

# Survey confirms unpopularity of commuting



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Only 8% use public transport, 28.5% take more than 30 minutes to arrive at their destination

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ON the eve of a forthcoming transport reform, a MaltaToday survey reveals that while three in every four Maltese use their car to get to work in the morn-

ing, less than a tenth are using public transport.

Despite Malta's small size, the survey shows that 29% of respondents to the survey spend more than 30 minutes to get to work, and nearly 10% claim to spend more than 45 minutes.

Unlike commuters in metropolitan cities abroad, who view public transport as a faster alternative to private car use due to traffic congestion, no such advantage exists in Malta, where public transport trips take longer than private car trips. In fact, 93% of public transport users spend more than half an hour to arrive to work. By way of contrast, only 27% of car users spend the same amount of time to arrive to work.

And while 43% of public transport users spend more than 45 minutes to get to work, only 7% of private car users spend the same amount of time to get to work.

## Transport: Malta and Germany compared

	Malta (%)	Germany (%)
Private car	76.3	56.1
On foot	10.5	9.5
Public transport	7.9	12.9
Passenger in car	2.4	3.5
Bicycle	0.3	8.3
Company transport	2.5	-
Other	-	9.8

(Statistics for Germany are based on micro-census on transport patterns of commuters undertaken in 2008 published on <http://www.destatis.de>)

## Division of the sexes on transport (%)

	Males	Females
Drive car	81.6	70.8
On foot	7.8	10.5
Public transport	6.5	10.9
Company transport	1.1	3.8
Passenger in car	2	4
Bicycle	1	0

## How long it takes people to arrive to work every morning (%)

	All	Car	Public transport	On foot
Under 15 minutes	43	42.6	0	95.5
16-30 minutes	28.5	31.2	7.1	4.5
31-45 minutes	19.9	19.1	50	0
More than 45 minutes	8.6	7.1	42.9	0

Ironically, the fastest way to arrive to work are those who do so on foot. Of those who walk to work (10.5%), almost all – 96% – take less than 15 minutes: an indication that those opting for walking live very near to the place of work.

The survey also shows that women are more likely to use public or company transport, while men are more likely to use a private car.

Very few Maltese cycle to work. While 8.3% of Germans use the bike to get to work only 0.3% of the Maltese do likewise.

**Very few Maltese – 0.3% – cycle to work, while 8.3% of Germans use the bike to get to work**



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