Christchurch Cycle Counts

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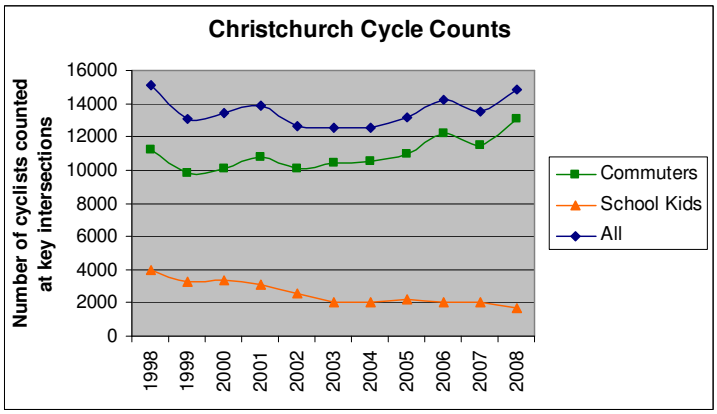
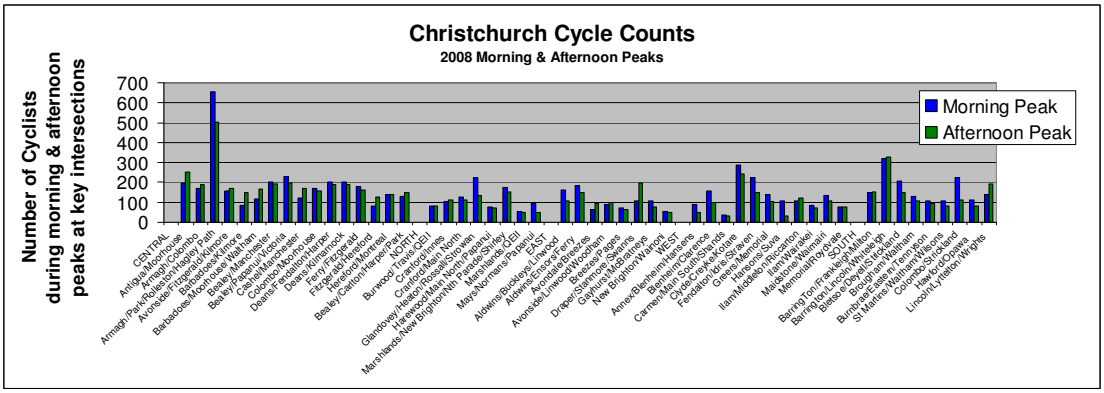
The number of Cyclists in Christchurch has increased by 10%* in the last year. Data from Council intersection counts shows an impressive 14% increase in the number of adults commuting by bike since 2007. Over the same period, the number of children choosing to bike to school, who currently make up less than 12% of all cyclists, has dropped by 15%.



Over the last five years the number of commuter cyclists has increased by 25%. In the same period the number of school cyclists has dropped by 16%, after having halved in the previous five years from 1998 to 2003. This has seen the share of cyclists that are school children shifting from over a quarter in 1998 to less than an eighth of all cyclists today.



The Armagh St entrance to Hagley Park is by far the busiest intersection for cyclists, with over 650 cyclists counted in a single morning (7:30 – 9:00 am), a 10% increase on last year. A further 500 cyclists were counted there the previous afternoon (4:15 – 5:45 pm). Two intersections in the central city, Armagh/Colombo and Bealey/Carlton/Harper/Park, more than doubled the number of cyclists in the afternoon peak, as did Aldwins/Buckleys/Linwood in the east. The corner of Bealey and Manchester had exactly twice as many as last year during the morning peak. Thirteen other intersections throughout the city experienced more than a 50% increase during the morning or afternoon peak periods, while only two saw more than a 50% drop in numbers.

*All figures based on 52 key intersections that are surveyed during morning and afternoon peak periods every year.