

2021 Humboldt County Transportation Attitudes Survey

Summary of Findings: Age

Synthesis

Older Humboldt County residents are less likely than younger residents to drive, carpool and/or ride the bus frequently. Older residents are less likely to perceive biking as a pleasant and easy way to get around, but more likely to perceive it as safe. Older residents are more likely to perceive car ownership as affordable, and less likely to dislike driving.

Survey Information

- Respondents were given seven different age categories to choose from, ranging from “under 18” to “65 or older.” In order to simplify the analysis and provide a larger number of respondents in each group, we grouped all respondents into three age groups for analytical purposes: under 35, 35-54, and 55 or older.
- The purpose of analyzing responses by age is to identify if and when there are substantial differences in how people of different ages use and/or perceive the local transportation system. Therefore, we summarize here only results where there were substantial differences between answers of respondents of different ages. Where responses to questions or statements in the survey were similar across age groups, we generally do not report them here.

Transportation Mode Usage

- Older respondents were less likely to report driving on a daily basis, and less likely to report carpooling and/or riding the bus frequently. (Figures 1-2)

Perceptions of Ease of Use

- The perception that a bus stop is easy to reach by foot, by bike or with an assisted mobility device tended to decrease with age. (Figure 3)
- Younger people were more likely to perceive biking as an easy way to get around. (Figure 4)

Perceptions of Safety

- Perceptions of the safety of biking increased somewhat with age. (Figure 5)

Perceptions of Pleasantness

- Perceptions of the pleasantness of getting around as a pedestrian and by bike decreased with age. (Figures 6-7)

Perceptions of Affordability

- Older respondents were more likely to perceive owning and operating a car as affordable. (Figure 8)

How Much Do People Like Using Various Modes?

- Younger respondents were more likely to dislike driving. However, older respondents were more likely to rank driving as a less-preferred “ideal world” mode. (Figures 9-10)

Figures

Figure 1: Frequency With Which Respondents Drive Alone by Age

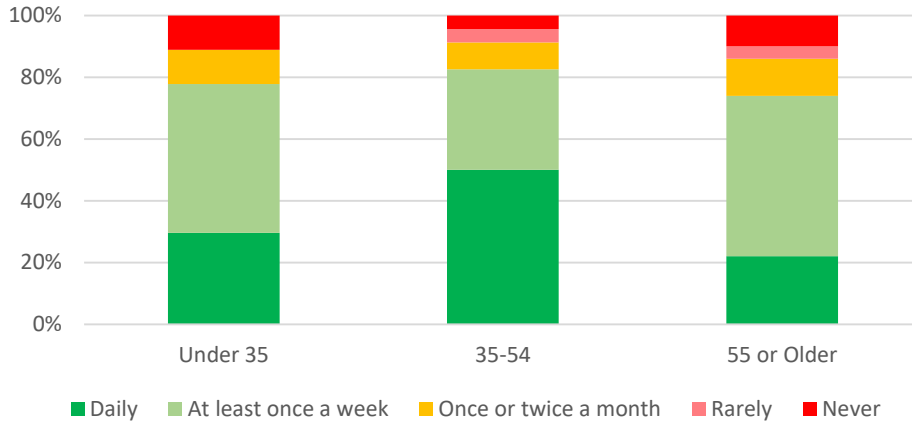


Figure 2: Frequency With Which Respondents Carpool and/or Ride the Bus by Age

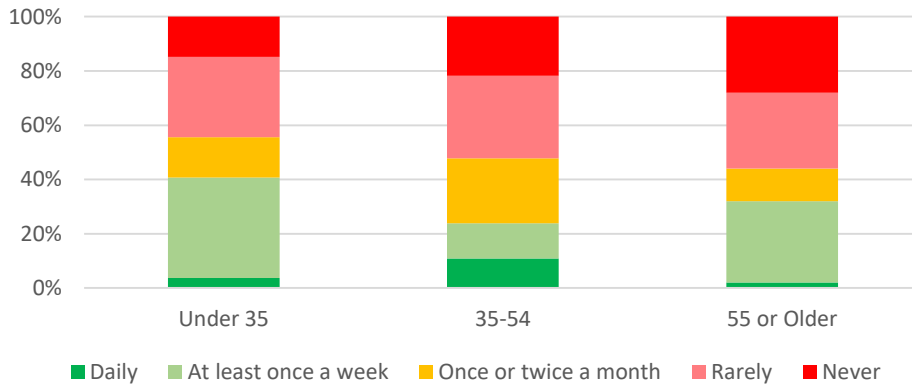


Figure 3: Responses to "I can easily get to a bus stop by foot, by bike, or with an assisted mobility device" by Age.

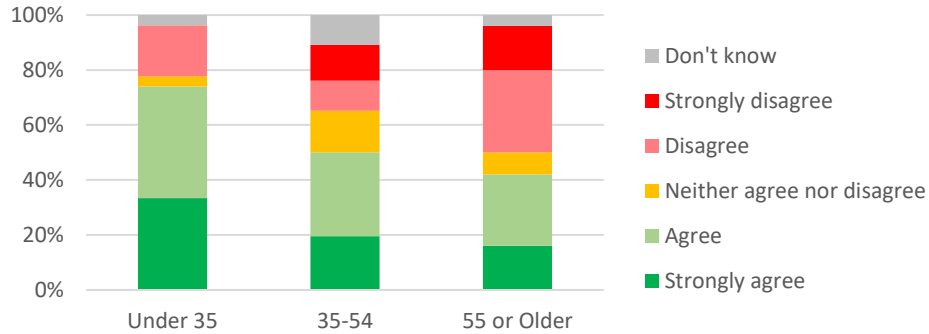


Figure 4: Responses to "It is easy to get where I need to go in a reasonable amount of time on a bike" by Age

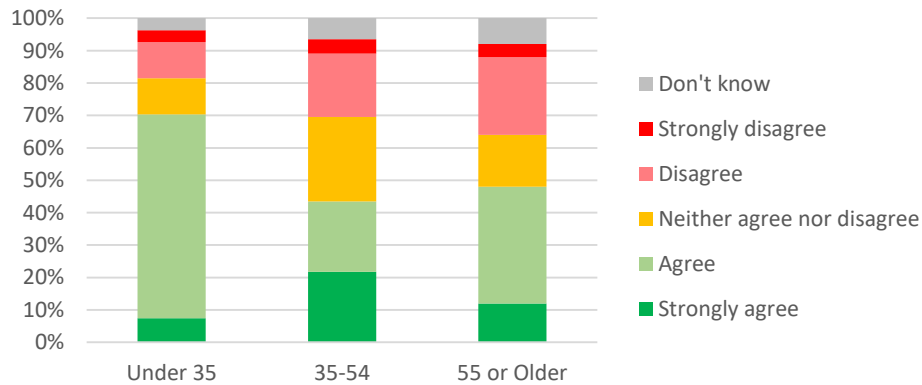


Figure 5: Responses to "Riding a bike in my community is safe" by Age

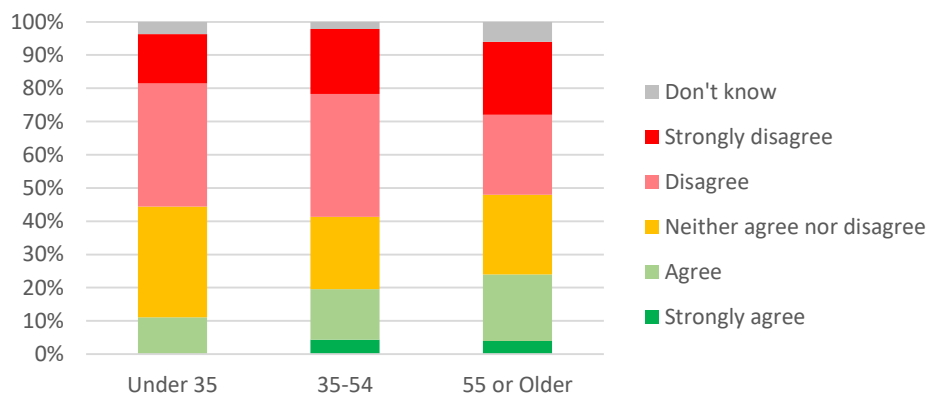


Figure 6: Responses to "Getting around as a pedestrian in my community is pleasant/enjoyable" by Age

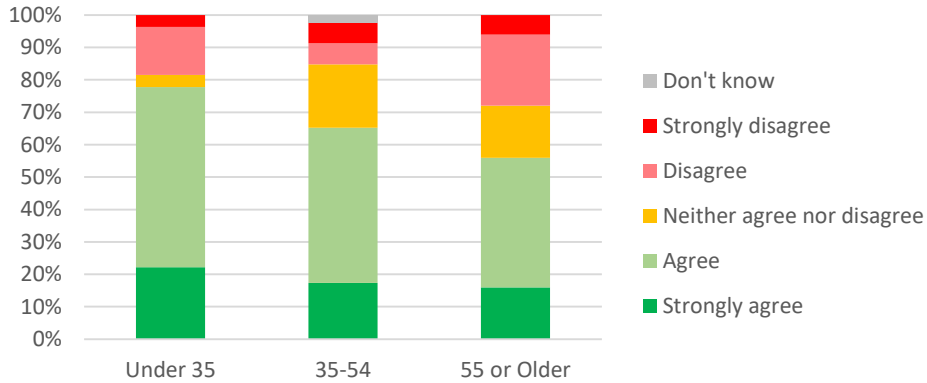


Figure 7: Responses to "Riding a bike in my community is pleasant/enjoyable" by Age

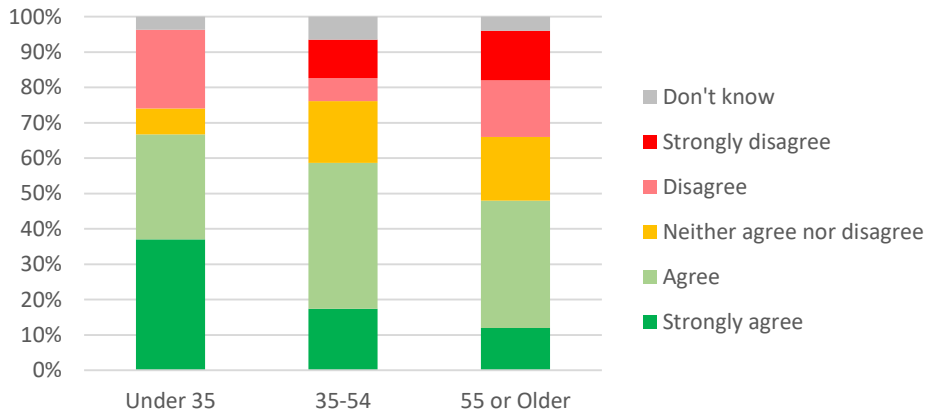


Figure 8: Responses to "Owning and driving a car in my community is affordable" by Age

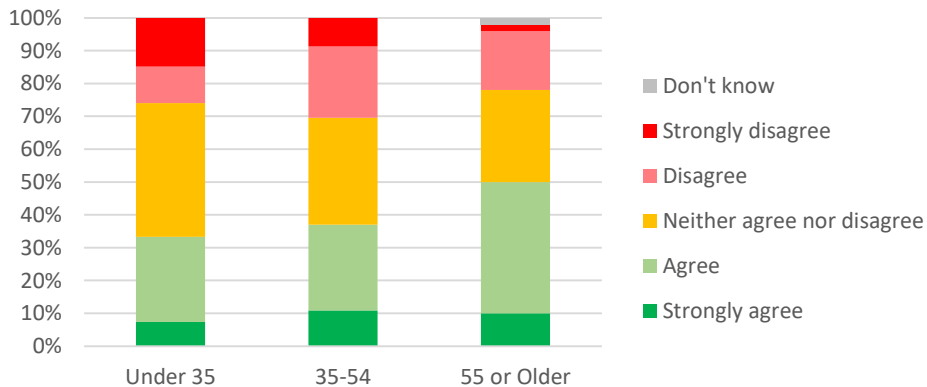


Figure 9: Responses to "I like driving a car" by Age

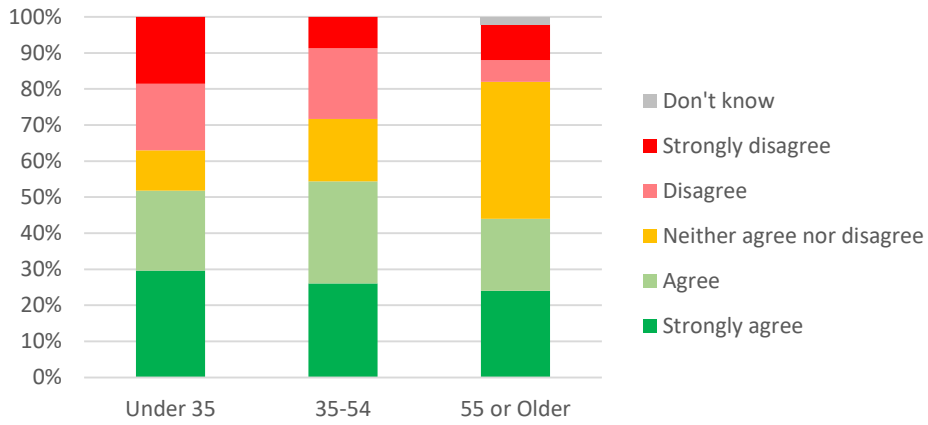


Figure 10: Respondents' Preferences for Driving Alone in an "Ideal World" by Age

