

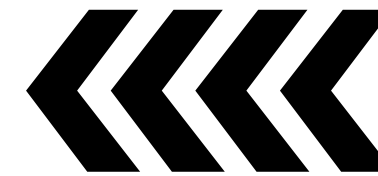


Beaver Valley Outreach

COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION

Findings, Challenges, and Future Needs

Community Transportation Survey Report



INTRODUCTION

Beaver Valley Outreach (BVO) conducted a Community Transportation Survey between October 1 and December 20, 2025 to better understand how transportation impacts residents accessing services, programs, and opportunities across the Town of the Blue Mountains and surrounding areas.

BVO places a high priority on community voice in shaping programs and services. Ongoing anecdotal feedback regarding transportation barriers — particularly from youth and seniors — prompted the development of this survey.

This initiative was designed as an intergenerational project, with a focus on:

- **Youth (ages 12–18)**
- **Seniors (65+)**

...while remaining open to all community members.

SURVEY DESIGN





METHODOLOGY

The survey was distributed through multiple channels to ensure broad community reach:

- Online distribution via BVO communications
- Paper copies at BVO events
- Distribution through local schools
- Availability at public libraries

A total of 219 responses were collected.



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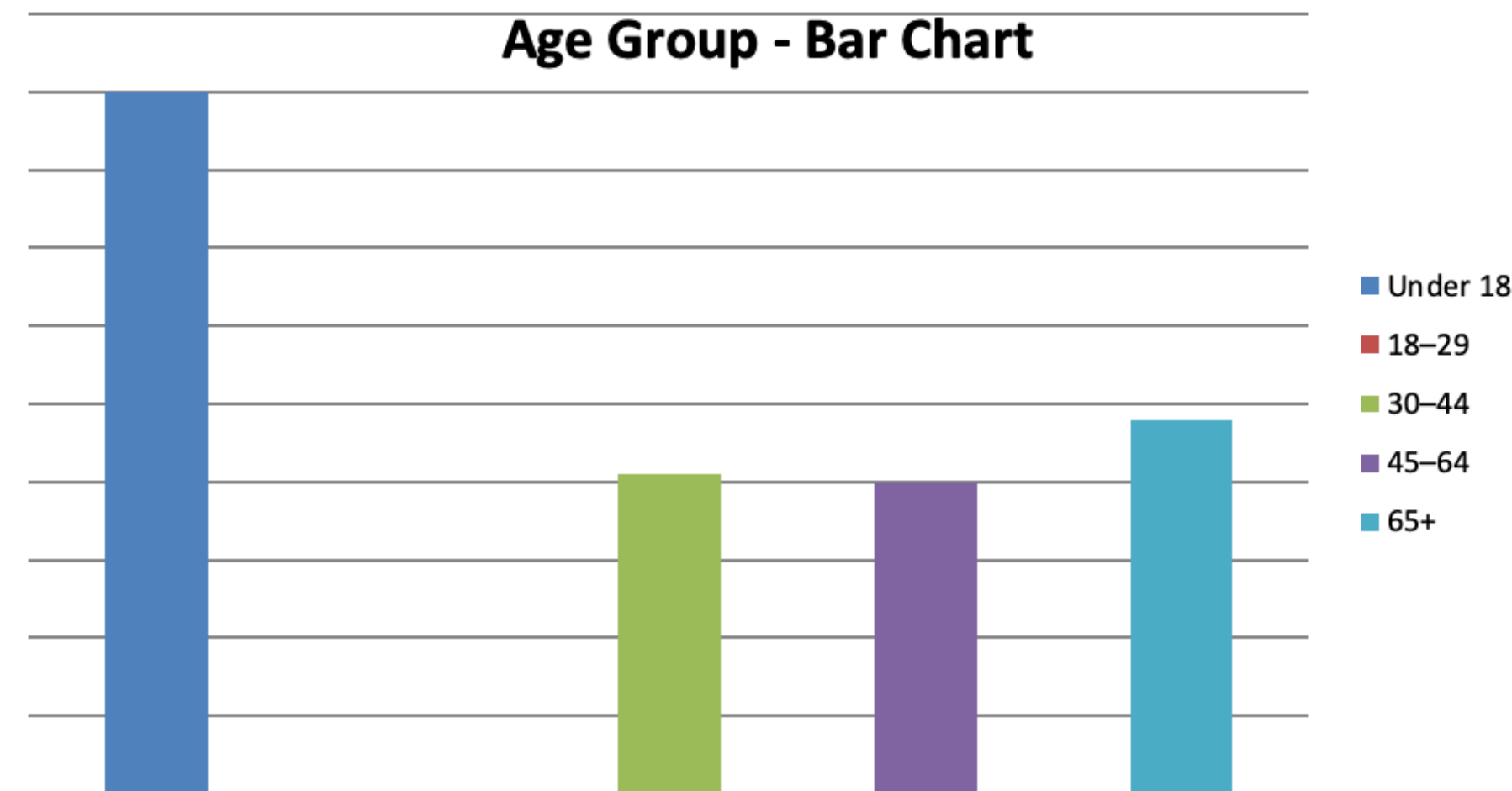
PROFILE

Age Distribution

- Under 18: 41% (90 respondents)
- 30–44: 19%
- 45–64: 18%
- 65+: 22%

Youth responses are proportionally higher than the general population due to targeted school distribution as part of BVO's youth engagement efforts.

Age Group - Bar Chart

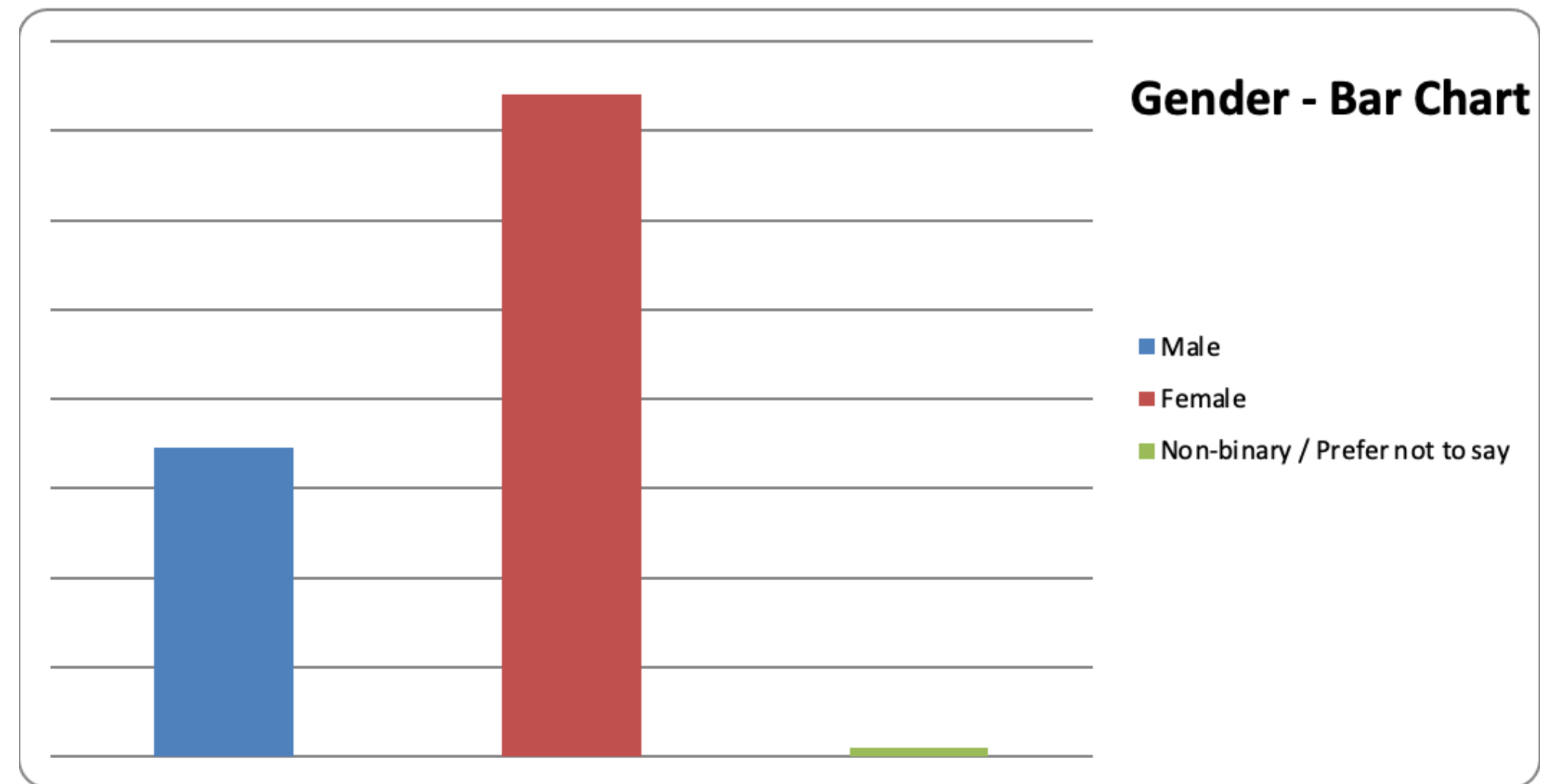


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Gender

- Female: 68%
- Male: 32%
- Non-binary / prefer not to say: <1%



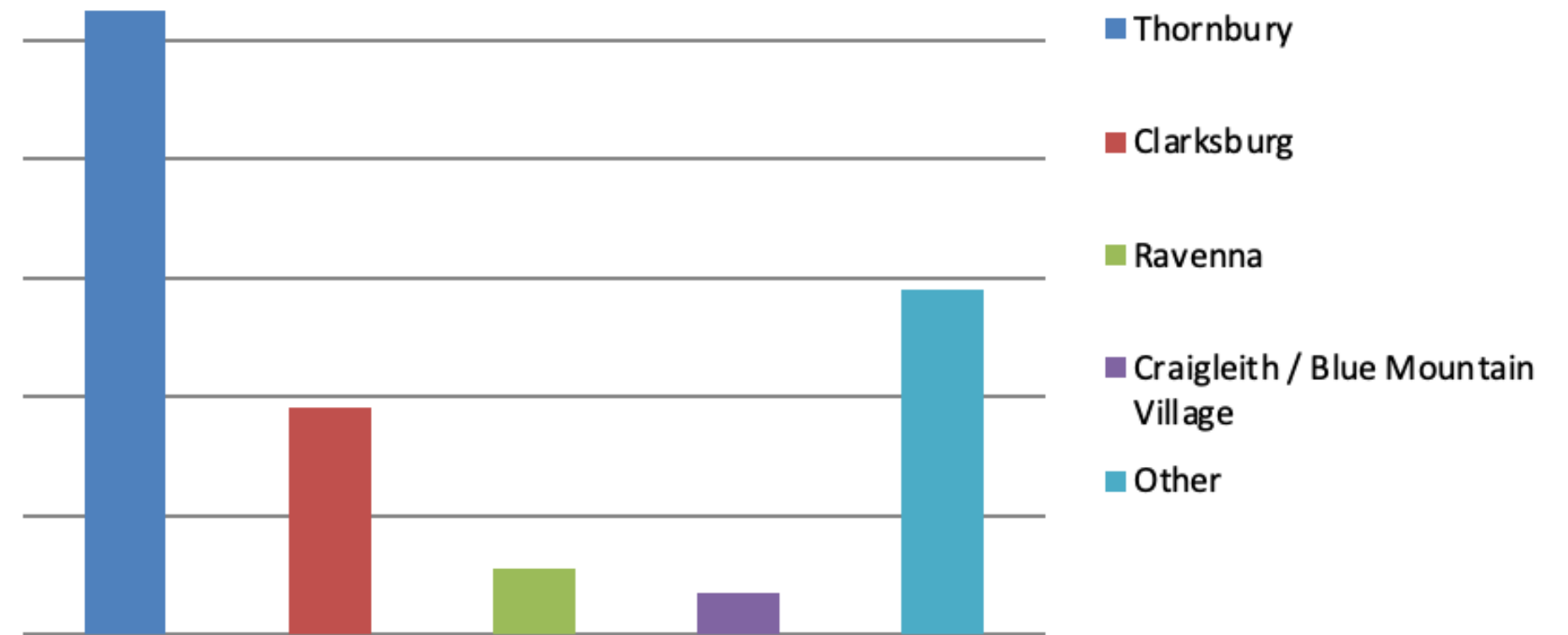
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PROFILE

Geographic Distribution

- **Town of the Blue Mountains residents: 70%**
 - **Thornbury: 48%**
 - **Clarksburg: 17%**
 - **Ravenna: 5%**
 - **Craigleith / Blue Mountain Village: 4%**
- **Other: 26 %**

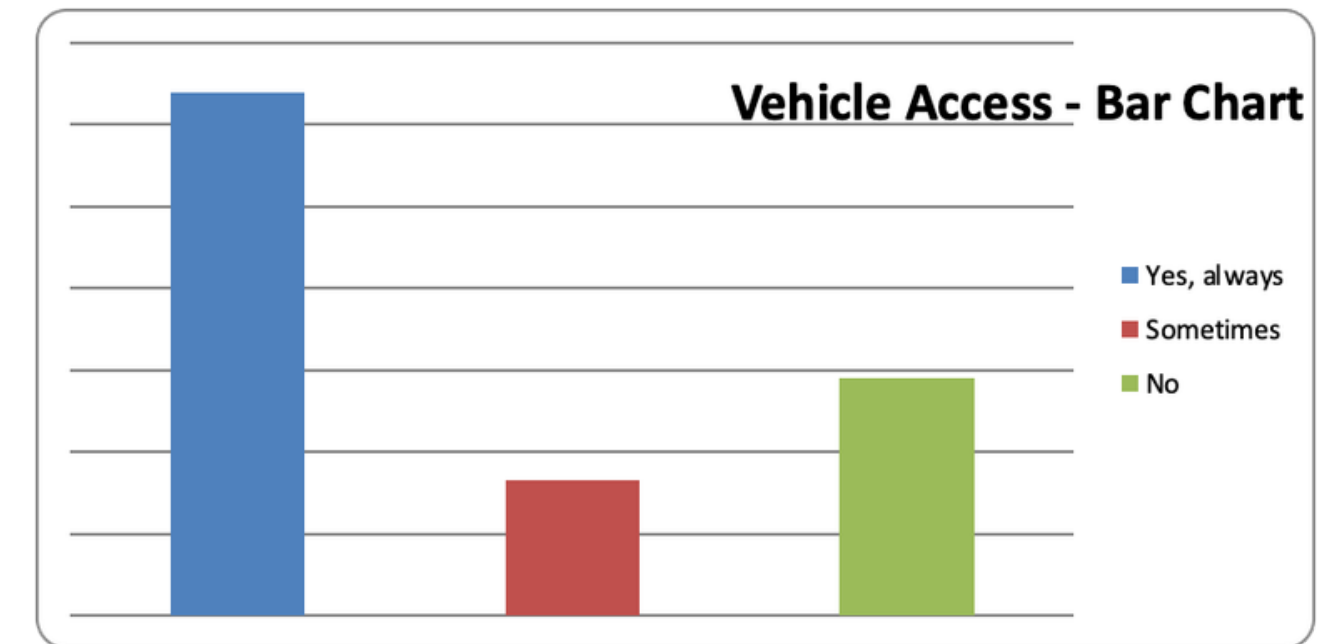
Location - Bar Chart



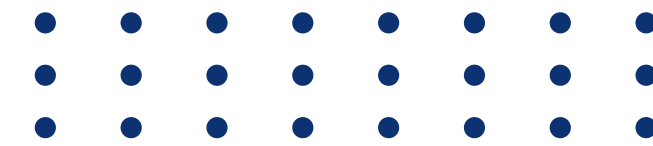
»»» CURRENT TRANSPORTATION ACCESS «««

Vehicle Access

- 58% always have access to a vehicle
- 15% have shared/limited access
- 26% have no access to a vehicle



»»» MODES OF TRANSPORTATION

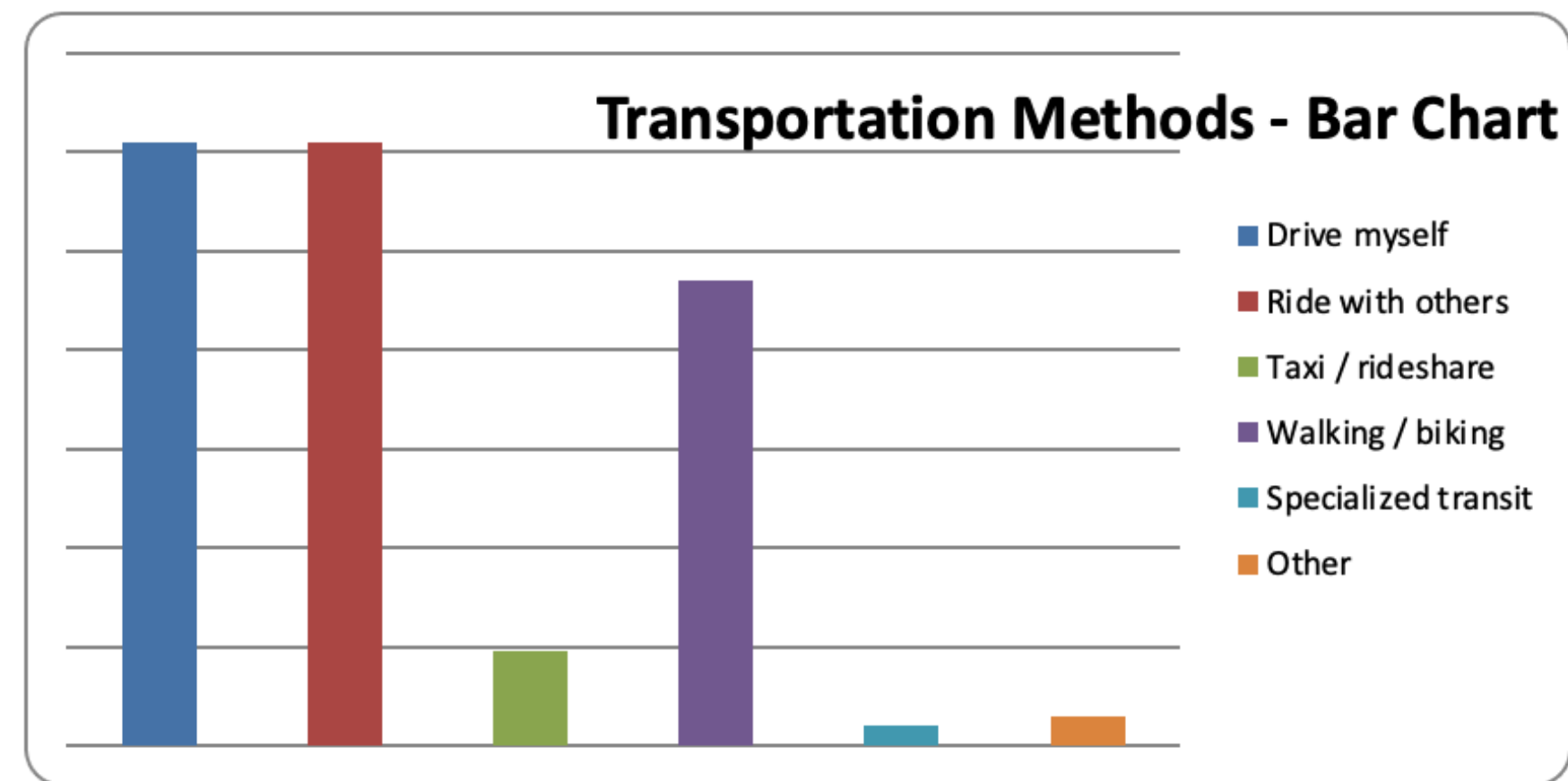


How Residents Get Around

- **Drive self: 56%**
- **Ride with family/friends: 56%**
- **Walk/bike: 43%**
- **Taxi/rideshare: 8.6%**
- **Specialized transit: 1.8%**

Key Insight:

Transportation in the region is overwhelmingly dependent on private vehicles and informal support networks.





TRANSPORTATION CHALLENGES

Difficulty Accessing Transportation

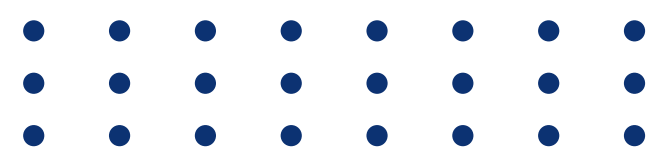
- **54% report difficulty getting where they need to go**



TRANSPORTATION CHALLENGES

Key Barriers Identified

- **Distance too far to walk/bike: 78 responses**
- **No public transit available: 69**
- **No access to a vehicle: 68**
- **Limited schedules/frequency: 37**
- **Cost: 34**



Missed or Delayed Activities

- **75 respondents (34%) reported missing or delaying important activities due to transportation challenges**

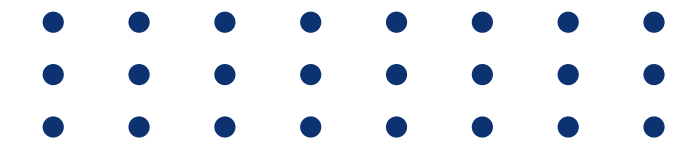
These include:

- **Work and employment**
- **Medical appointments**
- **School and extracurriculars**
- **Social and community participation**

TRANSPORTATION CHALLENGES



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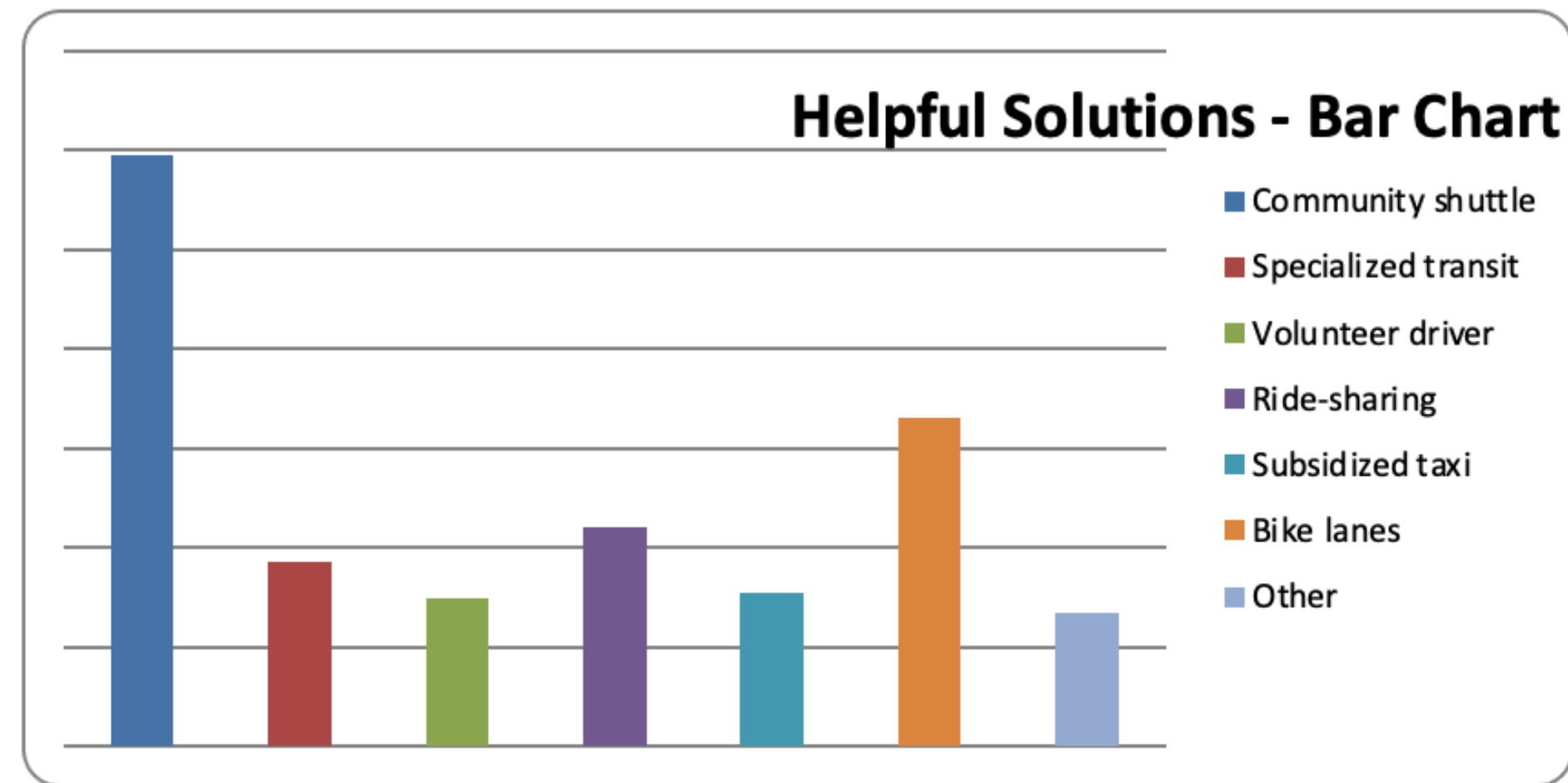


Most Requested Solutions

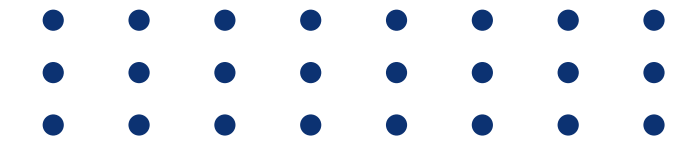
- **Community shuttle or bus service: 54%**
- **Bike lanes / safer walking routes: 30%**
- **Ride-sharing programs: 21%**
- **Specialized transit: 17%**

Preferred Timing

- **Weekends: highest demand**
- **Weekday mornings: second highest demand**



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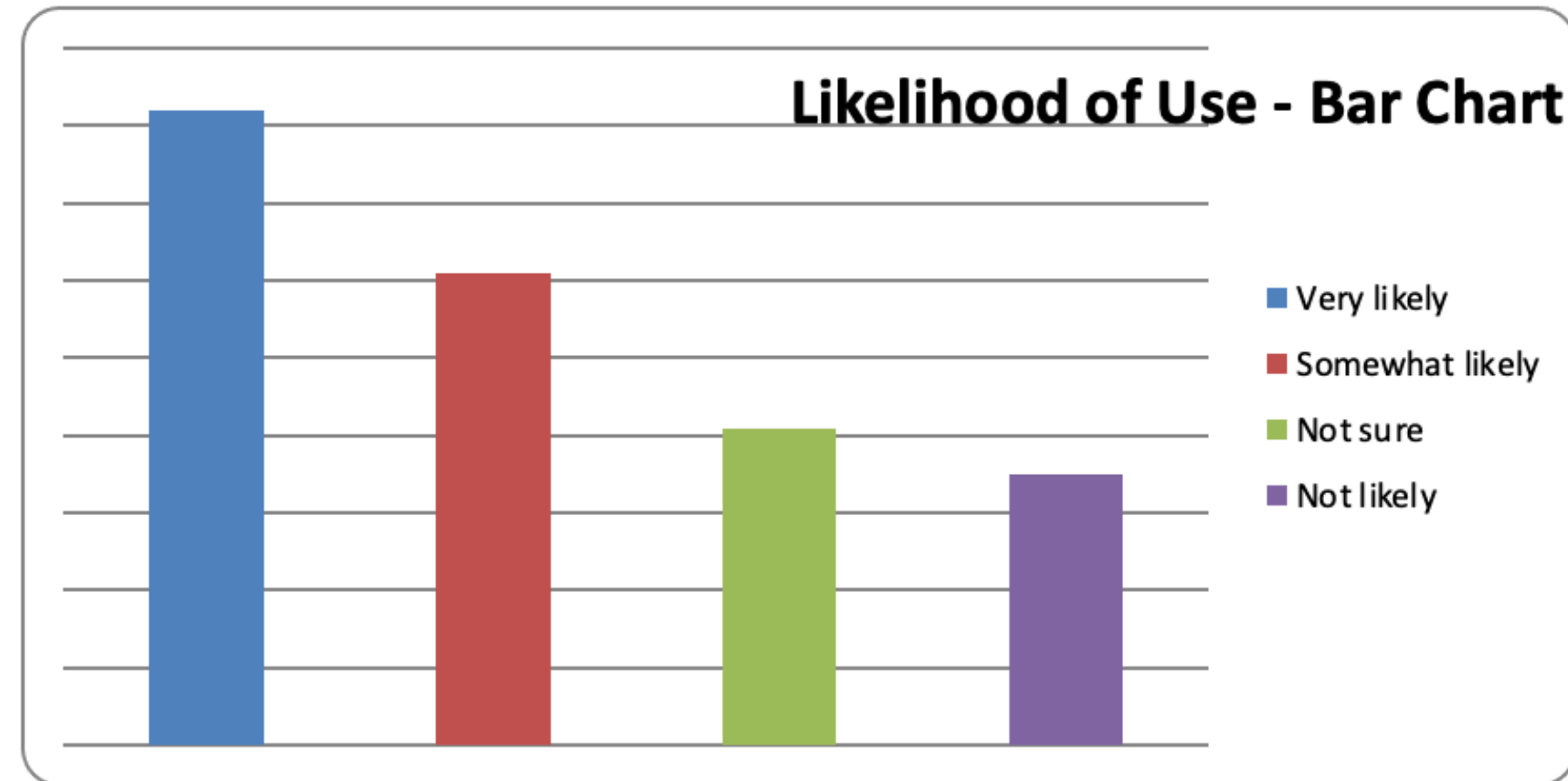


Likelihood of Using Public Transit

- Very likely: 37.5%
- Somewhat likely: 28%
- Not sure: 19%
- Not likely: 16%

Key Insight:

Over 65% of respondents would likely use a public transportation system if available.



»»» EXISTING TRANSPORTATION LANDSCAPE «««

Current transportation options in the region are limited and inconsistent:

School Bus System

- Effective for daytime school transport
- Does not support after-school activities

Regional Bus (FlixBus) Limited service (not daily) Typically:

- Morning northbound
- Evening southbound
- Supports longer distance travel vs local access to services

Healthcare

Transportation with Home & Community Support Services of Grey-Bruce

- Provides rides to medical appointments
- Requires advance booking
- Dependent on volunteer driver availability
- Can be costly (e.g., ~\$190 for Toronto trip)

Private Transportation Options

- Informal paid drivers exist
- Limited structure and consistency
- Taxi
- Uber operates locally but very limited
- Shuttle bus from Blue Mountain doesn't come to TBM - Thornbury



YOUTH-SPECIFIC IMPACTS

Youth represent a significant portion of respondents and experience distinct transportation barriers

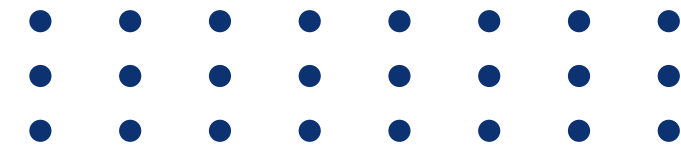
Key Youth Challenges

- Limited or no access to independent transportation
- Reliance on parents or guardians
- Inability to consistently access after-school programs, jobs, and recreation





YOUTH-SPECIFIC IMPACTS



Participation & Engagement

Transportation limits youth ability to:

- Attend extracurricular activities
- Engage in community programs
- Participate in sports and recreation

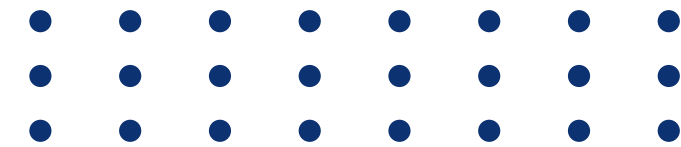
Employment & Skill Development

- Restricted access to part-time jobs
- Reduced opportunities for volunteerism and leadership





YOUTH-SPECIFIC IMPACTS



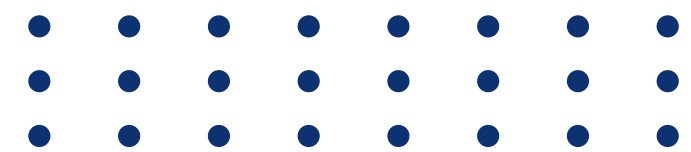
Equity & Inclusion

- Youth without access to transportation face disproportionate barriers
- Rural geography increases isolation

Mental Health & Social Connection

- Reduced ability to connect with peers and community
- Increased risk of isolation





SENIOR-SPECIFIC CONSIDERATIONS

Survey responses and supporting information highlight key challenges for seniors:

- **Increased reliance on others as driving becomes less viable**
- **High cost of transportation to medical appointments**
- **Limited availability of specialized transit**
- **Desire to remain in community while aging**
- **Increased risk of isolation**
- **Increased risk of not having basic needs met**
- **Limited opportunities to participate in community ie. volunteering**



KEY FINDINGS SUMMARY



Transportation in the region is highly dependent on private vehicles

- **Over one-quarter of respondents have no vehicle access**
- **More than half experience difficulty accessing transportation**
- **One-third have missed important activities due to transportation barriers**
- **There is strong community support for a shuttle or bus system**
- **Youth and seniors are disproportionately impacted**





PRESENTATION CONCLUSION

The BVO Community Transportation Survey highlights transportation as a critical issue affecting access, equity, and quality of life across the community.

Transportation is not only an infrastructure concern — it is directly tied to:

- Youth engagement and well being**
- Senior engagement and well-being**
- Economic participation**
- Community connection**

Addressing these gaps presents a significant opportunity to strengthen the resilience, inclusivity, and livability in the Town of the Blue Mountains.

THANK YOU



