

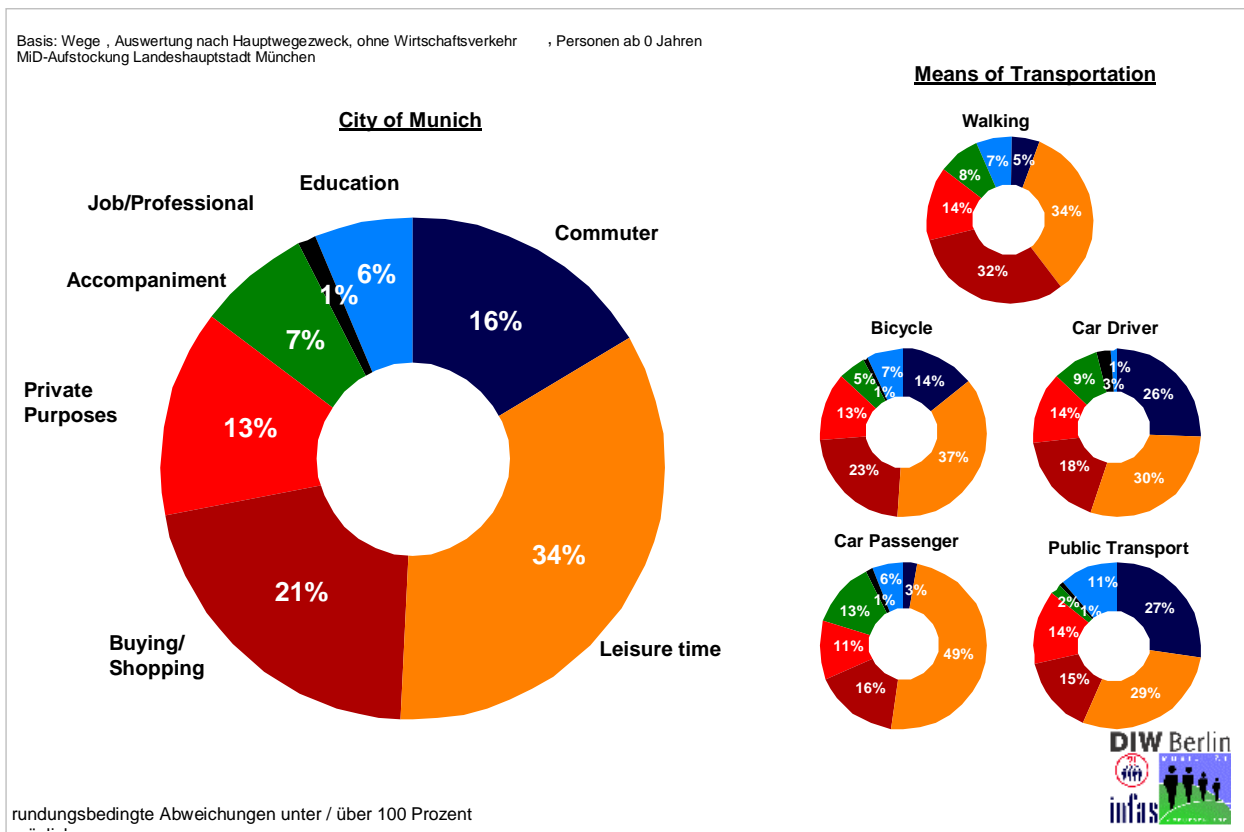
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## 34c: Cycling in Munich – Selected Results of Traffic Studies

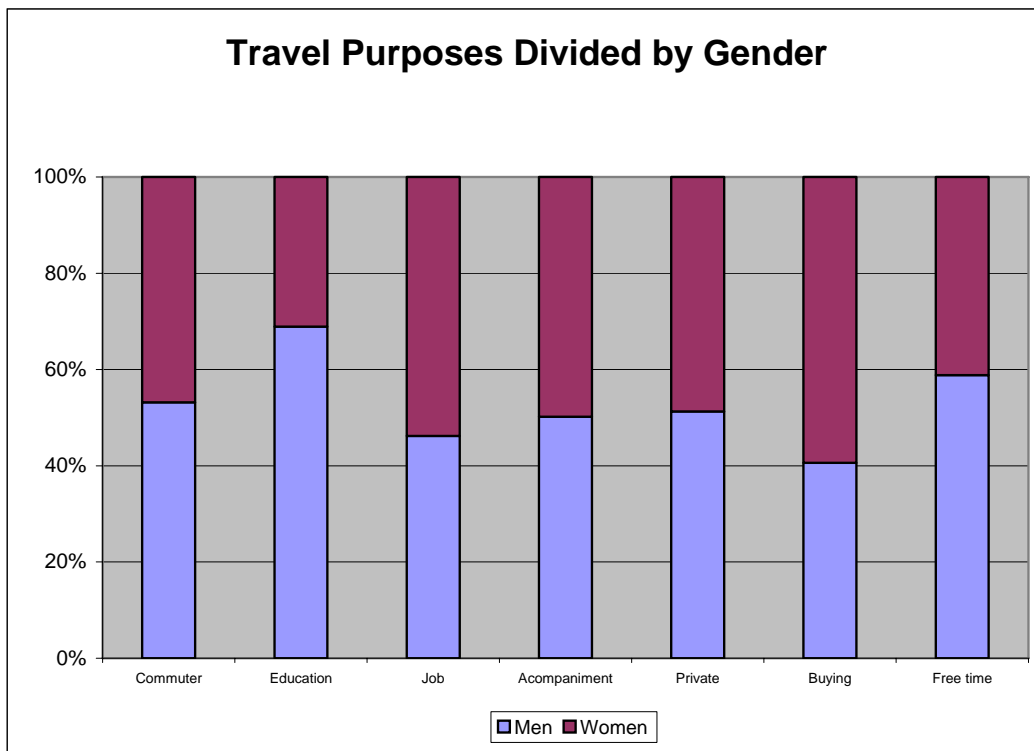
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Munich's bicycle traffic plan is based on representative data from a wide-ranging survey of residents' mobility behaviour (MiDMUC 2002). A comparable survey is regularly conducted nationwide. According to the survey, approximately 80% of Munich's residents own a bicycle and almost half of all residents use it at least once a week. The bicycle is not only used during leisure time activities or on the way to college or university, but also for all other purposes. In Munich, the bicycle is a fully fledged means of transport for everyday life.



Almost equal numbers of men and women use the bicycle for their journey to work, for accompanying someone, or for shopping and other private activities. Men and boys ride their bicycle more often on their way to educational institutions and in their leisure time, whereas women use their bicycle more frequently for shopping.

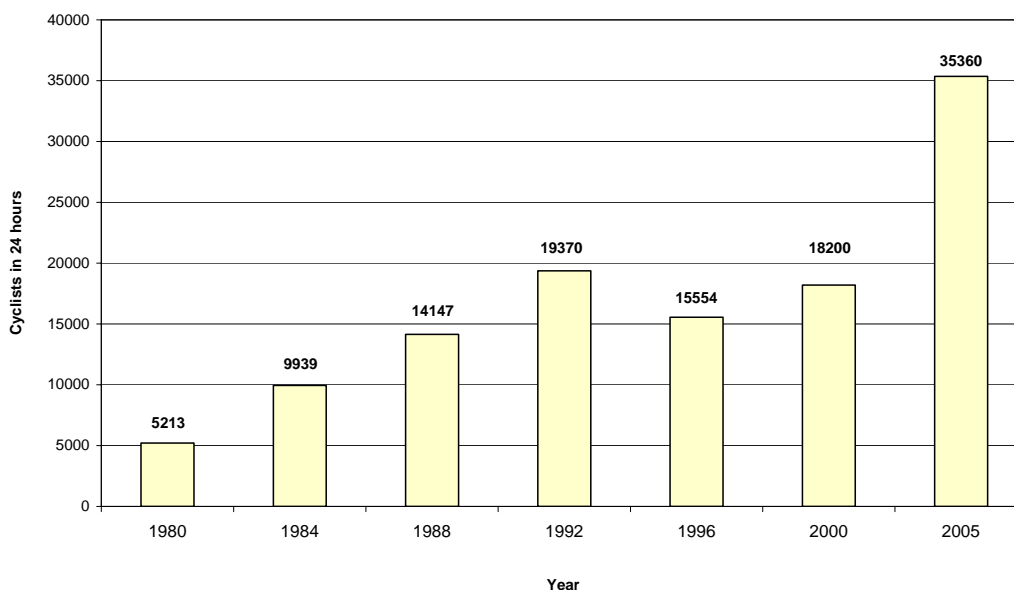


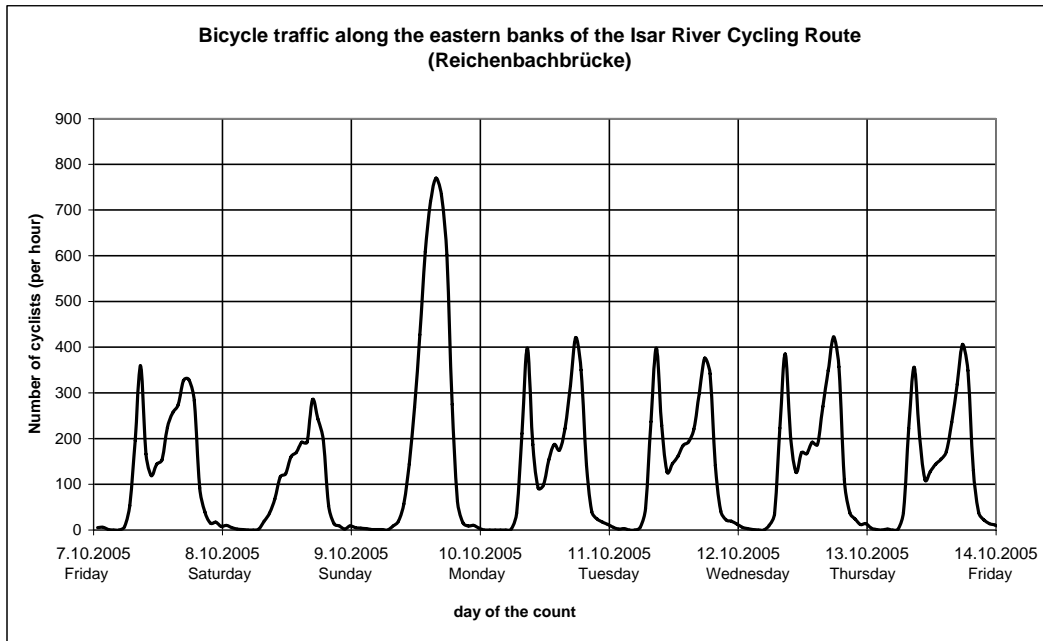
In 2002, the bicycle accounted for 10% of all journeys made by Munich residents – the preliminary goal of the city’s bicycle traffic promotion is an increase to 15% of all journeys.

Over the last few years, Munich’s bicycle traffic has grown significantly. For example, a total of 35,360 daily cyclists crossed the bridges over the Isar River within the city in 2005, which is double the number of cyclists from the year 2000.

Daily counts at different main roads from the last ten years show an increase in bicycle traffic to twice its original volume in the outer suburbs, and a tripling or even a quadrupling of the bicycle traffic volume within the inner city. Continuous, automatic counts by pressure tubes installed on the ground at various locations within the city also allow for the observation of noticeable “rush hour traffic peaks” in parks and green areas in the mornings and afternoons. Many cyclists naturally combine their way to work with travelling through an appealing, natural environment.

**Bicycle traffic across Munich’s Isar River bridges from 1980 to 2005**





Comparative counts under different weather conditions show that many cyclists use their bicycle for their daily travels in any weather. For example, at a particular traffic count location in the English Garden, approximately 5,000 cyclists were counted on a sunny weekday. On a rainy weekday, the number of cyclists was still as high as 1,200 in the same location. Even more obvious are the findings of the bike-and-ride survey, where approximately two thirds of the interviewees said they would ride their bicycle to the urban railway station or train stop all year round. Only icy roads or heavy snowfall led to a significant drop in bicycle usage.

