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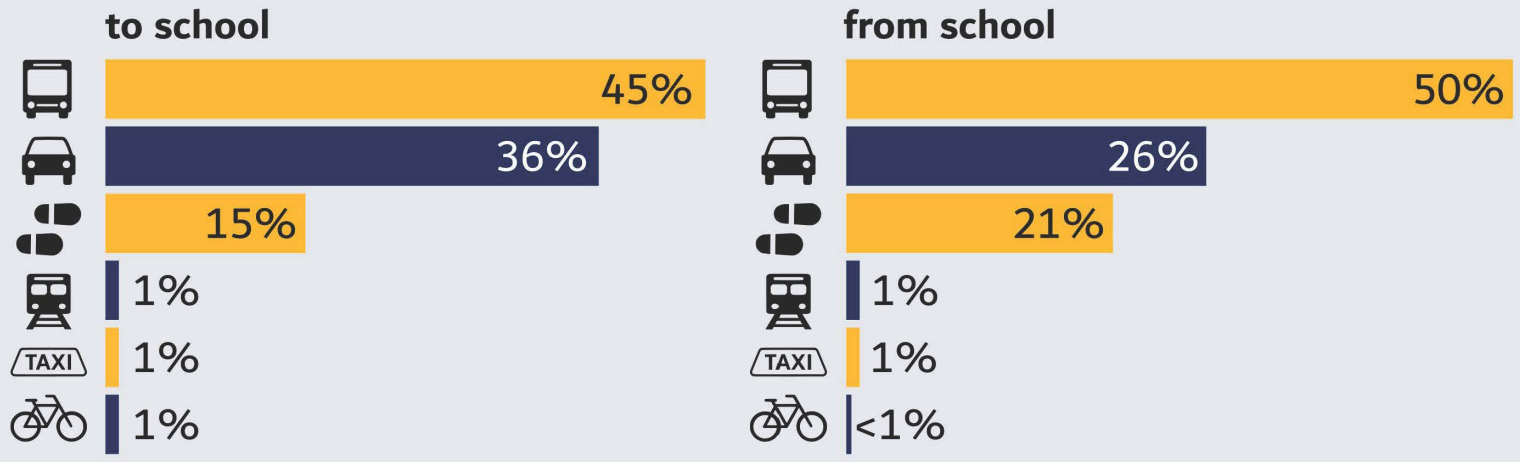
Distance to School



45% of young people usually take the bus TO school; while 50% take it FROM school.

15% of young people usually walk TO school; while 21% walk FROM school.

Main mode of travel (most of the way)

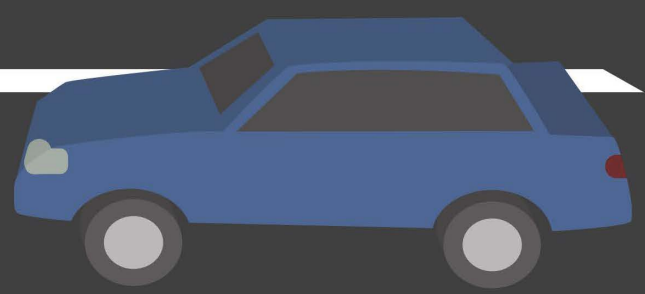


18% said they would like to walk to/from school

5% said they would like to cycle to/from school

29% said they would like to take the bus to/from school

69% of young people who travel by car, travel with siblings and/or other pupils in the car.



Main things that young people like about walking and cycling to school:

I can talk with my friends
35%

It is enjoyable
28%

I can choose my own route
21%

It makes me feel healthier
33%

I can do things on my way to school
21%

Main factors that would encourage young people to walk to school:

Living closer to school
62%

Better weather
39%

If I didn't have things to carry
32%

Someone else to walk with
31%

Less traffic
20%



Top 5 reasons young people feel unsafe on their journey to and from school:

96% of young people usually feel safe travelling to or from school

- Passenger behaviour
- Driver drives too fast
- Other Driver Behaviour
- Traffic is too fast
- Traffic blocking footpaths

This infographic presents key findings from the ninth round of the Young Persons' Behaviour and Attitudes Survey, carried out between September 2025 and February 2026. These results are based on data which has been weighted by year group, gender and religion in order to reflect the composition of the Northern Ireland post-primary population.

From a representative sample of post-primary schools in Northern Ireland, 90 schools answered questions on Travel to/from School. One class from each year group (Year 8 to Year 12) was then randomly selected. A total of 8,875 pupils aged 11 - 16 years took part in the survey, 2,830 pupils answered questions on travel to/from school.