

2021 Humboldt County Transportation Attitudes Survey

Summary of Findings: Disability

Synthesis

Humboldt County residents with disabilities are less likely than residents with no disabilities to consider most modes of transportation safe, easy, convenient or pleasant. Residents with disabilities are more likely to have negative perceptions around accessing and riding the bus, but more likely to want to ride the bus more often.

Survey Information

- Respondents were given the following options for reporting disability status: Use of a wheelchair or other assisted mobility device, blind or vision impaired, deaf or hearing impaired, other disability, or no disability. 81% of respondents identified as having no disability, and the majority of remaining respondents identified as having an “other disability.” The total number of respondents within each disability category was too small to allow for meaningful comparisons. Therefore, we limit our comparisons to respondents with no disability and respondents with any disability. We recognize the limitations of this approach, but feel that it is important to acknowledge any differences that do exist at this level rather than ignoring them.
- The purpose of analyzing responses by disability is to identify if and when there are substantial differences in how people of different abilities use and/or perceive the local transportation system. Therefore, we summarize here only results where there were substantial differences between answers of respondents with and without disabilities. Where responses to questions or statements in the survey were similar between these groups, we generally do not report them here.

Transportation Mode Usage

- Respondents with disabilities were somewhat less likely than respondents with no disabilities to drive frequently (70% vs. 80%). (Figure 1)

Perceptions of Ease of Use

- Respondents with disabilities were less likely than respondents with no disabilities to consider accessing and riding the bus an easy or convenient way to get around. (Figures 2-4)

Perceptions of Safety

- Respondents with disabilities were less likely than respondents with no disabilities to consider driving (48% vs. 63%), riding the bus (30% vs. 44%) or being a pedestrian (22% vs. 38%) as safe. (Figures 5-7)

Perceptions of Pleasantness

- Respondents with disabilities were less likely than respondents with no disabilities to consider driving (26% vs. 41%), biking (35% vs. 60%), or being a pedestrian (52% vs. 66%) pleasant. (Figures 8-10)

How Much Do People Like Using Various Modes?

- Respondents with disabilities were more likely than respondents with no disabilities to dislike riding the bus (48% vs. 29%), but also more likely to want to ride the bus more (57% vs. 40%). (Figures 11-12)

Figures

Figure 1: Frequency With Which Respondents Use Various Modes of Transportation by Disability

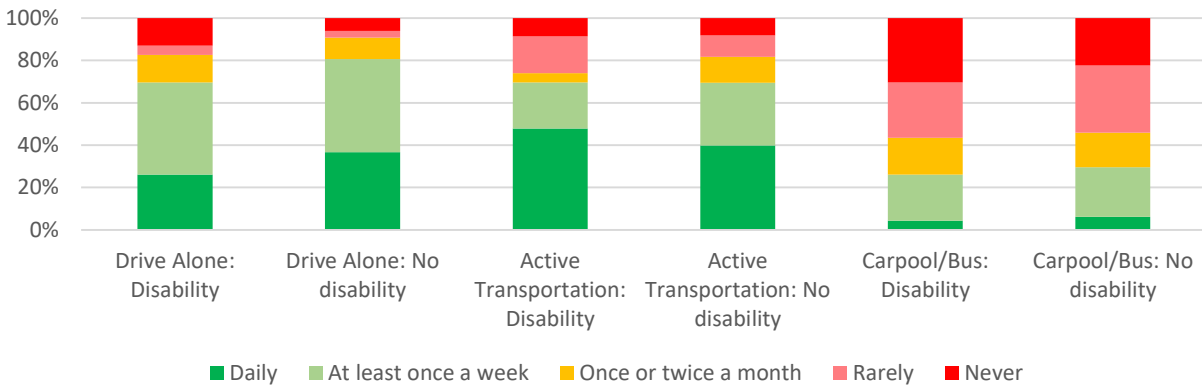


Figure 2: Responses to "It is easy to get where I need to go in a reasonable amount of time by riding the bus" by Disability

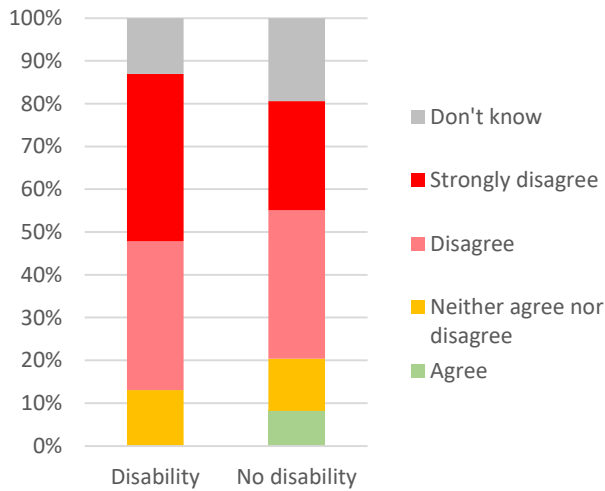


Figure 3: Responses to "I can easily get to a bus stop by foot, by bike, or with an assisted mobility device" by Disability

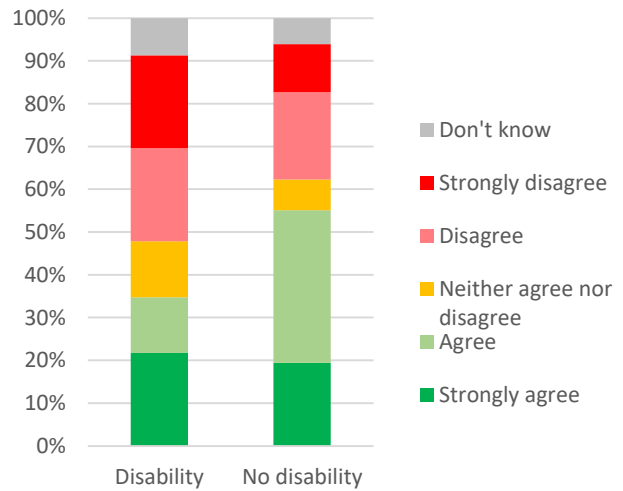


Figure 4: Responses to "The bus comes at times of day and days of the week that are convenient for me" by Disability

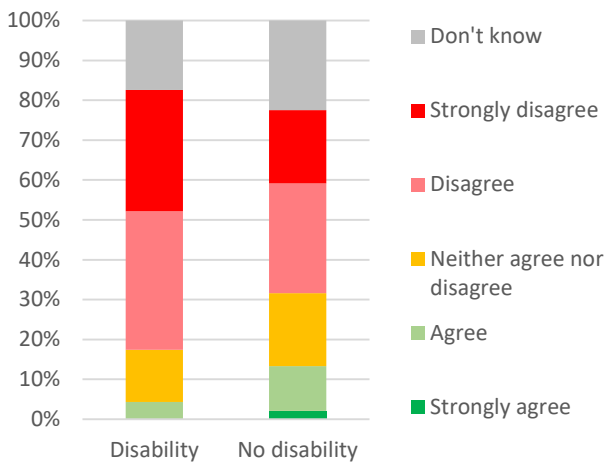


Figure 5: Responses to "Driving a car in my community is safe" by Disability

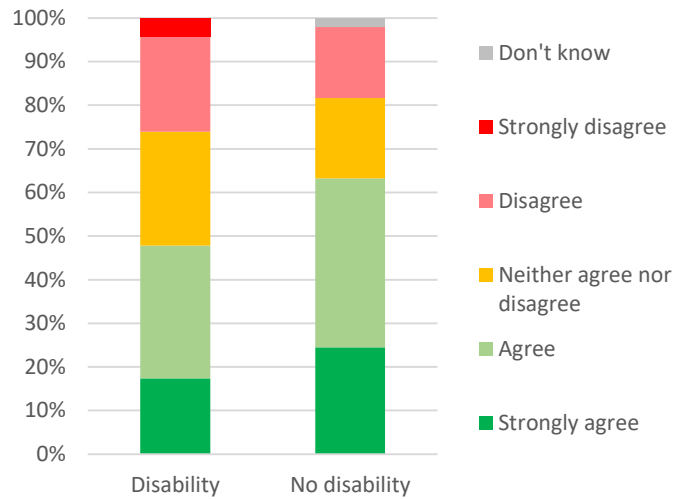


Figure 6: Responses to "Riding the bus is safe" by Disability

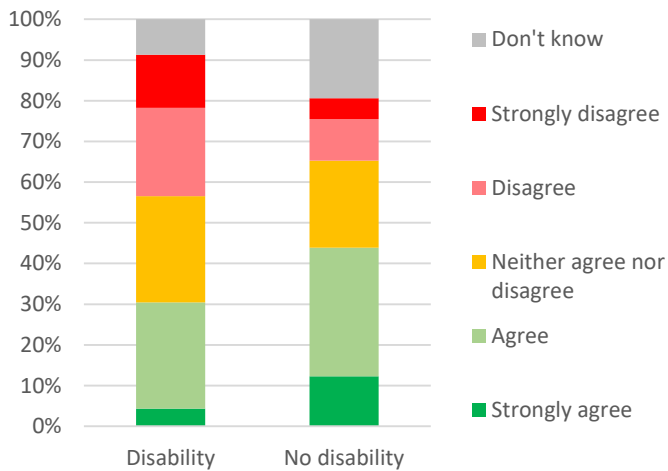


Figure 7: Responses to "Getting around as a pedestrian in my community is safe" by Disability

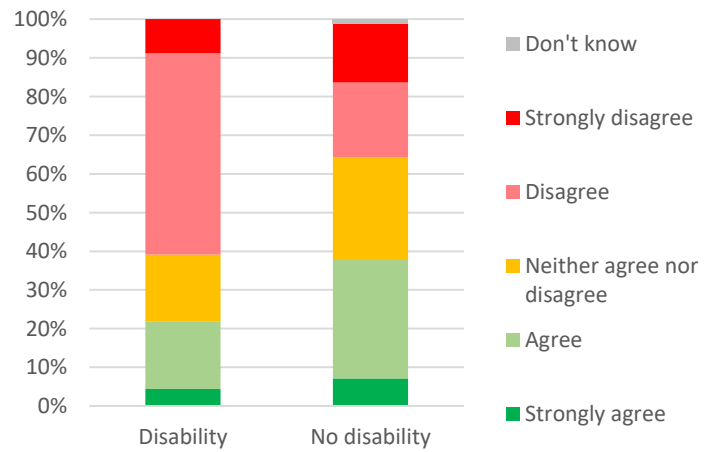


Figure 8: Responses to "Driving a car in my community is pleasant/enjoyable" by Disability

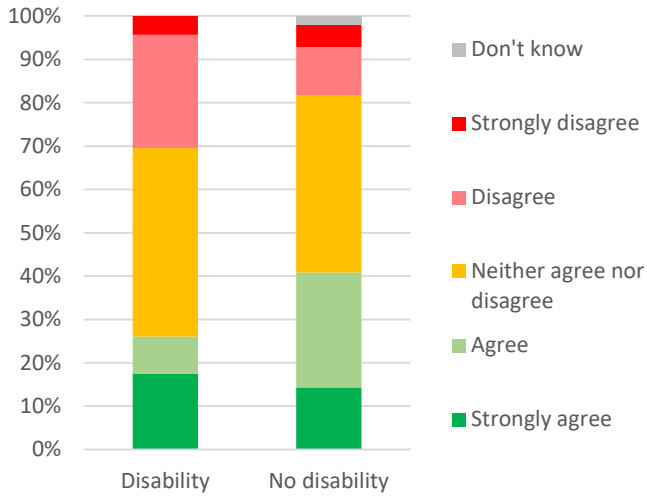


Figure 9: Responses to "Getting around as a pedestrian in my community is pleasant/enjoyable" by Disability

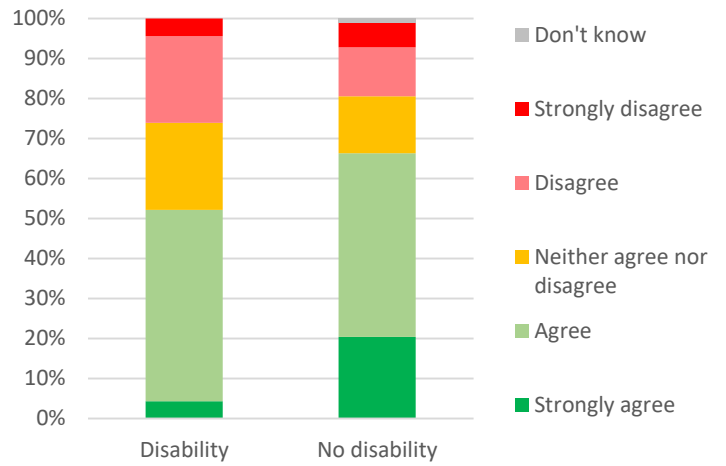


Figure 10: Responses to "Riding a bike in my community is pleasant/enjoyable" by Disability

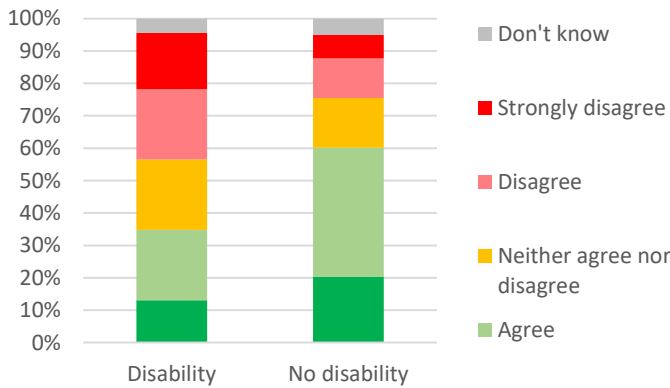


Figure 11: Responses to "I like riding the bus" by Disability

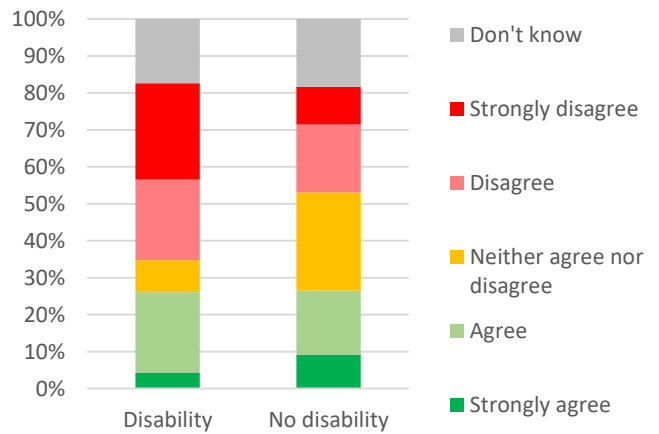


Figure 12: Responses to "I would like to ride the bus more than I currently do" by Disability

