

Key Details of the Indicator



Indicator RCR64 Annual Users of Dedicated Cycling Infrastructure

What does it Measure

The Annual Users measurement provides a spot indication of the level of use of a section of cycling infrastructure. Understanding the specific use pattern of each user would require quite complex surveys, and hence the measurement is focused at a single location only which is deemed to represent the full length.





Data Sources - 1

Field Surveys

In most cases, field surveys are expected to be the main source of data for this indicator, as these can be easily collected at a specific location.

Installed Technology

Permanent Counters assist in converting short period field surveys into longer duration estimates of transport activity. They can also provide annual data when permanently installed

Published Datasets

It is possible to use datasets from other locations which may provide information on the profile of demand over a day, month or year. These can then be used to convert short-term counts to annual numbers





Data Sources - 2

- Other Online Tools
 Limited Relevance to this indicator.
- Operator Data
 Limited Relevance to this indicator.







Data Required for this Indicator

The Representative Location

Identify the location on the project that is deemed to be representative of the number of users (i.e. the majority of users pass this point)

Cycle Volumes

The indicator is reported as Annual Users. This can be done in two ways:

Field Surveys and Published Datasets

Manual Counts (Personnel) or Installed Technology (Temporary Counters) over a short period (e.g., 2-7 days) and extrapolated to annual value; or

Installed Technology

Install a permanent counter to measure data directly over the year





Main Considerations

Counting Method

Manual or Automatic Counts, depending on the period, labour costs and number of projects

Impact of Weather

Can be a very significant factor in cycling demand.

Generation of AADT

Practitioners should be very familiar with the methodologies.

Forecast (Target) Values

Use of targets based on benchmarking or experience.





Calculating the Indicator

Permanent Counter
 Direct report of volumes. No calculation needed

Short Period Count

Requires Conversion to Annual Volume

[Annual] = [COUNT]
$$\times$$
 [PC_H] / [PC_A]

Where Annual: The annual estimate

PC_H: The Permanent Counter for the short period

PC_A: The Permanent Counter for the full year

Conversion can use published data (e.g. https://data.smartdublin.ie/dataset/cycle-counters)

