

### Active travel

48.7% (228,026 out of 468,537) of school pupils (state and independent schools combined) said they normally tra/MCID75o5(p)17(tr)otrht o ne:nd:nd4(h)way,()-428(with(7)]TJETBT1 0 0 1 28878.5710.98 Tm(nowa2)



# Response rates 2018

## School response rates

In 2018, a total of 3,007 schools and nurseries took part in the survey from all 32 local authorities in Scotland. 1,930 were schools and 1,077 were nurseries. Of this, 1917 state schools (primary, secondary and SEN) participated, which equates to 76.5% of all registered state schools in Scotland.

Between 2017 and 2018, there has been a 2.6 percentage point decrease in state school (primary, secondary and SEN) response rate. The total number of state schools, responding to the survey has decreased from 1,989 in 2017 to 1,917 in 2018. The highest number of state schools ever to respond to the survey was recorded in 2015 at 2,045 state schools.

Table 1: National response rates: number and proportion of schools responding to the survey, 2018.3

Number of schools which received survey	% of all schools in Scotland which received survey <sup>4</sup>	Number of schools which returned data	% of schools receiving survey which returned data	% of all schools in Scotland which returned data
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Nursery



# National results 2018: by school type

Annual results highlight the extent of variation in travel behaviour between different school types and care should be taken when interpreting results across school types due to considerable variation in pupil response numbers. Due to rounding, row percentage(d)-5 taken when 4(ha)6(vi)5(our)6()-s k4 1 rbursrd-5



## National results comparison: 2008-2018

As 2010 was the first year all local authorities took part, this is used as the baseline year for the purpose of analysing trends. Percentage point change has been calculated based on the rounded figures presented in this statistical news release. For reference, with regard to national all school trends, a 0.1 percentage point change is equivalent to roughly 500 pupils.

#### Active travel

Since the survey started in 2008, active travel to school has remained the most frequently reported mode of travel to school across Scotland.

Overall, there has been a steady decline in school pupils reporting walking to school, from 45.8% in 2010 to 42.5% in 2018. However, walking has risen slightly from 42.3% in 2017, which was the lowest ever recorded proportion of pupils walking

The increasing trend in cycling amongst school pupils has continued in 2018, increasing from 2.8% in 2010 to the highest recorded levels of 3.8% in 2018

The percentage of pupils who say they normally scooter or skate to school increased from 0.7% in 2010 to 2.8% in 2013. Between 2014 and 2017 the rate fluctuated between 2.8% and 2.9%. In 2018 the rate has fallen to 2.4%.

#### Public sustainable travel

Overall, bus use has decreased from 18.2% in 2010 to 16.2% in 2018. This is the lowest ever reported bus use, with a 0.3 percentage point decrease in bus use from 16.5% in 2017.

#### Multi-mode travel

The percentage of pupils normally travelling to school by park and stride has increased from 7.4% in 2010 to a high of 9.8% in 2018. Between 2010 and 2015 park and stride to school rose slowly to 7.8%. Between 2015 and 2016, this increased by 1.5 percentage points (to 9.3% in 2016), and increased by a further 0.4 percentage points in 2017. In 2018, this increasing trend towards multi-mode travel continued, with a 0.1 percentage point increase to 9.8% of pupils.

#### Private motorised travel

Levels of private motorised transport use have fluctuated slightly over the last nine years, from a low of 23.0% in 2013 to a high of 24.8% in 2018.

The proportion of pupils being driven to school in 2018 is 23.1%, representing the highest recorded percentage of pupils being driven since the previous high of 22.9% in 2010. Since 2013, where a low of 21.4% was recorded, the trend has been towards an increase in pupils being driven to school

Taxi use is the least frequently reported of the motorised travel modes. Whilst levels appeared to be increasing, with a high of 1.8% reported in 2016, 2018 levels are similar to previous years at 1.7% of pupils



Table 5: National travel categories: all schools (excluding nursery) 2008 2018.

Year	Active travel	Public sustainable travel	Multi-mode travel	Private motorised travel	Other	Total
2008	51.8%	18.2%	6.1%	23.4%	0.5%	396,377
2009	49.9%	18.1%	6.7%	24.9%	0.4%	415,804
2010	49.3%	18.2%	7.4%	24.5%	0.5%	439,401
2011	49.9%	18.2%	7.5%	24.0%	0.3%	427,104
2012	49.7%	18.2%	7.8%	23.9%	0.5%	457,488
2013	50.3%	18.8%	7.5%	23.0%	0.4%	467,397
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# **Technical Notes**

Data collection



to the survey, although the phrasing of the survey question aims to overcome this



### **Endnotes**

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Documents available at: <a href="http://www.sustrans.org.uk/scotland/hands-up-scotland-survey">http://www.sustrans.org.uk/scotland/hands-up-scotland-survey</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Table 2.1 in supplementary National Results Excel file available to download from: https://www.sustrans.org.uk/scotland/hands-up-scotland-survey

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Table 1.3 in supplementary National Results Excel file available to download from: https://www.sustrans.org.uk/scotland/hands-up-scotland-survey