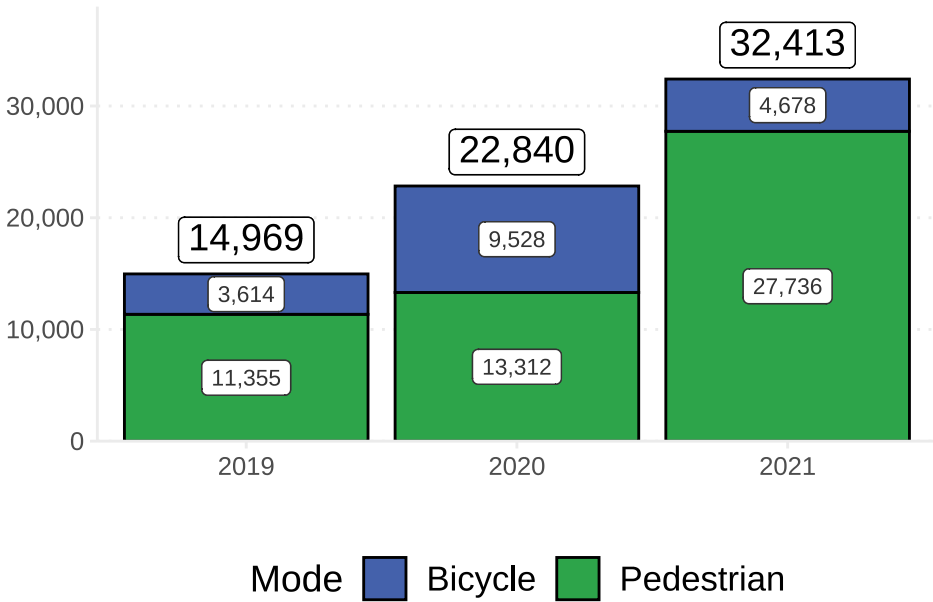


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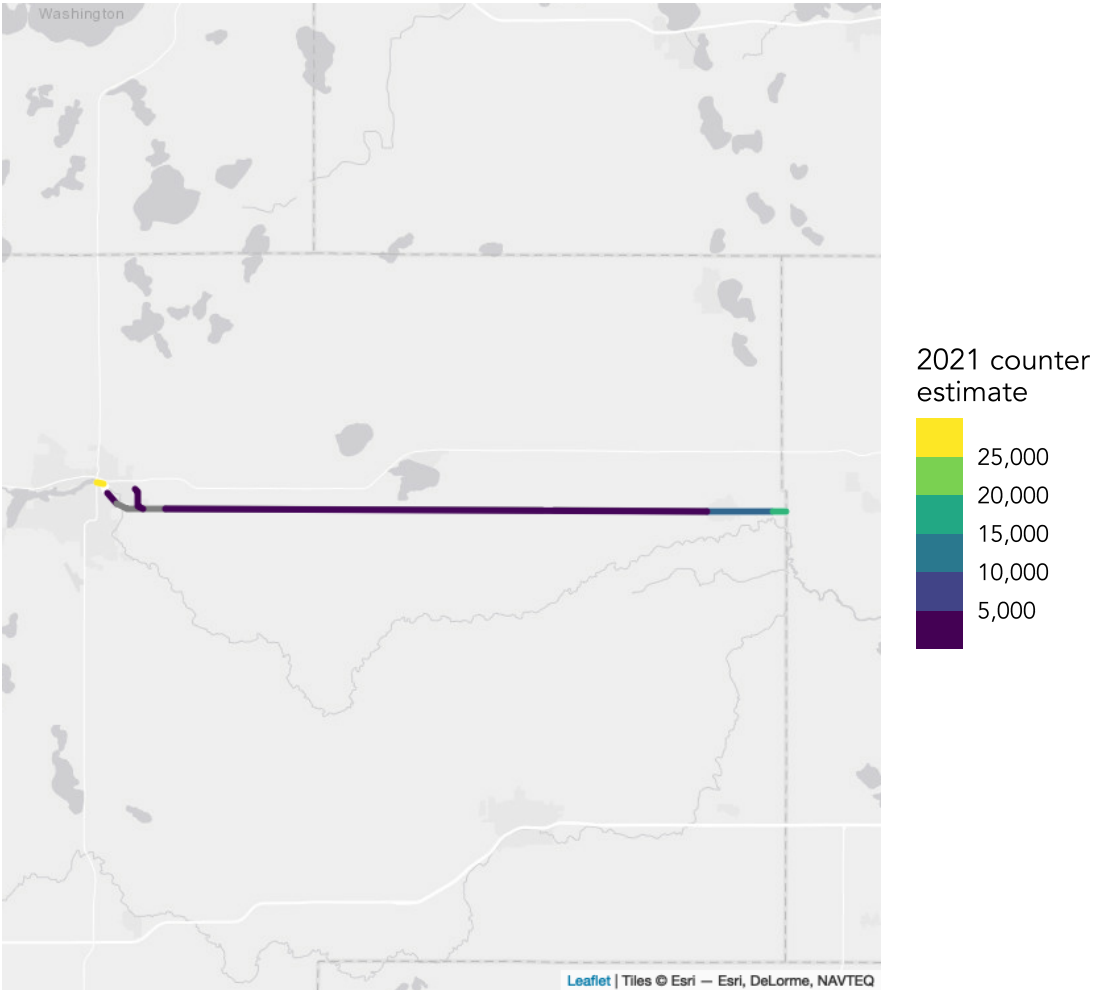
This factsheet summarizes trail-level data for Dakota Rail State Trail. Use estimates were derived using location-based services (LBS) data and represent the number miles traveled on trails by bicyclists and pedestrians.

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Total annual miles of use



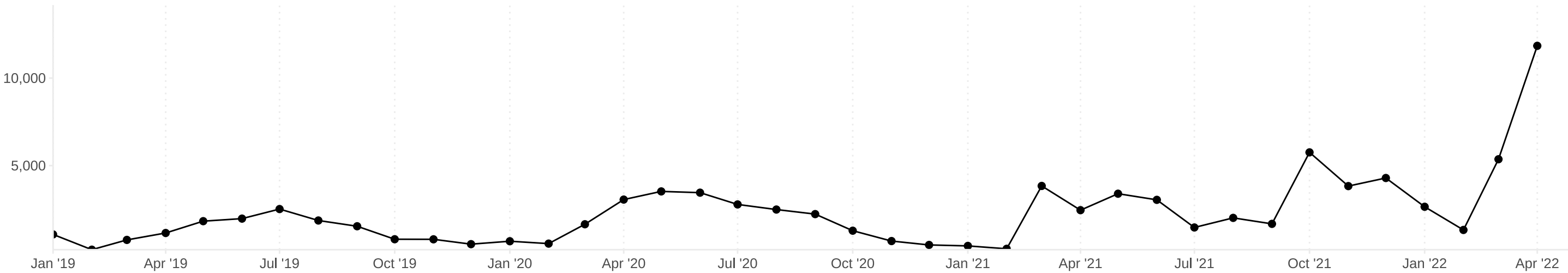
Year	Total miles traveled	Bicycle miles traveled	Pedestrian miles traveled	Total counter estimate	Bicycle counter estimate	Pedestrian counter estimate
2019	14,969	3,614	11,355	43,136	9,060	36,439
2020	22,840	9,528	13,312	41,816	22,641	28,722
2021	32,413	4,678	27,736	30,408	9,387	22,296



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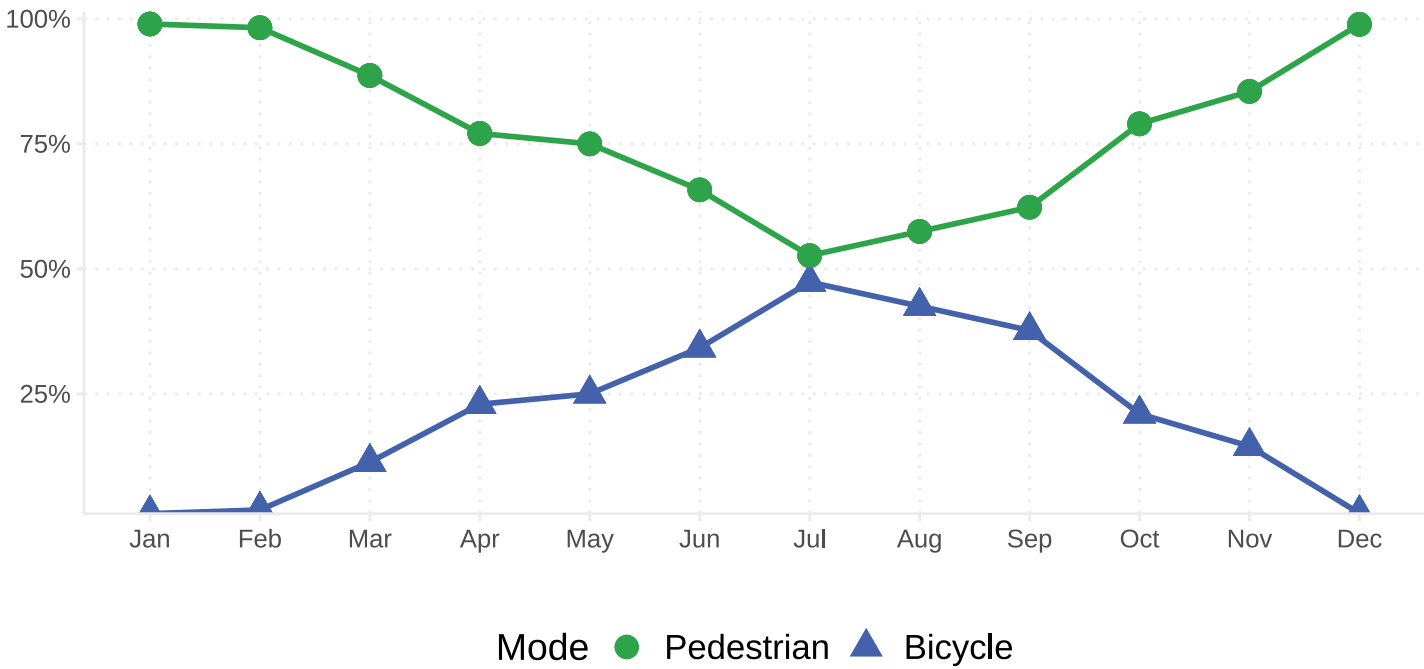
Monthly use

Each point in this time series indicates estimated monthly miles traveled on Dakota Rail.



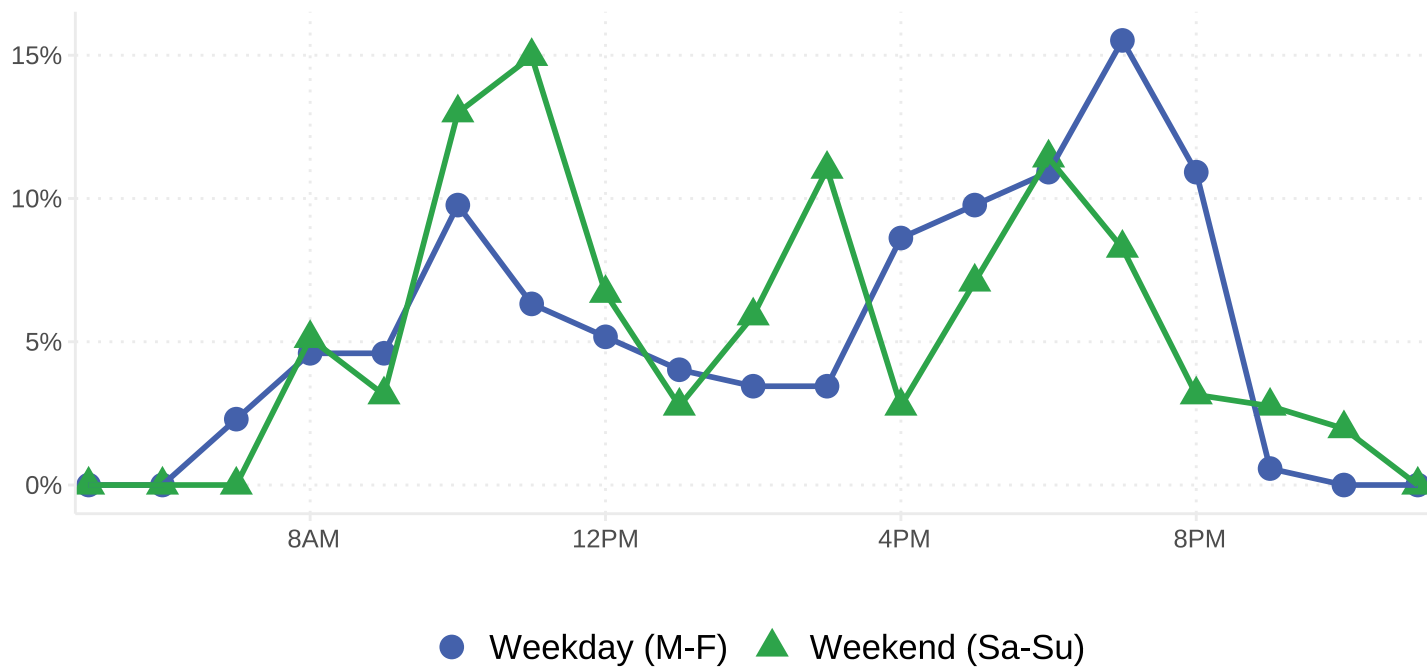
Mode share

Mode share shows the percent of trail use occurring by bicyclists and pedestrians. Points show the monthly averages across the study period.



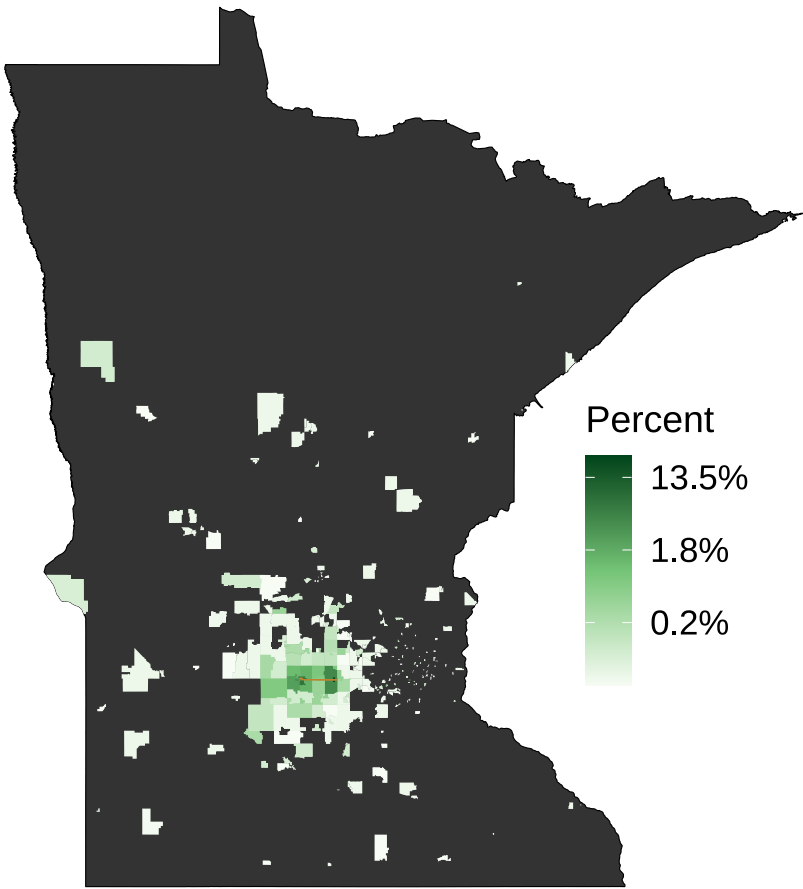
Hourly use

Hourly use during summer 2021 shows patterns of when visitors use trails on weekdays and weekends.



Visitor home locations

Inferred visitor home locations are reported at the block group level. Darker colors indicate more visitors from a given block group. During 2021, approximately 97% of visitors to Dakota Rail lived inside of Minnesota while 3% of visitors lived outside of Minnesota.



Visitor demographics

Visitor demographics are inferred based on home locations and data from the 2020 US Census. The table summarizes inferred demographic attributes of visitors to Dakota Rail during 2021 (LBS data). 2020 US Census data for the state is provided for context. Please note that local and/or historical context is crucial when interpreting trail-level demographic data.

	Category	Census Group	Trail Estimate (entire 2021)	State Average
Race/ethnicity		American Indian	0.3%	1.0%
		Asian	0.5%	5.2%
		Black	1.1%	6.9%
		Hispanic or Latinx	9.0%	6.1%
		More than one race	4.9%	4.1%
		Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.0%
		Some other race	2.9%	0.4%
		White	81.1%	76.3%
Income		Less than \$25,000	15.9%	10.4%
		\$25,000 - 39,999	11.3%	11.2%
		\$40,000 - 59,999	15.3%	15.1%
		\$60,000 - 74,999	12.0%	10.0%
		\$75,000 - 99,999	16.5%	14.1%
		\$100,000 - 149,999	18.7%	18.3%
		\$150,000 or higher	10.4%	20.8%
Education		High school	42.4%	30.9%
		Associate degree or some college	38.5%	32.4%
		4-year degree	14.4%	24.2%
		Graduate or professional degree	4.7%	12.6%