



Together, day by day, building a healthy community

Public Transportation

Definition | The percentage of workers aged 16 years and older who commute to work by public transportation.

Importance | Public transportation offers mobility to U.S. residents, particularly people without cars. Transit can help bridge the spatial divide between people and jobs, services and training opportunities. Public transportation is also beneficial because it reduces fuel consumption, minimizes air pollution and relieves traffic congestion.¹

Where are we | In 2012, 2% of workers in Douglas County commuted to work by public transportation. The percent in Douglas County was higher than the state of Kansas but lower than the U.S. in the years from 2009 through 2012.

Health Disparities | Among workers who commute to work by public transportation in Douglas County:

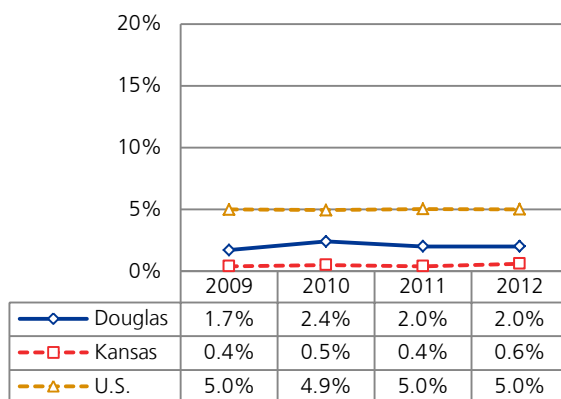
- Those that used public transportation to commute to work was highest among those 65 years and older followed by those 20 – 24 years of age.
- Women were slightly more likely to use public transportation to commute to work than men.

Healthy People 2020 Goal | The target is to increase the proportion of workers who take public transportation to work to 5.5%.²

Additional Information | Studies have found that men who commute to work on public transportation are 44% less likely to be overweight or obese due to increased active commuting³

Trend Analysis

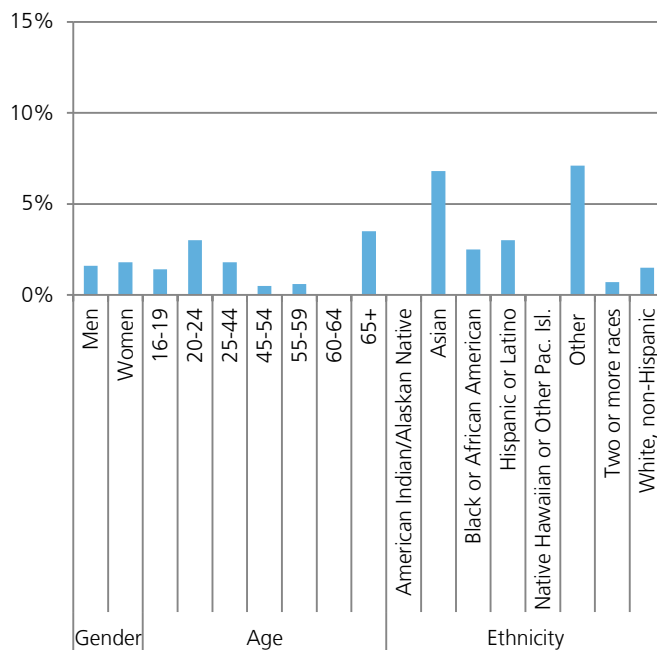
The percentage of workers who commute to work by public transportation⁴



Disparity Analysis

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Douglas County, 2008-2012



Data Source

¹Kansas Health Matters

²Healthy People 2020, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

³U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration

⁴U.S. Census Bureau, American FactFinder