

Boulder Lime Riders' Characteristics, Travel Patterns, and Preferences

In September 2022, we distributed a survey to Boulder riders and collected 175 responses.

We found:

Rider Diversity

Boulder Lime riders are a diverse cross-section of the city's residents and visitors:

- Many of the riders in Boulder are local: 88% report that they live, work, or go to school in the city.
- 61% of riders live in households earning less than the median income level.
- The average age of a Lime rider is 31, and 25% of Lime riders are 36 or older.

Mode Shift and Transit Accessibility

Lime enables Boulder riders to reduce their reliance on cars and increases their access to transit options:

- 75% of riders said that shared micromobility decreased their reliance on cars and 71% felt that micromobility reduced traffic.
- On their most recent Lime rides, 26% of riders used Lime rather than a motor vehicle (personally owned, taxi, ridehail, or shared use).
- 23% of riders used Lime to get to or from public transit on their last trip.

 As a consequence, 90% of riders agreed that shared micromobility provides an environmentally beneficial way to get around the city.

Filling Everyday Needs

Lime helps Boulder riders fulfill their everyday transportation needs. On their most recent Lime rides:

- **30% of riders** used Lime to **commute** to or from work or school.
- 16% of riders used Lime to travel to or from a social event, dining or entertainment.
- 20% of riders used Lime to travel to or from shopping or errands.

Motivators and Barriers to Use

Lime vehicles provide a fun, reliable, cost-effective, and efficient way for riders to get around Boulder, but certain factors prevent more frequent use.

Motivators

- 49% of riders used Lime because it was simple to find and use to get to their destination.
- 31% of riders report using a Lime vehicle because it was an affordable option.
- 57% of riders used Lime because it was the fastest way to get to their destination.
- 58% of riders used Lime because it was a fun way to get to their destination.
- 89% of riders agreed that Lime made it easier to live and stay in the city.

Barriers

- A common barrier to riding was a lack of dockless vehicles: 21% of riders stated that they had wanted to ride a Lime vehicle but there were none available nearby.
- Lastly, **13% of riders** stated that slow zones or **speed restrictions** kept them from taking a ride.