



## An Official Statistics Publication for Scotland

This statistical news release reports key results from the Hands Up Scotland Survey on mode of travel to schools and nurseries in Scotland.

The annual Hands Up Scotland Survey is published by Sustrans as an Official Statistic in Scotland. The survey is funded by Transport Scotland to provide an accurate and up-to-date picture of how pupils travel to school. The survey is now in its eighth year.

Across all years of the Hands Up Scotland Survey, active travel to school in Scotland is more frequently reported compared to motorised and multi-mode travel modes.

The reported level of active travel to school has decreased from 51.8% in 2008 to 49.7% in 2015. The lowest percentage of active travel recorded in the Hands Up Scotland Survey was 49.3%, reported in 2010.

The reported level of motorised travel to school has increased from 41.6% in 2008 to 42.0% in 2015.

The highest percentage of motorised travel recorded in the Hands Up Scotland Survey was 43.0%, reported in 2009.

The reported level of multi-mode travel (park and stride) has increased from 6.1% in 2008 to 7.8% in 2015.

This peak value of park and stride travel was also reported in 2012 and 2014.





Data collection for the Hands Up Scotland Survey occurs on an annual basis in the second week of September. In 2015, data collection took place between the 7th and 11th September. In 2016 data collection will take place between 12th and 16th September.

All 32 local authorities in Scotland are invited to take part in the Hands Up Scotland Survey. As with the census, there is no quota-based sampling or selective participation mechanisms in the survey sampling

As the Hands Up Scotland Survey is carried out over a one week period, weather conditions may differ considerably from year to year. It should be noted that weather conditions have an impact on travel choices and may influence pupil response to the survey, although the phrasing of the survey question aims to overcome this limitation as much as possible.

Due to rounding, row percentages may not always add up to 100%.

Where a percentage represents a value of between one and four pupils, it has been suppressed to maintain anonymity of respondents and replaced with an asterisk (\*).

Where a particular school type does not exist within a local authority (e.g. there are no SEN or independent schools), the data cells have been shaded out.

The Hands Up Scotland Survey has been designated an Official Statistic in Scotland by Parliamentary Order and is produced in line with the UK Statistics Authority Code of Practice for Official Statistics. The code