

Survey Administration

- Web-based survey, available in paper/pencil format for employees with limited computer access
- Dates of administration: August 4 – 15, 2008
- Response rate = 31% (almost equal percentages of academic staff, classified staff, and faculty responded)

Commuting Practices

- 72% of employees have a commute distance of 10 miles or less, 26% of whom are within 2 miles of campus; 18% commute 11-25 miles and 10% commute 26 or more miles
- 74% of employees live in or closest to Stevens Point and Plover; employees live in or nearest to the following outlying communities:
 - Wisconsin Rapids (3%)
 - Custer (2.5%)
 - Waupaca (2.5%)
 - Mosinee (1.8%)
- Two-thirds of employees drive alone to work, 25% use bicycles or walk, and only 5% carpool
 - Of those who drive alone, 37% never use their car to leave work during lunch or breaks
 - Of those who carpool, the majority (75%) of them carpool with one other individual

Interest in Other Modes of Transportation

Other than driving their own vehicles, employees are most interested in the following modes of transportation:

- Bicycle (47%)
- Walking (35%)
- Public bus (25%) → Of these:
 - 80% would be willing to ride 20 minutes or less outside of their normal travel time
 - 88% would be willing to pay \$10 or less per week; 60% would be willing to pay \$5 or less per week
 - No employees indicated currently using a public bus as their primary mode of transportation for getting to work
- Carpool or ride share (22%)
- Shuttle service (19%) → Of these:
 - 72% would be willing to ride 20 minutes or less outside of their normal travel time
 - 79% would be willing to pay \$10 or less per week; 14% would be willing to pay up to \$25 per week

Likelihood of Using Other Mode of Transportation

- 42% of employees said they would be likely to use public busing if a route was readily available to them, 16% were unsure, and 42% were unlikely
- 24% of employees said they would be likely to participate in a ride share or carpool with (an)other UWSP employee(s) if they had assistance matching them with someone in their town or neighborhood, 21% were unsure, and 55% were unlikely
- 36% of employees said they would be likely to use a shuttle service/vanpool if one was available to them, 24% were unsure, and 41% were unlikely

Means of Transportation to Work

	UWSP ^a	Portage County	State of WI	U.S.
Drive alone	67%	76%	80%	76%
Carpool	5%	11%	9%	10%
Bicycle	13%	2%	<1%	<1%
Walk	12%	6%	3%	3%
Public transportation (excluding taxicab)	0%	<1%	2%	5%
Other (taxicab, motorcycle, moped, scooter)	3%	<1%	1%	1%
Worked at home	-	4%	4%	4%

^a UWSP Survey of Cost-Saving Transportation Measures (August 2008).

^b U.S. Census Bureau, *2007 American Community Survey* (S0801: Commuting Characteristics by Sex).

Notes:

- One in four UWSP faculty and staff members walk or bicycle to work compared to 1 in 25 Americans.
- Fewer UWSP faculty and staff drive alone to work compared to residents in Portage County, the State of WI, and across the nation.
- UWSP faculty and staff are less likely than residents in Portage County, the State of WI, and across the nation to carpool or use public transportation.