

Seattle Commute Survey Questions 2024

Thank you for participating in the Seattle Commute Survey!

Help Seattle plan for more transportation choices! The core survey will take around 5 minutes to complete with the option to answer additional questions for a chance to win a gift card.

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Q2 Please select or enter the name of your company, employer, or site you are taking this survey as a part of. (Drop down list of options, company specific URL should have this field completed already.)

If Survey is for University

Q3 Which of the following best describes your status?

- Student
- Employee
- Both Student and Employee

If Q3 = Employee

Q4a Please enter the full address of your worksite (e.g. 1800 9th Ave, Seattle, WA 98101)

If Q3 = Student

Q4b Please enter the full address of your school / institution (e.g. 1410 NE Campus Parkway, Seattle, WA 98195)

Q5 Which of the following best describes your work schedule?

- 5 days/8 hours (5/8s)
- 4 days/10 hours (4/10s)
- 9 days in two weeks (9/80)
- 3 days/12 hours (3/12s)
- Part-time (less than 32 hours per week)
- Other (please specify) _____

Q6 When do you typically begin work?

- 6 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
- 9:01 a.m. - 11:59 a.m.
- Noon - 2:59 p.m.
- 3 p.m. - 5:59 p.m.
- 6 p.m. - 8:59 p.m.
- 9 p.m. - 11:59 p.m.
- Midnight - 2:59 a.m.
- 3 a.m. - 5:59 a.m.

Q7 When do you typically end work?

- 6 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
- 9:01 a.m. - 11:59 a.m.
- Noon - 2:59 p.m.

- 3 p.m. - 5:59 p.m.
- 6 p.m. - 8:59 p.m.
- 9 p.m. - 11:59 p.m.
- Midnight - 2:59 a.m.
- 3 a.m. - 5:59 a.m.

Q8 Currently, during a typical week, how do you get to work each day?

	Bus	Train Light Rail Streetcar	Ferry	Vanpool	Carpool	Employer shuttle	Taxi Uber Lyft	Drive alone	Motorcycle	Scooter	Bike	Walk	Remote Work	Other	Day Off
Mon															
Tue															
Wed															
Thu															
Fri															
Sat															
Sun															

If Q8 = Carpool then

Q9a How many people (aged 16 or older), are usually in your carpool, including yourself?

If Q8 = Vanpool then

Q9b How many people (aged 16 or older) on average are in your vanpool (including you)? (2 to 11+)

If Q8 = Motorcycle then

Q9c How many people (aged 16 or older) on average ride on your motorcycle (including you)?

If Q8 = Uber/Lyft/Taxi then

Q9d How many passengers/riders on average are in your Lyft/Uber/Taxi? (DO NOT COUNT THE DRIVER)

If Q8= Ferry then

Q10a How do you typically get to the ferry?

- Bus
- Train/Light Rail/Streetcar
- Vanpool
- Carpool (2 or more people aged 16+)
- Taxi/Uber/Lyft
- Drive alone
- Motorcycle
- Scooter
- Bike
- Walk
- Other

If Q8= Light Rail/Train/Streetcar then

Q10b How do you typically get to the Light Rail?

- Bus

- Train/Streetcar
- Ferry
- Vanpool
- Carpool (2 or more people aged 16+)
- Taxi/Uber/Lyft
- Drive alone
- Motorcycle
- Scooter
- Bike
- Walk
- Other

If Q8 = Drive alone Or Carpool then

Q11a Which type of vehicle do you typically use when driving to work?

- Gasoline engine
- Diesel
- Electric
- Hybrid electric
- Other

If Q8 = Bike then

Q11b Which type of vehicle do you typically use when ____ to work?

- Manual
- Electric
- Gasoline engine
- Other

If Q8 = Scooter then

Q11c Which type of vehicle do you typically use when ____ to work?

- Manual
- Electric
- Gasoline engine
- Other

Q12a What is your estimated commute distance (from your starting location to your work location) in miles? (If you work from home, this is the distance from your home to your worksite's physical location.)

Miles _____

Q12b What is your estimated commute distance (from your starting location to your school location) in miles? (If you study/attend classes remotely, this is the distance from your home to your school's physical location.)

Miles _____

Q13 Please enter your home location zip code (e.g. 98101)

Home zip code _____

If Q8 = Drive Alone then

Q14 What are the main reasons you drive alone to work?

(Select up to three boxes)

- I like the convenience of having my car
- It is less expensive to drive

- Family care or other obligations (e.g., ability to run other errands, drop off household members at school or work)
- Being able to make additional stops before/after work (e.g., grabbing coffee, picking up groceries)
- It makes my commute significantly shorter than other commute types
- Public transit and other commute options not available
- I have access to free/subsidized parking
- I am concerned about safety when choosing another travel option
- I am concerned about spreading or catching an illness when choosing another travel option
- I am concerned about safety when walking or bicycling without access to dedicated bike lanes and sidewalks
- My job requires me to use a car
- There isn't any secure or covered bicycle parking at my worksite
- I need more information on alternative modes/I'm not sure how else to get to work
- Other (specify)

If Q8 = Drive alone then

Q15 What are the main reasons you do not drive alone to work?

(Select up to three boxes)

- I do not own a car
- It is less expensive than driving
- It is stressful to drive
- I use other options to avoid traffic
- I want to reduce my contribution to air pollution and carbon emissions, or other environmental benefits
- I make use of my commute time when using other travel options
- I reduce my commute time by using the HOV lane
- I have access to preferred or reserved parking for my commute type (carpool/vanpool parking)
- I have access to bicycle parking/I can bring my bicycle into the building
- I have free or subsidized transit pass (including bus, train, and/or vanpool)
- I earn incentives for using other options
- I am concerned about safety on our roads
- I use other modes to increase my physical activity and/or personal health or well-being
- There is no parking/not enough parking at my workplace
- I have the option of teleworking
- Other (specify)

If Q8 = Drive Alone then

Q16 Would any of the following options make you consider not driving alone to work? Please select all that apply.

- Bus/train/ferry fare benefits
- Employer shuttle access
- Flexible work schedules
- Incentives for biking or walking
- Secure bike parking, showers, lockers, etc.
- Carpool/ vanpool ridematching assistance
- Carpool/vanpool subsidy or incentive
- Guaranteed ride home for emergencies
- Dedicated carpool/HOV parking spaces
- Increased opportunities to telework
- Other [comment box]

Q17 Other modes used are captured so your worksite and local planning organizations can better understand how to support all modes that commuters are open to trying.

What modes have you used as part of your commute in the last 3 months? Select any that you used for at least 5 minutes of a commute trip.

- Work From Home
- Bus
- Train/Light Rail/Streetcar
- Ferry
- Carpool (2 or more people aged 16+)
- Vanpool
- Walk
- Bike
- Scooter
- Uber/Lyft/Taxi
- Employer shuttle
- Motorcycle
- Drive alone
- Other

Q18 Is there any other information you would like to provide about your commute that we did not ask about in this survey? [Space to write]

Q19 Thank you for your responses – you are now done with the required portion of the Seattle Commute Survey. You may either exit the survey or continue by helping answer some optional questions. These optional questions will take another 5 minutes or less and your input will enable transit agencies and employers to better serve your commuting needs.

Would you like to answer the optional questions?

- Yes
- No

If Q19 = No then

Q20 Thanks for Participate in the Seattle Commute Survey!

Need support finding affordable, easier, or more climate-friendly ways to get to work? Visit commuteseattle.com.

Please enter your work email address to **assist your employer in confirming** who from your worksite has completed the survey. This information is not linked to your responses to the previous Commute Survey questions and will only be retained for the duration of the survey. This will be deleted on 1/6/25.

If Q19 = Yes then

Optional Questions

Q21 What is your age? (please enter a number below)

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- Prefer not to respond

Q22 Do you identify as...

- Female
- Male
- Non-binary or non-conforming
- Transgender
- Gender identity not listed here
- Prefer to self describe _____
- Prefer not to answer

Q23 Which of the following best describes your household income last year?

- Less than \$30,000
- \$30,000 - \$59,999
- \$60,000 - \$89,999
- \$90,000 - \$119,999
- \$120,000 - \$149,999
- \$150,000 - \$179,999
- \$180,000 or more
- Prefer not to answer

Q24 What is the highest degree or level of education you have completed?

- Less than high school
- High school graduate
- Vocational/technical training
- Associate degree
- Bachelor's degree
- Graduate degree or postgraduate studies
- Other
- Prefer not to answer

Q25 Please specify your race / ethnicity.

(Choose multiple boxes if you are multiracial)

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Hispanic or Latino
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- White
- Other/Unknown
- Prefer not to answer

Q26 How many cars, vans, and trucks are kept at home for use by members of this household?

- None
- None but I have access to someone else's vehicle
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4 or more

Q27 Do you have dependents (e.g., young children, seniors) living in your household that you drive or accompany on their trips to school or other destinations?

- Yes – One
- Yes – Multiple
- No
- Prefer not to answer

Q28 Do you consider yourself to have a disability that limits your ability to do one or more major life activities, such as: walking or climbing stairs, running errands, driving a car, using public transit, hearing announcements, using a computer, or reading or understanding signs?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to respond

Q29 What type of housing do you currently live in?

- Single-detached house
- Townhouse
- Apartment/condo
- No permanent housing
- Other
- Prefer not to respond

Q30 Do you own or rent your current residence?

- Own
- Rent
- Other
- Prefer not to respond

Q31 Compared to two years ago (Autumn 2022), have you experienced any changes in your commute? Check all that apply

- My commute is longer (more minutes)
- My commute is shorter (fewer minutes)
- My commute is the same amount of time as Autumn 2022
- I telework / work remotely more
- I telework / work remotely less
- I changed the way I get to work (change to transportation mode)
- No change from Autumn 2022

Q32 Compared to two years ago (Autumn 2022), in what ways has your typical commute mode changed?

- I still use the same commute mode (no change)
- I changed my commute mode, but already have switched back to the previous mode

- I have been using a different commute mode since the past two years
- I have been using a different commute mode, but I am planning to switch back to the pre-pandemic mode

If Q32 = anything but “(no change)” then

Q33 Are any of the changes in your commute mode or commute duration mainly caused by a change in employer or worksite?

- Yes, change in job type
- Yes, change in employer or worksite
- Yes, change in work location (e.g., work from home or remotely)
- No

If Q31 = anything but “(no change)” then

Q34 Are any of the changes in your commute mode or commute duration mainly caused by a change in home location?

- Yes, I moved closer to my worksite
- Yes, I moved farther from my worksite
- No

If Q31 = anything but “(no change)” then

Q35 Which transportation mode did you most frequently use to commute to work two years ago (Autumn 2022)?

- Bus
- Train/Light Rail/Street Car
- Ferry
- Vanpool
- Carpool (2 or more people aged 16+)
- Employer shuttle
- Taxi/Uber/Lyft
- Drive alone
- Motorcycle
- Scooter
- Bike
- Walk
- Remote work
- Day off
- Other (please specify) _____

If Q8 = anything but “remote work” then

Q36 Please select one option that best describes the availability of remote work for you.

- I have the option to work remotely, but I do not use it
- My workplace does not allow me to work remotely
- The nature of my work cannot be done remotely
- Other

Q37 Please select one option that best describes your remote work status.

- I have been working remotely with the same frequency as I did in Autumn 2022. (e.g., from home)
- I worked remotely two years ago (Autumn 2022) but have since returned to the worksite full time
- I have been working remotely at least for a few days of the week, but I go to the office less frequently than in Autumn 2022 (e.g., Hybrid -> Full WFH)

- I have been working remotely at least for a few days of the week, but I go to the office more frequently than in Autumn 2022 (e.g., Full WFH -> Hybrid)
- I did not work remotely two years ago (Autumn 2022), but I have since started remote work

If Q7 = Drive alone then

Q38a Which of the following best describes where you park when driving to work?

- On-site employee parking lot or garage
- Public / private parking lot or garage
- On-street parking
- Private or reserved space provided by employer
- Park-and-ride facility
- Other (specify) _____

Q38b Which of the following best describes where you park when you drive to school?

- Parking lot or garage on campus
- Public parking lot or garage off campus
- On-street parking
- Park-and-ride facility
- Other (specify) _____

If Q7 = Drive alone then

Q39 Which of the following best describes the cost of parking to you at your regular parking location when driving to work?

- I don't pay for parking
- I pay for parking daily
- I pay for parking monthly
- Other _____

Q40 How likely is it that you would recommend your most common commute mode to a friend or colleague?

Q41 Generally, what are the main considerations that affect your travel decisions?

(Select up to three boxes)

- Time/duration
- Reliability
- Cost/affordability (e.g., my commute mode/option is subsidized)
- Flexibility/convenience
- Comfort (e.g., I prefer modes that offer seating, temperature control, or a quiet environment.)
- Environmental impact (e.g., reduce my contribution to CO2 emissions)
- Value of travel time (e.g., I make use of my travel time for other activities)
- Personal Safety (e.g., I feel safe from crimes using this mode)
- Traffic safety (e.g., I feel safe from traffic incidents using this mode)
- Protection from viral infections (e.g., the COVID-19 pandemic)
- Health/fitness (e.g., higher physical activity)
- Facilities (e.g., my worksite provides facilities to support my travel choice, e.g., car parking, bike parking, showers)
- Weather (e.g., climate plays a major role in my mode choice)
- Other (specify) _____

Q42 How many minutes does it usually take you to complete your commute (door-to-door)?

Q43 What is the main mode you most frequently use for the following trips?

	(N/A)	Bus	Train Light Rail Streetcar	Ferry	Carpool	Taxi Uber Lyft	Drive alone	Motorcycle	Bike	Scooter	Online	Walk
Grocery shopping												
School pickup / dropoff												
Health / medical treatment												
Leisure social												
Fitness exercise												
Other trips												
Any other trips more than 10 miles from home (out-of-town visit, outdoor recreation, etc.)												

Q44 Which of the following best describes the frequency of the following trips?

	Not applicable (N/A)	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Less than Monthly
Grocery shopping					
School pickup / drop-off					
Health / medical treatment					
Leisure / social					
Fitness / exercise					
Other trips within 10 miles from home					

Any other trips more than 10 miles from home (Out-of-town visit, Outdoor recreation etc.)

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Q45 In the past 30 days, roughly what percentages of your following non-commute activities were conducted online instead of in person?

- Grocery Shopping _____
- Health / Medical Treatment _____
- Other _____

Q46 Which of the following best describes the proximity of the following trips?

	Not applicable (NA)	Short Trip (Less than 10 min)	Moderate Trip (10 – 20 min)	Long Trip (More than 20 min)
Grocery shopping				
School pickup / dropoff				
Health / medical treatment				
Leisure / social				
Fitness / exercise				
Other trips within 10 miles from home				
Any other trips more than 10 miles from home (Out-of-town visit, Outdoor recreation etc.)				

Q47 If you could, please point out the nearest intersection to your home. This information helps us understand how local services (e.g., parks, stores) influence travel decisions.

(Either point/click on the map using the red marker, or use the search box below the map)

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- Prefer not to respond

Q48 Please enter your name and e-mail address

(This information will ONLY be used internal by your company, is not tied to your survey responses and will be deleted by 1/6/25)

- Name _____
- E-mail address _____