

SURVEY OF TEXANS ON PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE SAFETY - 2026 Results

PEDESTRIAN QUESTIONS



**WALKING
AT LEAST
ONCE/WEEK**

80%

WALKING PURPOSE

79% Exercise or other health benefits

29% Transportation

39% Leisure/fun

35% Walking a pet

Reason for walking for transportation – Mostly to access goods or to get to/from work or school

PEDESTRIAN BEHAVIOR (ALWAYS OR VERY OFTEN)



84% Following pedestrian crossing signals

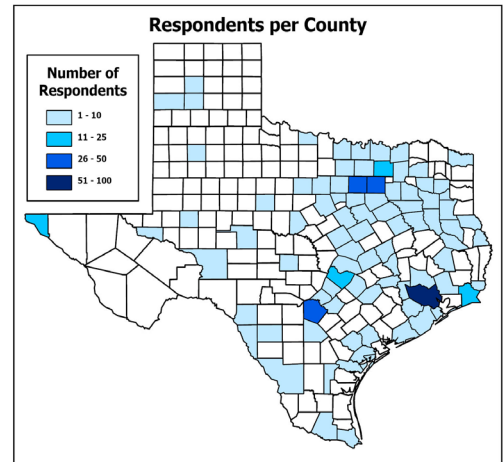


24% Use of reflective clothing or a light when walking at night

TOP FIVE OBSTACLES TO WALKING

1. Poor weather
2. Lack of sidewalks
3. Driver behavior
4. Lack of convenience
5. Time to get to destination

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RESPONDENTS



DRIVER BEHAVIOR (Always or Very Often)



YIELDING TO PEDESTRIANS

87%
At intersections

76%
At mid-block crosswalks

YIELDING TO BICYCLISTS **84%**

ENSURING SAFE PASSING DISTANCE **88%**

ISSUES RESPONDENTS WERE CONCERNED ABOUT

- Unsafe crossings
- Drivers not yielding
- Drivers speeding in pedestrian-heavy areas
- Overall driver behavior around pedestrians and bicyclists
- Lack of bike lanes, sidewalks and poor maintenance of facilities
- Bicyclists and drivers not understanding the laws

BICYCLE QUESTIONS



**BIKING
AT LEAST
ONCE/WEEK**

31%

BIKING PURPOSE

74% Exercise or other health benefits

30% Transportation

50% Leisure/fun

13% Social

Reason for biking for transportation – Mostly to access goods or to get to/from work or school

BICYCLIST BEHAVIOR (ALWAYS OR VERY OFTEN)



61% Bike light use at night



47% Helmet use

TOP FIVE OBSTACLES TO BIKING

1. Lack of bike lanes/trails
2. Driver behavior
3. Poor weather
4. Lack of convenience
5. Poor roadway/sidewalk conditions



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SURVEY OF TEXANS ON PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE SAFETY: 2025-2026 Changes



WALKING AT LEAST
ONCE/WEEK



BIKING AT LEAST
ONCE/WEEK



POSITIVE BEHAVIOR CHANGES

All changes from 2025 to 2026



USING A BIKE LIGHT
AT NIGHT



FOLLOWING
PEDESTRIAN SIGNALS



YIELDING TO PEDESTRIANS



At an intersection with
stop sign or traffic signal



At a crosswalk not at an
intersection



WEAR REFLECTIVE CLOTHING
WHEN WALKING AT NIGHT



CROSSING THE ROAD NOT AT AN
INTERSECTION OR CROSSWALK



All driver behaviors, such as yielding to pedestrians and bicyclists and ensuring a safe passing distance when passing a bicyclist reached their highest reported levels in 2026.

OBSTACLES TO WALKING



	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
2021	Poor weather	Driver behavior	Time to get to destination	Poor lighting	Poor roadway/sidewalk conditions
2022	Poor weather	Driver behavior	Poor lighting	Lack of sidewalks	Time to get to destination
2023	Poor weather	Driver behavior	Poor roadway/sidewalk conditions	Lack of sidewalks	Lack of crossings signals/signs
2024	Poor weather	Driver behavior	Poor roadway/sidewalk conditions	Lack of convenience	Lack of sidewalks
2025	Poor weather	Lack of convenience	Lack of sidewalks	Time to get to destination	Driver behavior
2026	Poor weather	Lack of sidewalks	Driver behavior	Lack of convenience	Time to get to destination

OBSTACLES TO BIKING



	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
2021	Poor weather	Driver behavior	Lack of bike lanes/trails	Poor roadway/sidewalk conditions	Time to get to destination
2022	Poor weather	Lack of bike lanes/trails	Driver behavior	Poor roadway/sidewalk conditions	Lack of crossings signals/signs
2023	Lack of bike lanes/trails	Poor weather	Driver behavior	Poor roadway/sidewalk conditions	Lack of crossings signals/signs
2024	Poor weather	Lack of convenience	Lack of bike lanes/trails	Driver behavior	Poor lighting
2025	Poor weather	Lack of bike lanes/trails	Driver behavior	Lack of convenience	Poor roadway/sidewalk conditions
2026	Lack of bike lanes/trails	Driver behavior	Poor weather	Lack of convenience	Poor roadway/sidewalk conditions

OTHER BEHAVIOR CHANGES



BIKE RIDING ON THE
SIDEWALK



KNOWLEDGE OF LAWS



Knowledge increased among
respondents for the following:



Bicyclists have the same rights &
responsibilities on Texas roads



A bicyclist is required to use a
bike light at night



A pedestrian is required to use a
sidewalk if one is available