



From mountain to sea

Hands Up Travel Survey

Results dated from 2006-2022

Introduction

Hands Up Survey Scotland is survey which looks at how pupils travel to school. This survey is conducted across Scotland and is now a national statistic.

The survey information is essential to help plan and support projects relating to active travel to school, or safer route to school projects. In order to apply for funding, show statistic evidence to support a project or provide baseline data, the hands up travel survey is a useful resource.

Schools are shared their individual school results, as well as Aberdeenshire average and national levels for their own interest and to help them plan any travel projects they may wish to take part in.

Results

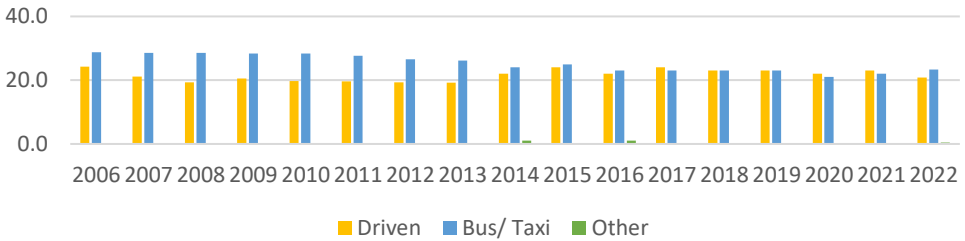
Aberdeenshire results

The below chart shows Aberdeenshire average results spanning the 16 years 2006-2022. This shows that overall:

- Walking levels have fallen from 41.4% to 39.5%
- Cycling/ scooting has increased from 2.3% to 7.4%
- Park and Stride has increased from 3.1% to 8.5%.
- Driving has decreased from 24.2% to 20.8%
- Bus/ taxi has decreased from 28.8% to 23.3%.



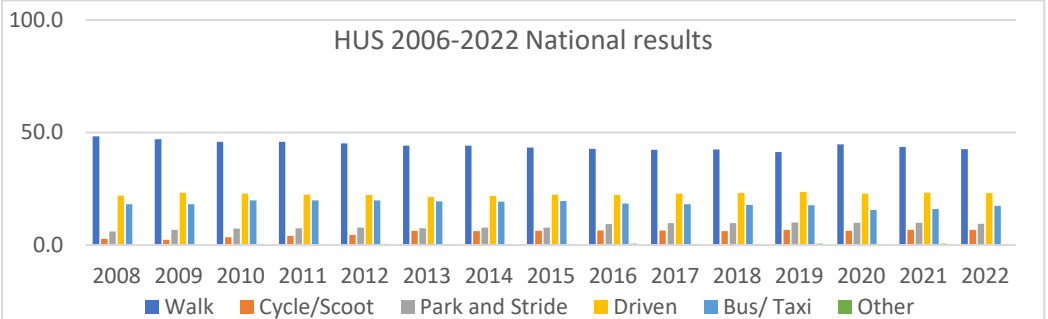
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National results

Scottish national results are in the chart below. Please note these only span from 2008-2022.

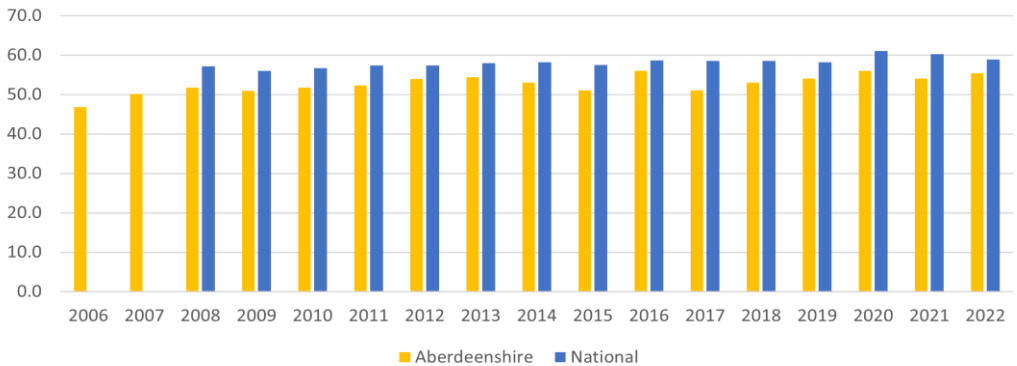
- Walking levels have decreased from 48.3% to 42.6%.
- Cycling/ scooting has increased from 2.8% to 6.8%.
- Park and stride has increased from 6.1% to 9.5%
- Driving levels have increased from 22% to 23.1%
- Bus/ taxi levels have decreased slightly from 18.2% to 17.4%



Active travel

Active travel is described as either walking, cycling and scooting or park and stride. Combining these three modes together Aberdeenshire have seen an increase in active travel from 46.8% in 2006 to 55.4% in 2022. National levels have seen an increase from 57.2% to 58.9%.

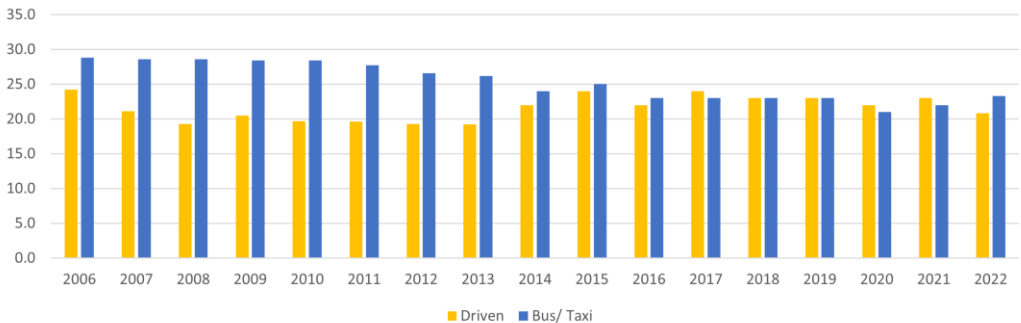
Active Travel data



Driving and bus transport

There has been a decline in bus transport, from 28.8% to 23.3%. Driving levels have fluctuated over the years from 24%, currently driving levels are now sitting at 20.8%.

Driving and school transport 2006-2022



Constraints

Although the Hands up Survey is a useful tool in showing individual school results and how certain geographic changes or measures that have been introduced have made a particular impact on a certain school, there are many factors that may influence an overall Aberdeenshire result. For example: many towns have seen significant growth and many pupils facing different journeys. There have been an increase number of pupils taken part in the survey over the years, some schools have seen catchment changes, new schools have been built, closure of old schools, changes to school transport policies – all these factors can influence travel choices.

Initiatives

Aberdeenshire Council, Strategy Unit have worked on a number of initiatives to increase active travel levels in schools. Below are some examples

- Encouraging and supporting all schools to develop school travel plans.
- Developing a school resource pack to demonstrate how active travel related themes fit within the curriculum.
- Supporting and funding national initiatives such as the living streets WOW scheme, promoting the sustrans big pedal, walk to school week, bike week and other national campaigns.
- Promoting the Cycle Friendly School award
- Rolling out the Living Streets Travel Tracker
- Funding for cycle and scooter parking.
- Developing a 'park smart' campaign to tackle parking problems outside of schools.
- Help support and fund infrastructure improvements
- Working in partnership with Sustrans to deliver the I-bike project
- Supporting and providing opportunities for cycle training, cycle led ride leader training, cycle maintenance courses and bikeability
- Provide road safety magic shows for every primary 1 to 3 pupils

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