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Small Percentage Of NYers Bike To Work, Study Finds

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Despite the increasing number of bike lanes added to or planned for city streets, a new study shows only a small number of New Yorkers actually pedal to work.

A new study by NYU's Furman Center found that only .6 percent of New Yorkers use bikes as their preferred mode of transportation.

The city Department of Transportation has touted that the number of residents who cycled to work has increased rapidly, but it's still clearly a small percentage.

The .6 percent compares to the 10 percent of residents who say they prefer to walk to work, the 57 percent of residents who like public transportation and the nearly 30 percent who say they prefer driving.

The number of bicycle commuters is higher in some other major cities.

In Chicago, 1.2 percent of residents prefer biking; in Boston, 2.2 percent; and in Los Angeles just over one percent of commuters pedal to work.