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Transportation Alternatives by Census Region, 2013 American Housing Survey

New questions about household public transportation use were added to the 2013 American Housing Survey in an effort to determine how many households ever used public transportation for any reason, what type, how often, and how close transit was to their homes. Biking and walking data were also collected in order to determine the convenience of neighborhood amenities and services.

Although There are More Households in the South...

West	Midwest	South	Northeast
25,879,000	25,912,000	42,951,000	21,110,000

The Northeast Leads the Nation in Public Transportation Use and Expense

Percentages of households using public transportation and median monthly public transportation cost

West	Midwest	South	Northeast
23% \$25	12% \$30	9% \$30	32% \$75

Local Public Bus is the Most Frequently Use Type of Public Transportation in All Four Regions of the United States

Percentage of households using public transportation by type*

Local Public Bus

West	Midwest	South	Northeast
76%	72%	69%	67%

Subway, elevated train, street car, light rail, or trolley

West	Midwest	South	Northeast
35%	25%	32%	51%

Commuter or inter-city train

West	Midwest	South	Northeast
8%	14%	4%	19%

Commuter or shuttle van

West	Midwest	South	Northeast
6%	6%	8%	7%

*May not add to 100 percent because respondents can select more than one mode of travel.

The West Leads the Nation in Walking and Biking Accessibility

Sidewalks Adequately Lit

West	Midwest	South	Northeast
57%	46%	35 %	51%

Sidewalks Present

West	Midwest	South	Northeast
70%	58%	43%	59%

Bike Lanes Present

West	Midwest	South	Northeast
28%	11%	9%	12%

Biking

West	Midwest	South	Northeast
19%	19%	11%	15 %

Walking

West	Midwest	South	Northeast
44%	37%	27%	44%

Grocery Stores accessible by biking and/or walking

West	Midwest	South	Northeast
36%	27%	17%	32%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 2013 American Housing Survey.

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