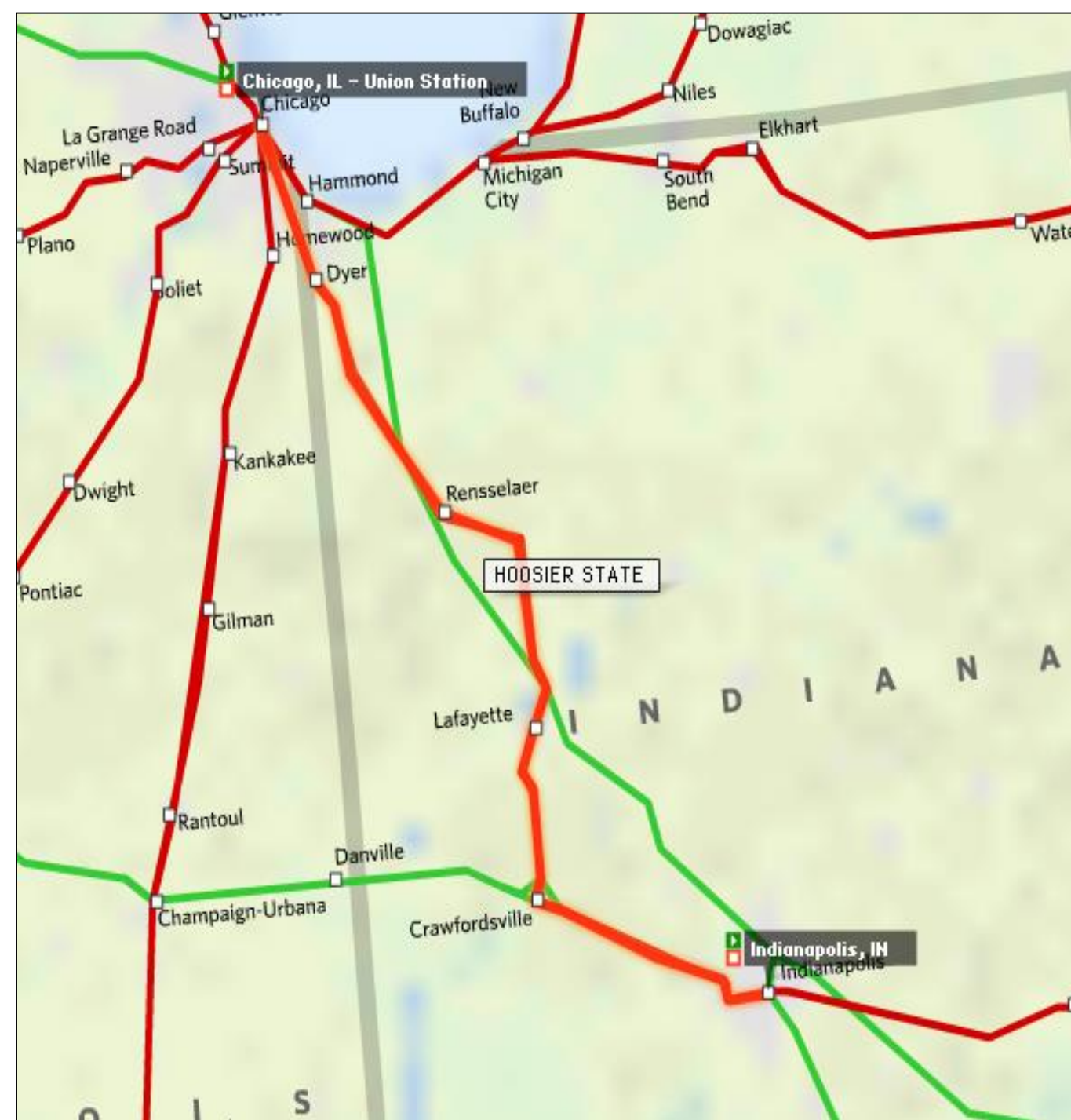


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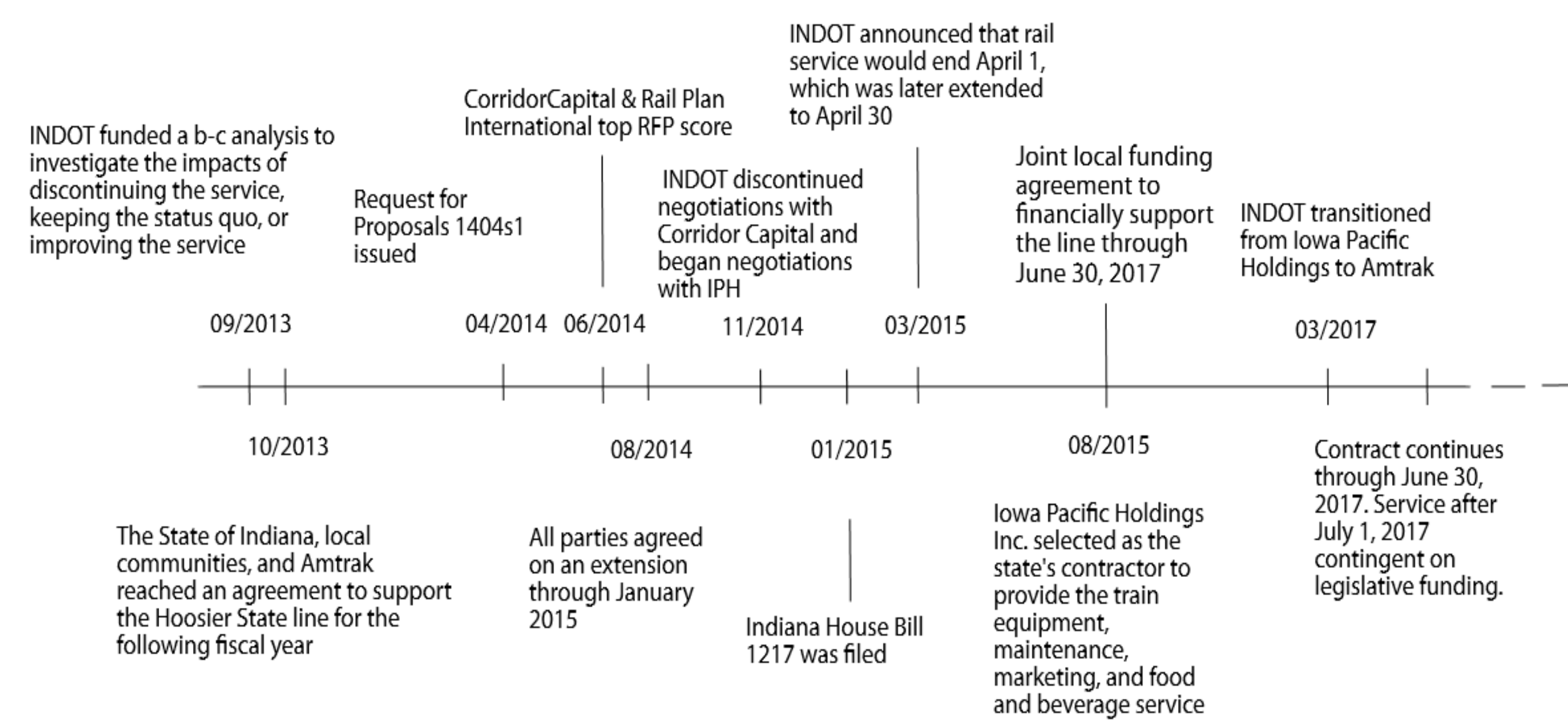
## Hoosier State Line

- The Hoosier State line began operations on October 1, 1980.
- Currently operates four days/week between Indianapolis, Indiana, and Chicago, Illinois, with stops in Crawfordsville, Lafayette, Rensselaer, and Dyer.
- On the other three days of the week, the Cardinal line, which operates from New York City to Chicago, serves the area at the same times.



Amtrak, "Amtrak Route Atlas."

## HST Developments during the last years



## Purdue Research on HST

- In 2015, an on-board survey was conducted by Dr. Pyrialakou.<sup>[1,2]</sup> The total number of responses obtained was 403. The analysis of the survey found that 42% of people who rode the train lived in counties within a station, 31% of the respondents did not live in IN, and 27% of trips were made from counties without stations. Furthermore, it was found that 14% of the respondents did not have access to an automobile. Safety, reliability and convenience were ranked as the most important factors affecting riders' mode choice decisions.
- INDOT/JTRP SPR-4044: Evaluating opportunities to enhance the Hoosier State Train ridership through a survey of riders' opinions and an assessment of access to the line.

## Survey Fall 2016

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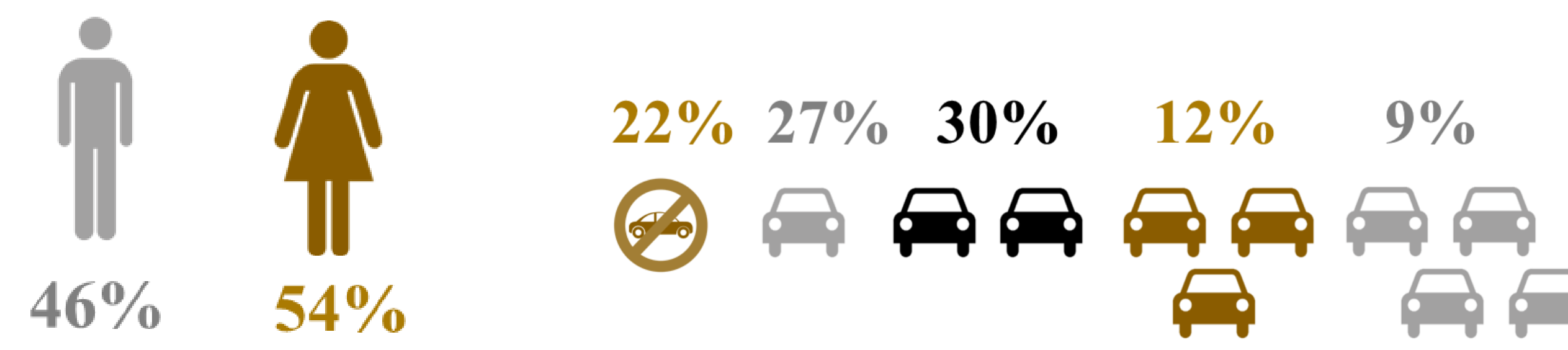
Trip characteristics and experience	Opinions and thoughts for the HST	Mode choice	Demographics Questions
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- Survey approved by Amtrak and IRB #1503015896A002.
- Total responses in 9 round trips in November: 908.
- Response rate: 85%.



## Survey Results

### Who rode the train?



Gender

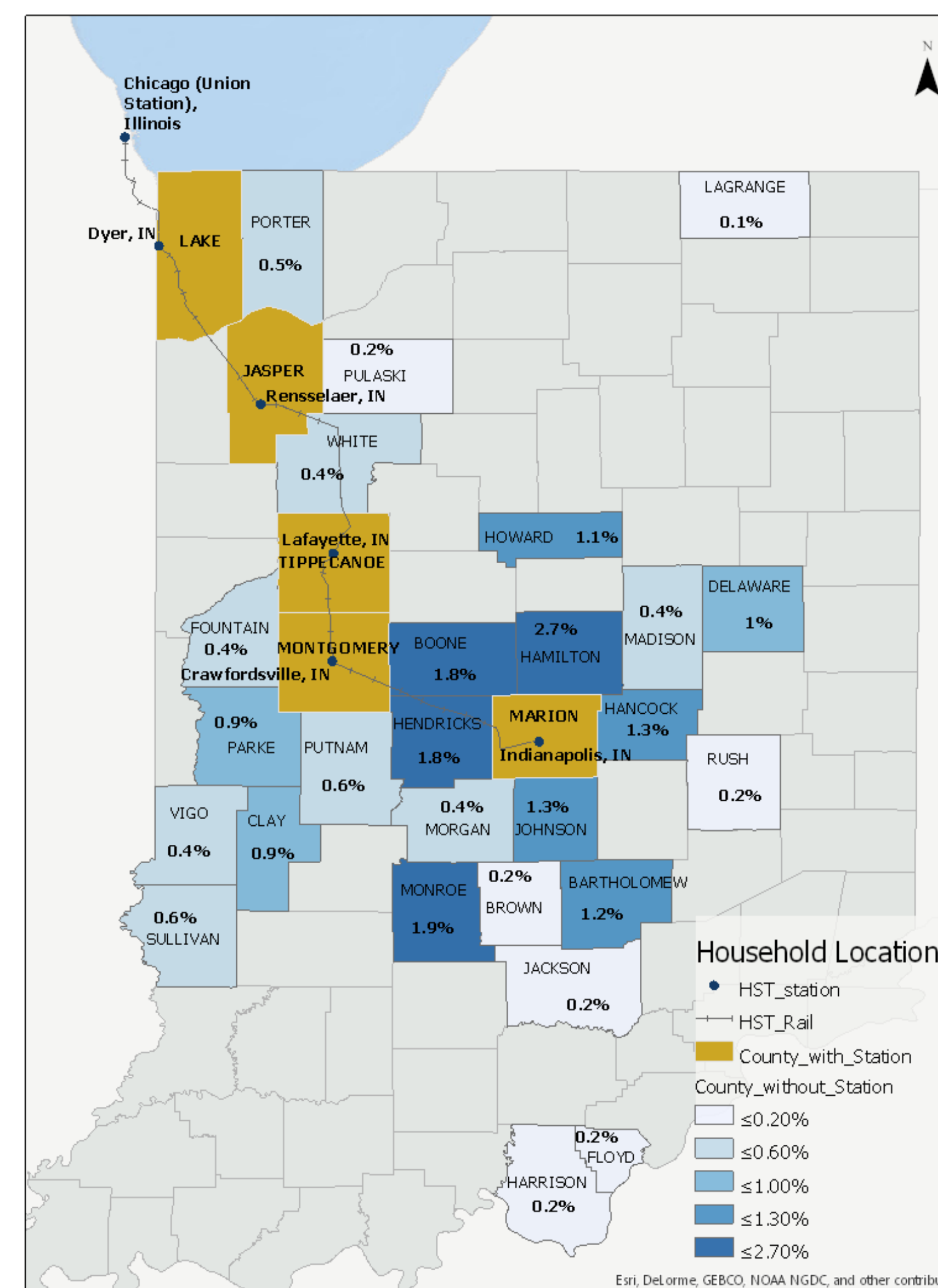
Vehicle Ownership

18-24 / 25-34 / 35-44 / 45-54 / 55-64 / 65 and over

35% 20% 11% 9% 11% 14%

Age

### Household Location by County

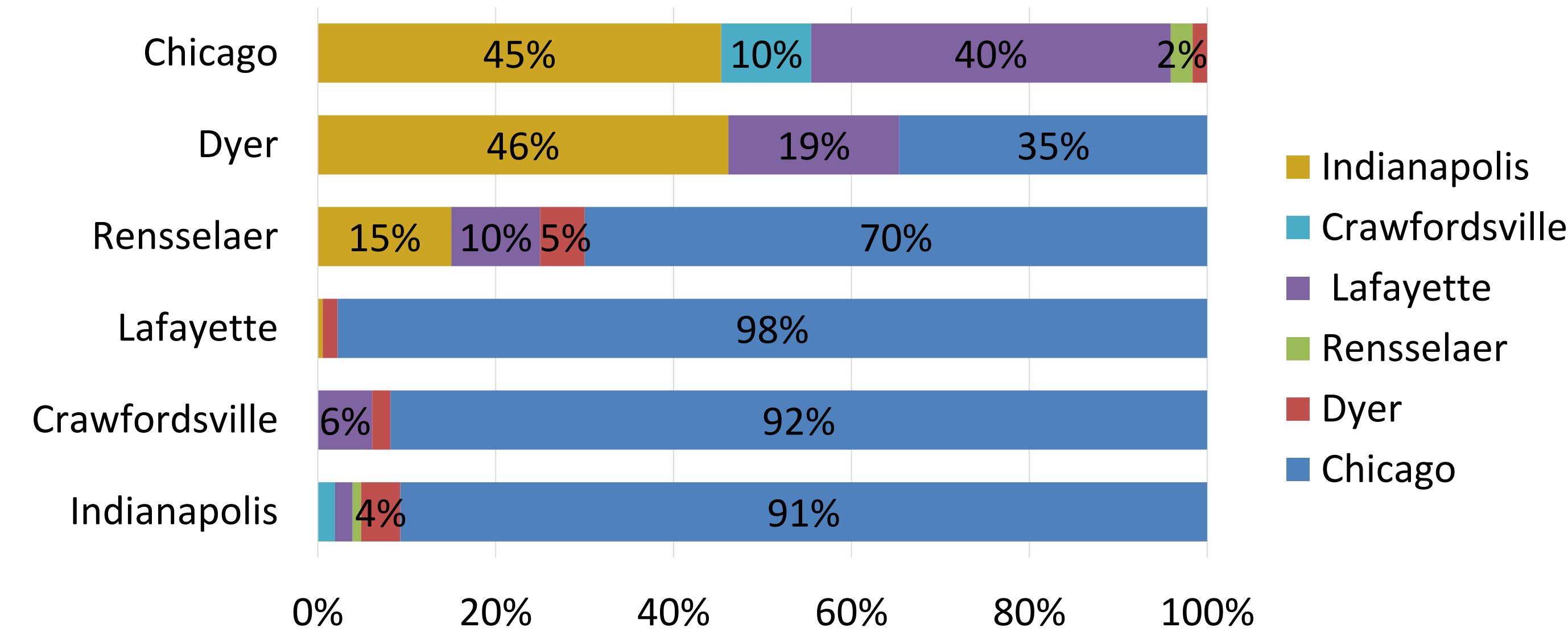


- Counties without station represented 22.9% of the total number of trips.

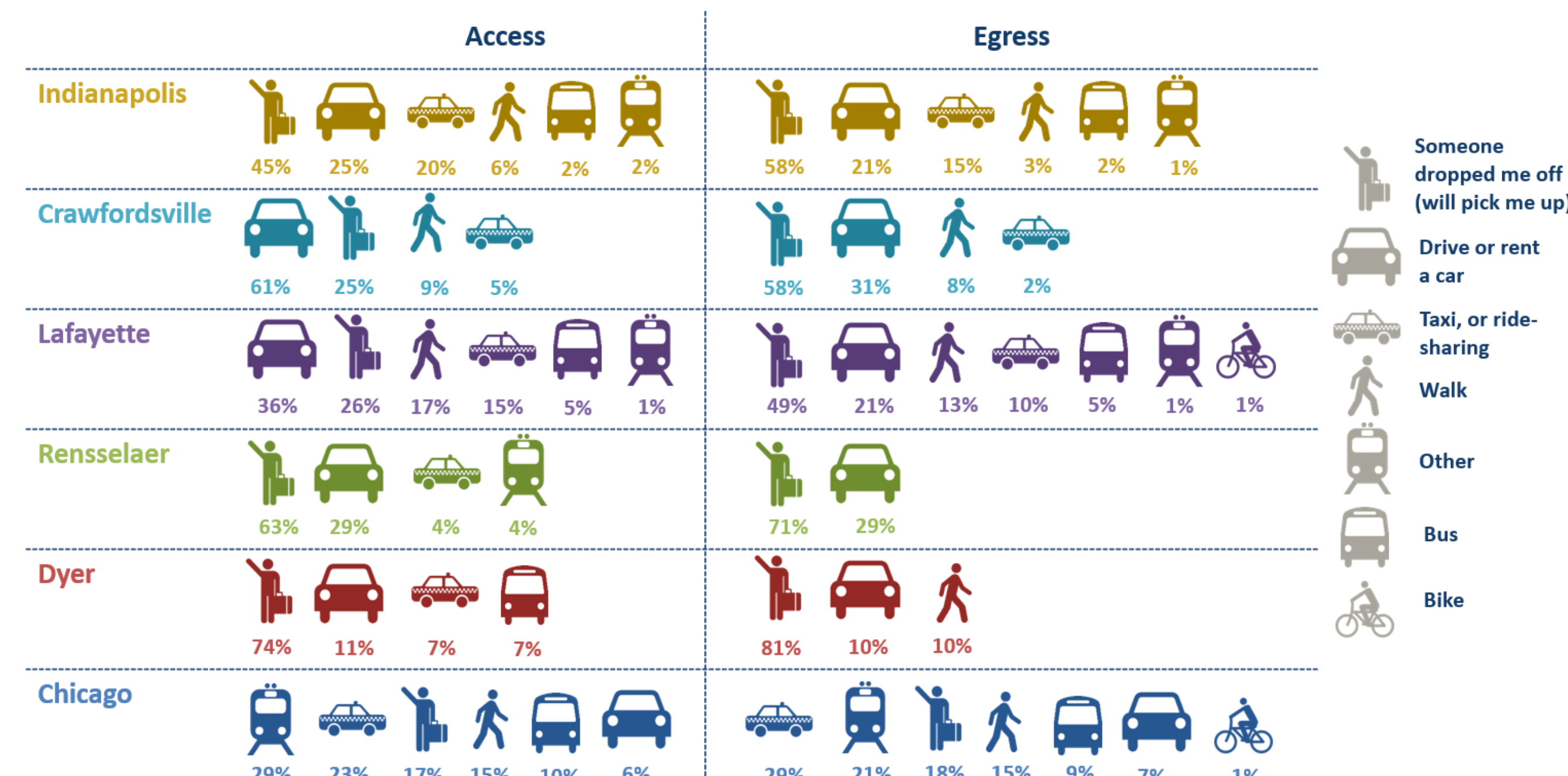
- Respondents who traveled from Hamilton County lived in Fishers, Carmel, Westfield and Noblesville.

- Respondents who traveled from Boone County lived in Zionsville, Whitestown, Lebanon, Thorntown and Sheridan.

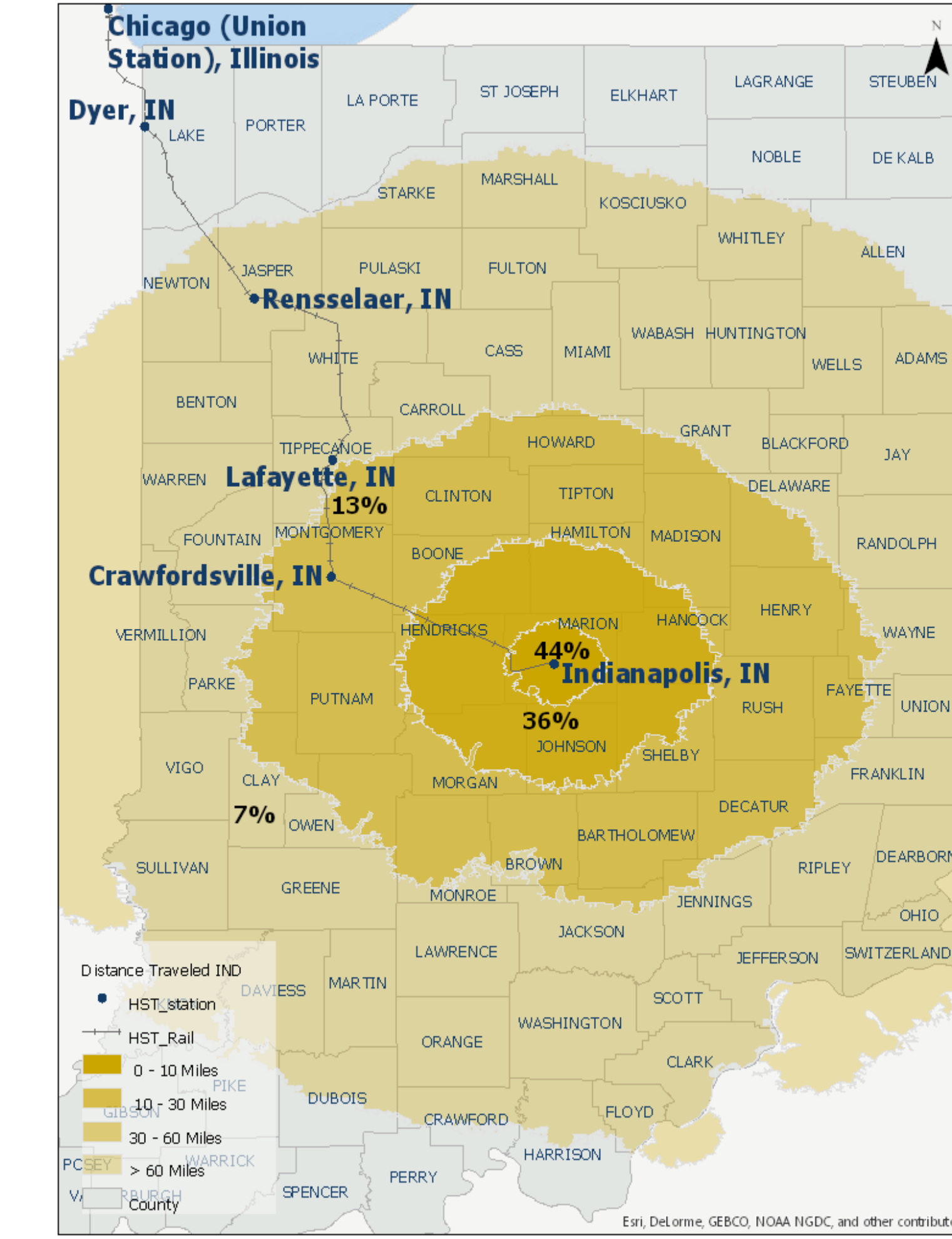
### Where did riders come from and where did they go?



### How did riders reach and leave the station?



## How far did they travel to ride the train?



- 7% of respondents traveled more than 60 miles in order to take the train from Indy.
- 79% of the respondents that took the train from Lafayette traveled less than 10 miles; 13% of them traveled between 10-30 miles.
- 69% of who took the train from Rensselaer traveled less than 10 miles to reach the station.
- 48% of the respondents who took the train from Crawfordsville traveled less than 10 miles to reach the station.

## Research Findings

- Increase in single household riders in the 2016 survey compared to the 2015 survey.

- HST impacts not only IN counties with station but also counties without a station.

- Respondents indicated a stronger intention to ride the train in the short run and long run compared to Fall 2015.

## Best Practices

- Improve reliability, flexibility, and convenience to attract more riders.

- Strengthen factors such as safety, comfort, and amenities.

- Target promotion efforts to students.

- A possible gap into the first and last mile travel options for intercity rail riders was identified through the survey results. Alternatives to fill this gap vary from micro-transit to ridesharing services.

- Park-and-ride facilities could offer a significant opportunity for HST to attract riders who live in counties without stations.

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