

A Study of Active Commuting among Urban Indian Population through Gendered Lens

Theme: Accessibility & Gender In Urban Transport

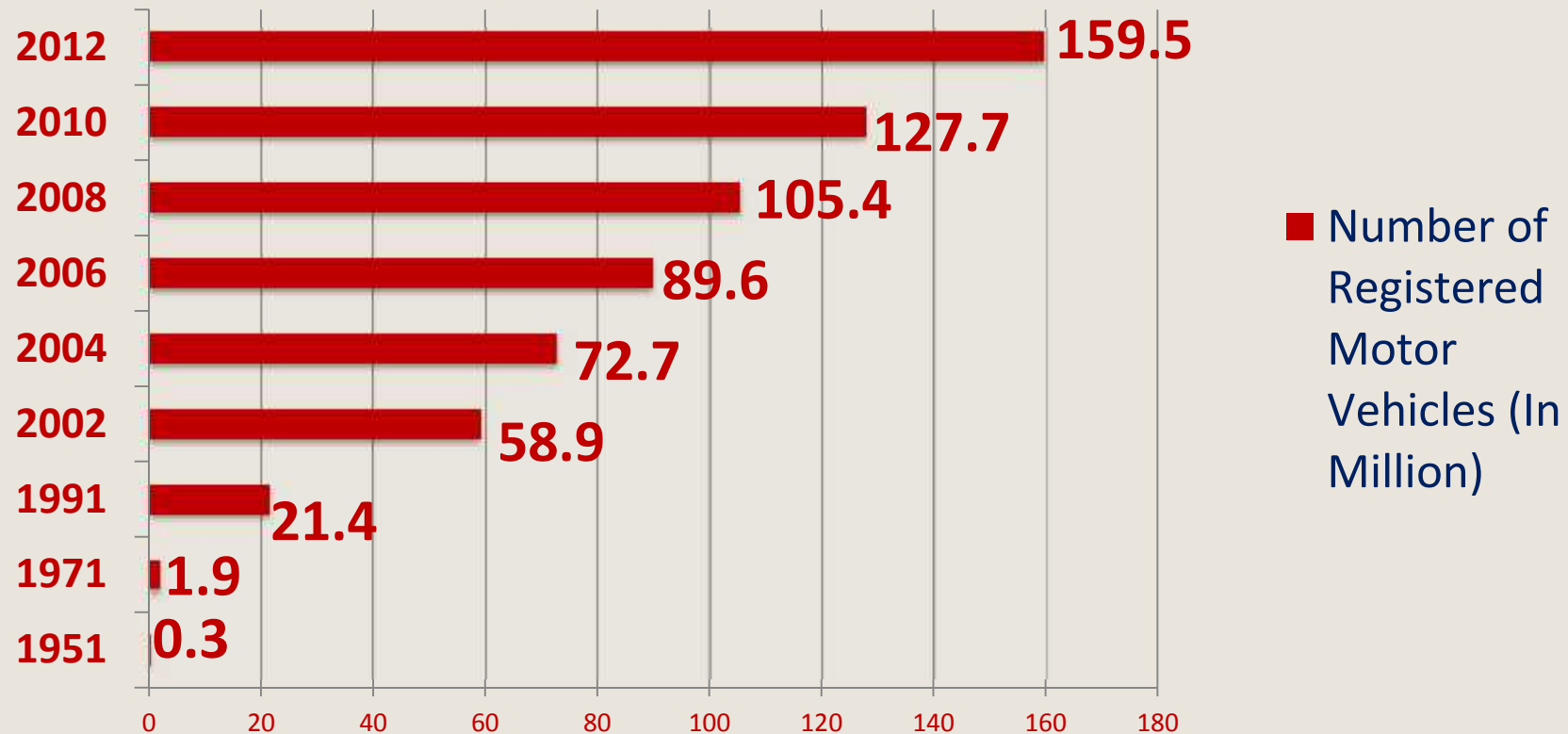
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Need of the Study

Number of Registered Motor Vehicles (In Million): 1951-2012



Mobility Crisis

Current concerns

- Traffic Congestion
- Traffic Injuries and Deaths
- Environmental Impact

Future Concerns

- Limited availability of fuels
- Traffic Congestion
- Traffic Injuries and Deaths
- Environmental Impact

References: *Black, 1996; Greene, 2004; Steg & Gifford, 2005; Gore 2006, 2007 Gilbert & Perl, 2008; Newman, Beatley, & Bower, 2009*

Possible Solutions to Mobility Crisis

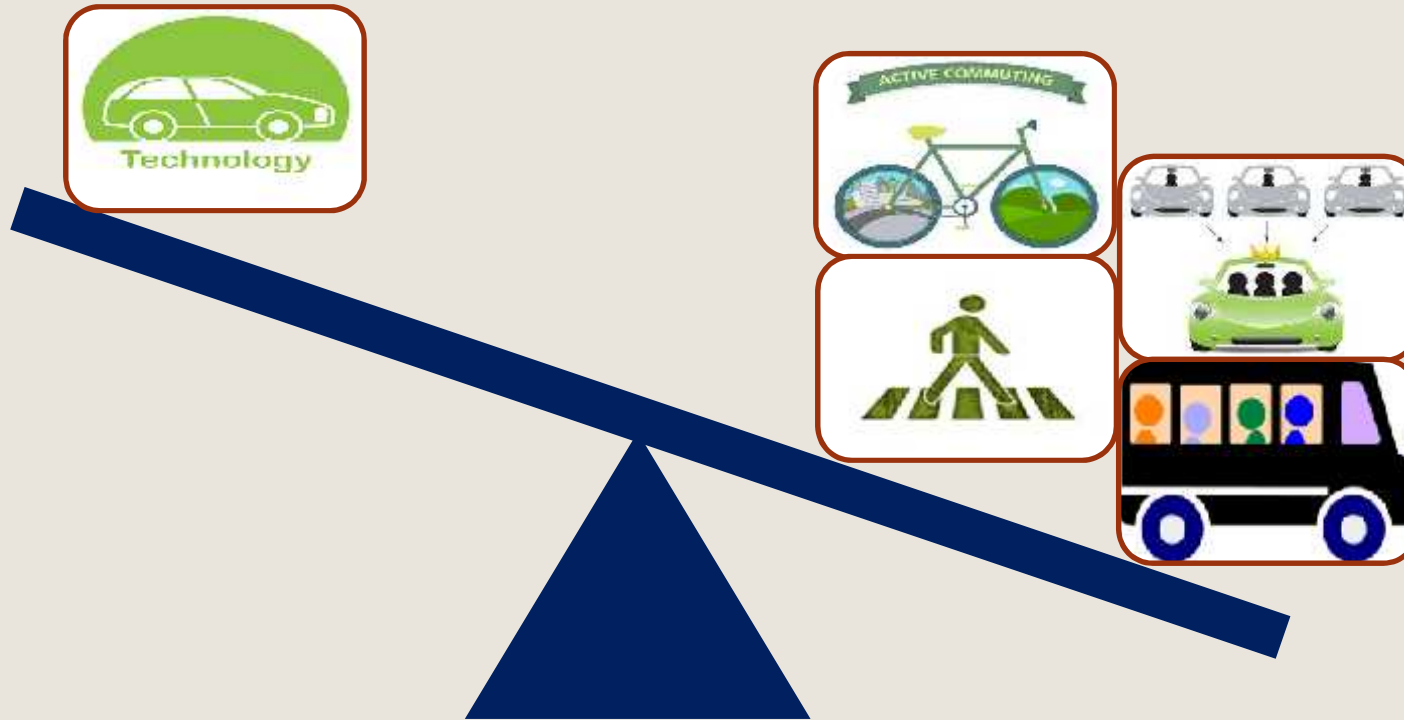
Technological Intervention: Supply Side Measures

- Jevon's effect (Herring, H., 2006)
- Rebound effect (Berkhout, Muskens & Velthuisen, 2000)
- Not completely efficient (Steg, 2005)

Behavioral Intervention: Demand Side Measures

- Encouraging sustainable modes (Hounsham, 2005; Pooley and Turnbull, 1999)
- Behavioral shift (Diana & Mokhtarian, 2009; Steg and Gifford, 2005)

Solutions to Mobility Crisis

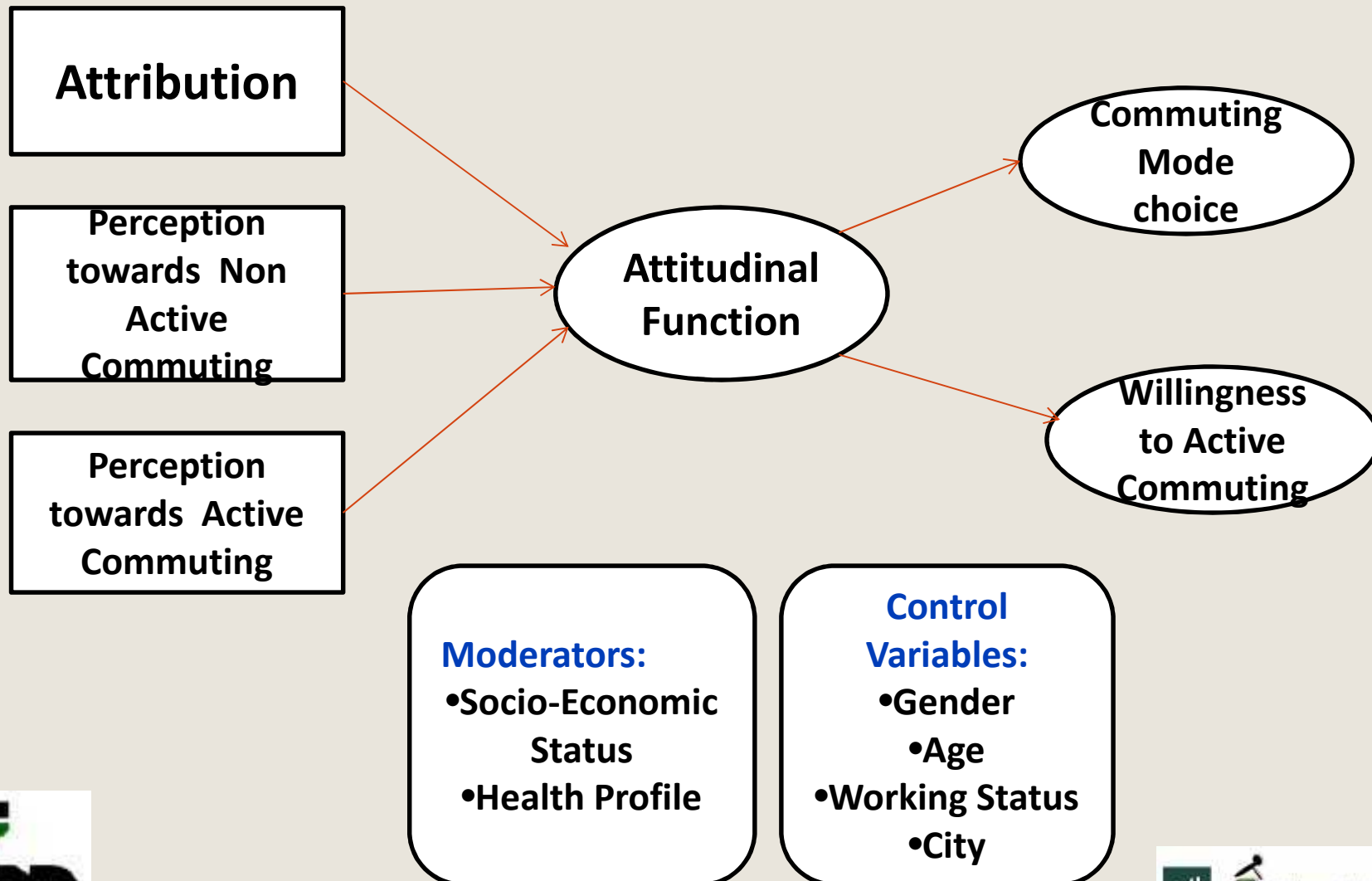


Supply Side Vs. Demand Driven

How Active Commuting?

- Understanding of its determinants
- Interaction of Determinants
- Consideration of these determinants while policy/program/infrastructure designing

Active Commuting Model



Present Study: Objective

- To study the attitudinal function of purposive commuters among Urban Indian Population.
- To study the interaction between gender, attitudinal function, and mode choice.

Construct Definition

- **Attitudinal Function:** It refers to importance or value assigned to an object based on the function it seems to fulfill.
 - **Affective Function:** It deals with the emotional component associated with personal motorized mode usage.
 - **Control Function:** Whether usage of personal motorized modes provides one the privilege to determine his/her course of movement.
 - **Knowledge Function:** Whether an individual is equipped with the required information of public/intermediate modes.
 - **Utilitarian function:** Encompasses benefits associated with personal motorized vehicle usage over other public, intermediate and non-motorized mode usage.



Literature Review: Attitudinal Determinants

Affective Function:

(Jensen, 1999
Gatersleben, 2007)

Control Function:

(Sandqvist & Kristrom,
2001
Mokhtarian & Solomon,
2001)

Knowledge Function:

(Ajzen, 1991
Bamberg & Schmidt, 1993,
2001)

Utilitarian Function:

(Steg, Vlek, &
Slootegraaf, 2001
Heath & Gifford, 2002)

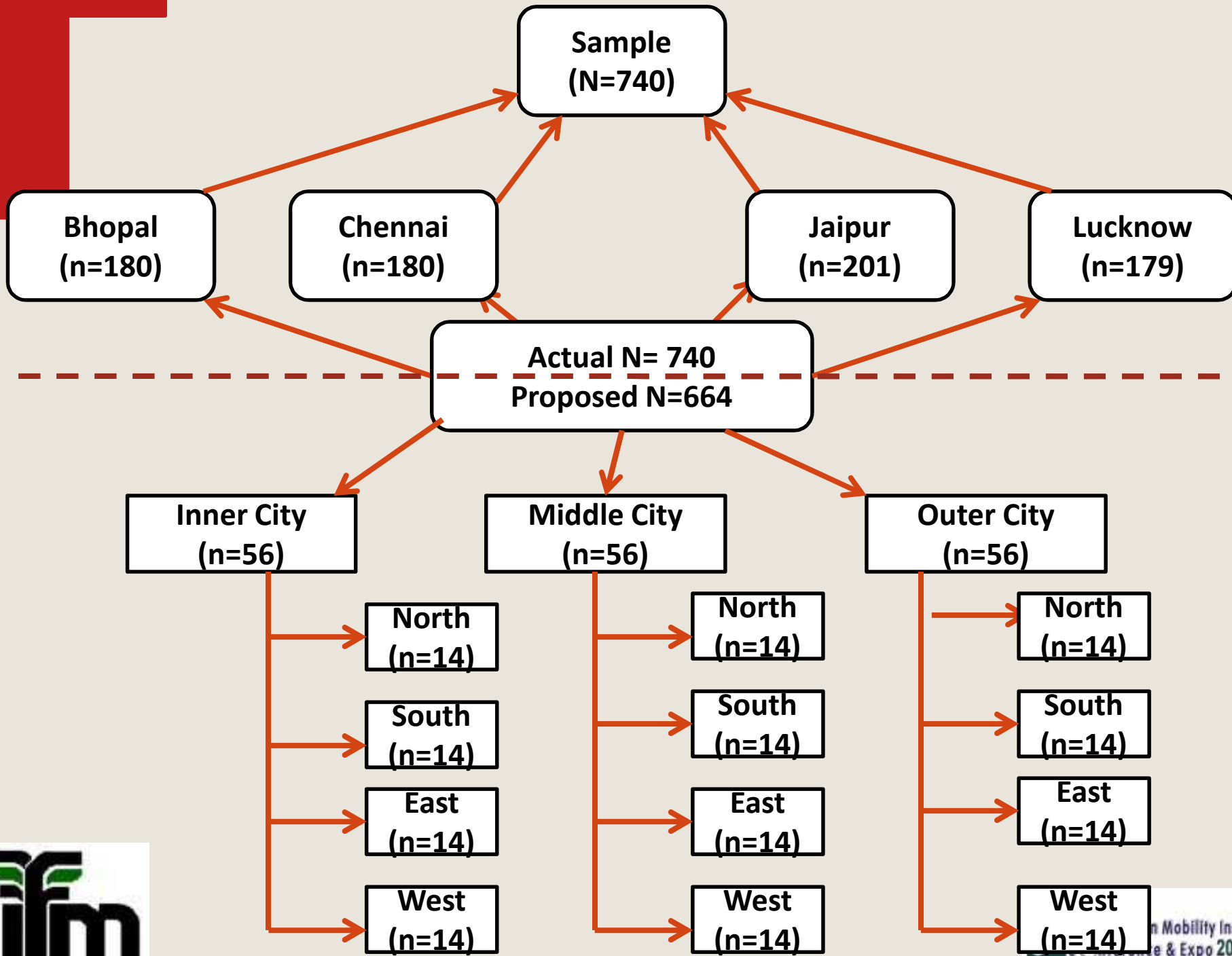
Literature Review: Gender Differences

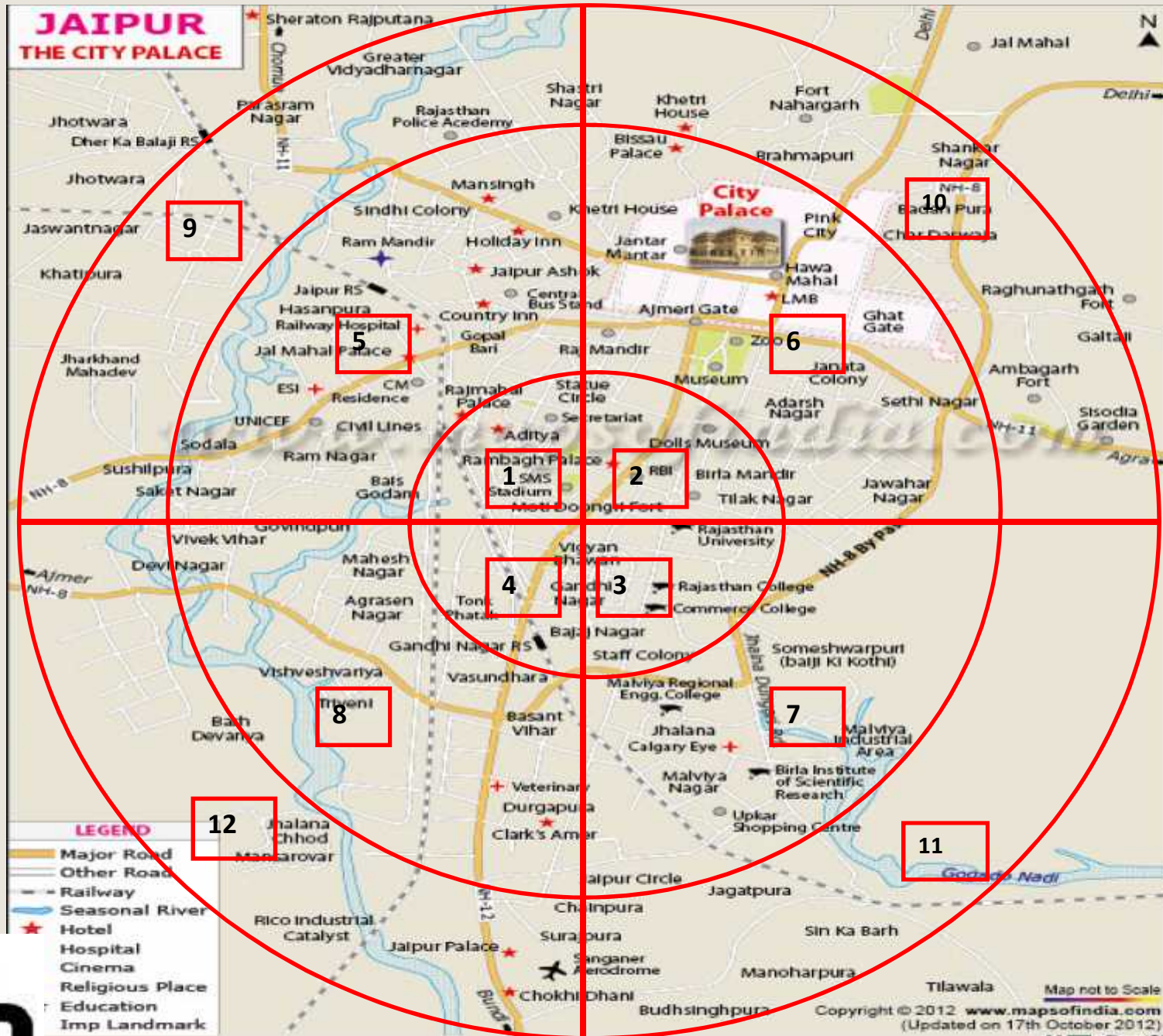
- **Men: Independent & Private Modes**
- **Women: Slower modes (Pooley & Turnbull, 1999, 2000)**
- **Men: More Usage of Cars (Steg, 2005)**
- **Women: Pedestrian mode (Hanson, 1990)**
- **Degree of usage of personal vehicle higher among men (Korver, Klooster, Jensen, 1993; Kingham, Dickinson, & Copsey, 2001)**

Sample

- **Study Sites:** Bhopal, Chennai, Lucknow, Jaipur
- **Sampling Frame:** Road Transport Year Book 2011-12
- **Sample Size:** 740 (with 10% margin of error, 99% confidence interval and 50% response distribution)
- **ME= $z \sqrt{p(1-p)/n}$**
- Where ME= margin of error
- Z=z-score
- p = prior judgment of correct value
- Thus, total sample size for all the four cities was reached that is 664 (**$166*4=664$**).
- **Sampling:** Stratified Random Sampling







Instrument of Data Collection: Purposive Active Commuting behavior among Regular Commuters (PACBReC)

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Findings of Study



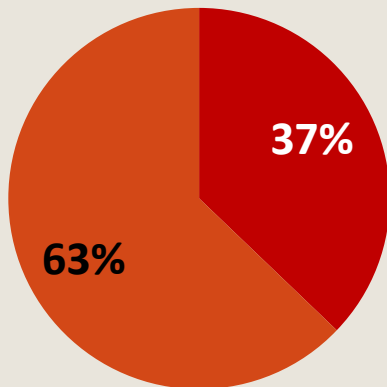
Gender & Commuting Mode Choice

Independent Variable	Direction of relation	Dependent Variable	Estimate	S.E.	Beta Estimate	C.R.	P
Gender	==>	Commuting Mode Choice	-0.245	0.028	-0.259	-8.653	0.001*

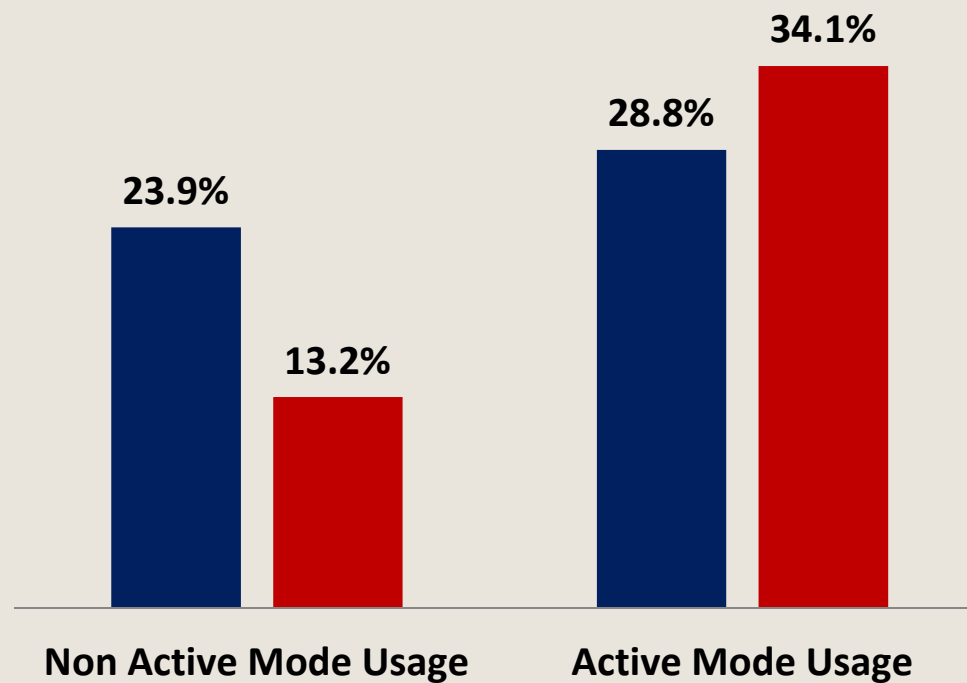
* Significant at 0.01 level

Mode Choice for Commuting to Workplace

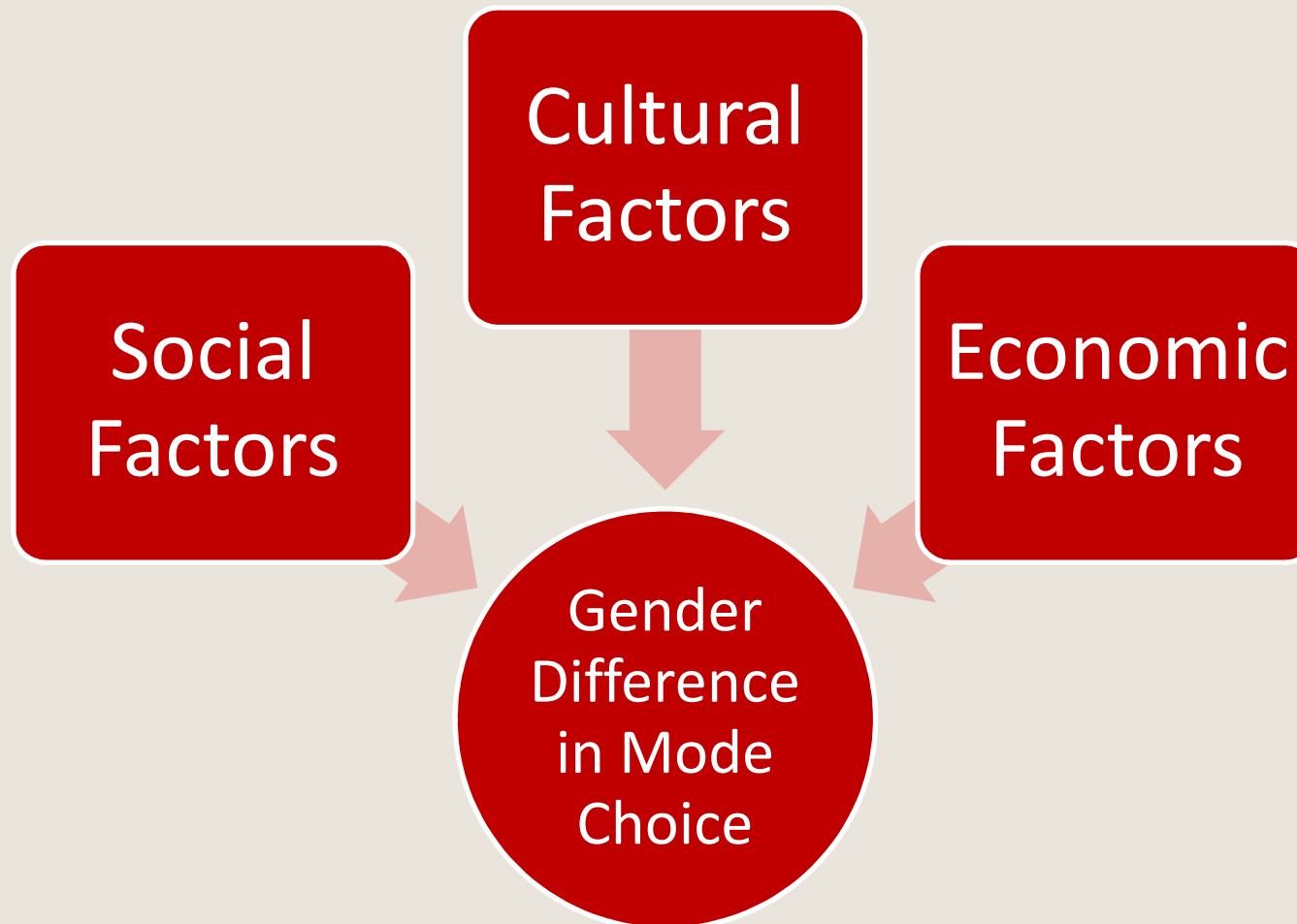
■ Non Active Mode
■ Active Mode



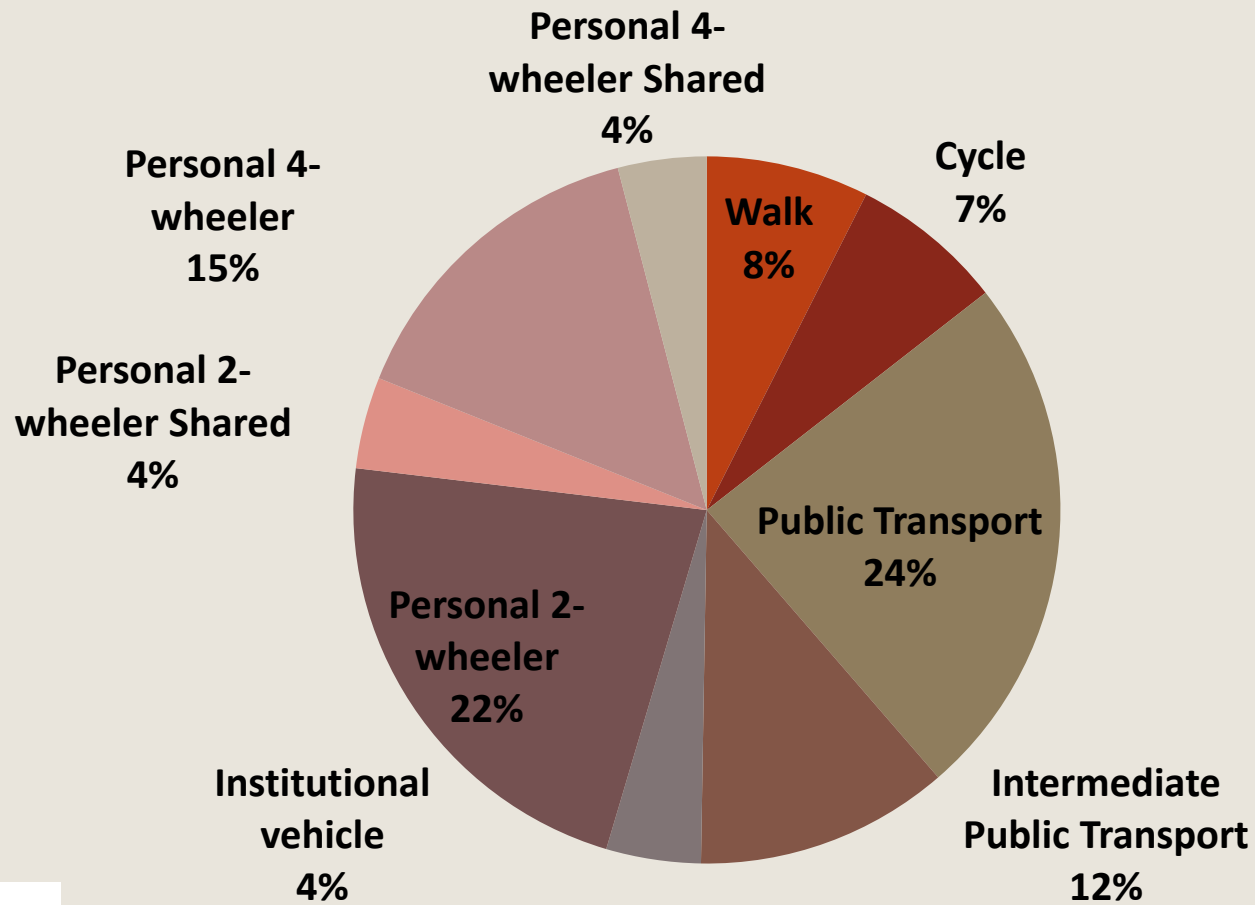
■ Male ■ Female



Causes of Gender Difference



Commuting Mode Choice Overall



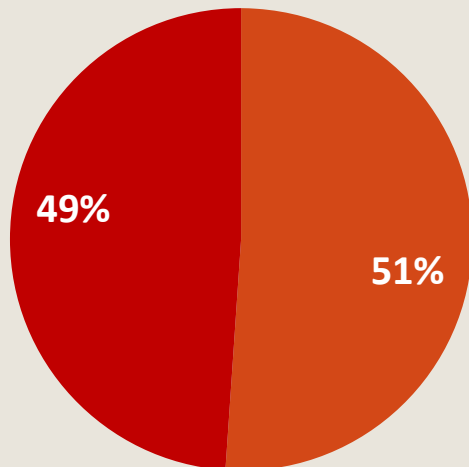
Attitudinal Function & Commuting Mode Choice

Independent Variable	Direction of relation	Dependent Variable	Estimate	S.E.	Estimate	C.R.	P
Attitudinal Function	==>	Commuting Mode Choice	0.426	0.029	0.451	14.541	0.01**

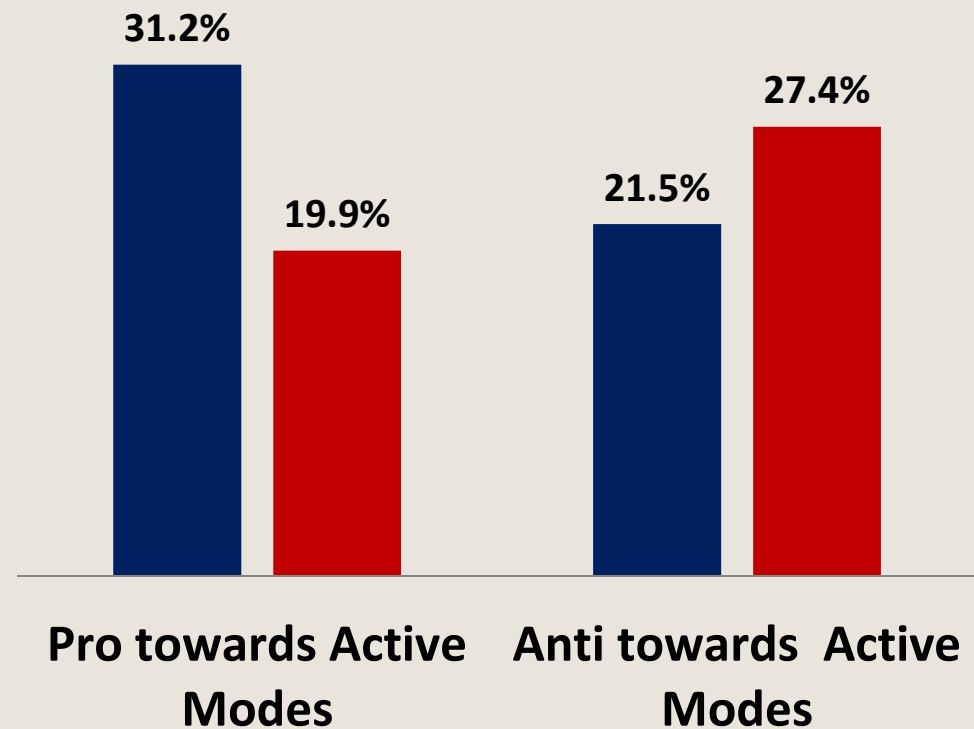
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Attitudinal Function and Gender difference

- Pro towards Active Modes
- Anti towards Active Modes

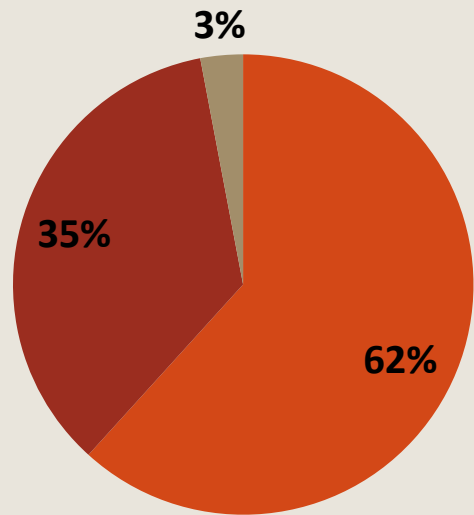


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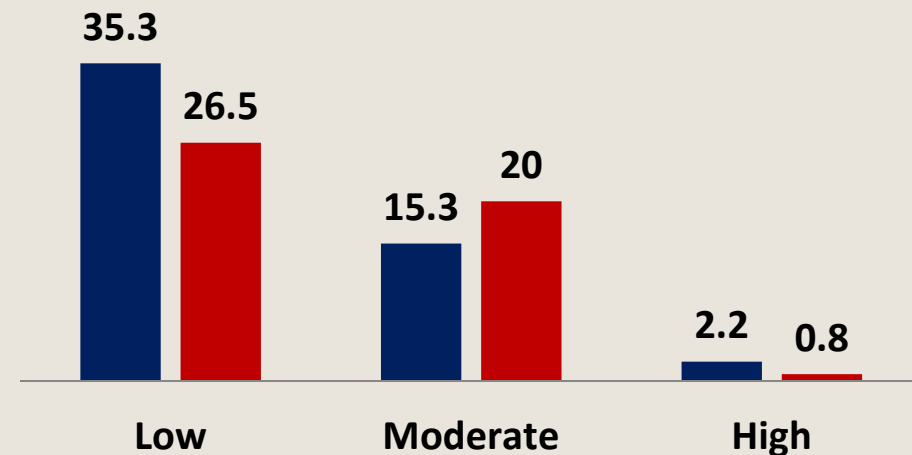


Control Attitudinal Function and Gender-difference

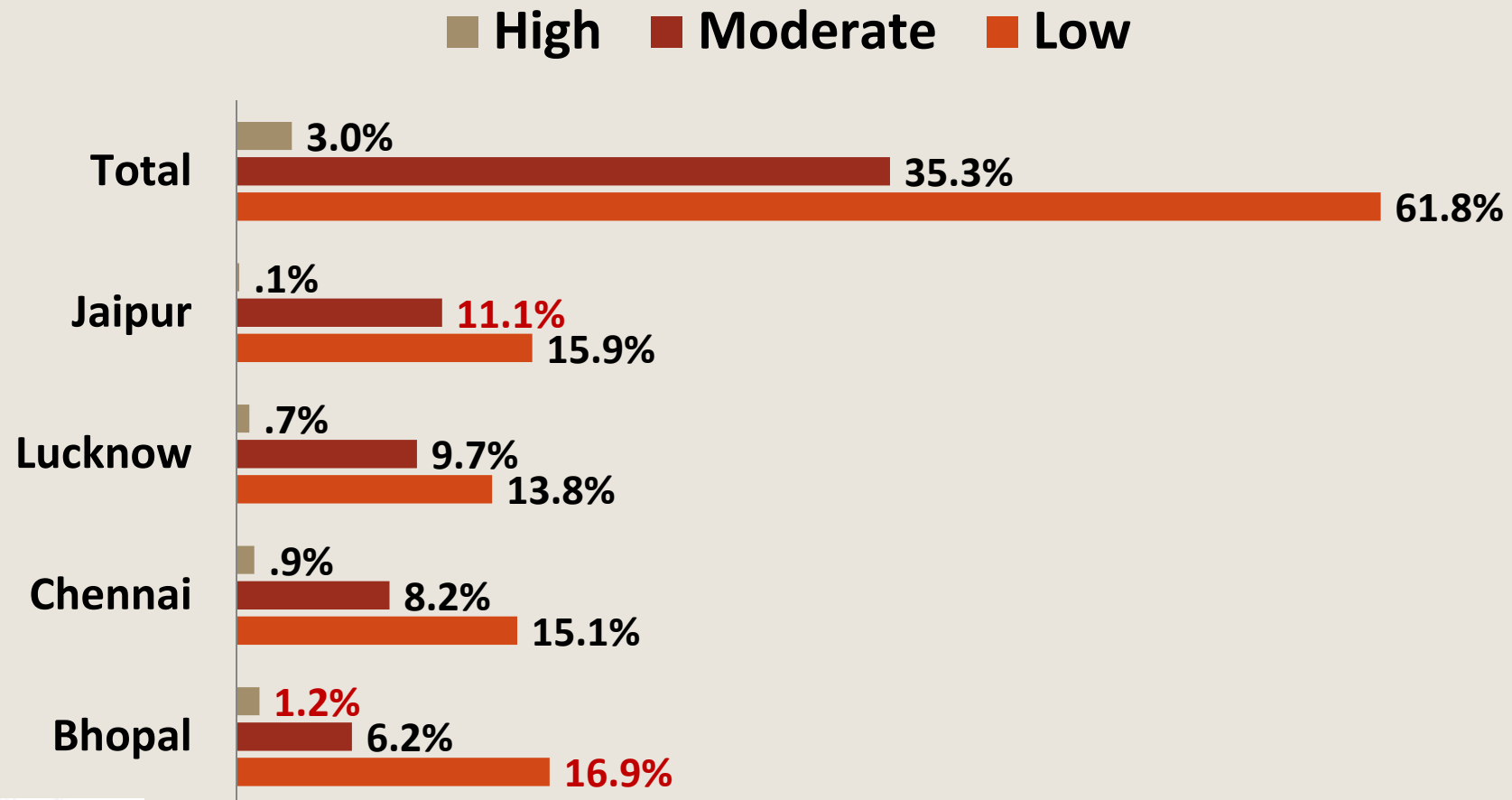
Low Moderate High



Male Female



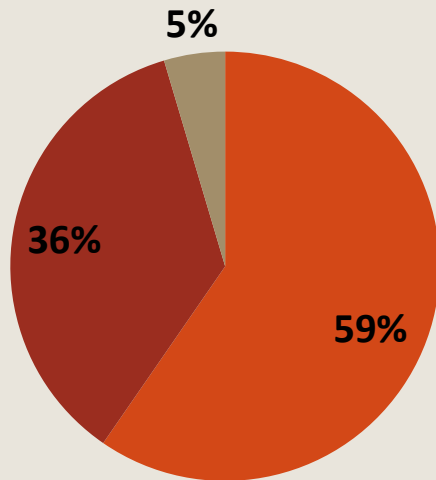
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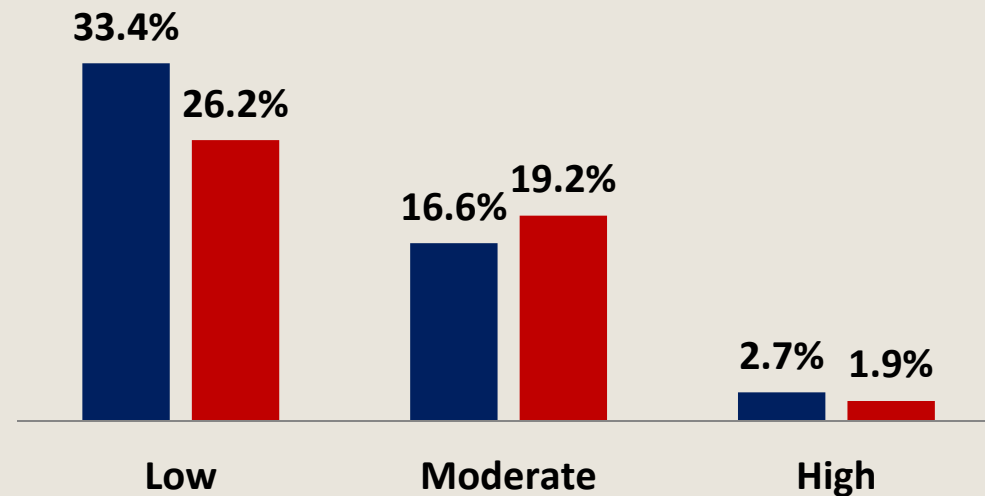
Utilitarian Attitudinal Function and Gender-difference

Utilitarian Function

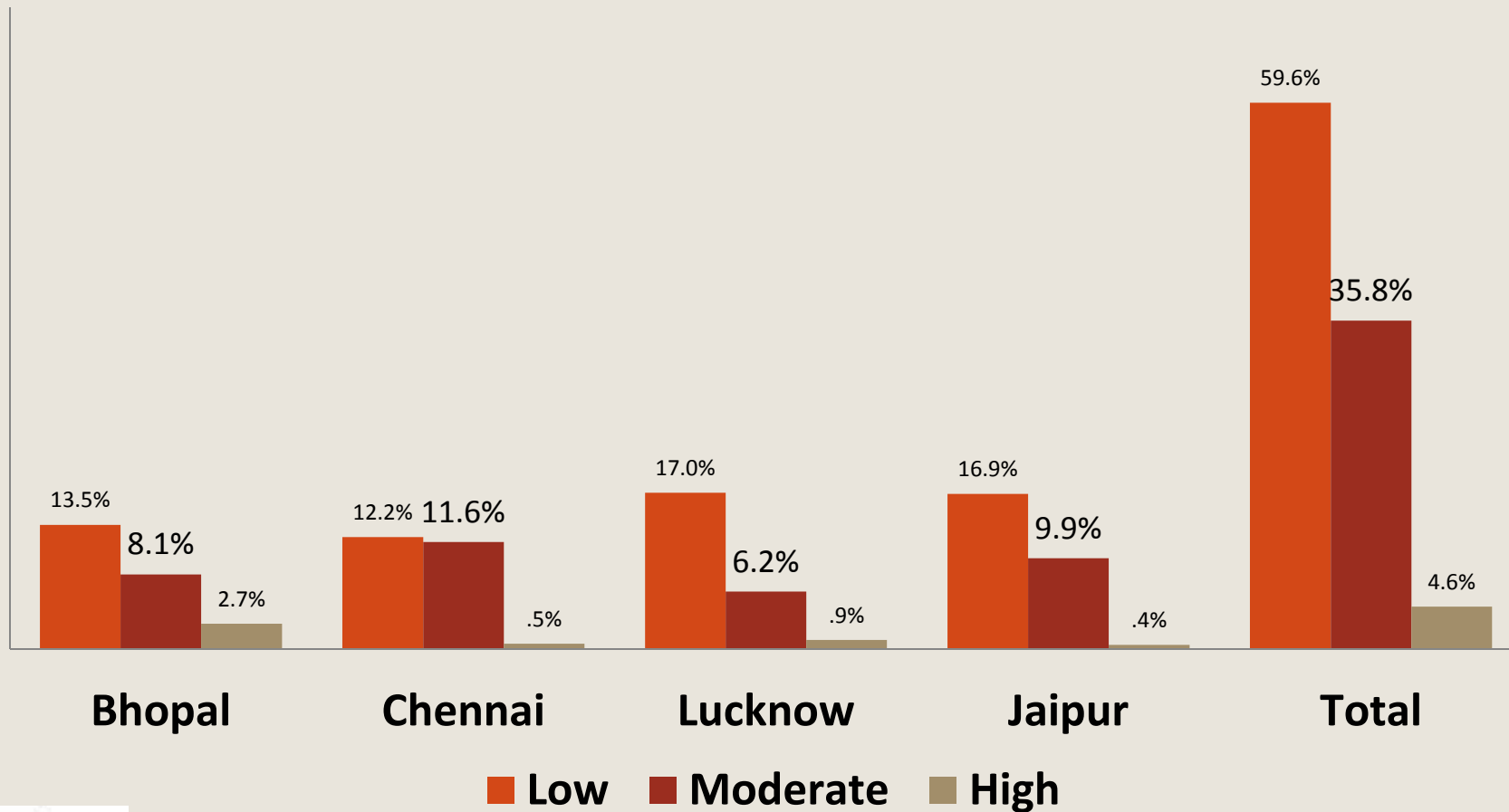
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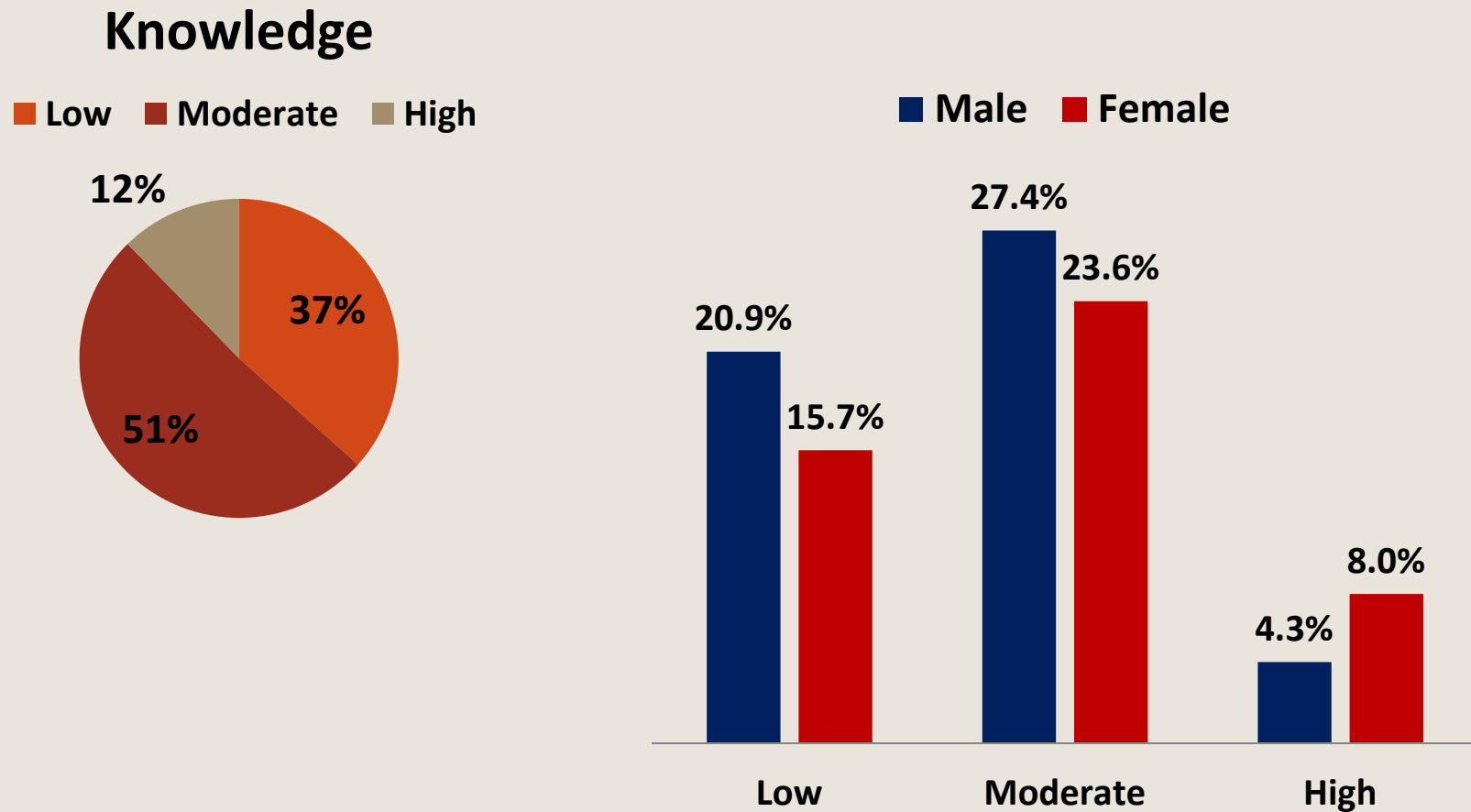
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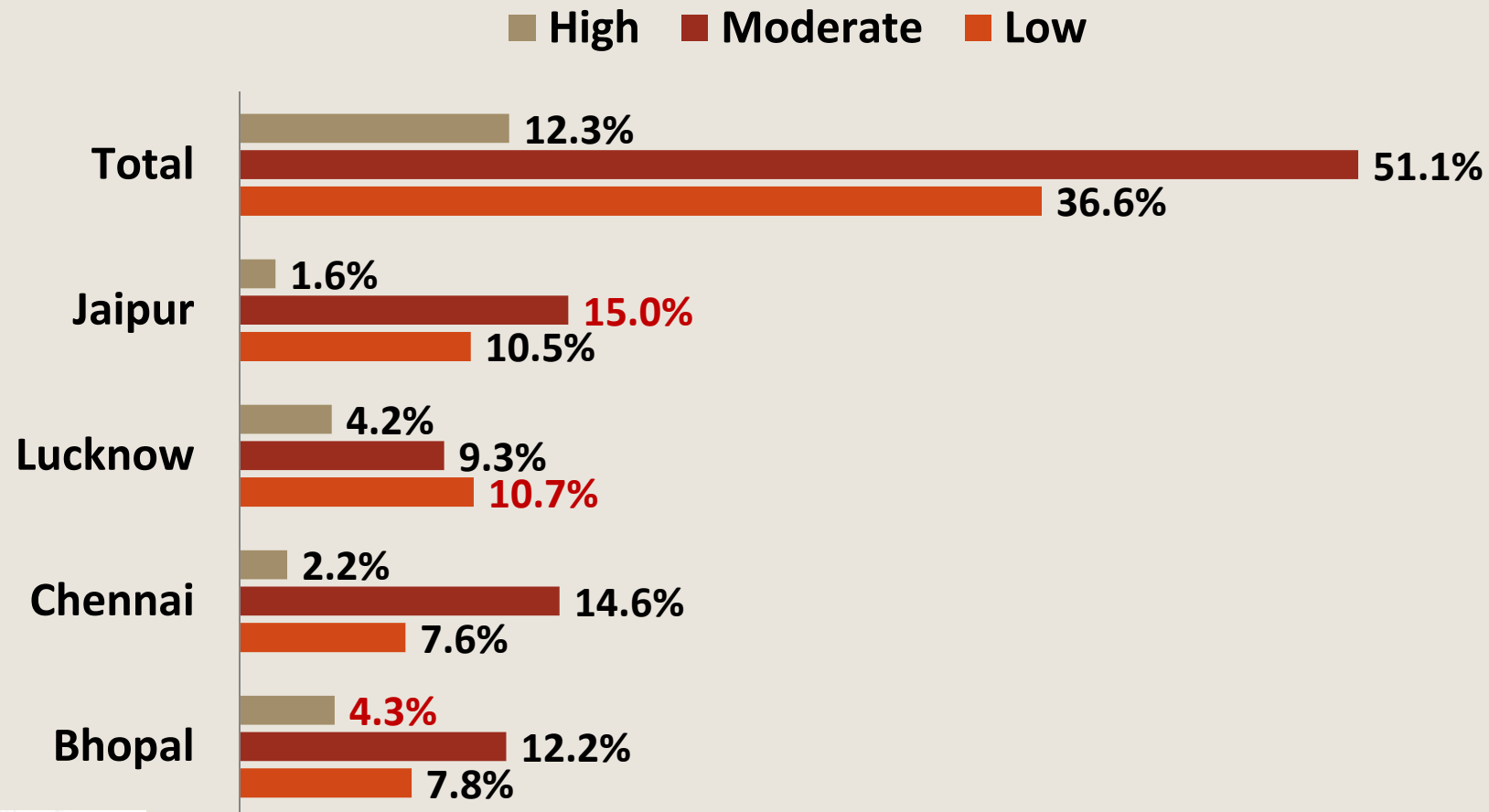
Utilitarian Attitudinal Function



Knowledge Attitudinal Function and Gender-difference

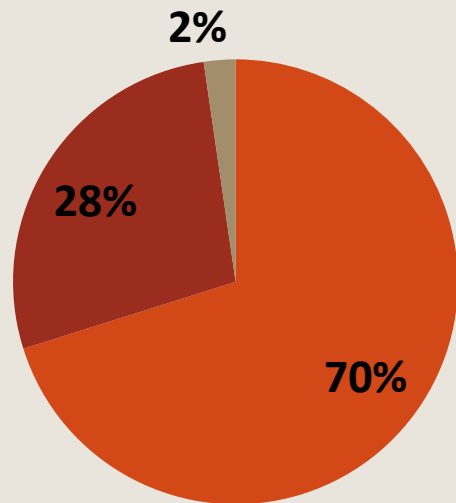


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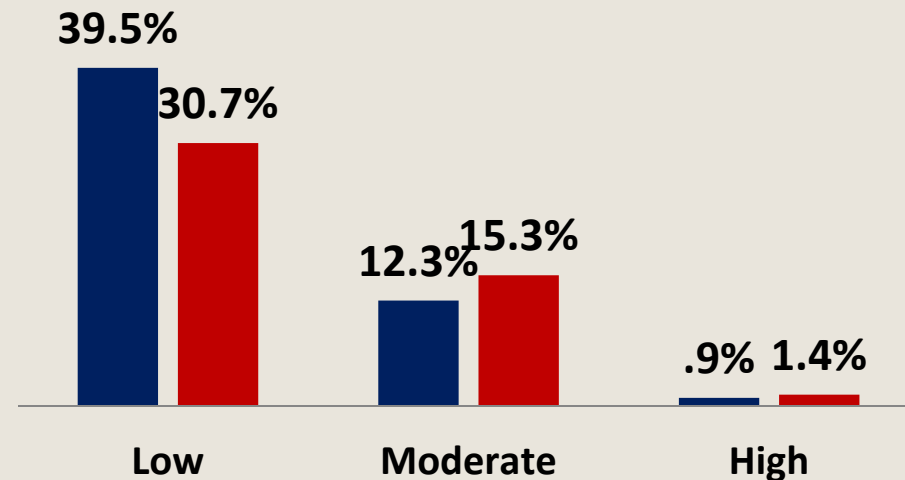


Affective Attitudinal Function and Gender-difference

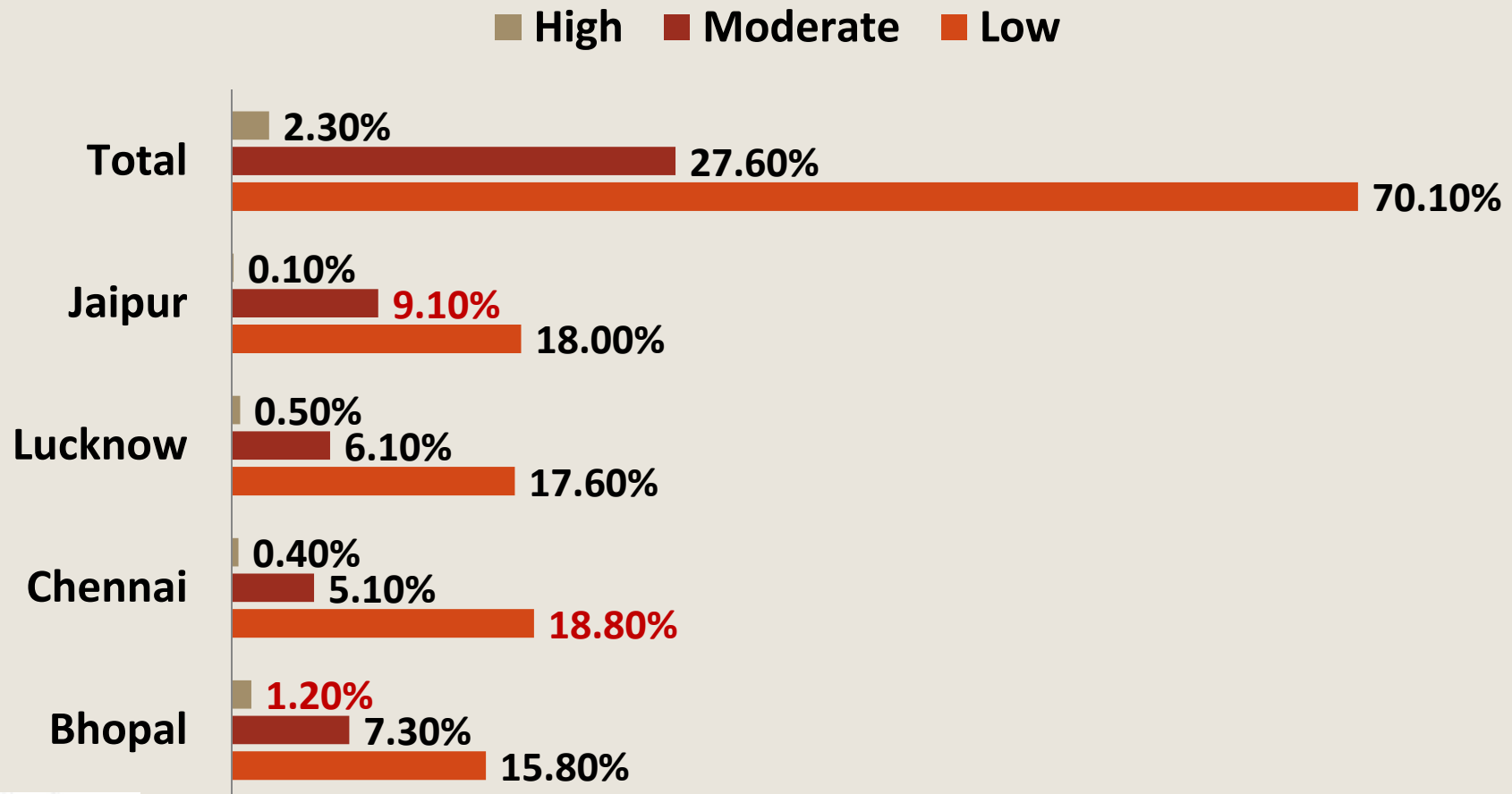
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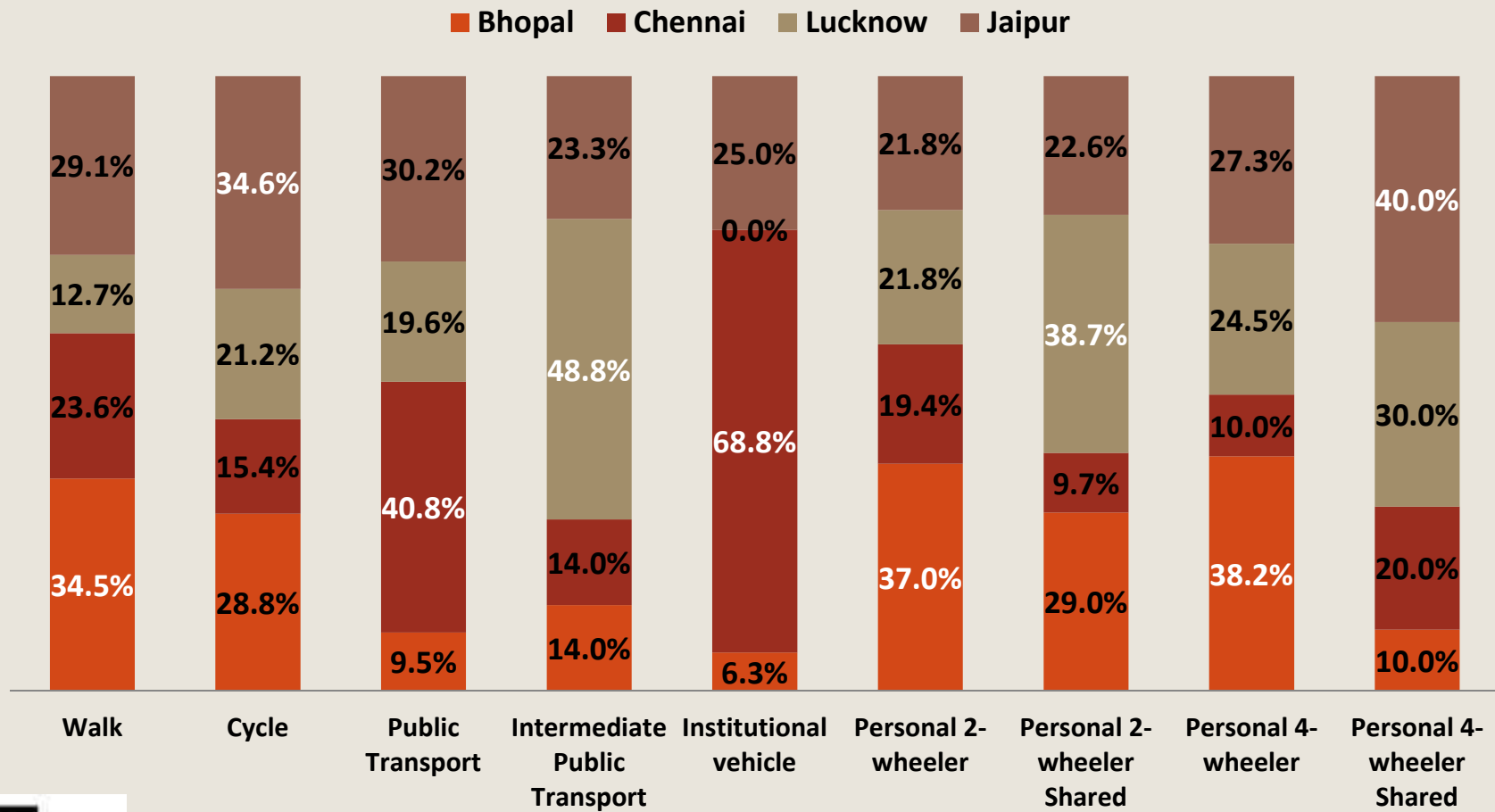
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Affective Attitudinal Function



Commuting Mode Choice: City wise Distribution



Attitudinal Function and Commuting Mode Choice

Theory of Reasoned Action

Theory of Planned Behavior

Cognitive Dissonance

Implications

- **Features contributing to positive attitudinal function for Non Active Modes should be promoted in Active Commuting modes.**
- **Gender Sensitive Policy/ Programs and Plans**



Thank You !