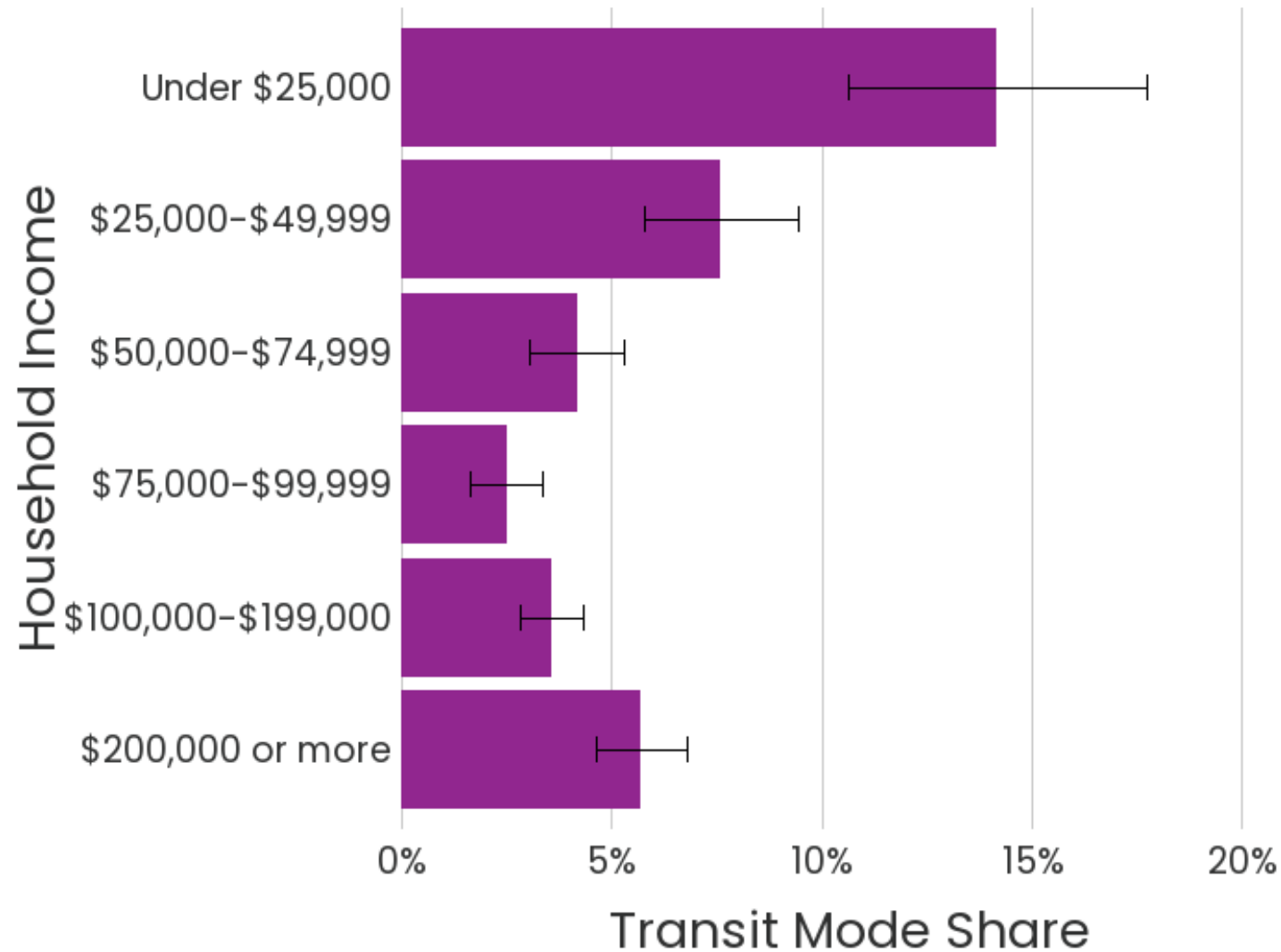


Remote work peaked in 2021. Working fully in person increased in 2023.





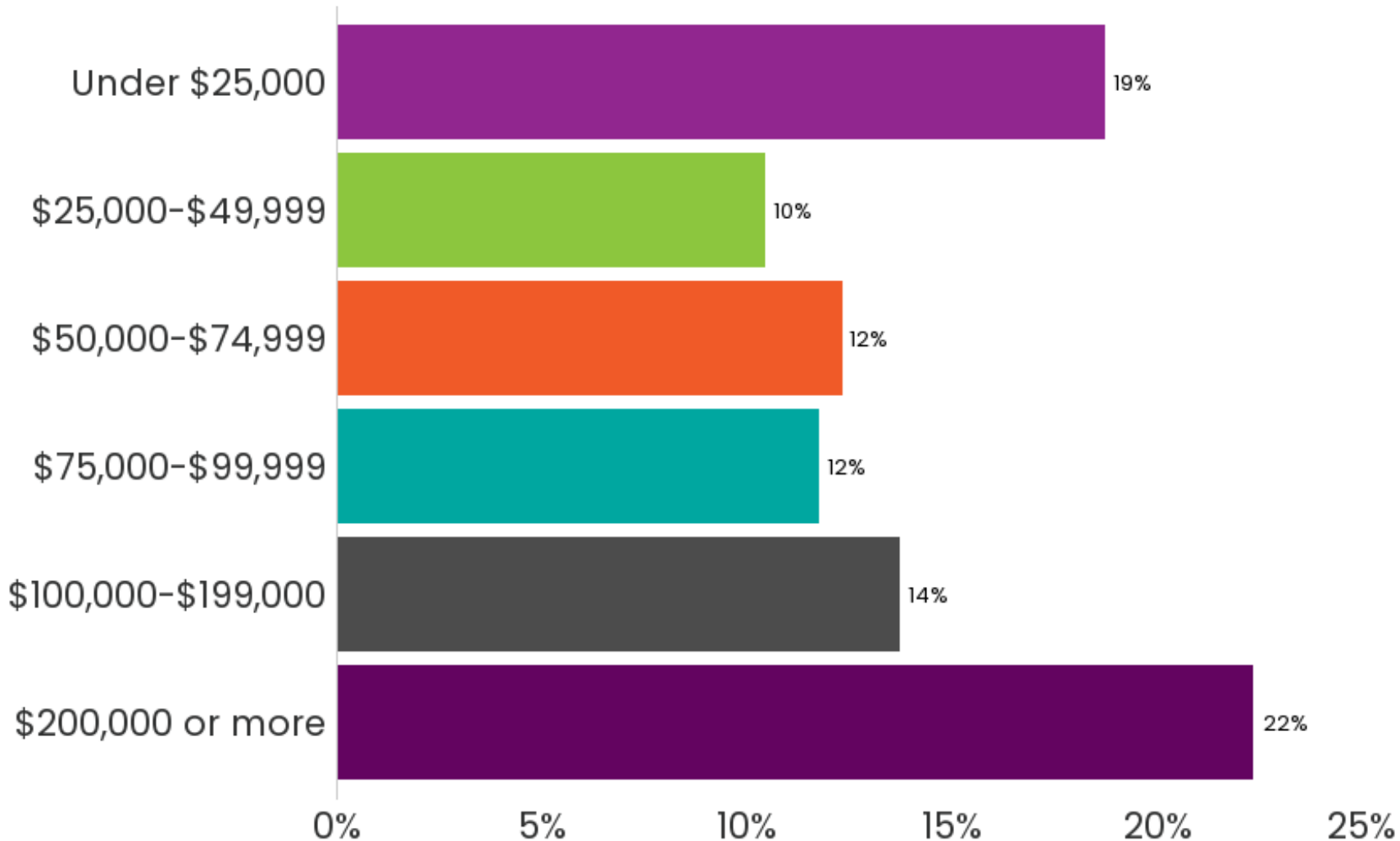
# Transit Mode Share by Income (2023)



Lower income households use transit more than any other income bracket.



# Worker Share with Fully Subsidized Transit by Household Income

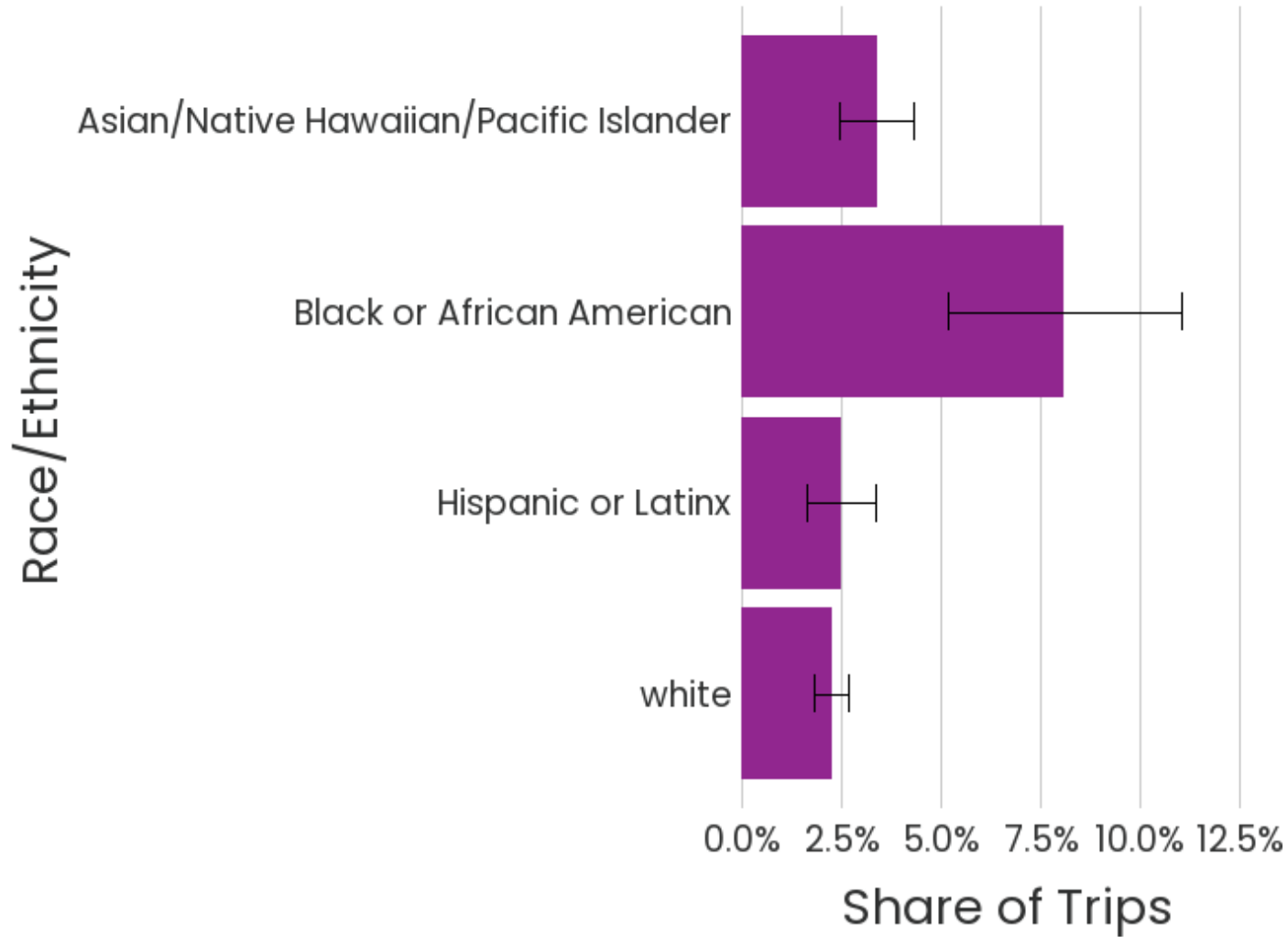


This question focused on workers who received free transit passes.

Transit subsidy is C-shaped with respect to income, with those in the lowest and highest income groups being more likely to have pass or fare subsidies from their employers.



# Transit Mode Share by Race (2023)

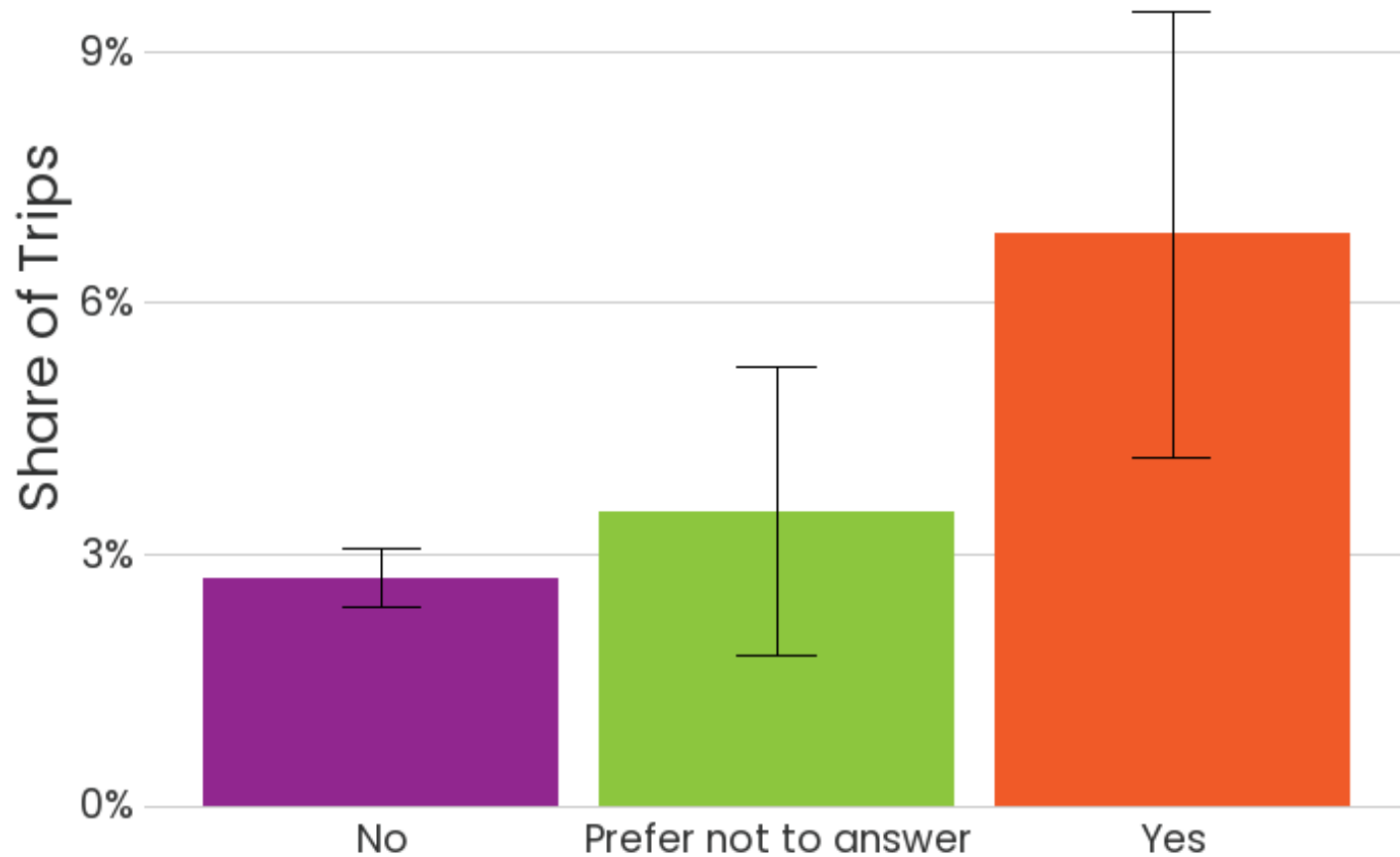


Black or African American residents use on transit more than other communities.





# Share of Transit Trips by Disability Status (2023)



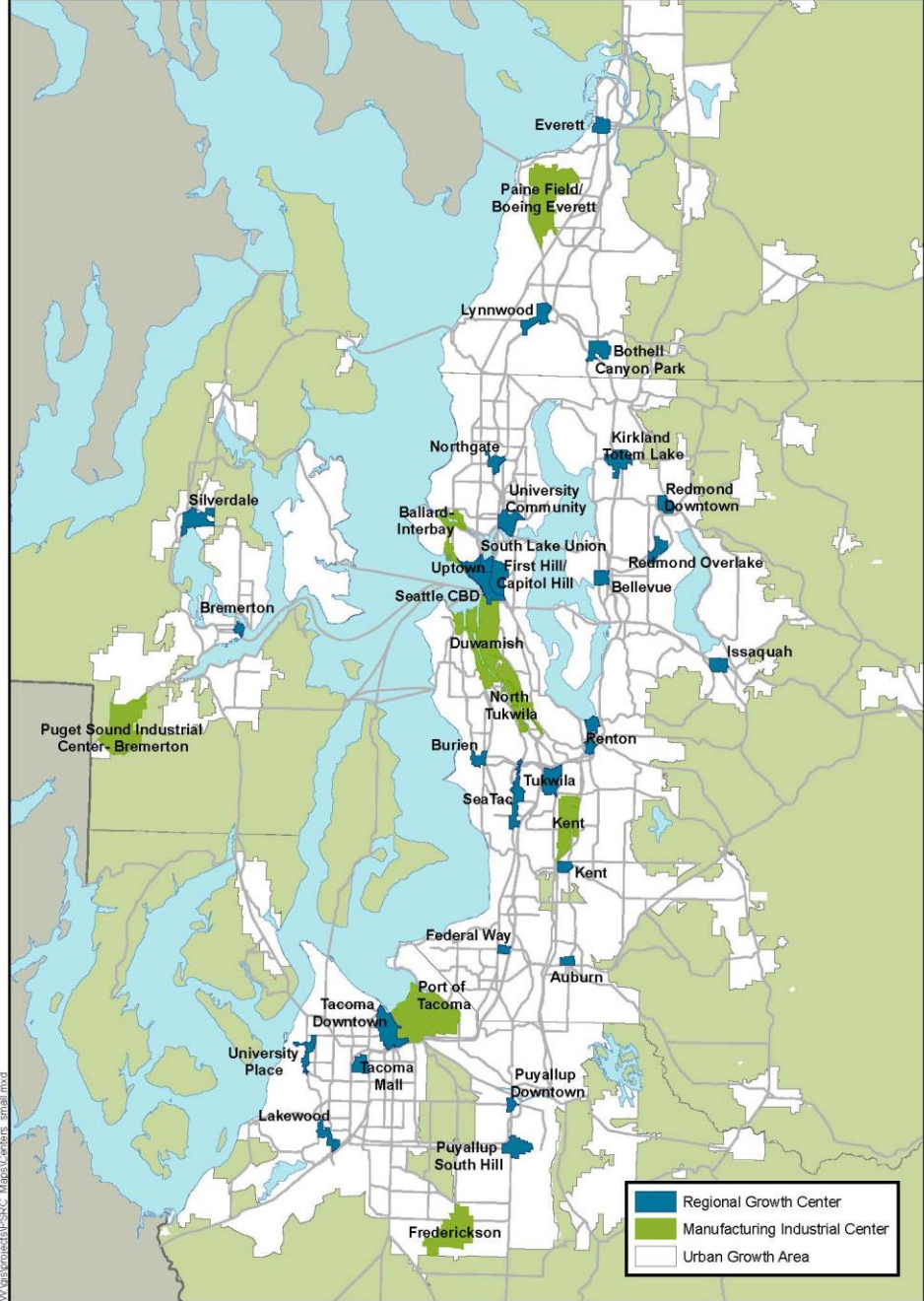
People who identified as having a disability use transit more than those who do not.



# Centers Trends



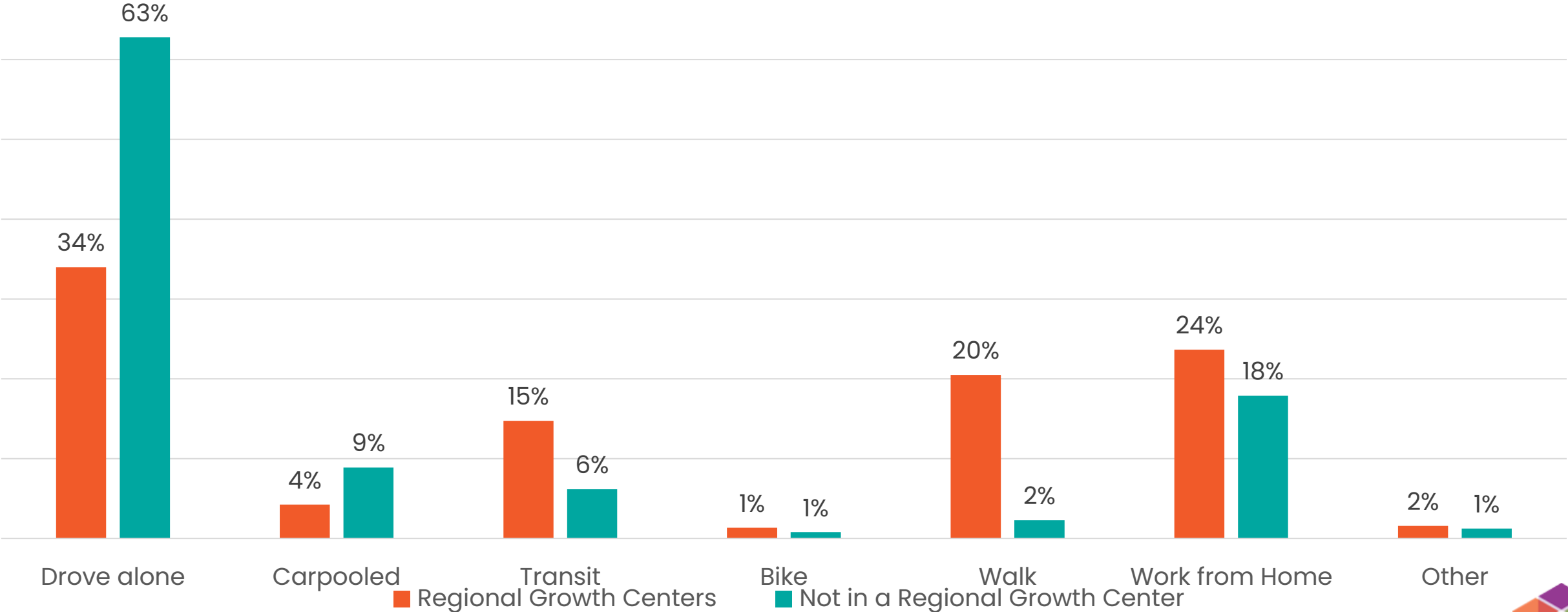
Regional Growth Centers and Manufacturing/Industrial Centers



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# Mode to Work for Residents (2010, 2022 Census Data)

Residents of centers drive alone to work at almost half the rate of residents of the rest of the region and walk to work at a rate 10 times higher.

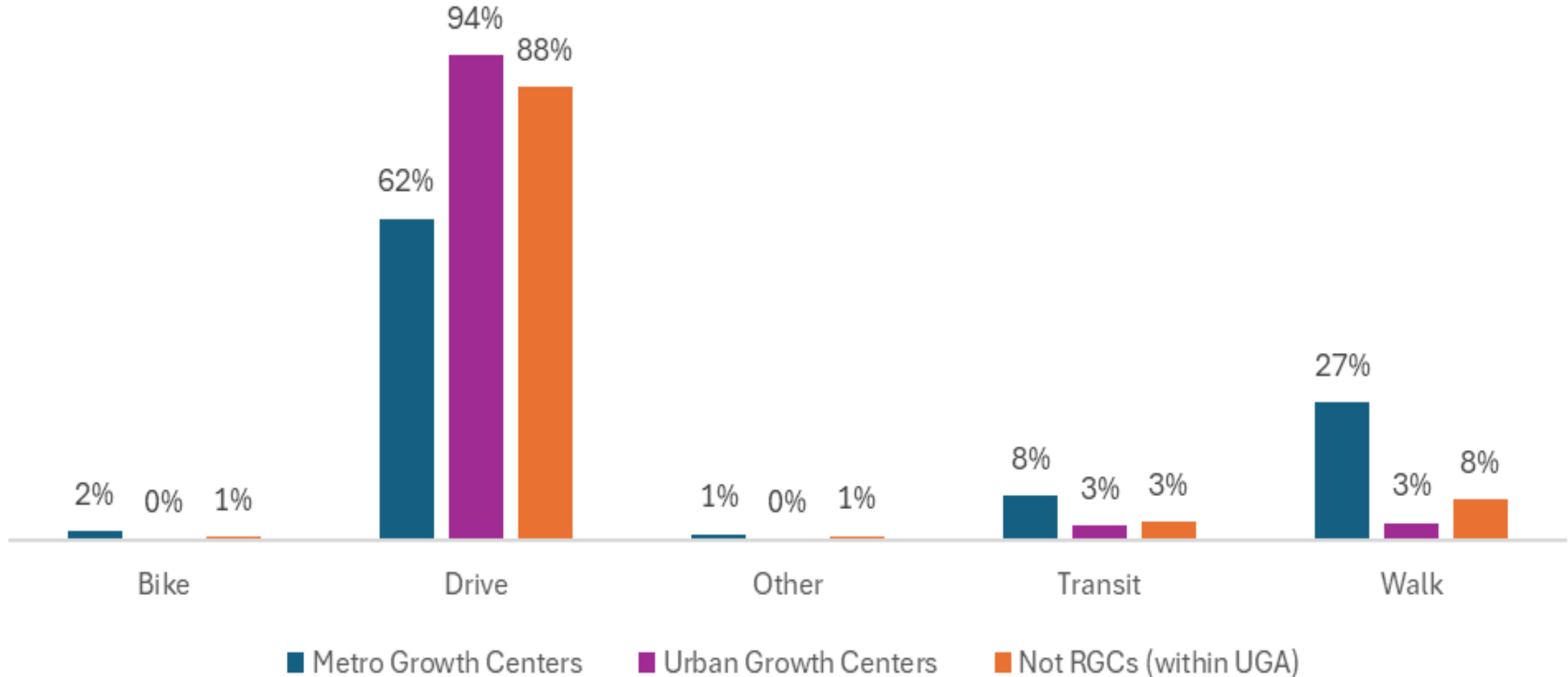


Source: 2010, 2022 5-year ACS, B08301



# Mode of All Trips Based on Destination

As a destination, metro growth centers have the highest share of trips via walking, transit, and biking.

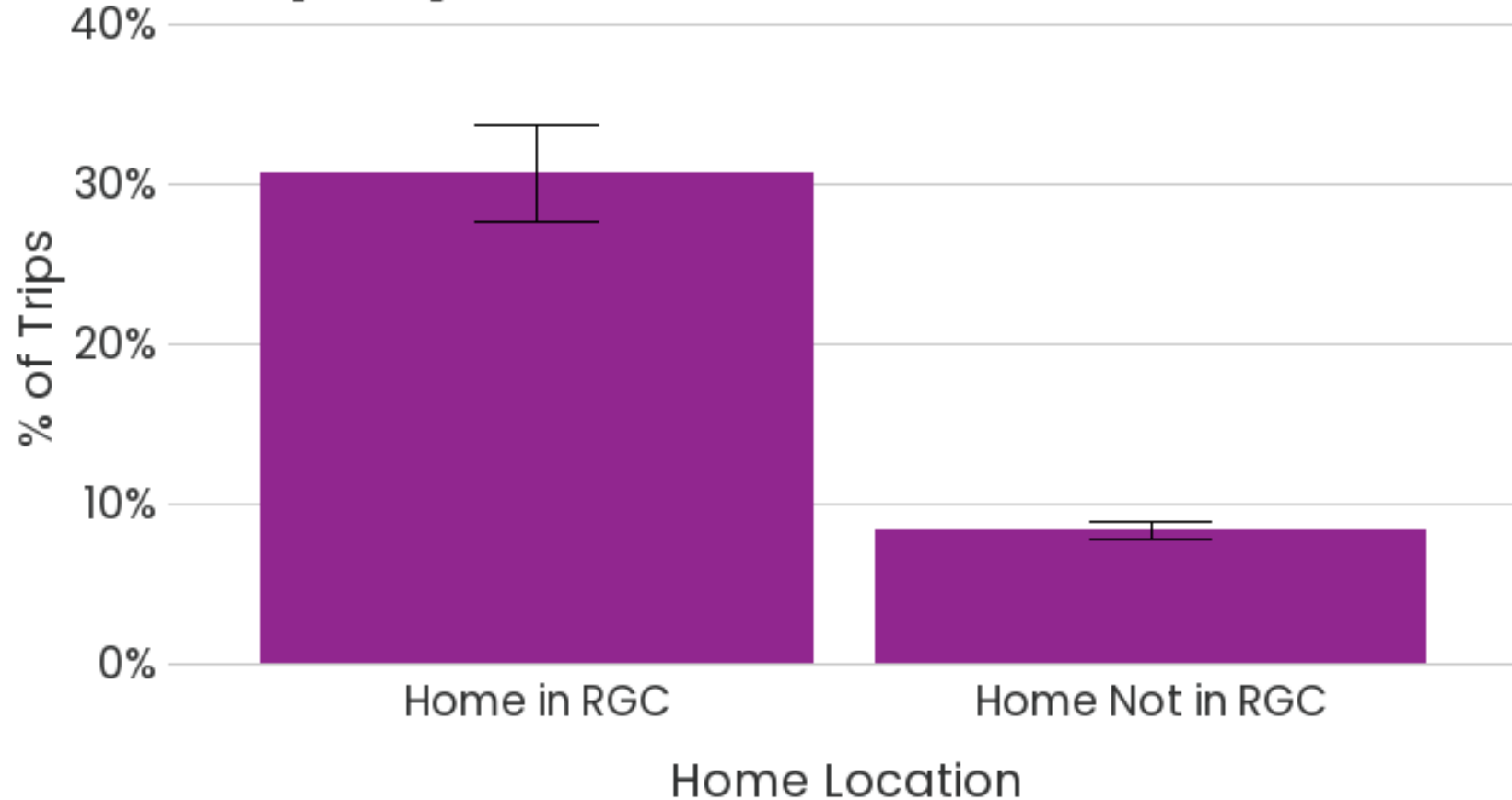




# Walking by Geography

- People who live in regional growth centers made 30% of trips by walking

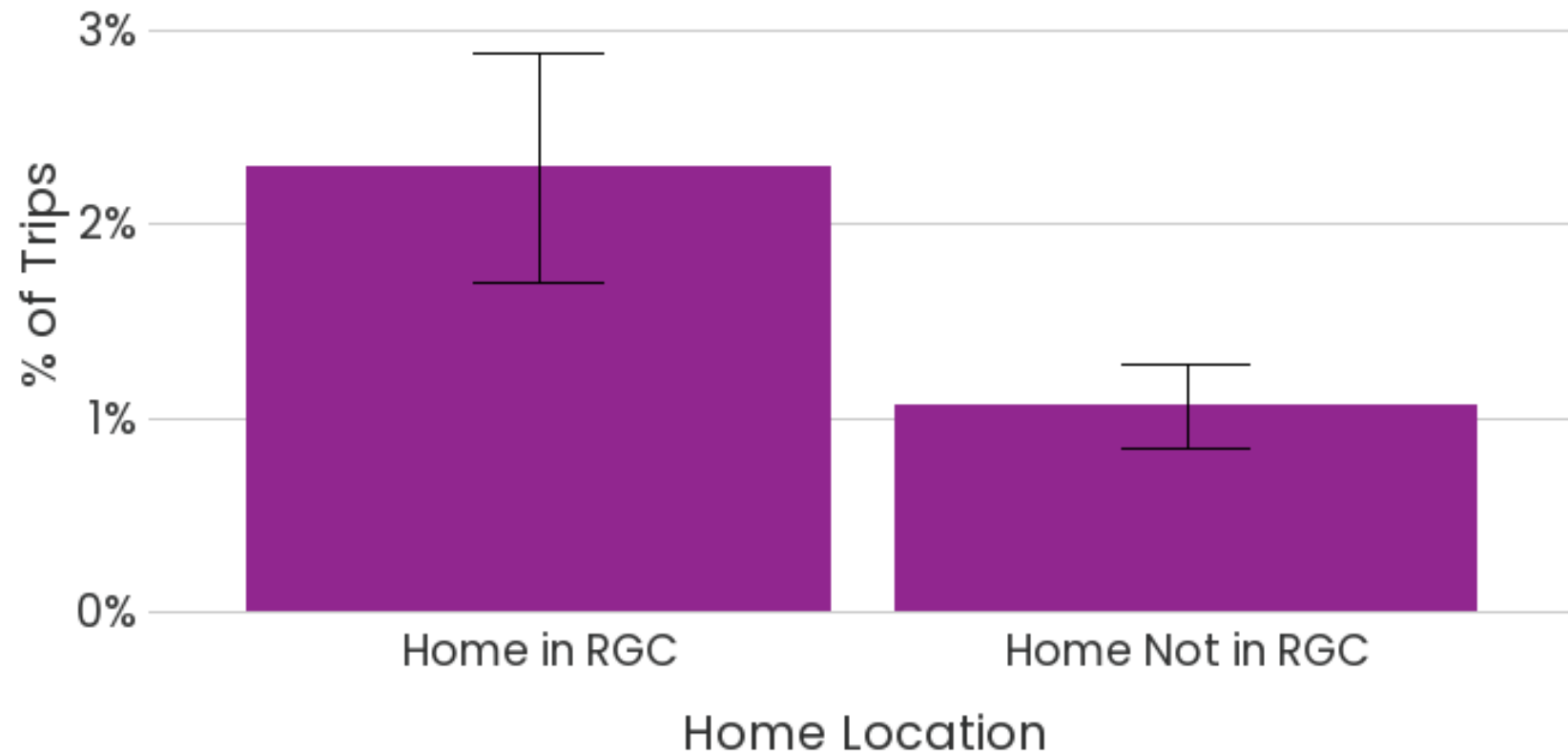
## Walk Trips by Home in RGCs - Share (2023)



# Biking by Geography

- People living in regional growth centers had twice the share of bike & micromobility trips than those not in Regional Growth Centers

## Bike Trips by Home in RGCs - Share (2023)



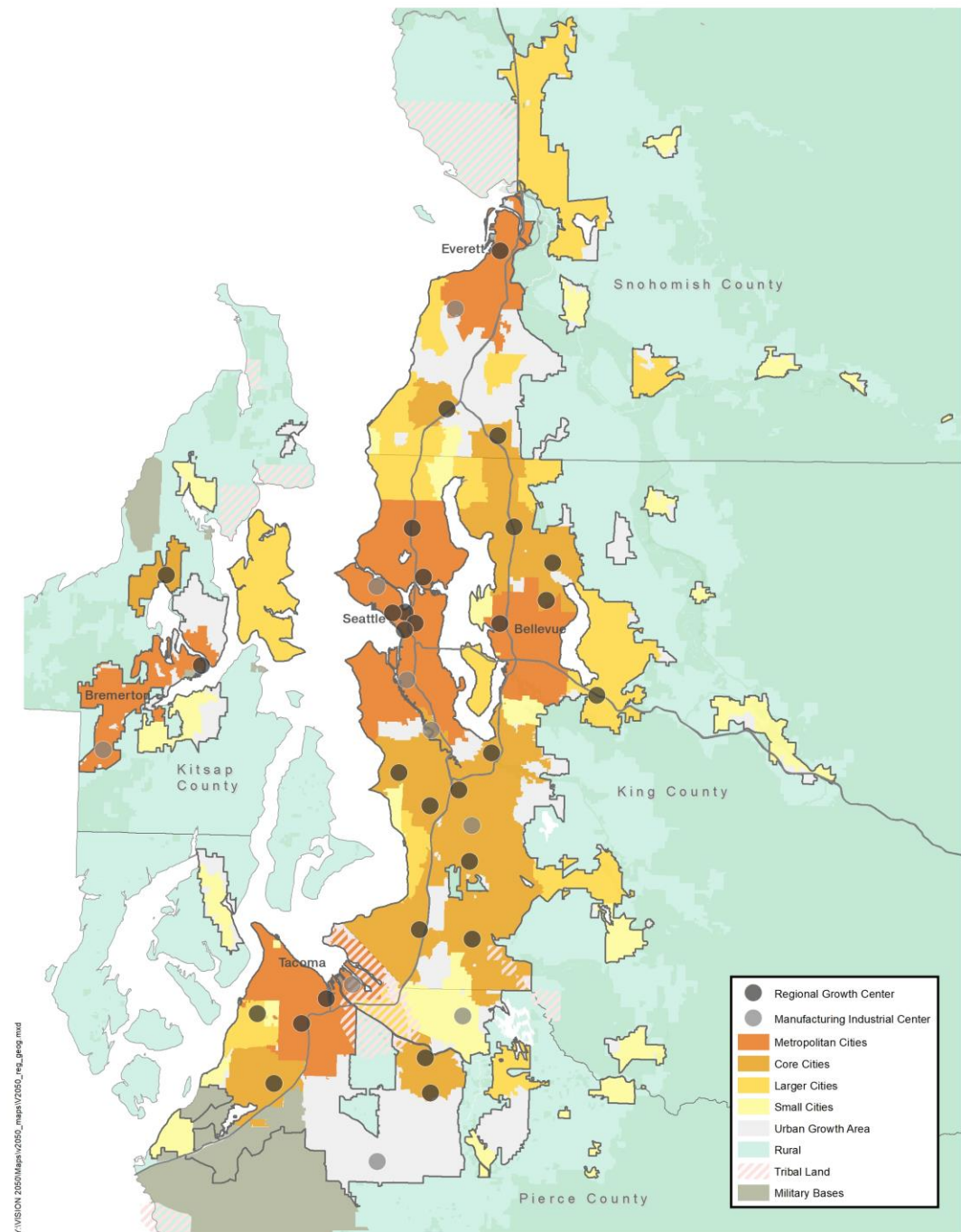
# Average Weekday Vehicle Miles Travel per Resident by Home Location (2023)

By Regional Growth Center (RGC)	
Home Location	Vehicle Miles Traveled per resident
All RGCs	10.2
Not in RGC/In UGA	15.2
Outside UGA	24.8
Region	15.5



# Average Weekday Vehicle Miles Travel per Resident by Home Location (2023)

Metro Cities	11.7
Core Cities	14.6
HCT Communities	16.1
Cities & Towns	21.3
Urban Unincorporated	not enough households to report
Rural	24.8
Region	15.5



# Key Takeaways

- Fully working from home doubled from 2017 to 2023
- The lowest income households use transit the most
- Workers in the lowest and highest income groups have the highest shares of employer subsidized transit passes
- Walking has decreased to pre-pandemic levels while transit has recovered some but not completely
- People with disabilities rely on transit more than those who do not have a disability
- Residents of Regional Growth Centers drive less, use transit more, and take more bike and walk trips





# 2023 HTS presentation schedule

Group	Date	Time	Topic
<a href="#">Transportation Demand Management (TDM)</a>	8/27 Tue	10am- 12pm	Workplaces, commutes, telework
<a href="#">Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)</a>	9/10 Tue	10am- 12pm	Walk, bike, roll
<a href="#">Coordinated Mobility &amp; Accessibility Committee (CMAC)</a>	9/18 Wed	9:30- 11:30am	People with disabilities, older adults, youth, people with lower income, people with limited English proficiency
Transit-Oriented Development (TOD)	9/20 Fri	10am- 12pm	Transit & other modes, Regional Growth Centers (RGC) & High-Capacity Transit (HCT) communities
Freight Advisory Committee (FAC)	10/9 Wed	9:30- 11am	Deliveries & other travels induced by residents
Transit Operator Committees (TOC)	10/23 Wed	10am- 12pm	Focus on transit behaviors
Regional Staff Committee (RSC)	11/21 Thu	9:30- 11:30am	Highlights from all topics



# 2025 HTS Timeline

2024	October	Start 2025 HTS project with consultants
2025	February – June	Data collection
	July	Data cleaning, processing, weighting begins
2026	March	Final data delivery & publication







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**Thank You!**



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