

City of Boulder



Employee Transportation Survey

Comparison of Survey Results

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Survey Results by Surveyed Group

The Boulder Valley Employee Survey for Transportation has been conducted seven previous times: in 1991, 1993, 1995, 1997, 1999, 2001 and 2005. A similar effort for Downtown Boulder employees was conducted in the fall of several of the same years. In 2005 and 2008, it was decided that these efforts could be combined to achieve some cost savings for the involved agencies. Two reports were produced, one which focused on the results for the entire Boulder Valley, and another for Downtown. This report contains tables which compare results of key survey questions by whether the respondent worked in downtown Boulder or elsewhere in Boulder Valley.

Primary Mode of Transportation on Survey Day

How did you get to work today?	Downtown	Elsewhere	(All) Boulder Valley Employees
Drove alone	34.4%	71.3%	66.6%
Drove with at least one other person	5.9%	8.3%	8.0%
Walked	7.8%	2.3%	3.0%
Biked	12.9%	6.1%	6.9%
Rode a bus or buses	29.2%	4.7%	7.8%
Multi-mode	8.9%	4.7%	5.3%
Worked at home	.2%	2.2%	1.9%
Other	.7%	.4%	.5%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Typical Mode of Transportation Used for Work Commute

During a typical week, how many days do you commute to work in each of the ways listed below?	Downtown	Elsewhere	(All) Boulder Valley Employees
Drive alone	35%	70%	66%
Drive with at least one other person	7%	10%	9%
Multi-mode (e.g., car then bus, bike then bus, etc.)	6%	2%	2%
Walk	10%	3%	4%
Bike	14%	7%	8%
Ride a bus(es)	26%	5%	8%
Work at home	2%	3%	3%
Other	0%	1%	1%

Distance of Commute in Miles

About how far is your home from work?	Downtown	Elsewhere	(All) Boulder Valley Employees
1 mile or less	14.7%	8.1%	8.9%
2-5 miles	36.9%	23.8%	25.4%
6-10 miles	8.5%	18.3%	17.1%
11-15 miles	13.3%	18.4%	17.8%
16-20 miles	7.7%	13.3%	12.6%
more than 20 miles	19.0%	18.0%	18.2%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Average Distance (in Miles)	11.4 miles	12.9 miles	12.7 miles

Duration of Commute to Work

About how many minutes did it take?	Downtown	Elsewhere	(All) Boulder Valley Employees
Average Duration (in Minutes)	29.7 minutes	24.8 minutes	25.4 minutes

Made Stop on Commute to Work

Did you come straight to work from home today?	Downtown	Elsewhere	(All) Boulder Valley Employees
Yes	82%	82%	82%
No	18%	18%	18%

Stops Made on the Way to Work

How many stops did you make on your way to work?	Downtown	Elsewhere	(All) Boulder Valley Employees
0	82%	82%	82%
1	12%	14%	13%
2	4%	3%	4%
3+	2%	1%	2%
Average Number of Stops (All respondents)	0.3	0.3	0.3
Average Number of Stops (Respondents who made at least one stop)	1.4	1.4	1.4

Stops Made on Commute Home			
Yesterday, or on the last day you worked, how many stops did you make on your way home?	Downtown	Elsewhere	(All) Boulder Valley Employees
Average Number of Stops (All Respondents)	.8	.8	.8
Average Number of Stops (Respondents who made at least one stop)	1.5	1.7	1.7

Teleworking			
Do you ever telework?	Downtown	Elsewhere	(All) Boulder Valley Employees
Yes	28%	23%	24%
No	72%	77%	76%

Work Day Trips			
Did you make any trips during your workday yesterday (or on the last day you worked), not including your work commute?	Downtown	Elsewhere	(All) Boulder Valley Employees
No trips (0)	56%	49%	50%
1 to 2	31%	33%	33%
3 to 4	10%	12%	12%
5 +	3%	6%	5%
Total	100%	100%	100%

Work Day Trips			
How many one-way trips did you make during your workday yesterday (or on the last day you worked), not including your work commute?	Where Respondent Worked		
	Downtown	Elsewhere	(All) Boulder Valley Employees
Average number of trips (all respondents)	1.1	1.4	1.4
Average number of trips (Respondents who made at least one stop)	2.5	2.8	2.8

Work Day Errands			
Does your job require you to run errands or attend meetings away from the work site?	Downtown	Elsewhere	(All) Boulder Valley Employees
Yes	53%	39%	41%
No	47%	61%	59%
Total	100%	100%	100%

Vehicle Availability for Work Day Errands			
If you run errands or attend meetings for your job, is there a work vehicle available to you or must you provide your own transportation?*	Downtown	Elsewhere	(All) Boulder Valley Employees
I must use my own vehicle or other means of transportation	94%	85%	86%
I use an employer-provided vehicle	9%	17%	16%
I use an employer-provided bicycle	3%	1%	1%
Other	1%	4%	3%

*Percents may add to more than 100% as respondents could give more than one answer.

Employee Parking			
Generally, who pays for employee parking at your organization?	Downtown	Elsewhere	(All) Boulder Valley Employees
Free parking is provided by employer or landlord	34%	96%	89%
Employees pay for their own parking	39%	3%	7%
Employer pays for employee parking (e.g., reimbursement or permit)	21%	1%	4%
Employee and employer share the cost of parking (e.g., employer pays part of permit, etc.)	5%	0%	1%
Total	100%	100%	100%

ECO-Pass Status			
Do you have an ECO-Pass?	Downtown	Elsewhere	(All) Boulder Valley Employees
Yes, a CU student Buff OneCard	4%	4%	4%
Yes, a CU faculty/staff Buff OneCard	0%	5%	5%
Yes, a downtown EcoPass	42%	1%	6%
Yes, through my employer	36%	16%	19%
Yes, through my neighborhood	0%	2%	2%
No	17%	71%	64%
Total	100%	100%	100%

Transit Use for Work Commute			
Do you ever ride a bus to work?	Downtown	Elsewhere	(All) Boulder Valley Employees
Yes	68%	22%	28%
No	32%	78%	72%

Transit Use for Non-work trips

During a typical week, how many one-way trips do you make on an RTD bus or Light Rail that are not for commuting to work but are for pleasure or personal business?	Downtown	Elsewhere	(All) Boulder Valley Employees
Average number of trips (all respondents)	1.5	.5	.6
Average number of trips (Respondents who make at least one trip)	3.3	3.3	3.3

Motor Vehicle Availability

Is a car or other motor vehicle usually available to you for commuting to work?	Downtown	Elsewhere	(All) Boulder Valley Employees
Yes	83%	88%	88%
No	17%	12%	12%

Bicycle Availability

Is a bicycle usually available to you for commuting to work?	Downtown	Elsewhere	(All) Boulder Valley Employees
Yes	67%	53%	55%
No	33%	47%	45%

Respondent's Location

Where do you live?	Downtown	Elsewhere	(All) Boulder Valley Employees
Boulder (within the city limits)	50%	32%	34%
Unincorporated Boulder County	7%	9%	9%
Ward/Nederland/Jamestown	1%	1%	1%
Lyons	1%	0%	0%
Superior	1%	3%	3%
Lafayette	5%	7%	6%
Louisville	2%	6%	5%
Longmont	10%	12%	11%
Erie	2%	2%	2%
Broomfield	2%	6%	5%
Westminster	2%	5%	5%
Arvada	1%	2%	2%
Denver or other metro-area suburb	10%	6%	6%
Berthoud/Loveland/Fort Collins	1%	2%	1%
Weld County	1%	4%	3%
Other	3%	5%	4%