

# Wichita Pedestrian Master Plan – Community Survey Report

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## Introduction

This report summarizes the findings of the on-line City of Wichita Pedestrian Master Plan Survey. This survey was issued as part of the community outreach effort for the planning process, in order to collect important information from Wichita residents on walking related matters .The survey included three general categories of questions: personal walking behavior, questions related to walking in Wichita, and demographic information. The survey was available between August 23rd and October 1st, 2013; and was filled out by 173 participants. The survey was not statistically significant. This document presents key findings, summaries of the results by general category, and the complete survey results.

## Key Findings

- *The most common daily trip is walking trips to the car followed by walking for recreation and leisure.*
- *When asked what they liked best about walking in Wichita, the highest rated feature by survey respondents was that the conditions of Wichita sidewalks are generally good.*
- *However, when asked what they would improve related to walking in Wichita, the highest rated improvement was to provide sidewalks on at least one side of most streets.*
- *The reported factor that makes walking in Wichita the most difficult or unpleasant is the long distances between destinations (work, school, parks, shopping, etc.).*
- *More than 85 percent of survey respondents indicated that they feel safe or very safe walking in Wichita.*

## Question Categories Summary

### Demographics

Basic demographic information was collected from survey participants. The following is a list of the participants

- Gender: 44% Male, 57% Female
- Age: 56% 25-49, 34% 50-64, 5% 65 and over, 5% 15-24
- Disabled: 92% No, 8% Yes
- Zip code: Top 5: 67218, 67203, 67212, 67202, 67205

### Personal Walking Behaviors

Survey participants were self-selecting. As a result, 92% of survey participants reported walking on a regular basis which is likely much higher than a randomized sample of Wichita residents.

Participants were asked about the types of trips they make by foot. The most common daily trip is walking trips to the car followed by walking for recreation and leisure and walking to go shopping, run errands or entertainment. The least common type of trip made by survey participants were trips between home and work (82% never make this kind of trip) and trips between home and school (93% never make this kind of trip). The top barriers to walking to school were: distance and the amount of traffic.

### Walking in Wichita

The survey responses regarding walking in Wichita largely focused on sidewalks: the presence, the absence and the conditions of sidewalks over all other factors. Sidewalks ranked high as both what people liked and didn't like about walking in Wichita. Sidewalks were also high on the list of things that people felt would improve walking conditions. Participants cited the conditions of the sidewalks as the top reason for what they liked best about walking in Wichita followed by "sidewalks and paths are nice places to be". Sidewalks were a top answer in response to what was difficult about walking in Wichita. The top four factors were:

- Sidewalk gaps or no sidewalks
- Long distances between my destinations (work, school, parks, shopping, etc.)
- Sidewalks are in disrepair or blocked by plants, debris, sign posts, light posts, etc.
- Motorists don't yield to pedestrians

After sidewalks, participants listed better lighting, more visible crosswalks, and curb ramps as facilities that would improve walking in Wichita. The choice "better pedestrian signals" ranked low.

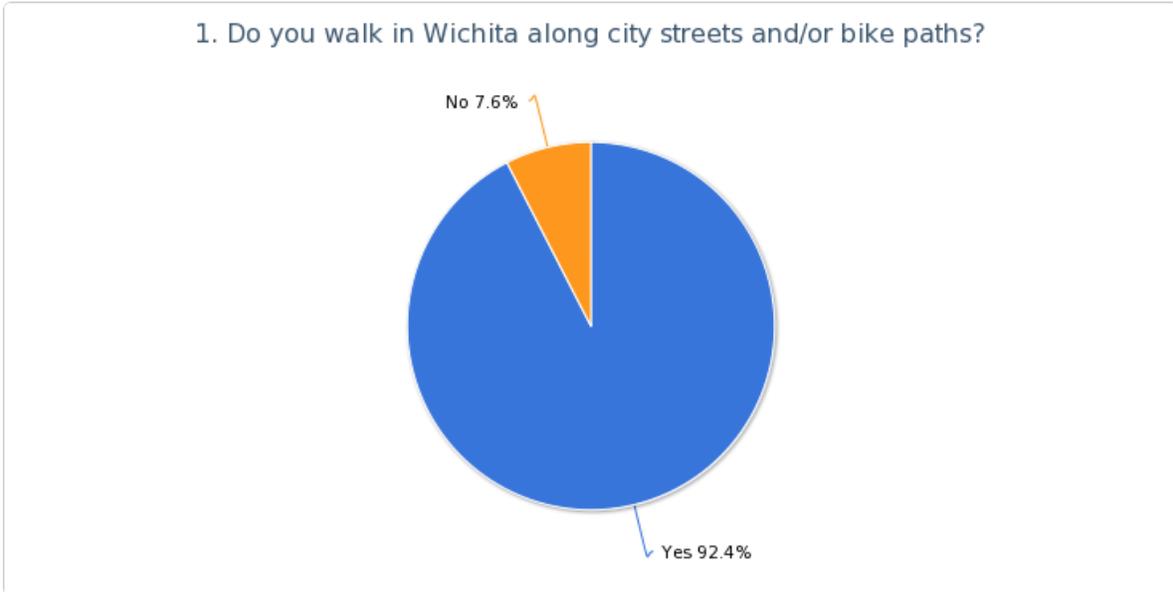
Safety was another important factor with mixed results. While "walking is safe" was the third highest response to what people like best about walking in Wichita, the majority of participants felt "safe" to "somewhat safe" walking.

When asked about how they would improve walking conditions in Wichita, the majority of participants answered with a different response than the options provided. Many people commented that better walking connections, lighting, more sidewalks and shared use pathways would improve walking in Wichita.

Perhaps as a result of the reported interest in more sidewalks, the majority (75%) of survey participants ranked the ease of walking in the city fair to poor.

# Wichita Pedestrian Master Plan Survey Report with Comments

## 1. Do you walk in Wichita along city streets and/or bike paths?

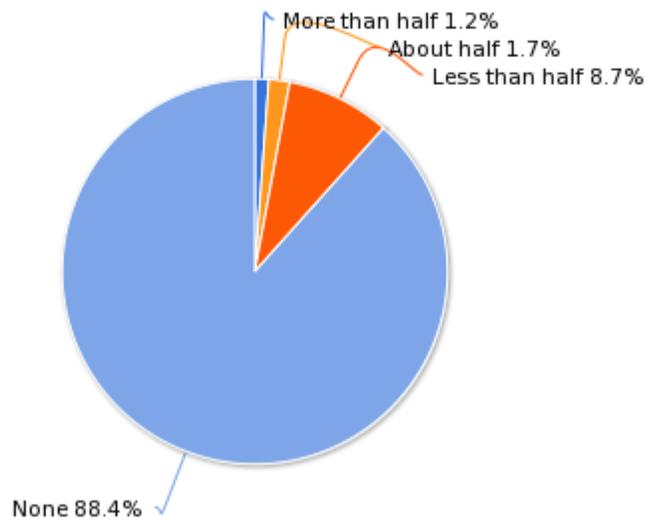


Value	Count	Percent
Yes	159	92.4%
No	13	7.6%

Statistics	
Total Responses	172

2. How many of your walking trips also include taking the bus? Select the answer that best represents the proportion of trips that involve both walking and taking the bus.

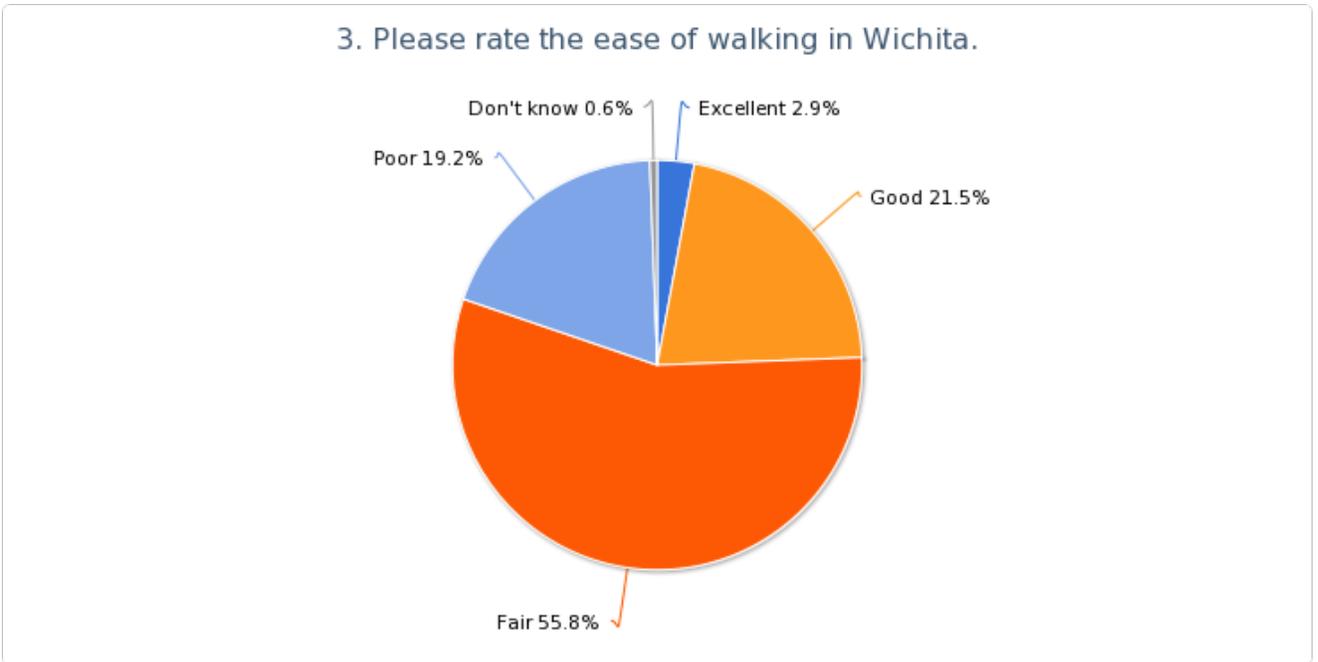
2. How many of your walking trips also include taking the bus? Select the answer that best represents the proportion of trips that involve both walking and taking the bus.



Value	Count	Percent
All	0	0.0%
More than half	2	1.2%
About half	3	1.7%
Less than half	15	8.7%
None	152	88.4%

Statistics	
Total Responses	172

3. Please rate the ease of walking in Wichita.



Value	Count	Percent
Excellent	5	2.9%
Good	37	21.5%
Fair	96	55.8%
Poor	33	19.2%
Don't know	1	0.6%

Statistics	
Total Responses	172

4. How often do you walk for each of the following purposes:

	Daily	More than once each week	Once a week	Once or twice a month	I don't make this kind of trip	Responses
I walk between home and work	4.6% 7	3.3% 5	2.6% 4	6.6% 10	82.8% 125	151
I walk between home and school	1.3% 2	2.0% 3	0.7% 1	2.6% 4	93.4% 142	152
I walk to get to and from	1.3%	2.0%	0.7%	9.3%	86.8%	151

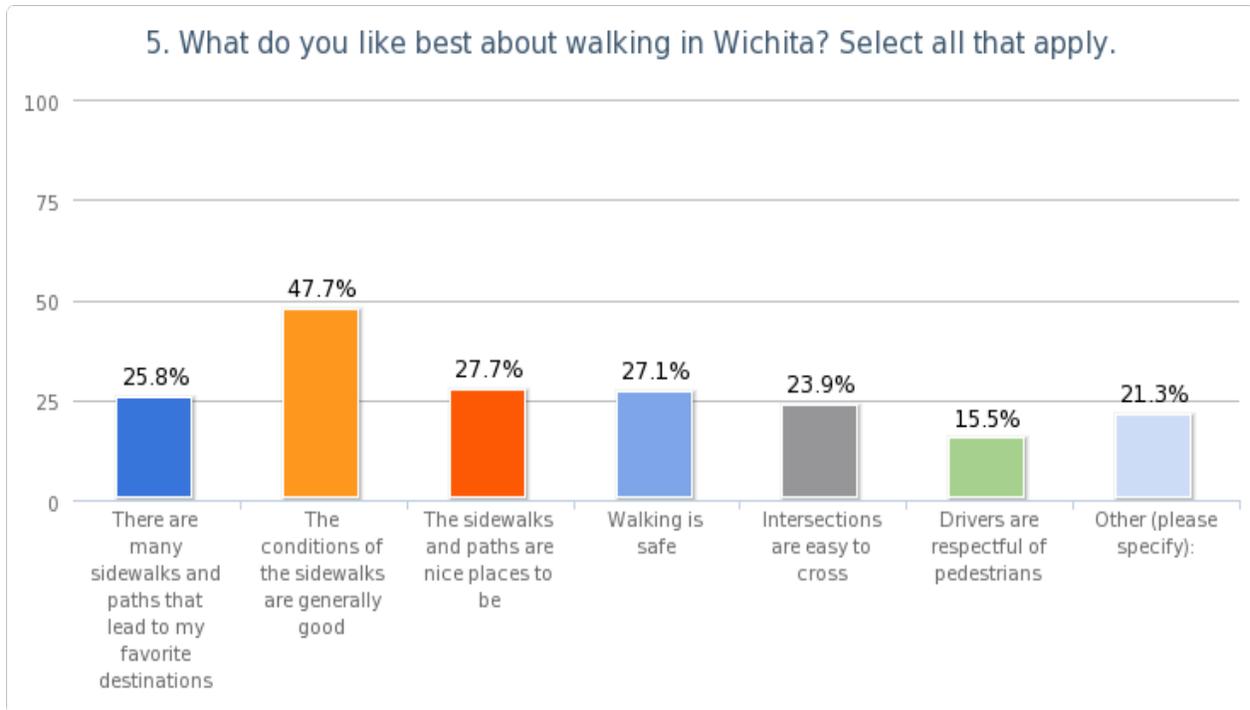
<b>the bus stop</b>	2	3	1	14	131	
<b>I walk to my car</b>	<b>68.9%</b> 111	<b>11.2%</b> 18	<b>2.5%</b> 4	<b>2.5%</b> 4	<b>14.9%</b> 24	<b>161</b>
<b>I walk for leisure</b>	<b>24.1%</b> 40	<b>39.8%</b> 66	<b>11.4%</b> 19	<b>16.9%</b> 28	<b>7.8%</b> 13	<b>166</b>
<b>I walk to go shopping, run errands or entertainment</b>	<b>8.8%</b> 14	<b>18.2%</b> 29	<b>11.3%</b> 18	<b>24.5%</b> 39	<b>37.1%</b> 59	<b>159</b>
<b>I walk for exercise or personal fitness</b>	<b>31.4%</b> 53	<b>39.1%</b> 66	<b>13.6%</b> 23	<b>10.1%</b> 17	<b>5.9%</b> 10	<b>169</b>
<b>I walk to see friends/family</b>	<b>8.4%</b> 13	<b>13.6%</b> 21	<b>9.1%</b> 14	<b>22.7%</b> 35	<b>46.1%</b> 71	<b>154</b>
<b>Other (please specify in comment box):</b>	<b>8.1%</b> 7	<b>10.5%</b> 9	<b>4.7%</b> 4	<b>2.3%</b> 2	<b>74.4%</b> 64	<b>86</b>

Comments

Count	Response
1	I chase my kids around the house
1	I combine walking with bicycling to or from work most days each week.
1	I ride my bicycle for transportation most of the time .. I don't use the MTA buses
1	I run
1	I run about every other day anywhere from 3-6 miles.
1	I try to visit several merchants in the Delano Shopping area each week.
1	I use a cane
1	I walk between church and home.
1	I walk between work and lunch, go grab a meal at a nearby restaurant.
1	I walk during Final Fridays downtown, to restaurants, galleries & shops.
1	I walk each weekday with a friend. Some days it is my only socialization!
1	I walk on the YMCA track.
1	I walk the dog
1	I walk to church once a week.
1	I work downtown, so I walk to lunch a lot or walk to meetings at other locations downtown.
1	I would do more of this if Wichita had the infrastructure to support it.
1	I would gladly walk to shop or run errands but my area is not multi-use like that.
1	I would like to take the bus more, but the system layout and timetable don't serve my needs.
1	Walk the dog.
1	Walk to events in the city: art openings, concerts, etc.
1	dog walking
1	i walk the dog twice a day.
1	unable to walk, but if I could I sure would.....
1	walk at work one to two miles a day
1	walk to play basketball at the YMCA
1	Public transportation including creating an environment that is conducive to walking is sorely needed here in Wichita.
1	** It should be said that if the bus system in Wichita was more reliable and efficient, I would

	gladly walk to and from the bus stop.
1	i would walk or ride my bike from home to shop or visit or maybe to work but we have no sidewalks or bike lanes from my home and it's too dangerous
1	I live in Riverside, so this is easy to do. Before, when I lived out at 147th and E Kellogg I couldn't walk anywhere but the neighbors' houses.
1	Once a week, I walk to the local donut shop. I don't walk much on the bike paths, but I bike a lot on them, as well as on the city streets. I also walk to various starting points when I run outside, which is usually once a week.
1	This is THE most unfriendly-to-pedestrians city which I have ever lived in! You just TRY getting safely from a sidewalk to a store entrance in Wichita!
1	I live in an area where there is no park for children within walking distance *unless* (and this is what everyone in the neighborhood with kids or a dog does) we cut through an empty lot to a path where the old RR tracks used to be (near 17th street between rock and woodlwan) and then you have to find the part of the fence that is *broken* (just big enough for one person to walk through) which takes us to the park/middle school. It's too bad my pleas for a neighborhood park are falling on deaf ears, I have sent out so many emails! This vacant lot doesn't get mowed often and the kids all walk home from school this way, it would be so nice to have a little park and a real path to get to the RR path and middle school/huge park near us. If we were to walk the way we are supposed to it takes 50 minutes to walk down Rock Rd and up 13th and much more dangerous for kids to walk up a busy street...the shortcut takes 5 minutes from my house. I really hope someone can email me back about this...if the city could purchase that vacant lot, it would be so nice for our neighborhood! violinjudy@gmail.com
1	I walk everywhere because I don't have a car and don't need a bus (usually) and I hate the taxi companies in this town because they hate the customers.

5. What do you like best about walking in Wichita? Select all that apply.



Value	Count	Percent
There are many sidewalks and paths that lead to my favorite destinations	40	25.8%
The conditions of the sidewalks are generally good	74	47.7%
The sidewalks and paths are nice places to be	43	27.7%
Walking is safe	42	27.1%
Intersections are easy to cross	37	23.9%
Drivers are respectful of pedestrians	24	15.5%
Other (please specify):	33	21.3%

Statistics	
Total Responses	155

Open-Text Response Breakdown for "Other (please specify):"		Count
<i>Left Blank</i>		142
		1
Being outside - you can't just jump off when you get tired - you have to make it back home.		1
Fitness		1
Good exercise, and it's pleasant to enjoy the out of doors.		1
I like walking at WSU		1
I walk outside if I do not have time to go to the YMCA		1

It's pretty flat	1
No of these in Wichita	1
None of the above	1
None of these apply	1
None of these options apply to Wichita	1
Nothing	1
River paths are nice	1
The few sidewalks in my area are nice condition, not enough though	1
The grocery store is close. The sidewalks are usually horrid--when there ARE sidewalks.	1
The river path is my favorite about wichita	1
WALKING FOR THE JOY OF WALKING	1
Walking is healthful	1
Walking is healthier for me and for the environment.	1
accessible crosswalks	1
attractive streets, parks and neighborhoods	1
good exercise	1
need to inforce j-walking laws.....	1
none of the above	1
none of the above	1
none of these are true.	1
nope	1
I love the paths of the east half of the city, tho' some areas need attention, BUT the poaths don't really lead to anywhere, do they? It's just a nice way to get a 30-40 -mile bike ride for exercise. And some of those areas, I certainly wouldn't want to be WALKING after dusk. Many bike path intersections are NOT easy to cross, expecially during rush hours.	1
Yeah, right on the sidewalks being in good shape and the drivers being respectful. Pa-lease! As if! But I haven't been killed yet so there's that.	1
Buildings provide shade in downtown. Suburban neighborhoods nice. i.e. Riverside with few sidewalks and outlying development with planned walks.	1
I said I don't walk and all of these questions ask about walking. This is a poor survey. I should skip to why I don't walk.	1

*6. What makes walking in Wichita difficult or unpleasant for you? Please select up to 4 factors from the list in order of importance (1 being most important).*

	Choice #1	Choice #2	Choice #3	Choice #4	Responses
Long distances between my destinations (work, school, parks, shopping, etc.)	52.9% 37	20.0% 14	12.9% 9	14.3% 10	70
Drivers not stopping for pedestrians in crosswalks	33.3% 14	23.8% 10	23.8% 10	19.0% 8	42
Drivers running red lights	23.1% 6	19.2% 5	23.1% 6	34.6% 9	26
Sidewalk gaps or no sidewalks	37.5% 33	27.3% 24	19.3% 17	15.9% 14	88
Sidewalk only on one side of the street	18.4%	34.2%	28.9%	18.4%	38

	7	13	11	7	
Sidewalk are in disrepair or blocked by plants, debris, sign posts, light posts, etc.	29.7% 19	25.0% 16	26.6% 17	18.8% 12	64
Lack of signage or other information that tells me where I am or where I am going	11.5% 3	19.2% 5	30.8% 8	38.5% 10	26
Fast vehicle speeds	21.7% 5	8.7% 2	30.4% 7	39.1% 9	23
I have mobility limitations (poor health, use of wheelchair or other walking aid)	15.4% 2	0.0% 0	7.7% 1	76.9% 10	13
Lack of facilities for people with disabilities (such as curb ramps)	10.5% 2	15.8% 3	21.1% 4	52.6% 10	19
Crossing the street at intersections with no traffic signals or pedestrian signals	16.0% 4	40.0% 10	16.0% 4	28.0% 7	25
Sidewalk is too close to the road	13.3% 4	13.3% 4	33.3% 10	40.0% 12	30
Poor walking connections to parks or trails	22.4% 11	28.6% 14	24.5% 12	24.5% 12	49
Lack of direct connections to my destinations (work, school, parks, shopping, etc.)	31.1% 14	22.2% 10	24.4% 11	22.2% 10	45
Inconvenient street crossings	4.5% 1	22.7% 5	31.8% 7	40.9% 9	22
Motorists don't yield to pedestrians	32.8% 19	32.8% 19	19.0% 11	15.5% 9	58
No street lighting or dim street lighting	21.6% 8	27.0% 10	16.2% 6	35.1% 13	37
Crossing wide intersections without enough time to get to the other side	25.7% 9	20.0% 7	34.3% 12	20.0% 7	35
Unattractive/unappealing streets (no trees, large parking lots along sidewalks, buildings)	32.5% 13	17.5% 7	17.5% 7	32.5% 13	40
I like to drive	26.7% 4	13.3% 2	20.0% 3	40.0% 6	15
Driving is easy	41.4% 12	20.7% 6	13.8% 4	24.1% 7	29
I feel safer driving	20.0% 5	28.0% 7	20.0% 5	32.0% 8	25
I worry about my personal security	20.0% 9	24.4% 11	28.9% 13	26.7% 12	45
I don't find anything difficult or unpleasant about walking in Wichita	35.7% 5	35.7% 5	14.3% 2	14.3% 2	14
I don't feel safe from crime while walking	31.4% 11	17.1% 6	25.7% 9	25.7% 9	35
Other (please specify in comment box):	23.1% 3	15.4% 2	7.7% 1	53.8% 7	13

Comments

Count	Response
1	Bicyclists on sidewalks traveling too fast
1	I always carry a firearm for protection because your never safe anywhere.
1	May streets don't have any sidewalks or walking paths at all
1	Need to enforce cars stopping before the crosswalks and intersections.
1	No sidewalks near my home!!! Have to walk in the street!!!
1	Painting wide, clear crosswalk stripes at major intersections would make me feel safer.
1	Plant more trees!!!
1	Question 8 isn't working right.
1	The city simply isn't designed for walking.
1	I am female and sometimes when I am walking minding my own business I get unwanted attention from males - panhandler, wanting to know what time it is and other things that seem fishy or if they were legitimate, why don't they approach another man instead of a woman about?!
1	I like to walk early in the morning (5:00 -6:00 A.M.) When walking alone, it is somewhat unsettling with the amount of robberies and assaults taking place.
1	The sidewalks on Douglas need to be extended east of Oliver to make walking more pleasant for me and my family.
1	LOL. Too many choices, hard to pick just 4. I live in Bel Aire, the whole town is one big sidewalk gap.
1	People let their bushes grow over the sidewalks so you are forced to walk in the grass or street. Also my third reply would be that in many places there are no sidewalks.
1	Our weekday walks are on a golf course--that is, since there are few sidewalks, we'd otherwise be walking IN the streets.
1	Dogs not on a leash; owners letting dogs run loose when their close by; invisible fences, which may or may not be on; stray dogs.
1	We need LOTS of signs along our multi use paths .. we have 40 miles of paths but the public is unaware of them :(
1	It is especially difficult to cross the major roads crossing the 17th St corridor, sidewalk or not...
1	For the cost of improving one street in Wichita, I feel like we could get far more done to provide signs for walking paths, plant trees along them, and add missing lights and benches.
1	I enjoy walking in my area of Wichita (NW). The most unpleasant thing about it is that drivers are sometimes totally unaware of pedestrians--they don't consider that there might be a pedestrian in a crosswalk, or they are downright disrespectful to pedestrians--they see me but turn in front of my anyway. So sad! Sometimes individual stretches of sidewalk are dangerous due to homeowner neglect but not generally.
1	Sometimes, tree limbs are hanging down too low over the sidewalk, and sprinklers keep water standing in low spots.
1	I work downtown. I would like to walk for lunch, there is a lack of food options and too many homeless people. Most are fine but some are off their medication and can be dangerous.
1	I would like to walk more downtown but don't feel safe due to all of the people who loiter. I do feel safe in my neighborhood.
1	It's the distance and time necessary for walking to shopping and work that kill it as a viable

	option. Biking possible rarely. HOA parks in developments are nice to walk to. NEED safer cross lot walking in commercial areas to promote walking in shopping areas. Refuge isle would be nice on wide suburban intersections.
1	I am a 25 year old female, only 5'2". I have been harassed walking in several different areas of Wichita. I don't have anyone to walk with, I'm introverted, and parks are often really busy or kind of scary. I went to Cypress Park by Fire Station 9/Police Station, I had not been there in a long time apparently. The trail I remember was gone. The equipment was in ruins. It was kind of sad. If I was rich I would donate my money to making Wichita a safe and healthy place to live. Fingers crossed, I will be rich one day.
1	Drivers are inattentive to pedestrians. Very little shade during hot months along sidewalks. Everything is spread out in the city, so walking to destinations is mostly unfeasible.
1	Need sidewalks on ridge between 37th N and 21st street. Need extension sidewalk on Tyler and 37th N street in front of Maize South.
1	i walk daily while in town during lunch or breaks from work. as i've mentioned before, my neighborhood has no sidewalks or bike paths, so my answers will reflect my walking during the work days breaks.

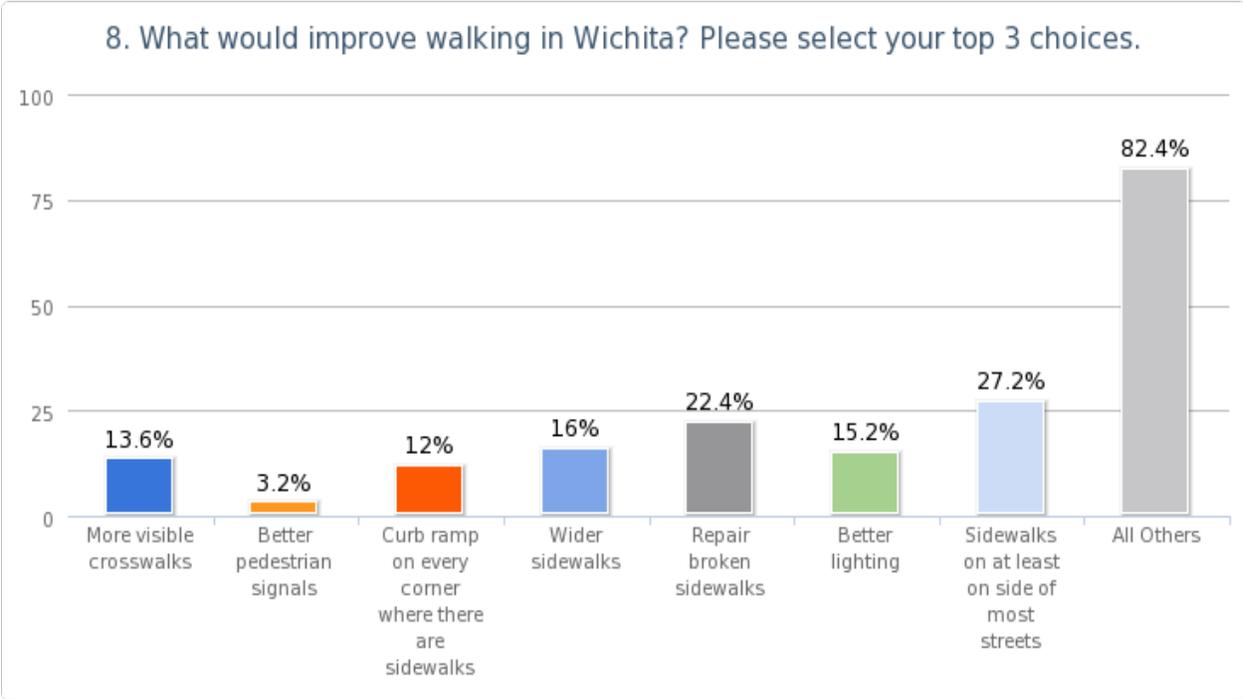
7. Do you feel safe walking in Wichita?



Value	Count	Percent
Very safe	14	8.1%
Safe	69	40.1%
Somewhat safe	82	47.7%
Not safe at all	7	4.1%

Statistics	
<b>Total Responses</b>	172

8. What would improve walking in Wichita? Please select your top 3 choices.



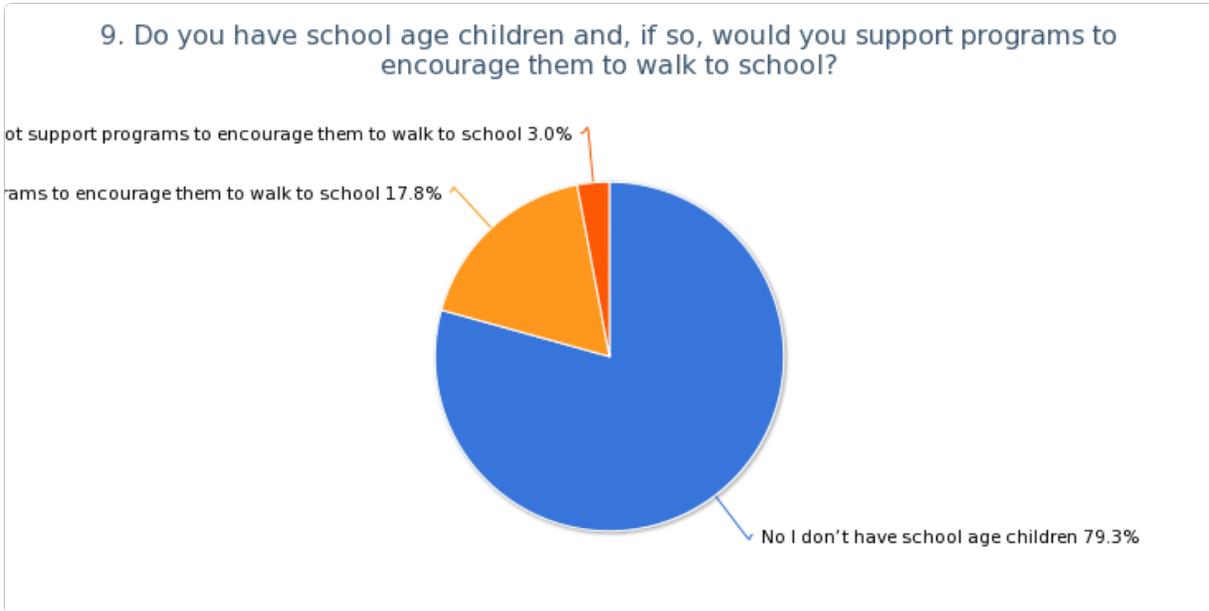
Value	Count	Percent
<b>More visible crosswalks</b>	17	13.6%
<b>Better pedestrian signals</b>	4	3.2%
<b>Curb ramp on every corner where there are sidewalks</b>	15	12.0%
<b>Wider sidewalks</b>	20	16.0%
<b>Repair broken sidewalks</b>	28	22.4%
<b>Better lighting</b>	19	15.2%
<b>Sidewalks on at least on side of most streets</b>	34	27.2%
<b>Better speed enforcement for motorists</b>	10	8.0%
<b>Better maintenance to keep sidewalks free of plants and debris</b>	4	3.2%
<b>Education motorists and police officers about pedestrians' rights and the definition of a crosswalk</b>	18	14.4%
<b>Other</b>	71	56.8%

Statistics	
<b>Total Responses</b>	125

Open-Text Response Breakdown for "Other"	Count
<i>Left Blank</i>	103
"Other" is the only choice. Safety	1
Better bus service throughout Wichita with longer hours	1
Better dog control	1
Better lighting and more, wide sidewalks.	1
Better lite paths, more connections and destinationsignage	1
Better sidewalks	1
Clearing some brush from the river trails near McLean and sim park	1
Connecting existing trails and building new ones	1
Eliminate or slow bicycles if on sidewalk	1
Fix cracked and shifted sidewalks	1
I don't know	1
I would like to see more lighting along the bike paths	1
Making downtown safer and giving the homeless somewhere to go during the day.	1
More attractive and better connections to destinations	1
More bike/walk trails	1
More coverage far west	1
More good people out on foot and more police presence in parks.	1
More lighting.	1
More paths and connections to public areas.	1
More ped/bike paths.	1
More shaded sidewalks	1
More sidewalks (thinking of Edgemoor Park area in particular); more driver awareness of walkers	1
More sidewalks on the very far northwest side of town	1
More sidewalks, and sidewalks in decent repair.	1
More sidewalks, better lighting, and more things close to each other	1
More signage making drivers aware of pedestrians	1
More street lights- Emergency phones installed at increments on paths- better sidewalks	1
Need sidewalks in neighborhoods.	1
Overgrown trees.	1
Redbud rail trail needs to be paved and maintained from Hillside to 127th St E	1
Repair sidewalks, connect sidewalks on both sides of street!!!	1
Repairs to broken sidewalks, and lighting.	1
Sidewalks	1
Stop encouraging sprawl.	1
To have more, connected paths through all parts of Wichita.	1
Trees, more paths	1
Um...there's only one option?	1
We need sidewalks	1
Where are the choices? Sidewalk repair	1
better street marking	1
better walking paths and sidewalks	1
didn't see choices on #8	1
homeowners keeping bushes trimmed away from the sidewalks.	1

lighting	1
lights.	1
more lights	1
more sidewalks	4
more sidewalks, better lightning, emergency phones	1
safer places to walk like nice parks or walking paths	1
see below	1
sidewalks in older neighborhoods tend to be unusable to elderly and disabled.	1
sidewalks or "complete streets"	1
walking trails	1
Public awareness campaigns that it is not gentlemanly for men to bother women on the street; increased police patrols	1
Improve the Trails and Paths in Wichita. We need to look at cities like Oklahoma City and their improvements they've made to connecting the city and suburbs through trails and paths	1
an overall atmosphere that supported walking - even in terms of outdoor shopping and business with outdoor patios. Both of these encourage foot traffic which statistically has shown to improve crime rates (ex. more people out walking = more likely to be seen if you try to commit a crime)	1
better cross walk timing, statues regarding pedestrian crossing fines for motorists who do not stop, better signage for walkers on pathways	1
Make a distinction between older neighborhoods with maintenance and design issues of walks and planning of newer developments to be walking friendly. Plan from there.	1
This question says pick top 3 choices and only gives an other box, what are the choices? Again - poor survey.	1
Better signs for walkers and drivers; markings on streets and sidewalks; public service announcements	1
Trim the landscape for safety and access, repair sidewalks for safety and access. Not having sidewalks on my each side of the street is a barrier.	1
there are no choices in this category. creating more neighborhoods, i.e. Delano, Old Town, where there are complete destinations/resources. improve PedXing signage/street markings to alert drivers. dont know what can be done, but i would never walk downtown as a woman alone-safety.	1
drivers should be more courteous/attentive, better sidewalks, more public transportation to make longer distances reachable without a car	1
Having walkable sidewalks in all areas. Often when there's construction there is simply no way to get from one place to another on foot.	1
sidewalks not built right onto the street- i feel safer with a shoulder/grassy area between sidewalk and street	1
I think better signage would be great, as well as more mileage or connections for paths and bike lanes on main roads to get to and from paths and parks.	1
Do not pile snow at the ends of sidewalks PLEASE! Also if it's in the budget buy a few of those little sidewalk snowplows. Buy a BUNCH!	1

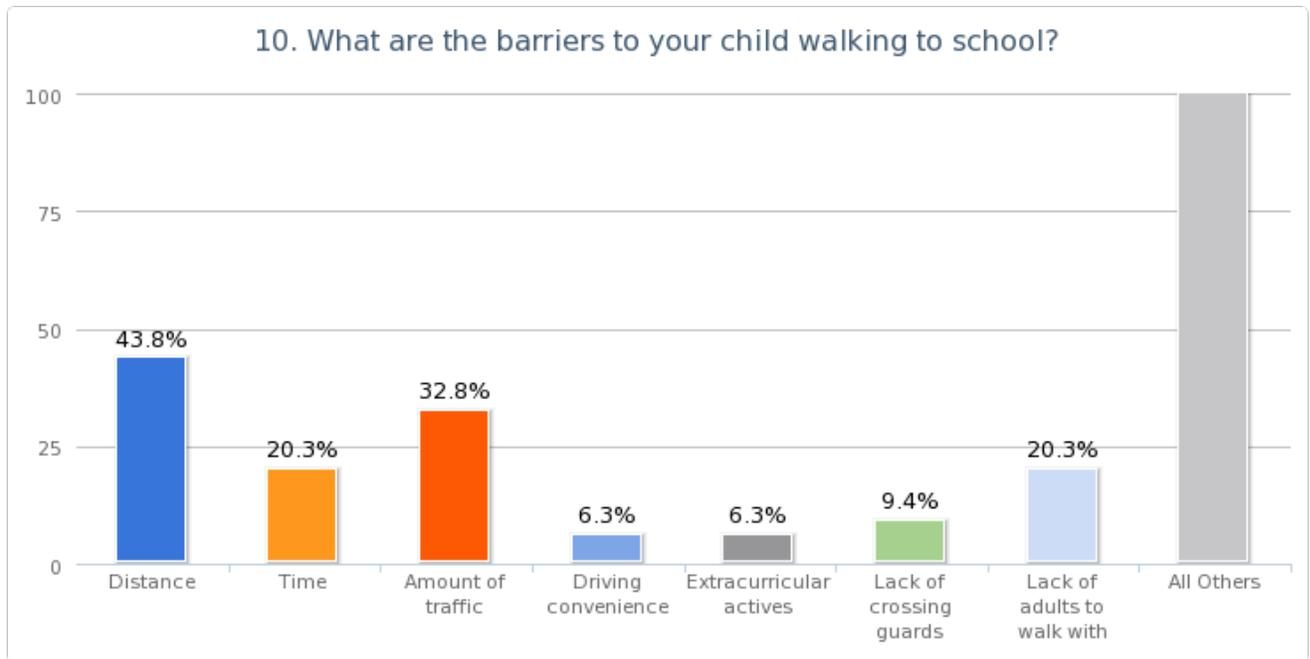
**9. Do you have school age children and, if so, would you support programs to encourage them to walk to school?**



Value	Count	Percent
No I don't have school age children	134	79.3%
I have school age children and support programs to encourage them to walk to school	30	17.8%
I have school age children and do not support programs to encourage them to walk to school	5	3.0%

Statistics	
Total Responses	169

10. What are the barriers to your child walking to school?



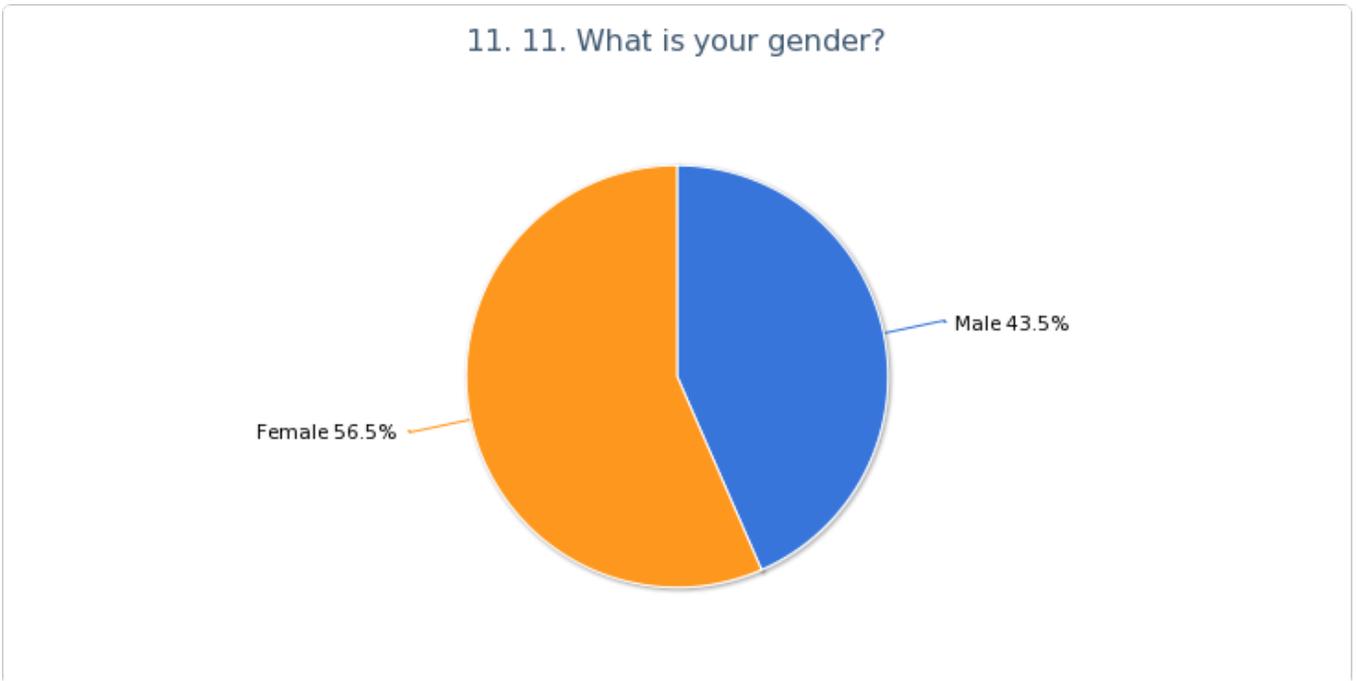
Value	Count	Percent
Distance	28	43.8%
Time	13	20.3%
Amount of traffic	21	32.8%
Driving convenience	4	6.3%
Extracurricular actives	4	6.3%
Lack of crossing guards	6	9.4%
Lack of adults to walk with	13	20.3%
Speed of traffic	17	26.6%
Intersection safety	18	28.1%
Crime	12	18.8%
Weather	15	23.4%
Walking conditions i.e. lack of sidewalks	18	28.1%
Other	18	28.1%

Statistics	
Total Responses	64

Open-Text Response Breakdown for "Other"		Count
Left Blank		155
CHILDREN ARE NOT ENCOURAGED TO WALK TO SCHOOL		1
I don't have school age children		1

I would NEVER let my child walk to school. That is not safe anywhere.	1
If I had children, I'd support encouraging programs, but again, more sidewalks as well	1
N/A	2
No Children	1
No child.	1
School Board seems determined to put all the schools in the middle of nowhere.	1
concerns for the age of children	1
no children	2
no kids at home anymore	1
no school age children	1
young daughter no protection	1
My kids walk to school every day, even in the winter, unless it is VERY cold, and have been walking to school ever since the school has allowed them to walk, They would have walked at a younger age, but the school wouldn't let them. Walking back and forth to school has taught my kids to be more self sufficient. My kids are at the top of their class in grades, attendance and sports, and I think a lot of their success comes from walking to school...	1
If we took all the money that we put into running and maintaining school buildings and put it into a fund to give every child Internet access at home (or small neighborhood computer rooms for those who either have no supervision at home or don't have the self control to study on their own) then it would be better. Teachers would be the only ones who had to go to a "school" (which would be actually a bunch of studios with a camera and multi-media tools)	1
I have a neighborhood of children that have to walk in the street to get to school from Seneca to Meridian on 45th st.so.	1

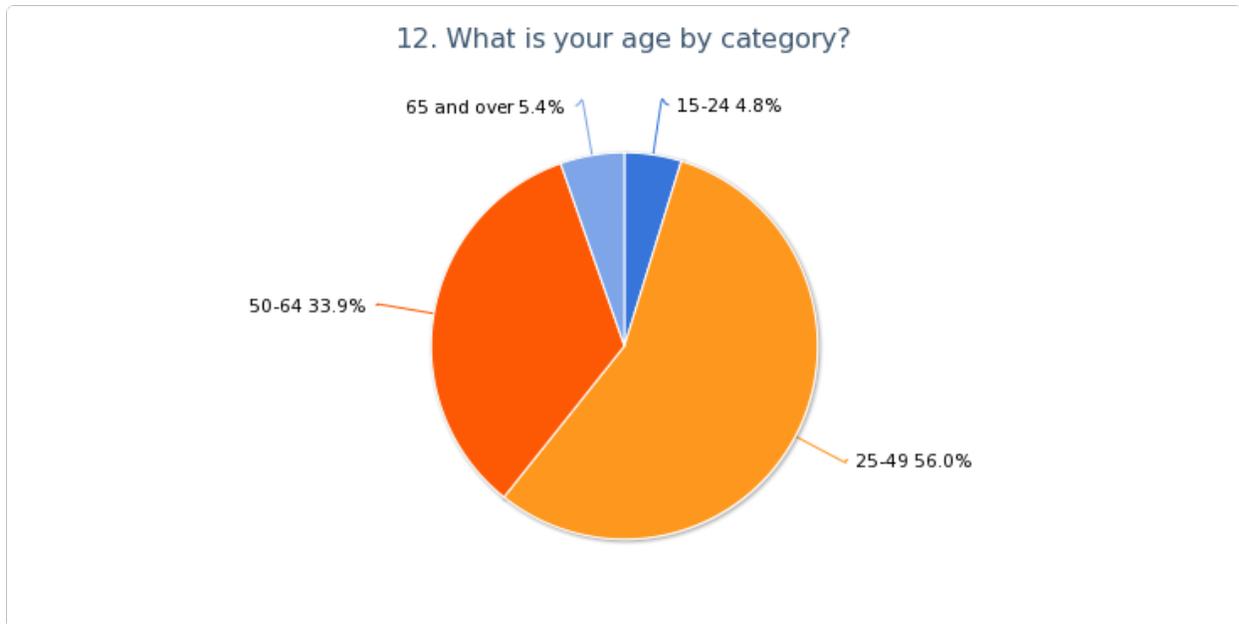
11. What is your gender?



Value	Count	Percent
Male	73	43.5%
Female	95	56.6%

Statistics	
Total Responses	168

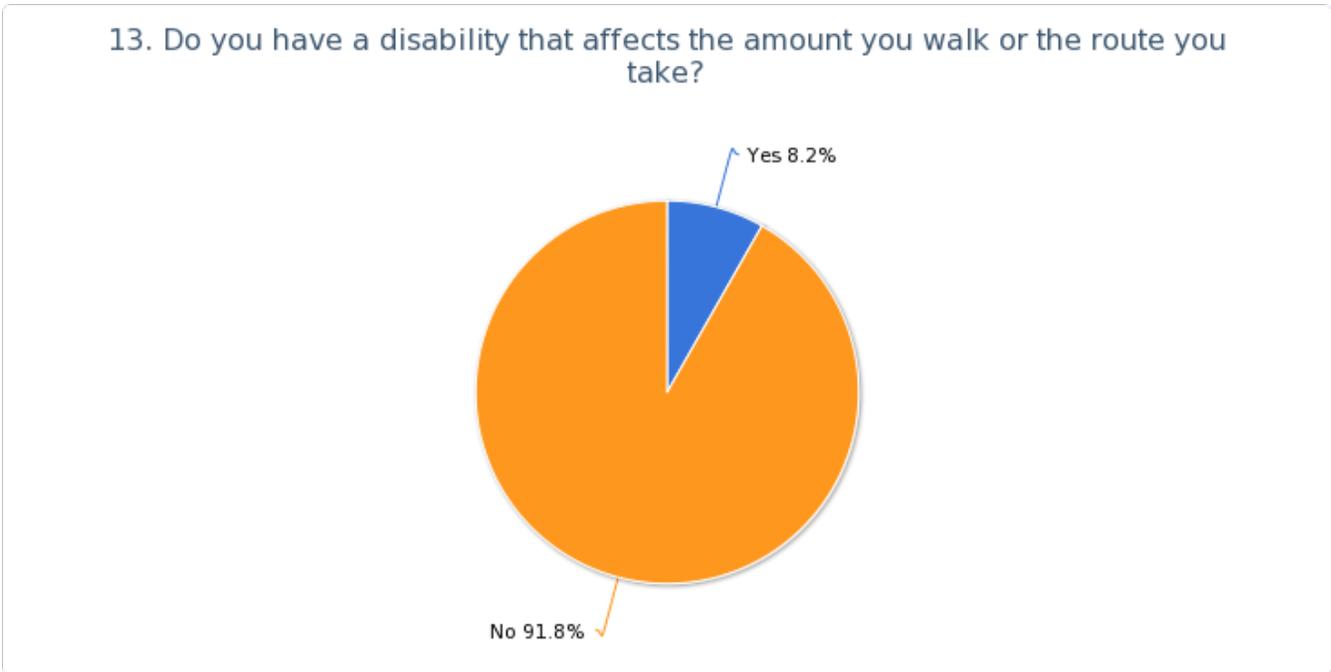
12. What is your age by category?



Value	Count	Percent
0-14	0	0.0%
15-24	8	4.8%
25-49	94	56.0%
50-64	57	33.9%
65 and over	9	5.4%

Statistics	
Total Responses	168
Sum	5,905.0
Avg.	35.1
StdDev	14.1
Max	65.0

**13. Do you have a disability that affects the amount you walk or the route you take?**



Value	Count	Percent
Yes	14	8.2%
No	156	91.8%

Statistics	
Total Responses	170

#### 14. Zip code

Count	Response
1	55418
2	67002
1	67101
1	67147
1	67201
12	67202
17	67203
4	67204
12	67205
11	67206
5	67207
9	67208
4	67209
1	67210
2	67211
15	67212
4	67213
5	67214
1	67215
4	67216
4	67217
22	67218
2	67219
7	67220
1	67221
6	67226
5	67230
10	67235
1	67037

#### 15. Would you like to receive City of Wichita updates and information related to walking and bicycling in Wichita? If yes, please provide your email address:

Answers removed.

*16. Do you have additional comments on the planning process or walking in Wichita?*

Count	Response
1	Glad this is getting done...there is plenty of room for major improvements
1	Looking forward to improvements and the possibility of more bike paths
1	More street lights and sidewalks I in northwest Wichita please. 37 and ridge
1	Need a sidewalk on 37th between Woodlawn and Oliver. Then I could walk to Dillons, and would.
1	No
1	Plant more trees
1	Please move everyone downtown, ban Wal-Mart, and burn the suburbs. Thank you.
1	Q8 did not have any choices.....?
1	Question 8 shows no choices.
1	The commercial areas are too far away from the residential areas.
1	Would love to see the master plan incorporated with other recreational activities, parks, etc.
1	drivers generally don't care about pedestrians
1	my pet peeve is people walking against lights and j-walking/////
1	walking path needed from Pawnee to kellogg on east bank of river.
1	This may be beyond the scope of this master plan, but I would really like to see recycling bins along the major walking trails/paths.
1	The bike/walking paths that follow along the river are great. It can be difficult to get from the west side of 135 to the east, there are two walking bridges that go over but have found it the most difficult part of traveling Wichita paths.
1	I wish Wichita would take more pride in the aesthetics. It seems like they're trying to, but the public spaces get mowed rarely, no trees are planted for shade and appeal. Walking just highlights the "ugliness" of portions of the city.
1	My area of town has many new sidewalks and bike paths in generally good shape. Thank you! Sometimes I don't feel safe at intersections and I feel that I have to be hypervigilant at the intersections because of inattentive or rude motorists--I will always be on the losing end and so I stand way back from the curb while waiting and I make eye contact with each driver or I don't go! Sometimes, even with eye contact, they turn right in front of me when I have the crosswalk OK sign. More education of motorists and enforcement of existing laws would be appreciated.
1	I read about the approval of paving the RR tracks to Woodlawn. Please stop! Barry C told me about the environmental concerns and pavement is the best option to address those, BUT there HAS to be another way. That trail all the way to Andover and beyond is like a little bit of country in the city. I can walk, run, bike on pavement anywhere, but at least this trail and Pawnee Prairie give a little reprieve from the traffic and noise. If you're gonna pave, then you MUST put lights at every intersection along that trail, or build elevated sidewalks. Keep the cement away, and pave sidewalks in the neighborhoods.....
1	Question #8 is not working right. We need to have an education campaign for drivers to know where to stop. Many stop across the cross walk as its marked only by the bricks. Stop, look, proceed.
1	Community walkability is a difficult planning topic for Wichita. Due to suburban sprawl it seems appropriate to plan for walking on a neighborhood basis versus long distance connections across the City. Make interconnections easy within neighborhoods. Require access from neighborhoods to street corner businesses. It is a tragedy that commercial development has been walled off from neighborhoods over the years as suburban sprawl progressed. Separation

	of most land uses makes sense, but having no access is the tragedy.
1	Better sidewalks, brighter lights and cops riding and patrolling in these. <a href="http://www.organictransit.com/">http://www.organictransit.com/</a> and tell them I recommended them so that maybe they will send me a free one!
1	Walking in Wichita is often viewed as an activity that only people who don't have cars do. As a female walking in Wichita, I'd say that at least once per walking journey, a male in a car either yells comments at me or offers me a ride. Improving the walking paths and the consistency of the paths would make walking more "normal" and walkers less of a target for motorists. FWIW, the lack of sidewalks on Hillside from Central to WSU is a big problem. Pedestrians and bicyclists have to share one poorly maintained sidewalk, on only one side of the street.
1	I like to walk at Sedgwick county park and Chisholm trail park because they are very well used which makes me feel safe. Those parks are a long way from where I live so I don't do this as often as I would like.
1	One of the biggest barriers I face when walking (or biking) to and from work, school, and home is the intersection at McLean and Seneca. When crossing heading south from the west side of the bridge to the little triangle median to the cross walk, it is difficult to see cars that are turning west. They have a yield and a turning lane so they don't have to stop at the light; this makes it difficult to cross there especially because it is hard for me to see them and for them to see me. This is also due to the location of the crossing section on the curve. I'm excited to see this survey, though. I would love to see more Wichita residents walking, jogging, or biking!
1	The think the Bike/Walk Master Plan is GREAT and look forward to many positive changes that will make walking and biking in Wichita accessible and safe.
1	This city has such charming old neighborhoods and such wonderful street trees. We also have air pollution problems and enormous upkeep for the roads. We need to encourage everyone to walk, and it has to be convenient in order to get people to participate. And yanno what, come winter the snow plows need to NOT make it impossible to cross the streets. I wish every city official had to spend a week, just one week, without a car. Boy HOWDY I bet changes would happen fast.
1	Drivers are the biggest problem for walkers. Lacking a crossing light, they typically ignore me unless I step out into the street. At the lights, they often run right through them.
1	Many cities have made outdoor shopping areas very walkable. I miss that and wish Wichita had nicer/upscale shopping areas. Delano just doesn't cut it for me. And Bradley Fair is a serious joke.
1	Most major cities have good public transportation such as buses or minivans throughout the metro area. Then, people walk to the bus stop knowing they will be able to get where they need to go without long waits and walk to their final destination. Once public transport is more timely and accessible, more people will walk instead of drive a car.
1	I applaud the Mayor and City Council for funding this planning process. There are a host of good reasons for our citizens to get outside and walk or bike [community health, environmental health, obesity, etc, etc.]. Having good infrastructure will encourage citizens to get outside and attract new folks to our area. It has a definite, positive, economic, impact. Keep up the good work!
1	We would really do more with more. I think the city's residents would support it with participation especially if the COW and local commercial developers supported the effort with local and neighborhood events, retail establishments and public spaces (parks, restrooms, shopping, trash cans, water fountains, gardens, places to gather, etc.). since Wichita weather only supports partial year involvement, it's crucial to have activities, events and organized

	encouragement to get people to use it and spread the word.
1	I don't really have a good idea of how to find walking paths and how they might connect to bicycle paths.
1	Connect all sidewalks to the downtown Veterans Park and make/mark additional crosswalks to that park. Disgusting that you cannot walk from City Hall to that Park with complete sidewalks and it crosses a lot of busy streets!!
1	I love the pathways here but none of them connect together, if so there is no signage to direct you. I'm also very displeased with the lack of bike lanes here for such a progressive city. The bike lanes we do have are not maintained and cars park there regularly. What's the point in even having them?
1	In my neighborhood, walking is easy and fun. I walk my dogs every evening, and yes, I pick up after them.
1	I feel Wichita has great walking/bike paths for those who like to use them. As always, it is the individual who is responsible for their own safety, the Police cannot be everywhere and a lot could happen by the time Police arrive.
1	Downtown is still pretty tricky: there's too many parking lots and not enough storefront retail. In general, there aren't enough people on the street.
1	Although this is a walking survey, I bike more than I walk. I would like to see a system which encompasses the entire city of wichita. Not just hit and miss.
1	The city is so spread out. At least making it easier to walk within the different sections of the city would be nice (east side, downtown, west side).
1	A frightening number of Wichita vehicles at a stop light will continue past the white crosswalk stripe and stop on the crosswalk. Many vehicles continue to creep forward over the crosswalk while the light is red. This blinds the view of any traffic wishing to safely turn right on red, as well as endangers pedestrians by compromising situational awareness of all other intersection traffic.
1	I rent so I have some flexibility in picking up and moving more easily. I definitely consider the outside environment - walking/running safely when considering a neighborhood, and not just the aesthetics of a home.
1	Please add a sidewalk north of 29th on Ridge Road. This would connect 100's to Sedgwick County Park and Maize South Elementary, Middle School and High School.
1	This survey should have been in two parts - walking in your neighborhood and walking in the area of work. I would have answered differently if I knew which you were asking about. I walk in my neighborhood and feel safe. I would like to walk around downtown at lunch and on breaks for exercise and fresh air and sunshine. I do not feel safe downtown even in the day. There are too many people just hanging out living on the corners who do not have access to medication. They ask for things as you walk by. This can be dangerous - if you even look the wrong way they start yelling at you.
1	The sudden lack of sidewalks in areas places walkers in yards or in the street. Edgemoore South of Central is a prime example. Oliver South of 21. Woodlawn on the East side South of 16th. You have to be in good shape to cross street in the Pedestrian time. Woodlawn is a sprint and still the light changes. Right turn on red is dangerous for pedestrians.
1	I LOVE the 17th st corridor UNPAVED. I can walk on hardtop anywhere, but the RR tracks feel like a nature trail (especially before the mowers got to it a few weeks ago-way overgrown!) and that I'm out in the country, if only for a mile before the next major road. I ask any/everyone I meet what they think, and they agree. I can't see that commuters or road cyclists or families out walking/biking would use the path to specifically get from one place to another without traffic

	lights. Can you imagine stopping traffic at Oliver, Woodlawn, and Rock, especially? And 13th and Roosevelt, UGH?! PLEASE don't pave anymore, but mow a little more often.
1	dont forget that our area are taxpayers too and we would love to be linked into the bicycling/sidewalk network.
1	I feel the more areas are encouraged to be inhabited by businesses/patrons, the better the area will be policed. Improves safety in walking/biking. Also, the west side has been ignored in terms of walkability, businesses being easy to access on foot. I have no sidewalks anywhere in my neighborhood, so must walk on the streets as traffic passes by. Not pleasant, so don't do it very often.
1	Some paths have grass & weeds growing on and across them. Some need resurfaced. We need to take care of what we have also.
1	There's often a lot of broken glass and trash where I'd prefer to walk. Most often when I'm walking I have my dog with me and it's a danger to her feet and health beause she always wants to eat what others have dumped on the side of the road.
1	My family uses the sidewalks and bike paths every day and feel pretty comfortable walking in Wichita. Drivers are not as respectful towards pedestrians as they are in the coastal cities, (such as San Diego, Seattle and San Francisco) but the drivers are much more respectful than Detroit, St. Louis and Dallas. With a little public awareness, I think that driver's attitudes could improve even more. I think that the focus should be on walking / biking paths between WSU and other areas of interest (Downtown) and extending walking/biking paths from Derby/Andover/Goddard to the walk/bike path network that already exists in Wichita. There are quite a few people that commute by bicycle to Wichita from smaller outlying communities and even more that use these paths for walking/jogging. The apps MapMyRun (jogging) and MapMyRide (bicycling) have popular routes that everyone takes around Wichita, and the committee should look at these to see where people go. Wichita has seen some hard times in the last decade, but the Pedestrian Master Plan and the Bicycle Master Plan has improved the quality of life in Wichita drastically, as it is a healthy activity that anyone can enjoy free of charge. I was riding downtown the other day and saw that someone had written "god bless the bike path" with sidewalk chalk on the path down by the river... I totally agree. Thanks for all your hard work.
1	I appreciate Wichita making it more convenient and encouraging folks to walk or bike by building better sidewalks and bike paths. I also notice more people using them than in the past years, more people exercising which is great for Wichita!
1	Again, I think there should be more done to make lone women not feel like we have a bulls-eye on us for weird, creepy men to approach us and bother us when all we'd like to do is mind our own business. I know it would probably cost way more than is practical, but surely I'm not the only woman who has had problems with not being left alone while walking in this city.
1	I would like to see a connection between Sedgwick County Park and the Nature Center out East. Then later connect South Lakes Park to the above mentioned Parks. Better bike and walking paths in Downtown and then buy up the property south of Downtown (So. of Kellogg) and create a Sedgwick County style park in South Central Downtown. Sort of like a Central park in South Central Wichita where a person can go from Old Town to the Skate Park to a big Central Park south of Downtown for riding bikes, walking and jogging. But if we could create a biking, running & walking trianagle between the East Nature Center & South Lakes Park & Sedgwick Co. Oark - that would be cool.
1	There are several sidewalks that are blocked from driver's view by privacy fence. Drivers can not see around the fence unless they pull thru the crosswalk. I have witnessed many people almost

	get hit between Greenwich and Rock Road off of Pawnee due to this issue. Is it going to take someone getting killed before this is looked into?
1	Just got back from Nashville which is a beautiful city, but truly Wichita has them beat on walkability. Our bike paths and rails to trails sections are phenomenal! Keep up the work.
1	If any help is needed with making Wichita a healthier and safer place, I would love to volunteer my time. I am always looking to get more professional experience and learn leadership skills. I am currently in grad school, but I am willing to help in any way that I can. Feel free to contact me at amanda_dent@student.friends.edu Thanks.
1	This survey could have been better. The directions for Question 6 are not very clear. Question 8 asks for your top 3 choices, yet only provides one box to check.
1	The city needs to get cars and bicycles to understand the principle of pedestrian right of way. I grew up in California and remember cars stopping until pedestrians were off of the roadway.