

Fox Valley Newcomer Project: Newcomer Survey 2026 - Transportation

Newcomer respondent summary perspective of finance around the Fox Valley:

"We need more affordable and reliable transportation, including expanded public transit and access to driver's education, to fully participate in our communities."

In regards to transportation, we asked Newcomers about their familiarity with and use of public transportation options across the valley, about their most commonly used modes of transportation, what, if anything could be improved about transportation, the kinds of supports and services they would like to see more of, and we asked participating organizations about any transportation related services they offer that support Newcomers.

In 2026, a total of 161 Newcomers and 51 organizations across the Fox Valley of Wisconsin responded to the survey.

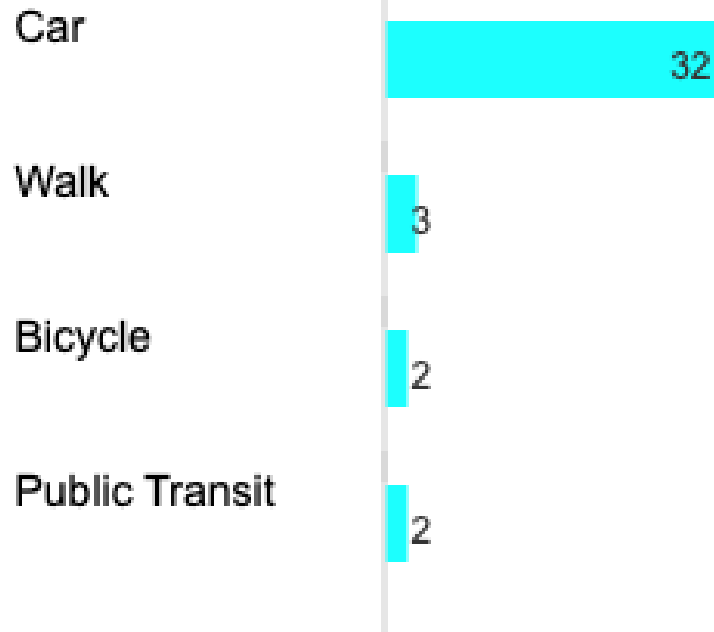
Organizations who offer Transportation services or programs and participated in the survey.

Alliance Church
Appleton Area School District
Baha'i Faith Appleton
Community Initiatives of Wisconsin
Forward Service Corporation
Fox Valley Literacy
Hope & Help Together
Multicultural Coalition, Inc.
Valley Transit

Modes of Transit

The following chart shows the modes of transit relied on by Newcomer respondents. This data is unable to be split up by sub groups.

How do you travel within the community?



Awareness of public transportation by length of time

The following charts show the awareness of public transit for Newcomer respondents, broken down by how long they have lived in the Fox Valley and the United States. This kind of "length of time" data can help us see if there are any differences in knowledge of public transportation for Newcomers the longer they live in the area.

Familiarity with public transportation for Newcomers within 1 year of arrival



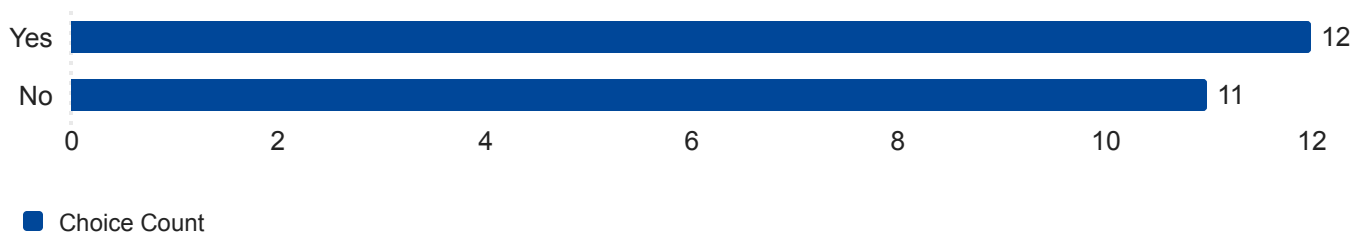
Familiarity with public transportation for Newcomers 1-5 years after arrival



Familiarity with public transportation for Newcomers 6-10 years after arrival



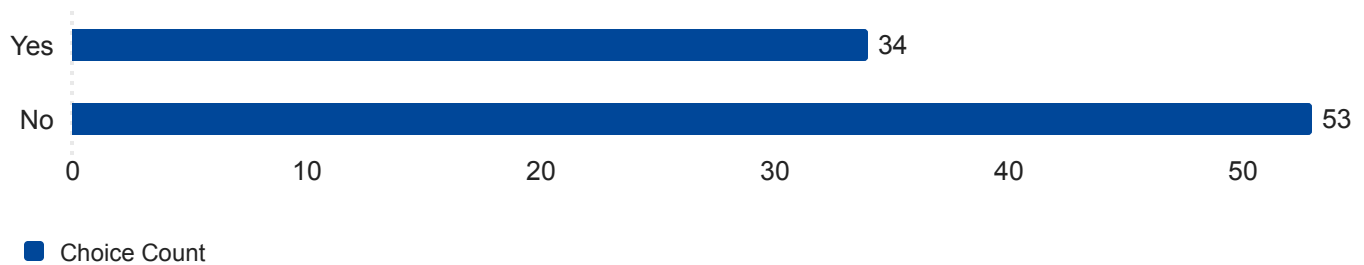
Familiarity with public transportation for Newcomers more than 10 years after arrival



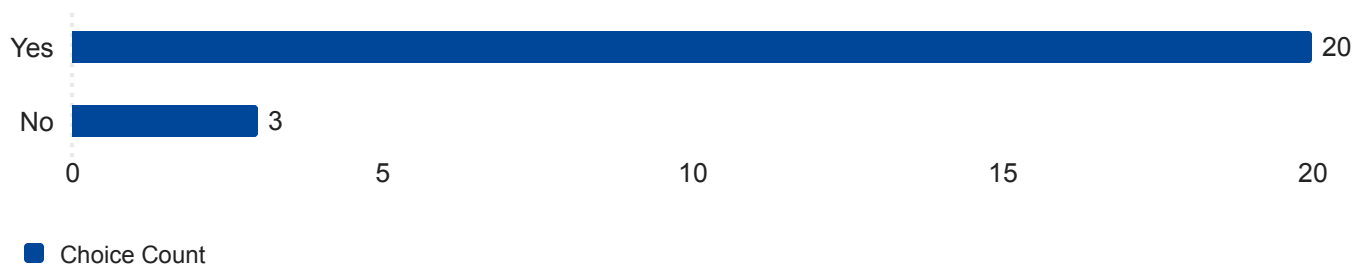
Awareness of public transportation by primary language

The following charts show the awareness of public transit for Newcomer respondents whose primary languages other than English are Spanish (45 respondents), Swahili (25 respondents), and Kinyarwanda (19 respondents). Primary language indication does not infer that language users share the same cultural norms, histories, or socio economic status. Primary language may provide an indicator as to if any services or programs are more accessible to users of that language.

Familiarity with public transportation for Spanish speaking Newcomers



Familiarity with public transportation for Swahili speaking Newcomers



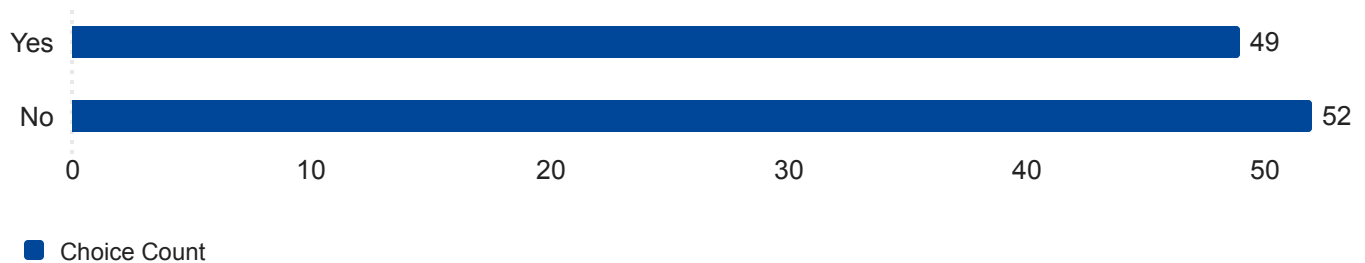
Familiarity with public transportation for Kinyarwanda speaking Newcomers



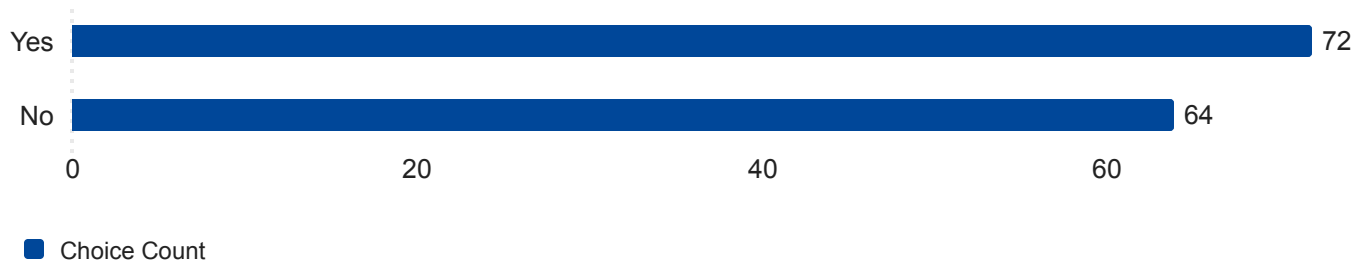
Awareness of public transportation for Newcomers with different levels of comfort with English

The following charts show the awareness of public transit by respondents who reported low and high levels of comfort with reading, writing, speaking, and listening in English. This kind of data can indicate how much English is a barrier.

Familiarity with public transportation for Newcomers who reported a low level of comfort with English



Familiarity with public transportation for Newcomers who reported a high level of comfort with English



Riding the bus

76% of Newcomer respondents said they know how to ride the bus. The following charts show responses to the question "Do you know how to ride the bus" broken down by how long Newcomers have lived in the Fox Valley and the United States. This kind of "length of time" data can help us see if there are any differences in how stable food access is for Newcomers the longer they live in the area.

Do you know how to ride the bus? (within 1 year of arrival)



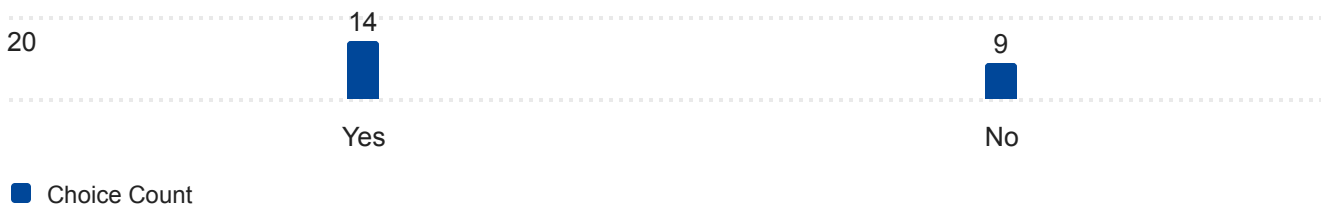
Do you know how to ride the bus? (1-5 years after arrival)



Do you know how to ride the bus? (6-10 years after arrival)



Do you know how to ride the bus? (more than 10 years after arrival)



Riding the bus by primary language

76% of Newcomer respondents said they know how to ride the bus. The following charts show responses to the question "Do you know how to ride the bus" for primary languages other than English - Spanish (45 respondents) and Swahili (25 respondents). Primary language indication does not infer that language users share the same cultural norms, histories, or socio economic status. Primary language may provide an indicator as to if any services or programs are more accessible to users of that language.

Do you know how to ride the bus? (Spanish speakers)



Do you know how to ride the bus? (Swahili speakers)



Riding the bus with different levels of comfort with English

776% of Newcomer respondents said they know how to ride the bus. The following charts show responses to the question "Do you know how to ride the bus" from respondents who reported a low or high level of comfort with reading, writing, speaking, and listening in English. This kind of data can indicate how much English is a barrier for using different types of health insurance.

Do you know how to ride the bus? (low level of comfort with English)

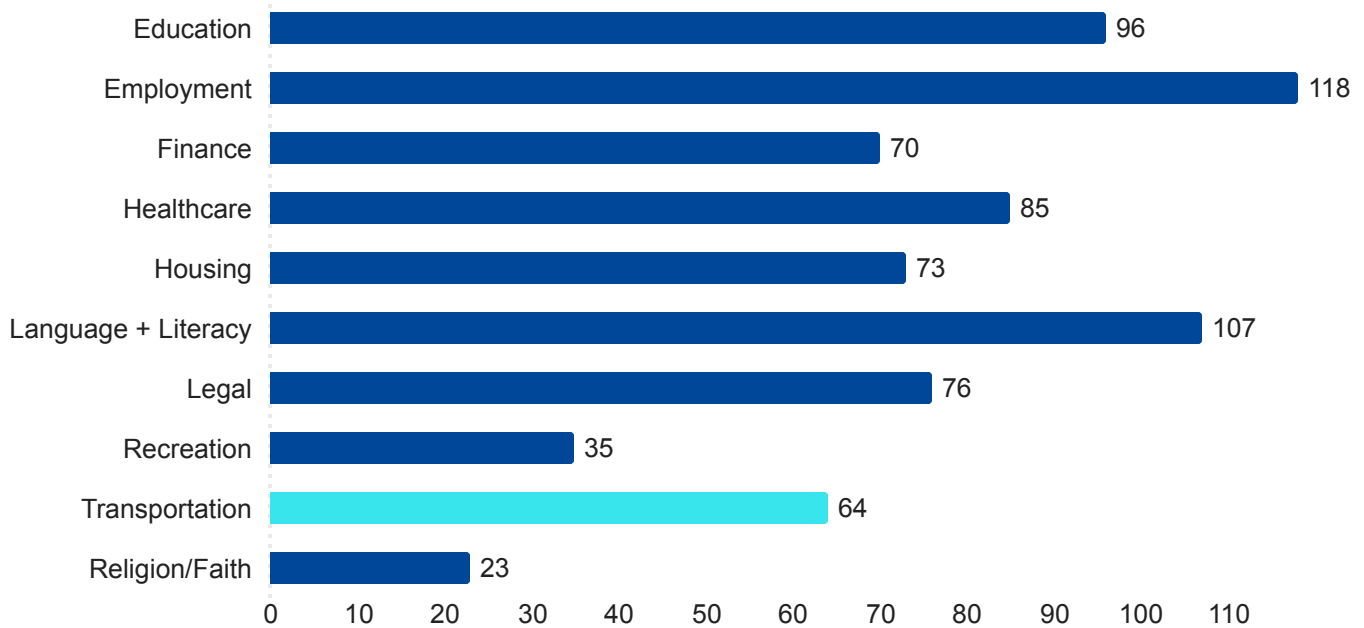


Do you know how to ride the bus? (high level of comfort with English)



Transportation as an indicator of a thriving life:

In the Fox Cities, we want all families to have good lives. Which of these areas of life have been challenging for you or your family to support you in living well?



Supports Request - Transportation

Newcomers selected a variety of supports they would like easier access to across all sectors. Below are the services connected to transportation.

