



## Fast Facts – Bikes Belong Coalition - (<http://www.bikesbelong.org/statistics>)

- **In one generation, the percentage of children who walk or bike to school has dropped from 50% to 15%.** - *Safe Routes to School National Partnership, 2007, [Safe Routes to School: 2007 State of the States Report](#)*
- **Half of U.S. schoolchildren are dropped off at school in the family car. If 20% of those living within two miles of school were to bike or walk instead, it would save 4.3 million miles of driving per day. Over a year, that saved driving would prevent 356,000 tons of CO<sub>2</sub> and 21,500 tons of other pollutants from being emitted.** - *Pedroso, M., 2008, [Safe Routes to School: Steps to a Greener Future](#)*
- **If the number of kids who walk and bike to school returned to 1969 levels, it would save 3.2 billion vehicle miles, 1.5 million tons of CO<sub>2</sub>, and 89,000 tons of other pollutants annually. This is the equivalent of keeping more than 250,000 cars off the road for a year.** - *Pedroso, M., 2008, [Safe Routes to School: Steps to a Greener Future](#)*
- **A 5% increase in the walkability of a neighborhood is associated with a per capita 32.1% increase in active travel, 6.5% fewer miles driven, 5.6% fewer grams of NO<sub>x</sub> emitted, and 5.5% fewer grams of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) emitted.** - *Frank, L., et al., 2006, [Many pathways from land use to health: Associations between neighborhood walkability and active transportation, body mass index, and air quality](#), *Journal of the American Planning Association*, 72, 75-87*
- **Cars are used for 75% of trips under one mile.** - *Blomberg, R., et al., 2004, [Pedestrian transportation: A look forward](#), *TRB A3B04: Committee on Pedestrians**
- **Adolescents who participate in bicycling, in-line skating, or skateboarding more than four times a week are 48% less likely to be overweight as adults.** - *Menschik, D., et al., 2008, [Adolescent physical activities as predictors of young adult weight](#), *Archives of Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine*, 162, 23-28*
- **Overweight adolescents who participate in bicycling, in-line skating, or skateboarding 3 to 4 days per week are 85% more likely to become normal-weight adults.** - *Menschik, D., et al., 2008, [Adolescent physical activities as predictors of young adult weight](#), *Archives of Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine*, 162, 23-28*
- **Bicyclists travel 67% longer on average to include a trail facility on their route.** - *Krizek, K., et al., 2007, [A detailed analysis of how an urban trail system affects cyclists' travel](#), *Transportation*, 34, 611-24*



- **In the Yukon Territory, twice as many people bike to work as in California, and three times as many as in Florida.** - *Pucher, J., and R. Buehler, 2006, [Why Canadians cycle more than Americans: A comparative analysis of bicycling trends and policies](#), *Transport Policy*, 13, 265-79*
- **In 2007 Minneapolis held its #2 ranking for the percentage of commuters who bike to work, among the 50 cities with the most workers.** The recently released US Census Bureau figures show Minneapolis bicycle mode share increased to 3.8%, a substantial gain over the 2006 figure of 2.5%.
- **In a survey of recent transplants to Portland, OR, 62% said that the city's bike-friendliness was a factor in their decision to move there.** - *Portland Bicycle Maps and Information Survey, 2009, City of Portland Bureau of Transportation, Transportation Options Division, reported via [BikePortland.org](http://BikePortland.org)*