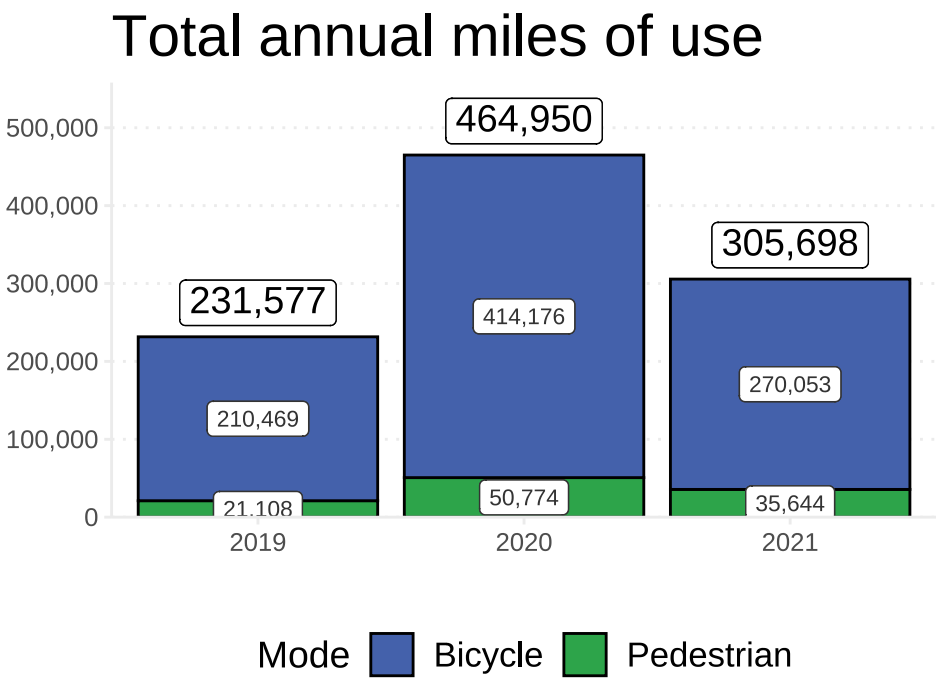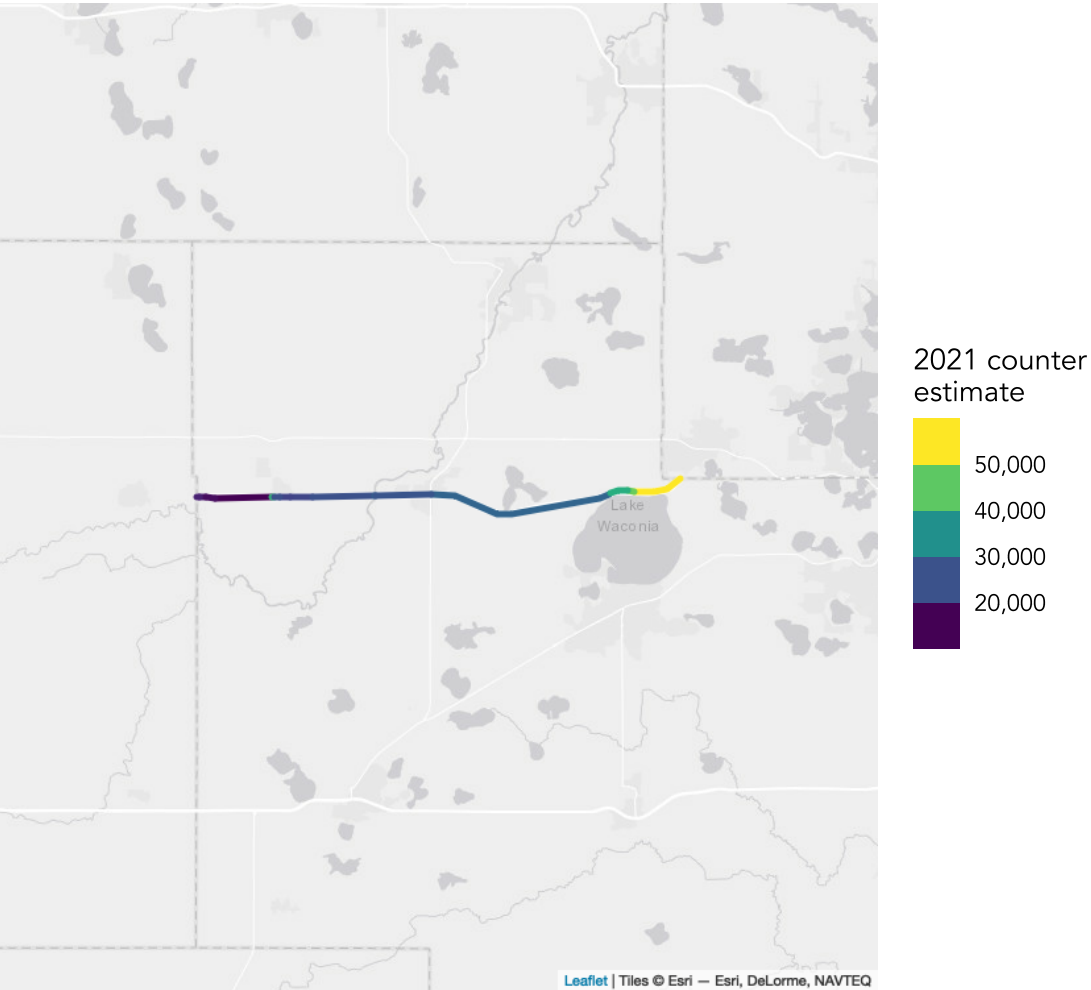# Dakota Rail Regional Trail, Carver County

This factsheet summarizes trail-level data for Dakota Rail, Carver County Regional Trail. Use estimates were derived using location-based services (LBS) data and represent the number miles traveled on trails by bicyclists and pedestrians.
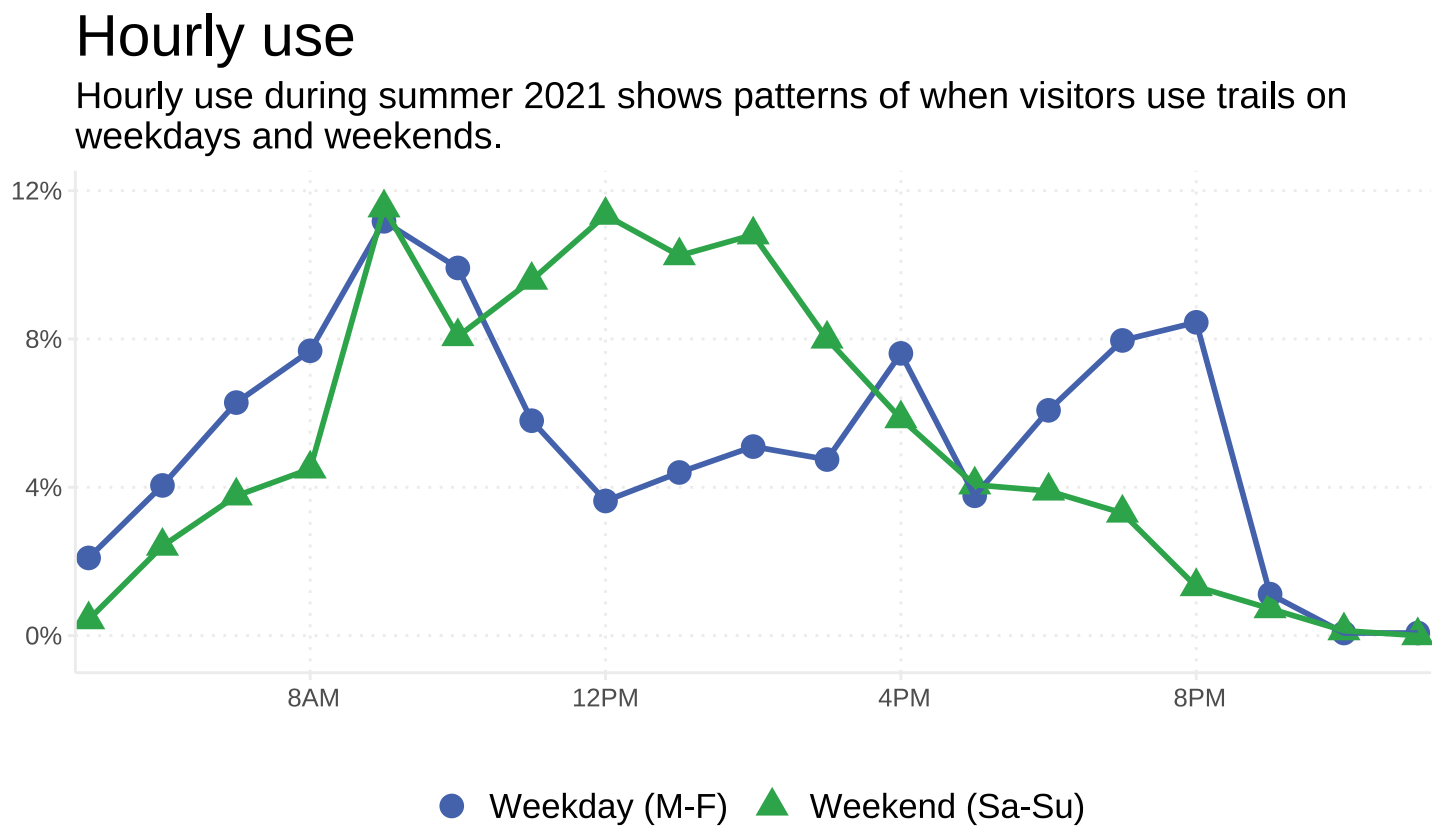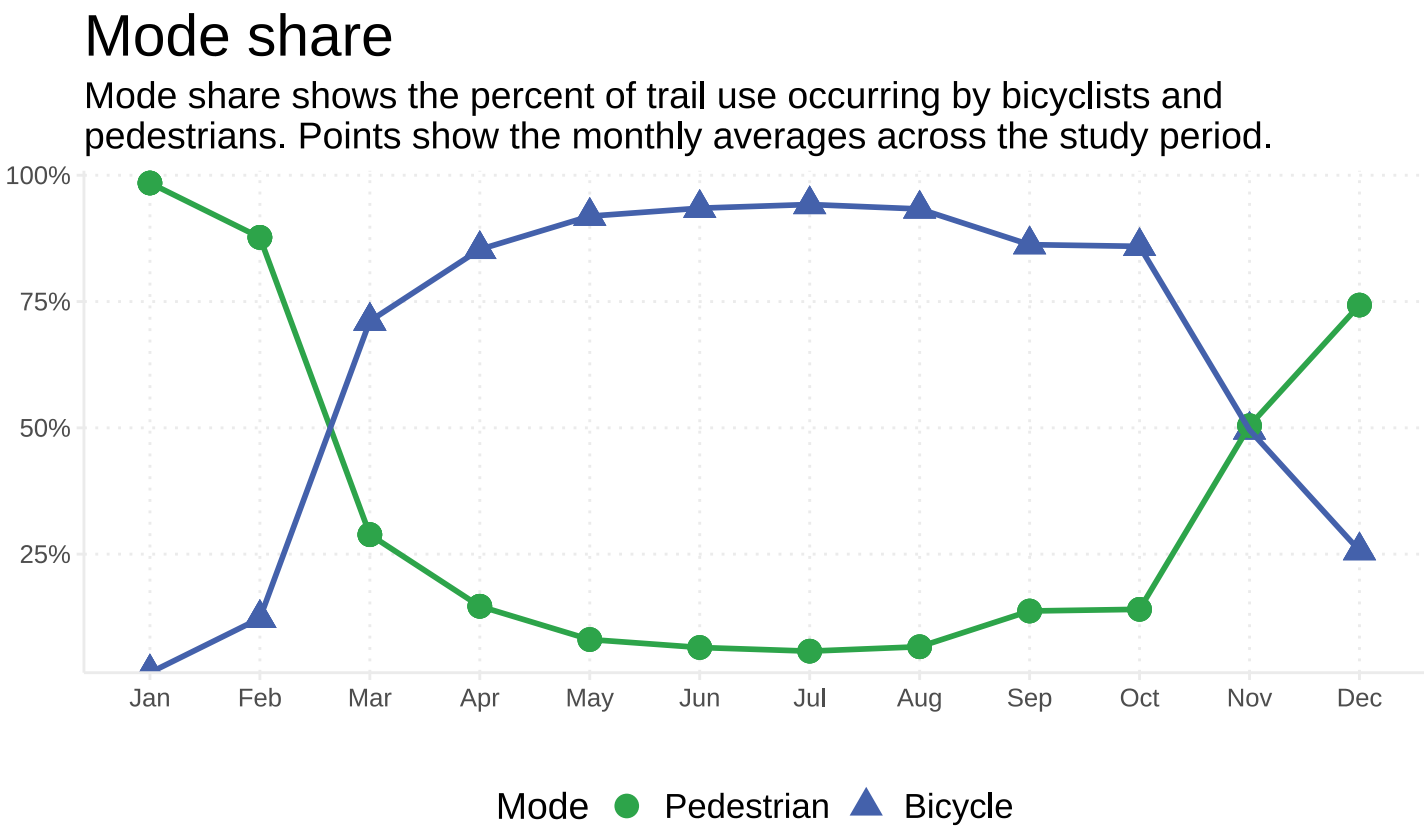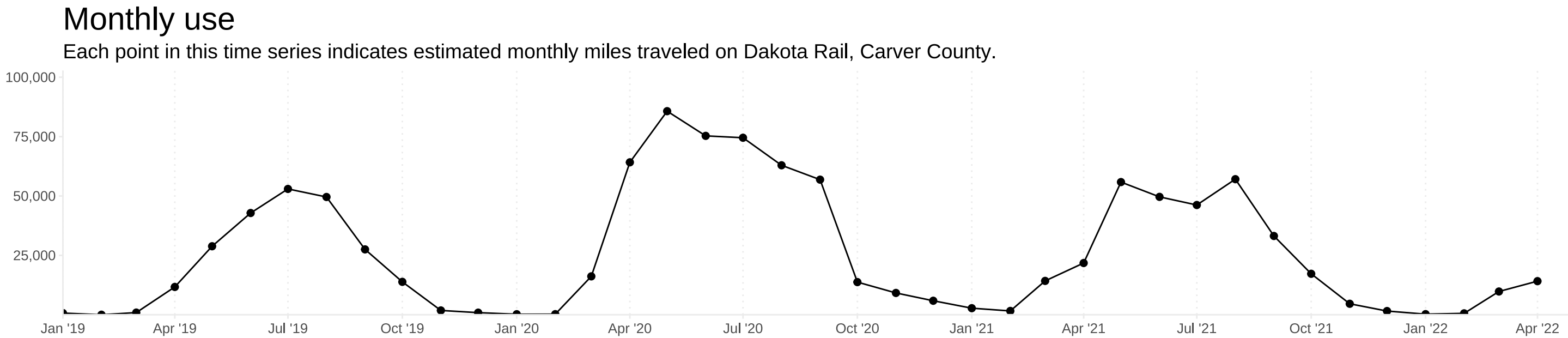
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2021 counter estimate

50,000
40,000
30,000
20,000

Dakota Rail, Carver County is part of the Metro Regional Trail system (Carver County). Park boundaries were accessed via the Minnesota Geospatial Commons in July 2023 and may have been edited to improve LBS data performance.

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	231,577	210,469	21,108	43,308	35,488	22,697
2020	464,950	414,176	50,774	76,789	61,995	27,696
2021	305,698	270,053	35,644	54,172	38,465	26,609

Monthly use

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

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

Visitation to was not sufficiently large to infer aggregated home locations for 2021.

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, Carver County during 2021 (LBS data). 2020 US Census data for the 7-county metro area 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)	Metro Region Average
Race/ethnicity	American Indian	0.4%	0.5%
	Asian	2.4%	8.2%
	Black	1.6%	10.3%
	Hispanic or Latinx	3.2%	7.2%
	More than one race	4.6%	4.6%
	Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.0%
	Some other race	1.2%	0.4%
	White	86.7%	68.8%
Income	Less than $25,000	7.9%	8.6%
	$25,000 - 39,999	8.0%	9.8%
	$40,000 - 59,999	11.1%	13.8%
	$60,000 - 74,999	8.6%	9.4%
	$75,000 - 99,999	13.6%	13.6%
	$100,000 - 149,999	23.0%	19.3%
	$150,000 or higher	27.8%	25.5%
Education	High school	25.3%	25.6%
	Associate degree or some college	30.7%	29.3%
	4-year degree	30.2%	29.3%
	Graduate or professional degree	13.8%	15.9%