

# Analysis of NYC Bike Share System - A New Hint of Transportation (Literature Survey)

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## Abstract :

Like all other sharing systems, Airbnb the housing sharing system, Uber the car sharing system, Citi Bike is the network of bicycle rental stations intended for point-to-point transportation. Data shows Citi Bike is New York City's largest bike sharing system. It's a convenient solution for trips that are too far to walk but too short for a taxi or the subway. The bike sharing system is combined with all other transportation methods available in the area for commuters. So in order to help users better understand data used to find out the best stations for renting bikes, and the bike stations that have the best service available for users, there is a need to visualise the data to come up with proper conclusions.

## The Process would be :

1. Collecting data regarding user's who have used the bike sharing system.
2. Visualising the data collected.
3. Understanding the data, in order to come up with conclusions regarding the bike system.

Now, there are a few resources that have been helpful in understanding the bike share market, and there are datasets available to help us get started to try and visualise the data. The abstract from each of the resources that were found to be helpful are given below, along with the links to resources and author names (If present) :

1. <https://www.nyc.gov/html/dot/downloads/pdf/bike-share-outreachreport.pdf>  
- NYC Bike Share

*74% of New Yorkers support bike share (August 2012 Quinnipiac poll)  
Janette Sadik-Khan - Former commissioner of the New York City Department of Transportation (2007–2013)*

*In just the last five years, New York City has made huge strides in creating modern, safer streets. Drawing from Mayor Michael Bloomberg's PlaNYC*

*sustainability agenda, we've established more than 300 miles of bike lanes, 30 plazas and made expansive street safety redesigns to accommodate all*

*street users citywide—all while recording the five safest years in city history and logging remarkable economic gains in corridors where projects were implemented. Citi Bike presents a new way for New Yorkers to get around that takes advantage of these changes to our streets, and it also marks a new standard for public participation in planning. Behind every planned station on the street there are thousands of suggestions, handwritten notes on maps and direct comments to system planners and online from a vast spectrum of New Yorkers.*

2. <https://towardsdatascience.com/exploring-bike-share-data-3e3b2f28760c>  
- Exploring NYC Bike Share Data

*Author : Clif Kranish*

*Many bike share systems make available their trip data for those who want to understand how their systems are used. The bike share system in New York City, Citi Bike, is one of them, but they don't provide much more than the data. I've got some experience in obtaining and preparing their data for visualization, so in this article I will show you how to get started with this rich data source.*

3. [https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/planning/download/pdf/plans/transportation/bike\\_share\\_complete.pdf](https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/planning/download/pdf/plans/transportation/bike_share_complete.pdf)

## - Bike Share Opportunities in NYC

### Executive Summary :

*Bike-share programs represent a unique opportunity for the City of New York to re-envision transportation within the urban sphere. As a transportation system, bike-shares are ideally designed for densely populated cities like New York. Distances between many major destinations are small and almost 50% of New York's workforce lives within a reasonable bicycling distance (less than 5 miles) of their place of work. Importantly, bike-shares offer immediate transportation solutions as they can be built, installed and open for business in months rather than years. Bike-share programs offer options for economic growth and job creation, as well as providing considerable health benefits. Furthermore, a New York City bikeshare program could help to further New York's image as an innovative "green" leader.*

4. <https://ride.citibikenyc.com/system-data> - Citi Bike System Data.

*We publish downloadable files of Citi Bike trip data.*

5. [https://www.researchgate.net/publication/260227758\\_Bicycle\\_Sharing\\_Systems\\_Demand](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/260227758_Bicycle_Sharing_Systems_Demand)  
- **Bicycle Sharing Systems Demand**

Authors : *Inês Frade and Anabela Ribeiro*

*One of the problems in bicycle sharing systems design is the estimation of the potential demand for the service, especially in countries where this type of system is not yet implemented. The main objective of this methodology is to relate the demand of bikesharing systems with external characteristics that affect bicycle usage in order to obtain its territorial distribution. Due to the limited information available in Portugal this paper will focus on the*



*determination of demand based on the experience of other countries. The method is applied to a medium-sized Portuguese city, Coimbra.*

6. <https://nycdatascience.com/blog/r/data-visulization-on-nyc-citi-bike/>  
- **Data Visualization on NYC Citi Bike**

*Author : Summer Sun*

*Any Citi Bike client has come up against two frustrating scenarios: the empty dock at the start and full dock at the end of the trip. Researchers call this as "rebalancing" problem as part of "fleet optimization" questions. This problem has attracted the attention of data scientists to develop complex methodologies to optimize the available bikes and open docks.*

*Following I attempt to utilize the shiny visualization app to provide a hint for the 3 questions:*

- 1. **Fleet Routing Pattern Detection:** what are the most popular routes during peak hours and off-peak? What is the direction of the flow?*
- 2. **Station Balance Prediction:** what is the average volume of imbalance in the distributed system? What is the station-level inflow and outflow? Is it sensitive to the time? How does it look like in a time series?*
- 3. **Reducing rebalancing demand:** What are the riders' activities like? Is it possible to rebalance through pricing schemes?*

*The visualization app is intended to provide a way to explore different comparative measures at the route, station and system levels with spatial attributes and time series.*

7. <https://arxiv.org/pdf/1808.06606.pdf>  
- **Impact of Bike Sharing in New York City**

*The motivation of the bikeshare usage has also been studied: 70% of Capital Bikeshare (Washington D.C.) riders choose bikeshare as the quickest and easiest way to get to their destination [7]. Bicycling to work decreases risk of mortality in approximately 40% after multivariate adjustment, including leisure time physical activity [8].*

*Hubway Bikeshare (Boston, MA) started to pilot programs of subsidized memberships while implementing stations in lowrevenue areas in order to increase access and equity of ridership [9]. Cities stand to gain \$2.6 billion annually in indirect savings based on lower road construction costs, reduced accidents, and lower carbon dioxide emissions [10].*