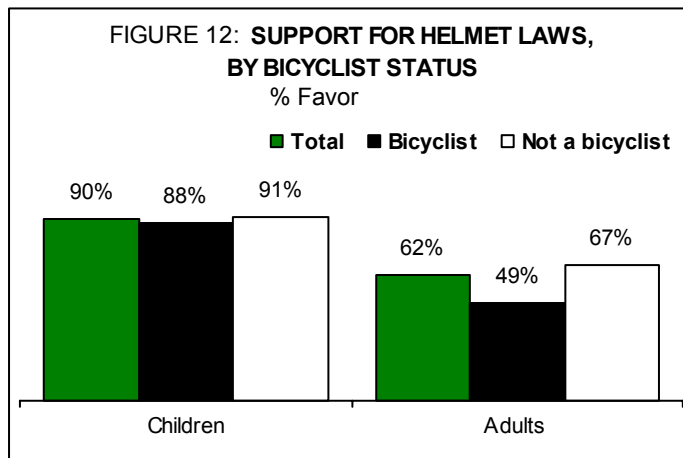


## Helmet Laws and Use

Overall, 1 in 4 people 16 and older (24%) expressed uncertainty over whether their State has a bicycle helmet law or not, while 18 percent did say their State does not have any such law. One in 3 (32%) say their State has a law that applies to both adults and children, while 25 percent say their law applies only to children.

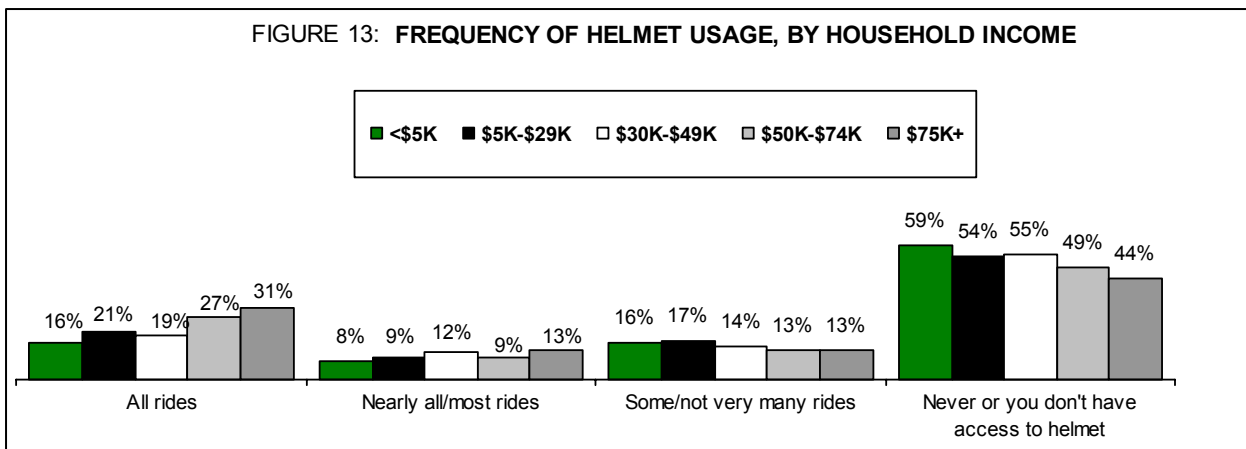
Those with children 5 to 15 living in the household were slightly more likely to say their State has a bicycle helmet law for children (28%) than were those without children 5 to 15 (24%).

Nine in 10 people 16 and older (90%) supported laws that require children to wear helmets whenever they are riding bicycles, but just 6 in 10 (62%) supported such a law for adults to always wear bicycle helmets. Bicyclists were similar to nonbicyclists in level of support for bicycle helmet laws for children (88% versus 91%) but less supportive of bicycle helmet laws than nonbicyclists (49% versus 67%).



Q50: Do you favor or oppose laws that require ...? [Base: Total Adults; Bicyclist n=2,510; Nonbicyclist=7,106]

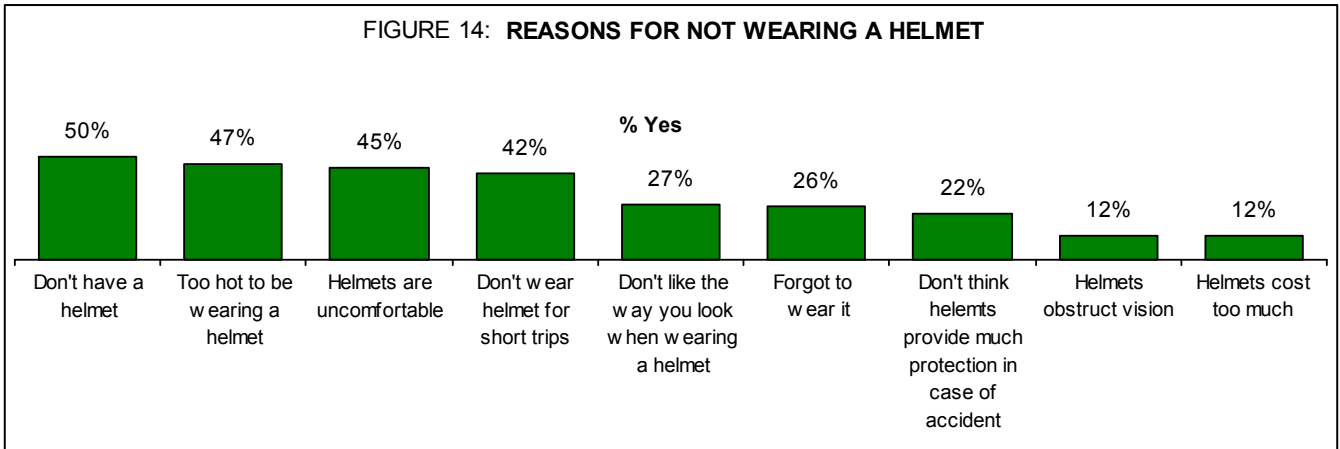
Half (50%) of all bicyclists said they never wear helmets or did not have access to helmets. About one-third (35%) reported that they wear a helmet for all (24%) or nearly all/most (11%) of their rides. Riders under 30 are less likely than older riders to wear a helmet for all rides. Usage of helmets for all bicycle rides tended to increase as household income increased, as does access to helmets.



Q47: When riding a bicycle, do you wear a helmet for...? [Base: Rode bicycle past 30 days]

	<\$15K	\$15K-\$29K	\$30K-\$49K	\$50K-\$74K	\$75K+
Rode bicycle past 30 days	194	319	553	494	720

Bicyclists who do not wear a helmet were asked which of a list of potential reasons for not wearing a helmet applied to them. The top reasons for not wearing a helmet were that the bicyclist does not have one (50%), that it is too hot in the summer months to wear a helmet (47%), that helmets are uncomfortable (45%), and that they do not wear helmets for short bicycling trips (42%). Fewer agreed that their reason for not wearing a helmet was because they do not like the way they look in a helmet (27%), that they forgot to wear it (26%), that the helmet does not provide much protection (22%), that they obstruct vision (12%), and that they are too expensive (12%).

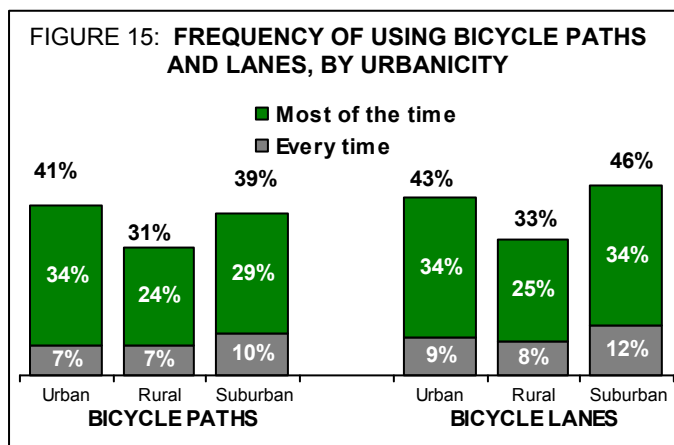


Q48: What are the reasons you don't always wear a bicycle helmet? Is it because...? [Base: Bicyclists who do not wear a helmet for all of their rides n=1,848]

### Availability and Use of Bicycle Paths/Bicycle Lanes

Half of bicyclists reported that bicycle paths (paths away from the road on which bikes can travel) are available in the areas they rode (50%), while one-third reported that bicycle lanes (marked lanes on a public road reserved for bikes to travel) are available (32%). The frequency of using bicycle paths and bicycle lanes was very similar, with 73 percent using bicycle paths at least some of the time they rode (39% most or all of the time), and 75 percent reporting using bicycle lanes at least some of the time they rode (43% most or all of the time).

Urban bicyclists were more likely to use bicycle paths and bicycle lanes all or most of the time (41% and 43%) than were bicyclists living in rural areas (31% and 33%).



Q42a, 44a: Do you ride on bicycle paths/bicycle lanes...? [Base: Bicyclists who have bicycle paths available where ride. n=1,292; Urban=667; Rural=199; Suburban=426/ have bicycle lanes available n=833; Urban=402; Rural=109; Suburban=322]