Travel Trends in TxDOT's Austin District: 2009 National Household Travel Survey

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Overview

Objective: Provide an overview of the distinct travel characteristics of the Texas Department of Transportation's 11-county Austin District.

Data: 2009 National Household Travel Survey with Texas add-on sample. All analysis conducted using raw survey data with no weighting.

Methodology: Comprehensive univariate and bivariate analyses at the individual, household, and county levels. Included evaluations of vehicle use and availability, commute travel patterns, and temporal trip distribution. Also highlighted the travel behavior of disadvantaged populations and data elements new to the 2009 NHTS.

Summary: The results provided valuable insights into regional travel patterns and needs to develop effective and targeted projects for policy and planning purposes. However, the analysis also revealed sample size limitations, particularly for some lower population counties.

Sample Summary

3,572 individuals

1,689 workers

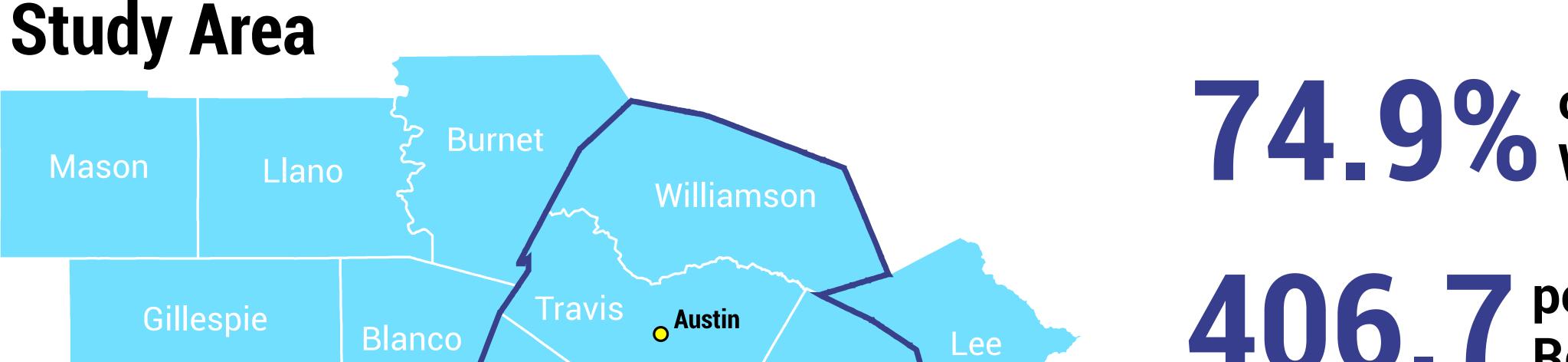
2,872 licensed drivers



2.1 people per household 2.0 vehicles per household

of households with one or more vehicles

spent driving each day (for those who drove on their travel day)



persons/mile² in Austin-

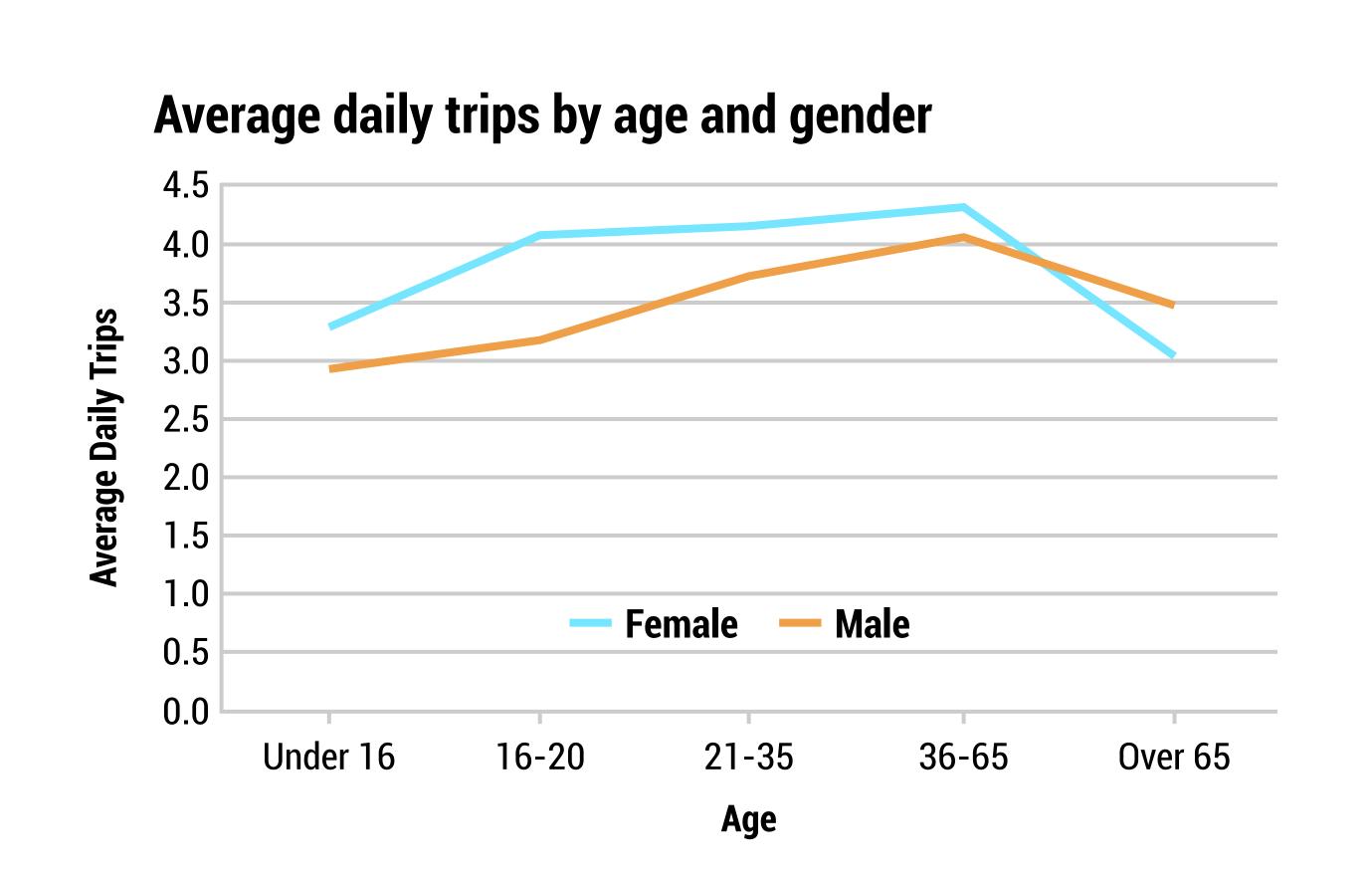
persons/mile² outside

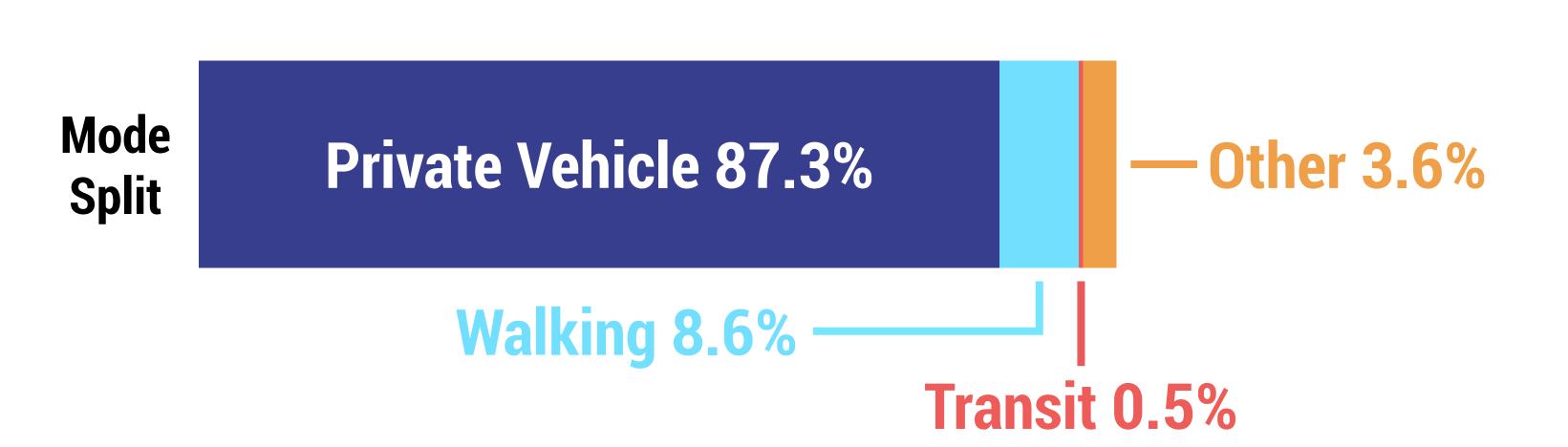
Trip Characteristics

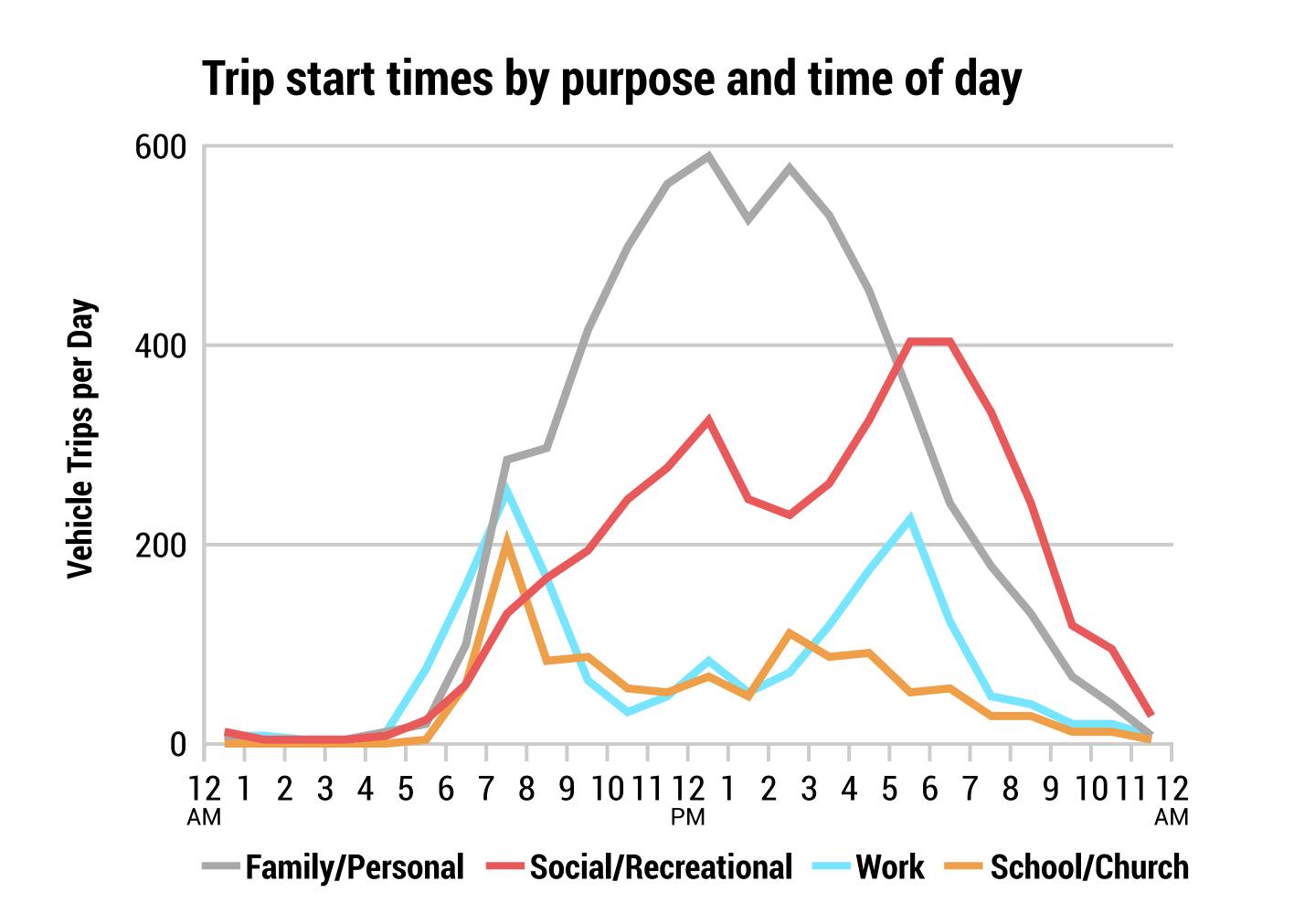
average daily trips

average daily vehicle trips per driver

miles average vehicle trip distance



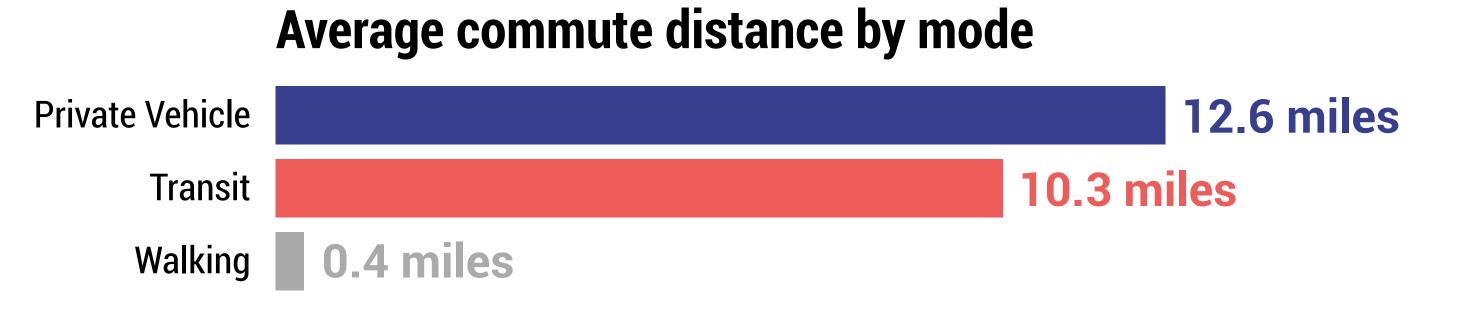




The greatest number of trips began between 12-1pm

Work Trips

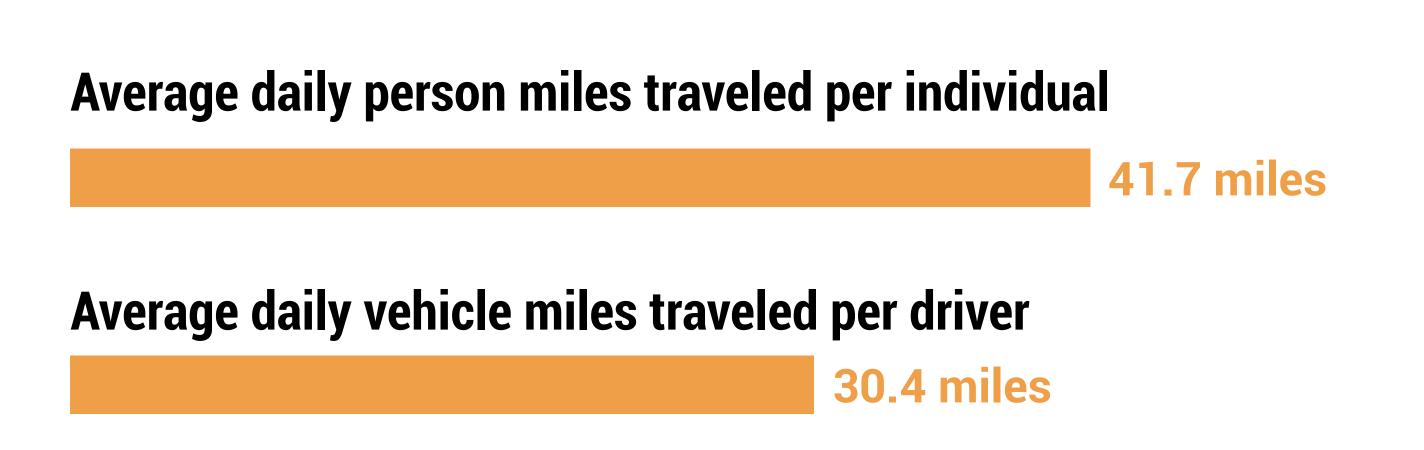
of work trips by private vehicle

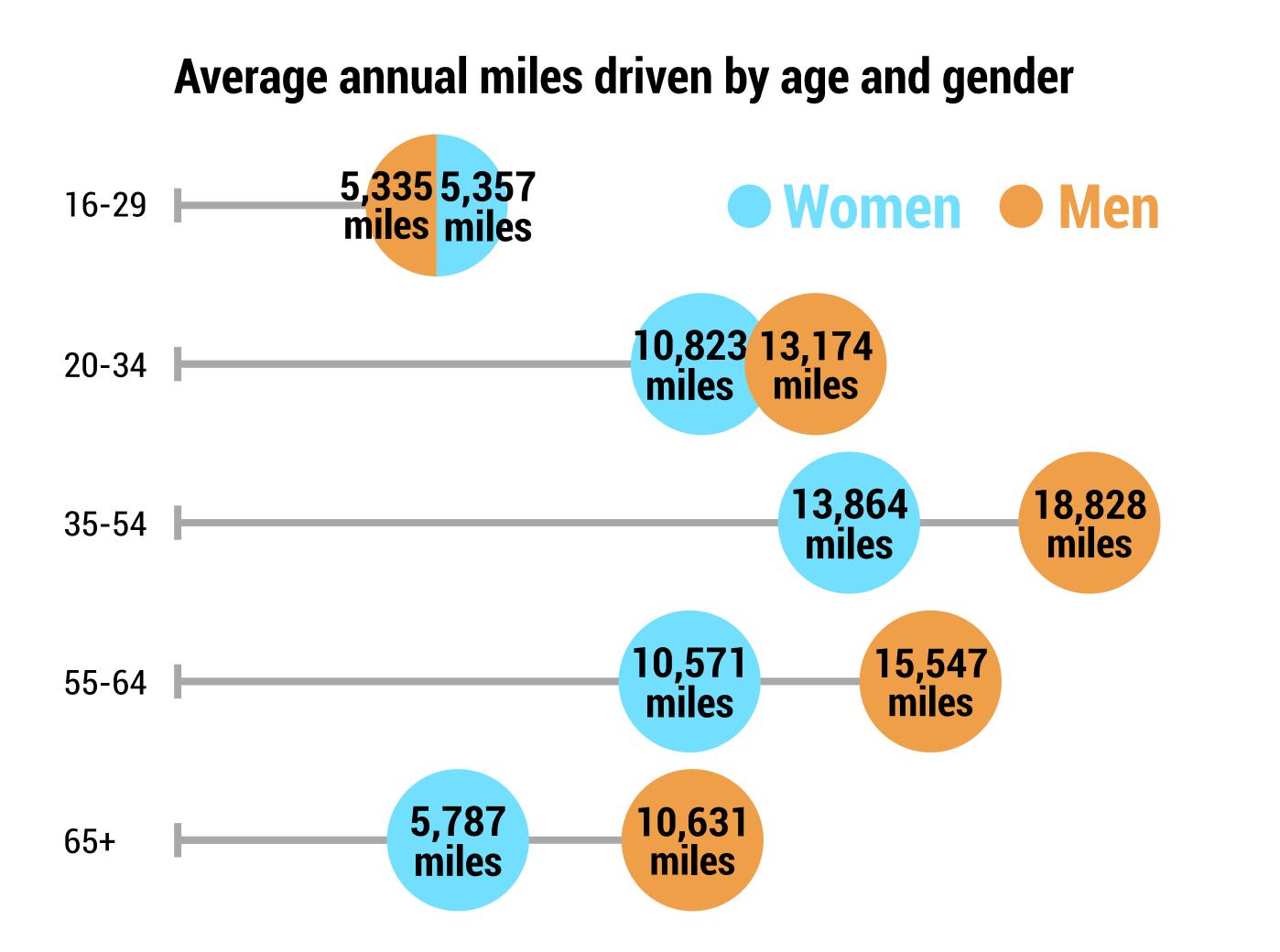


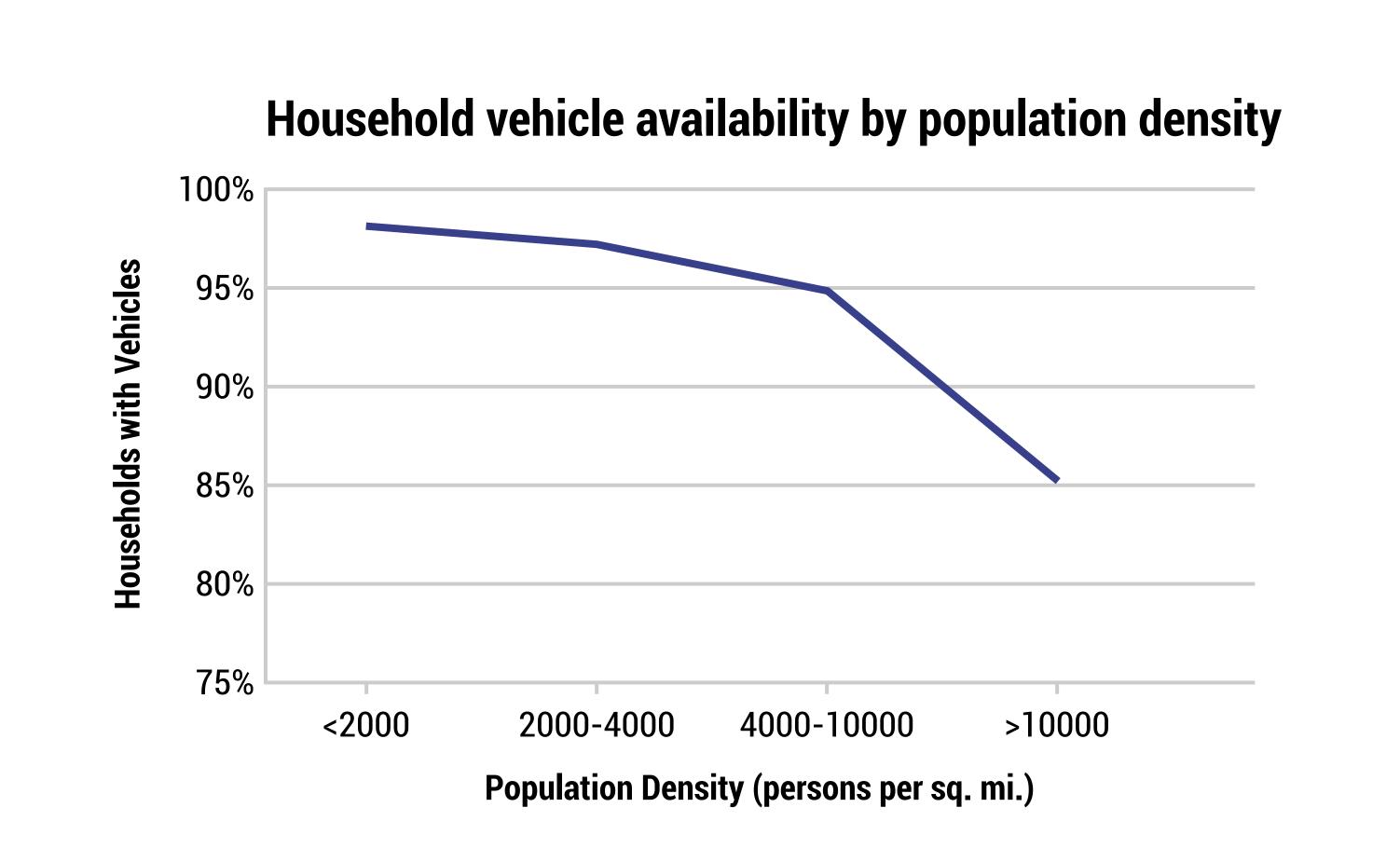
Vehicle Usage

75.2

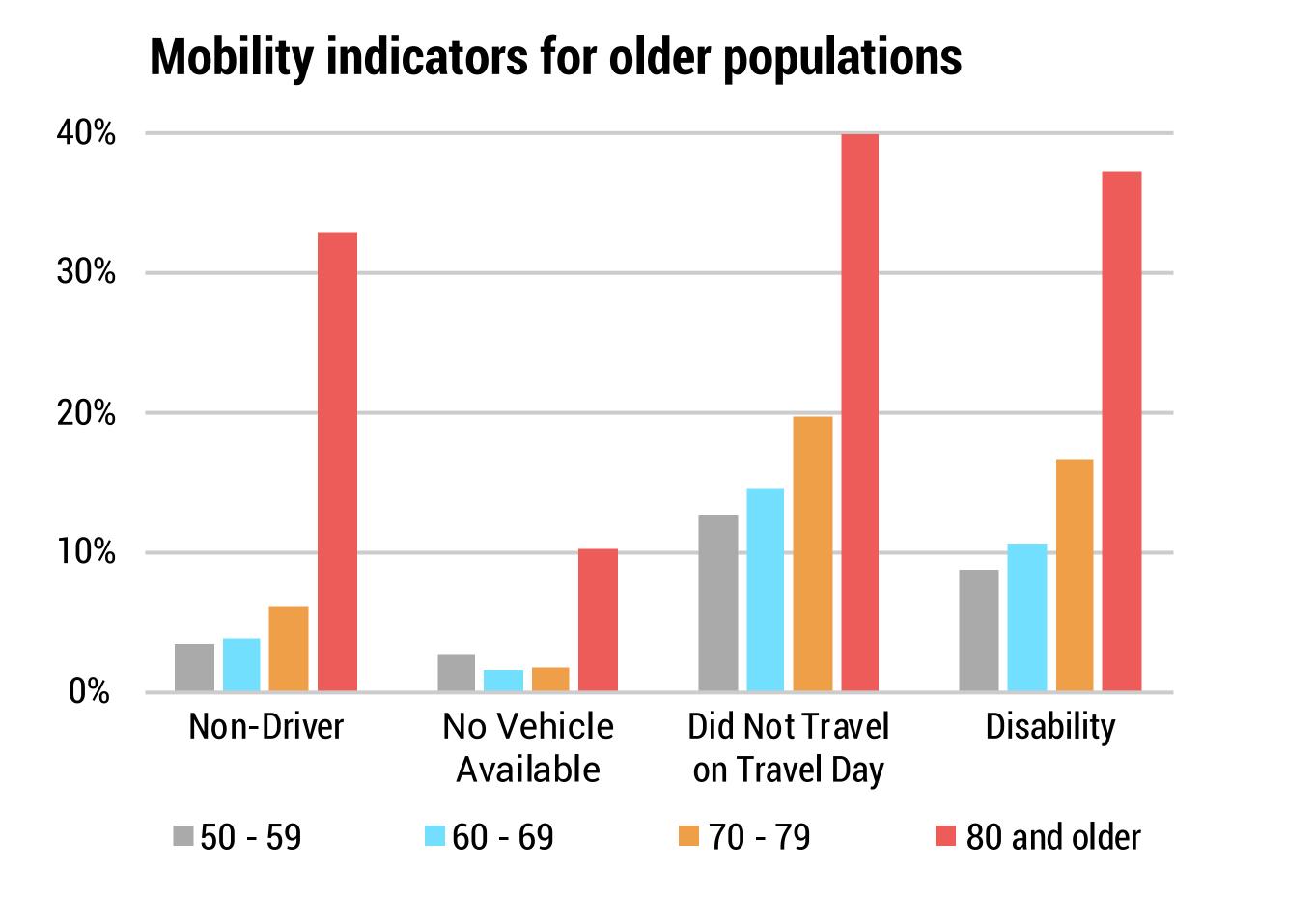
Average annual household VMT by trip purpose (each box represents 20 trips) Other Avg. Trip VMT: Avg. Trip VMT: Avg. Trip VMT: Avg. Trip VMT: Avg. Trip VMT:







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