



Summary sheet | 2011 National Cycling Participation Survey

Australian Cycling Participation



In a typical week around 18% of Australians ride a bicycle for transport and recreation.

3.6 million people ride for recreation, leisure or sport.

1.2 million people make at least one transport journey by bicycle each week. This includes trips to school, university, work, the shops and to visit friends and family.

The Northern Territory, ACT and Western Australia have cycling participation rates significantly higher than the national average. NSW has lowest rate of participation.

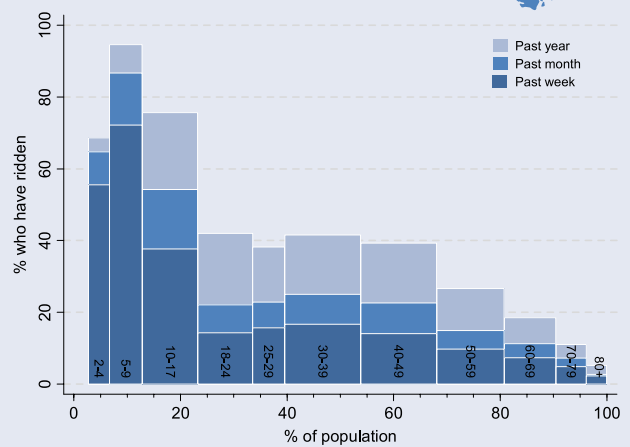
Children have the highest levels of cycling participation:

- > nearly 1/2 of all 2 to 4 year olds
- > nearly 2/3 of all 5 to 9 year olds, and
- > 1/3 of all 10 to 17 year olds ride a bicycle in a typical week.

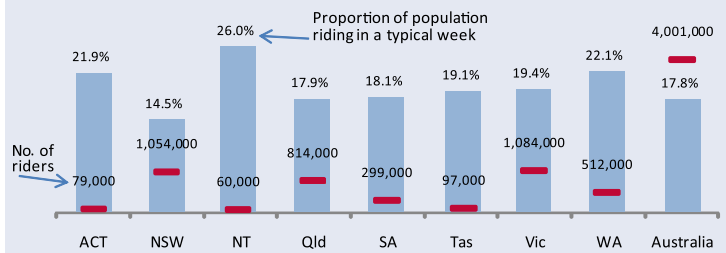
Men and boys are more likely to ride a bicycle than women and girls: 22% of males and 13% of females ride in a typical week. The gender difference is smallest for children under 10.

All states and territories see a dramatic decrease in participation in adulthood. This is especially marked in people aged 40 and over.

Cycling participation by age group in Australia



Cycling participation by state and territory



Cycling for transport by state and territory

