

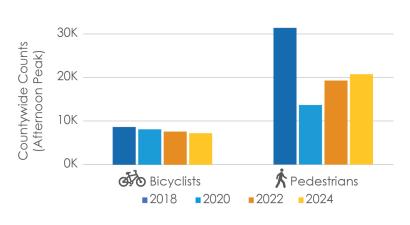
ALAMEDA COUNTY

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION & SAFETY

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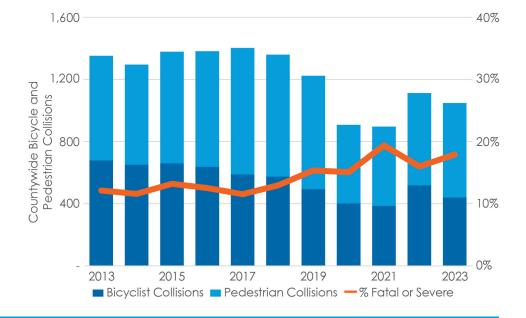
Active Transportation in Alameda County

Active modes of transportation, such as walking, biking and scootering, have been largely resilient to pandemic forces as they serve both essential and recreational trips. Alameda CTC collects point-in-time active transportation counts every other year in the fall. Although these counts likely underestimate total activity, they showed that bicycle activity remained stable during 2020 but declined slightly in 2022 and 2024, which suggests shifting activity patterns. While walking and scootering initially dropped in commercial areas during the pandemic, they have significantly increased as of 2024.



COLLISION SEVERITY RATE REMAINS ELEVATED FOR BICYCLISTS AND PEDESTRIANS

There were over 1,000 bicycle and pedestrian collisions in 2023, down from the 1,100 collisions in 2022. However, the share of bicycle and pedestrian collisions that resulted in a severe injury or fatality increased to 18% in 2023 and was above the all-mode severe injury or fatal rate of 8%.



SAFETY REMAINS AN ACUTE ISSUE

Both bicyclists and pedestrians are disproportionately represented in fatal and severe crashes. Together, they are involved in...

15% of total crashes

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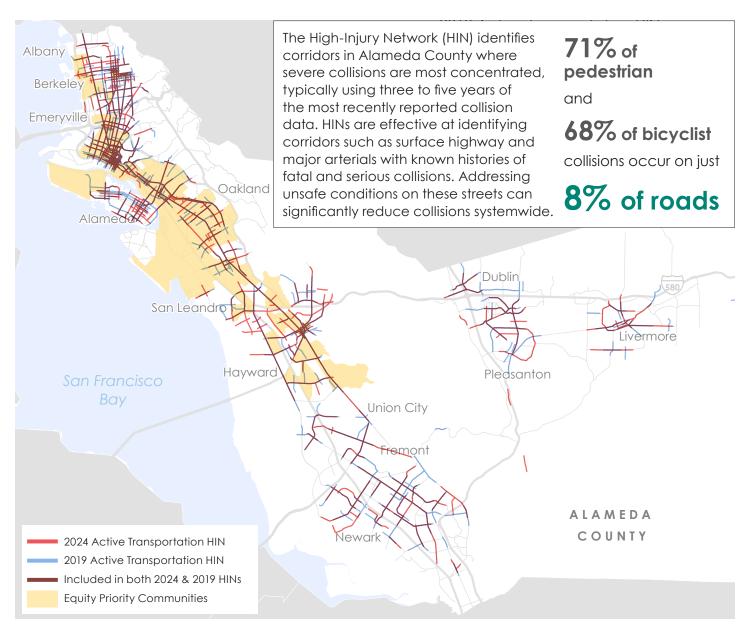
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33% of fatal and severe crashes



Unsafe speed remains the most common factor in all collisions.

Alameda County 2024 Active Transportation HIN



A safe experience while walking and biking is integral to improving quality of life countywide. While active transportation collisions fell during the pandemic, bicyclists and pedestrians remain the most vulnerable road users, particularly as auto speeds have increased. In 2024, Alameda CTC updated the countywide HIN to incorporate more recent collision data from 2018 through 2022. The 2024 HIN, provides a comprehensive picture of safety needs that persisted into the early pandemic years.

KEY FINDINGS

The HIN is overrepresented in Equity Priority Communities (EPCs). 18% of the total street network falls within an EPC, versus 49% of the HIN.

Statewide, Alameda County ranked 6th in both the number of pedestrians and bicyclists killed or injured in traffic collisions.

Alameda County had the 3rd highest number of collisions involving pedestrians over 65 years old statewide.