

# Transport and Liveability in Galway

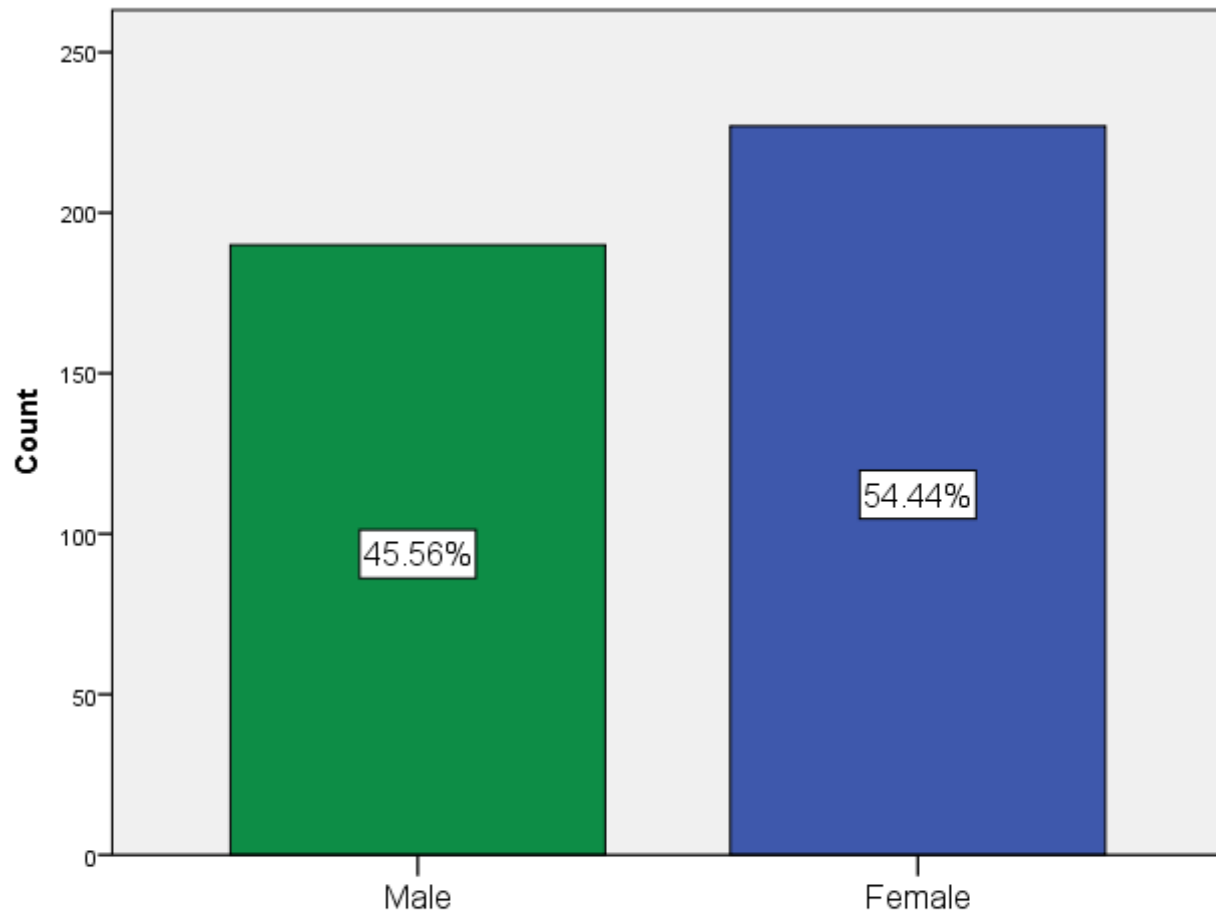
## A Cooperative Teacher/Student Research Project



Researchers and Undergraduate Students from the School of Political Science & Sociology, and under the stewardship of the SSRC

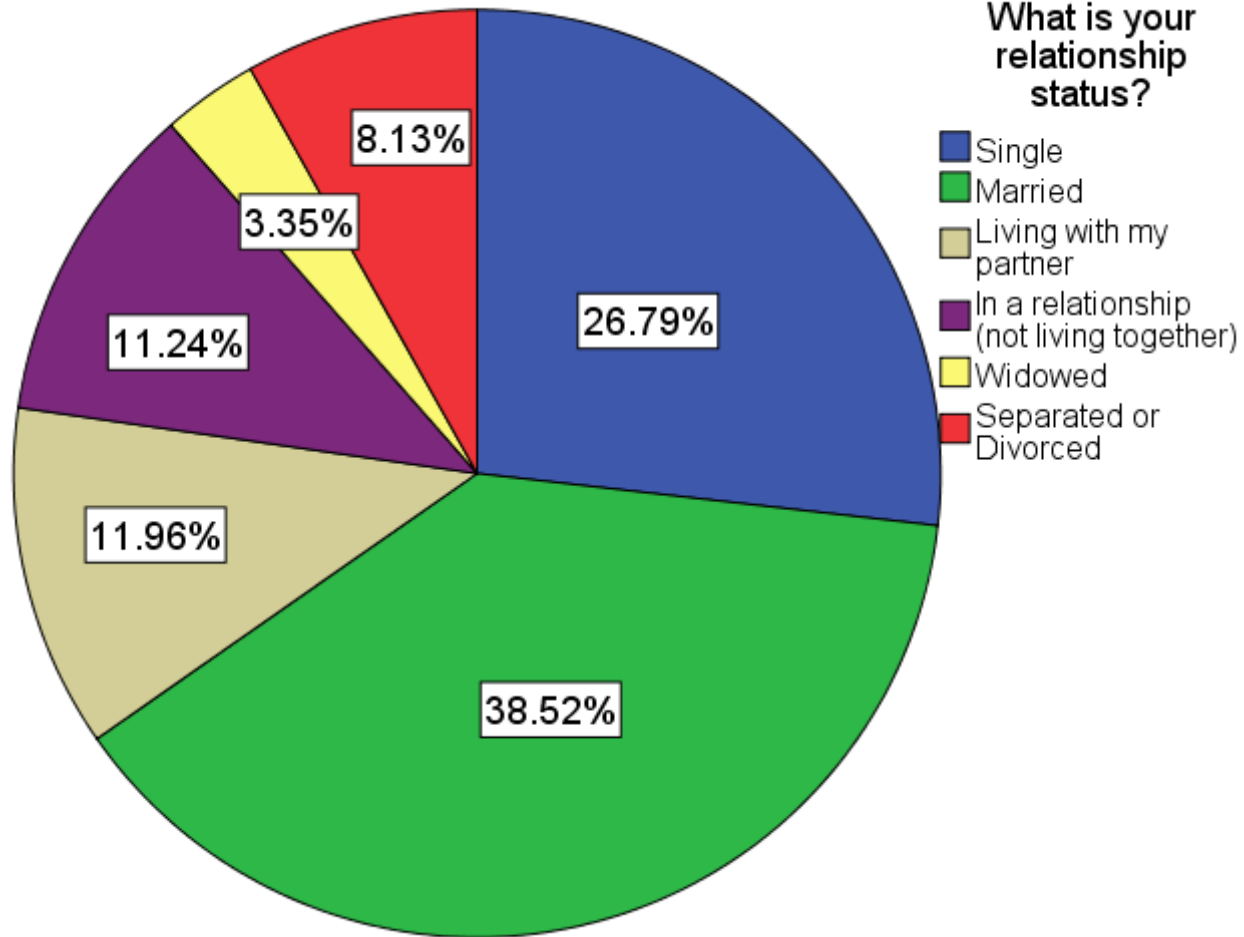
# Our Sampling Approach

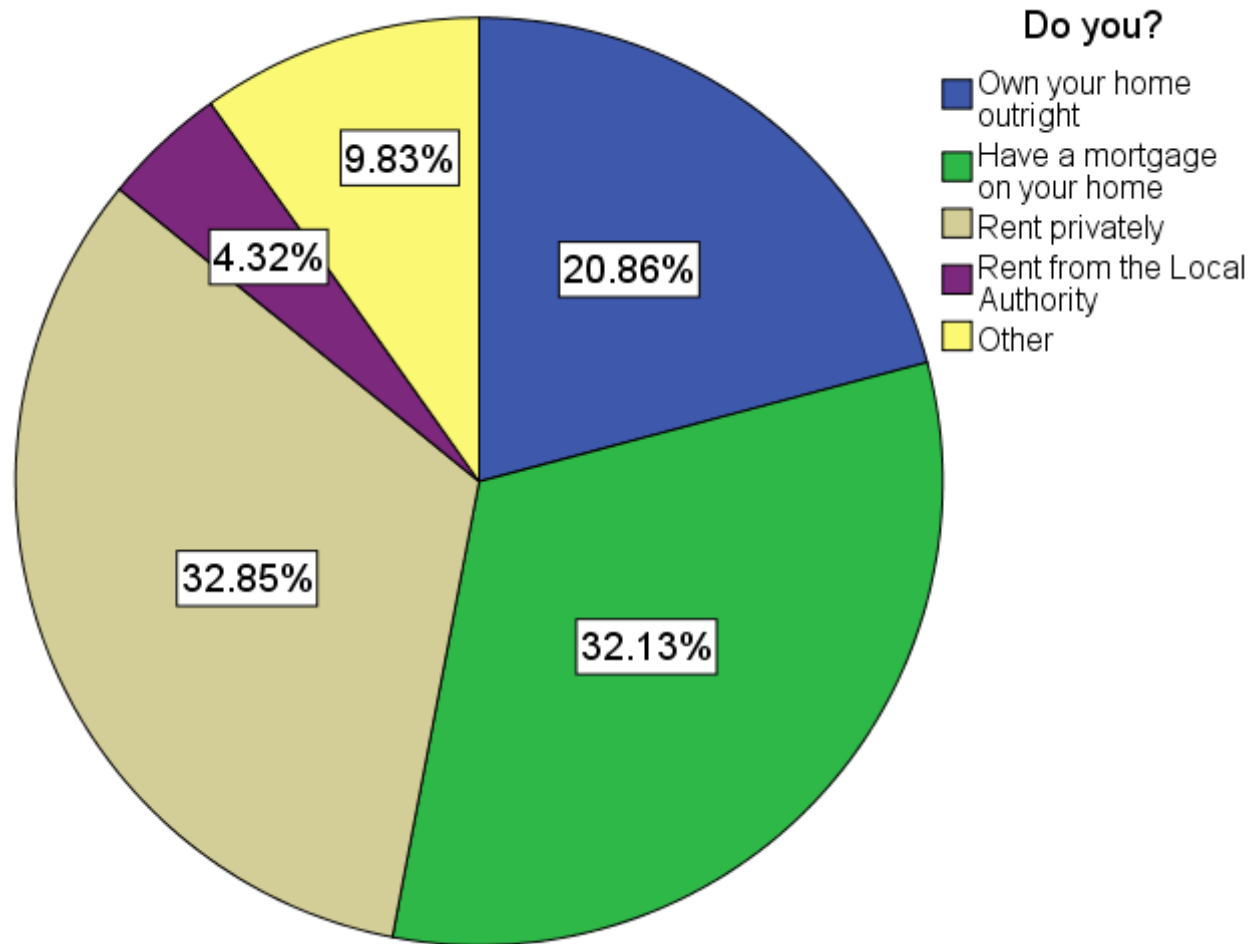
- Stratified sampling was used, i.e. the urban area was divided into its three electoral areas (Galway City Central, Galway City West and Galway City East)
- The population of Galway City stands at 79,504 (CSO, 2016)
- The percentage population in each area is:
  - Galway City Central - 24.96%
  - Galway City West – 35.21%
  - Galway City East – 39.83%
- We collected 442 questionnaires from across the city and all socio-economic backgrounds
- Our sampling percentage breakdown was:
  - Galway City Central – 27.23%
  - Galway City West – 34.65%
  - Galway City East – 38.12%



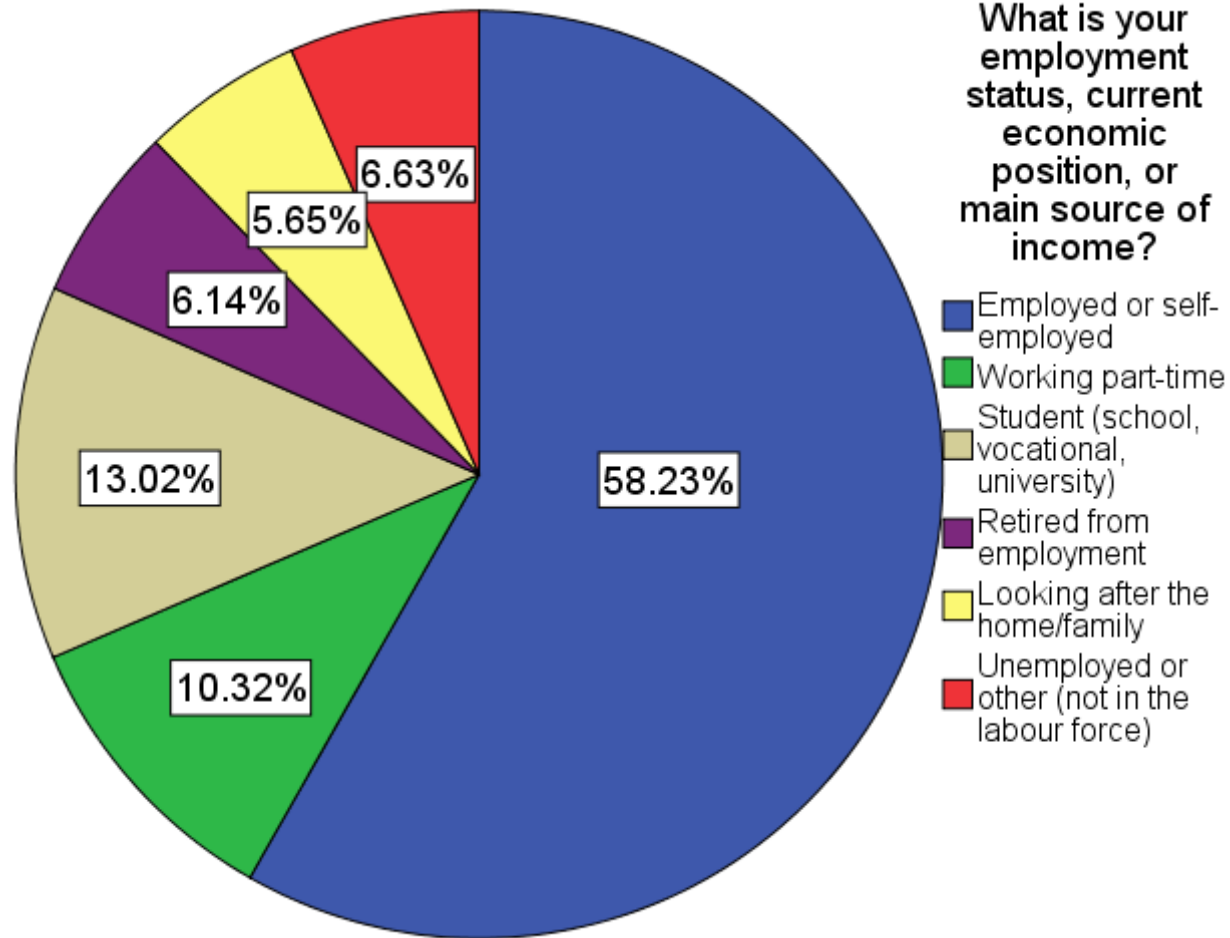
**Which gender do you most identify with?**

### What is your relationship status?

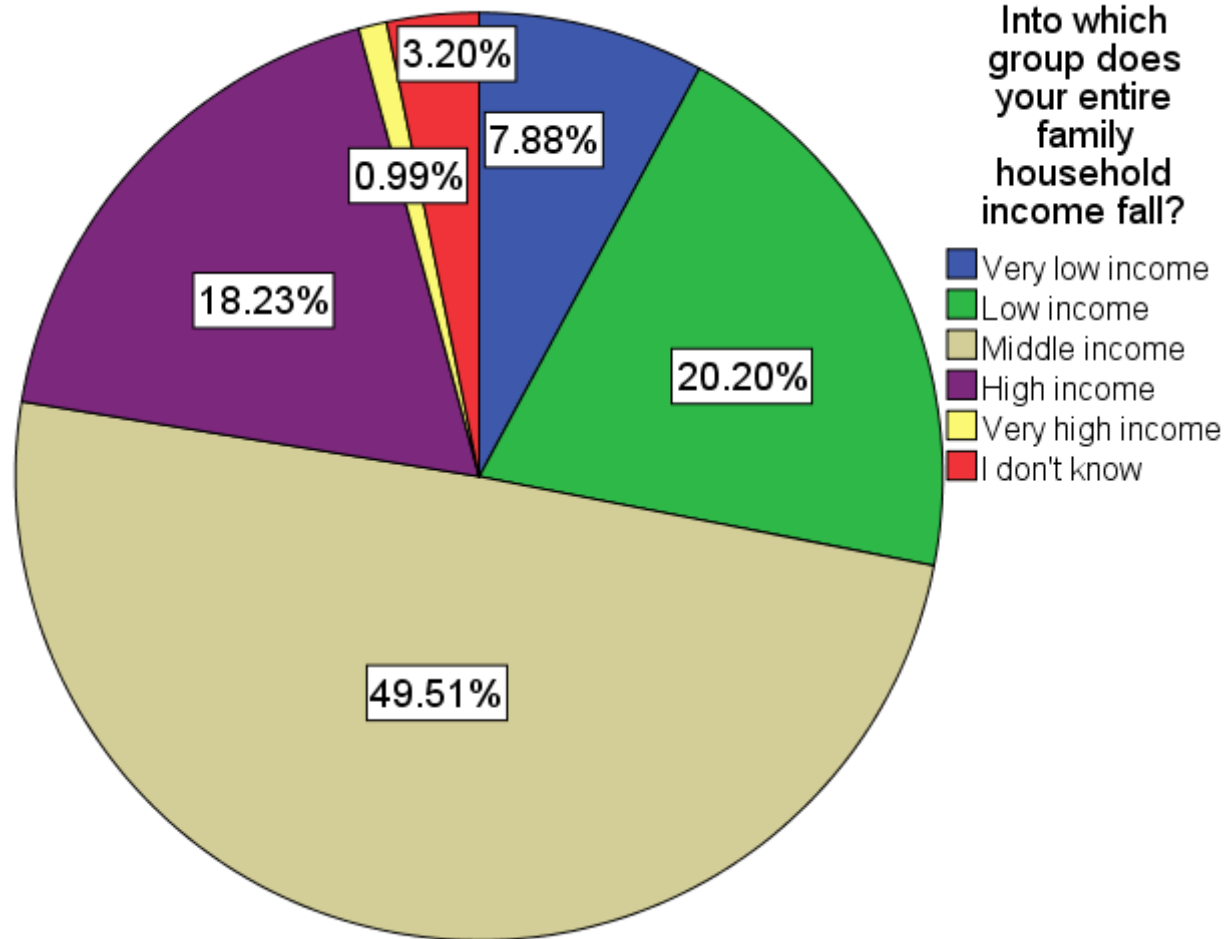




**What is your employment status, current economic position, or main source of income?**



**Into which group does your entire family household income fall?**











So, what questions  
did we ask?



**How do you USUALLY travel to your place of work or study?**

(Please ✓ just one box)

	Walking	Cycling	Bus	Car	Motorcycle	Taxi	Not Applicable
							
The place you work or study 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**How many vehicles (i.e. cars, SUVs or vans) are owned or available for use by one or more members of your household?**

(Include any company car or van if available for use. Please ✓ just one box)

None (no vehicle available for use)	Just one vehicle	Two vehicles	Three vehicles	Four or more vehicles
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Is there public transport (or a private bus service) available for your commute to work/college/school?**

(Please ✓ just one box)

Yes	No	I don't know
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Do you own or have the use of a bicycle?**

(Please ✓ just one box)

Yes	No	I don't know
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?**

(Please ✓ just one box in each row)

	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree
Roads are not intended for cyclists	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
There are too many traffic lights in Galway	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
There should be no charge for on-street car parking in Galway	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
More roads should be built to ease car traffic congestion	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Speed limits should be reduced to 30kmph or less in built up areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Galway should have a congestion charge for cars entering the city centre	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
You definitely need a car to get around Galway	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cars should be allowed to use the bus lanes when there is traffic congestion	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
In addition to Shop Street, other streets in the city centre should be pedestrianised	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Galway is a cycling-friendly city	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Galway is a pedestrian-friendly city	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Galway needs a light rail system (like the Luas in Dublin)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Thinking about your OWN NEIGHBOURHOOD, how satisfied are you with the following?**

(Please ✓ just one box in each row)

	Very dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Satisfied	Very satisfied
The design and appearance of your neighbourhood	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The relationship with your neighbours	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Your neighbourhood as a place to walk	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Feeling safe from crime, anti-social behaviour & vandalism in your neighbourhood	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The noise levels in your neighbourhood	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The amount of traffic in/through your neighbourhood	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The air quality in your neighbourhood	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access to basic services nearby (shops, medical services, banking, schools, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access to public transport	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

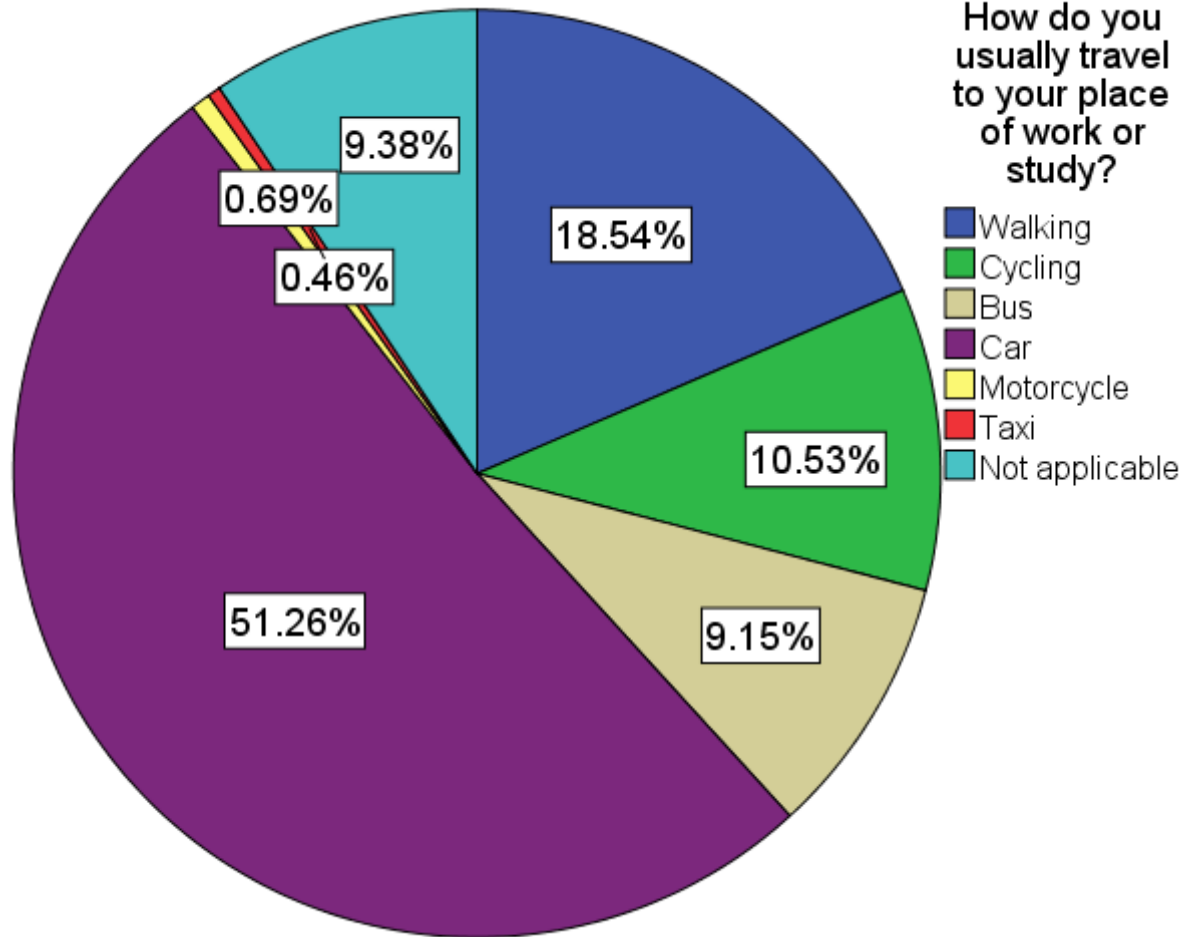
**How often do the following prevent you from walking IN AND AROUND GALWAY?**

(Please ✓ just one box in each row)

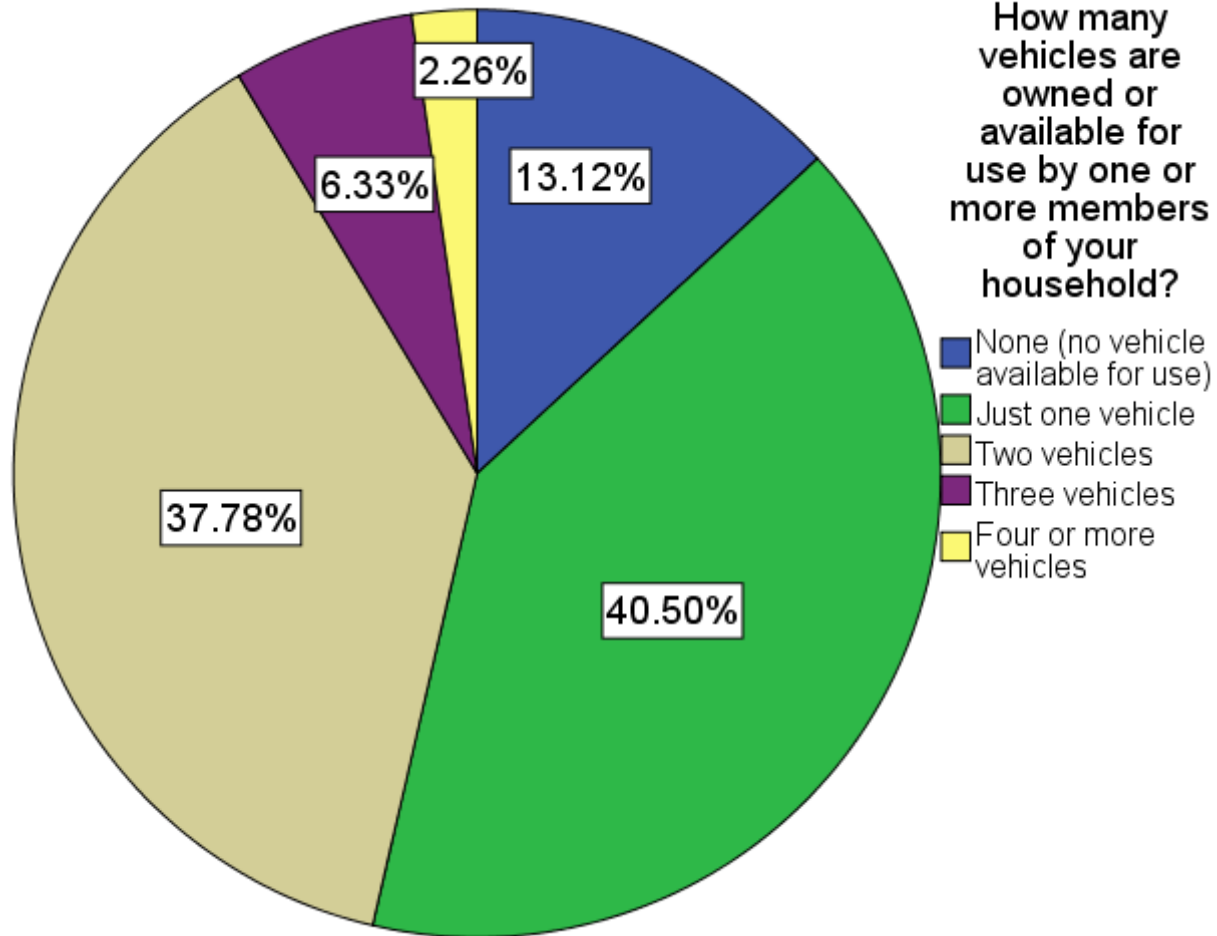
	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Very often
<b>A disability or poor health</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Time constraints/too busy</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Bad weather</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Being self-conscious about my appearance</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Having no one to walk with</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>A lack of energy</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Feeling unsafe or vulnerable</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>The condition of the pavements and walkways</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Some preliminary  
descriptive results...

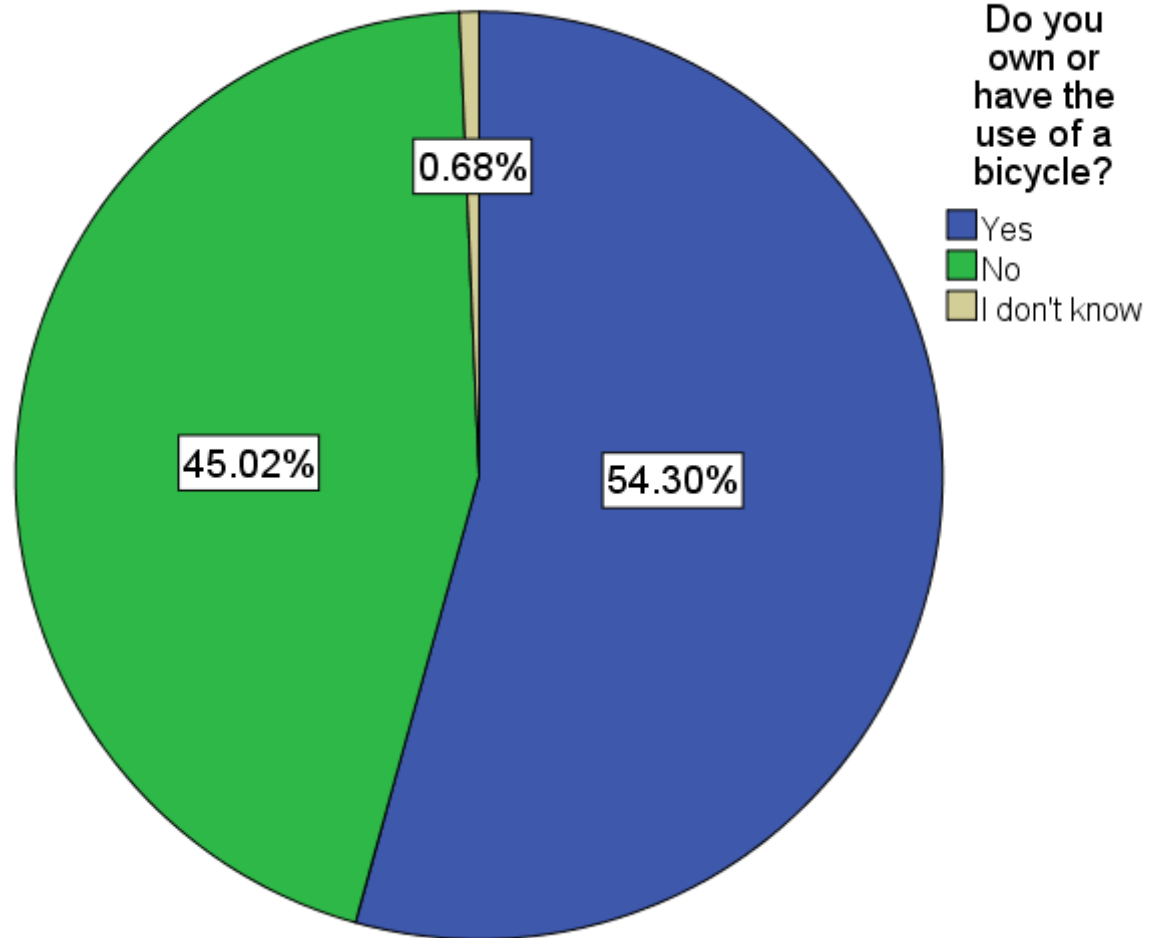
How do you usually travel to your place of work or study?



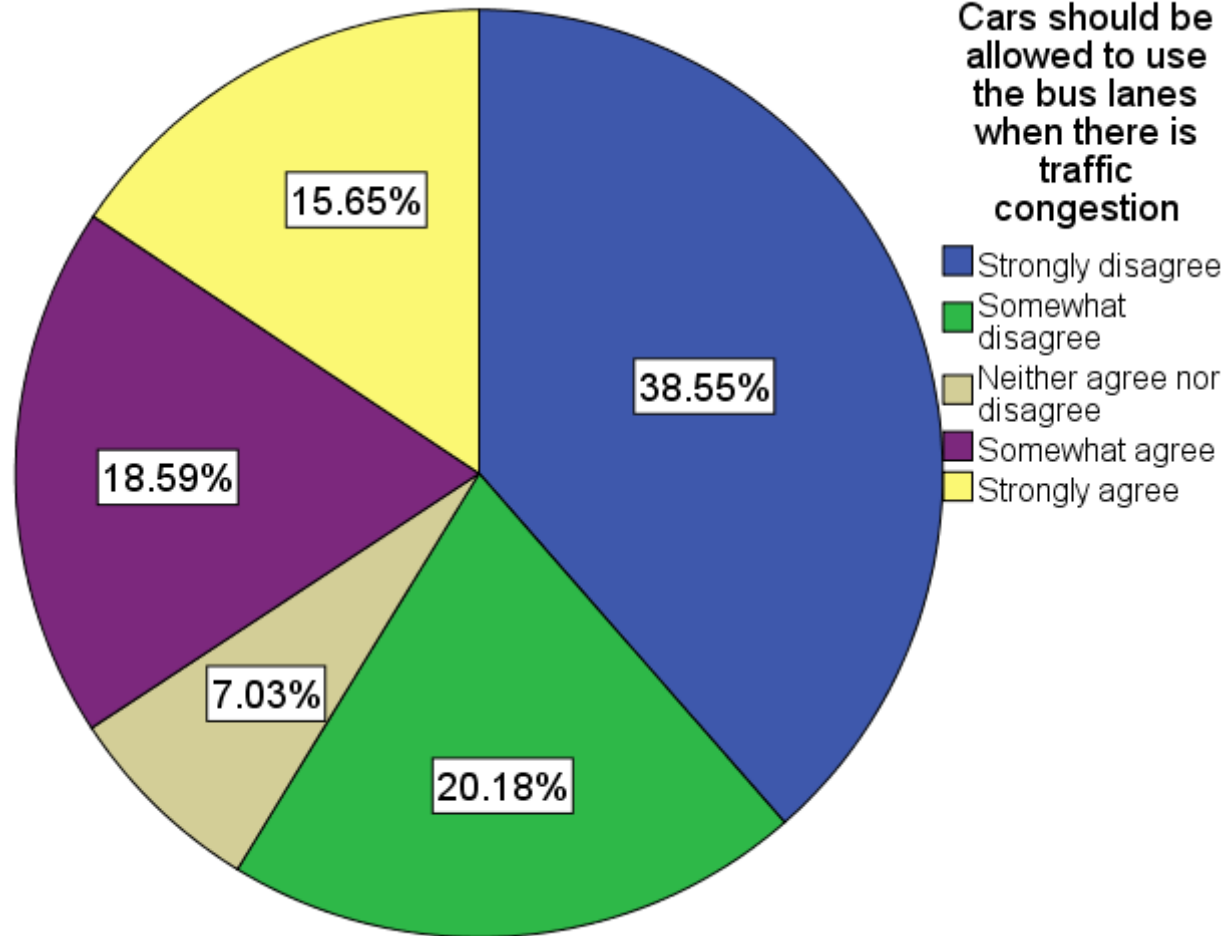
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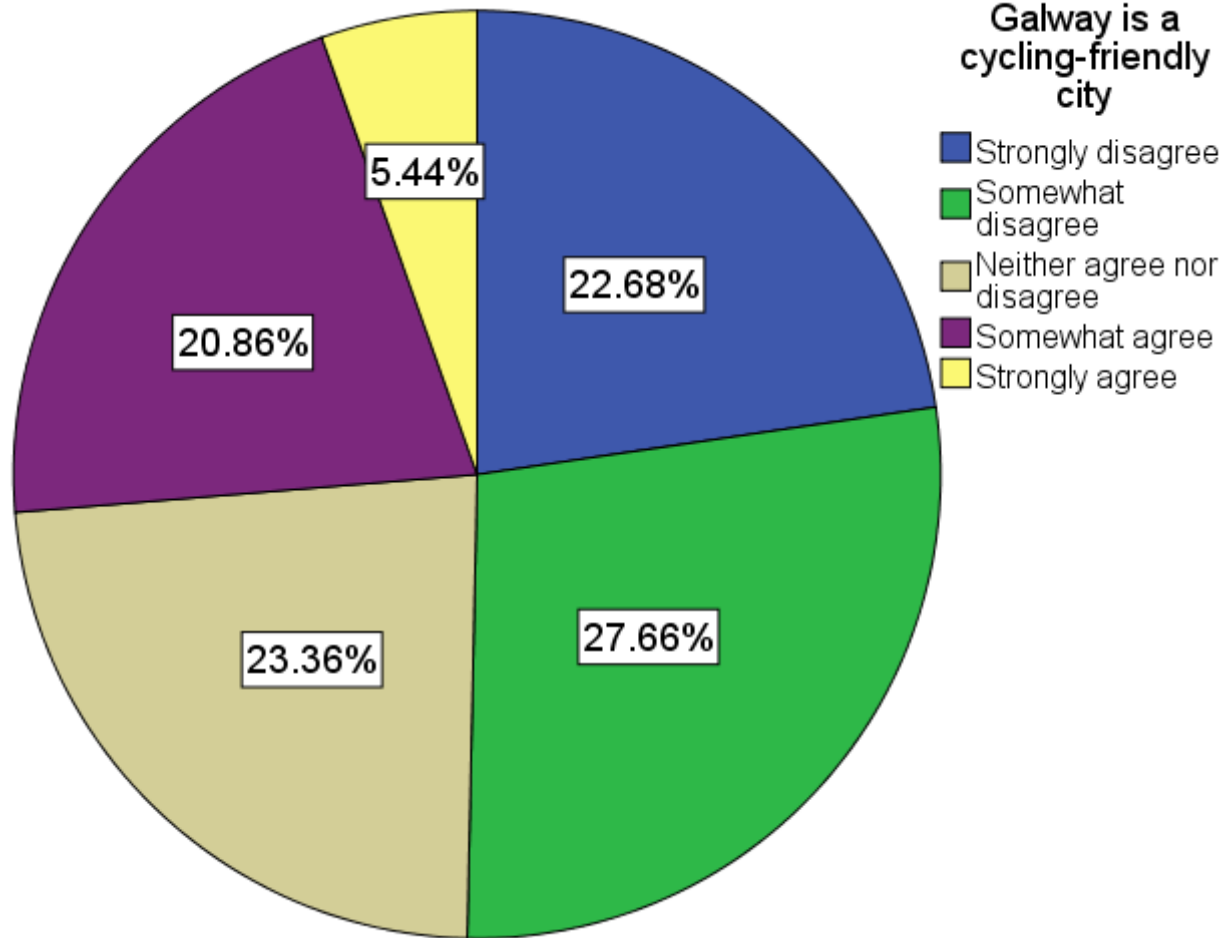
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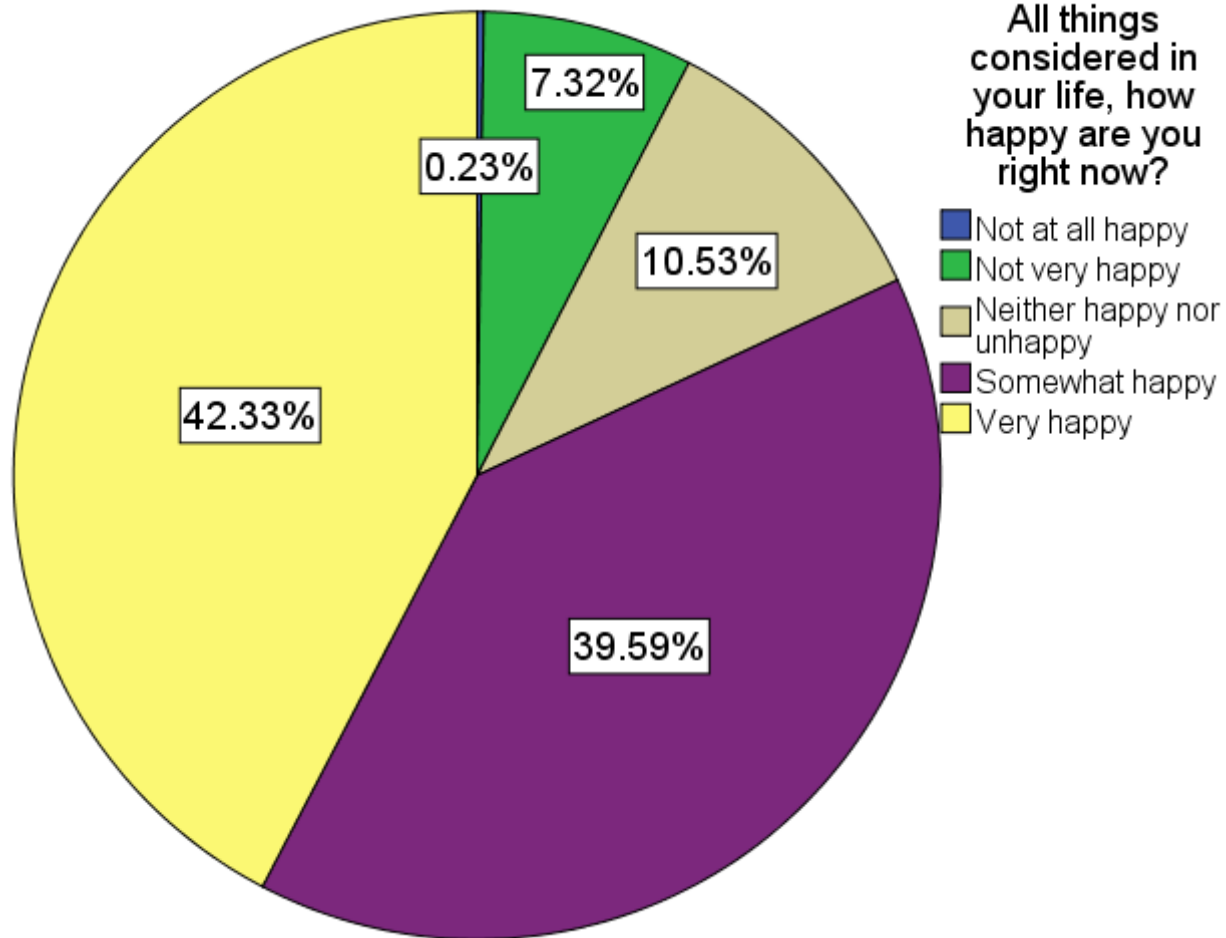
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### Galway is a cycling-friendly city



**All things considered in your life, how happy are you right now?**



# Meet the Project Team

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