

MONTPELIER CARR LOT PARKING STUDY

GENERAL SURVEY RESULTS

1 How do you usually travel to downtown Montpelier?

Drive Alone	67
Carpool/Vanpool drive	1 carpool driver
Carpool/Vanpool passenger	3 1 carpool passenger
Take the bus	
Bike or walk	13 1 <u>walk when I know I can't get a space</u> 1 <u>on my days off from work</u>
Other:	1 <u>Moped</u> 1 <u>Drive with child – drop off at U32</u>

2 *If you drive to downtown Montpelier, where do you usually park?*

In metered on-street parking	31
On the street, at a non-metered spot	9
In designated parking, provided by my employer	16
In parking lot – if yes, which one:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 <u>next to Julio's</u> 2 <u>Capital Plaza</u> 2 <u>Jacob's</u> 3 <u>By City Hall</u> 1 <u>DET</u> 1 <u>State parking behind Arts Council</u> 1 <u>Behind Somers</u> 5 <u>Blanchard</u> 1 <u>Behind Capital Stationers</u> 1 <u>Illegally at bank</u> 2 <u>Behind State St market</u> 2 <u>60 State Street</u> 2 <u>Carr Lot</u> 1 <u>Metered off-street</u> 1 <u>Pit</u> 1 <u>North Branch</u> 1 <u>Next to police station</u> 1 <u>Pitkin Court</u> 1 <u>Private parking for which I pay</u> 1 <u>Behind Coldwell Banker</u> 2 <u>Stone Cutters Way</u> 1 <u>Shaws</u> 1 <u>Live there</u>

3 *How often do you drive to downtown Montpelier?*

Once or twice a week	16
3-4 times per week	19
5 times per week	15
More than 5 times per week	30
Other:	
	1 <u>Less than once every two weeks</u>
	1 <u>Sometimes twice a day</u>
	2 <u>Seven days a week</u>
	1 <u>Once every other week</u>
	1 <u>Twice</u>

4 *Do you usually drive to downtown Montpelier on:*

Work weekdays	70
Weekday evenings	23
Weekends	28

5 *When you go downtown, generally –speaking, what is the purpose of trip?*

Work – all-day	34
	1 (walk)
Work – part-time	11
Work – attend meeting/appointment, etc.	15
Personal – shopping/recreational/social	45
	1 (drive)
Other:	2 <u>First in Fitness</u>
	1 <u>Going home – I live downtown</u>
	1 <u>Food</u>
	1 <u>School</u>

6 *If you drive, do you currently use the Carr Lot for parking?*

Yes (continue with questions)	8
No (skip to Question 11)	74

7 *How long do you walk from the Carr Lot to your destination?*

Less than 5 minutes 5

6-10 minutes 2

11-15 minutes

More than 15 minutes

Other: _____

8 *How often do you usually park at the Carr Lot?*

I have a monthly pass 1

Every time I come to Montpelier 1

When I need to spend more than a couple hours in downtown

Only when on-street parking is unavailable 3

This is the first time I've ever parked in this lot

Other: 1 6 times a month
1 Once a week as a volunteer worker in State building
1 All winter – my parking permit lot does not allow winter parking

9 *Why do you use the Carr Lot for parking?*

The location is convenient	5
The price is reasonable	2
The facility is good (i.e. clean, well-lit, covered, etc.)	
There was no other parking available	2
Other:	1 <u>because Pit is full</u>

10 *How do you pay for your parking in the Carr Lot?*

Daily fee	6
Monthly fee	1
Other: _____	1 <u>night time only usually</u>

11 How much do you usually pay for parking in general?

I rarely pay for parking	35	
	1 <u>(disabled permit)</u>	
I pay a monthly fee	4	
Less than \$1.50/day (not a monthly fee)	26	
More than \$1.50/day (not a monthly fee)	10	
Other:		1 <u>meter</u> 1 <u>Monthly fee to City for North Branch Lot</u> 1 <u>\$300/6 months</u> 1 <u>about \$1/week</u> 1 <u>part of lease</u> 1 <u>arrive at end of business day and avoid most parking fees</u> 1 <u>I have a permit for Jacob Lot</u>

12 When you decide where to park, how important are the following amenities and facilities?

	Not Important				Very Important
The lot is covered	59	5	2	3	3
The lot is well-lit	28	8	12	9	18
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It is a lot with controlled access	51	5	4	10	1
Parking is inexpensive	5	2	7	14	50
The location is within a 5-minute walk of my destination	4	4	9	18	43
Pedestrian access is easy	6	1	11	18	38

*** (The Julio’s lot is not and I don’t like having to walk there at night, which I must do every evening. I would rather park behind my business, but have been put on a waiting list or the past 4 years – I need to bring inventory to and from my store.)**

13 How far away do you usually park from your destination?

Within two blocks	51
Two to four blocks	28
Four to six blocks	3
More than six blocks	

14 If you had a choice, where would you park?

On the street	32
City Center Garage	3
Behind City Hall	30
Capital Plaza Lot	7
60 State Street	4
Behind Aubuchon Hardware	13
Other:	1 <u>(year-round – I have a permit – it’s part of my expensive rent)</u>
	1 <u>DET</u>
	1 <u>metered by Julio’s/Post Office</u>
	1 <u>my current space</u>
	1 <u>I enjoy the alk from Stone Cutters Way to #10 State St.</u>
	1 <u>Behind Minuteman Press</u>
	1 <u>Stone Cutters Way</u>
	1 <u>Behind 22 Main St.</u>

15 Please rank the following five options in terms of your preference with 1 as most preferred and 5 as least preferred

Pay higher fees to park downtown	1-11	2-7	3-18	4-11	5-23	NA-1
Pay lower fees to park, about 2-3 minutes (walking) from downtown	1-31	2-22	3-10	4-5	5-1	NA-1
Park free about 5 minute (walking) from downtown	1-25	2-24	3-16	4-4	5-2	NA-1
Park free about 10 minutes (walking) from downtown with frequent shuttle service to downtown with a small fee required to ride the shuttle	1-2	2-3	3-19	4-29	5-16	NA-1
Park free about 15 minutes (walking) from downtown with frequent FREE shuttle service to downtown	1-2	2-6	3-7	4-14	5-39	NA-1

COMMENTS ON #15: I have to carry too much stuff to & from work to be enthusiastic about the shuttle.

Park all day in Montpelier for people can shop or have 2 hours free parking. (this person did not fill out ranking)

N/A – we live 10-15 minutes walk from downtown

Shuttles don't make sense in Vermont!

16 Are you?

Male	38
Female	45

17 What is your age category?

	Male	Female
Under 21	1	2
21 to 35	8	14
36 to 54	18	19
55 to 64	7	7
Over 64	4	3

COMMENTS:

- ⇒ Also – we need a couple of “disabled” spaces in Langdon Street. I have a terrible time trying to get my disabled mother (age 91) to Yankee Paperback.
- ⇒ I need short-term parking: i.e. drop off books at library, pick up Rx at Brooks, quick trip into Main St. stores
- ⇒ Why is it that if you’re married to a police officer, you can get a permit immediately – this is politics at its worst.
- ⇒ What is the exact detail process to get a parking permit? Ed Fox, Cabot, VT 563-3131
- ⇒ I usually drive to Barre for shopping because I find parking on the Main St. For stamps and mailings, I go out of town to a post office easily accessible. The same for the library. In my late 70’s I don’t need the hassle of Montpelier parking.
- ⇒ I live on Downing Street – it is in deplorable condition and still people crowd it with cards to such a point that I cannot even back out of my driveway. I have to back down the street and turn in Blouin’s lot. This little dead end street needs to be permit parking only – I hate not having access or emergency access.
- ⇒ I walk to work because I live about 10 min. (walking) away from town. I only drive to do shopping or errands. It defeats the purpose of driving if I can’t park directly in town and it would discourage me from shopping locally!!
- ⇒ I should be able to park somewhere in the winter and not pay more – I HAVE A PARKING PERMIT
- ⇒ Hopefully you are getting this survey out to people who don’t live in Montpelier via employers, restaurants and shops; provide SASE to help assure return.