

# Can active modes supercharge our health outcomes?

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# Agenda

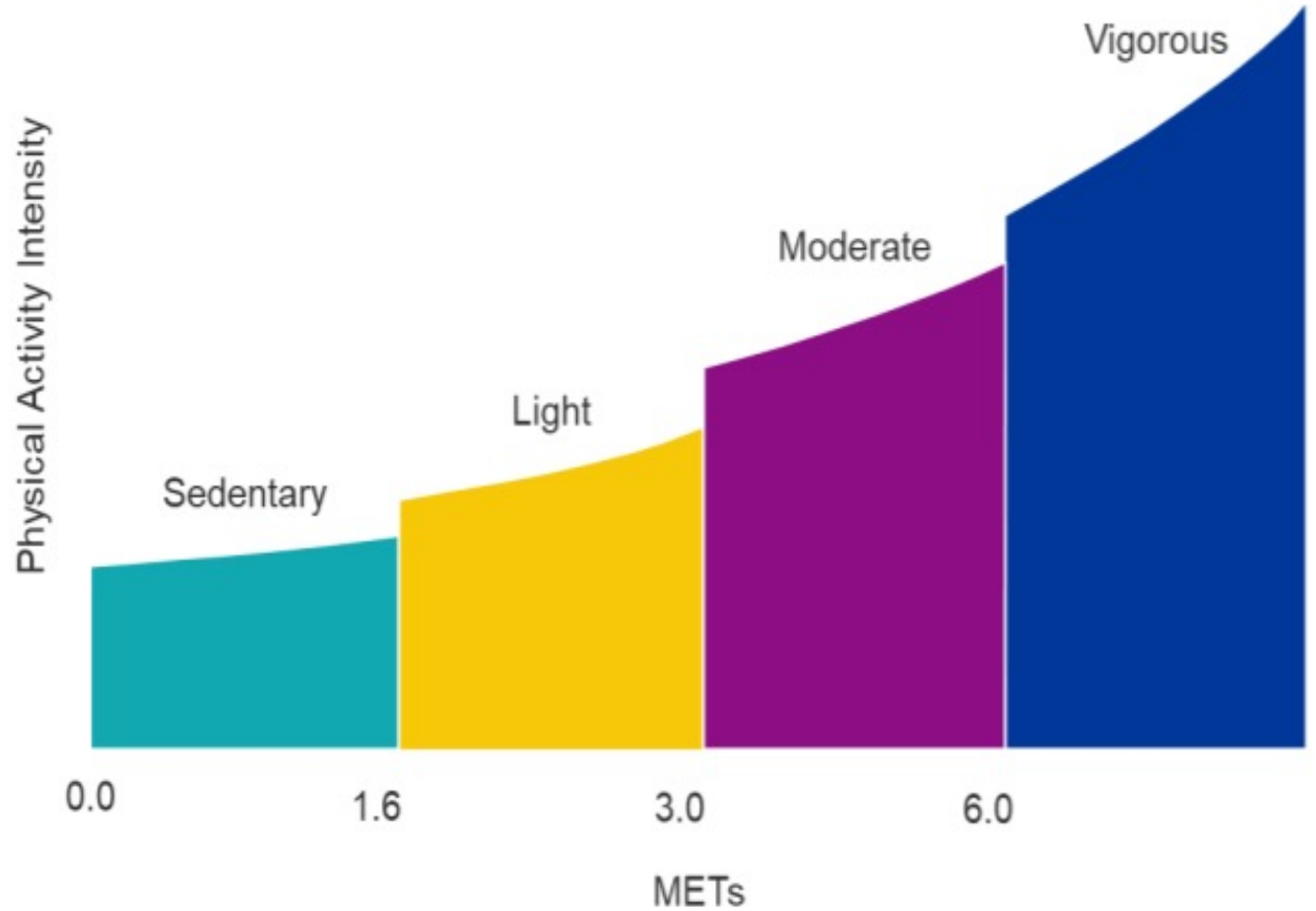
- Physical activity and health
- NZ's state of health
- Growth trends and characteristics
- Health quantification measures
- Health benefit valuation
- Gaps and opportunities



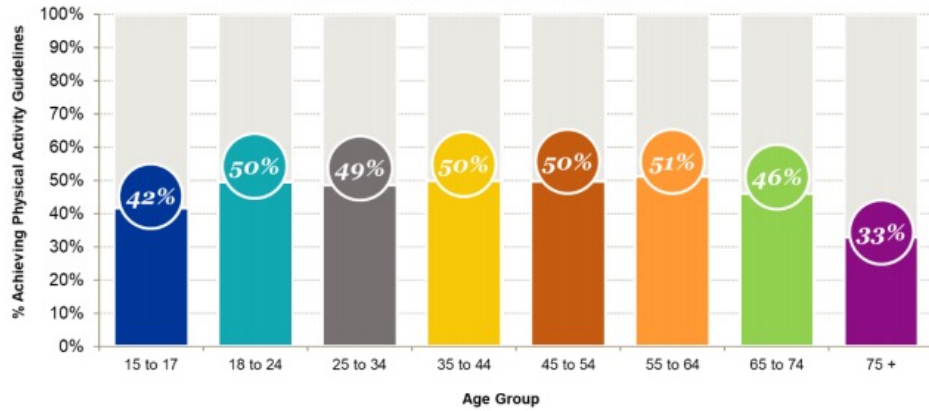
## Physical activity – why should we care?

- 4<sup>th</sup> leading risk to global mortality (6% deaths globally)
- Levels of physical inactivity rising in many countries
- Leads to noncommunicable diseases such as:
  - Cardiovascular diseases
  - Cancer
  - Type 2 diabetes
- **NZ lose over 1 million years of healthy life each year**
  - **Physical inactivity contributed 3% of all health lost**

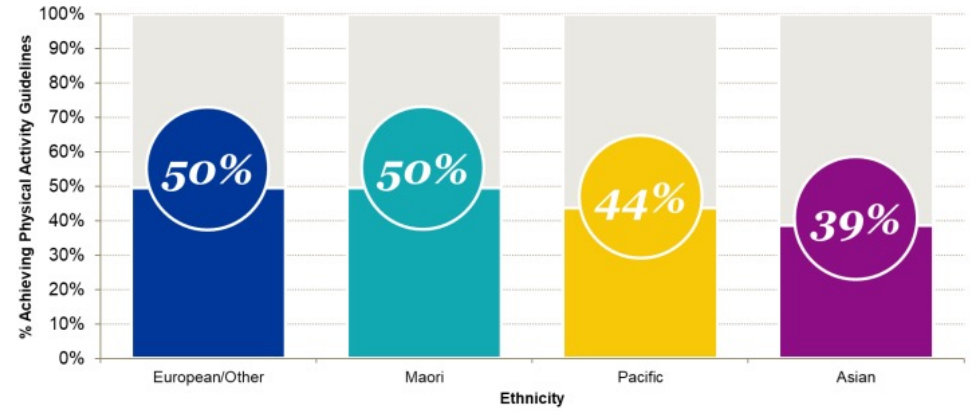
# Physical Activity Requirements



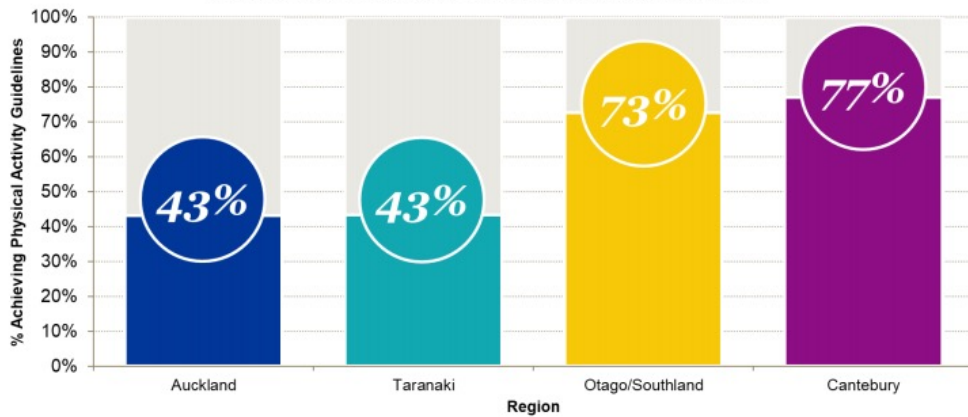
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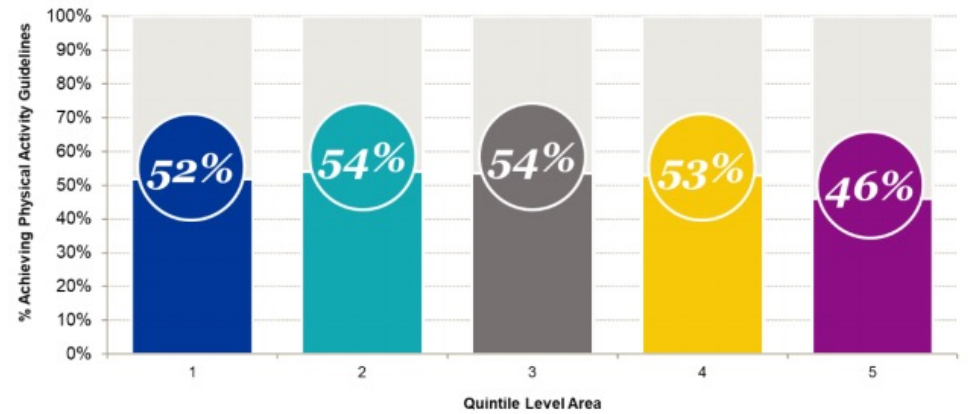
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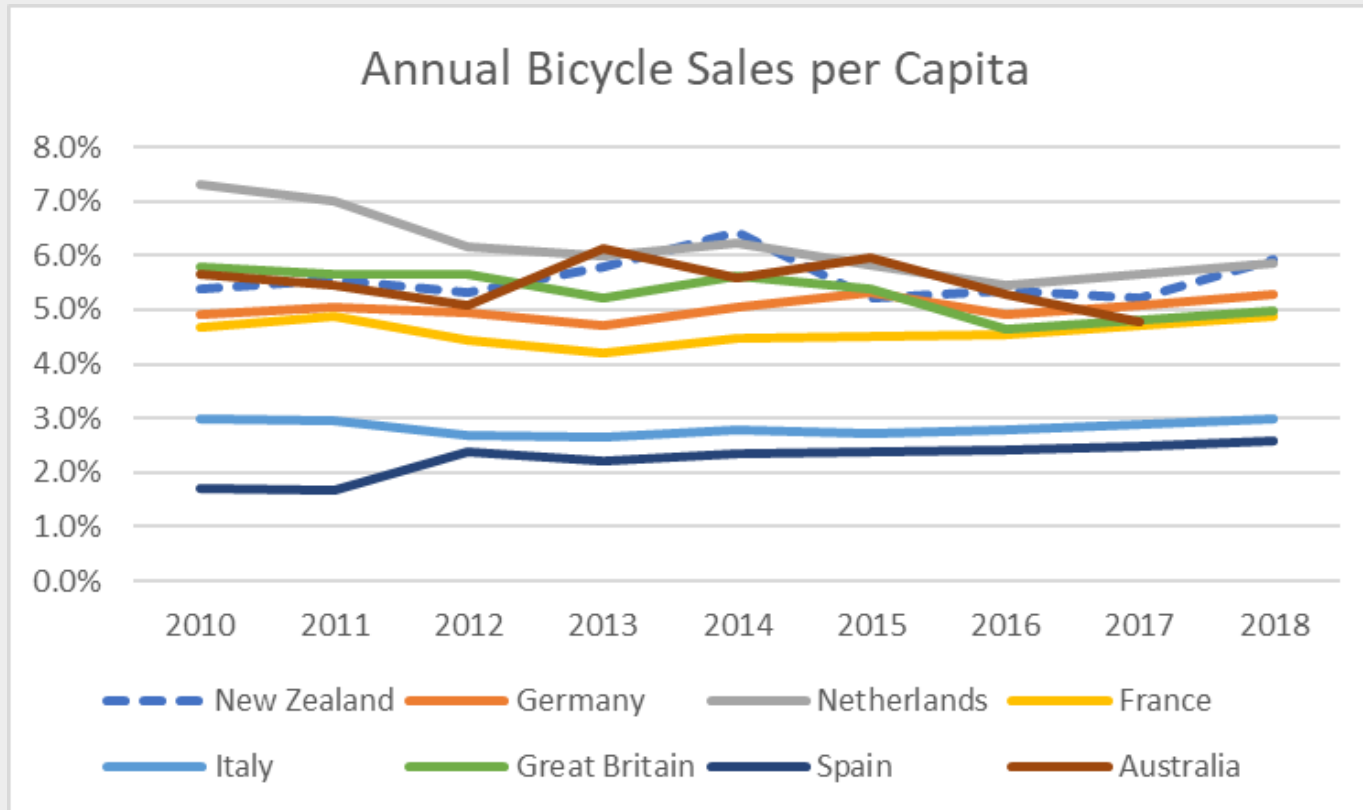
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Achieving Physical Activity Guidelines, by Socio-economic Area Group

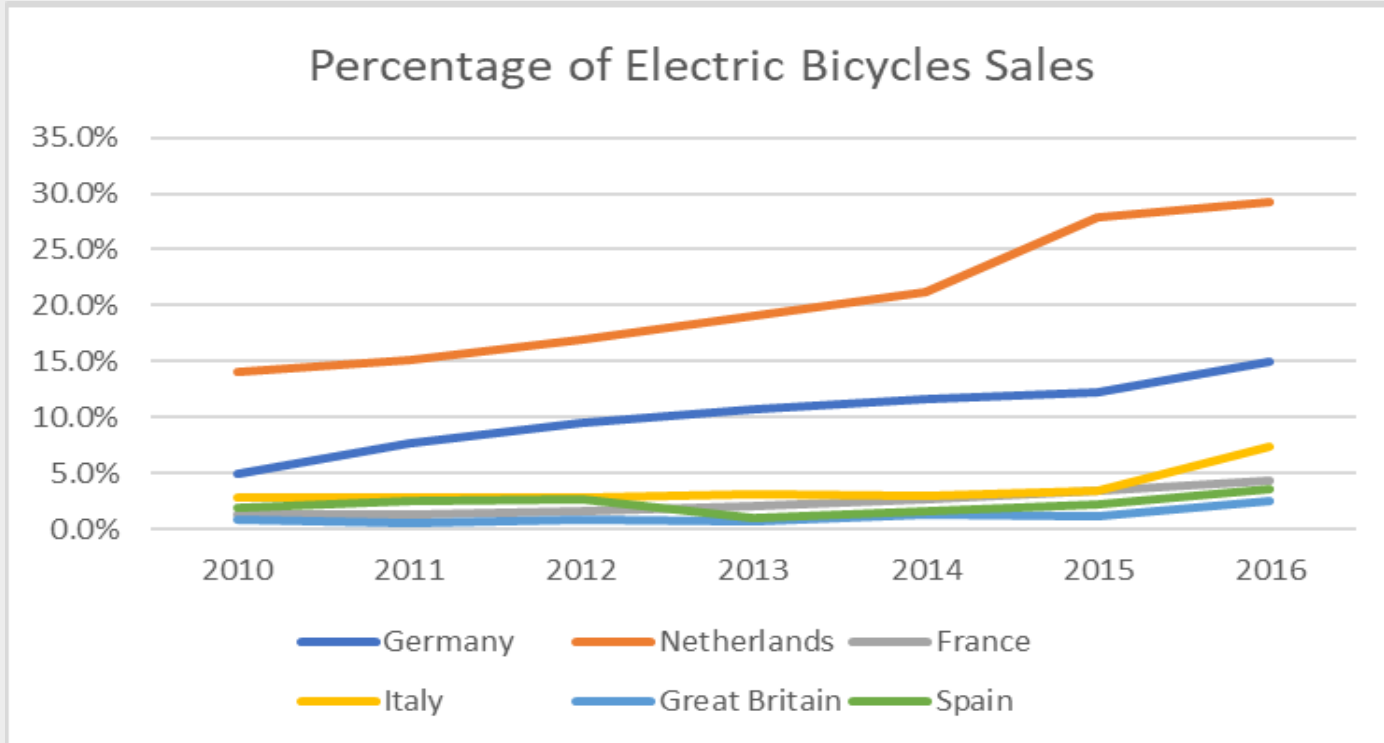


# Trends



***Uptake of cycling in NZ  
not due to bike  
affordability....***

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## Number of e-bike imports hits record high, could soon overtake new cars

Joel MacManus · 17:18, May 26 2020



New technology has generated a huge market for the modern e-bike. However, Temuka man Trevor Birt built his own version 34 years ago.

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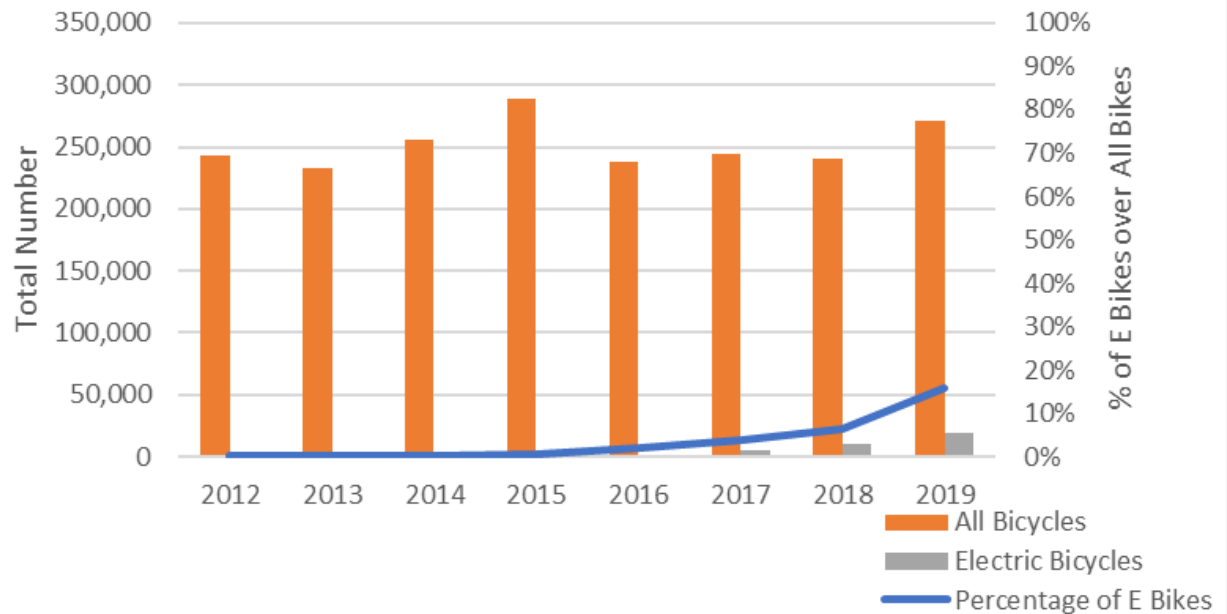
The number of new e-bikes and e-scooters imported into New Zealand has hit a new record high of 65,000 in 2019, according to figures from Statistics NZ.

It's a huge jump year-on-year from 47,000 in 2018 and 23,000 the year before, and suggests they could overtake new passenger car sales within the next few years.

There were 104,000 new passenger cars registered in New Zealand last year, plus an additional 140,000 used imports.

E-bikes have become so ubiquitous that New Zealand may need to start re-building its transport priorities around them, micromobility expert Oliver Bruce said.

## Annual Bicycle Import to New Zealand



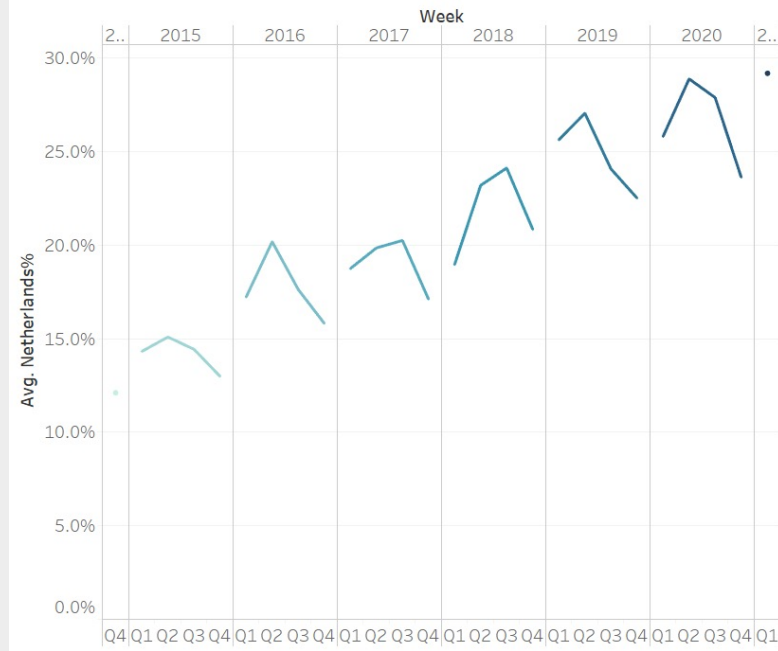
**Tremendous growth in e-bike sales in NZ**



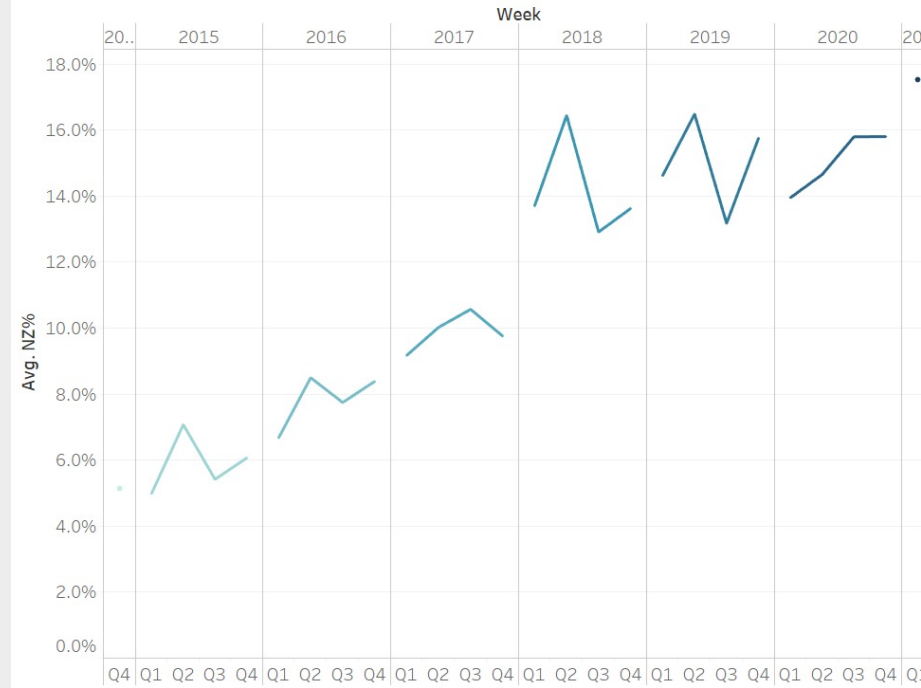


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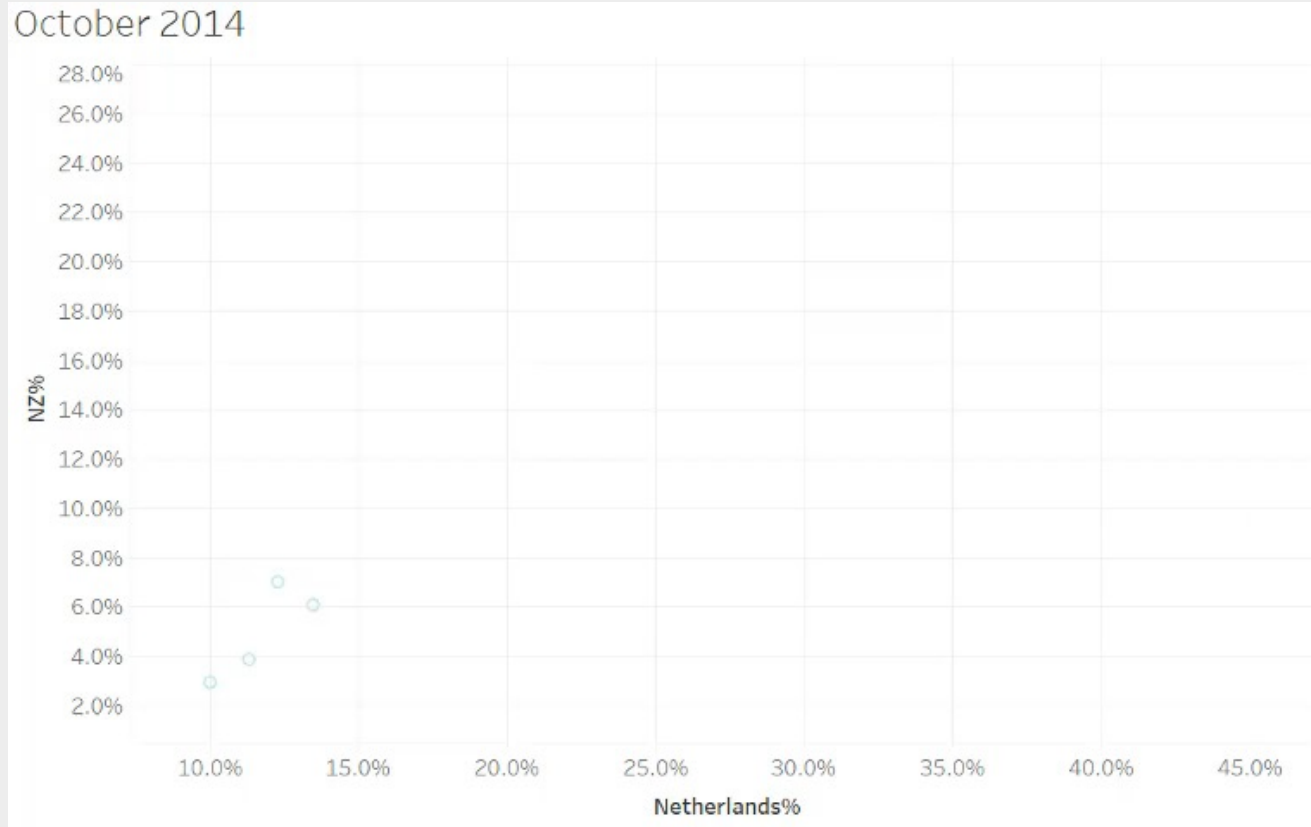
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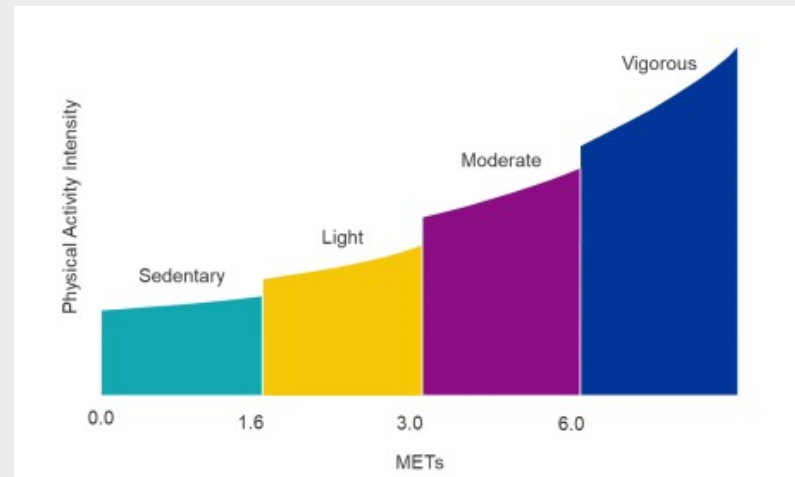


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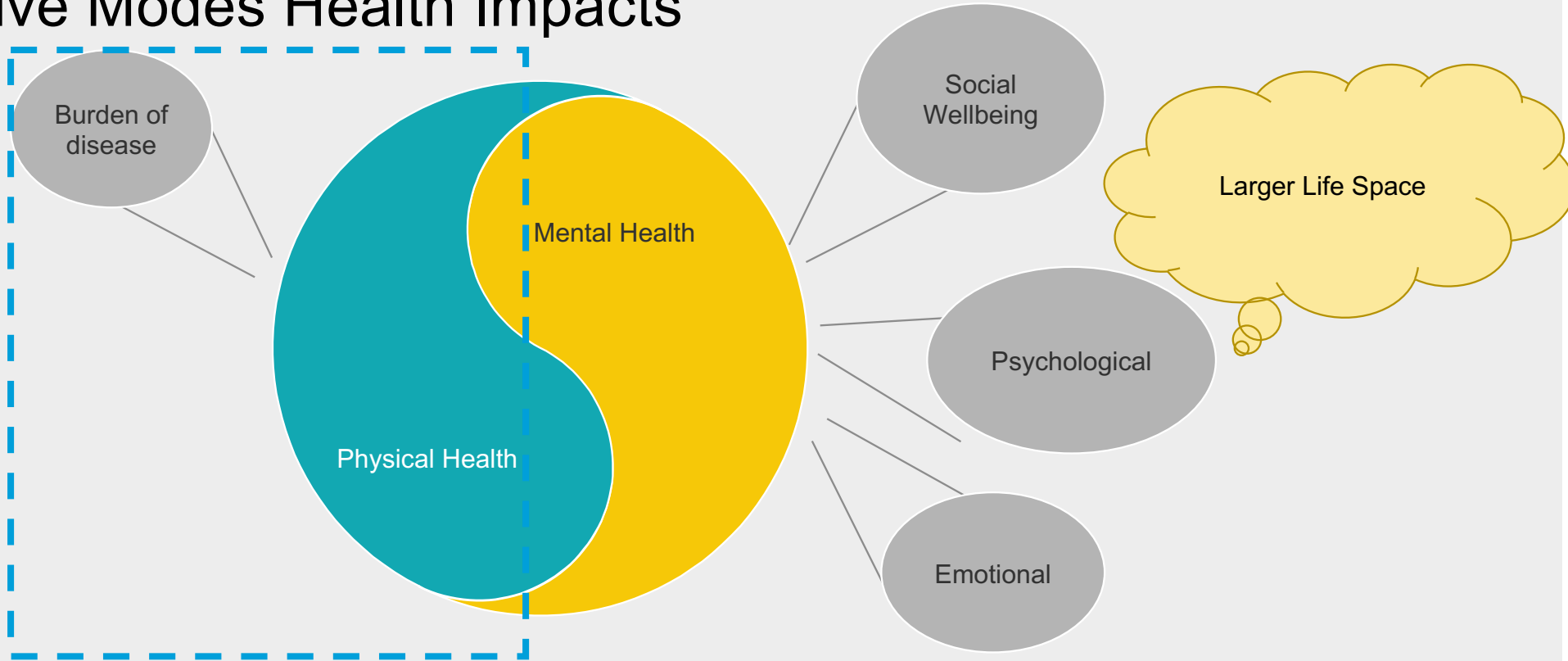
# Why focus on electric bicycles?

Mode	Mean (MET)	Median (MET)
Conventional Cycling	6.1	8.5
Electric Assisted Cycling	4.9	8.3





# Active Modes Health Impacts



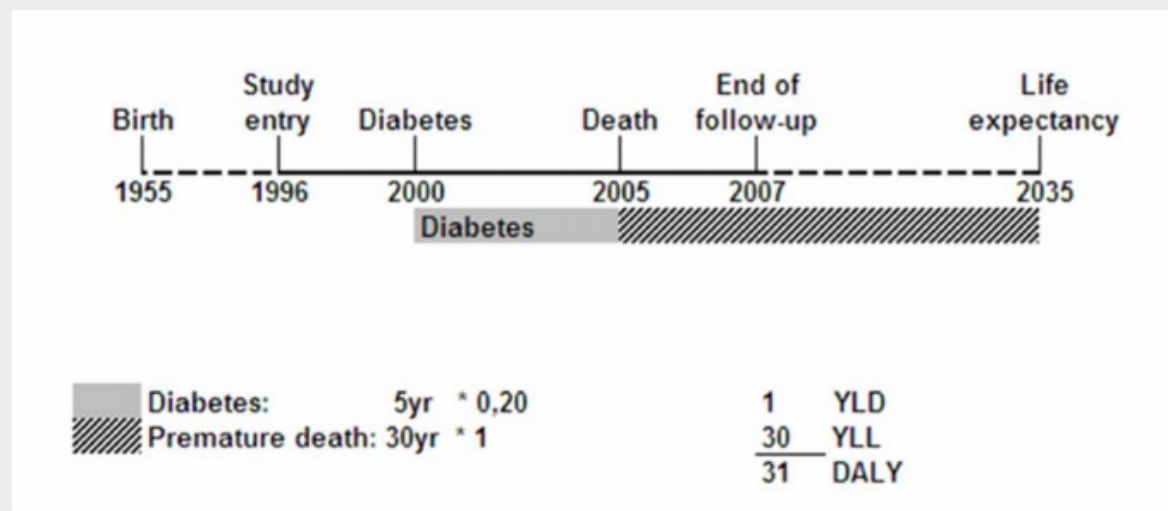
# Health Valuation



# Life Quality and Expectancy Quantification

## Approach 1

Disability-Adjusted Life Year (DALY): Burden of disease and health loss



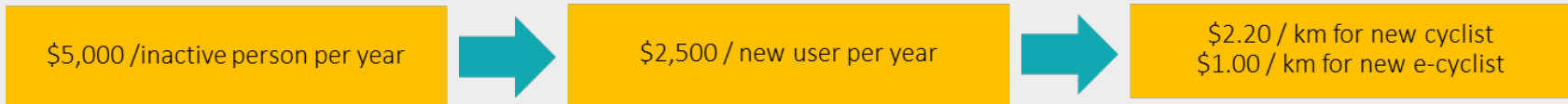
## Approach 2

Mortality and morbidity approach. Considers mortality and morbidity attributable to physical inactivity (e.g. breast cancer, colorectal cancer, hypertension, CHD/IHD, stroke, osteoporosis, diabetes T2, depression)



# Active Modes Health Benefits

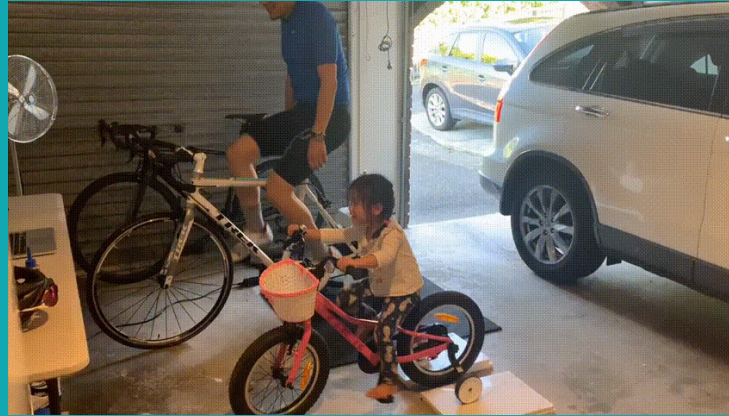
Assuming ~50% of new users are inactive



Active mode type	Health benefits for new user (\$/km)
Conventional cycling	\$2.20
Walking	\$4.40
Electric assisted cycling	\$1.00

## Gaps and Opportunities

- Further mental health benefits research
- Equity distributional impacts reported
- Opportunity to further understand the impact on vehicle ownership and operating costs with access to conventional / electric bicycles
- Air pollution / emission costs to include health impacts (economic spillover externality for motorised vehicles)



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