



2016 Bicycle & Pedestrian Count Results Report

This year marks the fifth annual count of bicycle and pedestrian activity across 35 different locations within the WAMPO region (all of Sedgwick County and parts of Butler and Sumner County).

Held on Thursday, September 22nd and Saturday, September 24th, this year's count would not have been possible without the assistance and commitment of over 40 volunteers! Congratulations are in order to Mr. Mike Barushok, whose photo submission (*featured on the reverse) was voted best volunteer photo of 2016!

As with 2015, this year's count continued to show growth in the popularity of active transportation in our region (see reverse for details).

TOP 10 SITES OF 2016

1. Douglas & Washington (577)
2. Keeper of the Plains (533)
3. Broadway & 1st (240)
4. 1st and Waco (193)
5. Prairie Sunset Trail (159)
6. Oliver & George Washington Blvd (102)
7. 21st & Ridge (88)
8. Central & Nims (86)
9. Ark River – Broadway (84)
10. Ark River – 13th Street (62)

Bicycle and Pedestrian Count Event

At each of the 35 WAMPO area sites, volunteers manually count the number of people using bicycle and pedestrian facilities over the course of two hours.

The Goal

The project goal of this event is to collect data that is representative of actual levels of biking and pedestrian activity in the WAMPO region. WAMPO, along with many of our planning partners, use this information to better understand the trends and locations of existing bicycle and pedestrian activity.

Local Impact

Understanding the trends and locations of existing bicycle and pedestrian activity helps WAMPO and its partners plan for future system improvements in the places where people actually use them. The data collected over the past five years will be used as the baseline for regional facility usage in the WAMPO region.



Count Methodology

The National Bicycle and Pedestrian Documentation Project (NBPDP) methodology was used for the 2016 count. This methodology, developed by the Institute for Transportation Engineers, is designed to provide a consistent, nation-wide approach to estimate the level of bicycle and pedestrian activity in communities across the nation.

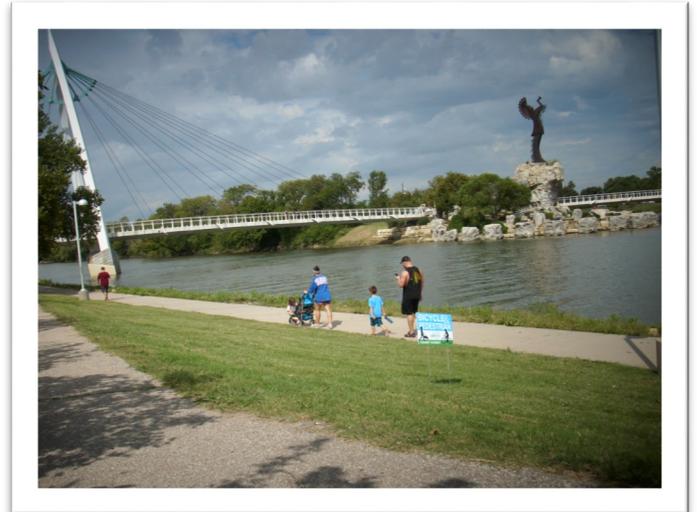
Volunteers

Thanks to the willingness of over 40 volunteers, the fifth annual WAMPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Count was a success! Volunteer affiliation ranged from a wide variety of service organizations, advocacy groups and interested individuals from across the region.

**View the other winning photographs visit www.wampo.org*

Count Site Categories

Three categories of individuals were counted during the 2016 event. These categories include bicyclists, pedestrians (including people using wheelchairs or other mobility devices and children in strollers) and an “other” category that captured individuals traveling via other equipment (roller skates, skateboards, Segway etc.).



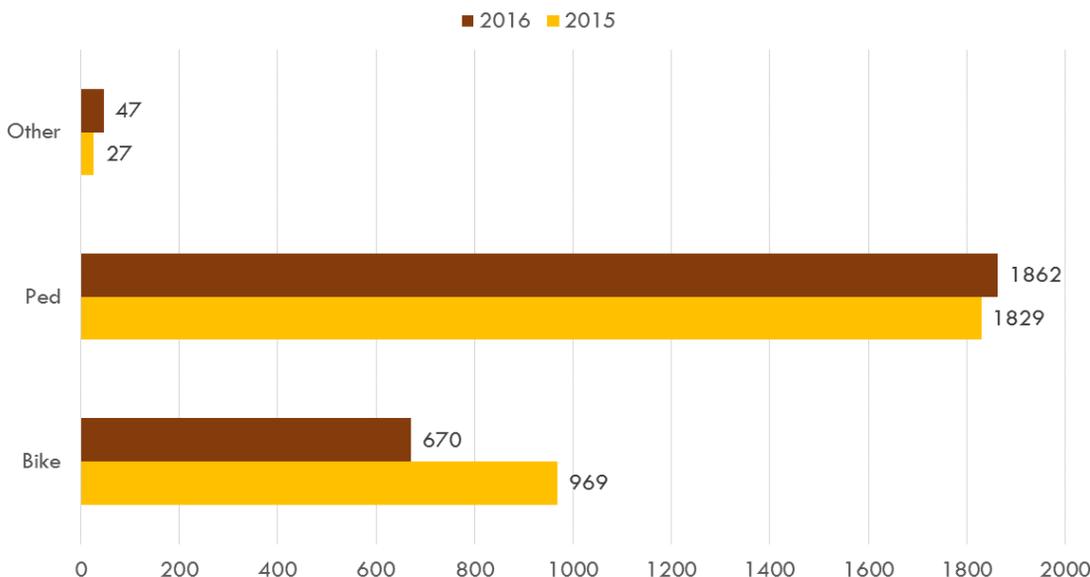
1st Place Volunteer Photograph by Mike Barushok
Ark River Path at the Keeper of the Plains

Results

In 2016, event volunteers counted a total of 2,579 people across all categories. The majority of individuals counted fell into the “pedestrian” category (1,862 people or 72%). Of those counted, 59% of the people were counted on Saturday, September 24th.

When comparing bicycle and pedestrian count sites that were counted in both 2015 and 2016 the number of people counted increased by 11% (from 1,751 to 2,077). This same comparison between the first WAMPO bicycle and pedestrian count in 2012 and this year’s count showed a 64% increase.

Traffic Distribution Comparison



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