



Public Transport in Melbourne's Eastern Region

- The Problem -

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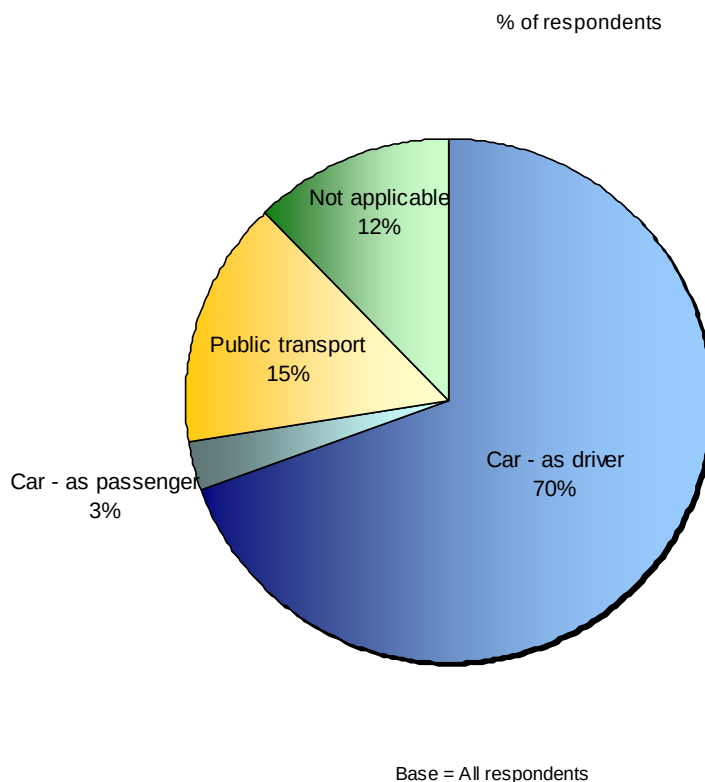
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1. Key Findings

1.1 Use of Public Transport

Q4. What is your main form of transport for getting to and from your place of work?

a. Transport to Work



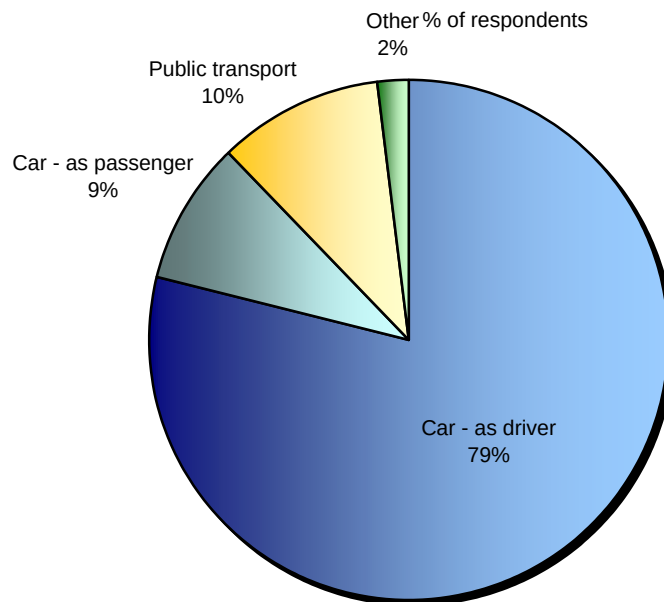
KEY FINDINGS:

- More than two in every three respondents travel to work by car (71%) with 68% driving themselves and a further 3% travelling as passengers.
- Only 15% say they use public transport as their primary form of transport to work.
- Chisholm had the highest rate of public transport use (24%) followed by Bruce (19%).
- La Trobe had the lowest level of public transport use with only 5% saying it was their main way of getting to work.
- Greens voters (28%) were more than twice as likely as Coalition voters (11%) to use public transport to get to work.

NOTE: These figures are consistent with ABS Census data.

Q5. What is your main form of transport for travel not including your trip to and from work?

b. Transport to Other Activities



Base = All respondents

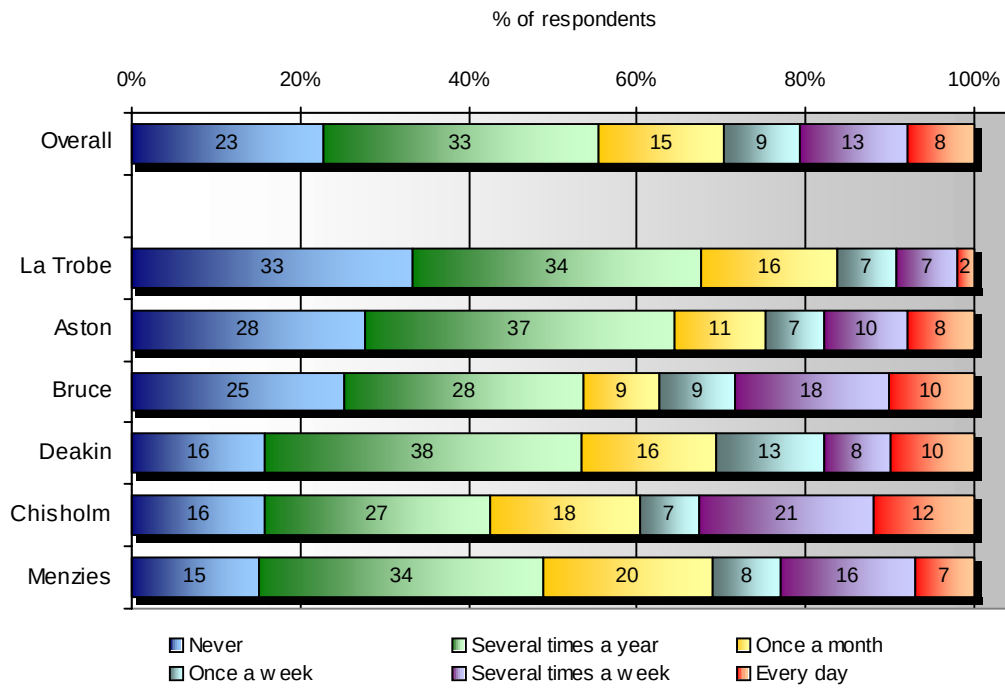
KEY FINDINGS:

- 87% of respondents indicated that their main form of transport for travel other than their journey to work was by car (78% as driver, 9% as passenger).
- Only 1 in 10 said they used public transport as their primary means of travel to other non-work activities.
- Only 5% of respondents in La Trobe said they used public transport as their main way of getting to non-work activities.
- Greens voters (22%) were more than twice as likely as Labor voters (10%) to use public transport to get to non-work activities and three times more likely than Coalition voters (7%).

NOTE: These figures provide particular insight as the ABS Census provides data only on the journey to work and does not cover transport to other activities

Q6. How often do you use public transport?

c. Frequency of Use



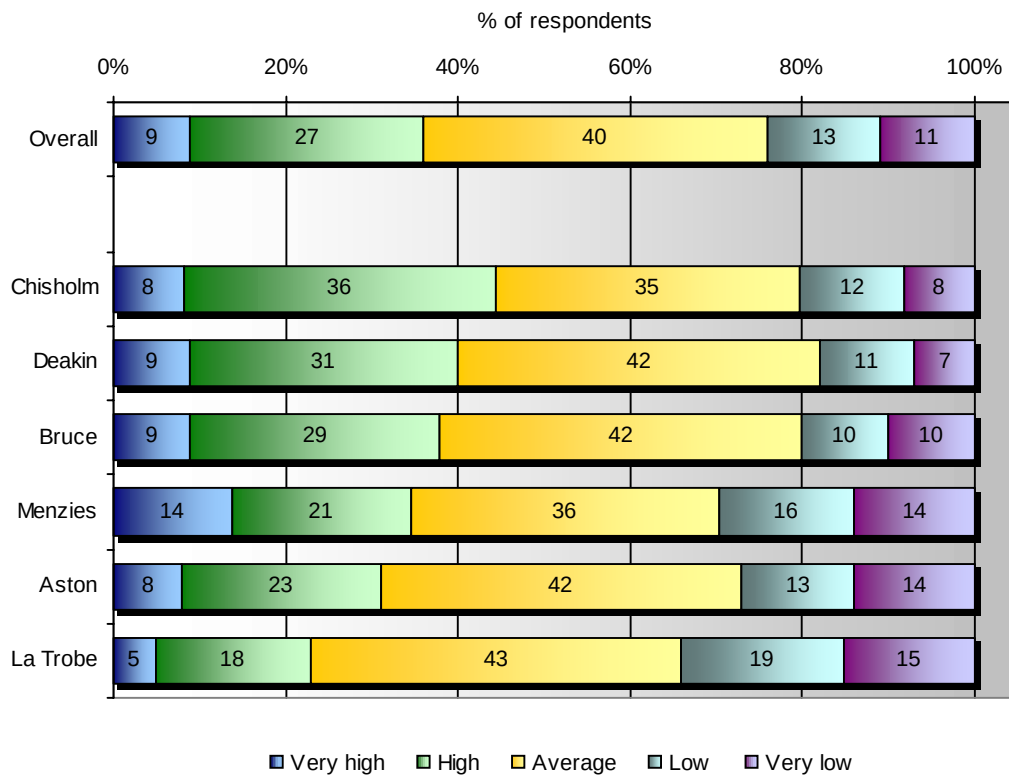
Base = All respondents

KEY FINDINGS:

- More than 70% of those surveyed said that they used public transport once a month or less. Only 8% use it every day.
- Chisholm reported the most frequent use of public transport with 12% saying they used it every day and 21% using it several times a week.
- Respondents in La Trobe were least likely to use public transport with only 16% saying they used it at least once a week. One third of La Trobe respondents said they never use public transport.

Q7. How would you describe your level of knowledge about public transport facilities in your area?

d. Knowledge of Public Transport



Base = All respondents

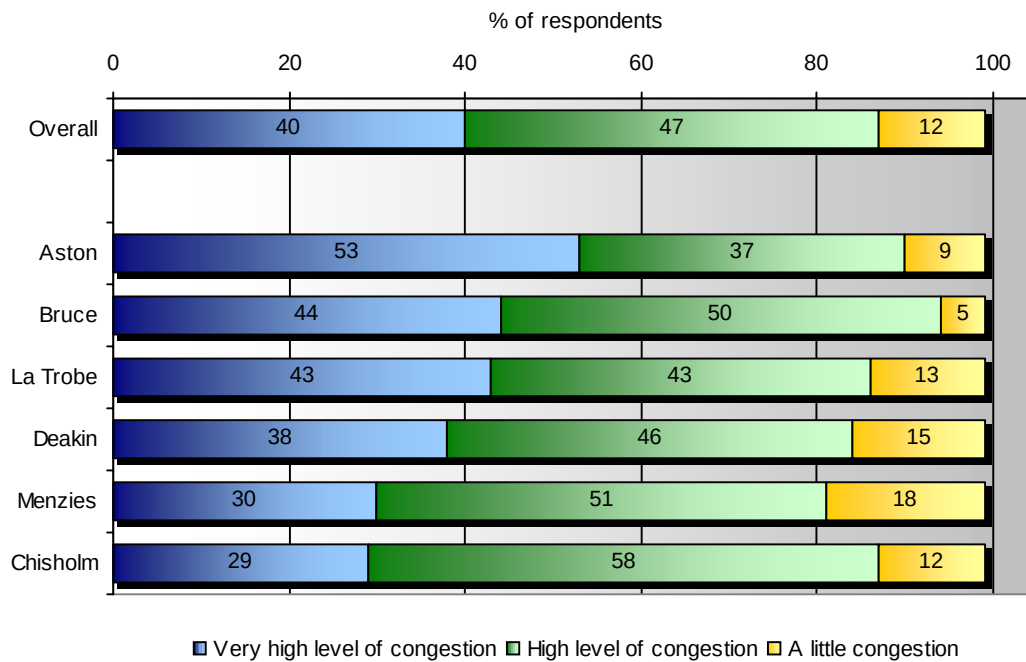
KEY FINDINGS:

- Almost two thirds (64%) of respondents described their level of knowledge about public transport in their area as average or below. Only 9% described it as very high.
- As expected, those who used public transport to get to work were much more likely to say their level of knowledge was either high (49%) or very high (24%).

1.2 Traffic and Roads

Q8. How would you describe the typical level of congestion on major roads in your area at peak times?

a. Level of Congestion



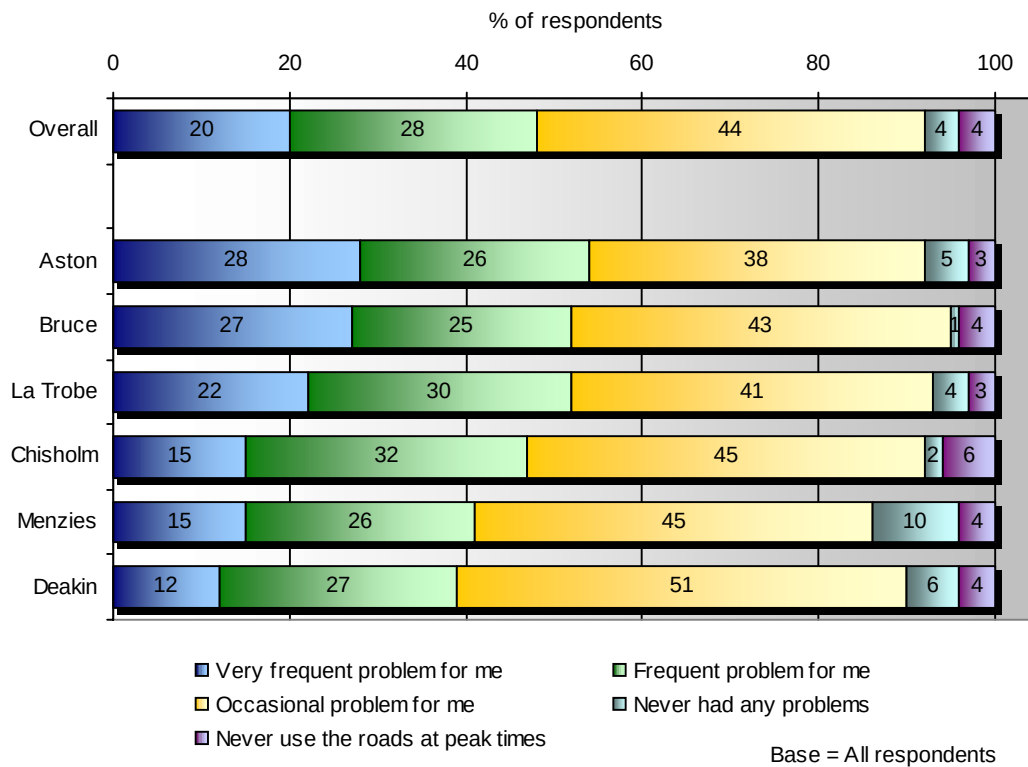
Base = All respondents

KEY FINDINGS:

- 40% of respondents reported encountering a very high level of congestion on major roads. A further 47% reported a high level.
- Aston reported the highest level of congestion (Very high: 53%) while Chisholm had the lowest (Very high: 29%).

Q9. How would you describe your typical experience of accessing major roads in your area at peak times?

b. Accessing Major Roads

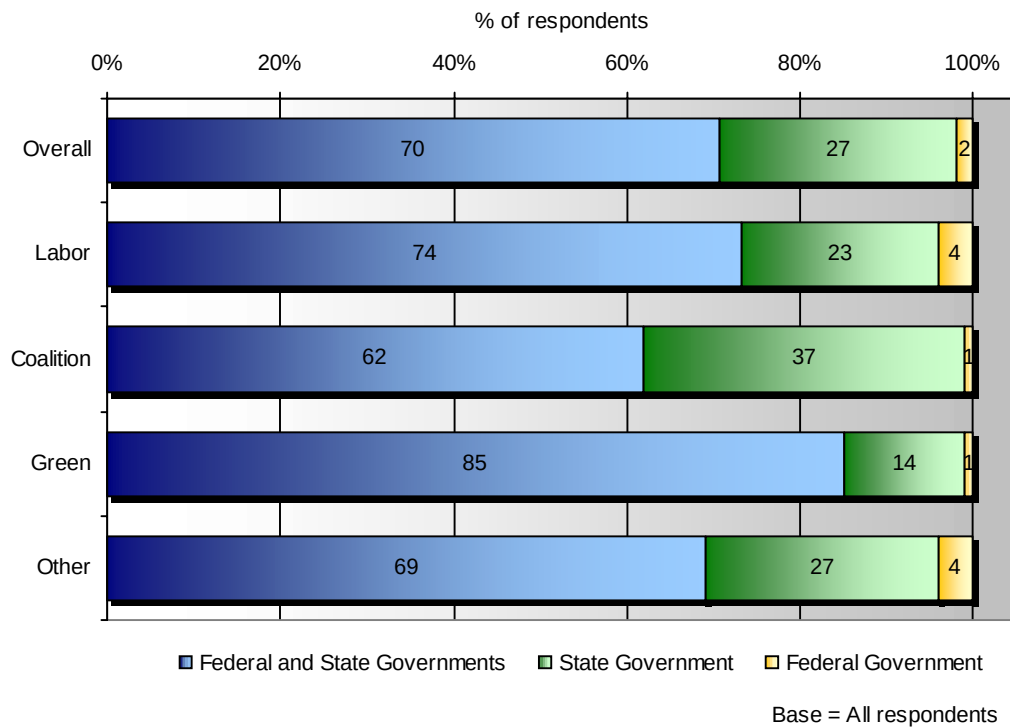


KEY FINDINGS:

- Almost one in every two respondents (48%) said they experienced either frequent or very frequent problems accessing major roads in peak times.
- Aston (54%) and Bruce (52%) reported the most frequent problems accessing major roads peak times.

Q10. Who do you believe should fix the problems of traffic congestion on major roads in your area?

c. Fix Road Problems



KEY FINDINGS:

- 70% of respondents believe the State and Federal Governments should work together to fix congestion problems on major roads.
- 74% of Labor voters believe that the State and Federal Governments should share the responsibility as did 62% of Coalition voters.
- 81% of respondents in Aston believe the governments should cooperate, followed by Bruce (76%) and La Trobe (68%).