

Ironman Lake Placid Resident Survey

November 2021



Methodology

Collector	Complete Responses
Press release	1,107
Email invitation	197
Facebook ad	294
Total	1,598

To ensure a high level of community participation, ROOST sent invitations through an email to residents subscribed to its mailing list, a Facebook ad* targeting residents of towns the race passes through, and press releases in the Adirondack Daily Enterprise and Jay Community News.

After the survey was closed, responses were grouped by IP address and were analyzed to weed out duplicate submissions. In each case, the response that was submitted first was kept and latter submissions were excluded from the results, with the exception of one respondent using a zip code from Lake Placid, Florida in some responses, leading to all of their responses being excluded. In total, 66 responses were deleted.

Each respondent was sorted into one of four segments based on their primary postal code and whether or not they identified their home as being located on the race course.

Any response containing a zip code from a location outside of the Adirondacks was categorized as “other” and excluded from the results of this presentation.

Segments	Total Respondents
Race Towns (Not on course)	730
Race Towns (On course)	449
Regional	262
Other (not included in results)	157
Total	1,598

Using 2018 census data to determine the population of Essex county to be 37,300, the 1,361 responses from Essex County give this survey a 4% margin of error.

*The Facebook ad ran from October 20th, 2021 through November 1st, 2021. It spent \$131.48 and reached 3,762 people living in Au Sable Forks, Keene, Jay, Upper Jay, Lake Placid, and Wilmington.

Segment breakdown

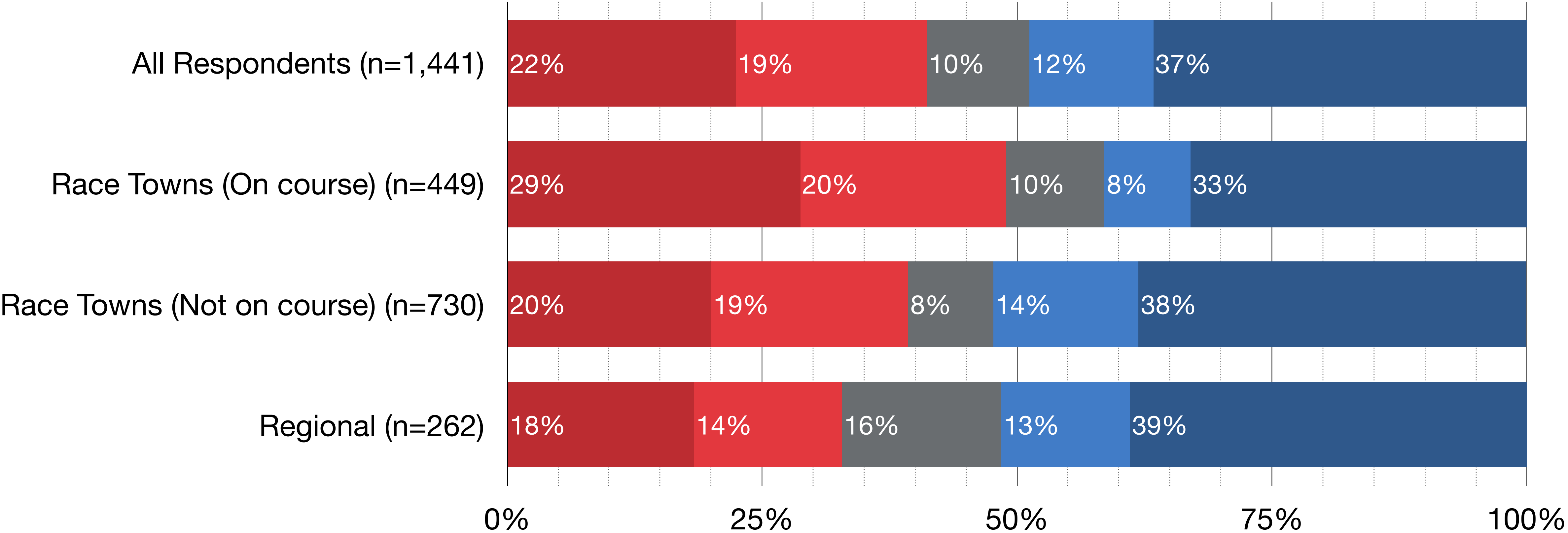
Race Towns (On course)	
Town	Respondents
Lake Placid	288
Wilmington	65
Jay	40
Keene	40
Upper Jay	16
Total	449

Race Towns (Not on course)	
Town	Respondents
Lake Placid	542
Wilmington	73
Jay	66
Keene	41
Upper Jay	8
Total	730

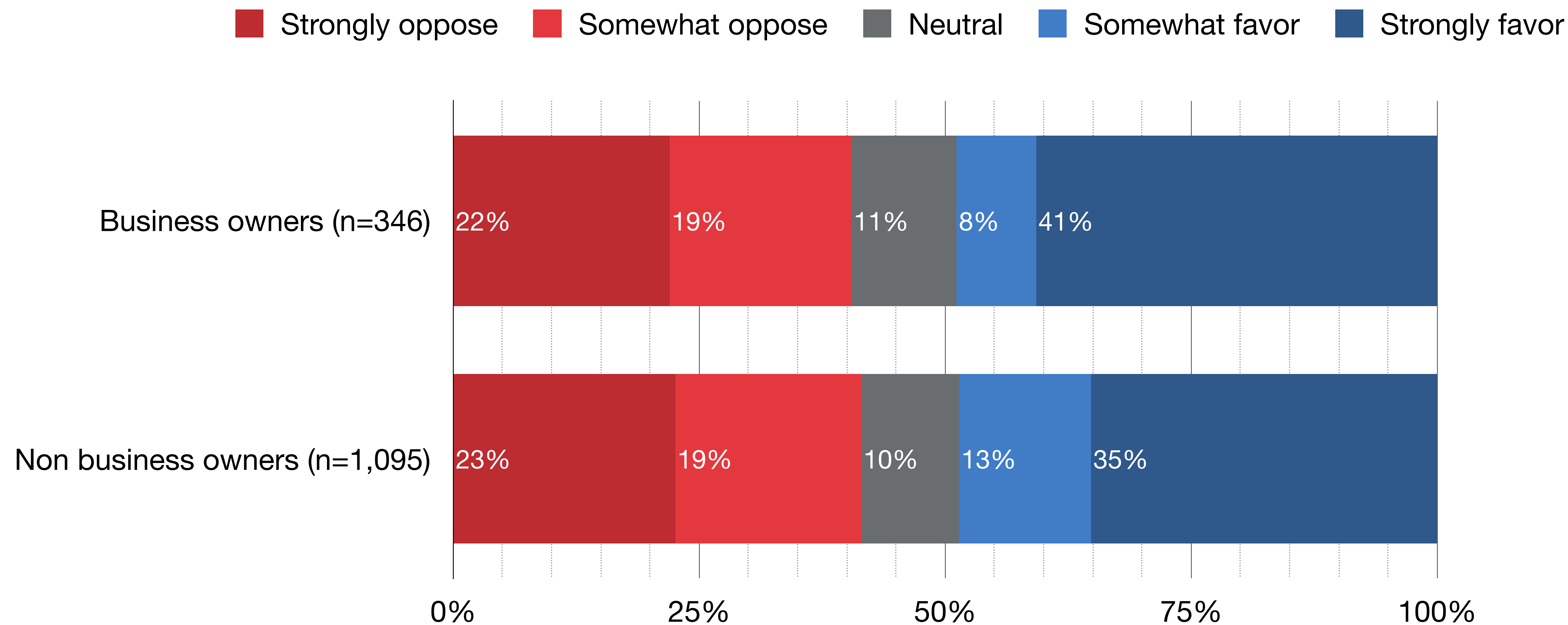
Regional	
Town	Respondents
Saranac Lake	119
Au Sable Forks	46
Keene Valley	29
Bloomingdale	9
Tupper Lake	9
Vermontville	9
Lake Clear	7
Keeseville	6
Elizabethtown	4
Peru	4
Westport	4
Paul Smiths	2
Other Adirondack Zip Codes	14
Total	262

Level of support by segment

Strongly oppose Somewhat oppose Neutral Somewhat favor Strongly favor

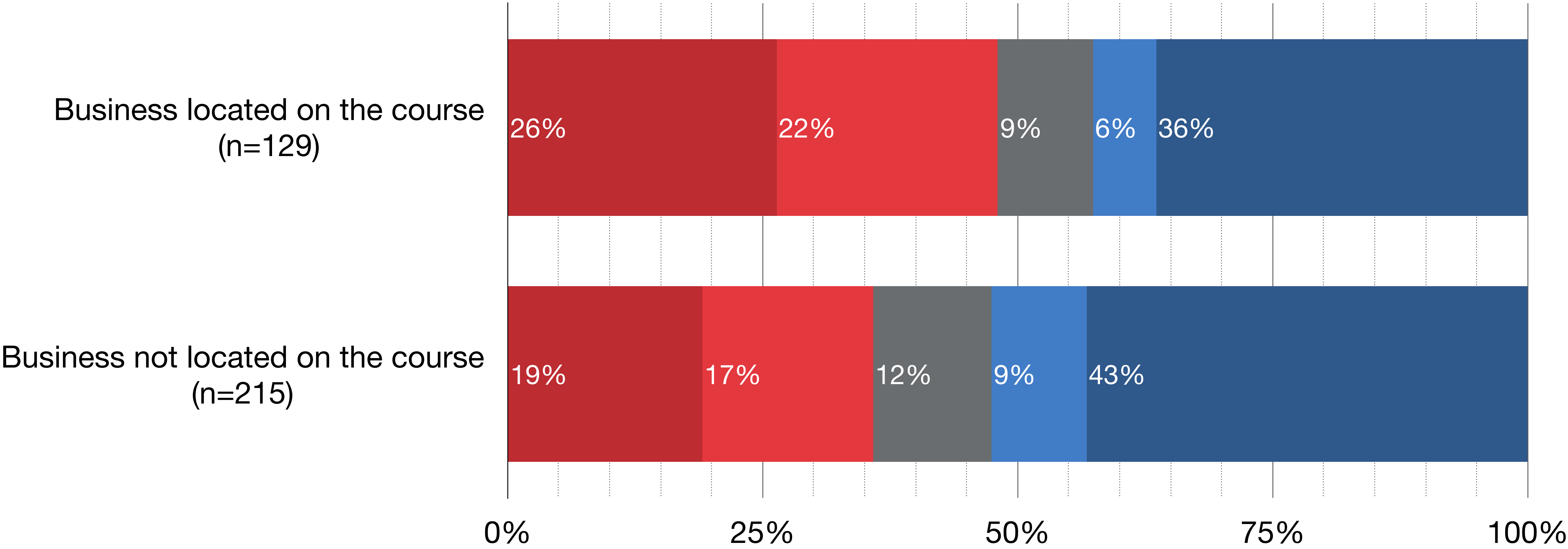


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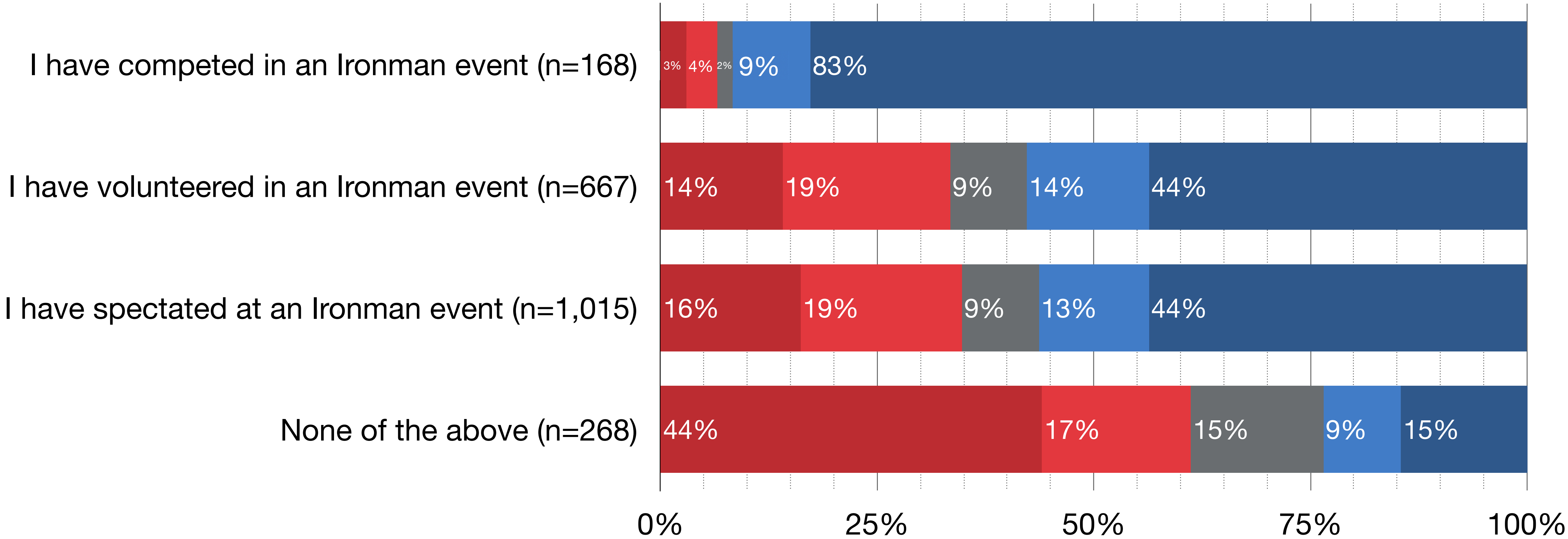
Level of support - business owners and location of business

Strongly Oppose Somewhat Oppose Neutral Somewhat Favor Strongly favor



Level of support by Ironman involvement

Strongly oppose Somewhat oppose Neutral Somewhat favor Strongly favor



What do you dislike about Ironman?

When asked to write what they dislike about Ironman, the four issues below were mentioned most often in the 1,332 written responses across all segments

14%

Find that athletes who come to train here don't respect the rules of the road

“Sometimes the bikers who are practicing hog the road and it is very scary to avoid them with oncoming cars”

-Race Towns (Not on course)
12941

14%

Do not like the overcrowding in and around town

“Negative impact from over crowding and strain on infrastructure”

-Race Towns (Not on course)
12946

12%

Speak to the travel delays on and before the day of the race

“Random street closures, congested traffic, little communication to the surrounding areas about when to expect traffic delays.”

-Regional
12983

11%

Say that the athletes are rude and disrespectful

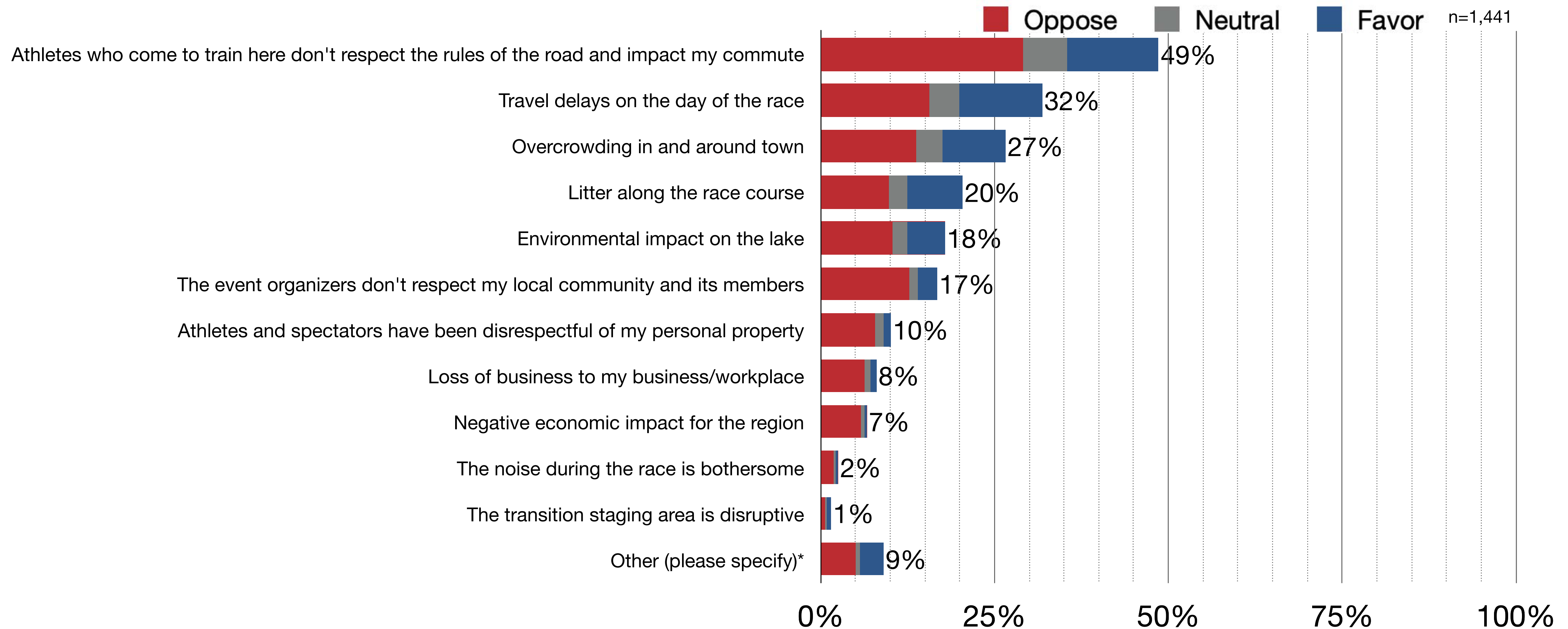
“the arrogant attitude of the athletes and their families”

-Race Towns (On course)
12946

Top detriments by segment

(Choose up to 3)

All Respondents

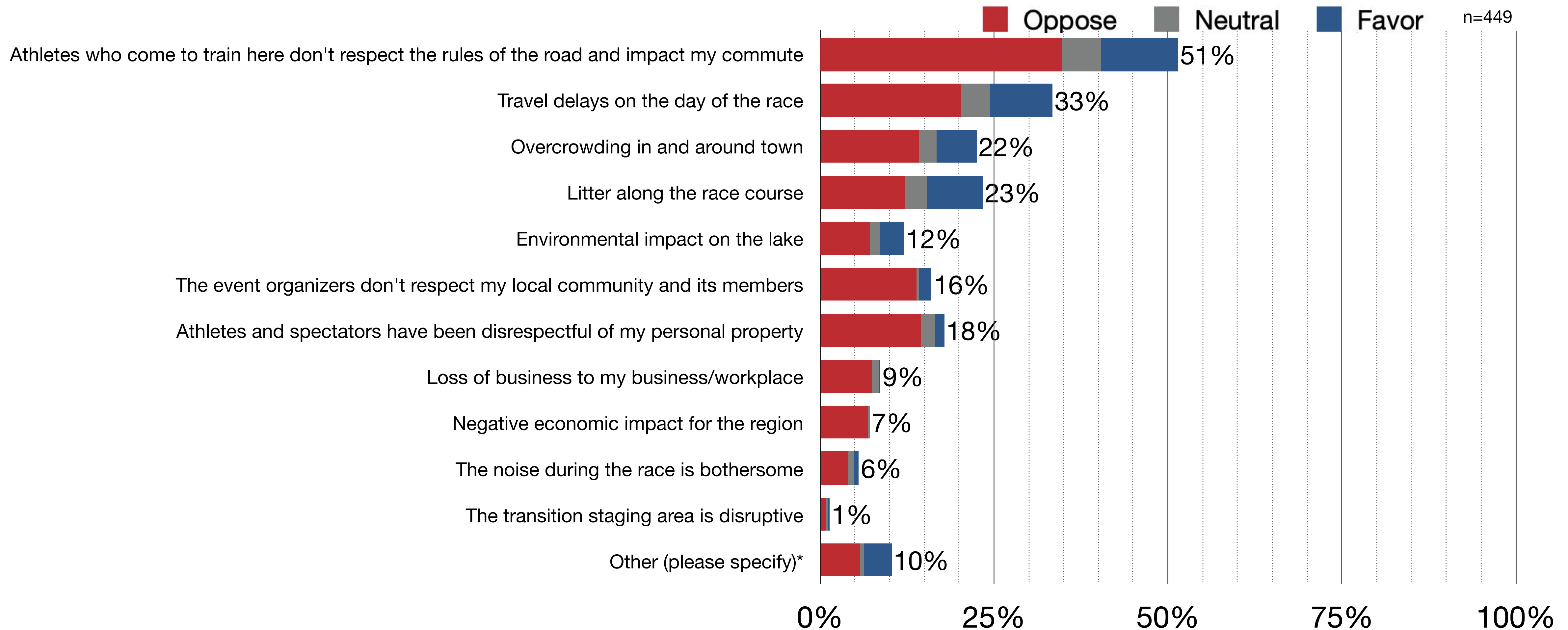


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Top detriments by segment

(Choose up to 3)

Race Towns (On course)

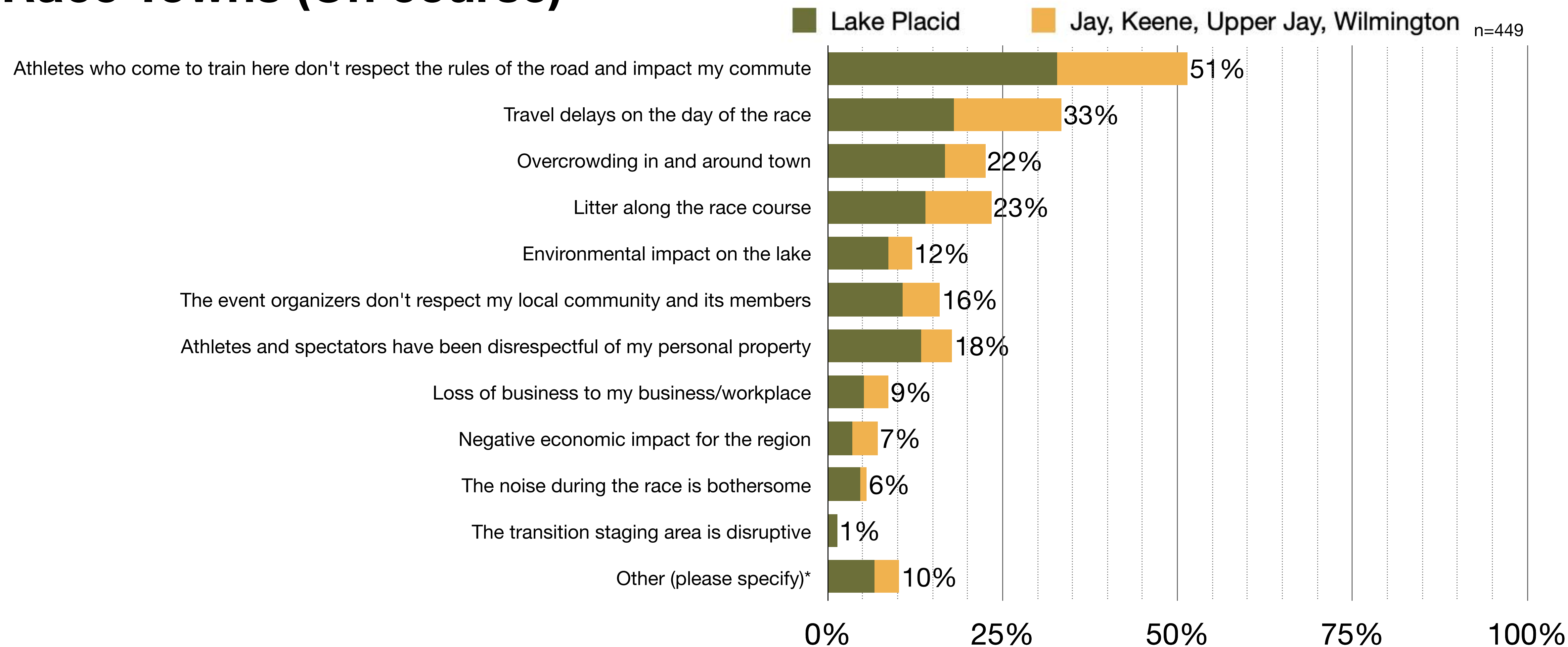


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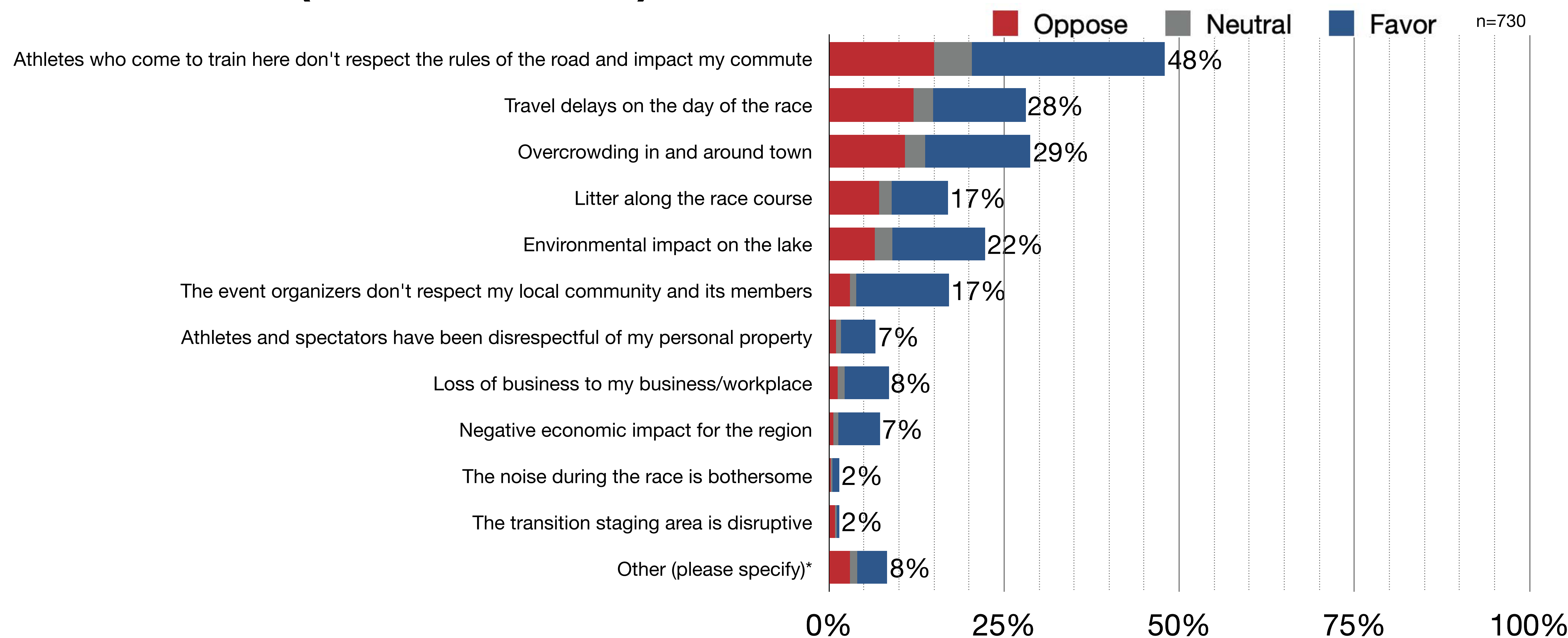


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Race Towns (Not on course)



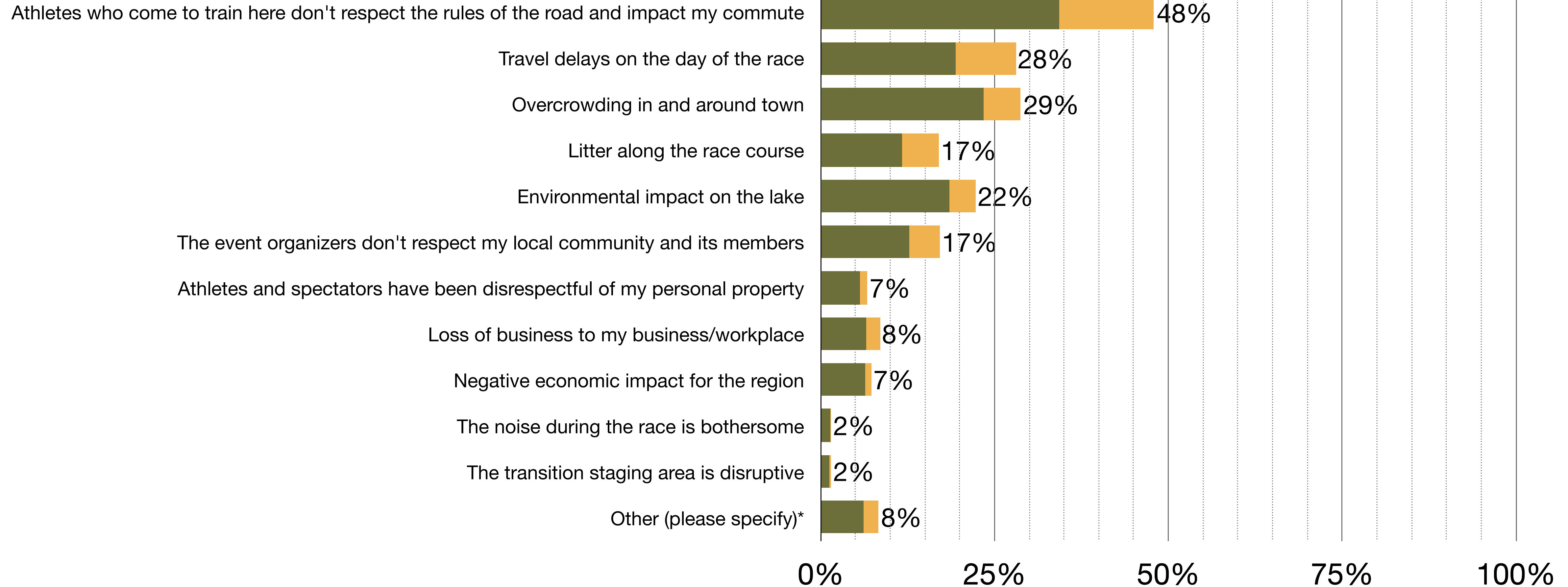
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Race Towns (Not on course)

■ Lake Placid ■ Jay, Keene, Upper Jay, Wilmington n=730

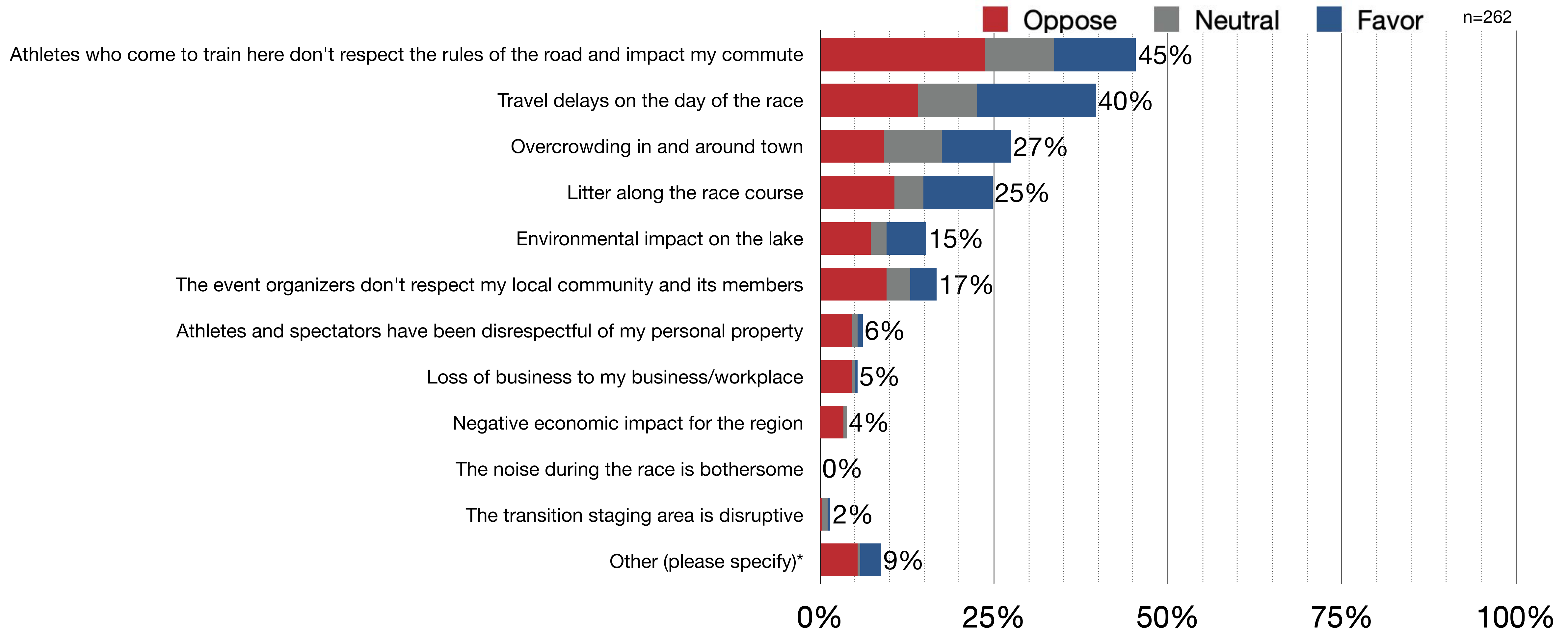


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Top detriments by segment

(Choose up to 3)

Regional



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What do you like about Ironman?

When asked to write what they like about Ironman, the four issues below were mentioned most often in the 1,315 written responses across all segments

23%

Feel the event has a positive economic impact for the region

“It’s a great event that brings in a lot of great tourism to our area that help local businesses.”

-Race Towns (On course)
12997

14%

Enjoy the fun, inspirational atmosphere that comes with the race

“The energy that is brought. The village is humming all week. I love that”

-Race Towns (Not on course)
12946

11%

Find value in being around a high level competitive environment

“Athletes competing and fulfilling their goals. Doing their best and inspiring others to do their best.”

-Regional
12983

7%

Mentioned the race increases travel to the area

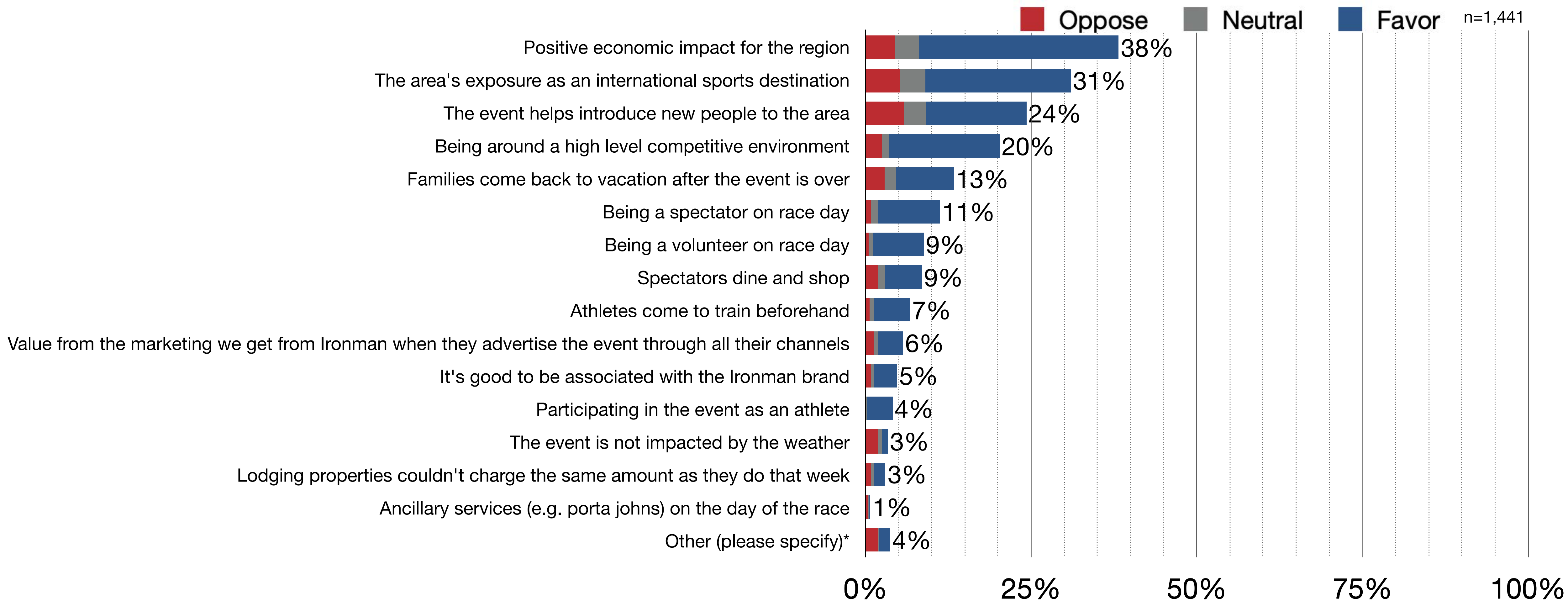
“It helps attract people to the area generally, not specifically for the race. Town name recognition”

-Race Towns (On course)
12946

Top benefits by segment

(Choose up to 3)

All respondents

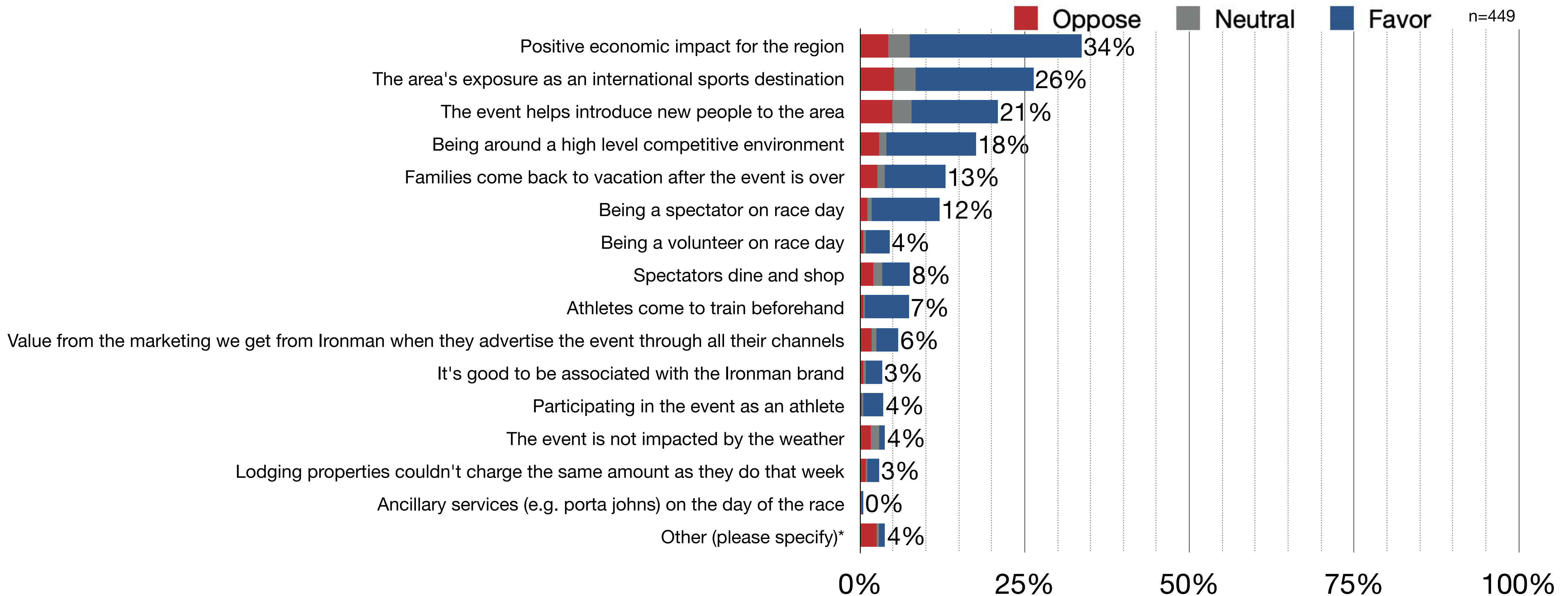


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Top benefits by segment

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Race Towns (On course)

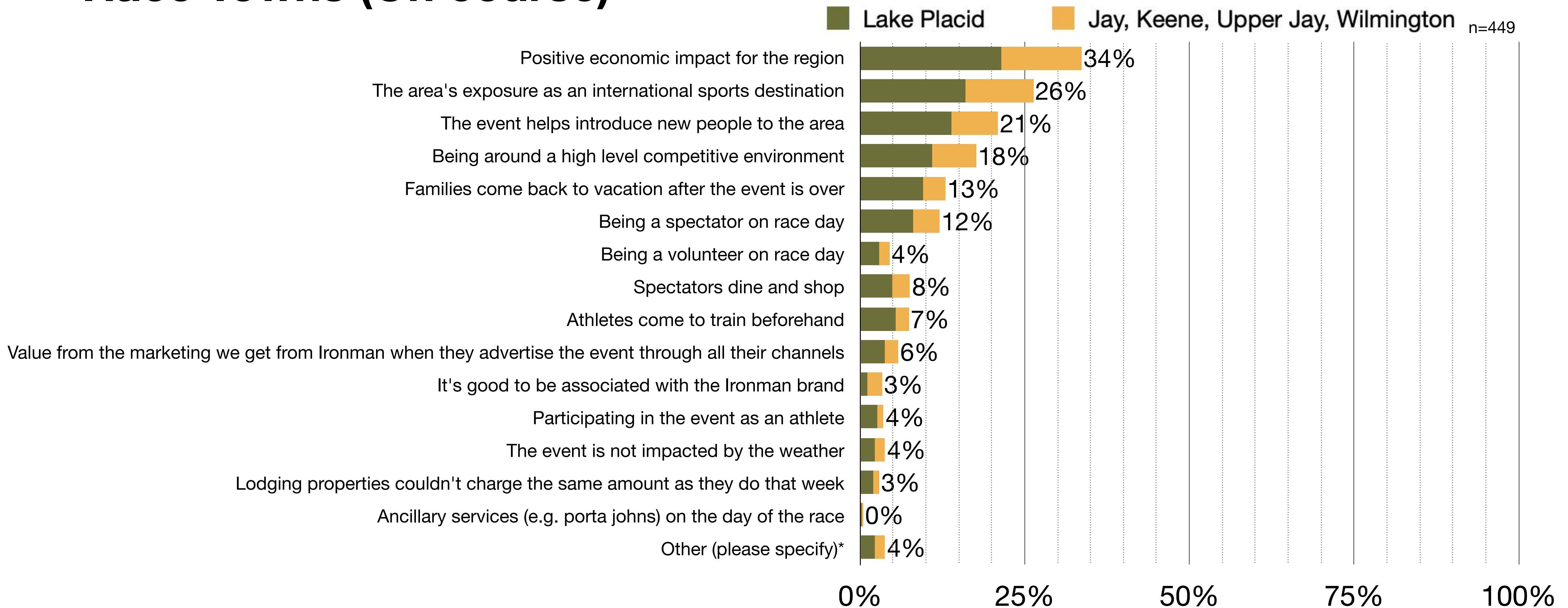


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Top benefits by segment

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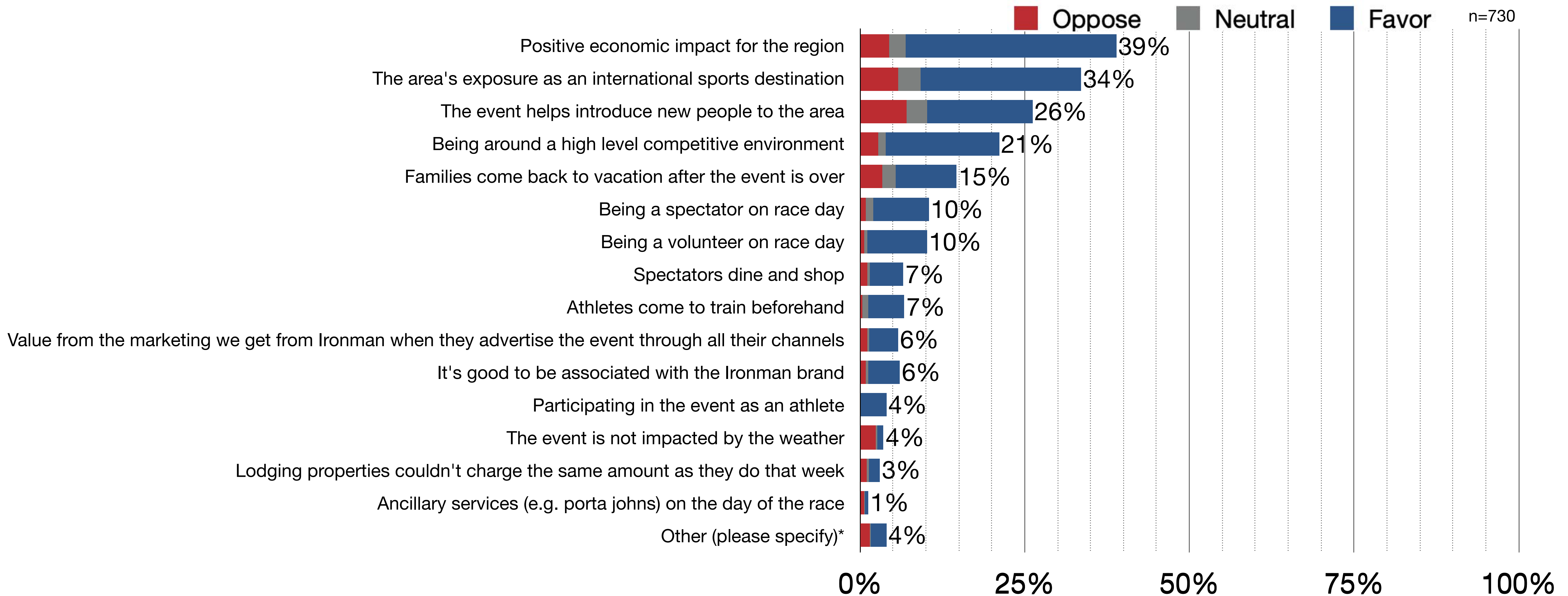


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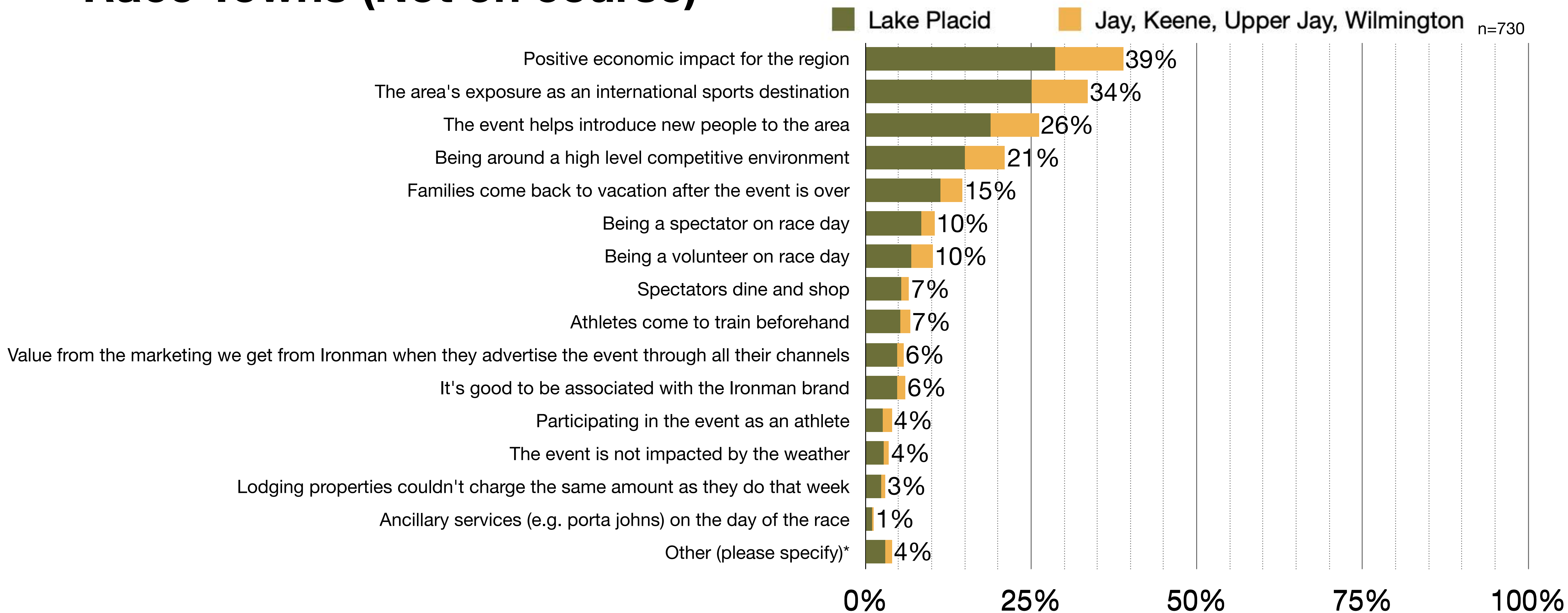


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Top benefits by segment

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Race Towns (Not on course)

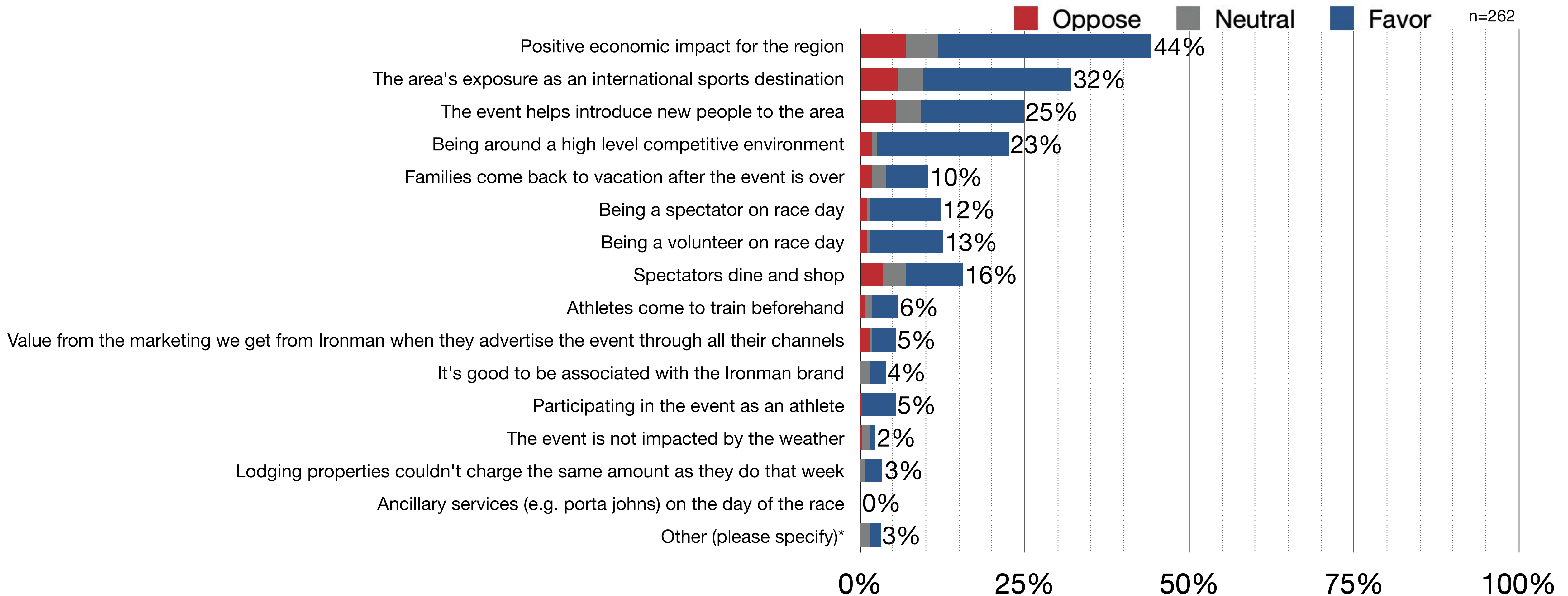


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Top benefits by segment

(Choose up to 3)

Regional



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Training leading up to the race

When asked to write about their experiences regarding athletes training leading up to the Ironman race, the four issues below were mentioned most often in the 1,315 written responses across all segments

26%

Believe the athletes who come to train here don't respect the rules of the road

“Very disruptive to traffic riding 2,3 and even 4 abreast as they train. Seem to think that they don’t have to follow road rules like everyone else. “

-Race Towns (On course)
12942

22%

Mentioned most or all of their experiences are positive

“I feel athletes are respectful, they will sit and chat with you and you can tell they genuinely love our town”

-Race Towns (Not on course)
12946

18%

Feel that the athletes are disrespectful or entitled

“Many are selfish and obnoxious, behaving as though they are special individuals, and above behaving with common courtesy”

-Race Towns (Not on course)
12997

15%

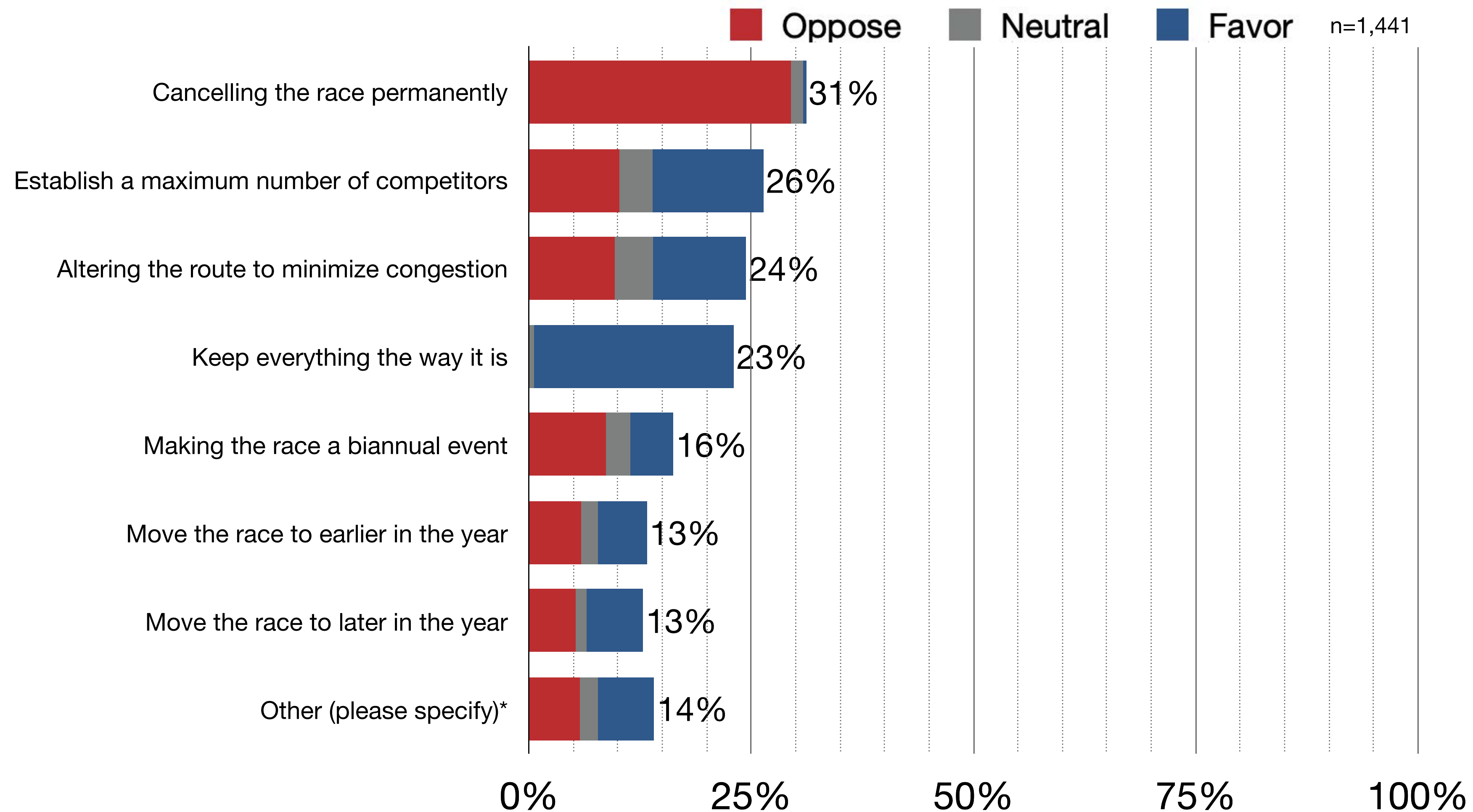
Say they think the athletes training for Ironman creates a dangerous environment on our roads

“Dangerous road conditions. Notch is main thru-way for most locals to get to work and some bicyclist ride side by side.”

-Race Towns (Not on course)
12941

Supported changes by segment

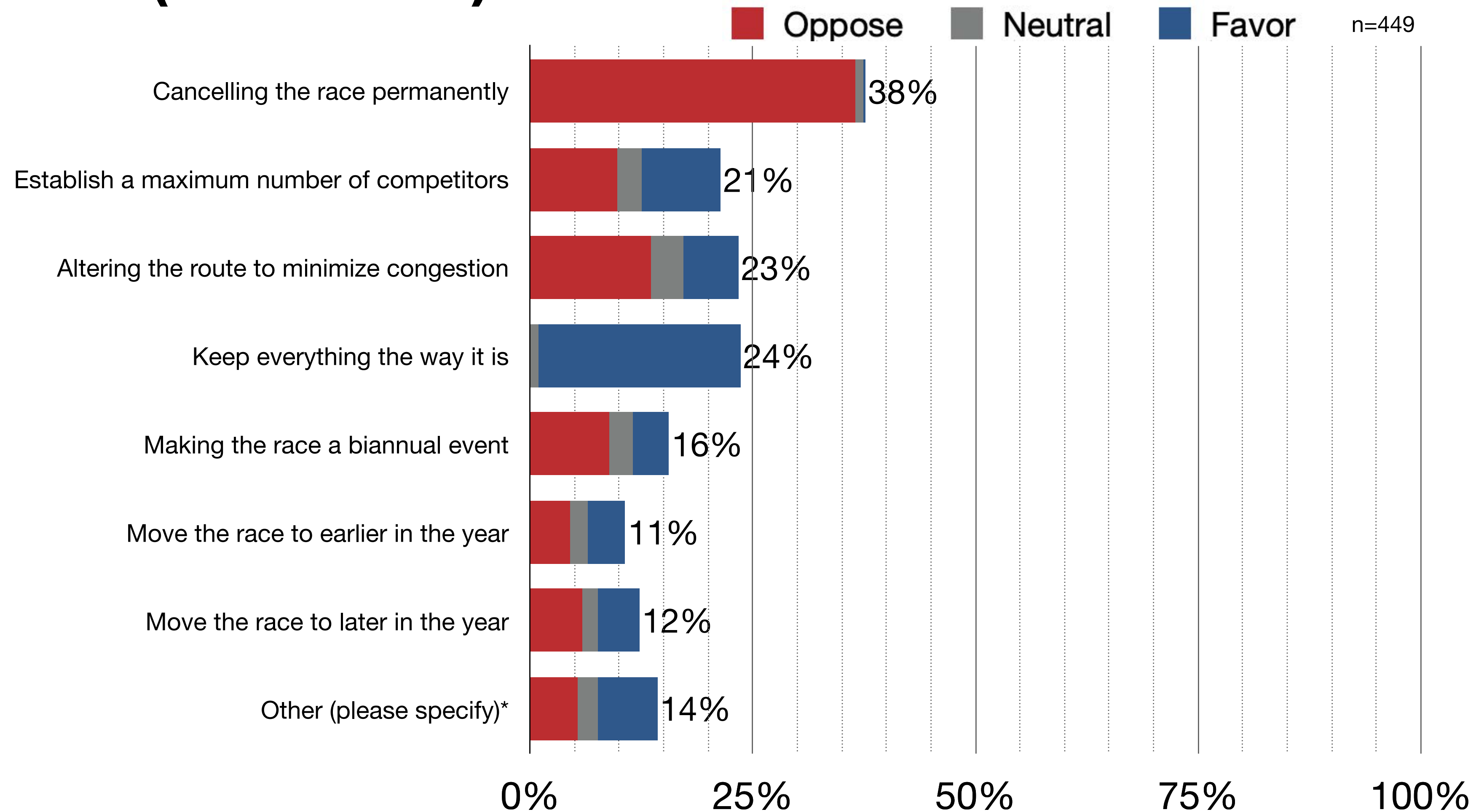
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Supported changes by segment

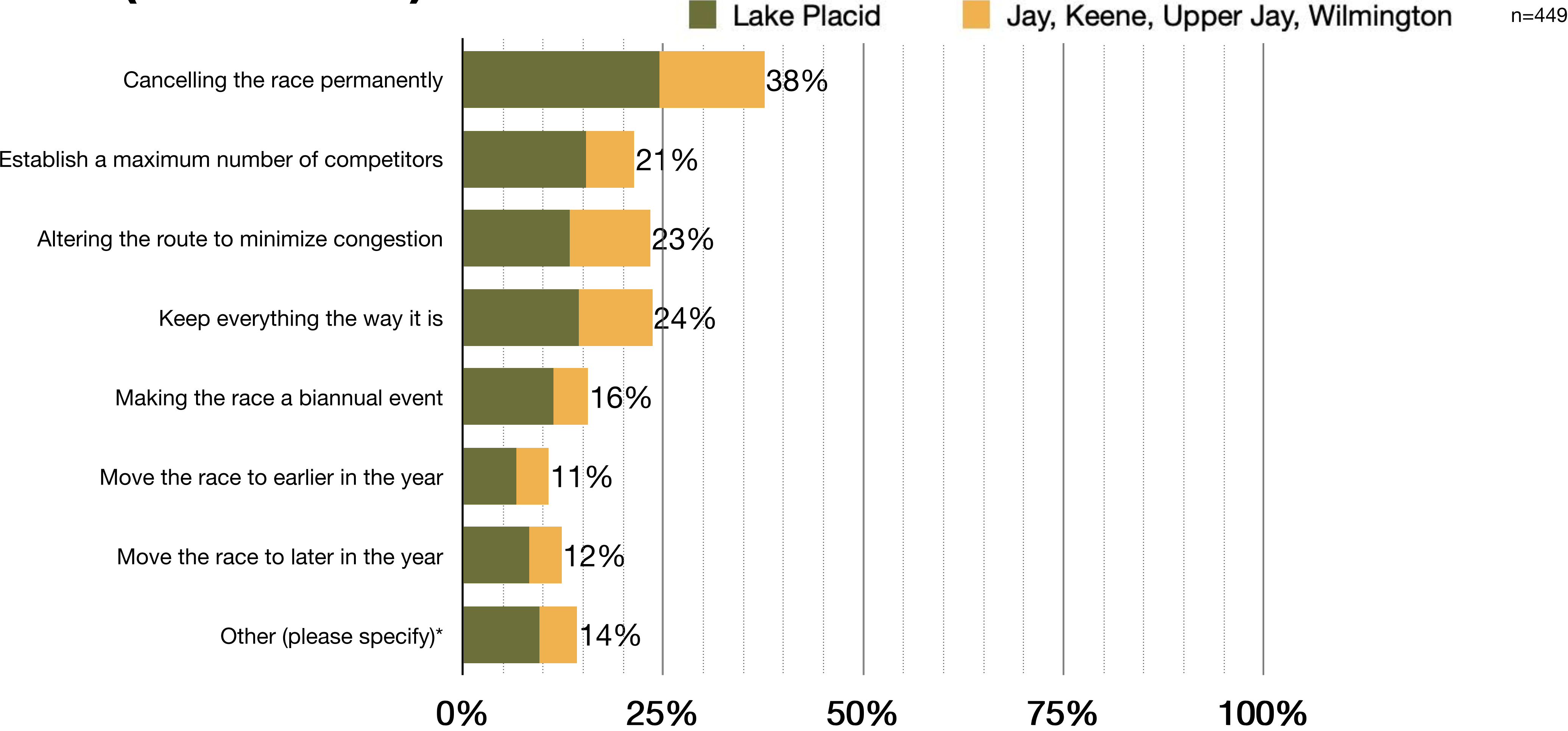
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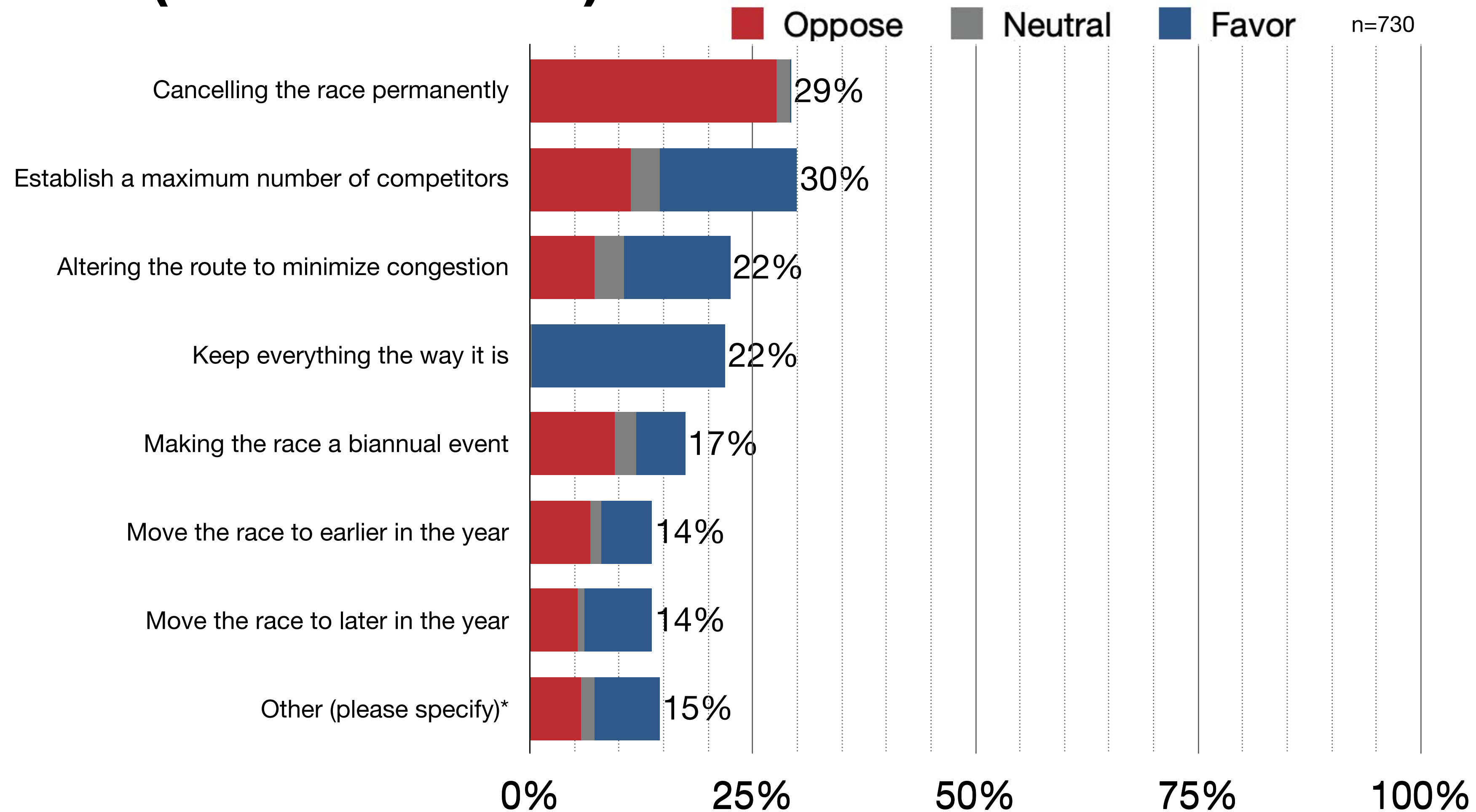
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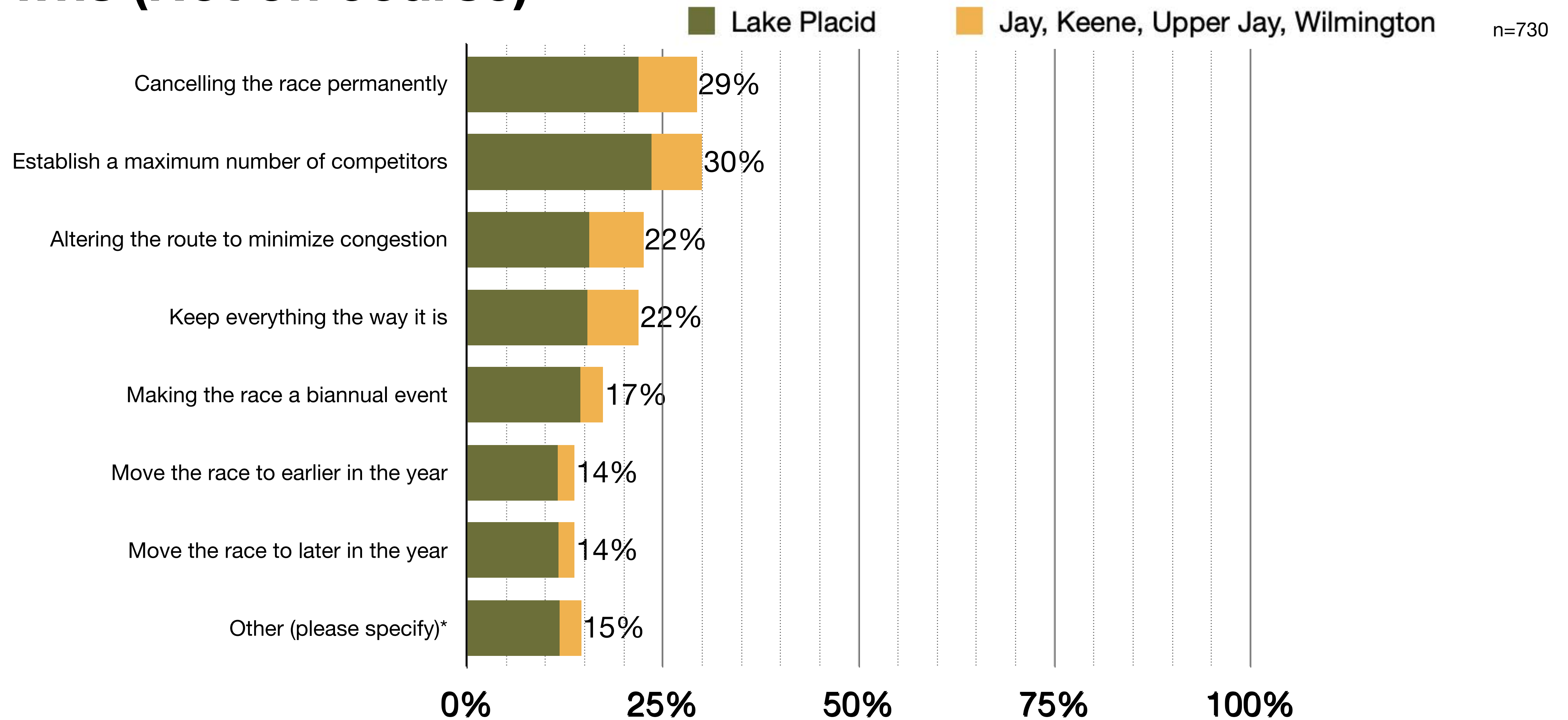
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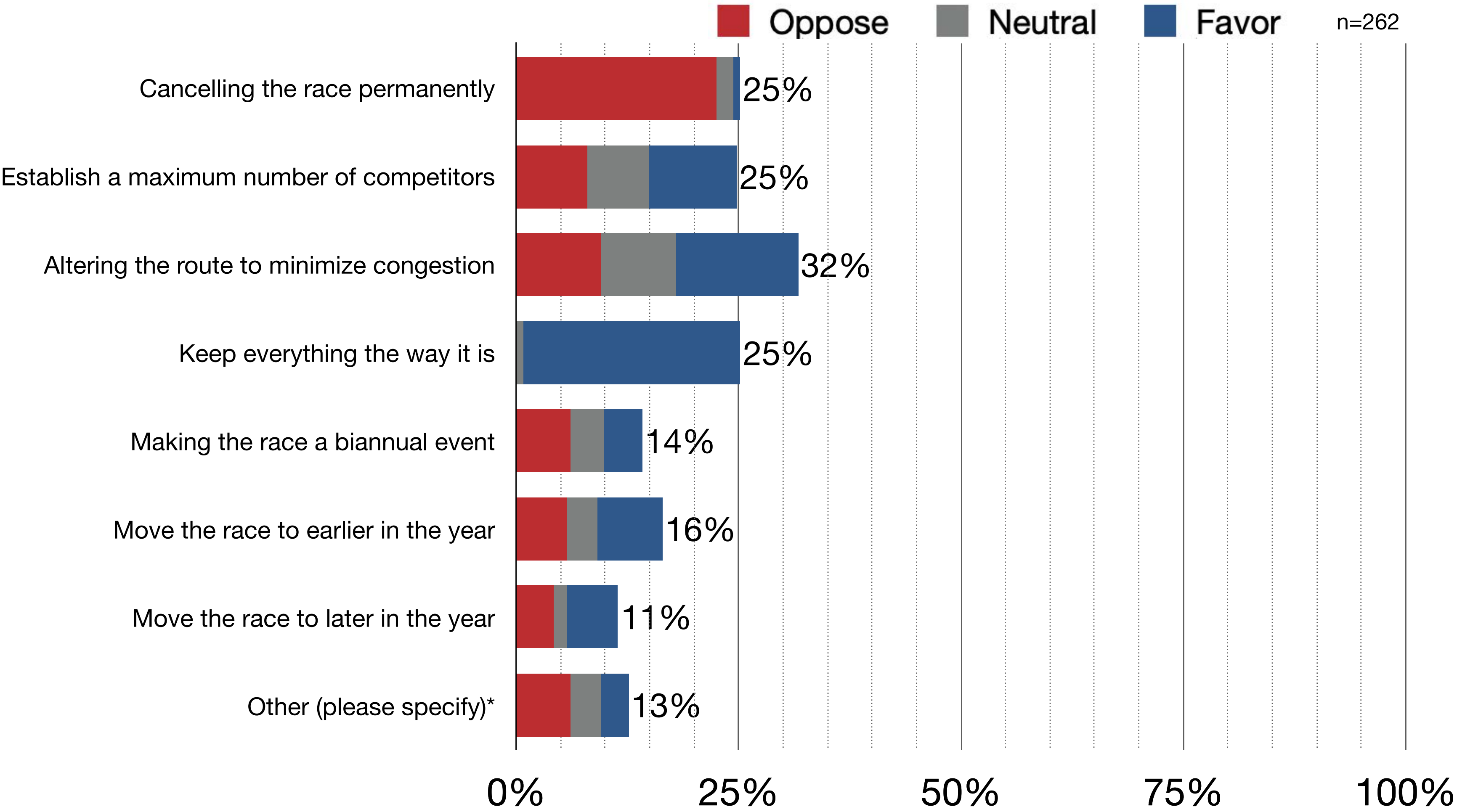
Race Towns (Not on course)



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Supported changes by segment

Regional



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Key findings

- The communities as a whole are 49% in favor of Ironman and 41% opposed.
- Locals living on the course are less supportive of the event than locals who do not live on the course.
- Locals who do not live on the course and regional residents had similar views of the event.
- Those who participated, volunteered, or spectated at the event were approximately 5 times more likely to support the race than those who have had no interaction with the event.
- Local business owners' overall favorability of Ironman is very similar to that of those that do not own their own business.
- The number one complaint amongst all respondents was athlete training in the weeks leading up to the event.
- Respondents felt that positive economic impact (38%) and the area's exposure as an international sports destination (31%) were the number one and number two benefits, respectively, of the event.
- Overall, 31% of respondents felt the race should be cancelled completely.
- The most popular supported changes, after cancelling the race, were centered around limiting the total number of competitors (26%) and altering the route to minimize congestion (24%).
- The opinions of Lake Placid residents are similar to those living in race towns outside of the village.

Likes

What do you like about Ironman? (Open-Ended Response)

Likes - Race Towns (On course)

- Nothing its such a head ache for us locals. Also as a first responder we have delayed times getting to the station due to the one way traffic. --- (12941)
- When they leave --- (12941)
- Shows great athletic abilities --- (12941)
- It brings business to the area - but honestly I still think that we would be busy in the summer without it --- (12941)
- Keeps this area on the world map. An exciting event in our own backyard. Great for local business and fun for residents --- (12941)
- It brings a lot of people who have higher incomes to our small communities where they they spend their time and money not just during race time but for months beforehand while they train. It also brings a huge sense of community support to all of the racers through volunteers and fans. I think it's a positive influence on our youth to see so many dedicated athletes both pros and weekend warriors accomplishing their dreams. --- (12941)
- nothing --- (12941)
- I like to swim on the course that is set up on Mirror Lake --- (12941)
- Dollars spent in Essex County --- (12941)
- I like the idea that Lake Placid and the surrounding communities are part of a larger effort to bring a wide variety of people into this area. I also appreciate that this event, and others, bring in money to our local businesses, lastly, large events like the Ironman Triathlon leverages other NYS resources for our area. --- (12941)
- Nothing --- (12941)
- It would be great if it was kept in Lake Placid and not effect other towns --- (12941)
- iconic race in a historic venue --- (12941)
- For the most part people are fine but there are a few who really ruined it for everyone else. When they were up there doing training trading for a breast of blocking traffic is quite selfish leaving their garbage their fecal material toilet paper all up and down the route is disgusting --- (12941)
- Honestly, nothing --- (12941)
- It is an iconic event that brings people in from all over the world --- (12941)
- Test of fitness --- (12941)
- It brings outdoor enthusiasts to the area. It brings business to restaurants, rentals, and hotels. It fits the areas history of having athletic competitions. --- (12941)

- Ironman and the Olympic history is part of what makes Lake Placid unique. --- (12941)
- Nothing --- (12941)
- I've done it --- (12941)
- It brings in a wider variety of people who possibly would not have gone through Jay to pass through. --- (12941)
- I love watching people execute their life dream here. It's inspiring to see the strong commitment and universal goals from people all over the world. It's an extra special event that showcases our amazing community spirit and love of athleticism. Other towns would die to have this kind of exposure and top tier event. It's a big event that makes this area unique and welcoming to outsiders. It also brings a lot of money to this area, not just on Ironman day itself, but throughout the year while the athletes are training. --- (12941)
- The enthusiasm it brings to the area for sport --- (12941)
- I think it is a great way to bring people from all over the world to share a place we love and care about --- (12941)
- I met my husband there while we were volunteering for body marking and wetsuit peeling 19 years ago. I also like the fact that it brings in a lot of revenue for local businesses, and it supports local organizations. --- (12941)
- Neutral, don't like or dislike --- (12941)
- In the early days it was a positive vibe. It has given the region some cache. --- (12941)
- Nothing --- (12941)
- Business for the businesses --- (12941)
- I enjoy the event and the people that participate. I find the athletes inspiring and I love supporting and cheering for them --- (12941)
- Having Lake Placid and ADK featured and promoted. --- (12941)
- Draws tourism dollars to the area --- (12941)
- Seeing the athletes compete in the Lake Placid region --- (12941)
- Everything. Have volunteered for years --- (12941)
- Athleticism --- (12941)
- I love everything about it --- (12942)
- This is another event that draws people to our area. --- (12942)
- The competitive nature that it brings to the area. --- (12942)
- National/international reputation that brings much-needed diversity into the region. Attracts business. Exciting to watch. Aligned with the reason I moved here - being outside and celebrating athleticism and resilience. --- (12942)
- I like that it brings a group of people that otherwise might not come to the area (ie, something other than hiking!). I like that it helps support bike friendly roads in the area. I like the business that it brings, on event day and throughout the year with training, etc. I like that it continues the Lake Placid area tradition of being the host of international

quality sporting events. The 1980 olympics are not very relevant to people under 40 and we need things that continue the athletic reputation of the area. --- (12942)

- Nothing-excessive in all respects --- (12942)

- It brings health conscious people to the area. I live in Keene and very much enjoy seeing runners and bikers on my way to work. I have lived both in Lake Placid and in Keene and have lived directly on the Ironman route in both locations. Over 10 years!! And have never had an issue with Ironman, the competitors or people practicing in the months leading up to the race. I also think that ironman is a great motivation for people, especially youth --- (12942)

- It's active nature --- (12942)

- Nothing --- (12942)

- It brings attention to our beautiful area in a very positive way. It is exciting and fun to attend. --- (12942)

- The energy is fun, and beyond that Ironman brings both money and warm bodies to the region. --- (12942)

- Nothing --- (12942)

- Economic benefit. Watching cyclists role through Keene. --- (12942)

- Community of Athletes, tourism, energy that it brings to the community --- (12942)

- I love the fun atmosphere of the event, the reputation it provides our area as a destination for athletes (increasing people people were not born for the 1980 Olympics!), I like the funds it provides the towns, as well as the light it shines on our community as a great place to visit, live, train etc. --- (12942)

- It's active nature. --- (12942)

- Influx of guests --- (12942)

- Not much --- (12942)

- Nothing --- (12942)

- I have volunteered in Iron man for years.... It motivates and brings energy to the area to say nothing of the financial benefits --- (12942)

- It has run its course but the detriments have outdated any positive --- (12942)

- I can't say I like anything about Ironman LP --- (12942)

- It brings a lot of good people into the area, gives a boost to the area's economy, then cleans up after itself and goes home for a year! --- (12942)

- Nothing --- (12942)

- Nothing it's extremely disruptive. --- (12942)

- Nothing --- (12942)

- Nothing --- (12942)

- The road improvements --- (12942)

- Nothing --- (12942)

- I think the event is good for the economy of the area. It also brings people together to volunteer. --- (12942)

- Not much --- (12942)
- Nothing --- (12942)
- Nothing --- (12942)
- Nothing really comes to mind --- (12942)
- Nothing --- (12942)
- World class event that brings attention to Lake Placid. --- (12946)
- I like that most of the people are intelligent, polite, attractive, fit and affluent. That seems to be what a vocal minority in Lake Placid find irritating. Envy induces jealousy and anger, --- (12946)
- Not much --- (12946)
- Not much really. All the good business that comes would come from tourists here in their place who are actually here to spend money. --- (12946)
- The entire event for what it represents to the athletes and community --- (12946)
- Nothing. --- (12946)
- It helps our business and inspires people --- (12946)
- The atmosphere on the actual day. People cheering, encouraging. Ect --- (12946)
- I love its legacy and the environment it creates, one of community! It is an event that has its roots in Lake Placid and those roots have grown so deep that it will be very difficult to remove/erase! --- (12946)
- Community, influx of tourism to support local businesses, a great atmosphere --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- I love the people it brings to town and how much they enjoy being here. I know many competitors, some being the professionals, and every single one makes a comment on how much they love IMLP. It's one of my favorite days of work every year having all of the support families and friends come in and hearing all of the amazing stories of why athletes started competing. --- (12946)
- We are a sports minded town and it is great to have the notoriety in having it here. --- (12946)
- I feel like sporting events are part of the fabric of lp --- (12946)
- Athletes are an integral part of the Placid community --- (12946)
- Nothing, it has worn out its welcome! --- (12946)
- The people, the healthy lifestyle of triathlon, the challenge of the event and how it meshes with the area's sports background, how much business it brings from participants year-round. --- (12946)
- I used to like when they donated to the Village. Now we pay them?? --- (12946)
- It is fun and provides a forced holiday at an otherwise crazy time --- (12946)
- I like having the swim course On mirror lake to use throughout the summer --- (12946)
- The swim course --- (12946)
- brings a boost to the economy --- (12946)

- I love the positive energy it brings to the area. I also have done the race 4 times. It helps with the economical development of the area brings these people back around to ride the course or just a visit and stay many end up buying houses in this area just a positive all the way around --- (12946)
- Good for local business --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- There is nothing I like about ironman --- (12946)
- Not a damn thing. Brings to many people that have a god complex because they do this race. --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- Sense of pride hosting IronMan, this town is built in tourism and IronMan provides for that. I moved to lake Placid because of IronMan a d. Ow live there full time and joined the volunteer fire department. I host many friends and relatives because of IronMan and a a result spend lots of my hard earned money in town. I love that we are a physically active touristy and sporty town. Gives me great pride to live there from all the events we host. Without it would be a mistake. What's next getting rid of the horse show? It may be Inconvenient for a day for some but I feel the benefits of hosting it far outweigh any negatives. --- (12946)
- I like the the town hosts an event that promotes health and being outdoors. --- (12946)
- The positive image of this event for locals and others --- (12946)
- It brings in business to Lake Placid --- (12946)
- Volunteer at aid station when I can --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- Good exposure for the village and region as well as good boost to local economy --- (12946)
- Healthy inspiration for our children. Fun atmosphere. Mostly nice people. Economic impact --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- Little --- (12946)
- nothing --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- recognition for the area --- (12946)
- Hard to say... I guess it's good exposure for the town? --- (12946)
- nothing --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- The week leading up to the event - volunteering for the event - enjoy the spirit of race day --- (12946)
- I like that it brings people and their friends & family here and come back to train and enjoy the region. --- (12946)
- It helps the economy --- (12946)

- Keeps Lake Placid in the summer sports --- (12946)
- Since 1932 Lake Placid has been hosting the most prestigious competitions. It is who we are and it is what we do --- (12946)
- brings visitors to area --- (12946)
- HA no comment --- (12946)
- It brings people who might not come here otherwise --- (12946)
- I like that my children see active and fit adults as good role models for exercise and healthy living. --- (12946)
- Brings business to the area --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- The clean up crew does a great job --- (12946)
- Lake Placid is the site of the longest running Ironman triathlon in North America apart from the Ironman World Championship. It would be nice to see the legacy continue with some changes & improvements. --- (12946)
- Exciting to watch athletes, love to cheer them on --- (12946)
- Ironman needs to go away! As a person who has to TRY to get around town to work that day, it is next to impossible to do anything! Most of the Ironman contestants are rude and entitled! --- (12946)
- Literally nothing, tramples all over placid. Tips go down and residents suffer with the most ridiculous congestion ever. We close the restaurant during it because it's so bad. --- (12946)
- Race day is inspiring. Especially the finish. --- (12946)
- that it gives so many people with such diverse backgrounds a chance to fulfill a dream --- (12946)
- The event is what Lake Placid is all about. We are a sports destination. They love it here and we need them --- (12946)
- Revenue --- (12946)
- Most of the people are very nice and respectful. Often they come to train in slower season --- (12946)
- The excitement --- (12946)
- It puts Lake Placid on the map. It's unique. --- (12946)
- Added visibility to the region, increased visitors, a major sporting event to add credibility to our town's sporting legacy, off- season visitors for training, competitors returning for non-Ironman visits --- (12946)
- Brings year round tourism, wealthy visitors --- (12946)
- It fits perfectly with the Lake Placid brand. --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- Highlights some of what makes the area so great. --- (12946)

- It's a wonderful community event. The temporary disruption and inconveniences are minor compared to the benefits. --- (12946)
- nothing anymore. --- (12946)
- The exposure it gives to Lake Placid as a beautiful area for summer AND winter activities --- (12946)
- Not much at all now They have changed hands and looking for money It's not friendly anymore --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- event activity that attracts visitors --- (12946)
- Good for the village shop keepers restaurants --- (12946)
- Everything. The event is one of the most inspirational things I've ever experienced. --- (12946)
- There isn't really anything I like about the event, but respect that others do enjoy it. --- (12946)
- not a single thing --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- The publicity around the race makes people more aware of the Adirondacks and the Adirondack Park. The race brings people to the Lake Placid area. Although most of these visitors are focused on preparing for the race and the race itself, a few of them may become interested in the natural beauty of the Adirondacks. --- (12946)
- Nothing! --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- The energy, people, and commerce it brings to the area consistently year after year --- (12946)
- Not a damn thing! --- (12946)
- Revenue brought into town. Helps reinforce Lake Placid as a sports and entertainment destination. Strongly aligned with the ADK ideals - being outdoors, running / biking / hiking / swimming / etc. --- (12946)
- In the begining I enjoyed the energy of the event --- (12946)
- The type of event fits the Lake Placid persona of being active, ultimate athleticism like the Olympics, good people. --- (12946)
- I believe it brings a special flavor and energy to the village, I consistently hear from visitors that it is very exciting that we host an Ironman here. They are also amazed by the logistics of the race. So it is not only exciting for those that participate in Ironman but all summer visitors are intrigued by the race. --- (12946)
- It brings so much to our community! Not only financial but far more. We are part time residents in the beautiful Adirondacks and also down near Philadelphia. Lake Placid is well known in the close south as the Iron Man sponsor. This has encouraged my friends

and family to seek out ways to visit the area. I think it would be devastating to take this title from our amazing town!! --- (12946)

- Athletes, people, happy --- (12946)

- It is a nationally recognized event --- (12946)

- The people. I like how much they appreciate our area. I like that they spend money here year round. --- (12946)

- Ironman is go at introducing people to our region --- (12946)

- Lake Placid is a sporting destination. Ironman is part of that identity for Lake Placid. Start taking that away, and you start chipping away at what defines Lake Placid, and at the economic benefits alot of us have enjoyed. If someone wants to live in a sleepy town with no crazy weekends, there's plenty of dying towns they can go live in. --- (12946)

- I am a triathlete and compete in Ironmans. I like that Ironman attracts athletes from across the US to come to the area, train and spend time here (and therefore invest in local businesses). I think as an event, Ironman and Ironman athletes are less disruptive than other large events held in Lake Placid. --- (12946)

- Everything. Super fun event. --- (12946)

- Ironman village --- (12946)

- Most people are nice and appreciative... --- (12946)

- Absolutely nothing. Locals are pushed out so people with money can cone and trash and destroy the beautiful town we live in. We arent even allowed to use our own roads and are forced out of town for the day so a crowd of ungrateful people can watch another crowd of ungrateful people run through a finish line covered in there own shit and piss --- (12946)

- Coming out and watching/cheering on the locals who are racing. Meaning people who live in the area and are a part of the surrounding communities. --- (12946)

- Not much. Some of the business it brings --- (12946)

- The wonderful people I have met over the past 22 years. --- (12946)

- Nothing --- (12946)

- Fun to watch, great for local economy --- (12946)

- Economic boost --- (12946)

- Nothing --- (12946)

- I won't miss it --- (12946)

- I love everything about it. The althetes are amazing. The althete stories, families, and energy are amazing. I moved to Lake Placid because of Ironman. The community of fitness and health and outdoors all go together. --- (12946)

- The survey has pigeon holed me already by the 'part time' question. Last year i spent 10 out of 12 months in LP...for 33 years coming every month- 52 weekends of the year. It seems the town now collapses under the strain of ironman. The town can't sustain it. If it could, parking wouldn't be an issue, staffing in restaurants wouldn't be an issue.

Airbnb has successfully removed the teenaged workers....families have left town. Nicely done. Not. --- (12946)

- not much --- (12946)

- Encourages fitness, exercise, and brings tourism and a lot of money to our community! --- (12946)

- It brings people to the area for wholesome activity. In the first few years, it was exciting to watch and participate in the event. --- (12946)

- The atmosphere. The income to the town. The appreciative people. The wholesomeness of the event. --- (12946)

- The energy --- (12946)

- We are located on Mirror Lake drive and shutdown for most of Sunday with the run going in front of our house 4 times and the bike 2 times. I like it adds to the mystique of Lake Placid being an Olympic town with top athletic events. I like it because it brings 3,000 +/- athletes plus their families and followers many to be exposed to lake Placid for the first time. It is also not for just that weekend for they come before to train and afterwards to vacation with their families. It would be tragic and short sighted for this community to not have Ironman. --- (12946)

- Nothing really --- (12946)

- Very little. Over the years Ironman has become a money-making machine for the organizers (owners of the event) they used to appreciate this community. It's insane that we have to pay out in excess of \$100k per year to some Chinese company. The real winners are not the athletes but the wealthy hotel and real estate owners. The residents gain very little. --- (12946)

- I used to love Ironman and it's crowd. Having the event here year after year has lost its spark for me. --- (12946)

- I am so inspired by greatness These athletes are friendly and considerate We see increased sales during this event It's a great way to market our community to the world --- (12946)

- Economic boost for the local retail / hotel / restaurants. --- (12946)

- It helps attract people to the area generally, not specifically for the race. Town name recognition --- (12946)

- Atmosphere it creates in town. It is just buzzing with energy. --- (12946)

- Nothing. --- (12946)

- Nothing --- (12946)

- The spirit of people coming together and showcasing the area --- (12946)

- The people that come into town all year and all summer long and the longest race in North America --- (12946)

- Nothing. --- (12946)

- Nothing --- (12946)

- The financial impact. The quality of people it brings to Lake Placid. --- (12946)

- \$\$\$\$ --- (12946)
- While we understand many do not like the event since it causes the town to shut down for one Sunday a year, the energy it brings to the area, and the business it brings in during the months leading up to the event should not be taken for granted. --- (12946)
- nothing --- (12946)
- The excitement it brings to our town. I like that it brings revenue to the business owners. --- (12946)
- Ironman is the best. It's a very small inconvenience for how much benefit it brings our community. Please don't get rid of it because other residents are grumpy the roads get temporality closed. --- (12946)
- Financial support Bringing people and athletes together --- (12946)
- The business and publicity it brings to the town and region. --- (12946)
- sporting event with wide geographical draw for community of Lake Placid --- (12946)
- I think it's great for the participants themselves if that's what they are in to. I'm not against the sport. They obviously have to do it somewhere. --- (12946)
- The positive energy, having a marked swim lane line in Mirror Lake throughout the summer for locals to do safe open water swimming. --- (12946)
- Enjoyable to watch --- (12946)
- It fits the community image as a sports capitol --- (12946)
- It does three things: It showcases Lake Placid as a desirable destination, it brings in repeat business both before and after the event, It is predictable and ensures that the weekend will be at full capacity regardless of the weather. --- (12946)
- Family feeling --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- Not a single thing --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- It used to be a fun event. No just about Ironman making money. --- (12946)
- The race itself is fun to watch. The overall feel of race day is inspiring. --- (12946)
- Absolutely nothing. They do not bring any profit into town. Only to the hotels. --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- Action it offers --- (12946)
- The athletics --- (12946)
- It's brings great business to the area and people. It's a win/win --- (12946)
- I do like the global recognition for the town. --- (12946)
- Very little --- (12946)
- People, vib, the action,makes me want to be better --- (12946)
- The business it brings my job --- (12946)
- Not much --- (12946)

- The atmosphere on race day and the business it brings. --- (12946)
- The money it brings to local businesses. --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- Nothing! --- (12946)
- Healthy influence --- (12946)
- nothing --- (12946)
- Nothing, I like going on vacation for a week to get away from those assholes. Bring events where the guests spend real money, not just rent houses and pay for overpriced hotel rooms. --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- watching the athletes --- (12946)
- The atmosphere --- (12946)
- Motivational impact it has on people --- (12946)
- Nice event that brings people into town. --- (12946)
- Nothing anymore --- (12946)
- Community coming together to support individuals committed to a daunting task. It is inspirational. --- (12946)
- If it was a different route --- (12946)
- Voluntering --- (12946)
- When it's over --- (12946)
- The willingness of the volunteers to spend the day working the race. A race that makes tons of money, while they volunteer out of the goodness of their hearts. --- (12946)
- It's great for business, and clean event, nice people. Have a small rental, and love ironman --- (12946)
- The support people --- (12946)
- Spirit, energy --- (12946)
- The competition --- (12946)
- Brings in first time visitors on a regular basis --- (12946)
- Different people from all over --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- Nothing anymore --- (12946)
- I like the cultural and social benefits of people from different areas interacting and working towards a common outcome. --- (12946)
- The positive effect on sports and recreational spending in the village and the immediate area --- (12946)
- Cool energy in the town; history of the event and its tie to Lake Placid --- (12946)
- The economic growth for the community --- (12946)
- I have always left town and not seen it. But I saw one in another town and liked the excitement. --- (12946)

- Very motivational --- (12946)
- Watching them go by my house --- (12946)
- I am a former participant and longtime volunteer. The event has become a tradition and is a means to bring revenue to the area, not just day of race but in the months leading up to the event. LP is one of the unique IM venues where participants can train on the course in the months leading up to the event. To me, LP is a community that exemplifies health, fitness, and the beauty of the outdoors. IM has always been a great fit. --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- It used to be a wonderful event for our locals to watch, volunteer, welcome athletes from out of town. It has become too big for our town and athletes and their families are not using lake placid as a vacation destination but instead another race. --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- Exciting event and encourages community engagement to support athletes coming into the area for the event. --- (12946)
- The community that surrounds the Ironman --- (12946)
- It is an amazing event that brings in visitors from all over the world that exposes our small community to a very diverse group. It also celebrates people of all ages and walks of life who have decided to challenge themselves with fulfilling the commitment of preparing for and participating in an Ironman Triathlon. Their stories are interesting and often poignant. --- (12946)
- A wonderful event that excites the community and puts Lake Placid on the map. Lots of additional visitors to our region --- (12946)
- nothing --- (12946)
- In a day and age, where obesity, depression, and suicide are at all time highs, it seems like a no-brainer to promote a healthy sporty accomplishment. It is not just an event to promote, but a healthy balance lifestyle. --- (12946)
- Boosts the economy --- (12946)
- Energy and people it brings to town --- (12946)
- Nothing anymore! --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- It brings business to town. --- (12946)
- Brings tourism to Placid and surrounding towns --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- Not much now --- (12946)
- The people are nice --- (12946)
- The challenge --- (12946)
- Mostly friendly people --- (12946)

- That such a significant athletic event can be hosted here, the appreciation received from most of the athletes and the comradery that the volunteers share to help pull off the event. --- (12946)
- A lot of community spirit. It is great for our economy. --- (12946)
- The athletes and the community coming together to volunteer for the race. --- (12946)
- They bring a small amount of business to the area --- (12946)
- Gives great exposure to the community and many families come back for vacation. --- (12946)
- It supports the town financially --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- I neither like or dislike it --- (12946)
- The people, excitement, and publicity it brings in, not just in July, but all year. It keeps Lake Placid talked about and visited constantly. Ironman also pairs well with our Olympic history and culture. --- (12946)
- I enjoy having athletic events in town. --- (12946)
- nothing-period! --- (12946)
- I like the energy that Ironman brings to our town. I know some people are "over it" but I really like the event as it makes (some) people feel inspired. --- (12946)
- Increased business during the week leading up, but as the years have gone on it's been getting less and less for the small organic store I work at. --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- I like the race overall. I'm on the run and bike route and have always enjoyed watching the race and cheering on the athletes. I think it brings great revenue to town. --- (12946)
- More tourists - more money for locals. --- (12946)
- The athletes and families are so excited to come here and compete. --- (12946)
- Not much --- (12946)
- I love the energy on race day, cheering for locals that participate, and spirit it brings to the town before and after the race. --- (12946)
- Nothing. I think the majority of the competitors are self-centered. I know of many full-time residents who have been told "If it wasn't for us (Ironman) Lake Placid would be nothing." This is the furthest from the truth. Our town was a great tourist town before this big event started. The tourist that came were normal tourist who were happy to be here and shopped Main Street, went out to dinner and enjoyed themselves. Ironman people are here just for the event and the event itself is very disruptive to the entire area, Lake Placid, Keene, Jay, and Wilmington for months. --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- Brings world class event status to LP. It is inspirational for the locals. It is FUN --- (12946)
- NA --- (12946)

- Positive economic impact. Promotes the Adirondack region overall for other times of the year. Attracts other large-scale events to the region. --- (12946)
- Brings a diverse set of individuals to LP to train as well as compete. They come back with their families and look forward to the other activities that LP offers --- (12946)
- Nothing comes to mind --- (12946)
- its a reason to take a trip out of lake placid during peak season --- (12946)
- I liked everything about Ironman when it first came to town. The athletes were appreciative and Ironman gave back more to the community. --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- It's been here too long. At first it was a fun event with GREAT people. Now LP does just fine with regular tourism no need for large events. --- (12946)
- brings people to Lake Placid --- (12946)
- Human accomplishment --- (12946)
- Part of the image of the region --- (12946)
- Seeing all the competitors in town and in the lake swimming inspiring. Have met many people who've been introduced to Lake Placid because of the event. --- (12946)
- The race itself and the tradition of it in Lake Placid. --- (12946)
- Inspirational and economic benefits --- (12946)
- Nothing really --- (12987)
- My children seem to enjoy it --- (12987)
- The idea of the personal challenge. --- (12987)
- The race day is exciting! The cyclists pass by my house and we sometimes volunteer at the aid station. --- (12987)
- 20+ years ago, before social media existed, it introduced me to endurance sports for highly competitive people with too much disposable income. I always like to learn about new things. --- (12987)
- Very little --- (12987)
- Nothing --- (12987)
- nothing --- (12987)
- NOTHING! --- (12987)
- It is great to have world class athletic events in the area --- (12987)
- The boost to the economy via local businesses, especially with hotels & restaurants. The event also puts LP/the adks on the map to potential future visitors --- (12987)
- I think it adds to our reputation as a mecca for elite athletes. --- (12987)
- That it brings recognition to this area --- (12987)
- Lake Placid has a long history of world-class athletic competitions and Ironman adds to that. Top athletes from around the region come here to compete. This helps keep Lake Placid relevant and "on the map". --- (12987)
- not only the excitement leading up to the event but the people it brings year round to the area --- (12997)

- Seeing people from all over. --- (12997)
- This is a very active area and Iron Man is famous here and it's wonderful for the community so what if homeowners don't like it the business people need it --- (12997)
- Highly regarded event that brings revenue to town --- (12997)
- the cooperative spirit --- (12997)
- Love the business it brings into the area! Love to show off our beautiful area to so many guests --- (12997)
- the business --- (12997)
- ... --- (12997)
- The energy, optimism, and excitement brought to the area --- (12997)
- I think the Ironman brings a lot of positive press and many people to the area that would not otherwise come. These people end up returning and also telling others so it expands our visitor base. --- (12997)
- Nothing --- (12997)
- Nothing really --- (12997)
- Local athletes participating --- (12997)
- We like that it's well known and that it brings people from all over to the area to compete, spectate and enjoy this part of the Adirondacks. It's great for the economy and it's fun! --- (12997)
- That it does bring people to LAKE PLACID. --- (12997)
- Brings business to area --- (12997)
- I like that there is a big event here in town and I like the money it brings and do not think we should send it away. More needs to be done to take in the needs of locals. How am I suppose to make it to Smoke Signals for dinner service when all roads are closed. maybe change some of the routes and keep the wilmington route 86 notch open the whole time! also more police on roads keeping the road bikers in check in the weeks leading up to the event. The same rules of the road apply to the cyclist and they DO NOT FOLLOW THEM.... --- (12997)
- Nothing, adds no value to me, only disruptive dangerous road conditions prior to and during --- (12997)
- It is a weather proof event --- (12997)
- The donations they make to local organizations. --- (12997)
- Everything. It's a wonderful and very inspiring event that brings in a large amount of visitors. --- (12997)
- Nothing --- (12997)
- nothing --- (12997)
- Most competitors are pleasant and respectful --- (12997)
- Nothing at all! --- (12997)

- It's a fantastic way to put Lake Placid and the neighboring towns on the map! It's a boon to the local economy and a wonderful, healthy event for participants, their family, and friends! --- (12997)
- Support physical fitness and athletes achieving their goals. --- (12997)
- . --- (12997)
- Nothing --- (12997)
- It is an economic engine that brings tourism to the area. --- (12997)
- Not much. I find it to be a draw on local resources, a major disruption to local lives and the environment. --- (12997)
- That it helps small businesses in town --- (12997)
- Nothing, it's worn out its welcome. --- (12997)
- It's an iconic event that brings thousands of active and healthy visitors. I live on the bike course and LOVE cheering on the event course --- (12997)
- Everything! I enjoy having the people and athletes, the energy, and showcasing our area --- (12997)
- Nothing competitors & their families RUDE before, after race day --- (12997)
- It's a great event that brings in a lot of great tourism to our area that help local businesses. --- (12997)
- I think it has been an incredible event for many years, but it is time to move it elsewhere --- (12997)
- Nothing --- (12997)
- Seeing people give their all in competition. There are people from every level competing and it is nice to see everyone work so hard to achieve something. --- (12997)
- The event itself is very unique and fits into the active lifestyle of our area. --- (12997)
- Ironman introduces thousands of people to our amazing area. Ironman participants generally are not hikers, when they come to train they run and ride on our roads doing no environmental damage. We need diversity in our visitors, Ironman athletes are different from our campers, hikers, and leaf peepers. --- (12997)
- Absolutely nothing. They trash our area and are very disrespectful. --- (12997)
- Not much, if anything..... Perhaps a few people I have met who are involved, but many more involved ruin that for me --- (12997)
- Most visitors who come are usually very nice. --- (12997)
- Nothing --- (12997)
- Nothing --- (12997)
- The business it brings in and the social aspect. --- (12997)
- The economic impact, the additional visits participants make to the region to train and vacation. --- (12997)
- Healthy atmosphere for families brings money to our area --- (12997)
- I used to like it when it was new to the area. It started out exciting --- (12997)
- Brings people and money to the area. --- (12997)

- cyclist make using our roads extremely hazardous. Forcing cars into oncoming traffic. --- (12997)
- Nothing, I think its stayed way too long --- (12997)
- How the town comes alive during the event, how we can use the beauty of the area to showcase the town. Fans are so supportive its fun. --- (12997)
- Brings in monies to the area --- (12997)
- Media attention, influx of guests --- (12997)
- Nothing --- (12997)

Likes - Race Towns (Not on course)

- Nothing --- (12941)
- It's an outdoor exercise event that brings many people to the area year round. Lake Placid is an important triathlon destination. It brings people to my family's rental property and we also enjoy watching and participating in this event. --- (12941)
- It's a waste of our time and we have to put up with their arrogance --- (12941)
- I like that it promotes a healthy lifestyle. I like that it brings people from around the world and country to the high peaks region, not just for the weekend, but throughout the season for training as well. I like how the community rallies around this event as evidenced by the large number of volunteers and the success of the event in the past. --- (12941)
- Small business that during the event I employ 40-50 local people for the week they are in town. I kept my business local to help out other local businesses with IM profits. --- (12946)
- I admire the extreme athleticism --- (12941)
- There isn't much to like about a huge disruption for the entire community all so one person can say they won a race. --- (12941)
- Not a lot --- (12941)
- Cheering on the athletes. --- (12941)
- The energy of the day and the many people that it brings to the area. --- (12941)
- Benefits the local businesses. --- (12941)
- The money it brings to the community --- (12941)
- Nothing --- (12941)
- Competition, challenge, you have a few minutes of being a rock star at the finish. --- (12941)
- brings great people to our area to be exposed to what we have to offer --- (12941)
- Good for businesses in the community, brings attention to our area and draws in visitors --- (12941)
- Brings money into the local tourist economy! --- (12941)
- i think it brings money into the towns. --- (12941)
- It's exciting to have world class athletes partaking in such a prestigious event --- (12941)
- Ironman in Lake Placid provides a variety of locations for athletes to train and compete, as well as bringing an economic boost to the area. --- (12941)
- It brings notoriety to our area in terms of vacationers and advertisers --- (12941)
- There are no benefits to me. --- (12941)
- It provides positive recognition for the Lake Placid area and provides additional business revenue. --- (12941)
- Health and fitness --- (12941)

- Exposure to the area by bringing in many people that wouldn't normally come to area. --- (12941)
- Public Attention/Notoriety --- (12941)
- The attention it brings to the area. --- (12941)
- Exciting, great local volunteer support, improves LP's international reputation. --- (12941)
- Attention it brings to area --- (12941)
- People recreating outside --- (12941)
- Watching the athletes --- (12941)
- Inspirational to watch and celebrate elite (and "regular") athletes who have worked so hard for the experience. --- (12941)
- The possibility of economic resources being brought into our communities --- (12941)
- It doesn't affect me one way or the other. --- (12941)
- Nothing --- (12941)
- It brings people to the area who then spend money, not just in the days surrounding the event, but when they practice the course in the months before the event. People who participate and their families may be visiting LP for the first time and fall in love with the area, come back, buy property, etc. For spectators, this is a fun event to watch. --- (12941)
- The level of competition The amount of people introduced to area --- (12941)
- Ironman brought me back to this area. I purchased a home in the area and have have completed three LP Ironman. I have brought three other families to the area multiple times to participate in the Ironman. The LP Ironman is the oldest Ironman in North America. It attracts repeat tourism to the area, not only for the race, but beyond. I think it would not be a good business decision to end this historic race. If you are worried about road congestion, change the route to less high traffic areas. --- (12941)
- Community spirit, goodwill --- (12941)
- Nothing --- (12941)
- it brings money to businesses in Lake Placid but does little for towns like Jay compared to the impact it has on the smaller towns --- (12941)
- It brings money to the town. --- (12941)
- Brings people in to town , good for economy --- (12941)
- It brings people to the area and showcases our communities --- (12941)
- The community, the spirit of the event. --- (12941)
- The money it brings into our county and to some of the local businesses. --- (12941)
- The diversity, how many locals can participate --- (12941)
- nothing find the whole race a huge inconvenience to our communities. Days before the race we have cyclist clogging up the roads and not obeying traffic laws. The day of race road closures that make it hard to drive anywhere or have to drive way out of your way to simply go what would normally be a few miles. Emergency vehicles delayed due to

race. People like to say oh they bring so much money into the area this is total bull the time of year that race is run we normally have a huge amount of tourist anyway that was proven last year when Ironman didn't happen. Lake placid may benefit but the surrounding towns lose business due the inconvenience of getting around the race people don't come near the are that weekend. --- (12941)

- Inspiring, athletes of all shapes and sizes participate in a truly challenging event. --- (12941)

- The excitement and vibrant atmosphere that it brings to Lake Placid and the surrounding towns. --- (12941)

- This brings a large amount of money to the area. Local businesses prosper heavily during this event. This area is known for outdoor activity and fitness and this event epitomizes that. --- (12941)

- Brings visitors to the community throughout the months preceding and during the race, and return visits in other seasons. --- (12941)

- It brings a diverse group of athletes into town for several days a year. --- (12941)

- The whole idea of the dedication of the athletes and their commitment to training and of course the promotion of the area it brings --- (12941)

- That it supports activity and health - drives \$\$ into community - fun to see athletes practice --- (12941)

- Great event, Keeps the region on the map, and brings revenue to our region --- (12941)

- I like the buzz Ironman brings to the area. I have done Ironman in a couple locations and athletes will say there is nothing like Ironman Lake Placid. The volunteers and community support is best in Lake Placid. Yes, with any location there will be people who dislike the disruption, but from my viewpoint I see little of that. --- (12941)

- Not much --- (12941)

- Ironman brings terrific people to the area, many of whom come back. The race builds community and brings considerable money into the region. The race gives the area cache. For whatever minor inconveniences occur, the gains are huge. --- (12941)

- It's fun to watch and it attracts a lot of people to our area, keeping our businesses alive. --- (12942)

- The setting --- (12942)

- The energy it brings to the area --- (12942)

- Helps the economy --- (12942)

- Absolutely nothing, they are a swarm of nasty people --- (12942)

- Seeing the excitement of everyone who comes into town --- (12942)

- It promotes the area's tourism, fitness, enduring spirit, and it is a tradition --- (12942)

- Contestant spirit --- (12942)

- Healthy atmosphere --- (12942)

- Knowing that some people can rise to the physical challenge of completing it. --- (12942)
- Strength to local economy during race week and while athletes visit to train. --- (12942)
- Destination bragging rights regarding our beautiful part of the ADK --- (12942)
- The money it brings to town. --- (12942)
- The athletic spirit. Inspires people to push their limits and overcome difficult challenges. Continuing the history of high level athleticism like the Olympics in or region. --- (12942)
- MAY bring money and people to the community who wouldn't otherwise come. --- (12942)
- Good for local businesses --- (12942)
- Takes place in a beautiful spot. --- (12942)
- Nothing --- (12942)
- Community comes together to watch, cheer, and/or volunteer; Great activity for kids to watch; Aspirational --- (12942)
- The idea of people competing and challenging each other. --- (12942)
- Supporting a sporting activity and drawing people to the area --- (12942)
- Nothing --- (12942)
- Brings \$ to local areas and promotes healthy reputation --- (12942)
- The energy and positivity it brings. People working so hard towards a goal. Very inspiring --- (12942)
- Brings a lot of visitors to the local communities who support local businesses. --- (12942)
- It is great for the community and a great family experience --- (12942)
- I dont like it --- (12942)
- Tourist revenue and atmosphere. --- (12942)
- Brings people to this area --- (12942)
- The event itself. The business it brings to the community --- (12942)
- Revenue for towns --- (12942)
- Visibility --- (12942)
- I have raced Ironman Lake Placid 3 times over the last 15 years and volunteered twice. I love being part of the overall racing community - and that the event brings a steady stream of tourists, athletes, and friends to our region. --- (12942)
- It's a cool event and it's great to see these athletes compete. However, the event should probably be capped at 1000 athletes. --- (12942)
- 1. This event is in alignment with the spirit of the Olympics... a perfect example of human potential. Always inspirational + high energy! 2. Economic impact 3. Athlete/spectator experience 4. Spectator camaraderie --- (12942)
- Brings \$ to area. Good opportunity for athletes to compete. --- (12942)

- Boost to local economy and enhances positive image of LP as an outdoor sporting community --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- It is nice to get a group of athletes in. --- (12946)
- The economic impact keeps food on my table. --- (12946)
- The energy --- (12946)
- The community! Both as an athlete/participant and as a spectator. What other sport do regular people get to compete on the same field as professional athletes? I love living in a community where you can feel inspired almost daily seeing athletes out training - chasing their Ironman dreams! --- (12946)
- Not much --- (12946)
- I think it's a great event to have in our community. It's inspiration and incredible to see the athletes. Having lived in other towns, I think it's very cool to have so many sporting events in the town I live in. Great opportunity to show off Lake Placid's history and continued dedication to sports. --- (12946)
- Ironman used to help local businesses. But, with Airbnb's, not many Ironman eat out. They stay in homes and buy at chain markets. Through the years Ironman in general has done less and less for local businesses. --- (12946)
- The excitement --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- The participants are extremely respectful; there are no loud parties to contend with, & they contribute to the community in beneficial ways. --- (12946)
- Glad when it's over --- (12946)
- The sport of it. --- (12946)
- In the early years, the event was a lot of fun - kind of like a mini Olympics. It's now a corporate enterprise - all about money --- (12946)
- It brings athletes together and hosts a summer even in lake Placid and gives people something to work for and enjoy when it arrives. --- (12946)
- It broadens our appeal to the world, we are not just a winter sports destination --- (12946)
- Status it gives LP. Many Ironman families come back to LP to vacation. --- (12946)
- I am truly inspired by what these athletes are accomplishing. This was our first year (2021) as permanent residents in LP. We volunteered at the first bike aid station and had a great time. Seeing and interacting with the athletes up close I think gives you a different perspective on this event. --- (12946)
- It is neat to see the beginning of the race and people finishing. --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- the energy, increased business --- (12946)

- I like the excitement, the volunteer opportunities, and the geographical variety of folks it brings to town. --- (12946)
- Watching certain points of the race --- (12946)
- I like the competition, devotion from the athletes, energy of the event. Participating as a volunteer and cheering on friends who participate --- (12946)
- the energy "when its positive" - race day is always inspiring!! --- (12946)
- Perfect for this sporting town. --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- I am a runner and admire the training and hard work of the participants. --- (12946)
- I grew up in LP. I am an active person and I love the excitement that pure competition garners. Whenever I meet people and mention I am from LP, two things always, inevitably, come up: the 1980 (and, albeit less so 1932) Olympics and Ironman. I like the legacy and I like how it presents out Olympic village one the world stage year after year after year .LP just will not be LP without Ironman. --- (12946)
- The energy that is brought. The village is humming all week. I love that --- (12946)
- At the beginning having so many people from all over come here. It wax exciting, I was 20 years younger then. I volunteered for it in the oval. --- (12946)
- It's a significant athletic achievement --- (12946)
- The business that it brings t town. --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- The passion of athletes and support of their family and friends --- (12946)
- The tradition --- (12946)
- Athletes,. And the money it brings to the town --- (12946)
- Money brought into region --- (12946)
- Not much --- (12946)
- The excitement and the bringing in of visitors from all over. --- (12946)
- Ironman brings a positive group of people to the region. It is weather and economy proof meaning that it will happen and bring people here no matter the weather or economy. It brings a large wealthy demographic that spends lots of money in our area. They also come year round to visit. A positive for the economy as well. By and large they are well behaved and healthy. --- (12946)
- Nothing people are rude --- (12946)
- The money --- (12946)
- I like the athletic and international people it brings to town and am inspired by thier goal. And it really has set us up as more a sport town than even the Olympics. I find the competitors and spectators come back to town other times to do touristy or other outdoor adventures, so need lodging food and shopping other seasons here. --- (12946)
- I like that it brings money to the community and provides jobs for local people --- (12946)

- Everything! - the entire event is World Class ! -its a May through Sept Event -the athletes are awesome people and great customers for the entire community! --- (12946)
- The tradition of it. Every year you know the last weekend in July it's Ironman in Lake Placid. --- (12946)
- Not much --- (12946)
- I think the IM event is well aligned with Lake Placid's sports history, (sports) tourism and overall brand. As for the race itself, as an athlete (i did IMLP in 2012) it's a great venue --- (12946)
- It's been here long enough where it's become just another weekend. --- (12946)
- Brings many from around the world to Lake Placid. Also there are many opportunities to volunteer in support of the event. --- (12946)
- I like it for the marketing element and I assume it brings business to the area, but I haven't seen the data --- (12946)
- Not much --- (12946)
- The influx of people and their money. --- (12946)
- Lake Placid is a sports destination. Ironman isn't just about what the weekend brings in - it's also about keeping the profile of the community high among sports enthusiasts. --- (12946)
- The taste of athleticism and good healthy lifestyle the athletes project. --- (12946)
- It's exciting. It's become traditional. --- (12946)
- it is an event that embodies the spirit of our village and town. --- (12946)
- The energy the event brings to town. I enjoy spectating and cheering for the athletes. Keeps the sports and competition vibe of our Olympic town alive. --- (12946)
- The excitement, the energy, the expo, the athletes coming for training --- (12946)
- If you mean IMLP: Option to compete locally. Support local businesses. If you mean Ironman company in general...its a business and it has deviated from its original vision, but, for LP...its a well know original race that I would hate to see it go. --- (12946)
- Economic impact --- (12946)
- Dangerous road conditions due to biking athletes --- (12946)
- nothing --- (12946)
- The energy of the actual day...the exposure of Lake Placid to people that might not have come here --- (12946)
- Brings in money to the area for local businesses, restaurants and hotels. --- (12946)
- They do a better job of cleaning up after the race than they used to. That's about it. --- (12946)
- It is an unbelievable athletic event known around the world, and brings such good revenue to our town. --- (12946)
- The athletes volunteerism --- (12946)
- increased economic impact --- (12946)

●It's always an incredibly inspirational event and it seems to pair perfectly with Lake Placid's Olympic Games history. The event also draws many first time visitors whom many return seasonally to experience all the other amazing offerings of the area. This exact scenario is true for me personally and I now have a second home in Lake Placid and plan to retire there. --- (12946)

●Nothing --- (12946)

●Nothing --- (12946)

●Exposure for the town --- (12946)

●The chance to see world class athletes compete. --- (12946)

●Competition, local vibe --- (12946)

●Nothing in particular. They may be least offensive of all summer events in town. --- (12946)

●It highlights our town for the world, and it boosts the economy year-round. --- (12946)

●Not one single thing.... --- (12946)

●Very little as it is currently programmed and operated. --- (12946)

●Nothing --- (12946)

●I love everything that IronMan stands for - grit, discipline, and overcoming one's obstacles. I've seen my fiancé overcome so many obstacles, push past his mental and physical challenges and stay disciplined to train day after day despite work and personal life. It is the reason why we moved to Lake Placid in the first place. We came up here for his IronMan a few years ago, fell in love with the charm that is Lake Placid, and decided to make this place home and be part of the community. IronMan is a part of Lake Placid's history with it being the longest IronMan in the US (2nd behind Kona World Championship!) and it still to today stands as an event that inspires hope for anyone that watches it or is a part of it. --- (12946)

●The spirit during the event. The perseverance of the athletes. The feel when you're watching it. --- (12946)

●Athletes, families and promotion of lake placid --- (12946)

●Not interested in this type of activity. IMHO it's difficult to see the point of people beating up their bodies this way. --- (12946)

●The excitement it brings to town. --- (12946)

●It strongly supports the Lake Placid economy --- (12946)

●energy --- (12946)

●It puts Lake Placid on the map and brings a large number of athletic individuals to town. It also is a great talking point when discussing our area with others outside the region --- (12946)

●It is a prestigious event and an honor to hold it --- (12946)

●On the whole I believe it is good for Lake Placid --- (12946)

●Promotes athletics --- (12946)

- We have done business with Ironman since it first started in Lake Placid. It is very good for our community and the communities that are around us. --- (12946)
- The revenue it brings to local businesses and international recognition of Lake Placid and the Adirondacks --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- I love being a host town for IM! It makes LP look receptive and welcoming for tourism and other sport events. Being a host brings in athletes from all over North America who bring money to the area. Unlike hikers who are frugal and don't spend much money, IM athletes tend to have more disposable income and aren't afraid to spend it. Having our local children see fit athletes training in this town encourages them to be fit as well. It also shows that there are other sports other than hockey. --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- nothing --- (12946)
- Camaraderie of participants --- (12946)
- The energy and the enthusiasm. --- (12946)
- an athletic challenge for some --- (12946)
- Not much at this stage. --- (12946)
- The excitement the race bring. The event, on whole, is excellent for the community. The history with LP is awesome, This is a legendary race in the tri-world. The fact that people come to train here all year round, and spend \$\$\$ here. The fact that LP again can host the world and be ambassadors to the world. The fact that LP and surrounding communities have true world champion athletes that live and work among us. The fact that IM supports local communities organization like LP Outing Club and so many others. IM foundation has also been very generous to local organization. --- (12946)
- Not much --- (12946)
- It is a huge economic driver. Super vibrant event. --- (12946)
- people seem to have a great time doing the race --- (12946)
- Great community event, I have family members that come and do it every year --- (12946)
- The infusion of money into the local economy. --- (12946)
- It is part of the DNA of Lake Placid --- (12946)
- I like how our little town comes together to support these athletes. My family and I have volunteered for years and the athletes are so appreciative. --- (12946)
- the participants are focused and generally quiet are happy to participate - --- (12946)
- Its exciting and motivational to watch. It brings people and dollars into town. --- (12946)
- Nothing except that it brings money to the local businesses. --- (12946)
- I enjoy the athletes & their families that support the local businesses. I also enjoy interacting with the athletes. It's fun participating in the different events that Ironman brings into town for the week. --- (12946)

- It was great in the beginning when the athletes had more respect for the town and it's citizens. Now they come and act like they own it and feel like everyone should cater to them. They have no respect on the roads and clog up traffic riding 2+ abreast. It is funny that children are taught to ride single file on the roadways. --- (12946)
- I love the atmosphere that it brings, I like to expose my kids to a different type of endurance and athleticism and I am proud to share our community the so many outsiders. --- (12946)
- The atmosphere! --- (12946)
- Not much any more --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- The ironmen/women are fantastic people who are grateful to be able to compete in this town. Almost every experience I have had with a family or participant has been positive, the people have been respectful and polite at both places I work and have never complained about our town or services. --- (12946)
- The repeat clients i see every single year- they are great people. --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- Good for the town economy --- (12946)
- Brings in lots of tourist dollars. Makes Lake Placid a world class sports venue. --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- I admire what the athletes accomplish. I wouldn't do it. --- (12946)
- The event itself. The community support and involvement in the event. The continued tradition of making Lake Placid a center for athletic excellence throughout the year. The ongoing support and engagement of the triathlon community that come to LP and discover more of what we have to offer. --- (12946)
- I like that Ironman brings a group of people to Lake Placid who are respectful, and who bring their business to us not just Ironman weekend but several weeks as they train throughout the year --- (12946)
- brings in guests and their families --- (12946)
- Ironman brings athletes to Lake Placid. These people bring friends and family to watch the race. Those visitors enjoy the beauty of the area and spend money which helps the area economy --- (12946)
- I like the competition of the elite level athletes... --- (12946)
- Brings in a great amount of revenue to LP. --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- Brings a spotlight to the area, and helps out local businesses. --- (12946)
- enjoyed watching and cheering --- (12946)
- I think it's a wonderful event that demonstrates an individual's ability to overcome adversity, dedicate themselves to something difficult and take control of their lives. I've

volunteered for many of the races, often trying to volunteer at the finish line. The stories you're told by the competitors can be inspirational. I've had people tell me their competing because they had beaten cancer, running for a friend or family member who died, and on and on. I used to be a triathlete and had hoped to compete in Ironman Lake Placid 2010, but unfortunately, an injury several months before the event derailed my plans. I can't compete any more, however, I've never lost my love for the sport. I try to come to my home in Lake Placid every year to watch and volunteer for the race. --- (12946)

- Revenue for town Community building Tradition --- (12946)
- Media attention. Attention from Albany. --- (12946)
- Frankly, nothing at all. Our town is being overrun with far too many people, especially since March of 2020. There are no sacred, silent, and special places for us locals to go to anymore without enduring very large crowds of people on the local trails, restaurants, even Hannafords! Stop the insanity! --- (12946)
- The amount of business, families and overall visitors to Lake Placid. We're an Olympic Village and Ironman literally fits perfectly into what Lake Placid embodies as a 4 season tourist destination. --- (12946)
- I like the vibe --- (12946)
- It is inspirational for me. I enjoy seeing the athletes train and compete on race day. They brighten my days. --- (12946)
- N/A --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- My late husband and I participated by volunteering for this event in a number of different areas. It was exciting, fun and just a wonderful event. We cheered them on (they smiled) and the next day we encountered thank you's from a number of the participants. --- (12946)
- It brings LP into the spotlight and brings people to LP. The event brings the community together in a common purpose and exciting event. Plus it's fun to see. --- (12946)
- The inspirational stories of the participants. --- (12946)
- Competition Devoted participants Community spirit --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- The traffic, wait no, the entitled jackasses on bikes. --- (12946)
- The history, camaraderie and the celebration of sport and competition. --- (12946)
- When it first came to Lake Placid, everyone was nice and willing to put up with inconvenience. --- (12946)
- EVERYTHING --- (12946)
- Nice to see some familiar faces --- (12946)
- Ironman builds a community of people with a connection to Lake Placid. The participants are high-income earners with disposable income; these people are right up

our target market. The year-round economic benefit is also much appreciated. --- (12946)

- Brings business and media exposure for Lake Placid --- (12946)
- Event itself. Proud that it is held in our town --- (12946)
- It brings energy to the village as well as lots of athletes and visitors. It also raises the profile and makes residents proud. --- (12946)
- The event is world class and therefore seems like a perfect match to the sporting history of Lake Placid --- (12946)
- Tourism Community Excitement --- (12946)
- Any National recognition is good for a town. --- (12946)
- The people and business it brings --- (12946)
- A great athletic event, an opportunity to showcase Lake Placid and bring business to the local community. --- (12946)
- The people are clean, fit and focused on their event --- (12946)
- The vibe --- (12946)
- Vacation destination, community involvement, part of LP's Olympic and athletic destination --- (12946)
- Watching the race, visiting Ironman village, having all the athletes in town --- (12946)
- It brings energy, infrastructure improvements, and relevancy to the area. --- (12946)
- The spirit of the athletes. The vibe that anything is possible. Lake Placid in part is a sports village + nice to see + support a live sporting event. It gives value to the village. It brings in revenue. Creates great mental health + fan interaction + volunteerism + being proud of your town. --- (12946)
- I think it is good for all business...and is a great influence on young folks to get healthy with exercise, etcnim --- (12946)
- It's an awe inspiring event featuring incredible, determined athletes. --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- Meeting doe of the athletes while working the education tet --- (12946)
- I like the sense of camaraderie of the town coming together to put something so spectacular on that has been occurring for years. There's an overarching feeling of being proud and excited to host these amazing athletes who compete all day and we are able to support them in our town! The athletes bring the town money by supporting the businesses. --- (12946)
- Not much anymore. The athletes are rude and entitled. Used to like rooting for the late night finishers. --- (12946)
- Generates revenue fore the local economy --- (12946)
- I like the competitors --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- Not much, but it's a source for the community --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)

- The ending.. and not being sarcastic. Enjoying walking into town at night and talking to people.. seeing the last competitors --- (12946)
- Nothing really, though there are some nice people that participate and spectate. --- (12946)
- The atmosphere surrounding the event is so positive and inspiring. It's a focal point of Lake Placid too outside of the Olympics. It brings in hardworking, goal oriented individuals, and happy people to the region. --- (12946)
- The people. I love seeing all the athletes and those supporting them. I love what Ironman means to those people. --- (12946)
- The positive energy that it brings to the area. Families and athletes are here to experience, for most, the biggest thing they have done in their lives to date. They associate that with LP and will come back to visit --- (12946)
- Great Brand for Lake Placid Sets excitement and electricity in town Exposes our Olympic Legacy --- (12946)
- I like that it brings so many people to the region to train and enjoy the area throughout the year. --- (12946)
- economic impact --- (12946)
- Energy in town --- (12946)
- Really nothing at all at this point --- (12946)
- It brings business to the town. --- (12946)
- I like the event in general. It's such an impressive big event with amazing logistical challenges. We host a Pro every year which is always fun and interesting. --- (12946)
- The fact that it brings various athletes together... all levels of competitors participate. --- (12946)
- Money it brings in the area --- (12946)
- I compete each year since 2008 and I have many many friends and team mates come to LP to train during the months leading up to the event. --- (12946)
- Not much. I think it has become a big business enterprise that tries to sell itself as financially benefiting a community, when in fact what it gives back is nothing compared to what it takes in, and it costs real dollars for LP to host it. --- (12946)
- Not much after the last few years. --- (12946)
- It brings multicultural focus to the village. We are an event based community and it is a respectable and diverse event --- (12946)
- I like the event as a whole, it's great to watch. Great to volunteer for and it helps the community attract a lot of visitors at various points in the year. --- (12946)
- World class event in our Town brings a lot of people to see and enjoy our region. It's an exciting event to watch. --- (12946)
- After so many years there is nothing I particularly like about it any more. Time to go --- (12946)

- The atmosphere of the event. I feel that participants appreciate the natural beauty of our area and are overall respectful of the village. --- (12946)
- income --- (12946)
- It brings tourism \$ to local businesses; not just during the event, but also when triathletes come to town to train for it --- (12946)
- Nothing! I was nice for the first few years but know I'm sick of my weekend being limited on what I can do!! --- (12946)
- 1- brings world class athletes to train and compete on a venue that is open and accessible to the public 2- provides volunteer opportunities to locals 3- provides volunteer opportunities to visitors who in turn help boost our local economy 4- personally increases my small business revenue in the weeks leading up to and the week after the event. --- (12946)
- The event and spirit of the event --- (12946)
- The general overall boost to local businesses --- (12946)
- It brings in a variety of tourists- families, singles and friends. All have a chance to enjoy the area! --- (12946)
- I enjoy watching the race. A friend lives right on the route, and usually has a cookout. --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- It brings in a large crowd and helps local businesses. --- (12946)
- It brings a lot of athletes and families to the area. --- (12946)
- A positive event that bring families to Lake Placid. Very nice people. --- (12946)
- Exposure, challenge, opportunity for community to show itself & support " athletes" & marketing this community this town has built itself aroynd --- (12946)
- It's usually warm the day of the race. --- (12946)
- Prestige of the event for lake Placid --- (12946)
- It brings visitors to the area and businesses do well during that time which sustains people throughout the year. --- (12946)
- Nothing anymore --- (12946)
- it brings people to our area --- (12946)
- I think it brings tourism dollars to the area, not just that week but throughout the year as people come up to train (I know many people who come up for a weekend or days to train) ; I like how most of the community embraces it and comes out support the athletes - it creates community spirit; it brings great visibility to the region and adds to the reputation of the area as a great place for recreation --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- It's disgusting. They actively pollute the ausable river and mirror lake. In the weeks leading up the cyclists think they own the road. Incredibly rude and entitled crowd (participants and their respective families) --- (12946)
- The atmosphere before and during the event. The prestige for the town. --- (12946)

- I like healthy active people training in our community and the surrounding area. --- (12946)
- Neutral --- (12946)
- It brings people and their \$ to our little mountain town that otherwise would be destitute with out events. This goes well beyond the one day of the race. Athletes and their family/friends spend months in the area training and attending camps. --- (12946)
- The people are generally very nice --- (12946)
- The increased business to our retail store --- (12946)
- The camaraderie --- (12946)
- The coming together of our community, sportsmanship, friendships made through volunteering. So much love for this place. --- (12946)
- The excitement it brings to town. --- (12946)
- Higher room rates and longer stays --- (12946)
- It helps create a healthy culture locally, It brings people and money in, not just on the race weekend. --- (12946)
- Interesting people. They love the Lake Placid experience. --- (12946)
- it is a challenging sport. My son has competed in it at LP, my wife and have volunteered, we have hosted competitors, we like the atmosphere, it is good for the reputation of Lake Placid --- (12946)
- It's good for the community and produces revenue for local businesses --- (12946)
- Bring people into the area from all over the country. Great fir business and hotels etc. we are indeed a sports community with two Olympics and winter games coming --- (12946)
- Camaraderie, active lifestyle, support of local businesses --- (12946)
- its a inspirational event --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- I like living in an athletic town and enjoy interacting with the participants --- (12946)
- Nothing !!! --- (12946)
- THE COMMUNITY SPIRIT IT ENGENDERS --- (12946)
- The diverse population that comes into our communities. Go for revenue from many aspects --- (12946)
- Boosts local economy. --- (12946)
- Brings revenue and notoriety to LP --- (12946)
- It supports local businesses, it helps keep LP "on the map," and it promotes a cycling/running community in Lake Placid --- (12946)
- I have volunteered in a large capacity for 9 years. It's an exhausting but fun day. I feel appreciated by the majority of athletes and my fellow volunteers. It is fun to see athletes return and to hear from first timers to Lake Placid, that this event location was on their bucket list. --- (12946)

- Lake Placid is not just a winter sports destination, it's also a summer sports destination. Get rid of Ironman, what's next, Rugby, Soccer, Marathon Horse Show? No other venue in NYS can do what Lake Placid does so easily.. --- (12946)
- Athletic --- (12946)
- Historic event that keeps Lake Placid on the mind of athletes. As a result, it is a famous and respected town among many outdoor enthusiasts and helps drive the economy of lake placid well outside of the actual event. --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- It lights up Lake Placid. --- (12946)
- established event. keeps Lake Placid name forefront of a higher economic income demographic --- (12946)
- Healthy outdoor activity --- (12946)
- It puts Lake Placid on the map, though for a niche audience. --- (12946)
- Air of enthusiasm --- (12946)
- It's a good, wholesome event that brings tourism to the community. --- (12946)
- Elevates Lake Placid's reputation nationally and beyond. Brings people to the area throughout warmer months for training. --- (12946)
- This event is a great showcase for Lake Placid and the region. The entire area benefits economically. --- (12946)
- It is a very competitive sport that travels around the world --- (12946)
- It brings active, engaged, high-net worth visitors that love and appreciate Lake Placid and the Adirondacks. They support community businesses. Ironman itself has been a consistent corporate partner in our community for many years. --- (12946)
- That it brings business/money to the area. --- (12946)
- There is nothing that I like or appreciate about it --- (12946)
- Everything --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- Income to community --- (12946)
- It inspires some to be more fit. --- (12946)
- It brings in business throughout the year to the town. My husband did the iron man before we owned and it brought us to Lake Placid and we now own two properties. It is also a town founded on athletics and tourism. --- (12946)
- I like the excitement it brings to town. I enjoy cheering from the end of our street. --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- Fun athletic event brings energy --- (12946)
- exciting and name branding for lake placid --- (12946)
- The business it generates --- (12946)
- It highlights our town. --- (12946)
- I like the dedication of the individual participants-the families. --- (12946)

- I like the atmosphere on race weekend. It creates a fun vibe for the town. I usually volunteer as well. --- (12946)
- Not much --- (12946)
- I like the vitality it brings to the village. It's one weekend of the year and is a huge draw --- (12946)
- Well known event that's fun to watch and introduces new people to the region. --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- Not mych --- (12946)
- Love watching the competition incredible athletes. --- (12946)
- It can bring an ordinary person to the highest level of personal achievement --- (12946)
- Brings people in throughout the season to support businesses. Impact extends beyond one weekend. --- (12946)
- It brings business to the town and watching the competitors complete this amazing feat is really awe inspiring. --- (12946)
- It brings a level of athlete and guests to the area. They are here to compete. They are not partiers. They are respectful, and I can't say that for all the other large group events that come to LP. I am a spectator and enjoy the overall event. --- (12946)
- The energy --- (12946)
- Solidifies Lake Placid's reputation as a world-renowned host of high level athletic competition, great advertisement for our region and its businesses, brings friendly clientele and their families to town. --- (12946)
- Revenue and buzz it's brings to town. Also the notoriety and publicity. --- (12946)
- It helps people bring out the best in themselves, and having it in Lake Placid brings people to the area not only for the event, but for training as well, supporting our local businesses. --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- The idea that one of the toughest courses in one of the toughest sports is in our town. These athletes and their families share the adirondacks for a short period but may come back after. --- (12946)
- nice sporting event but has run its course in LP, people are tired of it, esp the poor attitude of some competitors who are dis respectful to others especially on bikes on the roads. --- (12946)
- Lots of healthy people in town --- (12946)
- It's a sports event on an international scale and perfect for L.P. --- (12946)
- I like all sporting events --- (12946)
- It brings business to the area and it is inspirational to see such great athletes --- (12946)

- Not much. I have lost all interest in it. It has run it's course.... No pun intended. --- (12946)
- Do not like Ironman --- (12946)
- The spirit, the people esp the families that visit our Town not just this weekend but other times during the year. They also bring friends and relatives!!!! --- (12946)
- The economic boost it brings to the local economy. The excitement the event provides. --- (12946)
- Not much. --- (12946)
- The energy of Ironman race day. --- (12946)
- I like the majority of participants, I like that they fill the town with family and friends, they contribute to the economy and for the most part they are pleasant. --- (12946)
- The ones that finish --- (12946)
- The energy, the inspiring stories, the fit people dedicated to a goal --- (12946)
- When it's over --- (12946)
- Tradition, people, money --- (12946)
- Dislike the entire event --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- That it is only 1 day --- (12946)
- Community Involvement --- (12946)
- The joy it brings to those that participate. Also, they seem to love our town! --- (12946)
- Literally nothing. --- (12946)
- Energy, positivity, sense of support and achievement --- (12946)
- At first it was fun, the first 10/12 years. Now it's different. Not owned by people who live here. Corporate. Athletes get very snotty. Day of the race they are sweet as pie. But before, they own the town. Not pleasant. --- (12946)
- It used to be exciting. Now it feels like a big disruption. Couldn't get to a special event in Vermont because of road closures. --- (12946)
- It provides good positive exposure for our region by highlighting our natural assets and our hospitable community. --- (12946)
- Has connected some people to Lake Placid to return when it is not as crowded and to buy homes here. --- (12946)
- nothing any more. I used to volunteer and in the past I felt the event was more connected with the community. Now it seems more like an outside business. --- (12946)
- quality of people that participate and their follwers. --- (12946)
- It's got a long tradition and LP is one of the oldest races. It brings a lot of business to the community. It elevates LP as a tourist destination together with the winter activities. --- (12946)
- Athletes --- (12946)
- Brings in business for local businesses. --- (12946)
- As I did the race in 2002, I have always appreciated the challenge. --- (12946)

- Great high energy event. International exposure for our community. --- (12946)
- Income --- (12946)
- Good example of health and fitness Brings considerate people to town --- (12946)
- 0 --- (12946)
- Cheering the day of and inspirational stories. The day of Ironman is ok; it's the take-over of town preceding the event that is troublesome. --- (12946)
- Ironman has brought many people to our town that otherwise probably wouldn't have been exposed to Lake Placid. --- (12946)
- It's inspiring. It brings lots of money to our community year round; both during the race and visitors coming to train. --- (12946)
- Love the entire week leading up with the influx of guests training for and participating in a life changing event. --- (12946)
- The energy around it. --- (12946)
- Nothing, the athletes are rude from day one of their training days through the competition --- (12946)
- As an IRONMAN athlete, I like everything about Ironman. It brings the best out of people and gives them an opportunity to do something bigger than themselves. For many, it is an opportunity to overcome huge obstacles in their lives through training for this sport. It also brings revenue to the local area and brings the community together. --- (12946)
- It brings an energy to town that is different than other events --- (12946)
- New guests visiting LP --- (12946)
- Not much anymore. Jobs for locals I guess. --- (12946)
- The athletes are definitely inspiring! I can charge a lot more for my short term rental --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- World wide exposure --- (12946)
- Excitement of the event. Business for the community. Getting more people to love. LP. --- (12946)
- Nothing, it has run its course and we have had ENOUGH --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- The volunteers. --- (12946)
- Fantastic event that brings thousands to town not only during the event but year round. --- (12946)
- As an endurance athlete, these are like minded folks who love to be here in our community. The athletes to a nearly universal level absolutely love being here therefore the growth of our community as it gets many positive views, yes LP is on the radar of a great crowd. Race day is massively inspiring as is the lead-up. This question(6) is sort of like asking 'what do you like about a Springsteen concert?' It's super cool all the way around. --- (12946)

- As a local resident and ardent supporter of our town, I am so proud that we are the host of the 2nd longest running Ironman course in the world. It introduces new people to our special town and allows our little mountain town to meet and learn about competitors from all over the world. It also elevates Lake Placid on the world stage and keeps us relevant to a global audience. As long time volunteers of the event, I also love that my kids get to experience the excitement of high level competition, be inspired by the athletes and learn what it means to pull together as a community to make the event happen. --- (12946)
- Seems to draw new visitors here. Money to local economy --- (12946)
- The event has a very positive economic impact on the community. We enjoy volunteering for the event and being a spectator. It has a lot of positive energy --- (12946)
- Not much. --- (12946)
- Sense of community for those that are engaged with it, the inspiration it brings to visitors that watch or participate, and the regular stream of visitors throughout the year. --- (12946)
- The energy that gives our town. --- (12946)
- It encourages and inspires people to be athletic and more active. --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- Bronzes in additional revenue into the community and other businesses --- (12946)
- I used to like the vibe of the event but that has passed. --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- Athleticism PR Value for Community --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- It is good for business. --- (12946)
- Brings people to the area that are often in a position to not only enjoy the area, but spend money as well. --- (12946)
- The atmosphere of the race. How happy most of the athletes and support guests are --- (12946)
- It brings families with healthy lifestyles and resources to the region who visit numerous times and often evolve into lifelong fans and supporters of the communities in which we live. --- (12946)
- The positive energy of the participants and their families/friends --- (12946)
- It does generate revenue for the Town and Village but at what cost? --- (12946)
- Cheering the athletes --- (12946)
- The uniqueness, dedication of the athletes, and the way it puts LP on the map for something other than the Olympics. --- (12946)
- Not much anymore, the novelty has worn off. I have no interest in it. --- (12946)
- It fits with the town's outdoor fitness ethic --- (12946)

- Previously I liked the Ironman community, the excitement of the race atmosphere, and how it fits Lake Placid's "sports destination" brand. --- (12946)
- Not a thing --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- It is an event that takes considerable dedication and preparation. It is inspirational to both the athletes and spectators. --- (12946)
- I think the event is cool, I like the people and energy that it brings to town --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- I like that it brings athletes into the community for several months before and after to train and I find the athletes to be courteous and polite --- (12946)
- The long term lasting impact. Some families come back other times of the year because of the awesomeness of our town. All the training weekends bring the athletes here to eat, shop, stay, buy gas, etc --- (12946)
- brings in visitors --- (12946)
- Nothing anymore...it used to be somewhat inspiring to see the athletes endure so much. --- (12946)
- Not one thing... --- (12946)
- Community involvement brings people to the area for more than just the event --- (12946)
- The branding for Lake Placid. And the revenue it generates. Both short and long term. --- (12946)
- I have no positive thoughts about Ironman --- (12946)
- I like seeing Lake Placid and surrounding communities on the top level of sports around the world. As well as the diverse influx of athletes as well as fans and family. I feel that lake placid is a sports centric community or has gone that way in the last ten years or so. Wetter better or worse Ironman has been an event that has beneficial on advertising our area as a whole. --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- Used to love the excitement of the event. Now it's invasive. The community is over it. --- (12946)
- Business it brings for other businesses --- (12946)
- Nothing really shuts down the town you literally can't do anything all day --- (12946)
- We do meet some amazing people --- (12946)
- Many of the people who visit have been coming for a long time. They have become ambassadors for Lake Placid as a community. --- (12946)
- Good for the local economy --- (12946)
- The town is vibrant with all the people visiting that weekend and all the weekends before. --- (12946)
- I love the atmosphere, the unique character of the event, and how it contributes to our reputation for being a sports mecca. --- (12946)

- I like the actual race and meeting families and visitors --- (12946)
- It brings a terrific energy to town. Ironman is how I discovered Lake Placid as a racer in 2006 and 11 years later I moved here. --- (12946)
- The energy generated. Diversity. Additional visitors in town. --- (12946)
- What's there to like? --- (12946)
- Amazing athletics on display. Community coming together to volunteer. --- (12946)
- Increased traffic to the area. --- (12946)
- Athletes in town training --- (12946)
- Nothing to like about a group that destroys our town --- (12946)
- 1.) It brings business to my store - alot of business. And since the Chinese no longer own the franchise, I like the business even more. Also, we are a sports town. To turn an event away because it is inconvenient for a number of people is being very short sided. --- (12946)
- It creates strong sentiment for the Adirondack regions, introducing new people to the area and creating a huge 'return visitor' factor. --- (12946)
- It's a world class event that does bring new people to the town and village. It once was only one of a few Ironman races... now there are hundreds --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- Best event we do on any one given day. Inconvenience vs economic impact worth it hands down. --- (12946)
- The tourism --- (12946)
- Introduces a demographic that may have not been familiar with Lake Placid and the Adirondacks. --- (12946)
- not a business owner, but it's obvious it has a positive economic impact --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- The inspiring atmosphere and race history in lake placid --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- well run. great marketing for the town. --- (12946)
- camaraderie, excitement on day of race, exposure for the area --- (12946)
- Brings tourism --- (12946)
- The money it brings into town. --- (12946)
- I enjoy the race itself. This race seems to have a large reputation as being a difficult course, and it draws in participants. The athletes are generally grateful for the volunteers. --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- Inspiring. Well organized from athlete perspective. It's an amazing opportunity for those who can afford. As an athlete, i would have never come to Lake Placid. And

because Ironman introduced me to Lake Placid, my husband and I now own real estate in Lake Placid. --- (12946)

- I love volunteering and seeing how volunteering brings people together. A group that I work for usually receives 1-2 grants a year as well and we rely on that money. --- (12946)

- Nothing about it I like --- (12946)

- The energy that USED to come with it --- (12946)

- The event itself is exciting. The number of people that line the course is amazing. --- (12946)

- I like the way people come together to cheer each other on --- (12946)

- The physical challenge it presents to the individuals involved. --- (12946)

- Nothing --- (12946)

- It's an interesting event to watch and volunteer for. It brings people here that stay in local homes and hotels. --- (12946)

- Keeping Lake Placid on the international sports stage --- (12946)

- Revenue into the area --- (12946)

- World-Class Event now a big part of Lake Placid's legacy --- (12946)

- The competition. --- (12946)

- It's always inspiring to see people who never thought they could do something like this pull it off. Seeing families and friends here to cheer their loved ones on is also very cool. --- (12946)

- At this point, not much. --- (12946)

- Nothing --- (12946)

- Major economic driver, participants are quiet in the later evening hours, exposure for the area. --- (12946)

- It brings much needed tourist money to our local economy. --- (12946)

- Nothing --- (12946)

- It's a healthy event that promotes community, although it is a shame that less locals have an option in participating in the event in more recent years --- (12946)

- Great for hotels/STRs, gives LP brand international attention. --- (12946)

- Lots of business. --- (12946)

- Brings people to some local businesses. --- (12946)

- It gives the area recognition --- (12946)

- I love the positive energy that this event brings to town. I find inspiration in the commitment that these athletes make to bettering themselves. I feel that to witness the spectacle of each athlete realizing their goals is an incredible example for our local youth to witness. --- (12946)

- I like that it brings money to our community. --- (12946)

- Year round business from training and family visits. --- (12946)

- The energy it brings to the community. It showcases healthy activities and hopefully encourages people in the community to get out and exercise. It is an event the members of the community can participate in. Plus Ironman gives money to local charities and people racing and watching spend money in town. It would be a shame to turn them away and send them to a other community --- (12946)
- That it exposes our great town to more people from all around the world --- (12946)
- It supports the local economy. --- (12946)
- Comraderie of the day, cheering for and supporting athletes --- (12946)
- Very exciting to watch, I was a volunteer for several years --- (12946)
- There is nothing that I like about ironman --- (12946)
- It brings visitors to our region from early spring into summer. It is prestigious and fun to watch. It is inspiring. --- (12946)
- When they leave. --- (12946)
- It brings money to businesses and to groups who volunteer. --- (12946)
- I do think Ironman brings a good amount of revenue to our community. Personally, I think the good far outweighs the bad -- very few "negative" experiences with athletes and overall extremely positive. I think it brings a great crowd to Lake Placid and they are not out causing problems, acting obnoxious and disruptive like the crowds from many other local events. I also think the community cooperation and volunteerism that it promotes is a really positive thing. Our kids get to experience a large-scale event that they may not otherwise. --- (12946)
- The only pro is the high-energy spirit it brings. People will say it brings in revenue, but that revenue would still be coming in during July - it's just displacing "normal" visitors. --- (12946)
- It brings a high quality person to the community. They return many times over. Other communities would love to have such a prestigious event. --- (12946)
- Does give us some notoriety. But we don't "need" this. We have enough tourists as it is. --- (12946)
- Businesses benefit (local) --- (12946)
- I like Ironman when it isn't here --- (12946)
- nothing. --- (12946)
- I believe it is a great event for the community. It represents our support of athletic events. It also exposes the Adirondacks to many more individuals and groups. --- (12946)
- Personally nothing other than the money. I am always happy when it is over. That being said there are many lovely people involved. A 1/2 Ironman might be the way to go forward and not the weekend before Rugby. --- (12946)
- It used to be a respectful group running it that truly appreciated the local volunteers, now they just want the money. --- (12946)
- I'm happy it gives local businesses a boost but after that? Nothing. --- (12946)

- Inspirational international event with extraordinary brand depth. Also a strong economic stimulus to the region. --- (12946)
- Absolutely nothing, it does nothing for the town and community --- (12946)
- Clearly brings revenue into the town. --- (12946)
- The energy and the competition. It adds to the unique character of Lake Placid and it's reputation for supporting athletic events. --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- High profile event that draws interest and income into the area --- (12946)
- A healthy, motivated group of dedicated athletes who have positive lifestyle and are achieving their goals --- (12946)
- I think it's a great event and I like the energy it brings to town. I have been here for 10 years. I know that I'm not considered a "true" local though I have never had a negative experience from the event in any way. It brings an energetic crowd to town, and whether in my shop or walking my dog I feel a good vibe from the people. The only negativity I witness associated with the event are long time grouchy "real locals" that seem to have this attitude like they don't need the tourists. No matter what event comes to town, the same locals seem to run their mouths with the same story. --- (12946)
- nothing --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- It is intriguing when describing it to customers and at promotional shows --- (12946)
- All of the friends I have made. --- (12946)
- Nothing. --- (12946)
- I enjoy the thrill of watching the athletes come through Upper Jay and I love to be able to volunteer to help out. Wouldn't want to miss it --- (12987)
- Nothing --- (12987)
- nothing --- (12987)
- I admire the participants who have trained so diligently in order to participate. --- (12987)
- Nothing. --- (12987)
- boosts tourism in lake placid area; state troopers get overtime, i assume --- (12987)
- Economic benefit --- (12987)
- Brings SOME revenue to Wilmington, but most goes to LP --- (12997)
- Economy boost --- (12997)
- We live in a beautiful area and it is nice to share it with athletes that have worked so hard to get here. --- (12997)
- I have participated on several occasions and spectated on many others. --- (12997)
- The festive competition. Admire the physical accomplishments --- (12997)
- The athletes and families tend to be ideal visitors in terms of responsibility and respectfulness. As far as big events, that is a positive. --- (12997)

- Not much --- (12997)
- When I can yell at them that the STOP signs are to be followed by bikes, not just vehicles! Or yelling at them to get out of the road! NYS law says 2 riders abreast. Not 3, not 4 or your entire crew filling an entire lane! USE THE BIKE PATH COMING AND GOING! THAT'S WHAT IT WAS MADE FOR! --- (12997)
- I feel it's good for the area --- (12997)
- its something lake placid is known for and draws people to town --- (12997)
- It brings commerce --- (12997)
- The health aspect --- (12997)
- Athletics --- (12997)
- From what I understand the event brings money into our community. It brings National name recognition. --- (12997)
- Unique event. Has inspired a healthy, active lifestyle in the community --- (12997)
- It brings business to our area --- (12997)
- Ironman brings lots of people to our beautiful region --- (12997)
- Cheering on a friend or co-worker taking part in the race - which is rare. --- (12997)
- Accept that it helps support regional economy --- (12997)
- They bring great bike business to town --- (12997)
- It is a unique event and showcases our area --- (12997)
- Brings national attention to the area --- (12997)
- Brings athletes and business to the area --- (12997)
- Great sport and gives local businesses allot of money while Ironman athletes train months before the race. --- (12997)
- Nothing now. When it first began you learned much more about competitors & community involvement . Now it is just an event that disturbs the general peace of the area. --- (12997)
- Overall good people and families come to the region that might otherwise not come. It's a part of our history --- (12997)
- Nothing , they clog the roadways during the spring and summer while they train , it's very dangerous with all the bikes in the road every day , they don't shop and go to restaurants --- (12997)
- Tourism dollars --- (12997)
- Ironman made me look at my lifestyle and helped me to lead a healthier lifestyle. I believe it also does the same for others --- (12997)
- All the racers and their families --- (12997)
- Busy / exciting --- (12997)
- Competition Recognition as national event --- (12997)
- it benefits the entire area --- (12997)
- The race itself and it alao brings in money to the town --- (12997)
- The money that I brings into town --- (12997)

- The energy, tourism, bringing world class summer athletes to LP, the history, the stimulus to businesses --- (12997)
- Healthy fit people challenging themselves. --- (12997)
- Love the competition, the vibe, volunteering --- (12997)
- Not much --- (12997)
- Great athletes --- (12997)
- Nothing --- (12997)
- Economy --- (12997)
- Nothing --- (12997)
- I love being stuck home and being stuck in traffic --- (12997)
- After this many years...nothing --- (12997)
- I have really no like of Ironman --- (12997)
- Brings community together Brings people to the area Gives participants goals and helps them achieve them --- (12997)
- Nothing --- (12997)
- Nothing --- (12997)
- Promotes fitness and well being. Positive influence for youth. --- (12997)
- Nothing --- (12997)
- It's a prestigious event for our region to host and it brings tourism money to the area (though we don't seem to need incentives for tourists to come here anymore) --- (12997)
- Brings in business, money to communities --- (12997)
- It is a one day event. --- (12997)
- Nothing --- (12997)
- Honestly, I can't come up with anything. I feel like the event has worn out it's welcome. --- (12997)
- nothing --- (12997)
- Nothing!! --- (12997)
- Nothing --- (12997)
- Inspiring --- (12997)
- It is a fundraiser for our youth --- (12997)
- That it brings the outside world to our area for athletic completion, and financial benefit. --- (12997)
- They provide money to local organizations that benefit residents --- (12997)
- It gives the community a time to work together with volunteer opportunities. --- (12997)
- Sense of community Opportunity to volunteer It's inspirational It also brings some really great visitors to the area - many of whom come back with their families (bc the area is SO beautiful) --- (12997)

Likes - Regional

- It's a non-political event. --- (12078)
- I have raced it 2x and hope to race it a third time soon! I love pushing myself --- (12808)
- It is an overall positive environment that brings participants and spectators together to cheer on all athletes. Participants are respectful of the host venue and very appreciative for the opportunity to enjoy their beautiful communities. --- (12822)
- It brings people up to the North Country almost year-round for training and exploring. The Adirondacks has a lot to offer families. --- (12842)
- The energy the race has --- (12844)
- Brings people into Lake Placid It is a sporting event and is spectator friendly It is exciting --- (12845)
- I believe its one of the Premier event Lake Placid now has! It would be foolish to loose it --- (12847)
- brings visitors to the area, boosts economy --- (12870)
- Nothing --- (12912)
- Nothing --- (12912)
- Brings good business for the community --- (12912)
- Inspiring --- (12912)
- not much --- (12912)
- I like how it brings the community together, and I love watching people finish! --- (12912)
- Nothing ! --- (12912)
- Nothing --- (12912)
- Nothing. It does nothing to add to the charm, allure and enjoyment of natural wonders. --- (12912)
- Nothing- that is said in all seriousness. I've been a resident of 12946, 12986, and 12912 for 28 years. I've lived and worked through every training season and every ironman race day. --- (12912)
- i like the awareness it brings to Lake Placid --- (12912)
- Brings in money to the Lake Placid and county Athletes from around our country visit our area --- (12912)
- Providing opportunities for the locals --- (12912)
- Nothing --- (12912)
- High class sporting event only held in certain areas. 2nd oldest Ironman in North America --- (12912)
- The Energy and business it brings to the whole Adirondack area and the exposure it gives to the whole area. --- (12912)
- virtually nothing --- (12912)

- I compete in this race and also volunteer when I don't race. It brings a lot of international attention to the area --- (12912)
- My wife and I always o to Lake Placid and cheer the participants on. --- (12912)
- Nothing to me but a huge inconvenience for me while driving --- (12912)
- It brings people here to compete and train. They spend money that this community absolutely needs. --- (12912)
- Disruptive and disrespectful --- (12912)
- It brings lots of revenue to the area...lots of exposure for folks from out of town and out of country...it allows many residents the chance to participate and come together for a unique event. --- (12912)
- Good community involvement --- (12912)
- Good for the athletes and Lake Placid --- (12912)
- Money brought in to the area and recognition of all our assets. --- (12912)
- The history of the event, the fact that it is in LP and helps the businesses and brings attention to our wonderful area --- (12912)
- It brings tourists and revenue to the area on the race day, and for training purposes --- (12912)
- The money and good press it brings the area. --- (12912)
- Great for the community, brings people to the adks year round --- (12912)
- Nothing --- (12912)
- I love the atmosphere and the community. It is awesome to see the participants of all different levels and the local community volunteering and cheering the athletes --- (12912)
- Nothing --- (12912)
- Brings in people to the area --- (12912)
- Nothing for our town --- (12912)
- Business --- (12912)
- Revenue from athletes and families. I believe it is a very inspiring event and showcases the lovely part of the country we call home. --- (12912)
- It brings visitors to our area. We are a tourism based economy after all. --- (12912)
- World class event that draws an international field. Pro races are widely featured in the triathlon community. --- (12912)
- That it brings an international community to the area. Brings a focus on individual sports and sportsmanship. --- (12912)
- Largest event that brings in revenue, promotes road paving, promotes local recreation, bike shops would not exist without the iron man and we need those shops, promotes cycling as a transportation option, encourages pedestrian and cycling as recreation option. we need to educate people on how to drive with pedestrians and cyclists. Many states around the country have State laws that require a 3' zone. --- (12912)

- Having seen it all my life and worked it the last 10, I can't say I like anything about it. People will still come without this atrocious event. --- (12912)
- Nothing, I dislike it --- (12913)
- nothing, it ties up traffic, biker don't care about road rules and people park anyplace they feel like it. Local residents are held hostage on race day due to road closures. --- (12913)
- Brings revenue to the area --- (12913)
- Brings thousands of people to the area who spend money. Fun feel good event. Keep Lake Placid in the spotlight --- (12913)
- It basically changed my life 100 percent to the good. I am a native of lake placid and have never lived more then 20 miles from down town. I have competed in the race 7 times and support it 100 percent. --- (12913)
- Nothing --- (12913)
- I admire the athletic abilities of the competitors --- (12913)
- Increase in tourism --- (12913)
- I do like the excitement that it brings to the area and the history of the race in the Adirondacks. --- (12913)
- How inspiring it is to watch and participate. It's inclusive, you see all kinds of people competing. There's nothing else like it. --- (12918)
- As it currently exists, I don't like much about it. --- (12920)
- Nothing --- (12924)
- I understand that it brings some prestige to the area to have a large internationally recognized brand of event in the area. --- (12928)
- Encourages a healthy lifestyle --- (12932)
- Nothing any more --- (12932)
- Having a high-profile event in our community is important! LP is a well-known destination and this underscores its commitment to sport, on an international level. --- (12932)
- It does bring in tourism --- (12932)
- The experience --- (12943)
- I love the spirit of the event. It keeps our area on the map for many people and brings people together in a powerful and inspiring way. --- (12943)
- It brings serious athletes to the area and exposes our area to potentially new supporters of our environment. --- (12943)
- Absolutely nothing. --- (12943)
- Nothing really! --- (12943)
- Not much --- (12943)
- Excitement of the crowds --- (12943)
- Brings great money to all the communities it passes through and the Athelstan are awesome --- (12943)

- I volunteer every year. Love to see the athletes and admire their persistence. It's a challenging course. --- (12943)
- Inflow of money --- (12943)
- Nothing increases convenient --- (12943)
- We have family and friends who participate and we enjoy watching them achieve their goals. This is a celebration of all their hard work --- (12943)
- Brings business --- (12943)
- Healthy and competitive event. --- (12943)
- Income for local businesses --- (12943)
- spirit --- (12943)
- I think that it brings business to our community through the influx of people who come in to support the Ironman participants as well as some of the athletes themselves. It's been great meeting people from all over and sharing this event and our beautiful Adirondack Amy's with them. --- (12943)
- excitement about the race, prestige for the area --- (12943)
- The athletes are inspirational. It's great seeing so many healthy people in the area. I think it draws year round residents too. --- (12943)
- The wonderful competition and all three events. We are the international focus of the day. --- (12943)
- I enjoy working the aid stations and watching the participants. --- (12943)
- It brings an excitement to the area. It is a healthy lifestyle that encourages young and old to take up and support a challenge. It promotes business in the area. Ironman gives back to the community. --- (12943)
- The communities involvement, the tourists and the help merchants received from the tourists. Although it doesn't help Keene, --- (12943)
- Brings money into some areas. --- (12943)
- The variety of people who come to our area. --- (12943)
- It is good for the economy, it reenforces our brand as a host and destination of world-class events, it attracts new visitors to the region who tend to become repeat visitors, it involves many people throughout the region, it happens no matter the weather. --- (12943)
- The culture, the grit, the enthusiasm, the drive, I think it sets a really great example for all the young kids in the area if you work hard, and are dedicated and driven, you can do anything you set your mind to. --- (12944)
- Money that it brings to the area. It supports a cool vibe in the area with many athletes training here. --- (12944)
- The business it brings to community small businesses --- (12944)
- Grant money available to local non profits --- (12944)
- Everything --- (12944)

●Ironman is a great community! I love working in the Merchandise Tent & talking with the athletes. They all love the area & come back to visit & train here. Also very inspiring for others, like myself who has completed a number of 70.3's. A very healthy lifestyle. --- (12945)

●The event brings in a lot of money to the area - not just on race weekend but as athletes often visit multiple times to train. LP is widely known as a "sports friendly" town and we can trade on that to bolster our small area economy. --- (12945)

●Buisness, friendly faces --- (12945)

●I assume that it's good for local businesses, but I don't actually know. There's no mandate saying people coming into the area HAVE to spend a certain amount of money in the community. --- (12945)

●Brings money to local businesses --- (12945)

●People from all over the world come to compete and it is fun to watch sometimes. --- (12945)

●Nothing --- (12950)

●The event brings a significant amount of tourists and money to the community. We can not forget that tourism is Lake Placid's single largest industry. The loss of tourism would spell disaster for the community. In addition, while Ironman strains emergency services and the community for one day, I would argue this is "positive stress." Emergency services get the opportunity to work together yearly for a major event. This is vital experience that will assist in case of other major disasters. --- (12956)

●It brings attention, people, jobs and money to the Adirondacks. --- (12964)

●I know there are local residents that participate and that it is part of the "culture/tradition" of Lake Placid. --- (12970)

●Income to community --- (12972)

●Ironman is an opportunity to challenge yourself in a way unlike any other I have experienced! --- (12972)

●It's inspiring to see people push themselves, test themselves. It brings athletic type people to the area --- (12983)

●Nothing --- (12983)

●I love that Ironman LP is a favorite of the participants and of course the economic boost for the area. --- (12983)

●I like how the community comes together to support both the event and the athletes who participate. I always love to volunteer for it. --- (12983)

●The vibe of the entire 4 days (Thurs-Sunday), the focus on athletics in an Olympic village, the increase in business at our brewpubs, the course (which is a fav of competitors). --- (12983)

●I like that Ironman attracts both elite and amateur athletes from all over the world to tackle a tough course and enjoy all that the region has to offer. I also like that Ironman engages with local organizations to present volunteer and employment opportunities,

both of which I have participated in. Watching the athletes compete is really special, especially when there are local competitors to cheer for. --- (12983)

- I like that it brings a wealthy, healthy group to the area and gives Lake Placid an aura of athleticism. I like that it attracts them more than just the weekend of the event, they are visiting and training well outside of race weekend. --- (12983)

- The enthusiasm, perseverance and athleticism demonstrated by the athletes is inspiring..... not just the leaders but more importantly the "average Joe/Jane" finishing by sheer will power! It's motivating!!!! --- (12983)

- I do appreciate the amount of people it brings to town, but I do feel that hosting the event every year during the height of our busy season does not help local business. I'm not sure if anyone has proposed hosting the event during a "shoulder" season, but as a business owner - September is quiet compared to July, but with more people in town the chances of making that extra sale might be higher. As opposed to July, town is busy regardless and I feel the ironman deters the "regular" tourist who shop more on main street. --- (12983)

- The history with the community (iconic race), the funds that it donates to charitable/youth organizations, the positive economic impact to the entire area - all for ONLY ONE day of true inconvenience to the locals. Also, IM is a world renowned event - it brings a level of prestige to the places that host the races. --- (12983)

- The race experience it brings and the ability to highlight our region on a national scale. --- (12983)

- Tourism brings money into our local economy. --- (12983)

- It brings lots of business and life to lake placid --- (12983)

- It is a large event with a lot of recognition that brings a lot of business with it. --- (12983)

- promotes a positive lifestyle and achievement of a goal --- (12983)

- Nothing, really. --- (12983)

- The tourism, bringing high quality and affluent people to the area --- (12983)

- Brings people into our community to support local businesses --- (12983)

- Nothing --- (12983)

- Visibility and some economic boost --- (12983)

- The athleticism and inspiration. It brings money into our regions. --- (12983)

- It brings the community together. --- (12983)

- Economic boost to area. Course roads seem to get improved. Hockey boxes and support to community programs. --- (12983)

- I guess the athlete enthusiasm. --- (12983)

- Provides opportunity to some --- (12983)

- Ironman provides a significant economic boost to our region, not only during the week of the race but in the months before the race as athletes come to town to train. The

example of lifelong fitness and focus on a goal is invaluable to young people. --- (12983)

- The attention it brings to the community --- (12983)
- It brings recognition to the Adirondack area. --- (12983)
- Absolutely nothing --- (12983)
- It is quite an accomplishment for the contestants. --- (12983)
- The athletes that come. The festive atmosphere. --- (12983)
- Not much --- (12983)
- the large event --- (12983)
- Nothing --- (12983)
- completely unclear why Lake Placid pays the Ironman Company a theater rents to a producer, the theater doesn't pay the producer --- (12983)
- nothing --- (12983)
- The people it brings to lake placid and how it brings everyone together --- (12983)
- Athletes competing and fulfilling their goals. Doing their best and inspiring others to do their best. --- (12983)
- It brings money to local businesses --- (12983)
- It is inspiring and it brings a lot to the town --- (12983)
- Nothing --- (12983)
- The one time that I actually went down to watch parts of the event, I thought there was a really great atmosphere and a lot of excitement from the spectators. --- (12983)
- The fact that it brings tourism to the area, during the race dates and beyond. It puts us on the map as an athletic place to live and visit. It brings in tourist dollars. It inspires all spectators, including locals, to be active. --- (12983)
- The investment in local nonprofits. --- (12983)
- Big, exciting, fun, event for many local volunteers and visitors. Obviously, brings in money. --- (12983)
- Brings people to the area. --- (12983)
- It is a great community of people, and there are exceptions but the large majority respect our towns. --- (12983)
- Sense of community, volunteering --- (12983)
- Personal effort of athletes. --- (12983)
- The spirit, the exposure and the lessons it teaches about strength, determination, focus and well-being. --- (12983)
- Zero, I think it has had a negative impact on our Lake placid community, --- (12983)
- Brings tourist dollars to surrounding communities, along with Placid --- (12983)
- excitement of the event --- (12983)
- It's a fun day to volunteer. I love the energy throughout the day from all of the athletes and spectators. --- (12983)

- Brings business to the area which many of the tourism-based businesses need --- (12983)
- nothing --- (12983)
- Community service opportunities! --- (12983)
- The mix of people it brings to the area. --- (12983)
- Before I started working healthcare, I did 20 years of retail on Main St. Lake Placid. Ironman visitors are typically polite and "low maintenance" compared with other visitors. --- (12983)
- Community support via IM Foundation. Introduces a sport to locals that is accessible. --- (12983)
- Nothing! --- (12983)
- It brings a good level of business to the community and helps the local economy. --- (12983)
- It's a positive event with participants and those who attend with them focused on the event with good impact on the to economy. It also generates funds that support community organizations. --- (12983)
- It's a great event that brings lots of visitors to the region. Those visitors bring tourism dollars, which helps everyone in the region. --- (12983)
- Solely that it brings attention to Lake Placid and the northern Adirondacks --- (12983)
- nothing --- (12983)
- Inspiring --- (12983)
- I can appreciate that they do bring some business to the area --- (12983)
- Nothing. Its a waste of money and destructive on the environment, especially Mirror Lake. Residents along the race course are pretty much trapped in their own homes til roads reopen. --- (12983)
- Increase in business to local businesses --- (12983)
- Athletes, having others exposed to the area. --- (12983)
- The boost to the local economy and small businesses. Being a small business owner we thrive and rely on tourism. --- (12983)
- Nice having another world-class event in the Adirondacks. Good for our reputation and economy. --- (12983)
- Brings people into the area --- (12983)
- nothing --- (12983)
- Helps businesses --- (12983)
- It brings positive attention to the area, not to mention money. --- (12983)
- The participants and spectators seem to be respectful of the area and don't seem to be constant partiers. --- (12983)
- I find it a festive atmosphere. People are happy and it's just nice to have visitors in our area. --- (12983)

- I like meeting people from all over the world, and my workplace is a great place for that. --- (12983)
- Nothing --- (12983)
- I truly can't think of a single thing I like about Ironman. It's a time when I mainly feel stress, frustration, aggravation, and annoyance. --- (12983)
- The community comes together as a whole to support this day and shut down. --- (12983)
- Brings business into town - good for shops, restaurants, hotels, etc. --- (12983)
- Revenue for community --- (12983)
- Brings people and money to our area --- (12983)
- It brings a lot of people to lake placid and the surrounding towns. It's good for the local economy --- (12983)
- That the locals get a chance to shine --- (12983)
- The excitement of a world class event. --- (12983)
- It puts the area on the map for something other than the Olympics. Brings people from all over the world, likely brings very good business to our local towns (hotel industry in particular). The camaraderie is incredible, as well. --- (12983)
- I like that the donate some money back to the community but I don't think it's nearly enough. --- (12983)
- Absolutely NOTHING! --- (12983)
- Energy for the day. Revenue for the area. --- (12983)
- The business it would bring to small businesses --- (12983)
- It's an exciting event to have in such a small village. --- (12983)
- Economic impact on region much of the year --- (12983)
- Fun to watch, brings business --- (12983)
- nothing --- (12983)
- It is a great event that brings people all year round. To train --- (12983)
- It's a neat event that puts LP on the world map. Having volunteered for 5 or 6 years it's a fun day with good energy. --- (12983)
- nothing! --- (12983)
- I like that Ironman brings high-level athletes to our region, which is fitting for Lake Placid. --- (12983)
- The event in general and the fact that it brings people to the area. --- (12986)
- I enjoy the opportunity to have outreach to others that come into our community because of IRONMAN. Although it's a long day it's a lot of fun volunteering! It also brings people into our community from so many different places --- (12986)
- It is a well establish racing event, recognizable, and something that many triathletes strive to participate in. --- (12986)
- Not much. --- (12986)
- Not much at all --- (12986)

- I love watching and cheering on my friends for the event. It brings a lot of people to the area for a few weeks and through out the year for training. That is why they come. --- (12986)
- Profile it brings to the area, number of visitors, "event" atmosphere, economic benefit, alternatives to standard local outdoor pursuits --- (12986)
- All the people and business it brings to area, not just LP --- (12986)
- The influx of business and the prestige associated with a World Class event --- (12986)
- I like that it brings business/people to our region. --- (12989)
- I respect the fact that people are working on a goal to compete in this prestigious and difficult event --- (12989)
- Economic impact for the surrounding communities. --- (12989)
- Influx of money. --- (12989)
- Worldwide event, puts Lake Placid on the map, local tradition, this event is good for the whole area --- (12989)
- Nothing. My 70yr mother has volunteered for years 14hr day, for a t-shirt. --- (12989)
- Money for the area --- (12989)
- I love the diverse community it brings to our region; the strong economic impact it affords our area, and the prestige it gives to us supporting the mission of athletics we offer. It is a wonderful event that brings so many people together to enjoy this beautiful region. It challenges each one of us to be better persons and hosts. Please keep the Ironman coming back to our area! --- (12989)
- The excitement around the event and overflow renters to our Airbnb 25 miles from town. --- (12989)
- I think the spirit of the event matches that of Lake Placid's Olympic history. --- (12993)
- Very little. It blows up tourism on that weekend. LP does great. The rest of us get clobbered. --- (12993)
- Important part of the image of Placid as an active athletic community. Makes the town feel more alive the week of the event. --- (12993)

Dislikes

What do you dislike about Ironman? (Open-Ended Response)

Dislikes - Race Towns (On course)

- Everything. The litter, the inconvenience, the training on our roads when riders ride 3 sometimes 4 wide --- (12941)
- My dogs and cows encourage the riders to carry on with loud barks & moo screams all day. --- (12987)
- My biggest gripe is unsafe practices and roadside litter from cyclists. After 20+ years, Ironman knows where on course there are blind corners/narrow shoulders/etc and has not invested in signage or outreach to redirect cyclists thronging the same problem spots every weekend, every summer. (My local example: Route 9N & Springfield Rd.) People stop in dangerous spots, drop trash by my house, and leave their toilet paper waste on the road shoulder. I don't dislike the one-day event. I just leave my house (which is on course) before the roads close, go deep into the woods to avoid the crowds, and come home after it's all over. --- (12987)
- 1) Living on River Road, I'm tired of being locked in place every year or feeling like the better choice is to just get out of town, 2) Many people don't realize that the event is not run by the non-profit USA Triathlon, but by a for profit entity that has to depend on volunteers. Frankly, not enough grant money is pumped back to Lake Placid from the profits that are realized, or to thank the volunteers, 3) That even if you have a driving pass for the busiest roads, they are meaningless, 4) That volunteers have the audacity to yell at locals for simply trying to get to and from work, 5) That attractions, such as trying to play a round of golf, are near impossible from my location, etc, etc. --- (12946)
- I live along the Ironman route, Sentinel Road/LisaGs area, and I have to literally leave town because the noise is deafening. --- (12946)
- Everything --- (12941)
- We residents are confined to our homes and unable to enjoy the freedom of movement. Our restaurants are closed, and stores, and we have limited access. --- (12941)
- Driving from Jay to Lake Placid is nearly impossible on the day of Iron Man - I have to fully take the day off from everything until late at night. Also, the phone service is so bad when all of the Iron Man athletes are visiting, just a sign that the infrastructure cannot support it --- (12941)
- Nothing --- (12941)
- It brings a lot of bike traffic to our narrow mountain roads throughout the summer. It can be difficult to get to everyday necessities like groceries or getting to work but it's for such a short time you just learn the work arounds. --- (12941)

- the bikes will not share the road, most of the time they ride side by side or even 3 side by side, its dangerous, BUILD A BIKE SIDEWALK PATH --- (12941)
- Road closures during Ironman. Athletes in training urinating on the side of the road and on resident's property, trash on the roadways, dangerous traffic conditions created by athletes in training from bike riders riding in the lane of traffic and 2-3 abreast. --- (12941)
- The garbage and waste left behind --- (12941)
- I dislike the one day that the roads are partially shut down, but the benefits far outweigh this inconvenience. --- (12941)
- They are a private for profit company that takes advantage of local people. --- (12941)
- Bicyclist start in April training and assume they own the road and have the right of way. They use people's yards and businesses as their personal toilets even when people are in their yards. They do not follow the rules of the road. They ride three or more wide and are very rude! We survived before ironman we will survive without it. They bring nothing to our community as far as financially and they do not bring any excitement. Most residents dread this time of year. --- (12941)
- athletes who are not respectful that its a full time residential area --- (12941)
- The mess left behind even after the cleanup --- (12941)
- The fact that it disrupts the community from Saranac Lake to Au Sable Forks for an entire day. --- (12941)
- Cost of entry --- (12941)
- Closes roads near my home. --- (12941)
- Nothing- I know it is coming and plan for the time when i don't have access on routes. --- (12941)
- Nothing, Ironman is great. --- (12941)
- Too much confusion --- (12941)
- Cyclists --- (12941)
- It closes a lot of main roads all day with little benefit to the local businesses along the route. The participants just pass through. --- (12941)
- Nothing. Please don't allow a few voices to ruin it for everyone. --- (12941)
- Local businesses do not benefit from ironman due to athletes and their families not spending anything locally. --- (12941)
- Road etiquette and safety.. --- (12941)
- I think it the waste management would be improved upon, not only at stations but also throughout the course, as well as better mitigation of mirror lake water pollution. --- (12941)
- No parking in Lake Placid. --- (12941)
- See #6 --- (12941)
- The biggest thing for my business is loss of income on the race day but also how the training up to six week prior to the race affects traffic. Visitors to the area are so

concerned with driving that they are apt to avoid route 86 or opt not to stop at local businesses. Lack of recognition of the communities on the course. --- (12941)

- Too disruptive at height of summer. Keeps regular residents and visitors from enjoying this time of the year. The athletes over the years have become increasingly self-absorbed and entitled. --- (12941)

- I dislike the lack of the participants caring about the communities and their actions. The traffic issues and their bathroom stops are an issue. I do not feel we should pay for them to come here. Many events are here in which they pay us. With their diets, they do not use the restaurants, often are not using hotels. In addition, they need taxpayer items to make money... state police, local EMS, Essex Co Emergency Services, the list goes on. I feel we can live without them and that it is time to re-brand this area to move beyond them. --- (12941)

- Can not get anywhere --- (12941)

- Bikers riding in the middle of the road when practicing and being totally disrespectful of those who live and work here --- (12941)

- That they refuse to stay out of the road and right of way closures are all day long --- (12941)

- It causes some traffic issues but nothing that can't be worked around --- (12941)

- Nothing. --- (12941)

- Too many road closures/detours. --- (12941)

- No complaints --- (12941)

- Nothing --- (12941)

- Used to be road closures, but understand it better now --- (12941)

- Nothing. I love everything about it --- (12942)

- Road closures can be a nuisance. --- (12942)

- The month to eight weeks lead up of the very very extremely dangerous bikers that are taking over the road primarily in the cascade area. As well as how the bikers treat local people in areas that they use their yards and nearby items to use a restroom if it is on the bike path --- (12942)

- Nothing, really - it's slightly inconvenient to have traffic restricted but nothing compared to where I used to live. --- (12942)

- It would be nice if the Ironman bike course was marked as such on the road. The ~40 mile loop is a great asset for the area and it would be great if we advertised that outside of the event. It's not JUST for the athletes. --- (12942)

- Block access to everything for most of Sunday, and hinder for preceding week --- (12942)

- Cripples local economy on Sunday. Our family are trapped in our home. --- (12942)

- No real dislikes --- (12942)

- Too many road closures, the littering (yes), the constant not following traffic rules single file, etc. Grocery stores depleted for locals. It's past due. --- (12942)

- Nothing. --- (12942)
- They ride in the middle of 73 when training. --- (12942)
- Having my access out of my property east bound closed all day! This means at least an hour or more detour to go see my daughter 2 miles away or go to the store 3 miles away! Weeks of annoying rude and dangerous athletes hogging up the rd Congestion in lake placid and Keene No benefit to me at all --- (12942)
- Hear complaints or trespassing and litter. Doesn't affect me directly, but I support those in LP that have people on their property that shouldn't be. --- (12942)
- None --- (12942)
- I don't really dislike anything. It is one day of the year, we can all plan ahead for travel etc for that day. I for one enjoy cheering people on to meet their goals. --- (12942)
- It's run it's course. It's invasive now. The road closure is a problem. If I needed an emergency service on race day the response time would be doubled. They also don't provide as much business to the community any more. 10 years ago maybe, but now they only Air BnB and then ravish our local grocery stores to nothing. --- (12942)
- Bike traffic, roads shut down, not enough money given to the town --- (12942)
- Heavy traffic, inconvenience, --- (12942)
- Traffic congestion, closed roads, all for little economic benefit to Keene --- (12942)
- People who complain about it😂 --- (12942)
- #1 attitude Not only participants but the support families & teams From parking to lodging & dining not only where I work but the surrounding communities --- (12942)
- I dislike the bike traffic before the race. Our road a tight without bikers. On occasions biker will ride side by side. I also dislike the closing of the road during the race. Race day I'd usually a day I leave town. --- (12942)
- It is difficult to partake of most of the Lake Placid restaurants that weekend and we pretty much stay out of town on race-day, but that's a small price to pay for such a good event. --- (12942)
- Road closures. Grocery store Mayham, Ironman people act rude and better then us --- (12942)
- The inability to go to my local gas station for milk without having to go 36 miles out of my way just to get home from a store that is 3 miles away bc of one way traffic. --- (12942)
- Inconsiderate bicycle athletes --- (12942)
- Everything --- (12942)
- Training bikers not sharing the road, crowding out in lane on road curves. --- (12942)
- Road closures. Athletes that don't follow road rules. Athletes that litter. --- (12942)
- The overcrowding, safety hazard of pre training on the roads. Disruption to life of the race. Having this race in a pandemic was a horrible decision. Cases spiked. No consideration for local residents. --- (12942)

- The road closings. Also some of NYS Police they bring in are from different areas and do not know how to direct traffic in the in the Keene area. As an example they totally blocked access to Lacy Road from 9N this year. Those of us who knew what was going on fixed the situation ourselves. --- (12942)
- I lose a full day of retail sales and even the day after isn't good. --- (12942)
- Disrupts traffic for a week. The route isolates our home from getting to church, farmers market, dump, you name it., but more dire: the route prevents us from getting to the emergency room should that be necessary. --- (12942)
- It restricts and, in some cases blocks, access to an elderly, somewhat disabled relative and from businesses and emergency services we might need to access. And the bicycle training from LP to Keene is frighteningly disruptive to routine local drivers - the cyclist do their best but a lot of drivers either don't know or care about safely sharing the road. --- (12942)
- The inconvenience of it during the race --- (12942)
- I live 2 min by car from my work, because of the bike portion and the delays it literally took me 45 min to get there --- (12942)
- Disruptive to traffic during training. Rude extremely messy gusts in rentals. --- (12942)
- Disruption to the community but it is only one day a year. --- (12946)
- A few athletes are obnoxious and rude while training. We should work with local establishments and coaches to educate them. --- (12946)
- Lake pollution, months of athletes training on roads before, too many people, shutting down roads, arrogant athletes, businesses shut down --- (12946)
- Inconvenient, they trash our town, entitled, bad clientele, they aren't here to gorge on food and drink like tourists are so we actually make less. We have to close on iron man day because nobody comes to town it's so inconvenient. --- (12946)
- Nothing brings alot of trash I guess --- (12946)
- Everything! The rude people who don't follow rules or pay attention and they just do as they please --- (12946)
- The town could do just fine with normal tourism. The event and riders has been a sore for the town. It congests the surrounding area and disrupts traffic for locals in neighboring areas. --- (12946)
- It isn't that inconvenient if you plan around it. --- (12946)
- Lack of respect for our community. --- (12946)
- I don't dislike Ironman or anything about it. The people come to visit our town and train and the race is one day out of the year. Nothing to dislike, I love it and the atmosphere it brings! --- (12946)
- N/a --- (12946)
- The lack of consideration of the athletes for the residents --- (12946)
- The ignorance of some of the athletes. They hog the driving lanes riding 2,3, and sometimes more across. It is impossible to get by them sometimes. Riding through the

Cascade Rd and Rt 86 is very dangerous even without the bicycles being there. --- (12946)

- The fact that we pay them to be here and that the Ironman village keeps fans from patronizing local shops and restaurants. --- (12946)
- The actual costs of having it outweigh the gains for most of us—the clogging up of the town/lake & inability to move around town for days; we'd like to see it take place in Lake Placid instead of Mirror Lake for multiple reasons. --- (12946)
- I am a prisoner in my own home. It is noisy. It was very exciting the first few years but no longer. --- (12946)
- The rancor and division it brings into the community from people who reject that challenge and lifestyle, or who think that the road is only for cars. Also the increasingly corporate nature of the organization, and how much it has reduced its support of the community while increasing demands and costs. --- (12946)
- Attitude --- (12946)
- The water quality of mirror lake suffers --- (12946)
- The entire summer leading up to the event causes our narrow and already difficult-to-navigate roads to be full of "athletes" training. An overwhelming majority of the athletes do not follow the rules of the road and are traffic safety hazards. Many accidents and collisions have narrowly been avoided because of these people congesting our roads. Many of the athletes have a sense of entitlement to our roads and are disrespectful towards motorists which becomes infuriating. The grocery stores get emptied out, locals can't go about their daily lives and our town is left covered with trash so that a few hotel owners can profit. I grew up in this town and have seen this event go on for over twenty years. At first it was exciting and new, now it is simply a nuisance. --- (12946)
- Not being able to leave my house all day bc it's on the course --- (12946)
- the participants have no regard to the people who live here. They come in and expect the local people to let them do as they please. they are disrespectful of peoples properties by urinating in bushes throwing trash along the roads. most do not respect the community. --- (12946)
- dislike about the IRONMAN is some people who just absolutely hate it ignorant ways of looking at thing a lot of the locals which I am a local they just hate it just because they hate it it's ridiculous --- (12946)
- Traffic --- (12946)
- Crowds, rude people, dangerous traffic situations, mess that everyone leaves for others to pick up. --- (12946)
- Everything about ironman --- (12946)
- Everything. Crowded, shotty people, unable to go anywhere in town when its happening. --- (12946)
- Everything --- (12946)

- None --- (12946)
- I dislike that the Ironman swim causes pollution in Mirror Lake. I also dislike that Mirror Lake access has become more restrictive (not sure if this is due to Ironman) so that it is not possible to swim at the boat launch next to the tennis courts. --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- Many of them are disrespectful to the town as a whole and aren't considerate that its not our job to clean up their trash and accommodate them all the time. --- (12946)
- Noise late at night --- (12946)
- Everything --- (12946)
- Noise and road closures the day of the race, but this is just one day of the year and I can deal with that. --- (12946)
- The constant complaints from some residents. The congestion on the highways caused by inconsiderate cyclists training. --- (12946)
- Everything from rude competitors and family to just the race it self --- (12946)
- Too much local tax payer money used . Organization putting on should be paying North Elba. --- (12946)
- traffic, lack of tourists that do activities outside of biking, swimming, and running. We have to shut down for the day due to road closures. We do not see nearly the amount of business during iron man that we do any other time. --- (12946)
- Road closures that I can't leave my house --- (12946)
- biggest is that I can't leave my home on the race day, also that my land is covered trespassers with tents and bells. the garbage they leave behind. the second largest is that we pay to have this and they don't pay us to come. its insane. --- (12946)
- The cyclists that take over the road for months in advance. The town being overrun with traffic the week of the event. Restaurant owners I know deal with rude, entitled, picky people all week. The day of the event - not being able to get around - I live out on 73 and am stuck at home all day. Mirror Lake being most likely tainted with human waste for a week afterward. --- (12946)
- take over roads - town - no benefit for the interruption --- (12946)
- I live on River Road. Need I say more? --- (12946)
- Some of the training groups get too large and they should limit the number of people riding in groups or space them out better. --- (12946)
- Not much. --- (12946)
- I'm inconvenienced for one day. --- (12946)
- Nothing really. --- (12946)
- Trash and disrespect of town by visitors --- (12946)
- don't like to be shut in the entire day....change the route.. give us a break, re-route the course.. we same residents have put up with this inconvenience for enough years.. --- (12946)

- The athletes run over the locals every year. It's time this town puts its locals first --- (12946)
- The training leading up to the race and the race day itself --- (12946)
- That the town and village has to pay for an event that doesn't directly benefit its residents. --- (12946)
- I dislike the extra traffic and people it brings to town. The athletes clog up the roads for training (biking, running). It is difficult to drive around town. I dislike their over-use of Mirror Lake. It's hard as a local to even get a place to park to swim at our own town beach. --- (12946)
- The size of the event~~too many people & arrogant attitudes. They take over, ride their bikes all over (2 & 3 side by side) & do what they please. They need to act like our temporary guests & be more courteous. --- (12946)
- Everything --- (12946)
- Too many people at event and all year long --- (12946)
- Lack of access around town. Streets closed. Business day lost. --- (12946)
- The race has grown too big in size & volume of athletes. There are too many training camps all summer long. There is no regulation of the training camps. Many of the training camp athletes seem to have a sense of entitlement and can display very disrespectful behavior. The race has lost its sense of community involvement. Many people in the community "hate" Ironman instead of get excited about the event. --- (12946)
- EVERYTHING --- (12946)
- Everything --- (12946)
- The disruption to the town/village leading up to the event. The competitors and their support base are focused on themselves and achieving their goals. That's easy to accommodate on race day. But during then months leading up it comes into conflict with the goals and needs of the residents and other visitors. An example of this is bikes riding in the road. Sure they can try to ride way off on the shoulder, but the road condition is much worse there snd riders are more likely to get a flat or crash, which would undermine their goals. Riding in groups is the same thing. It probably makes training more palatable. One ironman athlete or their family putting their personal goals ahead of the community's (I'll ride in the road, I'll park in this no parking zone - just for a minute , I'll drop this one goo package, I'll pee on the side of the road — all "just this once" has a cumulative effect that undermines the support of the event in the community. I think for each year they "scoreboard up in fractions" goes back to zero for the participants but not for community members. --- (12946)
- the arrogant ones --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- Not much --- (12946)
- Too big. Negative impact on Mirror Lake --- (12946)

- The litter & traffic --- (12946)
- The month or so beforehand the Athletes come with their training teams and some are quite arrogant. Also we cannot leave our house for an entire day. --- (12946)
- Riders who disobey traffic laws, lack of patronage to local restaurants --- (12946)
- I don't think there is sufficient education (and enforcement) for the teams about rules of the road. A few disrespectful athletes act as if they own the place and the resulting road rage impacts local cyclists around the year --- (12946)
- Tourists- but no matter what we would like, that is what supports this town. --- (12946)
- Everything --- (12946)
- worried about impact on environment --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- too intrusive,too big , way too large an inconvenience. --- (12946)
- The congestion for a week --- (12946)
- Brings too many athletes to the area for training camps and individual training purposes for many weeks prior to the event in July - road capacity cannot handle all the runners and cyclists and creates hazardous conditions for athletes and vehicle drivers alike; brings very affluent people with very expensive equipment into the area which creates a culture clash with many full-time residents; local drivers resent the athletes on the roads and their attitude carries over so that they practice dangerous driving habits (like driving too close to cyclists and roller skiers) all year around which affects local athletes who have nowhere else to go. --- (12946)
- Disrespect of competitors to the local residents --- (12946)
- Race course design, main street blockage, certain other race elements that need re-design and update for better local access and improved traffic flow both pedestrian and vehicular --- (12946)
- The rude crowds leaving trash, --- (12946)
- The people that complain about it, we put up with CAN/AM, rugby, and all sorts of events that I'm not into. But I'm not saying hey these shouldn't be in town. It's one day. If you don't like it or you're not into it stay home. --- (12946)
- Untitled athletes. Especially the bikes not boating traffic rules.... Riding 2 or 3 across driving cars into oncoming traffic. --- (12946)
- The closes roads, athletes are arrogant, disrespectful, had one defecate on my lawn next to my driveway, bikers are dangerous when training and contrary to what is said they do not follow the rules of the road. --- (12946)
- it holds my town hostage for almost a week --- (12946)
- The weeks before with the arrogant athletes on the road --- (12946)
- Everything --- (12946)
- The race brings large numbers of cyclists to local roads, which are narrow and winding, creating significant dangers to both motorists and cyclists. The shoulders on local roads frequented by cyclists is far too narrow and bumpy to accommodate even

one cyclist, much less two or three. This means that cyclists (some of whom refuse to ride single file) are in the travel lane, creating a hazard for motorists. The closure of roads on race day (which means, for example, that I am a prisoner for one day out of the summer) is a minor inconvenience. The real problem is the presence of cyclists preparing for the race. I also question the economic impact of the race. The 2005 ROOST study Economic Impact of the Ironman is based on a highly questionable assumption: that the hotels and restaurants filled with Ironman tourists would be empty if the Ironman was not held here. I suspect that a study using a more rigorous methodology to measure the Ironman's economic impact might find that the race has a deleterious effect on the regional economy. --- (12946)

- It restricts my ability to leave my home on raceday. --- (12946)

- They are mostly rude individuals. They do not follow the rules of the road on their bikes. Being landlocked in my home for a day --- (12946)

- Forces us to be locked in our homes as the Running portion is on our road. One time we had long time friends traveling through upstate NY and wanted to visit. Impossible to access our place. Our jobs at AMC frequently required us to come in on Ironman day which required parking one and a half miles away from our house and walking to the car and back home. I understand the organization brings in money for local businesses but who pays the overtime for police, ambulance, and other emergency services? Our taxes. It's time to „share“ this event with other towns but enough of it in Lake Placid --- (12946)

- People complaining about the inconvenience which is really not that bad, and mainly during race day --- (12946)

- It's an inconvenience. The athletes/families/spectators are rude, intrusive, entitled, and don't care about the locals and their property, roads, or way of life. --- (12946)

- Road closures can be annoying but not insurmountable (and not a surprise you have to deal with last minute). Sharing the roads with bikers and runners is part of our way of life up here, that's no big deal. --- (12946)

- The event has progressed to a self serving event where the athletes behave as if the town exists only for them. I strongly oppose the money given to the event Their storing if large trucks before and after events. Selling their merchandise and food --- (12946)

- The toll it takes on the hospitality industry, Every year consecutively may be part of the issue, move to - model with a sister city and every other year host. --- (12946)

- I dislike the fact that there are people that let these athletes, who spend much of their hard earned money to come stay, shop, race, eat and in some instances become home owners in our community, know how much they hate them being here. Frankly it is quite embarrassing when someone is in my business and they say to me “I’ve heard locals hate us.” No one should feel that way. --- (12946)

- Nothing --- (12946)

- Trash --- (12946)
- The fees the town pays to Ironman organization while having to enlist hundreds of volunteers to ensure the event is safe is the main reason I dislike Ironman. At one time Ironman was one of the big money making weekends for the town but every weekend is now busy and there is no longer a justification for the paid and unpaid worker hours that go into the event and the disruption it causes. As a local I leave town on that weekend as it is impossible to even walk around the lake - I do not rent out my house. Also this year , as a resident, I feel the Ironman committee did a terrible job of communicating with locals on the course changes, which caused even more disruption to the community. As more and more locals opt to leave during this weekend, the pool of volunteers shrinks and the course becomes less safe --- (12946)
- A small percentage of the athletes are not aware of bike and run etiquette. --- (12946)
- traffic on race day... but it is only one day. --- (12946)
- not happy with how much the town and ROOST pay Ironman corporate for right to have the event, when in fact they should be paying a little bit for facility and roadway usages. --- (12946)
- I can see how it might be frustrating to some members of the community that roads are shut down for all day on the day of Ironman. Also that there are many bikers from June - the day of the event. --- (12946)
- I dislike the ignorance of locals who do nothing but complain about the event --- (12946)
- Overcrowding --- (12946)
- It has outgrown Lake Placid... Take up too much of the town. --- (12946)
- Everything . lake placid believes the visitors keep the town alive. But yet tue locals who are here YEAR ROUND get no sort of pat on the back from the town for actually keeping the town alive --- (12946)
- How there are troopers that come up and are not familiar with the area and while we are trying to get home, knowing we can get home are being told we have to park our car and walk home because we live on the route and "We can't" drive on the route. --- (12946)
- Roads closed , athletes in the roads long before the event, attitude of some of the athletes, act entitled --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- Everything, --- (12946)
- Traffic, unable to get home after work, tourists are really rude to locals/have terrible attitudes, litter everywhere after the event --- (12946)
- Filth left behind in mirror lake --- (12946)
- The town is littered with garbage, the volunteers are beyond rude to locals trying to get to and from work. Working people can't just take time off of work for a race, all of the roads we need to travel on are blocked off, two years ago I was punched in the back by

a spectator while I was trying to get home from work, we can't even go to the store without spectators screaming at us for crossing the street. The bikers riding 2 to 4 wide in the road, they are not respectful at all the the rules of the road! This summer a man on his bike actually punched my car because he turned with no signal and cut me off I had to swerve to not hit him and he retaliated by punching my car! They are awful awful!!! --- (12946)

- Has gotten too big. should be reduced by 50%. --- (12946)
- Nothing. It's a terrific 1 day event with so much energy and health and well being. I will be very upset if the community does not rally around it for 1 day a year. It brings in money. Our family of 15-20 come to watch our three ironmen athletes, bringing in money, eating food, staying at hotels. This is as much of Lake Placid history as the Olympics. Every cyclist we know comes to Lake Placid and bring their families. We work in high paying biotech jobs and moved to LP with our money because of the ironman --- (12946)
- We no longer come to our wonderful home those weeks --- (12946)
- The assholes that think they won the roads!!! Arrogance --- (12946)
- How expensive it is for volunteers to try and stay here. The hotels jack up the prices incredibly --- (12946)
- After the ownership changed, it stopped feeling like a community event and started feeling like an corporate event. --- (12946)
- There aren't any bathrooms on the course. I am not an Ironman but I ride my bike. There is no place to go the bathroom for cyclists, fishermen, hikers etc. --- (12946)
- Road closures --- (12946)
- Nothing! --- (12946)
- That it paralyzes community for residents and that it is billed as a fun event worthy of attracting volunteers yet it is a for profit venture/corporation. --- (12946)
- They have outgrown their welcome by abusing our infrastructure. Ie roads water and sewer parking. it's time for them to go away --- (12946)
- The crowd had changed. I loved the crowd 10 years ago. They think our town needs them so survive. We do not. Summer of 2020 proved that --- (12946)
- I am discouraged by the negative feedback I hear around town I find none of it to be true --- (12946)
- Traffic --- (12946)
- Way too many people in town with athletes and supporters. We leave town every year because we don't enjoy being around our community being completely overwhelmed. --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- Everything. --- (12946)
- Entitled competitors and their families who act like they are doing Lake Placid a huge favor by coming here. --- (12946)

- The inconvenience of access, but it is only for a couple of days --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- The way Ironman athletes behave reflects poorly on local cyclists because of the Ironman participants' and their friends' indulged, entitled, selfish attitudes on the local roads. We (husband and wife) are tired of the way the Ironpeople act like we owe them something because they are here for the race/training. The bottom line is, we don't need Ironman anymore. There are plenty of visitors in Lake Placid, all the time. --- (12946)
- To many roads closed ,can't get around --- (12946)
- The local vitriole. --- (12946)
- O --- (12946)
- As someone outside of the village, though still on route 73, I make sure that I don't need to travel the road on that one day, so there is little to discourage me personally concerning the event. --- (12946)
- The disruption to our town and surrounding area --- (12946)
- The entitlement of the athletes. Road closures. --- (12946)
- Not much, it's a fun event to host. --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- Nothing. --- (12946)
- Too many people for small village --- (12946)
- Corporate money grab --- (12946)
- Town does not benefit enough for all the inconvenience to the residents of the town. People would still come if Ironman was not held in LP --- (12946)
- Bike riders all over the road during the months leading up to the event --- (12946)
- I do not like that locals, who know that the event will be here complain about road closures, guests etc. Too often people focus on the outliers who are disruptive. Ironman needs to combat this negative press by doing a better job of educating their clients on best practices/protocols for visiting the region. --- (12946)
- The athletes training and disrespecting traffic 🚦 laws, inconsiderate towards locals, road closures that keep people locked onto their roads with no way in or out! --- (12946)
- Crowds, traffic, rudeness. Not just the day of event but everything leading up to it. --- (12946)
- All of it. It holds our town hostage, entitlement of athletes and their families,, greed on the part of organizers --- (12946)
- They block my driveway constantly. They leave garbage on my lawn and trespass on my property. They let their kids run all over my yard. I have to leave very early in the morning and come back late otherwise they won't let me off the street. The loudspeaker at the oval reverberates thru the neighborhood until midnite. --- (12946)
- Road closers and not enough room on roads for bikes and runners, very rud --- (12946)

- Lack of concern for safety of athletes. And volunteers during swim. Disregard for safety during thunderstorms, lack of proper safety equipment, proper staffing of certified volunteers, etc. the event goes on regardless. Ironman has been lucky so far. --- (12946)

- The volume of bike traffic leading up to the race. The attitude of some of the racers (entitled). The amount of waste it generates. --- (12946)

- It is extremely hard to get to work and home. Two years ago I had a problem with a volunteer. (which I did report and nothing was done) While waiting for a break in the race so I could drive home. A person on his moped blocked my car, then said I was not allowed on the road. Keep in mind I spoke with a cop. Who said when there was a break in the road I could go. He said he did not care what the cop said. They block up the road, most. As he is in my face screaming at me. Most of them will not follow the rules of the road. The racers and their family are also very rude and trash our town. This event does more harm than good. I believe if they did not have the even here, we could and would have more people traveling here. Last year proofed that with the amount of hikers came in. It is time for this event to go elsewhere. Thank you for your time! --- (12946)

- Everything --- (12946)

- All the closures --- (12946)

- Impact on community, increase risk of covid --- (12946)

- Zero --- (12946)

- The lack of revenue that comes in during a prime summer weekend and week leading up to the race weekend. We see a decrease of 50% the weekdays before the race and an 80% decrease on the Saturday, Sunday and Monday of Ironman. This is incredibly disappointing as we already have such a short summer season in Lake Placid. --- (12946)

- Limited business impact. Only benefits hotels --- (12946)

- The training all year long on the roads with no respect....I do say it's gotten better though. --- (12946)

- The endless stress it causes myself and other locals and the traffic, this year I tried to drive home to my main Street apartment in lake placid after a long day at work and there were so many detours I wasn't allowed to go anywhere near my own apartment. I got lost because of all the road blocks and had to ask police officers for directions several times because no familiar roads were open and by the time I got home I had been driving for hours. The athletes get special treatment while residents are inconvenienced. --- (12946)

- The road closures and difficulty of getting to work --- (12946)

- Unsafe cyclists --- (12946)

- Dealing with athletes, increased traffic, athletes on the road training- not moving over for traffic, race day road closures. --- (12946)

- Road closures, rude athletes, unsanitary practices --- (12946)
- The fact that the town is over crowded, store shelf are empty, my driveway being blocked every year and not being able to get to work, people standing/sitting in my yard, people yelling screaming and ringing cow bells from 7a-12p some people have children who are sleeping/need to sleep I find the people to be very disrespectful of locals yards etc. --- (12946)
- Athletes inconsideration during training --- (12946)
- Every race blocks all access to my home and has since it started. --- (12946)
- very rude people. dont follow traffic laws. disrupting 5 villages --- (12946)
- Everything, biggest assholes in the world, road closures, a one day event leads to a week of nonsense, and months of athletes training endangering roadways with chase and support cars. If I want to ride a snowmobile or four wheeler down the road I have to pay a registration fee, make these assholes pay one for their bikes and see how many of them come. --- (12946)
- Everything. Too many out of town people coming for it being rude and thinking they're better it's impossible to live our normal lives here. Not to mention all the training here and how it makes it impossible to travel --- (12946)
- the arrogant attitude of the athletes and their families --- (12946)
- The bitching of locals who don't know how good they have it with tourism dollars --- (12946)
- Ironman makes a lot of money off our community, gives very little back in the big picture and overwhelms the town. --- (12946)
- It brings too many people into town, if it was half the size it would be more tolerable. Out of town spectators not respectful of private property. I've had several people going through my property or using the wooded area as a bathroom. --- (12946)
- The inconvenience the road closure. Inability to get medical care and the rude bike riders --- (12946)
- Not much. It is inconvenient for a few days, but so are alot of things. Nothing worthwhile comes without some side effects. --- (12946)
- The many days prior to it.. --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- There are always rude athletes who have no respect for the local residents. They ride bikes on Rte 73 three or four abreast and frequently flip the bird at drivers as they are passed --- (12946)
- Everything else. The entitled attitudes, disregard for our local properties, the attitude that they do something amazing for us, but there is plenty of other ways LP can make money, without paying Ironman to come. --- (12946)
- Not much, it's a small price to pay for not driving far on the sunday of race. We are a sports town, there are always people running and biking. --- (12946)
- Not coming down Main Street --- (12946)

- Overcrowding. Concerns of mirror lake quality. Rules out normal tourism. Stress on infrastructure. --- (12946)
- The controversy and that Ironman has cut pay offs to volunteer organizations --- (12946)
- Not much --- (12946)
- The disrespect of the athletes and their supporters to the people living here. Spectators have urinated in my yard and athletes don't respect the rules of the road. 3 wide and not moving over. It's really dangerous. --- (12946)
- People feel entitled. Make a mess and close the road I live on. If I had an emergency i would be stuck. --- (12946)
- Everything they are rude and nasty and think they own our town and can do whatever they want especially on there bikes --- (12946)
- The parking, roads being shut down... our roads also are not adequate for the racers to practice... really it's either the bike or car... it's all maddening! --- (12946)
- In spite of the strenuous and detailed planning of this event, many people who work and live in the area are negatively impacted with road closures that have very few, if any alternative options. Homes are entirely blocked off from vehicle access without slightest consideration of the occupants inside or their daily needs. Mobs of people conragating to watch and cheer are clambering for a single square foot of sidewalk or grass make it also nearly impossible to travel by foot; a normal 10 minute walk to work could take any person 2 whole hours during the event. The environmental impacts of this many people assembling in one place is astounding. Despite countless volunteers putting an honest effort to clean up leftover debris and return the town as it once was, it has never been completely successful in the two decades it has been here. The ecosystem takes a bigger hit each year than people realise. Vegetation is crushed and stamped into the earth; depleting common food sources for wildlife that are allready being pushed away by the noise and smells of a large gathering. Human bodily waste found in the lake body disgusts and prevents anyone from using the lake for two weeks after. Plastics and other non earth friendly items further pollute the lake and surrounding routes of this prestigious event. --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- Traffic can be challenging - just need to plan ahead. --- (12946)
- Been 20 years and my road is closed completely the day of & it's not safe for drivers or bicycles when they are training for this race, bicyclist have no respect to drivers --- (12946)
- The fact that the town is a zoo for the months leading up to it and the day is a cluster --- (12946)
- The road I live on being unusable, and I hear they throw trash all over --- (12946)
- Locals complaining about it --- (12946)
- Trying to get between ORDA venues --- (12946)

- Crowds and congestion leading up to race, but that has improved over the years and is not much different than crowds on holiday weekends or for other events such as horse show. --- (12946)
- I live in river road. We're trapped all day --- (12946)
- It's too big for our town and causes too much of a disruption for us locals who live here. --- (12946)
- Everything --- (12946)
- May not support all businesses in the ways communities would hope based on the nature of the event. --- (12946)
- That it brings out the small-mindedness and short-sightedness of some of the people who live in our Olympic tourist town. --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- they take over the town and the locals are pretty much left stranded --- (12946)
- Nothing. If people feel inconvenienced to promote something healthy, then I am going to infer that they are not health conscience individuals. --- (12946)
- Being trapped all day --- (12946)
- Shuts the town down, the families don't spend money while here. They get their rentals and cook meals for themselves. Not necessary for revenue, the summer we didn't host due to Covid allowed far more profitable guests to visit our town. --- (12946)
- They wipe out our grocery store, the bicyclist absolutely take over the roads and the police don't enforce the single file law. Other vacationers can't rent at that time . --- (12946)
- The fact I can not drive from my house to work. --- (12946)
- The athletes act like they own everything. Not following road rules or traffic laws. --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- Too many road closers, disrespectful athletes and staff --- (12946)
- Influx of so many people including pre- camps, take over of our resources (lakes, trails, roads), closures of roads for the entire race day, discourteous athletes --- (12946)
- The massive crowds and complete lack of care for any local resident --- (12946)
- It's commercialization --- (12946)
- I live on the course and it is a huge problem to get anywhere that day and I usually work on Sundays. That makes it very difficult for me to get to and home from work --- (12946)
- They act as if they own the town when they are here and bike all over the roads and are rude to locals when we are "inconveniencing" them --- (12946)
- The negativity coming from locals that won't ever seem to embrace it and other large events that Lake Placid can be so great at hosting. --- (12946)
- Some participants abuse the privilege but hogging the road and disrupting traffic --- (12946)

- The traffic the race brings in and the road closings. Not to mention the stress the race puts on local police and medical staff such as EMS. The timing of the race is also a problem in my opinion, why not schedule the race in the Spring during the mud/off season? --- (12946)
- The rude athletes that come up to train months beforehand. The closure of the roads during Ironman, we can't open on that Sunday. How Ironman does NOT give back to the local communities. They should pay to re-pave the roads, even send coupon thank you notes to everyone who is inconvenienced by the race. It seems like there is no good will to the communities that support the race. --- (12946)
- It is only one day out of the year and the benefits to the community outweigh have to use detours on race day. --- (12946)
- Not being able to leave my house most of the day due to the race. --- (12946)
- Traffic. Athletes are rude. --- (12946)
- Everything --- (12946)
- See above --- (12946)
- It kills any traveling plans for the day, but due to the consistency, I've always planned for this --- (12946)
- The town basically shuts down and inconveniences a lot! --- (12946)
- It isn't just the Ironman, I just feel that we are overrun at times. If athletes are being respectful, I am ok with it, but when they ride 2-3 abreast on the road and don't go single file when a car gets behind them it is frustrating. I also live off river road so access to my house is complicated 3-4 times per year (Ironman, marathons, half marathons, etc). That gets very old. --- (12946)
- How rude they are. And disrespectful. Some of them. They. Think they own. Village --- (12946)
- everything-period --- (12946)
- Closing the roads for an entire day essentially shutting down towns and locking you down where you are with no way to get anywhere. This is a serious problem. Especially if there are medical emergencies because guess what .. almost all emergency personnel are reallocated to this race. --- (12946)
- I wish there was more incentive for them to shop and eat locally --- (12946)
- Our business on race day is one of the lowest of days of the year and living on the course makes getting around town difficult. Also spectators using our front yard without permission is disappointing. --- (12946)
- Congested roads --- (12946)
- I actually prefer the weeks building up to Ironman to be more annoying than the race. There's always a few rotten eggs in a group that spoil it for others but the cyclists really need to be more respectful of motorists. They need to adhere better to the single file rule and stop feeling entitled when we are paying insurance and registration on our vehicles and ensuing the risk of hitting them. --- (12946)

- nothing --- (12946)
- Nothing. They give back to the community. And it's very well run --- (12946)
- They do not support local businesses the way tourist do --- (12946)
- I think ironman can do more to get more community members racing. Scholarships for first time racers? Something to bring back the community feel of the event. --- (12946)
- See answer to question 6. Ironman is very disruptive to the area for months, the competitors, for the most part, are self-centered. I also feel they have driven the real estate prices up to a point that we are losing our year round residents. As a matter of fact, my family leaves Lake Placid for "Ironman week." We DO NOT rent our house out either. It sits vacant in the middle of the summer when we could be enjoying it if it wasn't for Ironman! --- (12946)
- Everything --- (12946)
- Starts too early. Should have more of a festival feel, beer tents, etc, like a street fair. --- (12946)
- The shut of Village Streets, burden on emergency services (especially police), hours involved and the take over of the community with no regard. --- (12946)
- Temporary nuisance. Also, it has created divisiveness with him town. I've lost respect for several friends and acquaintances on both side of the debate because of their behavior. Especially this year. --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- Too much. Too many. Disrespect, noise. --- (12946)
- i can't work x2 businesses and there for no income. that it takes up a VERY PEAK date in July, instead of pre or post peak season. that they athletes and their guests take over town and restaurants and grocery stores, that I can't drive on my road, the cow bells and screaming outside my home for 20 years straight, minus 2020, i find over that the attendees and racers are rude and have an entitlement to be here in lake placid. that we pay so so so much for it. that they don't give back like they used to. list is endless, but overall its that I can't work and learn an income this weekend. --- (12946)
- Almost everything! From spectators getting onto my roof to watch the bike race, to Ironman trespassing after telling them "no" repeatedly that they can't use my space I show them filling up 55 gallon drums with water from my building. They take over the town and treat it like we owe it to them. --- (12946)
- They have created a housing crisis and destroyed neighbors by creating a largely unregulated market for short term rentals. --- (12946)
- The self involved athletes & the way the majority treat our small village & the people in it. --- (12946)
- Frightening encounters with cyclists on the roads. Having the highway (our road) closed one day for the race is not a big deal. --- (12946)

- Thousands of people lining up outside my apartment at 4am. Hearing the PA system all day and up to midnight. The noise in town after. The cleaning up around 4am. --- (12946)
- my road is closed --- (12946)
- Impacts ones plan for a few hours buy easy enough to plan around it. This year the route went right I form of my house so I couldn't drive out for about 3 out of 5 hrs once they started on bike portion. --- (12946)
- The timing. I feel it hurts more businesses than it helps. They occupy hotels rooms that otherwise would be filled with families dining, shopping, and visiting all the tourist attractions. It's been my experience that Ironmen spend their money mostly on hotel rooms and little else. I personally am impacted when driving Uber. I see a significant decrease in rides for two weeks leading up to the race itself and cannot drive on race day due to the numerous road closures. --- (12946)
- Small percentage of entitled athletes --- (12946)
- Goes by my house on 9N , noisy . The bikers are entitled. --- (12987)
- The months of iron men and women riding along the roads prior to the competition. --- (12987)
- I dislike that they made masks optional. Shows a lack of respect for the locals and volunteers. The organizers should protect the health and safety of all residents and Ironman participants. --- (12987)
- The communities involved are filled with people who are in then out, spend very little money here and can be very unappreciative. --- (12987)
- All the disrespectful bikers --- (12987)
- Everything, but especially being trapped in my house in Wilmington the whole day of the event due to road closures. Dangerous traffic conditions between Wilmington & L.P. begin a full week before the event. --- (12987)
- n/a --- (12987)
- The total infrastructure shut down is difficult, especially as it seems to happen earlier and earlier every year. The constant training is the worst part as most roads in our area are not bike friendly (the cascades, the notch, etc)- it's super unsafe and scary at times for both parties. --- (12987)
- The inconvenience of road closures and the zoo-like atmosphere in Lake Placid that weekend. --- (12987)
- Too many participants, often very inconsiderate participants (leaving trash all over, urinating on people's lawns, etc.), road closures. --- (12987)
- It happens during the peak of tourism season and on a weekend, both adding to the congestion and crowding. The area already has many, many people here that weekend. Could it move to a less-crowded weekend? --- (12987)
- nothing --- (12997)
- Disruptions in traffic and local events that have to be rescheduled. --- (12997)

- Nothing --- (12997)
- Traffic challenges on race day --- (12997)
- people who grouch about it and are selfish --- (12997)
- Trash thrown along side the road - minor compared to the business brought in. --- (12997)
- its all good --- (12997)
- Behavior of athletes, road closures, and the structure of the Chinese company as a whole. --- (12997)
- NA --- (12997)
- Disruption of life --- (12997)
- Too much congestion on all roads for too long and too much travel restrictions on race day. --- (12997)
- Inconvenience traveling --- (12997)
- For us it's great. I know it's busy, but that's okay. --- (12997)
- That the IRONMEN AND WOMEN are RUDE and disrespectful of the tax payers and their rights. --- (12997)
- Can't leave my house do to road closures in both directions --- (12997)
- The PEOPLE. Snotty little entitled demons. I hate how the cyclist do not follow the rules of the road. We need to accomodate locals who serve these athletes during the weeks leading up to the event --- (12997)
- Lack of bike lanes, dangerous conditions for riders and bikers. General poor behavior of riders- sharing the road should mean stay in your lane --- (12997)
- My road closes in both directions for the entire day. I generally leave town for the weekend. --- (12997)
- The crowds of bikers. Even though it is a small percentage that bike in the middle of the road, when you consider the number of athletes that come to train and their training partners, it adds up to 20 years of close calls on the road and otherwise rude behavior. --- (12997)
- Stupid people that think they own the area while they are here --- (12997)
- my road Haselton is closed all day so I have to leave town or sit home all day --- (12997)
- The arrogance of a few and the disrespectful way they ride the roads Also may I add iron man should be covering all their own costs This is a for profit company and in being that we the tax payer should not be subsidizing them --- (12997)
- The rude bikers, the people throwing trash in yards, the entire roads being shut down!! A tax payer who cannot leaves their own driveway? --- (12997)
- Nothing - love Ironman! --- (12997)
- The disruption factor. --- (12997)

- The environmental impact. The detriment to the local community in terms of getting around or emergency services. The poor attitude of a fraction athletes and their bad behavior have poisoned the image. --- (12997)
- Bikers riding in the road pre-race. Not single file. Not on the edge. --- (12997)
- Road closures --- (12997)
- Rude bike riders thinking they own the road --- (12997)
- Most things. 1. I am held hostage at my property on the day of the event. 2. The environment really suffers from having so many people coming to town, swimming in Mirror Lake and overtaxing the septic systems. 3. Even though many athletes are thankful, the ones who are rude and disruptive have behaviors that outweigh the good ones. Also, what's up with the signs that say rude things about drivers in cars. Very antagonistic. --- (12997)
- Seems like a lot of the people that come in to the area feel that they own the place --- (12997)
- Disrespectful bikers and it causes to many business,s to have close for the day. --- (12997)
- Nothing --- (12997)
- N/A --- (12997)
- Everything --- (12997)
- Nothing --- (12997)
- Overpowering the area, dangerous biking practices --- (12997)
- The constant bikes from April to September with no regard to rules of the road. It is very difficult to drive anywhere they are "training" on the course. They ride side by side and expect drivers to move around them while they have a discussion with a fellow biker --- (12997)
- Can't think of anything. --- (12997)
- As I like the event some of the participants are self absorbed to the point where they think it's all about them. The race course is a working transportation corridor for 364 days out of the year. Ironman athletes need to realize this while training --- (12997)
- Nothing. Sure it's inconvenient on race day. Sure the not riding single file on 86 is rude but overall I'm very excited to have the visitors and the contents of their wallets. --- (12997)
- Everything. Trash our roadsides, disrespectful, and arrogant. --- (12997)
- The waste... On every level. The attitude of people it brings to town ... Very entitled and inconsiderate --- (12997)
- Forces some businesses to close and residents are forced to stay home or need to leave super early and stay away until evening. --- (12997)
- Cyclists in the road, trash, increased traffic, roads shut down --- (12997)
- RUDE athletes. Traffic, way too many bikes ALL over --- (12997)
- The closures. --- (12997)

- A little inconvenience of getting around town on one weekend but the energy and excitement far outweighs any negativity or inconvenience. --- (12997)
- Bikers who don't adhere to the rules of the road. Riding single file etc --- (12997)
- I have to close my shop and there is not enough business on either end of the day to make up for a day closed. --- (12997)
- I don't dislike Ironman --- (12997)
- They shut down my business They litter along roadsides The cyclists make our roads hazardous to commuters. They are the most arrogant self centered people I have ever encountered with no concerns to the negative impact to our community. --- (12997)
- Arrogance, not following the rules of the road, too many training camps, setting down the roads, economic impact is all for Lack Placid. The list goes on. --- (12997)
- Nothing that I can think of. I know some get frustrated with traffic but its a one day event --- (12997)
- Traffic --- (12997)
- Traffic, dangerous roads with bikers/runners, congested area stores/restaurants. --- (12997)
- Take over the roads, no space for transient tourists, many businesses have to close --- (12997)
- Everything --- (12997)

Dislikes - Race Towns (Not on course)

- Everthing --- (12941)
- Nothing. --- (12941)
- The tying up of our roads for a month in advance, their arrogance and the lack of contributions to our small community --- (12941)
- Nothing --- (12941)
- It is very disruptive and feel it does little to actually support the community --- (12941)
- It takes over our towns and roads. And the only town that benefits is lake placid. Our other towns receive nothing from it. --- (12941)
- The inability to get to and from home for hours while our local roads are closed. Bicyclists in training taking up entire lanes of roadway instead of biking in a safe, single file order. Most of our roads are winding and have blind turns, making it unsafe to pass. Our communities are left with litter everywhere the day after the event. We've hoped for improvement but it's just gotten out of hand. --- (12941)
- The bikers on the roads in the weeks prior to the event. --- (12941)
- Trash, Rude Entitled Athletes, Pre race congestion (for months) with cyclists that often ride two or three abreast in lane. --- (12941)
- The athletes --- (12941)
- The inconvenience --- (12941)
- Expensive --- (12941)
- When visitors and people on vacation park in my driveway and ignore my private property sign they park in front of. --- (12946)
- I truly believe that Ironman could give back a little more to the surrounding community's People accepted Ironman more openly when people like Graham Fraser (sp) Lyle Harris Were present in the community. They came to meetings with a check book in hand prepared to grease the squeaky wheel. They weren't necessarily local but they were generous and I was personally friends with both of them --- (12997)
- not much --- (12941)
- Not young enough to participate, nor athletic enough...ha! --- (12941)
- The garbage it creates. --- (12941)
- traffic congestion --- (12941)
- Town and road takeover --- (12941)
- It would be good to have wider shoulders on the roads. It would also be helpful for event participants and vehicle operators to be mindful and consider the circumstances of all involved for respect and safety. Perhaps more written and verbal guidelines for the athletes, and news articles with upcoming events, schedules, and possible training locations for 'local' awareness and precautions during the Ironman Event. --- (12941)
- Sometimes the bikers who are practicing hog the road and it is very scary to avoid them with oncoming cars --- (12941)
- Nothing --- (12941)

- The inconvenience of road closings is only for a short time and I have learned to deal with it. It's a small price to pay to have this prestigious (in my mind) event in our area. --- (12941)
- Road congestion, local volunteers instead of paying the locals, dangerous driving conditions the weeks before event. Bad for the lake --- (12941)
- None --- (12941)
- traffic restrictions. --- (12941)
- The traffic and blocked off roads. --- (12941)
- Nothing. --- (12941)
- Iron men and supporters do not spend much money locally outside of lake placid Are I'll mannered --- (12941)
- The demographics the event attracts --- (12941)
- Nothing. Traffic is manageable for the short period of time they are in town --- (12941)
- The fact that there are no economic resources being brought in. The participants do not spend anymore than they have to. They are in and out within a day or two and focus solely on the sport. The people who are watching are doing the same thing. Meaning we deal with headaches and receive nothing in return. --- (12941)
- I do not dislike ironman. --- (12941)
- Everything....most of the people are rude and the bikers are horrible. When it was first here they dined out now it all AirBNBs so they go to the grocery store and stay at home! --- (12941)
- It clogs the roads for one day, but that is a minor inconvenience for those of us who live in Jay. --- (12941)
- Nothing --- (12941)
- Too much of an interruption to people's daily life along bike route --- (12941)
- I think the bike route is dangerous for bikers practicing on the current route. --- (12941)
- It's elitist --- (12941)
- It's on a Sunday , too much traffic --- (12941)
- road closures, inability for fire crews in jay to get where needed on race day, bikers in training that ride double wide and block traffic. While I support the Full Ironman I am very strongly against the need for a half ironman in the fall. One suggestion is to route the ironman everyother year on a different route say thru Saranac Lake to lessen the impact to the Ausable Valley --- (12941)
- The people are rude and dangerous on their bikes. They trash the town and the houses they rent. All locals are just angry right before, during, and after so they mentally impact the town residents negatively. --- (12941)
- I hear there are issues with bathroom habits --- (12941)
- Road closures are inconvenient --- (12941)

- The constant ongoing training by the bike riders, the complete road closures on race day and the expenses paid by local and state agencies to cover things such as police overtime. --- (12941)
- How early I wake up to cheer on my friends --- (12941)
- The fact that some of the people who come to train do not follow the laws of the road. They are leaving excrement on the road ways in addition to other trash. (no more than the stuff people throw out of their cars though). The rules of the road are the biggest factor. In addition the riders get angry if they are honked at to move over. Law enforcement need to ticket and the riders need to follow the laws. --- (12941)
- Hard to get into town after 5am. --- (12941)
- Wish they would give more to volunteers since they are working for free and Ironman is making money off this event. --- (12941)
- None. Minor inconvenience of the detours on race day is well worth the excitement and benefits to the communities involved. --- (12941)
- The road closings on race day, major bike traffic all over the region. --- (12941)
- The bicycling training and the few of them that disregard the rules of not riding side by side or staying to the right of the white line unless unable --- (12941)
- Town gets a little insane --- (12941)
- The fact they charge organizers to have the event --- (12941)
- I think Ironman as a company has lost ground the past 2-3 years on communication, support, etc. Ironman needs to reexamine their philosophy on what garners a well run event from registration to race day. --- (12941)
- Trash like water bottles in my yard and out front of my church. Athletes who go to the bathroom pretty much wherever even on people's lawns. The traffic congestion for weeks --- (12941)
- Nothing - it is a great event for the region. --- (12941)
- It causes annoying traffic and the crowds can get overwhelming too. --- (12942)
- The participants as a whole; not all, but most. --- (12942)
- The traffic and road closures --- (12942)
- n/a --- (12942)
- Crowded, rude, arrogant people that think they can take a shower in your public restroom --- (12942)
- Traffic & garbage --- (12942)
- Arrogant behavior of some of the participants and presenters, true talent and sportsperson-ship is graceful, grateful & humble --- (12942)
- Seems like they come and go and do see the beauty where we live --- (12942)
- Poor for business because of Ironman village General dislike for the company that overuses our resources at little cost. We shouldn't have to pay the corporation to host the event --- (12942)

- The arrogance of many of the competitors; the major longtime inconvenience of their bicycle practices; their expectations of service and the cost of it. They do little for the economy outside of Lake Placid. --- (12942)
- Attitude of some athletes --- (12942)
- It makes the Adirondacks feel like a competitive playground. I would prefer to have visitors come here to appreciate our mountains, woods, and waters, rather than a big sporting event. --- (12942)
- I live in Keene and I just plan my day accordingly --- (12942)
- Safety issues --- (12942)
- The entitled attitude presented by some of the athletes to the community. The impact on regular tourism and guests visiting the area. --- (12942)
- Inconsiderate bike riders on roads and traffic disruptions on race day. --- (12942)
- Disruption on roads --- (12942)
- The participants, their four weeks of clogging the roads before the race, and the inability to enter Lake Placid that whole weekend. Oh, and that nonprofits have to pay to be part of Ironman Village. --- (12942)
- Competitors are rude, arrogant and entitled....I have personally experienced road issues as bicyclists "training" ignore road rules, these same athletes use private and local business properties as their own urinals and garbage dumps. --- (12942)
- N/a; No negative impacts --- (12942)
- Athletes were able to participate without being fully vaccinated. I think that is wrong! --- (12942)
- Road closures are inconvenient but with notifications not a big problem --- (12942)
- The village gets imposed upon this event each year and we are expected to step aside and let this race take front seat to the routines of our daily lives. Bicycles pose traffic hazards --- (12942)
- Changes in traffic --- (12942)
- That they don't offer funding to towns that host part of the course --- (12942)
- Traffic issues --- (12942)
- The obnoxious athletics. The disrespect by many. The inconvenience without benefit to locals --- (12942)
- People complaining and not fully understanding the full economic impact. --- (12942)
- Nothing --- (12942)
- Let's just say that some of the athletes are a bit... intense and entitled. It is hard to deal with a % of them. --- (12942)
- Congestion and streets blocked off --- (12942)
- Traffic --- (12942)
- The limited road accessibility on race day itself can be challenging, but it's not really that hard to work around for one day. --- (12942)

●I know it is stressful for those who live in LP. It distorts traffic flow in the region, but It's only one day. It brings athletes to the region before and after for training. I do have concerns about the Keene hill during non race day training. It is really not safe for bicycles because the lanes are narrow and traffic is high through the cascades. It is ok on race day as one lane is closed to car traffic. But the routine group training rides pose a challenge for drivers and a risk to athletes. --- (12942)

●1. Locals' negative attitudes 2. Out of town athletes (cycling in particular) not abiding by road laws --- (12942)

●Traffic problems, of course, but that's only one weekend per year so it does not bother me. --- (12942)

●Traffic --- (12946)

●The idea that participating is healthy for you is highly questionable and they are fanatic that it's a huge sign of physical greatness that create egos and prominence that has swept the planet in a movement that should be questioned not envied. Fill up someone else's town with this nonsense. --- (12946)

●Too many people. Athletes & family. The event could be scaled back. There is a correlation to the smell from the waste treatment plant and the houses with 6 & 7 cars. --- (12946)

●The vitriol and bullying it has produced in a few Lake Placid residents. Get over yourself please. It's not all about YOU. --- (12946)

●My business does not do as well for this event. I have to close Ironman Sunday. But I am ok with that --- (12946)

●Town does get busy but we all know it's coming. If people don't want to get tangled up in it, plan accordingly. Honestly, this whole place is busy - restaurants, trailheads, it's the nature of living in such a beautiful place. --- (12946)

●Quite a bit --- (12946)

●I haven't personally experienced it, but I sympathize with the individuals that have dealt with very rude visitors and some of the entitlement that comes from the event. --- (12946)

●The bike riders in the middle of the narrow mountain roads making it hazardous to drive. --- (12946)

●Too many people, trash on our roads, too many bikes on the road --- (12946)

●Town pays Ironman to come. It's a profit making enterprise. Should pay own way. Takes over town. Negative impact on many businesses. Of course some benefit too. Traffic pattern mess. --- (12946)

●Rude cyclists in weeks before. Traffic congestion, --- (12946)

●The inconvenience of the event --- (12946)

●The frequent crowds of athletes biking the course, swimming the course. The "camps" at the beach. The road closures. The amount of money WE pay them for them

inconveniencing us. If the hotels and restaurants benefit so greatly from the event then they should pay Ironman. Not the community! --- (12946)

- disregard for safety, specifically on the water. running the event despite a significant lack of certified safety personnel especially in recent years, corporate sponsor equipment issued for media exposure, not gear guards are trained with, running the event during a severe lightening storm in violation of NYS law, detrimental affects to Mirror Lake, rude cyclists --- (12946)

- Not sure not really anything --- (12946)

- The divide it seems to create within our community --- (12946)

- Air B &B are too full. Maybe even over full --- (12946)

- If the stories about pooping and peeing in the lake and on peoples property are indeed true, that is just unacceptable. --- (12946)

- The people training in town before the event not following rules of the road. Trash left on the ground in public places from the event. --- (12946)

- Lack of respect --- (12946)

- Town shutting down for the day. Bicycles causing such problems that when our kids try to ride they get yelled at and flipped off .Iron people pooping on my yard. Just a few --- (12946)

- no parking, shutting down mainstreet --- (12946)

- I really dislike athletes with \$5,000 bikes making the roads unsafe for folks trying to get to their low wage jobs on time. --- (12946)

- Occurs during peak season here in town. Too many people riding in the roads training dangerously --- (12946)

- Should be in June --- (12946)

- I'm growing increasing tired of the attitude of those who come to train. Bikers especially. On 2 occasions this summer I got a middle finger from those who are riding shoulder to shoulder. Ability to move around town. Lack of food in the grocery stores from people coming and renting houses. And I am tired of the town being tired and fighting with each other over it. --- (12946)

- the negative banter on social media outlets --- (12946)

- Should not be peak season --- (12946)

- It starts with the entitled cyclists and runners, moves on to the crowded vacation rentals, disrespectful of natives. Then the takeover of town by the participants, their followers, the traffic hassles, and the grocery store lines. --- (12946)

- The Ironman is a profit making corporation with no real connection to the community. They charge around \$800 to participate and still Lake Placid pays them a bunch to participate (Geez!). Very few locals do the event because they cannot afford it! We need more local orientated athletic events like a Grand Prix running series rather than an Ironman that consumes the community! --- (12946)

- I can understand the burden it places on local residents, but I think of how beneficial it is for all of our amazing small businesses. I think we could work with the town and village to put some rules in place that athletes must follow and instill fines for not adhering to these rules. --- (12946)
- Nothing. I would be disappointed if LP decides it no longer wants to host Ironman --- (12946)
- It has been here too long. Enough already. Every year for weeks in the summer the training, bikes all over the roads. They ride down the middle of the road. I am afraid I will hit them. Hate to drive here in July. --- (12946)
- The Ironman has become detrimental to Lake Placid with race day closures of major roadways and inaccessible businesses (including ours), by fueling the short-term rental conversions that have priced-out housing for local workers and families, and by vastly profiting off of an event that local taxpayers underwrite by extra municipal and police services that go unreimbursed. The touted "economic impact" of Ironman is nullified when factoring in what we pay to hold the event plus the lost revenue of "normal" tourism lodging, dining, shopping, and recreating. It is time for Ironman to GO. --- (12946)
- Not 1 thing! --- (12946)
- Everything --- (12946)
- Too many people --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- Cyclists that don't follow the rules of the road --- (12946)
- It doesn't deliver to the community on an equal basis. Only a few benefit. Everyone else is inconvenienced and makes less money off of this event opposed to a non-event tourist weekend. Some restaurants even close because it is not worth being open. --- (12946)
- Some of the crowds can get rowdy. --- (12946)
- At times there can be many of them in one place causing inconveniences. Not a big deal really. --- (12946)
- People, road closures, trash, polluting Mirror Lake with pee and poop, can't even eat the fish anymore --- (12946)
- The numbers --- (12946)
- The congestion on Ironman day is a challenge but it's one day and usually managed very well. --- (12946)
- I do not like the timing, it is smack dab in the middle of the summer, yes the business owners like to make money as well as employee people, however I do also believe that people need to be able to spend time with their families as well. I would like it to be at the beginning of the summer or the end. Between Ironman, Lacrosse, Horseshow etc in the summer there is just no time to enjoy summer. --- (12946)

- Nothing! Lake Placid is always busy in June, July and August this event adds to the business and really effects us for 1 day! --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- The town is taken over by mostly rude and arrogant people who think they can do what they want to . . . total disarray & the money is not all that great anymore! The amount of physical work and stress....its not worth it ! --- (12946)
- Now that I'm a local resident, it is frustrating to see some of the aggression that is resulting from this event and the training that comes prior to it. I can appreciate that locals who are not athletes feel that the town is overtaken on the day of, but I think there is an opportunity for us to become a true "host" community that is more engaged and supportive of the event. --- (12946)
- Bikes in the skinny roads. Too many. --- (12946)
- Mostly the trash - takes a very long time to clean up. --- (12946)
- It sucks up all the oxygen in the area for the time period it is here...I no longer come to Lake Placid when Ironman is in town. It is the only event I do this for. --- (12946)
- Overcrowding, arrogance and obnoxious behavior of some participants during training. Cost to local governments and taxpayers. Only village hospitality businesses profit. --- (12946)
- The infrastructure is not made to accommodate the number of people --- (12946)
- Some participants are disrespectful to the community --- (12946)
- The urinating and defecating in our lakes, woods and on our roadsides. The trash. The bicyclists who think cars should move out of their way even if it presents a hazard to the motorist. --- (12946)
- Road closures mainly but it's only one day so it's not a big deal. --- (12946)
- I can understand why some people feel inconvenienced but im good with it all . sometimes they buy all the store iced coffee out at the grocery store and that irritates me slightly . --- (12946)
- Nothing really. --- (12946)
- Overcrowding --- (12946)
- Again...if IMLP: I will say there is a small % of athletes that train and race here that have disregards to the area: ie: cycling side by side, trash, type A personality holier then thou attitudes, but not all. Traffic limitations x 1 day Requires a lot of resources that are already lacking...but this is more so since covid, and of course increase of exposures. Now, if just about IM company...again, its a business, and it has deviated from their grassroot values and visions...its not what it used to be. --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- Dangerous road conditions due to biking athletes --- (12946)
- a lot of arrogant and rude people --- (12946)
- It is costly, both in the fees we pay Ironman and the support services they require --- (12946)

- 1. Fuels the STR market taking away local housing for residents. 2. Drives up property prices. (refer to point#1). 3. Too big (and keeps getting bigger each year.) 4. Makes it very difficult for any other visitors or families who actually want to visit our area to come here (for the beauty and attractions of the area rather than for the event) because it drives up hotel prices, etc. for a chunk of July. 5. Caters to those who have enough time and money to spend on training, gear, competition and travel costs thus making it a very elitist event (which in turn changes the character of our village in that we cater largely to those of privilege rather than the average person.) 6. I must actively avoid the village for the week before and a few days after competition. Not to mention being blocked from travel the day of the competition. It literally overtakes our village and beach for this time period (during the nicest time of summer!) It's becoming harder and harder as a local to enjoy living and playing here during these large events. --- (12946)
- Literally everything. The type of person drawn to participate. Their endless training on our narrow roads. The fact that nothing else can happen in our town that weekend. The detours. The inevitability of its return. The fact that those involved in this survey would list potential businesses one might own in town to include "art gallery" but not "construction." --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- Life and area disruption Ironman attitude (belief they are the "only game in town." --- (12946)
- don't see any physical tangible benefits to local children. ie. better play grounds and outdoor play apparatus. --- (12946)
- I dislike that it has come to where we are today. Where there was once 100% support for the event we now have two sides divided. I think it's easy to say the event must come to an end but I also think that is a very short sided decision that may not be fully realized for 2-3 years down the road. Lake Placid is a tourist destination and Ironman participants and their families contribute to the local economy more than just 1 day or 1 week of the year. --- (12946)
- The months of training of bikes and runners on the roads BEFORE the event. --- (12946)
- Everything. Over crowded, people going to bathroom in public! --- (12946)
- Road closures and worries while driving. The bicycles are in the traffic in high traffic areas during training putting themselves and drivers at risk. The route through the Cascades needs to shift --- (12946)
- Nearly everything else- the negative environmental impact, the congestion, the inflation, the arrogance and self entitlement of many of the athletes, the pressure on fragile infrastructure, the lack of affordable housing for locals. --- (12946)
- Nothing. Any event is going to have pros and cons, but it largely does good for the community as evidenced by the growth --- (12946)

- It has lost the excitement and camaraderie it was at inception. Everything is commercialized. Considering the amount of \$ organizers realize vs contribution to town.....ROOST should be embarrassed. --- (12946)
- Dangerous behavior by cyclists. --- (12946)
- Inconvenience, litter, not being able to use the lake, traffic, congestion, athletes training/using course weeks in advance..... In fact, made a lot more money last year (during Covid outbreak) with increase in "genuine" tourists! --- (12946)
- Current Summer scheduling in July. Cost! Loss of more profitable July family tourists. Road closings. Rude bike riders. Delivery vehicle delays causing angry retailers who were angry already at loss of business due to the Iron Man community erosion causes. --- (12946)
- Some athletes don't show respect to drivers and peoples property! --- (12946)
- The traffic. The cyclists training early on, if they're 2-3 abreast on the road. Not being able to use Mirror Lake afterwards. --- (12946)
- Lack of consideration for residents and access to where they work --- (12946)
- It causes overcrowded restaurants, hiking trails, high traffic, closed roads and overcrowded area attractions. There are enough activities and attractions for people to come and enjoy in this beautiful area, Ironman is not needed. It's difficult to enjoy what the area has to offer the week of Ironman. Also causes sky rocketing prices of hotels and rentals. --- (12946)
- Rude people --- (12946)
- Traffic --- (12946)
- bring their own vendors and set up retail space separate from community --- (12946)
- I have minimal complaints about day of race activity. The competitors who are here training for the event need to be more respectful of traffic laws, single file riding and running etc. The organization does a great job with set up and clean up. --- (12946)
- The congestion. --- (12946)
- Ironman community trashes the residences they stay in...leaving mud, trash etc in rentals Bc they are barely there...so they just do not care...they are not always careful when on the streets training...a lot of pollution left behind...and honestly many are elitist and not friendly to local service workers... Honest truth... I am a native of Lake Placid...from a first family of many many generations here... Watched many an Ironman... We are alllll about athletics... I ski, snowboard, rock and ice climb...kayak, fish, hike etc... We are alllll about sporting events...but this event is not what it used to be... It doesn't carry the spirit that our town was built on...maybe it once did but that spirit is lost now... Many are elitists pricks who literally care nothing about LP... We as locals shouldn't dread this event...and we alllll do! The Ironman Culture is actually very rude and this is the honest Adirondack frozen truth... Bring on the University Games Bring on other large events We can handle large events... Tell me to my face, that you haven't seen it too? All the trash they litter...the rude interactions...their

dangerous antics on the road...the trashed rentals... I manage vacation rentals bro... And Iron-monkeys leave the biggest mess after...even more than lacrosse and rugby weekends combined!!!! They are a gross, lazy, entitled, wasteful, messy and cold people... Not all of course. They honestly don't really eat out or shop either when they are here... So businesses actually lose out on Main Street... Roads get blocked...and instead they stay in eating power gel for dinner in their room... Ironpeople are really not welcome here any longer...we are bored of your antics and no longer want to come and cheer on this annoying race... This is my town. This is our town. For these reasons, we're out! Ironman, it's been a good run, but we need to break up! Hard no! Bye Felicia... -Z --- (12946)

- Cyclists training on roadways that do not respect the laws of the road --- (12946)
- Traffic detours, safety hazard for training athletes and motorists prior to the event --- (12946)
- Road closures. Nasty people at end of Cummins Road, athletes are disrespectful --- (12946)
- Hosting IM is a win win for this town. Unfortunately many locals are opposed to the athletes coming and that creates a negative name for LP. LP is becoming know as a hateful area towards triathletes and some won't come back as a result. So, no I don't dislike IM, I dislike the attitude of some locals toward the visiting athletes. It makes LP look like a redneck, unwelcoming town that's stuck in the dinosaur era. --- (12946)
- Everything. They are rude to locals, Ironman staff are rude to volunteers. --- (12946)
- Over crowding rude people --- (12946)
- Bike riders who create dangerous conditions prior to event, road closures and general discourtesy of some participants. --- (12946)
- The entitled attitude and the parking. --- (12946)
- The town must shut down, roads are blocked, too many people invade. Residents must stay home or dodge roadblocks. --- (12946)
- Unlike winter sports events that use the venues and the horse show, it's unnecessary and divisive. --- (12946)
- Personally nothing. But i understand the inconvenience the race brings to traveler with road closures and business that get interrupted on the race day. I understand the wealth and good fortunate of IM does not get spread evenly throughout the community. The big dislike is the constant need for volunteers. so, volunteer burn out is a problem for everyone involved. --- (12946)
- Too many people in town --- (12946)
- As a long time cyclist including Commuting, MTB Racing, and ex triathlete there are a significant number of triathletes that have no courtesy when riding. Two and 3 abreast while riding is common place even when a wide shoulder exists. They are absolutely obnoxious. --- (12946)

- a lot of road congestion with the bikers. Also since Ironman takes up a lot of the hotels/air b and b, there is not space for the regular summer tourists. Ironman people rarely shop main street. --- (12946)
- It's a big undertaking for the town, the town is jammed with people --- (12946)
- Paralyzing effect on the day of the event and the arrogance of many cyclists in preparation. --- (12946)
- Minor inconveniences like traffic --- (12946)
- There are a few who ruin it for others, my only real issue is the bike riders who feel they can ride 2 and 3 across the lanes as if every day they are training is the actual race. --- (12946)
- too many participants - would like to see a smaller scale event --- (12946)
- The town of Lake Placid should not be paying to host this event. It should be the other way around, Ironman should pay for the privilege of hosting the event here. --- (12946)
- Everything, overcrowding of egomaniacal self centered people. --- (12946)
- I felt this year was all about the money and had no respect for the community. Bringing that many people into the community during a pandemic is just wrong! Then they got LP to drop the vaccine mandate. This made people quite uncomfortable and thus I don't think the volunteer count was as high. --- (12946)
- The trash that they produce, they can do better. --- (12946)
- Too overwhelming...lack of retail business on Main Street --- (12946)
- The arrogance toward the locals of the participants in general. The inconvenience of not being able to get my mail or regular tasks done in town. --- (12946)
- The disrespectful athletes. Not being able to get in and of my road for the full day. I think 2020 proved we don't need them in the area to bring in revenue. Paying a company to have the event here. --- (12946)
- The way that the town and company(ironman) have not come up with any environmentally friendly aspects for aid stations, trash or recycling, and especially the amount of over ordered and leftover wasted plastic bottles and products that are thrown out each year. --- (12946)
- The dangers of mass amounts of cyclists on the road who do not appear to know the rules of the road or are unaccustomed to riding on winding, narrow mountain roads that are not closed to traffic --- (12946)
- Everything --- (12946)
- Training --- (12946)
- Traffic delays, but they are manageable. --- (12946)
- Congestion --- (12946)
- Many things. First, why put any event in July and August when we are already busy with regular visiting traffic? Ironman causes a deficit in business, followed by a surge and a second deficit. This volatile trend is impossible to staff and results in deplorable service to the visitors. Secondly, Ironman caused the increase in rental homes in our

area and has destroyed our community. The increased hotel rates leave any visitor to Lake Placid feeling that it is too expensive, has poor service, and is horrible to get around. That goes for both Ironman and non-Ironman visitors alike. The visitors we lose will NEVER return and spread the bad Lake Placid reputation to their friends. Thirdly, the cost to our infrastructure is too much. We can not afford more taxes for the water, sewer, police, first responders, sidewalks, and such events demand. What about the poor souls left living here? Where is our new sidewalk and dedicated plaque and bolder like Ironman has around the town beach? The events drive regular customers away from this area, and it is an inferior marketing and community plan. The Ironman event has never been suitable for this area. We need more community focus from our leaders. Rental homes have overrun us; increased living costs have resulted in people moving out of town. Lake Placid has lost its small-town appeal, and it will be the end of Lake Placid. --- (12946)

- The fact that triathletes spend too much time only biking the course and are on Route 73 during some of it's busiest times. --- (12946)
- I dislike that Ironman has made itself a one stop shop providing all the services for athletes through them --- (12946)
- I think it is a time honored and excellent event --- (12946)
- In the beginning it was a great event with nice people and athletes. Now it has become a very elitist event and full of rude people. --- (12946)
- Recently, there has been a preponderance of Vrbo and other short term rentals where rental spaces are filled beyond capacity. The driveways are filled with cars. This large number of visitors causes our sewage and septic systems to be stressed. Has Lake Placid done anything to measure the environmental damage to our lakes and ground water from such a large insurge of people over a short period? What is the effect on our landfill when Ironman comes to town? --- (12946)
- I think it has overstayed it's welcome. I don't like the way it is commodified and they court so many weekend warrior type athletes. The elite competition is fine. It is clearly a strategy to make money to have tons of athletes that are not elite. It would be like if you had the olympics with the 100 best skiers then invited 4000 others to compete next to them if they pay \$1000. The towns and villages and support services are footing the bill for these folks to pay to compete. Not enough is given back. It's over played and we definitely don't need two a year! --- (12946)
- Crowded --- (12946)
- Traffic, traffic issues, arrogance of lots of competitors --- (12946)
- Nothing. --- (12946)
- road closures --- (12946)
- There is nothing that I personally dislike about ironman. --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)

- It consumes the town. It crowds out a host of other visitors and summer activities. On race day it takes away others' enjoyment of Lake Placid if not engaged in ironman activities. The economic benefit appears to more narrowly benefit certain kinds of businesses while limiting others. --- (12946)
- Everything: the disrespectful athletes who ride four across the road, the trash they leave, including "human" trash. The overtaking on our beautiful Mirror Lake. The never-ending noise in our neighborhood from renters and visitors. --- (12946)
- I can understand how it temporarily increases traffic, but as a top tourism destination, having an international brand like Ironman associated with Lake Placid is a positive and offsets most negatives. --- (12946)
- I don't believe it's being handled correctly as in preparing the village for the traffic and getting the athletes to respect that they are visiting someone's home --- (12946)
- That the "group" takes over the town. I'm not complaining, but if I had to, that's what I'd say. --- (12946)
- Destroys restaurant business. Takes up AirBnB/Hotels rooms of people that spend money in town and not just with hotel and secondary home owners. Diverted traffic. Avoids Main Street. --- (12946)
- The traffic, the attitudes of the participants, the trash on our streets and in the lake --- (12946)
- Nothing - I think it is a wonderful event. Ironman cOntributes to a number of areas in the Adirondack area. --- (12946)
- It's a lot of work for volunteers. --- (12946)
- Most everything else. It's a big business that doesn't pay their fair share. They are like a parasite, using up all the resources of the area and leaving a dump. 10 years ago, the event brought in families. Now it seems to have priced out amateurs and families. Athlete "training groups" AKA businesses, are like amoeba—they think the town and the residents owe them a curtesy. I've been told on more than one occasion that locals "should just be thankful because without Ironman, lake placid would not be a summer destination." To which my standard reply is now: Summer 2020. One of the busiest ever and not a single large scale event. --- (12946)
- Clogs up the village for a few days -Bikers on road who don't follow rules of the road, and are disrespectful to motorists --- (12946)
- We have to pay in order to get them to come here the cost that is given out to the public does not include overtime cost of garbage and so on. People are restricted if you're within the race area you cannot leave your home you're stuck there for the entire day. After 20 years enough is enough. Besides the people not all but a good majority of the people that are in this race are very inconsiderate to the local people that live here prior to the race as their practicing --- (12946)
- It's a pyramid scheme. Where can you have thousands of unpaid employees and you get paid to be there. --- (12946)

- The disruption to routine. --- (12946)
- Temporary road closures are inconvenient but totally fine for a day! --- (12946)
- Now attracts too many arrogant bikers for many weeks training dangerously on the roads. --- (12946)
- NOTHING --- (12946)
- Early on it was okay but it's gotten old. Enough! --- (12946)
- The infrastructure to accommodate the trainees is sub-par, specifically for the cyclists. Ironman works on our local roads during the race because the roads are closed. When there is traffic, the roads, particularly the Wilmington Notch, are unsafe with the cyclists. Dealing with these cyclists in unsafe conditions seven months per year is a big ask of local residents. Traditionally I've tried to get out of town Ironman weekend to avoid the nuisance. This year we had a family member in the race and as such we stuck around to watch. Getting around from point-to-point was a challenge but the frustration was really with the workers and volunteers. Quite frankly the volunteers could be rude, I was yelled at by an Ironman worker because I accidentally walked into an unsigned but "closed" area while trying to get home, and at one point the Director of Ironman was riding a motorcycle down the route yelling at people through a microphone to stay out of the way (no athletes we in sight). Its one thing to ask the public to tolerate Ironman, its another to yell at them while they are trying to be supportive. Even the local police department was rude and unaccommodating. --- (12946)
- convection --- (12946)
- Road closures are difficult for people who live along the route --- (12946)
- The traffic is difficult on race day. --- (12946)
- The quality of the athletes has changed drastically since the first few years of its inception here. Now they are disrespectful and inconsiderate of all things Lake Placid...the residents, the businesses, the infrastructure. Demographics and psychographics of this group seem to have changed drastically. General tourism sector during this same time period provides more income and more respectful people, therefore a much more desirable match --- (12946)
- It is hard to navigate driving in the weeks leading up to Ironman, due to the lack of consideration that some cyclists have when riding the course or training prior to the big race. It is NOT all cyclist, but some make it difficult for many. --- (12946)
- traffic downtown --- (12946)
- Ironman could support the LP community more --- (12946)
- It is scheduled at the height of the summer when two. Would be busy anyway. It is a for profit business entity that profits greatly. Ironman should be paying LP to hold the event here vs LP paying a hosting fee. --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- Too many people. Crowded. Avoid town --- (12946)
- People parking in my driveway --- (12946)

- The cyclists not following road etiquette on the days leading up to the event. Having to constantly hear local a Karen's complain about it. --- (12946)
- I don't dislike Ironman. It's one weekend a year! So many people complain + are negative which then becomes a focus rather than the spirit of the sport. Too many local complaining...kind of frustrating people don't look at the bright side + positive side of things. --- (12946)
- Nimbysno problem --- (12946)
- Nothing. --- (12946)
- Dangerous roads, very inconvenient --- (12946)
- Iron people tend to train all over the road n could be a bit better about that --- (12946)
- Crowded streets, crowded hiking trails, limited parking...you just have to avoid town for the day. --- (12946)
- Rude people. Trash. Traffic. Lack of access to town and roads. Loss of income. Driving home prices up and breaking up community by being so event focused. --- (12946)
- Negative impact from over crowding and strain on infrastructure --- (12946)
- too crowded and unorganized --- (12946)
- The competitors and spectators alike are often rude; it often feels as if they see our village as some sort of Brigadoon which fades into existence for 3 days a year to host their event and then fades into oblivion again. Cyclists take over the road and ignore the laws of sharing the roadways. Spectators have little respect for the fact that this is still a functional village and the locals have to wake up and go to work. They blow air horns at all hours in residential areas off the race route and respond rudely when asked to quiet down so we can sleep. --- (12946)
- Traffic pattern/lack of communication with community --- (12946)
- The inconvenience it puts on locals, the waste and trash left behind after a race, disrespectful tourists --- (12946)
- Road closures. Too many people the week prior to the event. --- (12946)
- The massive influx of people many of whom come into town, so the race and then leave. It's a huge burden on our local community members and for what? Businesses did really well without the race in 2020. It's a money maker for Ironman. We don't need the race to thrive. --- (12946)
- The older locals complaining about it. It's one weekend a year and really only one day a year that has some traffic inconveniences. It's a shame to see these local cause so much of a ruckus to the point where this event is in question now. --- (12946)
- The people.... While Ironman brings a lot of good people to town, it also brings a lot of people to town. And sometimes that can feel like a whole bunch of people who don't care about Placid like we do. --- (12946)
- The negative rap it gets from the snooty and privileged LP residents that are selfish and want to overlook all the benefit it brings to the area. --- (12946)
- Traffic disruptions --- (12946)

- Because of Covid our community has become a destination for the suburbs of NYC and Boston who normally would travel overseas and has contributed to excessive tourism on top of hosting Ironman, Horse Shows in addition to other sports activities. Long term American will want to fly and LP will settle back to pre Covid travel. --- (12946)
- bothersome for the weekend --- (12946)
- Na --- (12946)
- The cost that the taxpayer has to burden to all a private equity company to make large profits at the expense of our community. There is an illusion that they “give back”. It’s smoke in mirrors. This is a private equity company that owns vogue magazine, if they can’t pay us a substantial amount of money so they can profit of of Lake Placid then they need to be shown the door. Find another town --- (12946)
- Roads are not adequately built for road bikers that are training. It’s very dangerous. Not being able to drive through the area the day of can be quite problematic. --- (12946)
- Too many people. Could we limit the number of competitors? --- (12946)
- I donor like the “attitude “ of the visiting athletes... those who come to town before the race to train. They are not courteous citizens when it comes to the use of our roadways. They do not observe the rules for running or biking. --- (12946)
- Congestion and cyclists --- (12946)
- The rude locals that think I’m an outsider and have caused many many near fatal accidents and have actually had a gun pulled and displayed after nearly running me off the road. The negatives are the bad local attitude. --- (12946)
- See above, plus the arrogance of it supporters who claim LP cannot survive without it. --- (12946)
- Athletes who do not respect the rules of the road and people who feel entitled to do whatever they please. --- (12946)
- Traffic mostly (but this is true of all events, lacrosse, rugby, horse show, etc) --- (12946)
- Nothing. --- (12946)
- Pollution of Mirror Lake and the race route with human waste. It is disgusting and unsafe for the rest of us! AND, Our roads provide inadequate shoulders for safe shared use with cyclists. If we continue to host IM, Towns and NYS DOT must improve roads for competitors’ practices weeks in advance of the race, and for all cyclists. --- (12946)
- IM athletes attitude and lack of respect for traffic when they are on there bikes. Just not a good fit anymore and really not needed. Town was busy anyways even with covid --- (12946)
- Personally nothing. I do hear complaints about the difficulty traveling to and from interstate 81 on race day. --- (12946)
- not long enough --- (12946)
- Race day inconveniences, but it is pretty easy to work around these --- (12946)

- Traffic, roads being closed --- (12946)
- Increased traffic (foot, vehicle, cycling) around the event, but no different than horse show, lacrosse, etc. The summer months will always be busy in a tourist area no matter the event. --- (12946)
- Would like to see more communication about the event and more parking. --- (12946)
- Over crowding --- (12946)
- What it's done to the housing stock; i.e. heavy transition to short-term rentals. Entitled, narcissistic, alpha-attitude of many participants --- (12946)
- Road closures. It hasn't directly impacted us as we live on the other side of town but I have friends who live along the route that are locked into their homes for the entire day. --- (12946)
- The traffic jams. Not a major problem for me because I live outside the village, and I plan around it. --- (12946)
- Leaving trash all over the streets. Cyclists clogging the road for training. Athletes defecating in Mirror Lake. Town effectively shutting down and many more --- (12946)
- It can overcrowd the town sometimes and may push other people away who would like to visit during that time. --- (12946)
- I dislike how some area residents negatively treat athletes because they think they are here for Ironman. --- (12946)
- Having the roads closed is a bit inconvenient. --- (12946)
- Disruption of normal life activities; but that's minimal relative to economic & marketing benefits --- (12946)
- Mostly everything. Such a long day for healthcare and emergency services in the area. --- (12946)
- Crowds out other visitors --- (12946)
- It brings visitors to the area! And not always the kind we like. I sometimes feel like our great little community is overrun with people and short term renters who don't care one bit about the place or people in the community. This is having a directly negative impact on the workforce housing market, the locals who want to find an apartment can't or who want to go to our own quiet hiking spots are overrun with tourists...(the local hiking sweet spots are disappearing rapidly, thank you ROOST) and it generally feels more and more like a place I don't want to live. Also I don't like the arrogance that can come w/ elite athlete mentality, you know the "this road is mine and I'm an Ironman so you must yield to me" attitude of superiority. Not everyone is like that, but when you have those experiences, that is what stays with you. And yes, they are spending money, but it affects the feel of our town which leaves the rest of us regular folks feeling like the guests in our own community. How about if Ironman starts giving back in a more demonstrable way to the communities it touches? I remember hearing the name Ironman Foundation in the past, but where are they now? They seem to have just become a money making machine and have forgotten that part of the mission. To me if

we continue to change the very fabric of our community for these giant events, the least we can get out of it should be some form of give back that lasts generations. And yes, I'm also looking at you ORDA!!! (You asked for it, you got it!) :) --- (12946)

- Locals are forgotten about while Ironman in town bike riders think they own the road --- (12946)

- The disruption and the pre race training when the athletes take up more than their share of the road. Also, Ironman is a for profit business that makes a considerable amount of money from the event and they do not give much back to the community. They have become too "corporate ". --- (12946)

- There is nothing I dislike. I understand the concerns about traffic day of race but I plan ahead to just leave the car in the driveway and walk or ride my bike that day. --- (12946)

- They think they own the town and do whatever they want no matter the rules and it affects the lake --- (12946)

- See above --- (12946)

- It inconveniences some residents and businesses. --- (12946)

- I do not think the event should be in July or August, it should be the weekend after Labor Day. --- (12946)

- Bikes all over the road..the rudeness of many...sense of entitlement by many competitors and spectators.....depletion of our supermarkets during that week....what its done to our local community --- (12946)

- It's is hard to get round town the day of the race. A small price to pay --- (12946)

- It is just the one day that everything is closed. It is inconvenient but it is only one day. --- (12946)

- I understand some find it difficult the day of the event to navigate town but one day seems a small inconvenience to pay for the added revenue to the businesses for the weeks leading up to and the day of the event. --- (12946)

- Nothing its a mild inconvenience --- (12946)

- Nothing! --- (12946)

- Trash spectators leave on the road. --- (12946)

- D'Hardy on rooms and common areas, surge on resources, lack of spending beyond room, lack of enjoyment of the area. --- (12946)

- It causes some angst among locals, and sometimes cyclists (not just Ironman) are not mindful of the conflicts cycling can cause in difficult stretches of road. --- (12946)

- Grocery store experiences. --- (12946)

- I can cope with the traffic disruption although it is an inconvenience --- (12946)

- They are not perfect but each year they have grown to improve what can be improved for the next year. --- (12946)

- Nothing about it really bothers me --- (12946)

- There are always some negatives in any events but truly believe the positives outweigh them --- (12946)

- Crowds --- (12946)
- it breeds arrogance --- (12946)
- Garbage left everywhere in town, Mirror Lake is polluted with human feces, grocery stores out of produce etc. local businesses do not thrive from iron man. Hotels can get the same high rates with regular transient guests and Ironman families don't eat out as often. Road closures are a mess, disorganized etc. --- (12946)
- Unruly bicyclists and traffic on Iron Sunday --- (12946)
- Arrogant, self centered, egotistical attitudes that cause nothing but chaos in our small town. --- (12946)
- ROAD CLOSURES FOR BRESIDENTS NEED IMPRVEMENT --- (12946)
- The entitled athlete (minority). The lose of the community feel that existed in the Gram Frazier days of Ironman. --- (12946)
- The traffic can be a lot but not enough in volume or time to offset the overwhelming benefits events like these have. --- (12946)
- Traffic disruption --- (12946)
- There isn't anything I really dislike about it. It is one day of inconvenience with street closures but even those aren't a big deal --- (12946)
- The volunteer pool is getting smaller and smaller. My concern is mainly whether we can continue getting the number we need year after year. Those who serve are doing the jobs of what used to be filled by several. This makes me feel hesitant to bring the race back because it is a lot for fewer volunteers to shoulder. --- (12946)
- Local people who don't at all volunteer, but are the biggest critics and complainers --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- Nothing. --- (12946)
- Consumes the town all summer and the participants do not spend money at restaurants or shops in town --- (12946)
- I have no issues with Ironman. It is a great event --- (12946)
- time of year. much better suited to move off of July and move to mid June or early September. Summer season is where local businesses and attractions need to make money and there are a number of business that need to shut down completely - thereby losing massive amounts of income over the 3-5 days. Moving off to peak summer months can alleviate loss of revenue for those businesses who may not be as busy in non summer months. --- (12946)
- Ties up vacation opportunities to many families that can't find a bed or afford the exorbitant rates charged during Ironman time. --- (12946)
- On a more detailed level: having worked in a local restaurant previously, individual Ironman athletes can sometimes be disrespectful, both to the people and the place they are visiting. They can tip poorly, treat hospitality workers rudely, and generally tarnish the overall reputation for all IM athletes. If the event stays, some kind of improved

education initiative about how to respect the host city athletes are visiting - and more importantly, its local residents who make the event possible - would be beneficial. This includes things that would seem obvious like "how to go to the bathroom during an Ironman race" so we don't have piles of poop on our roadsides (how to tackle Mirror Lake is another question). On a larger level: local people have to put their lives on pause while this group comes to town - some choose to leave, but not everyone has that option. Ironman folks are notorious for not spending a lot while they're here - on food, in shops, etc. - so I would love to understand if the economic benefit when weighed against, say, a typical summer tourist week would actually be higher on per dollar level. What does one week of Ironman actually COST us versus how much do we actually PROFIT. --- (12946)

- Congestion --- (12946)
- N/A --- (12946)
- The fact that Lake Placid/Town of North Elba have to pay the race owner to bring the race here. I dislike how disgruntled many local businesses are about the race impacts. The village/town and race owners need to do a better job of understanding the complaints and addressing them. --- (12946)
- The sport demands a lot of support to assist one competitor to complete on one hand it is a very selfish sport I see many families exhausted trying to watch their person compete --- (12946)
- The participants feel entitled and often disrespect the people that live and work here. Our community infrastructure (roads, bridges, sewers, lake water quality) is still not up to hosting such a big event. --- (12946)
- The bikers and runners on the roads. --- (12946)
- Disrespect, training routes that are dangerous for everyone, littering, overwhelmed grocery stores --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- Too many people, poor attitudes, and a huge mess. The garbage alone is not worth it. --- (12946)
- Too many competitors in past. Needs to be reduced. Traffic in village. Rental properties with multiple vehicles blocking neighborhoods. --- (12946)
- The intensity and duration of the local impact. The mindset of many of the athletes- very egocentric and often dangerous riding behavior. --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- I am sympathetic to those who are inconvenienced by the event. I have found the cash flow (inflows and outflows to the town) regarding the event to be opaque...not known. --- (12946)
- They are rude, overbearing, arrogant and believe they own this village. --- (12946)
- Traffic --- (12946)
- uses too many community services --- (12946)

- Disruption of daily life and the some of normal daily activities. --- (12946)
- The rudeness of some not all of the competitors and that they will not share the road and feel as if they are entitled to abuse the rules simply because they are part of the event. Safety should be the #1 priority. --- (12946)
- The lack of communication. The attitude of the volunteers that are livelihood and ability to get to our jobs is not important. Also so many town and village employees sitting in trucks running where they should be volunteers. --- (12946)
- Some of the participants and attendees are inconsiderate of the local community. For example, walking through someone's property looking for the swim course on Mirror Lake or assuming that anyone's driveway is fair game for parking, etc. --- (12946)
- The people it brings are arrogant and rude. --- (12946)
- It certainly changes traffic patterns for the weekend but I am ok with it because I know what to expect --- (12946)
- Traffic, but small price to pay --- (12946)
- Overcrowding. Over-use of our infrastructures. Street closures. Eliminating the ability for average tourists to visit during this period. Training bikes crowding the roads not using the "single file" rule. --- (12946)
- Takes over the town we're already busy --- (12946)
- Crowds, but they are very nice mature people who aren't crazy partiers --- (12946)
- The introduction of "clubs ". The larger groups show very little care for anyone other than someone from their club . Act as if they own everything and everyone else needs to get out of their way. Groups of athletes have dramatically changed this race. --- (12946)
- While the traffic/road closure is inconvenient race day, it's not that big of a deal. It's just one day. --- (12946)
- That more locals aren't involved with the event. --- (12946)
- Not much. --- (12946)
- They take over everything and there's no room for our special lifestyle here. --- (12946)
- Road closures, friction that the event (which relies heavily on public infrastructure) places on the town, local runners and cyclists are forced to shoulder the brunt of negative criticism / harassment from drivers due to the event. --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- Disrespect of athletes. Poor communication by the organizers to the residence of the communities. --- (12946)
- The road closures are a nuisance but not that big of a deal. --- (12946)
- 1. Dangerous driving situations due to ironman training especially the cyclists on route 86. Many still do not abide by single file riding and makes it dangerous for drivers and cyclists. Also while driving around mirror lake ive been forced to stop or pull into the other lane because Ironman are training and refuse to single file or there are runners on both sides of the roads make it dangerous for 2 way traffic. The overall attitudes of the

athletes are entitlement and we're training here get out of our way- not a shared coexistence . 2. The noise level of the oval speakers and announcer. It is none stop all day and very irritating to listen to. I have to actively leave town the day before to enjoy a peaceful Sunday which doesn't seem fair in my mind. I live on middle st and time after time when trying to leave or come back even just once is seen as a big ordeal by the volunteers manning the blockades. My neighbors and I have received attitude and made to feel like we are causing trouble/inconveniencing these people. 3. Garbage that is thrown too far into the woods and the fecal matter in mirror lake. --- (12946)

- Everything --- (12946)
- Town is busy for a day. Big deal. --- (12946)
- people are tired of it, it was fun attitude for a few years...now worn out their welcome and enthusiasm see above #6. --- (12946)
- That they pee in the lake --- (12946)
- The athletes that think they are entitled to do whatever they want and don't respect local laws. --- (12946)
- It is impossible to eat at a local restaurant, the lines are crazy --- (12946)
- The overall disruption it causes in town. It takes over the whole town. --- (12946)
- Private company make millions off of "volunteer" labor --- (12946)
- I tend not to see anything "negative" but that we are fortunate to have them here in Lake Placid. --- (12946)
- People that do not understand what a benefit it is for the community. --- (12946)
- Rudeness. Entitlement. --- (12946)
- Other than housing they do not spend money on main st or the touristy businesses. --- (12946)
- Riding bikes on Main Street, not following the rules of the road, feeling of entitlement, Ironman Corp. not supporting local business by placing vendors on the oval. The annual decline in support for the volunteers. --- (12946)
- The disrespectful people training before the event. --- (12946)
- The few bad apples that act like they own the place --- (12946)
- In the past few years, it appears the event takes more from the town than it gives. Also, the shortage of staff is not going away anytime in the foreseeable future- why put the added stress on businesses? --- (12946)
- Entitled bike riders 2 and 3 wide on the roads. Crowds. My street and driveway inaccessible that day. --- (12946)
- They receive discount accommodations and have group meals which hurts Main Street and they are rude on the road --- (12946)
- Everything --- (12946)
- That there is no support from iron for local businesses, the rude and entitled contestants, the pithy amount they give to the ambulance squad does not cover the

expenses for the day for 1 crew let alone the 4 that are needed, the fact that I can't leave town for work or come back that day, how local businesses have to close for the day despite it being busy because Noone can one to work. The fact that these people urinate and deficate all over town and in our water. The lack of leadership from Ironman reaching out with information to the ambulance squad, the lack of appreciation from Ironman for what we give up for them, the fact that we taxpayers pay Ironman to come here. --- (12946)

- Rude People --- (12946)

- It gets crowded for two days, but the town is bustling which is alway good to see --- (12946)

- Literally everything. Especially how the act like they own our town. And how they treat our staff. They are not nice to restaurant staff. They are entitled jerks. --- (12946)

- Gets pretty hectic and exhausting at work --- (12946)

- The athletes feel that they are privileged prior to race day. --- (12946)

- See above (disruption). Extra crowds. Prefer to work on the destination thoughts for Lake Placid that would run through the year. --- (12946)

- ... --- (12946)

- Too big for our infastructure. It keeps other regular visitors away or at least from enjoying the experience if they can find a place to stay. --- (12946)

- It feels like the community is overrun. It disrupts local travel. Friends who own local businesses say they do better having families vacation here than with Ironman. --- (12946)

- I appreciate the disruption it brings but would think the net effect for the town is still positive. --- (12946)

- Crowds --- (12946)

- It takes over the entire town. No respect for the local community. It's not fun or enjoyable for the locals. The day of Ironman, if you live in town, you are basically stuck at your house. The roads are blocked off. --- (12946)

- Seems to be the way of many events BUT I find it incredulous that Ironman needs many volunteers to succeed but we pay them money! I dont care how much they give back in charity, they shouldnt be paid for the privilege of holding their event here --- (12946)

- Nothing --- (12946)

- Rude competitors Tag along riders that don't actually compete Lack of enforcement with respect to cyclists following the rules of the road Cyclists clogging up roads prior to and following event Consumes the time money and energy if the town and surrounding areas. --- (12946)

- Some businesses thrive others don't reap the benefit They have not been engaged enough in local community The date of event is wrong --- (12946)

- Arrogance of athletes over respecting rules of the road, littering. Attitude that Lake Placid can't live without this event. --- (12946)
- The take-over of town, from the beach to neighborhood parks and the roads for much longer than 1 day. Also, giving up that weekend EVERY year is getting old. Not only does Ironman start setting up barricades, etc 1 week in advance, but coaches set up tents all along mirror lake days in advance now. It feels like town is a free-for-all if you are w/ Ironman. --- (12946)
- I think it may have outlived it's usefulness. Also, I'm not sure we get that much out of it economically. My understanding is we have to pay to be a host, and we need to staff most of it with unpaid volunteers. And competitors are not known for spending a lot in restaurants/stores. --- (12946)
- Traffic on race weekend can be frustrating but it's worth it. --- (12946)
- n/a --- (12946)
- Too many people. Expensive for this town. --- (12946)
- We lose our town. Covid has shown we are just as busy with tourist who actually patron local businesses --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- Downtown is virtually closed and it's hard to get around --- (12946)
- Everything --- (12946)
- It has gotten way too BIG! The athletes are amazing for the most part. It is the crowds and teams in training that come with the athletes! Too big, too obnoxious. They come too early and take over Mirror Lake Drive and the course backward and forwards! They do not follow directions from volunteers who are there to help keep the athletes safe. The PA system is way too loud. We live miles away and can hear every word from Ironman Mike, depending on the wind. Sound travels especially over water! How about all the money and time that the Town, Village, and State employees are called upon to use for the pleasure of some affluent sports fiends?!!! It is a Big Waste of a good day in July! The traffic reconfigurations are ridiculous. The best place to be or go is West of here. We were Captains for 10 years under Graham and it was terrific. Now it is a Chinese owner who is paid by our town to hold the event! Come on?!!! No small amount of money they give to not for profits is worth it. I change my previous answer to totally against it! --- (12946)
- Road closures. Inconsiderate cyclists training for months taking over the roads. Athletes training taking up the very limited parking spaces near the beach/tennis courts for months. Must go grocery shopping before work or shelves will be empty. --- (12946)
- How rude the participants are is number one. I also dislike the road closures. --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- The arrogant participants and the disruption mid July --- (12946)

- How disrespectful & entitled most of the athletes and spectators have become --- (12946)
- Overcrowding of the village. --- (12946)
- The take over of the roads for two weeks. --- (12946)
- Local people who only think of themselves and how inconvenienced they are for maybe half a day or less. --- (12946)
- Honestly what I dislike about it is how the event has created sides. I really dislike/disappointed in the situation among some of my fellow Lake Placid residence. I'd be thrilled to see more harmony rather than divide. In other words I dislike the negativity effect. --- (12946)
- The division it creates with locals. I wish we were better at the PR with locals to help people understand the benefits the event provides to our area and to help those who have never volunteered understand what an amazing experience it can be. --- (12946)
- The feeling of entitlement many of participants and race organizers force on residents. The traffic. --- (12946)
- Minor impact to traveling around town. --- (12946)
- It's too big of a crowd. It inconveniences the whole town. Lake Placid PAYS for them to come here. --- (12946)
- Ironman becoming more corporate, and their involvement seems more profit driven than community driven --- (12946)
- I don't have a problem with Ironman at all. --- (12946)
- They take over and use our town. I always cannot wait to get out of town when they are here. My business is better without them here. --- (12946)
- It's held at the wrong time --- (12946)
- . --- (12946)
- The disruption thrust upon my town for over a week, the nasty attitude of many attendees, the negative impact on housing prices and quality of life for our community, the known and hidden costs to us taxpayers. --- (12946)
- The competitors are extremely disrespectful. Our hospital and medical resources are stretched too far thin. And no one wants to volunteer anymore. --- (12946)
- Congestion in heavily used parts of town Tie up of normal traffic for local employees and non-engaged residents --- (12946)
- Venue is too small for thousands of competitors. Sanitary facilities are insufficient. Too little respect for the environment. --- (12946)
- It should take place at the end of August, not mid July. --- (12946)
- Traffic rerouting- but on the grand scheme of things it is just one day. --- (12946)
- There are a few entitled and rude athletes that are dangerous when they train on bike --- (12946)
- The event sometimes creates inconveniences. It seems Ironman athletes are ill-informed on ways to co-exist with the local community on the roads. --- (12946)

- Crowded downtown and traffic delays detours --- (12946)
- This caters to an elitist group of individuals who for the most part do not care about our area and who look down upon the locals as a lesser element of society. --- (12946)
- The bicyclists hogging the road --- (12946)
- I dislike how it polarizes residents. Folks have chosen to live in a tourism-driven area where tourism and events are the lifeblood of the economy and yet they are unsatisfied with tourism. --- (12946)
- It's an inconvenience to get around town, my street is closed so I have to plan ahead every year, the athletes are arrogant. Not all..... I have family members who compete and know others as well. It isn't just the day of, it's weeks leading up to it that we are inundated with athletes training etc. --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- In the past several years, people have been rude, it's difficult to get around town for at least a week before the race due to increased traffic, the supermarkets run out of food because (despite hosting Ironman for a long time now) they never order enough food and much of the "healthy food" is quickly bought, and the road closures are a nuisance. --- (12946)
- The inconvenience. The sense of entitlement held by the athletes/spectators. The fact that Mirror Lake gets polluted by bodily waste and not usable for the remainder of the season. --- (12946)
- The disruption to the residents. It basically closes the town down due to traffic patterns --- (12946)
- Nothing except throw- away junk that the event produces. --- (12946)
- I think some of the people involved and athletes themselves can act entitled as if they own this town --- (12946)
- Blocked roadways. Fire dept can't cross roads What A Joke --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- The way the locals react. I have met 1000 and they are all good. I would have to say... they don't ride single file training. But I can't exactly say the offenders are Ironman. They can be anyone. --- (12946)
- hard to get around town that week --- (12946)
- I've always felt that you should never be held captive in your own town, limited to where you can go. The Bicyclists that come here a month early and take over the roads with no regard, the joggers with earbuds that cannot hear vehicles behind them. I believe Ironman has overstayed it's welcome. --- (12946)
- Town way too crowded for long period of time --- (12946)
- bikes taking up roadway --- (12946)
- The time of year that it comes. I believe Lake Placid would be busy at that time of year without IRONMAN. I believe IRONMAN would be more beneficial for all if it was to be held the weekend after Labor Day. --- (12946)

- The disrespect some of the self absorbed athletes have for the other tourists and locals. It basically wipes out a week of vacation time for people who would love to come and enjoy all our village has to offer. Even with the impact of COVID it was refreshing to see families being able to enjoy the Summer of 2020 without having to deal with Ironman. --- (12946)
- I don't care for the way the community suffers when we can't get gas or groceries at the store. I also feel that here is a percentage of participants who take for granted the community and it's residents. I.e. event day Parking, bathroom usage. using whole road to train and not moving over. --- (12946)
- Everything. Someone is going to get killed. --- (12946)
- The entitlement of the athletes. Also, the event has run its course so to speak. Time for Ironman to pack it up and start somewhere fresh. --- (12946)
- It's an inconvenience for the residents --- (12946)
- Shuts the whole town down --- (12946)
- Ironman organizers don't follow their own plans. They advertise everywhere that road will be closed starting 6AM, but at 5:30 AM they would not let people through. Road closures are making impossible for staff to get to and leave work. The next year I will not be opening on Ironman day. --- (12946)
- minor inconveniences like the bikers in the road --- (12946)
- Too many people the weekend of Ironman and the disrespectful people that train in the area leading up to the event --- (12946)
- Limited lodging for visitors drives prices of hotels up --- (12946)
- The road closures are a slight inconvenience, but not a big deal for me personally. --- (12946)
- The stress of dangerous cyclists training before the event. Those riding single file are fine. And I dislike the extreme congestion, traffic wise just days before and during the race. --- (12946)
- The size of the race in 2019. It was way too big! It should be limited to 2000 participants. The race held in 2021 was perfect! Also, the community involvement waned after Graham sold the race. The corporation was not as involved in the community. I am an ambassador for Ironman and in the past we always did a big service project here, however, that has changed. I think the result is residents seeing the selfish side to the sport. --- (12946)
- Additional visitors in town. --- (12946)
- Terrible attitude from athletes. Feces and waste in the lake. Blatant disregard for road rules and courtesy. Act like they own everything here and are entitled to it. --- (12946)
- Athletes who act like they own the roads - riding 2 or 3 abreast. People defecating and urinating in public and on lawns (happens so many times during iron man -not sure why but it does). Shutting down two of three avenues into and out of our small town. --- (12946)

- All the bitching by a few locals who hate everything --- (12946)
- You bring in an outside food service that is propped up by butch martin and his cronies. We as tax payers have to pay for an event that only benefits a few target businesses. Most of the money made leaves our town. --- (12946)
- The bike riders riding three across and thinking they own the road. --- (12946)
- As with other events (horse shows, Olympics, marathons, bike races, World Cup sliding and jumping competitions, rugby and lacrosse tournaments, and the upcoming World University games, restaurants and roads tend to get crowded. I can handle it...'tis better than turning Lake Placid into just another do-nothing town on its way to down and out. --- (12946)
- The biggest complaint I hear is from people that want to come up and spend the nice summer weekends in Lake Placid, however they cannot because there are so many minimum night stays due to the race. Town is just a zoo for the week leading up to the race as well. I know most of the town and village employees work a 20+ hour day during the race and even though they are compensated for it, a lot of time and work goes into preparation. Their time could be used better and they could actually enjoy whatever summer we have here too. --- (12946)
- Closing roads and disrespectful people --- (12946)
- It's time for something new. Everyone is burned out from dealing with this event every year. Time for a new chapter excited for some change! --- (12946)
- A slight disregard to the impact on locals of are against it. --- (12946)
- Time of year. General overall confusion. --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- A little inconvenient week of event but I'm willing to live with it. --- (12946)
- essentially the shutdown of the village/region for an entire day. Where we live, no vehicular traffic from 8 am to midnight. --- (12946)
- The way locals have to completely change their entire life and patterns for 3 days without any consideration --- (12946)
- Too many rude people --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- Everything --- (12946)
- Traffic, crowds, inconsiderate people and closing down the town basically --- (12946)
- nothing --- (12946)
- cost to local infrastructure, staffing, expectations from Ironman as a for profit business succeeding on volunteers and funding from local government entities. Appears they make a lot of money at the expense of others. Attitudes of some athletes, not respecting the residents and workers in the area. --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- The attitude of some of the athletes when they are training and the traffic congestion. --- (12946)

- I don't have any issues with the race. --- (12946)
- Bicyclists and runners no regard for motor vehicles just stay in road --- (12946)
- It's so disruptive to the community. A waitress told us it took her 3 hours to get to work. My immediate thought was that it would be nice to see Ironman use golf carts or some other mechanism to make sure that locals could get to/from work. As athletes, we understand that a lot of locals don't like us around. And many locals get out of town during the race. That makes me feel badly for the locals. --- (12946)
- I don't have any problems with Ironman I always enjoy it --- (12946)
- Everything. --- (12946)
- Everything! The entitlement, the disregard of cyclists, the fact we have to pay them to be here, the way they leave the course, and the way the rest of the town is ignored --- (12946)
- Poor following of rules of the road by cyclists training before the event. --- (12946)
- The constant dodging of bikers for months before the race on roads that just aren't wide enough or safe enough for everyone. Every corner is a blind corner and someone's life is always in danger when trying to pass them. It makes driving super stressful all the time. Also race day is our slowest day of the whole summer... business cut by more than half on that day. --- (12946)
- The disruption it brings to the town and the lack of revenue in respect to the burden of hosting the event. --- (12946)
- The traffic. Shut down roads. Some athletes "were better" mentality --- (12946)
- Everything --- (12946)
- Hearing local people complain about what an inconvenience it is. --- (12946)
- Some roads are just too narrow to allow cyclists training and vehicles. Example being the notch. The majority of riders do ride safely but the two to three side by side needs to stop. --- (12946)
- Road closures --- (12946)
- The loss of focus on community. Lack of respect for rules of the road by select groups with no repercussions. --- (12946)
- The attitude of athletes toward the community stinks(No it is not everyone, but it is the majority). The fact that we pay for them to be here and have the worst week of our summer sales wise, is just odd. --- (12946)
- For the most part the people are great. But there always seems to be a small percentage of them that are so obnoxious, entitled, rude and clueless that it casts a bad light on the majority that are great. Also, they don't spend a lot of money the week they're here. Lacrosse week is way busier for our shop. I understand that their sport is very expensive and the majority of the participants aren't multi millionaires. I would venture to guess that most of their spending happens at Ironman Village, Hannaford, Price Chopper and local restaurants. --- (12946)

- It drives away "normal" tourists due to lack of hotels and vacation homes. These tourists spend money on food, entertainment, recreational activities and dining. IM competitors and their families are focused solely on the event with some minor local expenditures. --- (12946)
- Entitled, arrogant people taking over the roads, human feces in the lake and roadside. Disgusting. --- (12946)
- Aside from the event, unsure the value that Ironman as a corporation provides to the area. Also, locals who cannot tolerate a few hours' of inconvenience for significant revenue to the area. --- (12946)
- It is a lot of people in our small town at once and some of the participants are rude and do not respect the road rules. Most however are respectful and polite and enjoy being here and treat lake placid as it if they lived here. --- (12946)
- Inconvenience to residents who receive no benefit from it. --- (12946)
- The behavior of SOME of the type A athletes that feel entitled to the road. I am an avid cyclist and I get annoyed how they sometimes ride 3 wide on the road... so I get how a non cyclist would get so upset. --- (12946)
- Town gets overrun by arrogant athletes and families that I don't feel necessarily appreciate us. Occurs over 2 prime summer week that we could instead be hosting families. --- (12946)
- Its in the middle of an already busy season. --- (12946)
- It's overly crowded, people doing event can be pushy or rude, the town is filled with litter and garbage. --- (12946)
- I was surprised that it didn't do anything for main street businesses. We didn't see any sales. --- (12946)
- Those athletes, mostly cyclists, who, in the months leading up to the event, train like it's race day. Taking up the full width of the lane, when they come to ride the course. I have repeatedly experienced cyclists on rt 73 not keeping right and, in fact, taking left hand bends on the yellow line. This is dangerous and a foolish thing to do on a road that is open to 2 way traffic. --- (12946)
- It completely disrupts everything in the middle of summer. Bad timing. Spring or fall would be a better time for this event. The trash generated is incredible. Cyclists act like they own the road during training--riding side by side across the lane. The traffic issues it presents are incredible during training. --- (12946)
- Nothing. Great event --- (12946)
- It occurs in town center during the already busiest time of the year. We don't need help getting additional business in the summer. We need it in the Spring! --- (12946)
- Sometimes on the road biking and not being aware of traffic laws. --- (12946)
- How busy town gets / feels....need more shuttles --- (12946)
- Bikes in the road --- (12946)

- I dislike everything about Ironman. The training, the event, the participants everything that Ironman represents. Most businesses take a loss on that entire week --- (12946)
- It seems to be all give and no take. Meaning that IM wants money and resources but does not give enough back to the community. They should fund first responders (particularly overtime) and should make notable contributions to the community. Currently, they have two grant programs. One is for non-profit groups that provide volunteers the other is a community grant. For the latter, there is no information on who has gotten those grants the past few years and how much. It is my understanding that this is not a significant amount of money to impact our quality of life. --- (12946)
- Used to love it. We are over it. Time to move on to other events. --- (12946)
- It blocks regular people from being able to come here (\$ and availability). Many competitors have a combination of the "individual sport athlete" mentality and tourist mentality. That combines to create selfish actions and attitudes. Basically, they forget manners and are "all about me". --- (12946)
- The normal frustrations with added traffic and people. I don't love the Ironman organization itself but appreciate the on-the-ground staff that come here, as well as the local race director and staff. --- (12946)
- That we have to pay to have it here. All host cities pay a fee for hosting, and that's ridiculous. Also, the amount of overtime from municipal employees being mandated into overtime on their days off is incredibly high, and is a currently unmeasured downstream cost of the event. Taxpayers fund salaries for these workers, and every town and village department has a high amount of overtime for the event. Event organizers should be required to supply their own support staff. --- (12946)
- I dislike the negativity it creates from people who actually benefit from it. Yes, there are frustrating moments but we deal with them and move on. --- (12946)
- Too hard on the community at large. Only certain businesses gain; everyone else suffers. Road clog; hard to get to work/stores/home; huge impact on our volunteers; hard on our infrastructure (sewer). --- (12946)
- The traffic, inconsiderate athletes, inconvenience to locals --- (12946)
- Everything. The event only benefits the rich hotel owners. Its crowded. Hard to get around. We don't need it. --- (12946)
- traffic detours for guests, less retail sales, did more business without ironman in 2020 --- (12946)
- I believe the Ironman organization should be involved more with the community, including involving businesses and groups before the event, and more communication during the event. In past years, the community was very involved and enthused about the event. Also, I believe the Ironman organization should return more to the community. --- (12946)

- The mess. And the fact that participants, due to the fact the event costs them quite a bit of money are not held to a better standard of behavior. No one seems to be accountable. --- (12946)
- Now, literally everything. --- (12946)
- The fact that it's a 3-4 month impact, not limited to a single day. Participants feel entitled to overrun the roads, beach, and parking - almost as if they believe that the community exists for the sole benefit of this event. --- (12946)
- Nothing --- (12946)
- Everything as stated above. Road closures, delays, the trash, littering, the event tied up resources they don't even contribute toward using, its contributed to destroying the housing market up here. They're the most disgusting people on the planet they can't hold their own shit in they destroy restrooms in town because of it and can't even own up to it < true story, they contribute nothing to the area except destruction. --- (12946)
- The pompous athletes that believe that all locals owe them something. It's grown too big for the town itself as well. --- (12946)
- I worry about potential negative environmental impacts. --- (12946)
- Everything. Clog up town roads. Ironman spends less \$ at restaurants compared to average visitors. Ironman charges the town/roost 100k. Takes up a prime week of summer. Juice is not worth the squeeze just to have the hotel industry happy for a week. --- (12946)
- The scale of the event. It completely takes over the town and feels like an invasion. Some of the people who come are rude and not respectful of the town or the residents. --- (12946)
- It is a for-profit business making millions without a significant actual return to the community. No other for profit business receives the amount of free police, medical, highway dept, State Police, Sheriffs dept EMS, ambulance corps, support for FREE and takes all the profits out of the community. Their "charitable" donations equate to less than 1% of the revenues from this race. Only a very few local businesses actually benefit from this event --- (12946)
- Nothing. --- (12946)
- they think they own the place you can't get any place the mess the would leave around the yard they blocked our driveway once. --- (12946)
- Lake pollution, overcrowded neighborhoods and rentals, dangerous roadways, asking locals to volunteer for entitled athletes to compete, loss of family vacation time in LP community --- (12946)
- But in reality , the organization itself is wasteful and messy. It clogs up the weekend business and the majority of people that clog the hotel for this event don't spend like normal tourists. --- (12946)
- When bikers don't obey the rules. --- (12946)
- Traffic, crowd, towns lack of local community destroyed by events like this. --- (12946)

- crowds & traffic issues for weeks -- I don't mind the one-day disruption so much I think we have more than enough tourist business in our area without ironman --- (12987)
- Nothing --- (12987)
- The exploitation of volunteers, charities and others. The road closures. The fact that is an event catering to the wealthy is usually almost all white people. --- (12987)
- the train up they do all year on our roads, their attitudes towards locals, towns, and businesses, and the absolute thought that we the locals are here for them. And the mindset of no matter what we want or think; they have priority in our lives. --- (12987)
- The negative impact on the environment, the disregard cyclists have for drivers on the road, the general congestion in the area, and not being able to leave my home at all on race day. --- (12987)
- big disruption in local economy; great inconvenience with little visible benefit, if any --- (12987)
- Not being able to attend church --- (12987)
- noise, inconvenience. I never get in my car on IM day to go ANYWHERE! --- (12997)
- Crowds --- (12997)
- Nothing --- (12997)
- No dislikes --- (12997)
- Traffic a minor problem if you plan. It's one day and worth it for the event --- (12997)
- The day of the event is not an issue...it's the literal months leading up to and the bike traffic. --- (12997)
- crowds, empty shelves at grocery store, mirror lake being overused, traffic and rude bikers not obeying traffic laws --- (12997)
- They're rude, disgusting and trash our town by throwing their garbage and dirty diapers on the roadside! --- (12997)
- Nothing --- (12997)
- Disrupts my businesses and discourages tourism to my area for a 2 week period. The participants in ironman do not spend tourism \$\$\$ --- (12997)
- they are a nuisance to locals when it comes to traveling to work, doing your daily routine, the clean up afterwards and the training beforehand and they don't spend nearly as much money in local stores or restaurants as a "regular" tourist would. We would be better off having the rooms open and available for people that are going to spend money and stimulate the economy of the area not come in race, defecate in the lake and leave the next morning --- (12997)
- Some biker attitudes on the roadways to vehicles, i.e., hogging the road. --- (12997)
- Crowds & entitled folks --- (12997)
- Rude athletes --- (12997)
- The people who complain about the event are very vocal, it is a lot of negativity. Some of the athletes who come here to train use the same course. But if they are training and it is not race day so they are on roads that are open to traffic it makes a lot of dangerous

situations. It seems to me that bikers don't properly share the road when they are training. --- (12997)

- Creates a lot of conflict in the community. Many conflicts with the locals and competing recreational industries. Lodging and dining areas are over run with the Ironman and non Ironman participants are pushed out of the region. Tired of the negative banter surrounding the whole event. When Ironman was canceled due to COVID we had record revenue for far less hassle. Being a peak summer weekend, I feel it displaces close to as many tourists as it brings. --- (12997)

- Keeping track of road closures --- (12997)

- The strain on local road ways/traffic patterns can be extremely disruptive. --- (12997)

- The road closures, some of which are unreasonable (why shut down Wilmington roads at 6am when the first cyclists won't arrive for three or four more hours?!? Seriously!!), their resulting disruption to local businesses and inconvenience to local residents, and the incessant noise along the race route. --- (12997)

- Generation of waste. Over burden of local resources. Promotion of ultra competitiveness which leads to demise of society. Over prioritize personal fulfillment. --- (12997)

- Some of the chaos/congestion leading up to the race. --- (12997)

- Nothing --- (12997)

- Traffic --- (12997)

- Congestion Bike training in weeks prior to event/disrespectful riders(and I am a bike rider), riding in large training groups Closed roads --- (12997)

- Nothing the event is well managed and traffic is controlled with easy detours. --- (12997)

- The attitudes of many of the competitors. They don't care about the environment, disobey traffic laws and can be very obnoxious --- (12997)

- The reality is it only inconveniences us for a day out of the year people need to get over their self importance --- (12997)

- See above --- (12997)

- Pollution on the roadways, cyclists riding in the vehicles lane, rude and entitled competitors, no parking spots. --- (12997)

- nothing --- (12997)

- People crabbing about it --- (12997)

- Road closures --- (12997)

- traffic, but its worth dealing with --- (12997)

- The athletes tend to think that they are the only thing that is important during training weeks --- (12997)

- The disruption of traffic in the form of bicyclists in the notch/Keene, the runners around Mirror Lake in LP, and the 24 hrs of road closures. Our infrastructure doesn't support the number of bicyclists and joggers in the weeks leading up to the event. --- (12997)

- increased travel times during IM week --- (12997)
- The congestion in on our roadways leading up to the event as Ironmen practice and the complete shutdown except for a one way loop around our area on actual race day. --- (12997)
- Traffic, closed roads impacting everyone else too. Too many bikers training on local roads. --- (12997)
- Bikes on the road 3 months ahead of race..they tend to think they own the road..nuisance and dangerous!! --- (12997)
- Trash and litter, human waste --- (12997)
- The disrespect received from competitors while training.. they do not share the road.. garbage ..waterbottles..rappers.. tires.. --- (12997)
- Literally everything else - mostly people practicing for it though, these roads are not safe for both 2 way traffic and bikes especially in the notch and having roads closed during Ironman is bad as well --- (12997)
- Traffic problems all summer while they train ,trouble getting places during the race --- (12997)
- everyone driving in the road with no regard's to any one else, your time is over go away. --- (12997)
- Everything --- (12997)
- The people it brings here are quite difficult. The organization making money off of volunteers. --- (12997)
- Traffic interruption --- (12997)
- Contrary to its roots, Ironman is Now a large, for-profit greedy company that no longer Adequately compensates/benefits the communities it uses. Arrogant, ignorant participants training on our roads with no regard for the people who live here and need to drive on said roads. The covid risk/disregard for the risk of bringing a large event here where participants are unmasked, often needing medical attention, with no vaccine requirement. --- (12997)
- The amount of people. The traffic, the lack of groceries in stores, the length of time to commute anywhere and the bikers hogging the roads and not obeying traffic laws and them not being enforced --- (12997)
- Everything --- (12997)
- Nothing --- (12997)
- They leave trash everywhere and think they own the roads --- (12997)
- It's an extraordinary inconvenience for local residents. I have lived in the area for 8 Ironman events. When I lived in Lake Placid, I was blocked from accessing my own home on race day, and I remember having to get out of my car to physically move street barriers so I could go to work at 7am the next day. Where I live now in Wilmington, my street isn't closed, but I still won't dare to go anywhere on race day because all the roads around us are. I think it's understood as a local that you need to either plan to

stay home all weekend or to leave town. And if you leave town to escape it, you can't come home on Sunday night to go to work on Monday, you have to take a day off work. In the week before and after Ironman (essentially the whole 2nd half of July), it's hard as a resident to even buy groceries or get around town for basic needs. The number of people who come to town for Ironman seems to push the limits of our local area. We are not hungry for tourism at this point in time, the crowds are here 24/7/365 now! Ironman would be a great honor for any town to host once, but that doesn't mean it needs to be hosted every single year at the expense of the hardworking residents of this area who just want to enjoy their July. Lastly, while Ironman brings money to the region, some businesses actually suffer from it. My own workplace (Whiteface) has to close the gondola on race day because we are on the course, and we lose \$1000s. --- (12997)

- Hog road ways when training, leave trash along road ways --- (12997)
- Bikers the weeks before not being road safe --- (12997)
- Pushy volunteers ,disruption in traffic, bicycles causing traffic problems.no consideration for locals ,taking police away from their jobs ,makes some businesses close because of the RT the race takes . --- (12997)
- The lack of respect for our community from the event host and competitors. --- (12997)
- closed roads,too many bikers on the roads for days --- (12997)
- Everything!! The trash everywhere, the rude/ cheap people that visit. --- (12997)
- Athletes overtake the roads. More than not they are oblivious to and often rude to locals. There's a general disregard for rules/ laws concerning traffic. --- (12997)
- It brings a throbbing headache for those like myself who have to travel the notch every day to get to work and back while dodging training cyclists who refuse to ride single file over the white line. The participants and their families are rude, obnoxious and throw their litter where they feel like it, you cannot enjoy this area as a tourist or local full time resident with this event or others like it like lacrosse. It shuts traveling down all day, so we are forced to stay home on nice days or find long alternative routes just to return home. --- (12997)
- The massive takeover of the towns. --- (12997)
- Everything else. The traffic, the training, a giant chunk of the athletes and obnoxious training habits (road hogging) --- (12997)
- It's so much more than a day of disruption. It's at least a week of navigating tens of thousands of extra people and as a daily driver of the Wilmington notch the lack of respect the bikers have for those who drive the narrow roads has become increasingly obnoxious and unsafe. As a resident of Wilmington it is awful. We are not the hosting town, yet our community is disrupted and roads are closed in blocking residents in their homes because lake placid decided to host a race. --- (12997)
- The few rude Ironman participants on the roads before and after leave negative impressions. --- (12997)

- The only negative from my perspective is parking! Town gets very crowded - a good thing for businesses - but parking is so difficult. --- (12997)

Dislikes - Regional

- nothing --- (12078)
- Crowds and garbage --- (12808)
- The expenses --- (12822)
- There's one road in and one road out of the area and traffic can be pretty bad. --- (12842)
- I like it all --- (12844)
- Lake Placid is overcrowded for the entire week Facilities, such as the beach, are inaccessible The sheer number of people trash our natural resources It drives up the price of everything. Extremely difficult to get around town. --- (12845)
- absolutely nothing, I have no problem not going into town on that Sunday --- (12847)
- traffic, road closures, over crowding of quieter areas, like wilmington --- (12870)
- The contestants are rude, they leave behind lots of garbage, they do not respect the rules of the road. They also have no regard for peoples property. --- (12912)
- Too much pee in Mirror Lake; probably strains resources of the DOT, etc. --- (12912)
- Road closures --- (12912)
- Unofficial pee stations on front lawns. Garbage. Arrogance toward homeowners. Hearing complaints from residents that elected me about what they go through so that this event can happen. The week(s) prior to the event when the roads become a playground. Having the ambulance hindered in trying to get to someone in need because the bikers refused to let the ambulance get by(that person almost died). Finding out that after refusing to allow the race use our town roads the Ironman gave us the middle finger and used them anyway, lied upon their application to the state police and to use the state highways. Many other issues. --- (12912)
- None --- (12912)
- just about everything - I realize it is good for Lake Placid but they bikers are rude and think they own the roads. when practicing the ride 3 and 4 across do they stop at stop signs and obey the rules of the road I think not. They pull off and urinate where ever they feel like it even though there are johnny on the spots that are available. if we want to travel south we have to go out of our way because roads are closed. --- (12912)
- Not much. --- (12912)
- Athletes training prior to the event, taking up the roads especially Route 86. They come here and think they own the place ! The even disrupts where I live ! --- (12912)
- Bikers on the roads all summer with no respect to ride in single file. People stopping to pee in my front yard. Garbage that is left by them. --- (12912)
- Crowds, detestable inconsiderate behavior of participants. The attitude of entitlement and that residents should bow down because they are "elite athletes " is unwelcome. It is a stretch for infrastructure to accommodate the crowds. There is a disregard for the safety of others during their months of training on public roadways. --- (12912)

●I dislike the entitled attitudes of the participants and their entourages. I dislike the fact that they park wherever they like and could care less (and usually don't get ticketed), they take up all the 15 minute only spots at the post office for training parking (I see them getting their tri-bikes off their cars when they park there). I dislike that I have to drive in from Ausable forks usually 5 hours before my shift starts to beat the road closures and find parking and then nap in my car before my shift. I don't like that our area pays a huge price for them to come here- and for what???? I dislike that ironman talks about all the money that it brings, but my family as service employees don't see a dime. I dislike that I have almost been in and seen so many potential traffic accidents as a result of the athletes riding side by side or in the traffic lane. Especially when they are riding in both directions in the notch (which already has some right spots) and there are cars in both lanes. I dislike how they feel that we should bow down and be grateful for their very presence in our area- they treat the service employees like garbage; looking down on us as we service them, clean up after them, put up with their attitudes. I dislike the litter that occurs during training and race day. --- (12912)

●training athletes on narrow shoulders are an accident waiting to happen Residents along route on day of event cannot get out of their own property , should be financially compensated Training athletes are relieving themselves on property along training route (peeing and shitting) rude training athletes riding in middle if road , flipping off drivers , passing stopped school buses and many rude comments from them --- (12912)

●The groups of people training that cause safety concerns along heavily traveled roadways. --- (12912)

●Not a thing --- (12912)

●nothing --- (12912)

●wannbe cyclists ignoring the rules of the road, the disruption of the race day and the weeks before, the superior attitudes of the racers who don't appreciate where they are and contribute nothing --- (12912)

●Nothing --- (12912)

●nothing --- (12912)

●Everything. It blocks traffic and takes me ten times as long to get where I need to be --- (12912)

●It really has no negative impact on my Sunday routine. --- (12912)

●Road closures and bikes prior to the race --- (12912)

●The only thing I dislike about it is the unsafe, mindless cyclists who train on our roads and disregard traffic laws and regulations, creating hazards and frustration. --- (12912)

●No comment --- (12912)

●It is a traffic nightmare and the bikers and runners training can be a problem on the roads. --- (12912)

- How the competitor's treat our area. The practice on our roads etc. Lots are rude however not all. --- (12912)
- The traffic, but oh well!! --- (12912)
- Nothing --- (12912)
- Nothing to dislike. --- (12912)
- Nothing --- (12912)
- The limited traveling, the rudeness of the people who do the iron man, the way they trash rentals and rooms, their lack of consideration for the people who live in the area and so much more. The kicker is the environmental impact from them urinating and pooping in the water and while doing the course. --- (12912)
- The training in the area before hand. The cyclists in the notch and around the area do not follow the rules. --- (12912)
- Brings in too many people and overwhelms stores, roads, restaurants --- (12912)
- The bicyclists DO NOT obey the laws of being on the road. Ride two or three side by side and show hardly any respect to automobile drivers --- (12912)
- Being held up for way to long just to get home and some bikers for week before and after that don't like sharing the road --- (12912)
- Not much. It's one weekend that I believe benefits our shared community. --- (12912)
- Often there are cyclists not following the rules of the road, not riding single file on the highways making the commute on route 86 very unsafe. It seems like many (not all) the athletes come with a sense that they can do whatever they want, park wherever they want because they are part of a huge event, as if without Ironman this town would be nothing. People always talk about how it's really only inconvenient on the day of the event , however as someone who commutes to work, with cyclists and teams riding all over, stopping and parking wherever, it makes for a very frustrating summer. Lastly, I dislike how business owners seem to want to talk down to the working class saying we should be thankful for the business that Ironman provides. First, most of us, servers included would make the same wage no matter who was in town. We saw last Summer (granted under very special set of circumstances) that tourism could flourish without Ironman. I often wonder how many people now avoid coming here during that time, who would reconsider if there was no event. --- (12912)
- Route closures that force long detours --- (12912)
- I was a 10-year volunteer at an aid station and I dislike that over the years it has evolved to a pure business with fewer concerns over athletes and volunteers. They used to give numerous donations to the groups manning stations now only one. There weren't canopies provided to give volunteers some protection and required more preparation for the items being handed out. They used to do a generous banquet, last one I attended there wasn't enough seating or food for the people attending, nor was there a large number of prize-winning tickets drawn. It has kind of soured me on the whole experience. --- (12912)

- the only thing i dislike about the ironman is that people complain about the cyclists on the road...they need to realize that most areas across the globe promote cycling and pedestrian access over vehicular traffic. I dont like the lack of respect for cyclists in this area generally, including the iron man participants . --- (12912)
- Just about everything. It's inconvenient the people are rude, as a person in the restaurant industry you don't make that much money but somehow you're busier than you should be. Their entitlement because they think lake placid won't exist without them. Roost. --- (12912)
- I don't like the 5000 additional people, the traffic closures, the trash left behind, the headache commute, the rudeness of participants, the bikes on the road. --- (12913)
- everything, traffic disruptions, locals are held hostage on race day due to this road closed, that road closed, this road only one way this road one way from early to mid afternoon and other roads not open at all until after 1 am the day after the race, bikers in the area to practice do not yield to traffic and ride 2 abreast and will not move to single file... --- (12913)
- The bikers in training on the roadways. Too much publicity given to the professional athletes and not the locals who struggle to train in the ADK conditions --- (12913)
- Nothing --- (12913)
- Everything --- (12913)
- Arrogance of the bike riders on our roads. I also do not like that a for profit event is held at the expense of local tax payers. We have plenty of visitors here for the beauty of the park. I think this event is a net negative for the community. --- (12913)
- Parking --- (12913)
- Enormous traffic inconveniences. Bikers preparing for the race have no concept of safety. --- (12913)
- I think the race produces a lot of waste. I know that when people come to the area to train, there is a small percentage that can be inconsiderate. --- (12918)
- Takes away business that weekend. Travel is a nightmare. --- (12920)
- The trash left on the side of the road. And the rude behavior of the participants. --- (12924)
- The Ironman by virtue of monopolizing the roads shuts down access to the Keene Valley Farmers Market for a large number customers. Every year the Sunday of the Ironman race is THE WORSE Market of the entire market season of 26 weeks. Our businesses sales are down by 1/2 to 2/3's. Many vendors skip the day altogether because it is not worth it to them to try to sell. There are over 50 members who rely on this market for a significant proportion of their income. Over the past 10 years that we have attended this market it is fair to say that the Ironman has cost the Keene Valley Farmers market vendors collectively multiple hundreds of thousands of dollars in lost income. Interestingly, because of the COVID situation we have firm numbers to

corroborate the lack of customers at the market this past summer and the ability to compare these numbers with 2020 when the Ironman was cancelled. --- (12928)

- Nothing --- (12932)
- I love Ironman --- (12932)
- Sounds like lake placid the village has had to bend the knee to Iron man and doesn't seem to be a partnership as it should be. --- (12932)
- can be hectic in town on race day but it also makes it fun and exciting --- (12943)
- Not much! To me, it's only one weekend of slight inconvenience ... and we plan around it. We just avoid LP or if we go up, it's for the purpose of enjoying the event. --- (12943)
- Its success places demands on our volunteer force. Our volunteers are good people and will come when asked, and the Ironman takes advantage of our generosity. --- (12943)
- 1. The participants think they own the road- It's unsafe for them and us drivers- they are not respectful of the rules of the road- at least make them get permits!! - maybe we can then afford to put a damn bike lane in. 2. They shut roads down making it an extra 1 hour for people who can not afford to miss work. 3. Our Business suffer! And their participants treat and tip us like shit. --- (12943)
- Too many people, some (not all) racers are rude to locals- actually had one competitor take a "dump " in my relatives back yard- even though there was a porta potty a few feet down the road. They do not share the road ways with cars!!!! --- (12943)
- Garbage all over the roads. Road closures. Brings vet little money into Keene and Keene Valley. While some towns get the revenue, we get arrogance and inconvenience that this event brings. Very few benefit from it being here and those are the ones that want it. Most people I know get zero out of this event! Let it go! --- (12943)
- Traffic Bikers who do not follow the rules of the road --- (12943)
- The number of bikers that train beforehand --- (12943)
- Rude people, traffic shut down s --- (12943)
- Nothing. --- (12943)
- People training with no regard to anyone but themselves. Lack of road respect --- (12943)
- Been around too long --- (12943)
- The treatment of these athletes when they are training by some locals. I do not train for Ironman but I do ride my bike in the area and have had people yell at me. My family have been hit on the back, mustard thrown at them, and verbally attacked or pushed into traffic by motorists while riding. --- (12943)
- Traffic --- (12943)
- Traffic problems and restrictions. --- (12943)
- Not enough is donated to the community when one volunteers for Ironman. --- (12943)
- communities give so much in return for so little --- (12943)

- Nothing, I look forward to it each year. --- (12943)
- so many cyclists on road in week before race often create unsafe conditions. --- (12943)
- The traffic delays and rerouting are annoying, but it's only one day. So not a big deal --- (12943)
- There is nothing I dislike --- (12943)
- The training will period prior to the Ironman. --- (12943)
- I have no problems with Ironman --- (12943)
- The people that clog our roads practicing and all the litter they leave behind. Those practicing create dangerous situations for up to a week before the event.... They ride double file in the road, they wreck traffic, leave trash along the road sides and don't nicely share the road with car traffic. Basically they take over Essex county. --- (12943)
- All the traffic disruptions, I am a vendor at the local farmers market, and we get nearly no people at the market. --- (12943)
- Not much economic benefit to communities outside of Lake Placid that are directly impacted by road closures and increased traffic. --- (12943)
- I feel IRONMAN should increase its support for the community through upping its funding support of non profit programs. --- (12943)
- That they would ever think of getting rid of this iconic event. --- (12944)
- Traffic --- (12944)
- He might be leaving --- (12944)
- I will admit the traffic issues are annoying but it really is impactful for one day. As an avid biker myself I am annoyed by tri clubs who visit for training and ride 3 abreast and annoy locals and visitors. This could be addressed by Ironman Corp banning such activities and by the tri clubs self-policing. --- (12945)
- Crowds --- (12945)
- It increases traffic to a completely unmanageable point. The emergency rooms are overrun with tourists that go hiking and with competitors getting hurt, so locals get rushed health care (or none at all because they don't want to wait). The amount of litter on roadsides and sidewalks and hiking trails due to tourists is disgusting. --- (12945)
- Everything else.. tourists are generally rude, traffic becomes a mess (more than usual), it leaves a mess for clean up, the volunteers getting treated poorly and bot rewarded in any way... it's just making money for the owner --- (12945)
- The overarching sense that it is the most important event that we hold in this area and the traffic disruptions. --- (12945)
- The amount of disrespectful people it brings. Also the fact of the road I take to get to work gets blocked off. The amount of bikers in the cascades that ride in the middle of the road and won't move. Which then can and have caused accidents. --- (12950)
- Certainly, traffic is an issue. Routing the race in a way that allows movement of locals throughout the community is imperative. There is also the experience of a small

minority of participants who do not use the proper bathroom facilities or litter. Perhaps, a hotline should be established that would disqualify any participants who litter or worse. --- (12956)

- I stay away from the Lake Placid area on the weekend of the Ironman. My family also lives in Lake Placid and they usually leave town because of the crowds --- (12964)

- 95% of the participants. The strain on emergency services. The traffic and impact on the quality of life for local residents. The fact that public taxpayers subsidize the event. The participants who come early to train and do so disrespectfully (biking in the road without regard to traffic, etc.) --- (12970)

- Impact on movement round Lake Placid --- (12972)

- Litter --- (12972)

- Nothing --- (12972)

- Some of the athletes are self centered, inconsiderate; they end up giving them all a bad name --- (12983)

- I work along the course. There is always trash left on the road despite clean up efforts. I have heard from friends in the service Industry that many iron men are entitled, rude and don't tip well. --- (12983)

- -. Rude people, no matter how strong, can stay home. 2. It is a tremendous drain on volunteers- holding it every 2 or 3years would help keep the interest and allow us to breathe on the off years. --- (12983)

- Nothing. Ironman is Awesome. --- (12983)

- I have seen Ironman's corporate focus shift in recent years, which has decreased opportunities for local engagement that are the reason I like Ironman in the first place. Many people I know who were once closely involved with the race are no longer invited to do so. As I understand it, Ironman also does not present nearly as much benefit to local businesses as it once did, and actually costs the village more money than it brings in, which does not feel productive. --- (12983)

- There are some competitors who behave like they "own the town" and as cyclists, they ride in the middle of the road and act as though they deserve a certain level of treatment as opposed to being gracious visitors. I also feel that there are certain aspects of the weekend, where locals are unable to do things they normally would. You can't drive that way because it is Ironman weekend, you can't go out to dinner because it is Ironman weekend, you can't swim in Mirror Lake, because it is too crowded and is Ironman weekend. --- (12983)

- All of the complaining by the locals About traffic etc. --- (12983)

- I dislike that the event is so large that it really doesn't allow room for other types of tourists during that week. As I'm sure everyone has said to this question - the bikes on the road are quite tough while training. --- (12983)

- Just the inconveniences that it brings - which goes with the territory for hosting any event or hosting tourists for any period of time at any point during the year. --- (12983)

- People wanting to discontinue the race --- (12983)
- The environmental impact. --- (12983)
- It is a bit busy but just like any other event that's help in lake placid --- (12983)
- Random street closures, congested traffic, little communication to the surrounding areas about when to expect traffic delays. --- (12983)
- That it has a bad reputation by selfish Lake Placid residents --- (12983)
- It creates terrible traffic issues, participants practicing in the days leading up have follow cars that slow traffic to 20mph or less all the way from Lake Placid to Keene, and most of the participants are terrible tippers and don't treat service workers well at all. --- (12983)
- It is annoying for one day to have road closures and the chaos. However, the benefits outweigh any cons --- (12983)
- Getting around that weekend is pretty tough, our stores sell out of food. --- (12983)
- Crowd --- (12983)
- Shit in the lake. Entitled bad tippers. They dint spend any money at local businesses --- (12983)
- Ironman organization should contribute more to the community and treat volunteers better- --- (12983)
- It's run by a Chinese corporation. China is bad. The fact that they need volunteers but return huge profits, is disgusting. --- (12983)
- There is a shortage of emergency medical responders and healthcare in general, and Ironman makes the need even greater for our healthcare workers who are already overworked. --- (12983)
- It prevents some church members from being able to leave their homes on Sunday morning. --- (12983)
- Traffic, not friendly people --- (12983)
- How these people literally destroy the area with garbage, clog up traffic for locals, and clog up sidewalks --- (12983)
- It doesn't provide opportunities for most --- (12983)
- Every year individual athletes act like jerks, as if the Adirondacks are their own personal playground. Like other major events, traffic and congestion can be frustrating. Locals complaining can also get frustrating as well. --- (12983)
- Road closure --- (12983)
- The traffic in the area, not just Lake Placid is challenging in the weeks prior to Ironman. I tend to avoid visiting Lake Placid in general during the busy summer, but especially when Ironman is in town. --- (12983)
- Everything. --- (12983)
- It causes a disruption of the normal routine of Lake Placid village. Causes problems for residents while businesses reap the profits. Not sure that overall it is a benefit. --- (12983)

- Too much use over a short period of time --- (12983)
- The bikers that aren't courteous (ride abreast) while practicing. --- (12983)
- Too damned big. Too many rude cyclists. --- (12983)
- completely disrupting travel for 2 weeks --- (12983)
- It's an invasion of narcissistic, wealthy, white "humble braggers" who frankly I don't consider true exceptional athletes. Anyone who has the desire, the leisure time to train, the support and the coin for the equipment can finish Ironman. Fat people do it. They contribute nothing since it costs so much to host the event. In my view any gain to the local economy is very short term. I don't find them pleasant or sincere. I find them self-entitled and obnoxious when training on local roads with bikes. They are not here for Lake Placid or the Tri-Lakes. They are here for themselves and their "community" only; not to mention the number of short term rental owners profiting from exorbitant rental rates for this event. Nope. I don't like anything about it. There are much more worthy sporting events to host such as the University Games and hockey tournaments. --- (12983)
- it is crazy that village pays after it provides the backdrop and the infrastructure --- (12983)
- um everything --- (12983)
- The traffic --- (12983)
- Road closures. Being forced to stay put or spend the day trying to go out and do what we want. Friends leaving town to avoid being here during the event. Not everyone can do that. --- (12983)
- The day of Iron Man you can't go anywhere --- (12983)
- Everyone complaining about it --- (12983)
- The traffic. How busy everywhere is. How busy all businesses are. The amount of people it brings with covid. The rudeness. The people training on bikes constantly in the road. --- (12983)
- I feel like many of the competitors don't have or show much respect for the community while they are here competing or training. --- (12983)
- The rudeness that this and any large event brings out in locals who are frustrated for their own (mostly selfish) reasons. I also think that we should negotiate better terms with the IM organization, to have them give back more to the community. What they give now is not enough. --- (12983)
- I feel it further leads to the housing problem as more and more long-term units are converted to short term. --- (12983)
- Mess. Congestion. Some participants are apparently quite rude and inconsiderate (i have no personal knowledge bec i stay away). --- (12983)
- Increased traffic? Can't get a table at restaurants during that weekend --- (12983)
- That it's owned overseas --- (12983)
- Nothing --- (12983)

- Out of state for profit organization. That ties up Community resources and takes more than it gives. --- (12983)
- No issues with the event but dislike the negative emotion that some people associate with it. --- (12983)
- Added bicycle traffic to already crowded roadways, encouraged short term rentals eliminating some needed family housing, closing the race roads making it difficult for locals to get to work or get around town. Also, I found many of the participants and their families to be arrogant and disrespectful. Many very nice people also but had more "problem" customers during this event year after year. --- (12983)
- Overcrowded --- (12983)
- traffic and congestion --- (12983)
- The crowds and traffic. --- (12983)
- They leave trash behind after the race (I walk along roads in Lake Placid and I've seen it close up (energy gel wrappers, plastic garbage, etc.) on the side of the road. They dominate the roads and towns for an extended period of time. --- (12983)
- it isn't for the locals very hard to get around town --- (12983)
- I don't have any dislikes of the event. --- (12983)
- Congestion --- (12983)
- Bad manners when they ride bikes on training loop. Share the road means...share, like cars and bikes. I'm a biker myself, and they don't seem to understand "single file". It's worse when they ride in large groups. --- (12983)
- Closed off roads, no economic benefit for my business. --- (12983)
- Traffic snarls. Disrespectful participants toward community and its members in actions, such as riding three abreast on bikes. --- (12983)
- They shit in the lake. --- (12983)
- Some of athletes and teams have a lack of respect and poor behavior when visiting our town during training and the actual ironman. They are not majority but it has gotten progressively worse since I moved here 6 years ago. --- (12983)
- Impact on road access on the day of the event. --- (12983)
- It can't be ignored that the commotion around the event sometimes causes a hassle, but it's only a weekend and then it's gone. --- (12983)
- That it's a platform for physical narcissists and it holds many residents and business owners hostage to its perceived economic benefit --- (12983)
- the amount of people brought to this area --- (12983)
- N/a --- (12983)
- Rude bikers congesting the roads --- (12983)
- Too crowded, human waste takes a toll on Mirror Lake, tourists are ignorant and think they are entitled. --- (12983)

- Attitudes, unwillingness to respect locals, pushing for more air b and b places to rent, making mirror lake disgusting, inconvenience to locals who need to work and can't get there or have to drive way out of the way to get there --- (12983)
- Trash afterwards --- (12983)
- Traffic --- (12983)
- Tying up traffic for long periods of time. --- (12983)
- Overcrowds hotels and limits business opportunity's during road closure, and fecal numbers rise intensely in the lake --- (12983)
- the rudeness and entitlement of the people participating and the people they bring with them. the amount of trash left by participants before/during/after the race. the human waste left on roadside, in yards, etc by those in the event. --- (12983)
- Bikes training prior in traffic, heavy traffic, detours --- (12983)
- Too many type-A people filling up the grocery store. --- (12983)
- 1. It happens at a wrong time. It should be held when it would help fill lodgings etc, rather than block out the visitors who would be here, anyhow. 2. Inevitably we need to travel south on that weekend. The road closures are very inconvenient. 3. People actually volunteer for this for-profit event. --- (12983)
- Nothing --- (12983)
- The traffic, the entitled competitors, the infrastructure impact on the town --- (12983)
- The disruption it causes to our communities and to our healthcare system --- (12983)
- Crowds, rude tourists, unsafe driving conditions (aka cyclists on narrow roads), disruption of my day to day life in general --- (12983)
- The athletes and their families aren't here to enjoy the area and support local businesses. They train, participate in the race, and then leave. They might return and or spread the word on how amazing our location is but there's enough of that out there that we could get way more business this time of year anyways. --- (12983)
- The attitudes and behaviors of many (not all) race participants. Also, it is really gross to see Mirror Lake turned into a certifiable biohazard every year. --- (12983)
- Traffic congestion, craziness everywhere --- (12983)
- Overcrowding, road closures, cyclist taking over the road, at times unsafe. --- (12983)
- It's hard for other tourists to find decently priced lodging before and during ironman --- (12983)
- Some of the participants are not the most friendly people. Some tend to treat local staff and establishments poorly. --- (12983)
- The people, the dirtiness, the disruption --- (12983)
- There are a few "bad apples" that spoil it for others, meaning some self-absorbed athletes who don't follow the rules and think everything should cater to them, but I do believe those are few and far between. --- (12983)
- Not much other than a few days of traffic and congestion. --- (12983)

- It shuts down the entire town for hours and prevents people from going anywhere. It also causes so much pollution and trash. --- (12983)
- Everything --- (12983)
- Pre-event athlete groups training on roadways --- (12983)
- The trash, lack of access to roads for those who live locally (can't get home) That emergency services are unavailable for anything other than iron man the day of the race. The lack of space for any locals to park to get to their jobs/homes on main street or around it. --- (12983)
- It causes lots of problems/disruption for those who live and work here. --- (12983)
- Inconvenience of road closures. Bikers not riding single file on narrow shoulders --- (12983)
- Bike Traffic, Car traffic. --- (12983)
- The crowds. It is impossible to get in or out of Lake Placid for a week. The bikers who come before the ironman are intrusive on the road. There is literally no supplies in the grocery stores ironman week. No one who lives in the area can have family or friends come to visit because there are limited lodging sites and just seeing the sites in the area are difficult if not impossible to visit. --- (12983)
- The time of year should be moved to early june when less busy in the area. --- (12983)
- The waste is rather shocking. The amount of garbage produced by each aid station is massive. Water bottles, gatorade bottles, wrappers etc...It's a lot. It is definitely inconvenient if you plan on being able to travel around the lake placid region that weekend. --- (12983)
- everything! clog up the roads, take over the town, rude people, too many people. It's not just one day of the race -- it's weeks and weeks of training leading up too. --- (12983)
- The impacts is has on the environment, the aftermath, and the compromised experience other travelers get during that time. --- (12983)
- Because I live outside of the course area I'm not really impacted, so don't have a strong opinion on things I dislike --- (12986)
- It's a long day of volunteering. Not enough volunteers to fill all of the areas that need them so some groups end up volunteering in multiple areas. A lot of clean up involved afterward. Plus some of the participants and their families can be a bit disrespectful of the people that live and work in the community year round --- (12986)
- It is an inconvenience to have the road closures and delays, but an understandable one for athlete safety --- (12986)
- The whole region shuts down. Before we moved here we were discouraged from visiting during Iron man week. By business owners and local residents. --- (12986)
- I'm not sure it's worth the trouble, expense and drain on resources --- (12986)

- Some of the athletes feel they are entitled, however that happens everywhere. --- (12986)
- Process for volunteers, particularly for more seasonal residents. Despite having volunteered on the River Road Aid Station since 2012, we only learned of the online portal in 2019 --- (12986)
- Traffic --- (12986)
- Congestion in Lake Placid --- (12986)
- In the Covid era I feel it unfortunately brings increased exposure. --- (12989)
- I feel like it has overstayed and I am now very tired of all that it brings to this area --- (12989)
- Nothing. It's only a weekend that brings a lot of business to our little area. People complain a lot about the traffic. But when anyone from this area goes on vacation I'm sure the locals there hate the traffic caused by tourists as much as we do here. It's all about perspective. --- (12989)
- Not much. --- (12989)
- Short event, many participants don't stay in the area before or after the event. --- (12989)
- Driving back and forth from town with bikers side by side on highway and you can't go around them. It's a miracle no one has been killed. We have practice the rest of the year avoiding the deer. --- (12989)
- Traffic --- (12989)
- It brings in throngs of people but there is nothing that I don't like about the event. Much like Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, it is a day you can choose to participate in or make other plans. --- (12989)
- Nothing. --- (12989)
- Crowds --- (12993)
- Too many people, too much traffic disruption. Local towns don't necessarily share in the benefits. --- (12993)
- I have to close my business on that day. No customers due to closed roads. That costs me 2K in sales for that day. Perhaps Ironman could cut me a check for \$2000 ? --- (12993)
- The inability of some residents to get along with the increase in cycling traffic and the dangers that presents. --- (12993)

Training

What are your experiences regarding athletes training leading up to the Ironman race?
(Open-Ended Response)

Training - Race Towns (On course)

- They are rude and do not follow the rules of the road very dangerous --- (12941)
- Bikes not sharing roadways, throwing trash on roads --- (12941)
- Worrisome when the athletes are riding bikes in the roadway and we are meeting traffic --- (12941)
- They have no regard for the fact that the roads that they use to train on their bikes are the two of only three roads that go out of Lake Placid - living in Jay it makes the drives home super stressful in the months leading up to the Iron Man. People are biking in the middle of the street! --- (12941)
- Interesting to watch. Minor inconvenience on the road at times but negligible. --- (12941)
- I've only ever felt inspired seeing all of the athletes train. I've lived here for 12 years and I drive through the notch everyday to and from work and because I'm so familiar with the summer bikers I'm comfortable with them on the road. On the flip side, as a biker myself I worry most about tourists traveling on our roads because they worry too much about looking at the scenery then not bikers on the road so more bike friendly signage and lanes would be great! It's a beautiful and environmentally friendly way to commute and recreate. I'd hate to see it pushed out of the area. --- (12941)
- ???????? --- (12941)
- Dangerous road conditions that post a threat to recreational walkers, runners, and bikers, as well as a risk to cars driving the opposite direction when other vehicles swerve into their lane of traffic to avoid triathletes in training. I was nearly struck by another car that was going over 60 mph at the top of Paleface Hill in Jay this summer with my child in the car when the other vehicle entered my lane of traffic on a blind hill to avoid a biker that had stopped at the top of the hill. --- (12941)
- None --- (12941)
- It is sometimes an inconvenience when bikers ride side by side, but more education might help, along with a continued focus on signage along the road leading up to the event reminding drivers that they should be on the lookout for bikers might help. --- (12941)
- They are rude. They have defecated and urinated on my property and my neighbors property along the route. They litter. The training camps cause unsafe road conditions. --- (12941)

- Not good they have disrespected me by passing me at a stop sign while I'm following the law of the road. They ride through construction zones without stopping. And when something is said to them the construction workers are given a hard time. --- (12941)
- mostly great! as an athlete myself, i find myself more concerned with non-athlete vehicle traffic in town than athletes themselves. --- (12941)
- They don't believe in sharing the road and they make it impossible at times to get to work or to get your children to school or to get to church --- (12941)
- French Canadians are rude and intolerable --- (12941)
- Some may behave poorly but the vast majority are respectful of the local area. I appreciate that they bring business into town --- (12941)
- Try not to run the bikers over but we have very poor bike lane width for them to practice --- (12941)
- very limited. The athletes and all athletes have the right to use our wonderful roads for training. Folks driving in cars need to have patience for both iron man training and anyone else out there enjoying the roads on foot or pedaling. --- (12941)
- There is an increase in the number of road bikers training. --- (12941)
- They think they own the road --- (12941)
- Cyclists litter --- (12941)
- Positive and welcoming. --- (12941)
- Cyclists on the road are often not considerate in their use of the road --- (12941)
- Poor road behavior and etiquette. --- (12941)
- I think it would be beneficial to enforce or incentives better biking habits because at times it can be very dangerous to drive around bikers. I don't think that we do a good job providing the bikers the best lanes and shoulder space as we can and it should be developed where it is possible. --- (12941)
- Generally, the athletes are mindful on the roads but occasionally there are a few that ignore the fact they are guests here. These will ride astride and slow up traffic. --- (12941)
- Road congestion --- (12941)
- Training on weekends makes driving stressful and visitors are apt to avoid or feel too anxious to stop at local businesses. Also have heard athletes talking to each other and not know the towns they are riding through when training. --- (12941)
- Road conditions are challenging. Athletes think they are the only ones using the roads. --- (12941)
- As above, bad experiences. While riding they block the Notch and other roads by riding 2 or more abreast. They cause traffic issues on any road they are on due to this since everywhere, except 9N in Upper Jay, do they have ample shoulders to ride. They give you the finger if you honk to get them to move. If you complain often law enforcement does nothing. I have observed several riders that stop on the side of the

road or at local businesses to relieve themselves in view of others. Once they were defecating between parked cars. This isn't what we want in our area. --- (12941)

- Rude, inconsiderate Riding 3 wide around blind turns --- (12941)
- They are rude and disrespectful. They fail to follow basic traffic laws as they relate to bicycles on road ways, ride in the road causing motorists to cross into oncoming traffic to get around, throw trash on lawns and yell to each other in total disrespect to those sleeping in homes near roadways who may need to work swingshifts --- (12941)
- Riding in the road --- (12941)
- I generally volunteer supporting the local animal shelters; Tri-Lake and NCSPCA with their table during registration day and I also volunteer at the athlete support tables during the competitions. --- (12941)
- Very inspirational. I enjoy watching them train. Motivated me. --- (12941)
- Far too many cyclists being disrespectful to motorists by failing to observe traffic laws. --- (12941)
- Exciting to witness the athletes in training --- (12941)
- All good --- (12941)
- No problem --- (12941)
- I love the energy they bring to the town. They are an inspiration to all of us especially to our younger generations. --- (12942)
- Bikes on 73 are the most visible. Most athletes are respectful and stay on the fog line. Occasionally riders are two wide. --- (12942)
- The majority feel they have a right to be there at the Rodeway which they are not incorrect as they don't have anywhere else to be such as Vermont that has bicycle lanes. However they don't understand how dangerous they make it for vehicles in tight places such as the Cascades and the notch --- (12942)
- Not much. I live in Keene so I don't see an impact in terms of traffic, really. Athletes training on the roads are fine with me; can't have a world-class event without training on location. --- (12942)
- No problems, it brings a lot of people to the area year round. I have had fewer problems with Ironman athletes than with other classes of tourists (ie, hikers at trailheads). It would be nice if the descent from LP to Keene could be made safer. --- (12942)
- They mob local trails and roads practicing. Dangerous --- (12942)
- No issues --- (12942)
- 50/50 --- (12942)
- Some good. Most are inconsiderate and do not share the road. --- (12942)
- It is fun and inspiring to watch them train. --- (12942)
- Just ride on the shoulder please. Or close. Otherwise it's great! --- (12942)
- Mostly Horrible --- (12942)
- Literally just watching cyclists. --- (12942)

- It's a breath of fresh air --- (12942)
- I live on the bike course and I see many cyclists throughout the year. It is great to know that people feel safe enough to bike on my road! That is an asset of this community -safe, bikeable roads! I have neveere had any issues regarding athletes as there are port-o-potties about every 5 miles on the course thanks to Boyer Septic. --- (12942)
- I commute through Route 73 daily to work in Lake Placid. I'm shocked someone hasn't died yet. Most cyclist respect and understand the rules but those who don't are making it so very dangerous for those of us who are just trying to go to work. It's infuriating at times. --- (12942)
- Too many bikers on road not following traffic rules --- (12942)
- Too many road hazards --- (12942)
- Unsafe bike riding along Route 73, a few (but not many) bikers hostile to pedestrians and dogs. --- (12942)
- It's good to see them out there👍 --- (12942)
- They think they are special and everyone should be thankful they are here . Training in packs, not single file I am always fearful they will cause accidents Not always their fault out roads are awful... the patchwork is laughable --- (12942)
- Many of the racers seam to think the own the road. I've seen occasions were a car will follow a race and not allow others to pass. This practice must stop before it cause an accident. --- (12942)
- Our property is along the bike route on Route 9N in Keene, so we often encounter bikes on our way into or out of Lake Placid or anywhere in the area. But again, that's a small price to pay. Usually they are respectful and Share the Road. --- (12942)
- Rude and won't follow rules of the road for bikers --- (12942)
- They are rude and don't follow the rules of the road and ride three wide and don't keep to the shoulder. They also pee off bridges and on private property in front of people and they take up parking lots and causes traffic issues with cars trying to come in and out. --- (12942)
- I travel Rt 73 daily and I dread my commute --- (12942)
- Rude...and trash everywhere --- (12942)
- See above --- (12942)
- Rude. Messy. Don't tip well --- (12942)
- Horrible. Multiple close calls of car accidents caused by athletes. Late to work due to athletes not being considerate and taking up entire road to train. No positive experiences. --- (12942)
- Bicycles on Rt 73 are always a concern. Maybe some signage to let drivers know to be prepared might help. --- (12942)
- None other than taking up room on the road. --- (12942)
- Traffic danger --- (12942)

- As above. Also have seen bicyclists relieving themselves in inappropriate areas - disgusting! --- (12942)
- Awful. They are disrespectful on the roads while biking. The ride there or for abreast and make it dangerous while traveling, especially through the Cascades! --- (12942)
- Dangerous biking habits --- (12942)
- Very disruptive to traffic riding 2,3 and even 4 abreast as they train. Seem to think that they don't have to follow road rules like everyone else. --- (12942)
- Limited --- (12946)
- 95% are fantastic. 5% are arseholes. --- (12946)
- Not good. Dangerous driving. Athletes riding in road or running. --- (12946)
- Awful. They come and bike all over the roads. 86 especially is not safe unless it is blocked off for them. It's only blocked off the day of the race and yet the entire spring/summer/fall people bike and run as if they own the road. Some of them even have cars follow them slowly so they feel safer which is a huge hazard on a windy high speed road. I've had many close calls. --- (12946)
- Like it brings atmosphere to the city which it needs --- (12946)
- Disgusting and rude --- (12946)
- I live on Rt 73 and as long as bikes are single file it's no issue --- (12946)
- Negative. Most of them feel entitled. --- (12946)
- The vast majority are very respectful and really love our little town and the nature surrounding it. Of course, as they say, the few ruin it for the many, and yes, there are always a few athletes each year who are rude and disrespectful. But that does not change the fact that the other 99% of them are amazingly respectful and thankful for us welcoming them to our community. --- (12946)
- Bikers training 2-3 abreast in the road --- (12946)
- Obnoxious Inconsiderate Privileged --- (12946)
- The home we live in is an active town known and traveled to for it's amazing outdoor recreation. Why is swimming/biking/running any different? It's ok to disrupt our mountains with trails for biking and hiking but not ok for bikers to ride on our roads? --- (12946)
- I have had the finger given to me even though I was just warning them that I was there. I have had a couple of athletes almost run into my car when they were looking back to see something and they steered into the driving lane. I ended up swerving around them. --- (12946)
- I wish they were more considerate of those of us living there (we live in Placid the majority of the year) as they take over many roads constantly...which is dangerous & insensitive. --- (12946)
- Can't stand the way they ride on the roads in groups. Like they own them. --- (12946)
- Almost entirely positive, with athletes coming in year-round, becoming residents, and inspiring with their dedication. It's a place where people new to the sport come to learn

and train as well, who are not actually participating in the race, so there's a whole other population. Sometimes these people are unaware of road rules or lack certain skills to be as safe as more experienced participants, so educating them is helpful. --- (12946)

- Ridiculous training, especially on the bikes. Acting like they own the town. --- (12946)

- It doesn't bother me to slow down for athletes. I think the athletes training adds to the excitement of the event and to the village's tourism --- (12946)

- Extremely negative, mainly the bicyclists. They blow through stop signs, ride side by side on narrow roads, don't move out of the way and train on roads that don't have shoulders I.e. the notch. --- (12946)

- Not great, living on river road, I often have to make risky maneuvers in my vehicle to avoid cyclists who don't obey the single lane rule. --- (12946)

- riding on the middle of the road and not on the shoulder. we are trying to get to work and they are blocking traffic. --- (12946)

- For the most part has been very positive and of course there's always those few that can try to mess it up for everyone but other than that it's been incredible over the years --- (12946)

- Rude bikers, inconsiderate people and spectators --- (12946)

- They are rude and inconsiderate of the residents that live here! They do not follow the laws of the road and treat people private property like they are public restrooms! --- (12946)

- Most atheists ive met are very shitty. God complex because they race. --- (12946)

- Inconsiderate, dirty, annoying, destructive --- (12946)

- Good experiences. I did IronMan in 2014 and found the locals, fellow athletes and support staff were all friendly and well behaved. --- (12946)

- I think it's fine. I would encourage the town and local businesses to emphasize that triathletes should respect the motorists using the local roads and refrain from riding in packs. Overall, I think having triathletes in the area, training and visiting our town, is a good thing. --- (12946)

- We need to continue to educate those who train in our area --- (12946)

- They take up the roads and cause traffic jams/ near accidents. They act like they own the place and think they are above everyone else. (not all, but many do) --- (12946)

- I have had no encounter, just prefer not to drive to Wilmington, too dangerous --- (12946)

- Extremely hazardous, do not have consideration of roads or people going about their everyday lives and are extremely unsanitary during races. --- (12946)

- Foreign athletes road manners are not the greatest. eg. biking abreast and not single file. --- (12946)

- See above --- (12946)

- Rude, peeing out on people's lawns littering --- (12946)

- Some are obnoxious to local residents. Get out of my way type attitude. --- (12946)

- very annoying!!! Bikers riding through the snow, bikers riding side by side in the road. all of this is annoying and dangerous. --- (12946)
- Not good --- (12946)
- not good. they use our land as a public restroom. --- (12946)
- They are rude and think they own the whole road, making it difficult to travel at best and downright dangerous at worst. --- (12946)
- Rude - think they own the place --- (12946)
- On River Road they do not keep single file and stop with bikes to chat on pavement. Usually The bikers are the problem not the runners. --- (12946)
- I have experienced some wonderful people training - very respectful and appreciative of the community - I have also seen large groups of cyclist upsetting drivers because they do not ride single file or the group is just too large. I have also been out alone on my bike and been smoked by trucks on the road; harassed and had things thrown at me --- (12946)
- Positive --- (12946)
- Not great, I live on the biking, running routes. I find the bikers to be very arrogant. --- (12946)
- Usually polite and sportsman like. --- (12946)
- Great to see everyone training --- (12946)
- some are rude, take up the road, spreading across instead of single file, not considerate of us who need to get to work, etc... --- (12946)
- Uh other than the fact they litter and leave feces wherever they please is not okay. I can't even park in my own driveway half the time the week leading up to Ironman Sunday --- (12946)
- I have noticed that the bikers don't ride single file, and don't obey basic traffic rules. The bikers think the road is for them to train on. --- (12946)
- Generally, they are entitled, self centered and care way too much about exercise. They don't go to the bars, etc. The cherry on top - now they sleep in vans on the side of the road instead of hotels. Who benefits from these weirdos? --- (12946)
- As mentioned above, they often bike/run in the middle (or way into the lane) of the road which is dangerous for them and drivers. They take over Mirror Lake and the surrounding parking spots. --- (12946)
- Not much except their bike riding the course & again they are all over. --- (12946)
- They are rude and in the way mostly --- (12946)
- Dangerous driving conditions and roads not suitable for cycling, e.g. Cascade Lakes --- (12946)
- Streets are more crowded. Makes driving difficult. --- (12946)
- Many athletes do not follow the rules of the road. Many cyclists do not ride single file and instead ride 2-3 abreast. I have had athletes "flip the bird" because of simply honking my horn while driving down the Keene Hill. Many runners do not follow the

state law by facing traffic. They often run with traffic on Rt. 73 and River Rd. and do not move to the shoulder when cars or bikes are approaching. There are too many training camps here and there is no regulation. Many of them take over Mirror Lake by setting up tents and placing signs around town which is unappealing to the community. --- (12946)

- Only in the days before race --- (12946)
- They are rude, conceited, dirty, disgusting folk --- (12946)
- They ride bikes all over the road and act like everyone else has to obey to them riding in the lane --- (12946)
- See above. --- (12946)
- good and bad but mostly good. all people are just oblivious lately --- (12946)
- We should make it safer for athletes to train --- (12946)
- Most are fine --- (12946)
- Generally nice. Bikers though can be difficult as they do not follow guidelines --- (12946)
- Leading up to is more of a problem than the day of the race. Training groups often ride 2-3 abreast on our narrow, windy roads. --- (12946)
- Mostly positive but a few riders who disobey traffic laws --- (12946)
- The majority of training athletes are a good year round boost to the local economy. As stated above, a few bad apples ruin it for the rest of us. Disrespectful athletes should be publicly ticketed and then everyone would benefit - drivers would feel like selfish cyclists are being held accountable and not take it out so much on local responsible cyclists --- (12946)
- Sure beats watching drunks vomit on Main Street --- (12946)
- They're rude, they think they can do whatever they want in town, they are disgusting and wreckless --- (12946)
- I think it's great. The area is a great destination for athletes of so many sports. It is a great way to call people to the area and encourage visiting local spots, spending money in our stores, etc. --- (12946)
- The bicyclists are somewhat challenging, but the swimmers are fun! --- (12946)
- mostly negative. --- (12946)
- The throngs of runners and cyclists create very hazardous road conditions, especially on Rte 73 and River Road, especially as many won't observe basic safety rules like riding in single file and running facing oncoming traffic. Have encountered many Ironmen swimming at Mirror Lake over the years and find they have a pompous attitude towards local residents, especially those trying to enjoy the lake in their canoes or kayaks. It seems their general attitude is that locals should be grateful for their presence. --- (12946)
- Awful: double-file cyclists on both sides of River Road who don't move are an extreme, but I can count on it happening every year --- (12946)

- an unseen and fantastic development to have athletes training in the region to test the courses and get familiar with feel of the race and enjoy open water swim --- (12946)
- They come to town prior to the race to practice --- (12946)
- I mean sometimes they ride side by side and that's not cool cause it gives ironman a bad name, but don't let one rotten apple ruin the bunch. There are always those people in the crowd no matter what event you're at. I think seeing all the athletes training leading up to the race is inspiring. Think about how much this goal means to them, it's the biggest goal of some of their lives. That's pretty cool. --- (12946)
- Read above. If it was only the one weekend it would be tolerable. ... but it starts at the beginning of the summer. Also, if it was only Ironman but the other big events during leave few weekends that locals can actually enjoy. So , it is not the one event it is the additional events and the training that pushes people to the limit. --- (12946)
- As I stated before, a lot of the athletes are the biggest downside of the event, arrogant, disrespectful, act entitled, do not follow the rules of the road (how we haven't had a fatal accident involving a bike is beyond me), trespassing, they are the down side. --- (12946)
- not much --- (12946)
- Rude. Overbearing disrespectful of others --- (12946)
- In the way and disrespectful to our community --- (12946)
- I am retired and don't work in the tourist industry, so my contact with Ironman athletes is limited to the interactions I have with them as a motorist, trying to get to hiking and nature trails. The majority of cyclists are courteous and will move over to the right. However, there are a few entitled cyclists who refuse to make room for motorists to pass them and others who ride abreast when they should be riding single file. My frustration with this minority of cyclists is not that they slow me down; it's that they are a hazard. It's dangerous to try to move into the oncoming lane to pass them, so I patiently wait for a clear stretch of road. Meanwhile, some equally entitled motorist behind me leans on his horn, because he is going to be 30 seconds late for an appointment. Then there is the ever-present danger that I might go over a hill or around a curve and encounter a speeding car in my lane passing a cyclist or group of cyclists. This means that, for safety's sake, I always avoid particularly twisty, narrow roads (like Wilmington Notch or Cascade Road near Cascade lakes) on weekends in the spring and summer. The various Ironman camps that bring groups of cyclists to these roadways are a particular problem. --- (12946)
- Cyclists can be very inconsiderate in riding 2-3 abreast. Traffic safety is a concern. --- (12946)
- They have no respect for those who live here. Even shit on the side of my house --- (12946)
- Bikes riding four, five abreast on main roads causing cars to pass over double lines endangering them and oncoming traffic. The riders are supposed to ride single file but

more times than not, they're blocking roads and have little to no regard for others. --- (12946)

- They come here year round to train. It is however more popular / focused on the 4-6 weeks leading up to the race --- (12946)

- I've had athletes defecating/urinating in my front yard. I've had spectators park on my property without asking permission and then refuse to move when asked. People have walked right into my house asking to use the bathroom and when refused such service, they use my front yard as a toilet. The day after the race is a nightmare as I have to pick up all of the detritus that is left in my yard. I've almost struck athletes biking numerous times with my vehicle after they refuse to ride single file. I've almost been struck myself after having to pull into the opposite lane to avoid bicyclists. My child has suffered a rash after swimming in Mirror Lake one week after the race due to the urine and fecal matter that is "let loose" while the swim portion is taking place. --- (12946)

- I love it! Even outside of IM Weekend it brings hundreds of folks to town for training leading up to the race. Compared to Lacrosse and the average tourist, they are much more well behaved - too healthy to party all night :) --- (12946)

- Many experiences with runners and cyclists taking over the roads. When on a tour bus as a guide experienced cyclist turning directly in front of bus. Tired of rude jesters from participants....I refrain from saying athletes because true athletes exhibit a certain good behavior --- (12946)

- Watch it some years, leave town some years, volunteer some years. Have some friends that compete and good to see them. I like the vibe and influence on our kids. --- (12946)

- I find for the most part them being very nice. They enjoy their stay here, love the area and the village and have no problem spending money. Are some rude and self indulgent, absolutely, but I can say that of people that come here for Can Am, Lacrosse, Figure Skating and any other sport or event we host in the village. It also holds true for some of our summer visitors, there is no certain criteria for arrogance or those that feel they are entitled. --- (12946)

- As long as we all respect them they seem to respect us! --- (12946)

- Mostly positive --- (12946)

- Bicyclists do not "share the road" they take it over --- (12946)

- They are far nicer than LAX people, horse show attendees and most of the "regular" tourists. A few but vocal locals have become internet bullies. --- (12946)

- I am glad they fill the hotels in the off season --- (12946)

- I live on River Road, where all the athletes train, and it's a big part of why I love living where I live. Every day I see people on River Road, and am glad I live in such a place. --- (12946)

- Only positive to date. I live in Pine Hill (in Lake Placid), and it's a common rental area for Ironman triathletes. I think they are all polite and respectful.. all triathletes typically do is train, eat and sleep! :) --- (12946)
- Have met a number of participants. They are interesting and love lake placid. --- (12946)
- Most are respectful of use of roads and waterways for training. Swim course for training in serious need of enforcing swim direction --- (12946)
- Unfortunately the bad things stick out. Rude bikers, runners taking up road, tossing Gue on the rd, causing potential dangerous road situations... Taking up area's around mirror lake that we have been waiting for after a long winter to utilize. --- (12946)
- They are giant assholes. And believe they own the town and can do as they please. --- (12946)
- That it is stressful. Some not all who train are mean and rude and feel THEY RULE the route. No I live here year around and have to get from point A to point B and should be able to do so without getting an attitude from someone training. --- (12946)
- Rude, some of them are nice, entitled, hostile when in the road . Some act like the race is more important than it really is --- (12946)
- It's the 95/5 rule. 95% of the athletes are great and then there's the other 5% who ruin it for everyone. --- (12946)
- There rude and I rather not see them in town --- (12946)
- Usually fine. Occasionally experience a bikers not staying in their lanes and holding up car traffic --- (12946)
- Unsafe travel from biking --- (12946)
- Horrible!! No regard to rules of the road, I think it is insane that they can train through the notch!! Stupid, that section of road is dangerous enough so let's jam bicyclists into the mix. I can't believe no one has been killed, especially when they are 2-4 wide!! Them riding on river road is absolutely moronic. You can't see around those corners! You have bicyclist 2-4 wide on one side of the road then you have joggers that run in the road instead of on the sidewalk! Not very safe for the drivers. Makes you realize how little this town cares for the people that live here year round. Jam all of these people in this small town. Burn out the people that live and work here! Allow is to be treated the way the athletes and their families treat us every year. --- (12946)
- Too aggressive, think they own the town --- (12946)
- Perfect. I love to run and cycle with them. They are inspiring and amazing. --- (12946)
- Lordy! They own the roads!! --- (12946)
- the town is taken over by arrogant individuals --- (12946)
- I dont like it when people throw their garbage on the road, but more than athletes do that. Also ask them to ride single file! --- (12946)

- I drive roads where lots of bikers are riding. Occasionally, those bike riders do not share the road as they should. However, in general I am not adversely affected. --- (12946)
- All I hear is Thank You, Thank You and Thank You! --- (12946)
- Cyclists don't follow the rules of the road and put drivers in difficult situations. I am a cyclist myself, and don't understand their arrogance --- (12946)
- Pleasant, we have one short term rental and they stay with us to train. We typically see them at the local restaurants and they are typically very pleasant and appreciative of being here. --- (12946)
- Very burdensome on local traffic, much trespassing of athletes training into private property --- (12946)
- They are a danger to the highway rideing three abreast. They fill up beds which used to be used by family tourist. --- (12946)
- I feel like Ironman as an organization should have checkpoints or stations set up in the week leading up to the event for traffic/competitor safety --- (12946)
- These athletes are kind and considerate They are open and friendly I am inspired by them and they infuse a great energetic atmosphere into the community --- (12946)
- Most are respectful of traffic and residents. Usually much more serious about training and much less partying than lacrosse or rugby tournaments. --- (12946)
- Generally fine. Many more cyclists on the road that don't adhere to the single file cycling laws which is very dangerous on our skinny, curvy mountain roads. --- (12946)
- No issues. They all seem very cordial and excited to be in town for the event. --- (12946)
- Inconvenience and hazards on the roadways. --- (12946)
- Disrespectful on the road and on the lake. --- (12946)
- Generally respectful of the roads while biking --- (12946)
- Some of them are rude but there are rude people everywhere. Maybe give out tickets and bikers aren't riding single file --- (12946)
- Pain in the ass. They (obnoxiously) get in the way and adversely impact public safety. --- (12946)
- They're rude demanding and always blocking roadways --- (12946)
- The are focused, happy and generous. --- (12946)
- Great --- (12946)
- Visitors to the area, being for IM, hiking, or rugby et al seem to be, for the most part, good people. The small percentage that do atrocious things will always be seen reflecting the whole. --- (12946)
- they do not follow rules of the road and are very messy , even dirty not using proper bathroom facilities. --- (12946)
- NEGATIVE. They feel as if they own the road. --- (12946)
- No negative experiences. Just like every other tourist. --- (12946)

- I wish them luck Enjoy seeing them --- (12946)
- The roads need better maintenance to ensure athlete safety. --- (12946)
- Fine --- (12946)
- Absolute chaos --- (12946)
- Mostly positive! I don't like it when occasional motorists refuse to share the road. I don't like it when cyclists refuse to follow the rules of the road during training. That happens everywhere; not just in LP --- (12946)
- Annoying! Think they own the rode and are not concerned about anything but training --- (12946)
- Generally okay but to many think the road is a private training ground --- (12946)
- Athletes training leading into the event is benefit for the community. These visits increase revenue and help fill rooms and seats in May and June. --- (12946)
- My experiences are almost all negative and our road is one of the main run bike roads train but even on the other roads within the area mostly negative due to disrespect and inconsideration of traffic! --- (12946)
- Difficult to avoid the bikers, especially. Hate the attitude and pompous behavior. Take over the town. Lack of respect. --- (12946)
- Not much --- (12946)
- They don't know how to ride single file, always blocking the road. Don't obey traffic signs, they blow thru the four way stops without stopping. --- (12946)
- Road bikers in the way of traffic ,event should be held somewhere else --- (12946)
- Most ok. Some obnoxious bikers always refuse to yield or bike single file. Dangerous for them --- (12946)
- Too many bikes on the road. Runners who run in the middle of lanes. However, when I worked as a bartender I often enjoyed meeting and talking to the people. --- (12946)
- Getting my car blocked saying I'm not allowed to go on the "course" getting punched in the back by one if their family member, because I was trying to walk hole from main street. --- (12946)
- Total village/town take over --- (12946)
- Not good. Rude riders and trash --- (12946)
- Lots of misuse and abuse of the property. Lots of debris, noise after hours, etc --- (12946)
- Excellent! Brings business and people --- (12946)
- I personally don't mind the athletes training starting in the spring all the way up to the race. I do notice a safety concern specifically with bikers as they ride multiple people side by side on our narrow roadways and often in the road. It seems as if they might come from more congested areas and when in the less populated area feel as if they own the road or have a right to be able to ride however they like. There is a sense of entitlement that comes from the athletes who train here. --- (12946)
- Very minimal --- (12946)

- As I said, no respect in the roads and the bikers take up too much of the road, and don't care --- (12946)
- I'm aware people on bikes --- (12946)
- Some are great and some are awful. But bicycles through the cascades, river road, the notch and old Military rd are a huge hazard --- (12946)
- Generally do not ride single file or won't move over. Have had several close calls. Power in numbers mentality while riding so they don't move over. --- (12946)
- They are rude and do not follow the rules of the road --- (12946)
- The bikers and runners have no respect for vehicles and ride/run in the road and cars are forced onto the other side of the road --- (12946)
- Not positive --- (12946)
- Mixed, have observed folks urinating on my road. --- (12946)
- same as above. get flipped off when they are not single file. police should stop and fine everyone --- (12946)
- Total chaos, traffic impediment, running or riding their bike into the side of my car. --- (12946)
- It's HORRIBLE. They act like they own the roads --- (12946)
- you mean the fact that they refuse to ride in a single file --- (12946)
- It's inspirational to watch them --- (12946)
- Small number of athletes do not respect the community and feel as if the town owes them for being part of ironman. --- (12946)
- Many are probably respectful that there are people who live work and play here, but there is a minority that are not and rules don't apply to them (parking, sharing the road, conduct in restaurants etc.) --- (12946)
- They consistently do not obey rules of the road. They ride 3 or more in a row in the lane of traffic. Multiple times my car has been kicked and I've been flipped off. No respect for vehicles on the road. --- (12946)
- They support the community and help promote the region's brand as healthy, outdoors place for active individuals. --- (12946)
- Belligerent, disrespectful, self absorbed. --- (12946)
- See last answer. It may only be 10 percent of the athletes that are rude, but with three thousand athletes in a normal year, that's 300 rude people. Also road closures on race day are a nuisance to us because it usually occurs on our grandson's birthday and we head to Albany that day. --- (12946)
- They are often rude and don't care about the locals. --- (12946)
- No problem, most are aware there are shared roadways. Once in a while you get someone who doesn't follow rules, I find it rare --- (12946)
- Last few years they think they own our town --- (12946)
- Rudeness of many bikers --- (12946)
- Some positive some negative but locals are just as bad --- (12946)

- Nothing unexpected. Usually polite --- (12946)
- Some good some bad. Just like in every day life --- (12946)
- I guess I kind of answered that in question 7... our roads are not set up for training... No bike paths... it's too tight... the fear of hitting one of them is very real ! --- (12946)
- Locals always know when IronMan is a few weeks away. Weeks before the triathlon, any travel required in the area is met randomly with clumps of runners or cyclists with very little regard to their own surroundings. Many of these athletes have dangerous habits including using the double yellow lines as their own 'track'. Cyclists have been known to ignore traffic laws and not signal their intention to turn, it's extremely common to see 3-10 athletes in a non organized fashion with no spacing disrupting the flow of traffic. --- (12946)
- A sense of witnessing a vibrant, healthy and innocent population enjoying this environment from all over the country. --- (12946)
- N/A --- (12946)
- Rude and inconsiderate/ not all of them but some --- (12946)
- It can be difficult to drive on 73 when they're biking --- (12946)
- Nothing bad --- (12946)
- Not an issue helps if anything when I ride my bike recreational because it increases driver awareness like we do about motorcycles --- (12946)
- Having been involved with this event for 20+ years, I feel that most athletes are considerate and follow the rules. There certainly are some inconsiderate idiots who clog the roads on their bikes and leave trash. I also feel that this has improved, particularly with the help of local campaigns encouraging athletes to ride single file. Perhaps the race organization can do a bit more here to ensure compliance with the rules. --- (12946)
- Obnoxious --- (12946)
- Our roads get paved for our athletes to come and train with complete disregard for the locals who live here. --- (12946)
- They are disgusting and loud af --- (12946)
- Can contribute to challenges with commuting along rt 73 and 86 due to athletes training (specifically bike) and poor safety awareness of some athletes. --- (12946)
- Has not effected me either way --- (12946)
- I live on River Road, and the bikers sometimes annoy me who ride side by side, but it is really not that many these days, and it is only for the last two to three days leading up to the race. I enjoy watching the athletes train. Most of them are friendly, and they all respect our property. --- (12946)
- Only irritant is the bicyclers riding 4 abreast on the roads. Otherwise, they are very respectful. --- (12946)
- they take over the roads its hard to get anywhere because they run and bike wherever they feel like and don't consider the people that live here --- (12946)

- I think that is is great that pre-training trips make additional visits here. This is great revenue for a tourist generated economy. It is also great free advertising that this region benefits from. The reminder sign to ride single file are effective. --- (12946)
- Some good interactions some bad. Bikers seem to think the road is theirs --- (12946)
- Leads to car accidents/vehicle vs bike accidents. Blocks flow of traffic, massive annoyance. --- (12946)
- Frustrating!! --- (12946)
- Horrible --- (12946)
- Mostly negative. Again acting like they own everything. --- (12946)
- Athletes frequently, and often times dangerously, disregard traffic laws that also pertain to bicyclists --- (12946)
- The camps that are held here are using our resources and making money off of them. The participants are rude to locals, our lake and areas around the lake are overpopulated --- (12946)
- No problem --- (12946)
- Most of the training by the athletes is fine except for the bike training. The training riders need to be single file and respect the rules of the road. --- (12946)
- I've seen some examples of the "entitled" ones but certainly in the minority. --- (12946)
- Most are respectful but many are not and the Ironman organization needs to take a tougher stance in addressing that issue --- (12946)
- The majority of athletes fill the roads in groups training prior to race day making it a nice surprise when you come around a bend on a winding road. Most of which athletes feel entitled that everything in the village revolves around them and that they are on a pedistool. --- (12946)
- They are self centered, rude, cheap and annoying --- (12946)
- I have only had positive experiences and I do live on River Road which is the "Marathon" portion of the race. --- (12946)
- Bikers are always in the roadway. Its dangerous for them and frustrating to drivers --- (12946)
- They dont care about anyone but themselves. --- (12946)
- A disaster --- (12946)
- Bikers and runners could be more considerate of others --- (12946)
- I enjoy seeing athletes bike and run by. It's inspiring. I also enjoy meeting them and learning about them and where they're from --- (12946)
- A lot are inconsiderate --- (12946)
- Ok if they follow the rules/laws --- (12946)
- They. Won't move over to side of the road and throw the garbage all over --- (12946)
- Many of the athletes I have encountered have been arrogant, entitled and self Absorbed --- (12946)

- The only thing that I find annoying is when they bike ride side-by-side. That seemed to be better this year because of all the signage. --- (12946)
- As long as cyclists stay single file, I have no problem. It is a real challenge when they ride two, or more wide. This is increasingly frustrating on the small local road that we use to get to work. --- (12946)
- Rude and unaware of their actions --- (12946)
- Mentioned above --- (12946)
- Positive. Never had an issue. Town is small, anything can be reached within minutes, so I always plan extra 10-20 minutes to get to my destination. --- (12946)
- Our roads are not conducive to anyone riding a bike on the. Even locals. --- (12946)
- I dislike the bikes on the narrow roads. While most bikes obey the rules there are some self entitled ones that are just plain dangerous. --- (12946)
- The roads along the ironman course are not biker friendly and that is where the athletes train. This is especially scary when driving through the cascades and the Wilmington Notch, especially when big training camps are in town. I have also found they are not always the most friendly people. --- (12946)
- Not very good. I have been yelled at, flipped off, and generally frowned at. I have also come close to hitting some of them because they do not know how to ride single file or in small groups. Many of them travel in packs of 10 to 30 together. Our roads are narrow and in some places it is hard to get two vehicles past each other. God forbid when here are 10 to 30 bikers or runners traveling in a pack. --- (12946)
- Think they own the road. Don't follow V and T laws. --- (12946)
- I think it is great to have them coming to town to train.. it gives the town an athletic / sports feel to it, which it is. --- (12946)
- Inconsiderate and only contribute to the lodging community. Business owners stated that even with Covid and no events they had one of the best years ever. --- (12946)
- Temporary nuisance. In a secondary manner, I have grown weary over the constant complaining of locals who seem much more effective by their presence than I. The event itself is much less irritating than the complaining that has resulted. --- (12946)
- Frequent visitors come back time after time to train and enjoy the area. You see them biking, running and swimming. It makes you feel like your in a sports town. --- (12946)
- Rude, rude, rude. They take ownership of area --- (12946)
- entitlement. large groups riding double, triple, quad swimming where it says no swimming, and loud rental houses with outdoor bbq's (not late night, just loud). --- (12946)
- We had way less parking issues on Main St the year we didn't have the race because most of the bike training starts from the large municipal lot across from the Golden Arrow Hotel. They park there to ride the course which means less parking for shoppers on Main St. it's not only hard to drive in to work because there are people

training on the course but then you can not find parking because they have parked in town. --- (12946)

- Some congestion caused by bikers on the road, but my biggest complaint is that they have destroyed our local neighborhoods by their use of short term rentals instead of staying at local hotels. --- (12946)

- Often scary. I have been worried someone would be killed in a tragic accident, as cars swerve to avoid bicycles. In addition, the few entitled cyclists who bike in the main traffic lane create resentment and I have worried that the rage I hear about might explode. --- (12946)

- not a problem --- (12946)

- They are rude. They have no respect for the locals. --- (12946)

- All good. Feel it doesn't overwhelm the town at all. Only on the event weekend does the numbers of competitors on bicycles feel more than typical summer weekend. --- (12946)

- Dangerous. They completely overtake the roads and seldom ride or run in single file causing several near misses with vehicles. --- (12946)

- Mostly positive. Some traffic inconveniences but they are few are far between --- (12946)

- Not sharing road --- (12987)

- Have zero issues when riders stay single- some of these roads are too dangerous to see people riding side by side and most for sure break this law during practice season. --- (12987)

- Their training along the public thoroughfares create unsafe roads for them and for traffic. --- (12987)

- They cycle on the road that I live on. As long as they don't litter, pee in public and hog the road, I don't have a problem. --- (12987)

- See above. Lack of awareness of how actions related to training for their all-consuming goal impact people who live here. I've been screamed at by athletes in training and had people throw litter at me while biking by. Yes, I can tell they're Ironman enthusiasts: the m-dot logo tattoo helps me match the behavior the group. --- (12987)

- For the most part, very positive. --- (12987)

- They don't yield to emergency vehicles --- (12987)

- very rude, obnoxious. --- (12987)

- That's the very worst aspect of the event. It's a LIE to say it's only a "one-day disruption." Hazardous driving conditions caused by mobs of cyclists begin a WEEK before the event. --- (12987)

- N/a --- (12987)

- The constant training is the worst part as most roads in our area are not bike friendly (the cascades, the notch, etc)- it's super unsafe and scary at times for both parties. It's not the athletes fault, it's our infrastructure. --- (12987)

- It is dangerous, or at least slightly annoying, driving in the narrower parts of the Wilmington Notch and Cascade Pass when riders are training. --- (12987)
- They can be very rude, and foolish - not obeying traffic laws, littering. --- (12987)
- No issues, it's inspiring to see them biking on our roads. --- (12987)
- all positive --- (12997)
- N/A --- (12997)
- Awesome --- (12997)
- Some bike riders ride next to each other- very dangerous especially in the notch --- (12997)
- being very careful driving on 86 --- (12997)
- Sometimes it seems the bicyclists think they own the road; however, it is for such a short period of time there is no reason it can't be tolerated. --- (12997)
- Rude behavior, athletes relieving themselves in the bushes, dangerous driving conditions...etc --- (12997)
- Occasional disregard for the road by some bikers. --- (12997)
- positive --- (12997)
- Rude --- (12997)
- Unsafe narrow roads and unsafe training tactics by contestants. Many act as though they own the right of way. Surprisingly, not more have been hit by vehicles. I credit the drivers more than those training. --- (12997)
- Annoying bicyclists --- (12997)
- We get a lot of bikers past our house. We like it and cheer them on when they're training. --- (12997)
- THEY ARE VERY RUDE AND DISRESPECTFUL --- (12997)
- Some are very rude and don't follow the rules of the roads. Some think they are special and own the roads and traffic rules don't apply to them. --- (12997)
- KEEP THE CYCLIST OFF THE ROADS!!!! They are going to kill a local --- (12997)
- Disruptive, selfish, riding side by side in narrow road areas. --- (12997)
- Not sharing the road. Riding 3 or 4 abreast. --- (12997)
- I only have negative ones because the time I would interact would be on the road with bikes. Many ride 2 abreast, making it dangerous to pass on mountain roads. I have come up behind entire groups taking up the entire lane, going 20-30 miles slower than the speed limit at a tight blind turn. Haselton road used to be the worst, out near Black Brook. Race day isn't that big of a deal, I plan around it and try not to be in the area that weekend. --- (12997)
- I know of several large groups of athletes that spend time in the area for training weeks in the months leading up to race day. --- (12997)
- Bikes taking up the whole road --- (12997)
- bicycles in the middle of the road causing safety issues --- (12997)

- Again most are decent but the few that tell us we can't survive without them should realize they need us we don't need them Maybe they should move on so we can get more families back --- (12997)
- I'm sure there are nice folks but I haven't come across any. --- (12997)
- Athletes are courteous and grateful to be able to compete in such a beautiful part of the country. --- (12997)
- The arrogance of SOME cyclists on the course. (BTW, I ride myself) --- (12997)
- Bad. The bikers ride multiple across, break numerous road laws/rules and put themselves and others in danger because of it. --- (12997)
- See previous answer --- (12997)
- They have always been positive. --- (12997)
- Rude on bike course --- (12997)
- Some respect the road rules, but the majority (and I'm not overexaggerating) are riding two or more abreast on the roads, making it unsafe to pass for vehicles. There is not enough room on route 86 to have athletes training and people driving along the highway. --- (12997)
- As I only see the bike portion, pre race and race they throw there garbage everywhere, pre race they hog the road and don't okay traffic laws ,also they should have lights on there bikes --- (12997)
- They have no respect for the people who live in the area most act as if they are better than anyone who lives here. --- (12997)
- Some athletes are difficult and don't follow traffic rules, some litter. But the majority are respectful and excited to be here and I think the benefits highly outweigh the few complaints that most locals have. --- (12997)
- Positive. My daughter is an IM. I'm proud to live in an area that is training worthy. Again, it's a great way to showcase our area. I encourage athletes to train and visit here. --- (12997)
- Horrible, don't share roads while biking before race& after race, throwing their rubbish on race course , before during & after race . Releaving themselves in residents lawns is unacceptable too --- (12997)
- Very little interaction other than seeing more cycling on Rte 86 --- (12997)
- Some are good others have no regard for rules of the road --- (12997)
- I know a lot of the cyclists train on my road, which is where the cycling part takes place. --- (12997)
- Riders on 86 2 and 3 wide slowing traffic. Runners on Mirror Lake drive running into traffic while there is an empty sidewalk next to them. --- (12997)
- Positive overall with a few A type outbursts from stressed participants. --- (12997)
- A huge inconvenience to the traveling business and traveling public . --- (12997)

- Entitled. Riding dangerously side by side, sometimes even 3 wide with large groups on dangerous sections of road traveled by trucks, tractor trailers, campers, commuters for the busy town to go support the community and all it's visitors. --- (12997)
- Bicyclists don't always follow rules of the road. --- (12997)
- Rude and disregard local residents --- (12997)
- Terrible --- (12997)
- Never had a problem. --- (12997)
- I live on the bike course and start to see riders in early May training for the event through June and into early July For the most part they are very respectful on the roadways. They visit our local convenience store in stay in the campgrounds and local lodging properties. Seems to be a recipe for success for the region. --- (12997)
- Mostly good. Nothing specific --- (12997)
- Not riding single file --- (12997)
- Restaurants and hotels have more people in the area to support local infrastructure. --- (12997)
- My wife and children were forced off the road by oncoming traffic due to cyclists riding two abreast. It will literally take a family dying for someone to stop this nonsense --- (12997)
- Most think they paid to enter the Ironman they can do what ever they want. They paid Ironman not yhe communities and can't treat people the c way they do. --- (12997)
- Nothing they seem to be all good experiences. The enter the swim area appropriately and the use floatation to swim with to see them. Its normal to see cyclists in Wilmington whether it's for ironman or not im not sure. --- (12997)
- Bike riders in the notch a hazard --- (12997)
- They cause very dangerous conditions on roads for drivers and themselves. --- (12997)
- A lot are very rude, riding abreast on main highways --- (12997)
- Arrogance and narcissism --- (12997)

Training - Race Towns (Not on course)

- To many to answer --- (12941)
- Fine. Yes, there are cyclists on the roads but I mostly see that as a positive. Triathlon is a sport where people have money. And its great when they spend it in our area. --- (12941)
- I have to constantly remind them to go single file and they seldom obey the traffic signals --- (12941)
- I've encountered several cyclists on the roads. My only concern is that the motorists (in vehicles) don't understand how to safely yield the right of way/pass the bike riders. I feel that better education for drivers about how to safely share the roads with cyclists would be helpful. --- (12941)
- The bikers are a problem, as they refuse to yield and ride 2 or 3 across --- (12941)
- My experiences are typically that a good portion of the people training act like they're the only ones on the road. I'm all for sharing the road but that goes both ways and not all of the athletes respect that. --- (12941)
- They take over the roads and have little regard for those that live here. --- (12941)
- Far too many ride 2 or 3 wide, taking up entire lanes and causing an unsafe condition. --- (12941)
- Some road bikers and runners are rude and act like they are doing us all a favor by being here. They also act like they own the road and make driving dangerous. I am a local year round resident who really has a love/hate relationship with IM. I have competed in it three times, 2000, 2001 and 2003. I think the town needs it but can see how we are in event fatigue also. --- (12946)
- It's a bit tricky to navigate 86 to placid with the bikes, but no different than the usual tourist going 35 mph in a 55 mph zone. --- (12941)
- More than once I've experienced bikers riding 2 abreast or in groups where they don't move over to the right as far as they could. --- (12941)
- As answered in the previous question we often experience rude behavior and congestion highways with dangerous riding by cyclists. --- (12941)
- They're entitled and show no consideration for drivers coming up through route 86. There will be an accident(s) someday & someone will be either seriously injured or killed. --- (12941)
- Driving through the Notch is unsafe. --- (12941)
- Enjoy training sessions personally and enjoy seeing people training. --- (12941)
- some bike congestion on the coarse --- (12941)
- None --- (12941)
- None. --- (12941)
- no negative experiences --- (12941)
- Lots of cyclists not always going single file --- (12941)

- The Ironman training and competition requires that tourists and local residents share the roads and lakes. The relatively short duration of this event has become part of life in the Adirondacks, which benefits both the participants and the local economy. --- (12941)
- See above --- (12941)
- Often they do observe rules when riding along the road, they group up instead of riding single file making it dangerous to pass in a safe manner. This is the biggest problem I have with the Ironman event. I am amazed I do not see more accidents when I watch drivers passing when there is a blind spot and oncoming traffic cannot be seen. --- (12941)
- I see an influx of bicycle riders on our roads. --- (12941)
- Dangerous road conditions. Notch is main thru-way for most locals to get to work and some bicyclist ride side by side. --- (12941)
- I see them riding their bicycles on the Ironman bike course. --- (12941)
- very frustrated with bicyclists riding two or more abreast in the roadway and not moving to single file when approached by a vehicle. --- (12941)
- All the bikers make the roads more dangerous and the athletes tend to ignore the rules of the road and bunch up in groups. --- (12941)
- I read the news, so only know second hand. --- (12941)
- Arrogant --- (12941)
- A minority damage the reputation but they suck --- (12941)
- No problem --- (12941)
- None --- (12941)
- Assholes. --- (12941)
- There are more bicyclists on the road. --- (12941)
- It's ridiculous they are riding double and triple threw the notch!!! No regards for anyone else! --- (12941)
- Well, my husband participated three years ago. It was his first triathlon, and preparing for this event required six months of intense training. Friends came up to visit that weekend and we all cheered him on. Aside from our personal experience, the only time I really notice the athletes training is when they are riding their bikes on the course. That's never been a problem. --- (12941)
- Brother in law competes I Would like to compete on day --- (12941)
- Bikes are a pain, due to small roads, not Ironman fault --- (12941)
- They spend money in the area. --- (12941)
- Good. They love the area and especially the people --- (12941)
- Traffic when traveling to lake placid --- (12941)
- in general, they are a pain in the backside --- (12941)
- I think it's a win to not almost get hit by bikes every time I go outside because they speed down main street and the Hillcrest neighborhoods. The amount of times I have

been told to be grateful for Ironman by Iron people themselves would not astound anyone because all locals have had it screamed at them for voicing anything negative about the event. --- (12941)

- None --- (12941)

- Cyclists can often be inconsiderate of traffic. I've also seen litter in the roadside that is obviously from cycling. --- (12941)

- The majority of the people are extremely nice and courteous. They do not litter. It's nice to see cyclist on the local roads. They spend a lot of money. Also, for many it's their first experience in the region and often come back for hiking, skiing, general tourism. --- (12941)

- Unfortunately a great many of them have no respect for others sharing the roadway. I'm all for going around them, but many refuse to ride on the side of the lane. It makes it incredibly dangerous at times especially in the Notch or through the Cascades. --- (12941)

- Bikers do unfortunately try to own the road in the notch but otherwise my experience is positive --- (12941)

- annoyance. They clog up the roads not obeying traffic laws ride 3-4 wide in the lane when road is wide enough for them to be out of the driving lane.. Stop and urinate on peoples lawns. Have cars following behind them in the traffic lane very slowly. Have gotten on to private homes porch when encountering a down pour talk about rude! --- (12941)

- Most are good. Some are rude and don't ride on the side of the road. Riding two and three across is against the law and is an accident waiting to happen. I have also seen riders run stop signs. Not safe! --- (12941)

- No problem. --- (12941)

- The area provides a beautiful backdrop with ample room for athletes to train. Maybe we should prohibit more cars from the roads and allow more cyclists. --- (12941)

- They work hard, play hard and spend money in our communities while being very appreciative of our welcoming communities and volunteers. --- (12941)

- The Ironman route is unsafe because of the limited shoulder on the road through the Wilmington notch. --- (12941)

- Very positive other than a handful of disrespectful bicyclists --- (12941)

- Lots of road activity - mainly cyclists --- (12941)

- No issues. Great to have them --- (12941)

- I hear and have on occasion seen disrespectful athletes, but this is nothing new to the Lake Placid location. There are a few bad seeds in every race location....on training leading up and race day. The majority of athletes appreciate and respect the community. --- (12941)

- In general my experience has been the racers feel like they rule the area while they are here. Some will stop traffic on the road by standing in the road. They don't obey traffic rules like stop signs etc. They forgot they are guests to the area --- (12941)
- Always good. Athletes are respectful are respectful. I have two sons who are serious triathletes, and they love this race. When they train up here, they are always mindful of the non-athlete population. --- (12941)
- Ok, some of them aren't very mindful of cars, I wish there were more measures in place to keep cyclists safe on the road. --- (12942)
- They ride in the road, cause delays and jams in traffic, hold up locals from getting to work, litter freely, use the bathroom wherever they see fit, and in general are rude, entitled, and cheap tippers. --- (12942)
- Bikers tend to use the whole lane rather than the shoulder --- (12942)
- Other then bikers taking up the entire road, nothing of concern. --- (12942)
- They won't even pull off to the side of the road and they act very entitled --- (12942)
- Usually they are polite. There is increased garbage around. Tolerable. --- (12942)
- I'm an avid biker, hiker, climber, multi venue skier. It is inspiring to see these athletes training --- (12942)
- Not much, just bikes on the road ... Very focused on their training --- (12942)
- Dangerous bikers for my commute through the cascades --- (12942)
- They are incredibly rude. They often ride in packs and will not move over to let cars pass. This goes on for months. --- (12942)
- Negative; some Road hogs when riding Positives: good ambassadors of Ironman, lots of spend in the area. --- (12942)
- The bikers often create very hazardous conditions on the roadways by biking 2 abreast, or biking in the lane of traffic. --- (12942)
- My experience is pretty much limited to lots of bicycling practice through Keene, which can be daunting for vehicles and bicyclists and pedestrians --- (12942)
- As long as they within the law and following traffic guidelines they don't bother me. --- (12942)
- Here in Keene it isn't so bad. When there are lines of multiple bikers along sections of the road where it is very narrow it can be terrifying as a driver, especially if they are on the left side of the white line or riding side by side! Group rides and riding side by side should not be permitted in our area where the roads are so narrow and windy. Maybe just Route 73 or 86. Maybe even enforced with ticketing. --- (12942)
- They frequently ride side by side and block traffic. --- (12942)
- They're ASSHOLES --- (12942)
- I have never had a good experience with iron man athletes....and from what I observe, local business in my community lose money, and our volunteer rescue team is forced into service.... --- (12942)

- Only seeing them training along the course & watching out for their safety as we pass --- (12942)
- The roads are not wide enough especially through Cascade to have bikers and vehicles. --- (12942)
- More bikes on the roads! Good! --- (12942)
- If you are not in shape for the triathlon before one week prior to the event you won't get into shape 5 days before the event. Ironman isn't just a Sunday event. People use the route for practice the entire week before. --- (12942)
- Fine --- (12942)
- None --- (12942)
- Most athletes are very compliant with the road rules . And they are extremely friendly --- (12942)
- They do not share the road on bikes. They all take over. Guess it takes a driven person to do this but being nice is a virtue --- (12942)
- Creates a fun atmosphere of athletics. They spend money when they come to train. --- (12942)
- A little inconvenience, but worth it to have a world class event in this area --- (12942)
- No opinions --- (12942)
- Afraid for them biking and running on dangerous roads like through the cascades --- (12942)
- Ok --- (12942)
- I find they feel entitled to things that do not belong to them from road space to my private yard. They are disrespectful to vehicles sharing the road as well as property owners. --- (12942)
- Well, I am one of those athletes. Participating in Ironman led me to buy a home in Keene - and several other fellow athletes have done the same. I think the athletes try to be conscious of the community. The athletes coming here to train also help boost local businesses and lodging. I would be happy to help them find additional training routes. If anything, I think Ironman should reconsider the race route a little - get cyclists off of Rt. 73. Why not cycle out towards Franklin Falls and Union Falls? Quieter and just as hilly. --- (12942)
- Use of the Keene Hill for group ride training is dangerous. Athletes should respect neighborhoods and use portable toilets and be sure not to discard Gu packets and water bottles on roadsides. --- (12942)
- Mostly positive but a few negative especially in the Cascade Pass. Unfortunately it's always the negative that seem to have the bigger impact on people's attitude. For me... I simply change my driving habits knowing there is increased potential for an incident in the narrowest section of the Pass. --- (12942)
- I road bike; I see the Ironman athletes training on the same routes I ride. It's fun to watch, especially the fast people. --- (12942)

- Generally favorable --- (12946)
- Thousands of additional people stuffing up my roads sidewalks post office but making all the store landlords business owners and lodging owners happy I could do with peace and quiet. --- (12946)
- I feel like the athletes have little regard for common sense. Too many people in houses, they can run in road and they drive in road on bikes dangerously. --- (12946)
- A few are obnoxious, say running down Main Street. --- (12946)
- No one is perfect whether iron man training or others training. You have those who are respectful and those who are not. This is not reflective of iron man alone. So I don't feel it is a point worth arguing. I am happy to continue to support this event. --- (12946)
- I'm a cyclist who rides these roads whether I'm training for a race or not. There are some pretty stupid cyclists out there that make us all look bad. It's the challenge of a sport that has gotten so popular so quickly. The same could be said about unprepared hikers. I think education is key in both cases. --- (12946)
- Idiots in notch --- (12946)
- I have no issue with it. There are a lot of dangers with the cyclists training and concerning that people will get hurt. Even as a defensive and cautious driver, some of the accidents from irresponsible cyclists are inevitable. --- (12946)
- Years ago, when Ironman first began in Lake Placid it was great for our community as a whole. Now, it is more bothersome to businesses because they lose money now. --- (12946)
- Pretty much ok except for bikers, especially through the Wilmington notch --- (12946)
- Athletes are fine. Seem like nice folks for most part. No quarrel with the participants. --- (12946)
- Cyclists thinking they own the road and get pissed if you ask them to ride single file --- (12946)
- Dangerous --- (12946)
- Too many. Too often. --- (12946)
- many cyclists can be over bearing in their rudeness - cycling two and three abreast regardless of blind corners, 55 mph vehicles, and potential for serious injury. Expressions of concern for their safety have been returned with obscene gestures --- (12946)
- That the training is the hard part but it's well worth it in the end. --- (12946)
- The small percent ruin it for the rest, these are the people who run and bike not following the rules of the road and throw their garbage all over, a shame that this small percent ruins it for others, but that seems to be the way 9f the world. --- (12946)
- Nice to have around --- (12946)
- Some athletes do bike 2 or 3 wide. But for the most part the impact is minimal. --- (12946)

- Some don't follow rules of the road when biking and take up a lot of space running. --- (12946)
- Biking... poor --- (12946)
- Pooping on the yard ,rude . --- (12946)
- there needs to be a bike lane to allow riders to follow appropriate protocols. More messaging about staying "in your lane" during training camps --- (12946)
- As an ex-masseuse, the experience was generally OK. But I wish that some of their intensity could also be channeled towards something else in addition to their own bodies. I disliked the way that SOME athletes felt that our normal local lives should be suspended for their training (ex: dogs playing by the lake). --- (12946)
- Obviously necessary, but there's a safe way to do it. Can't be running 2, 3 people wide in the middle of the cascades. --- (12946)
- My previous comment mentioned the attitude of some bikers. Not all bikers but it's frustrating. My husband is a biker. I am careful driving around them but each year it gets worse. Or maybe I get more sensitive to it. The shoulders on the road are almost non-existent in parts of the course and I have groups of bikers on more than one occasion who like to take over the whole lane and be pretty uncivil about it. --- (12946)
- town gets busy (not a bad thing) and bikers are a bit much on the road but its not outrageous --- (12946)
- Need to bike single file. --- (12946)
- I have covered that, but the big irritant is the sense of entitlement. --- (12946)
- Most are okay, but bikers do not respect traffic laws and pedestrians and even local runners! Tri clubs should be held accountable! --- (12946)
- I guess this is what I was referring to in the above question. Maybe limit the number of training camps allowed and or having to get a permit to cycle on Keene and Wilmington notch roads. I think we can all share the road appropriately and welcome athletes to our world class facilities! --- (12946)
- More of them. But gotta pay attention to athletes training all year long. Not just during Ironman. Not an issue for me --- (12946)
- See above. Awful. --- (12946)
- Mostly okay, but there's an air of entitlement that our small beaches and narrow roadways exist primarily for them to train. And in our businesses (retail, touring) we actually see a drop in business as few IM participants seem interested in learning about our shared culture, environment, and non-run/bike/swim recreational opportunities. --- (12946)
- They bring money to town months before the race to train. They book hotel/motel rooms and eat in our restaurants. --- (12946)
- They think they own the road --- (12946)
- Bikers!!! Absolutely amazing that no one has been killed. --- (12946)
- It's good for LP --- (12946)

- The spend money 4 months pre training in the area --- (12946)
- None other than previous answer --- (12946)
- Incredibly inconvenient. People exercising with an incredible sense of entitlement get in the way of everyday life. --- (12946)
- Okay with me. --- (12946)
- When the race began here 20 plus years ago it seemed that there were more training camps leading up to race day. These could cause issues on the roads primarily. In the past 5-10 years these issues have greatly diminished. Maybe due to fewer camps or more enlightened athletes realizing they were causing a problem. I feel many prior issues are no longer a problem. Most athletes, leading up to and during race week, are nice, generous and thoughtful. A good group coming to our area repeatedly. --- (12946)
- They are rude and when biking the notch almost run me off the road several times --- (12946)
- Not usually positive --- (12946)
- i find them to be very happy to train, visit and compete here and the families and spectator are also happy to enjoy all we have to offer. --- (12946)
- I really have no bad experiences some of them on the bikes feel like they own the road, however that was not so bad this year. --- (12946)
- Fantastic! They book hotel rooms,spend money in shops,they eat at all the restaurants. --- (12946)
- There in the road sometimes. --- (12946)
- All over the place no regard for traffic or other people. --- (12946)
- For the most part, they are good, responsible and respectful people. I've seen the occasional "entitled athlete" who think they own the roads, but that's anywhere and not just folks that are training. It's a bigger problem that should be addressed through education and outreach to ALL cyclists and athletes that come (And live) here --- (12946)
- think they rule the roads,scary driving behind or by them --- (12946)
- Never had bad encounters --- (12946)
- Good except that cycling training is challenging. The roads up here are narrow. --- (12946)
- A bit of a nuisance, but in the context of the event it is fine. The event is a bigger problem --- (12946)
- Traffic issues involving some bicyclists and runners --- (12946)
- None --- (12946)
- Build bike lanes --- (12946)
- Too many bicyclists on the main roads. --- (12946)
- Some think they own the road. --- (12946)
- they get in the way sometimes but horse show traffic pisses me off much worse. i sometimes get road rage during horse show. --- (12946)

- Generally positive. But they could all be reminded about staying single file while riding bikes on the busier roads. --- (12946)

- Great, all positive, come to town to experience town.... --- (12946)

- Most are respectful, but there are a few bad eggs --- (12946)

- Positive --- (12946)

- Dangerous road conditions due to biking athletes --- (12946)

- they interfere in most traffic situations when they do not maintain their lanes either running or biking. --- (12946)

- Road hogs but bring commerce by renting --- (12946)

- 1. Many seem very entitled. They will ride bikes 3 or 4 across through village streets and on dangerous roads without regard for anyone's safety (including their own!) 2.

They don't seem to be here for the love of the area as much as for the glory of the event. I personally think there is a difference between the person or group who comes

here for the event and the person who is here to enjoy the area just because it's beautiful and they WANT to be here. The latter is more polite and more willing to spend

their money on Main Street, renting boats, buying ice cream, trying out the venues, etc. The Iron Man (or event driven person) is more about spending money at the event or

on anything that supports the event. This is great if you own a bike shop. Maybe not so much for the business that sells fun pajamas, gourmet food or novelty items. They aren't

here for leisure and shopping, they are here for the event. They usually buy their speciality food at Price Chopper (which is another problem since it empties the shelves

for everyone else.) 3. In general, I think this task force needs to extend these questions to ALL large events. Iron Man is not the only problem. We keep growing events each

year. We've become a town of one large event right after another instead of a town that is welcoming to all visitors. We are lacking in diversity. I'm sure this isn't by design, but it

is a sad consequence of being event focused. The decision to host these events is fueled by the money that comes into the area with large, predictable events. But at what

price? We are now reaping the rewards of the greed on the part of so many who were thinking about how much money could be made. We are desperate for workers, housing

and a renewed sense of community. If we do host events, what is the proper size that our community can support without beginning to compromise the residents and other

visitors? How can these events be restructured so that they become more special to everyone (visitors and residents alike) instead of a "business as usual" situation that we

all have to endure? Should we be focused on attracting a more diverse population to our area rather than just the Iron Man, lacrosse, rugby or CanAm athlete. None of these

events or groups are bad when in the right proportion, scale and frequency. But I would argue that things are no longer balanced. --- (12946)

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- Too many. Too arrogant. They eliminate all possibility of parking near our public beach (the hell with local families). --- (12946)

- No bad experiences. They are respectful on the roads. Even if you decide to not continue Ironman Lake Placid, there will still be hundreds of users every summer to ride and swim our course. --- (12946)
- Cyclists seeming belief that they are more important than cars, trucks or property. --- (12946)
- never had a problem --- (12946)
- Most are good. Some are a-holes. But that's like any group of people. It can become frustrating come the end of June when you come across cyclist who are blatantly spilling into the middle of the road. This is a global problem. Larger bike lanes and/or designated/painted bike lanes in high traffic areas may help. --- (12946)
- They are like drug addicts and are not aware of their surroundings when training --- (12946)
- Dealing with them clogging up narrow roads. --- (12946)
- They are not considerate of drivers and traffic --- (12946)
- Too many self entitled athletes clogging the roads, facilities, and using limited resources. Too much congestion. The financial benefits to local merchants do not outweigh the negative impact on quality of life for locals now that the race has grown so big. I have NO desire to be anywhere near LP Village during race week. I feel driven out of my home. --- (12946)
- No different than non-athletes riding bikes, running, and out of towners walking into the street completely clueless --- (12946)
- Bikers and runners on roadways present a huge hazard. Driving through the Cascades or Notch is stress filled by the athletes lack of consideration of laws that they don't believe applies to them. If you tap your horn to warn them you are behind, you can expect the middle finger as a response. --- (12946)
- I'm frequently frustrated by cyclists putting themselves in danger or blocking vehicle traffic. --- (12946)
- Inconsiderate and dangerous!!!! --- (12946)
- Not good! Said athletes are to a large extent road-wise inconsiderate and even arrogant at times as regarding motor vehicle traffic. --- (12946)
- I've had some negative interactions with bicyclists. --- (12946)
- Cyclists sometimes train 2-3 abreast on the roads. Our roads are not that wide for that to be safe. --- (12946)
- Little interaction just see them around --- (12946)
- NA --- (12946)
- Bikes riding more than 1 abreast. --- (12946)
- Athletes are very respectful and courteous, no complaints --- (12946)
- very nice --- (12946)
- 15 years ago, my wife and i competed and really enjoyed it. Allowing space for locals is important to keep local interests up. I have housed competitors both for day of race

and training days and have taken future competitors around the courses. For the most part, I have found Ironman to be a positive asset for the community and would like to see it continue. --- (12946)

- Dangerous at times on the roads --- (12946)
- No issues. The bikers can be a bit of pain but it's temporary --- (12946)
- They act rude and entitled... Mommy and Daddy didn't raise them right... They are do not try to coexist with local on the roads... --- (12946)
- They mostly keep to themselves but I know they are around here year round training. Most are very respectful and just enjoy being here training. I don't have any experiences worth sharing. --- (12946)
- While training for cycling, they put themselves and others in danger on the road. Swimming and running are not generally a problem --- (12946)
- They think they own the road, flip us off if we stay in our lane. Urinate any place they want to. Just totally not caring about a place I love --- (12946)
- Most athletes are excellent. They bring in money and support the towns economy. Yes, there are a few who feel privileged but they are few and far between. The majority are friendly and considerate and care about LP. The work and communications that have been done to date regarding riding etiquette on roads and on private property has been great and should be continued. However it really is only a very small percentage of the thousands that come to train here. I'm more concerned about the athletes that use to come here and now no longer feel welcome. That is shameful. --- (12946)
- They are rude, block the roadways, trespass --- (12946)
- They are arrogant --- (12946)
- They hog the roads and many are oblivious to others. --- (12946)
- Mostly fine. Occasionally awful. --- (12946)
- none --- (12946)
- They trespass and generally act with a sense of entitlement. --- (12946)
- As a biker, I must say the bike etiquette on many of the athletes is terrible as well as the driving habits of some of the locals. It is a miracle no one has been killed. I had toooooo many close calls with cars and trucks that just won't move over a little and I have also been frustrated by strung out lines of 12 bikes that you can not pass safely, especially related to the "training camps" Generally athletes who do this race are 99.9% awesome. The exact people we want to bring back to LP for vacation. --- (12946)
- They get in the way of traffic when they ride side by side --- (12946)
- Poor road etiquette --- (12946)
- Bikers and runners not obeying the rules of the road. --- (12946)
- A negative impression of cyclists in particular. --- (12946)
- Generally favorable. Of course, there are always a few rogues. --- (12946)
- See above, --- (12946)

- okay - would like bicyclists more respectful of road rules --- (12946)
- Some issues with cyclers riding side-by-side instead of in line. Otherwise no issues --- (12946)
- They are rude self centered & entitled. The are hazardous biking on the roads. Enough already, go somewhere else. --- (12946)
- I have joined some groups on a bike ride, run & swims. I have never had any bad experience with athletes training. --- (12946)
- There are a few bad apples that put a bad taste in the locals' mouths. They block the flow of traffic and don't pull over to single file when cars are trying to pass. Biking on the roadways or anywhere really isn't a social sport and they should take heed as to whether they are blocking traffic and causing vehicles to cross the lines into the other lane. --- (12946)
- There are athletes on the triad biking and running, as long as they obey right of way laws I have no issue. I love that we live in an active town where you see people exercising and training for a goal. --- (12946)
- Way too many bike riders on the roads. Traveling in groups on all roads. --- (12946)
- I have had cars stop in the middle of the road on Main Street so people could get bikes out of the car. Took their time and ignored the people having to stop because they were in the way. --- (12946)
- They don't pay attention to road rules or being courteous. I as a runner to stay shape but not as a professional athlete and bike rider have been forced to run or bike in the dirt or grass areas by the tri-athletes as they are coming up behind me or coming towards me. Riding double abreast in unsafe areas. --- (12946)
- I only have a few negatives about the bikers who train in the notch. I am unsure if it is just an education thing but it seems that the drivers and bikers alike are unaware of the road rules. I feel like there is a solution for this safety issue, whether it be just education or rerouting a training route through keene or even saranac lake. --- (12946)
- See previous question --- (12946)
- The are a pain, and don't respect traffic laws --- (12946)
- Crowded roads with the bikes --- (12946)
- Mostly positive. They add to the tourist economy leading up to the race --- (12946)
- Rude self centered --- (12946)
- They are very rude, entitled, and ridiculous. --- (12946)
- Mostly positive though there are the exceptions (such as large packs of riders not going single file) that give the whole community a bad reputation. --- (12946)
- I feel athletes are respectful, they will sit and chat with you and you can tell they genuinely love our town --- (12946)
- all positive. They come with families who shop and eat and visit and stay in our hotels and rentals. --- (12946)

- The lack of respect of the road ways and the athletes not being respectable to Share the road. Also the trash that decides to throw on people yards and road side. --- (12946)
- I find that some drivers on River Road and the roads of the bike route are not polite and do not give athletes enough space. Many drivers are impatient and do not pass safely. I believe that drivers should give runners and bikers at least three feet of space when passing. I have seen drivers speed up and not give proper space. This is dangerous and rude. Athletes, on other hand need to realize that cars and pickup trucks need space and respect. --- (12946)
- Some of the elite athletes are fine. The weekend warriors are often just entitled and unprepared. They are selfish and hog roads and train with unsafe practices. They are a burden on our infrastructures. Imagine if we put those resources to support the needs and interests of locals. --- (12946)
- Great experience --- (12946)
- Pain --- (12946)
- For the most part, they are respectful. Never had a problem. --- (12946)
- no problem --- (12946)
- Overall, I think most of the athletes are very respectful, courteous and friendly. As in all things, unfortunately, there are some who do not exemplify these qualities, and those experiences tend to stand out. --- (12946)
- All positive --- (12946)
- Generally nice people. There is some irritating behavior with bicyclists. Very focused. Used to be more family oriented. It seems now to be somewhat athlete only. --- (12946)
- See all of what I wrote above. This town is just too small for this event. And if you eliminated this event, it would open up those weeks (and much lower hotel rates) for regular families and folks who want to come up and vacation. Of course, the hotel owners would not be happy about that--IM our the highest rates of the season, second only to LAX--another event that needs to disappear also--but that should be another survey. --- (12946)
- I actually enjoy watching the prep that goes into Ironman by the athletes. They are some of the best in the world and to have them training in our backyard is exciting. This is what Lake Placid should be embracing, we're a two time OLYMPIC venue! --- (12946)
- I have seen good and bad. I believe that the athletes should consider that they are visiting someone's home and should treat the area like they would their own. Be respectful of traffic and littering --- (12946)
- Decent, considerate and friendly people. Driven people who focus an enormous amount of energy on this sport - much more than I could do. They are inspirational yet maybe too much so?! --- (12946)
- Typically rude and take up the road ways and don't move over and can be dangerous driving with road bikers --- (12946)

- They act like no one lives or works here and that the roads are just for them --- (12946)
- I find them pleasant and happy to be here. --- (12946)
- This question seems targeted, however, yes, there are people training in the area. My experiences are that those people are elite athletes whose high level of skill and dedication is inspiring. --- (12946)
- Negative. See previous response regarding the "training clubs". They are entitled and obnoxious. --- (12946)
- Bikers on road who don't follow rules of the road -Bikers ride two or three wide
-Runners running in the road and don't move over for autos -Sometimes training athletes unnecessarily create dangerous situations with autos. If and when there is an accident between an auto and athlete training, it will always be the fault of the auto even if the athlete created the situation. --- (12946)
- Most are very inconsiderate --- (12946)
- Most are rude and disrespectful. --- (12946)
- Bunch of cocks. --- (12946)
- I do wish athletes would be more respectful of the rules of the road in general, but the same could be said of locals who work, live and train here. --- (12946)
- Too dangerous. They do not pay attention to road signs. Bike in worrisome places. There will be some terrible accident some day if this continues. --- (12946)
- NO PROBLEM --- (12946)
- Many of them have little or no regard for the community or the people who live here and make the event happen. Early training starts way too soon and rules aren't followed. No regard on biking the roads, stupidly and dangerously swimming in Lake Placid. --- (12946)
- They are for sure a nuisance on the roads, particularly in the notch --- (12946)
- i like the way it looks --- (12946)
- Most are polite. Few issues with bikes on route when training --- (12946)
- They are respectful for the most part, however some have an entitlement attitude. --- (12946)
- Disrespectful with the use of the roads and they abuse our limited parking in the Main St business district. No accountability for their actions. --- (12946)
- I have had many positive interactions with athletes who are training or the "clubs" they are training with. --- (12946)
- They are all polite and kind --- (12946)
- All ok I have never experienced any issues. Although it would be nice to have better bike lanes along River Road and along routes 86 and 73 --- (12946)
- Self centered and focused on their sport. --- (12946)
- Inconvenience but temporary so It's ok --- (12946)
- Roads and town more cry --- (12946)

- They're pretty respectful. --- (12946)
- The cyclists are a problematic --- (12946)
- I'm usually working in the Summer so I am not too affected. I give myself more time if I am commuting knowing there are riders on the road or it's busier in town. Ironman is not here that long, so I don't mind it. I adjust accordingly. --- (12946)
- No problem --- (12946)
- They are generally very friendly, happy to be in town. They also drive a lot of business here. --- (12946)
- Do not follow rules of the road. --- (12946)
- See above --- (12946)
- The streets get busier and busier with bikers and clubs who come to train leading up to it, but I think it's pretty special to see. --- (12946)
- They ride in middle of road. They take over the lane and are rude. They take over the course in cascades and notch and it's unsafe. --- (12946)
- Cyclists are sometimes a hazard on the roads, but this is difficult as they need to train on the "course"... --- (12946)
- they take over the roads without any respect for drivers --- (12946)
- There is little regard for rules of the road. Cyclists rode 5, 6, or more abreast, often whipping u-turns in front of moving vehicles without warning. Of you honk to warn them you are there, they flip you off. Should there be an accident, drivers of vehicles would be at fault despite the fact that cyclist have a blatant disregard for the laws governing cyclists when sharing the road. --- (12946)
- N/A --- (12946)
- They think they own the road, do not respect the rules of the road when biking in groups --- (12946)
- I'm afraid I feel the competitors are a bit self absorbed... life revolves around them --- (12946)
- They are so frustrating. Following tourist along some of our more narrow roads on a regular day can be slow moving but the weeks leading up to Ironman are brutal. They ride all over the road with no regard for moving traffic or their safety. Ironman has honestly wore out it's welcome and athletes training is a big part of that. --- (12946)
- Positive for the most part. Sure you'll have some cyclists who get upset about sharing the road and drivers upset saying they are taking up the road. That's inevitable. Each side can play a part in correcting this and moving forward. --- (12946)
- Bicyclists in particular are not great at sharing the roadway. But I remind myself it's only for about a month each year at I am inconvenienced. --- (12946)
- Like ANY group there are mostly good and some bad apples. The entire event SHOULD NOT be judged by a few a-holes. --- (12946)
- Cyclists 🚴 creating dangerous situations on the road --- (12946)

- I enjoy the energy they bring to the community and it helps support some of the local businesses. In addition the community comes together to support this event which is great to see. --- (12946)
- Somewhat cumbersome but totally fine. Nice to see people outside doing sports --- (12946)
- Generally I see them after they get hurt and need emergency health care. Self centered and are focused on their injury, I never hear them talk about anything else --- (12946)
- Trying to avoid playing frogger with their bikes. Not a very pleasant experience for wait staff at local restaurants. --- (12946)
- There are definitely a lot of bikers on the road which can be frustrating with slow driving conditions. I just try to be patient during the few days leading up to the event. --- (12946)
- See above --- (12946)
- Bad behaviour --- (12946)
- I encourage it and actually host my tri team 2x leading up to the event. Average 40+ athletes come over to long weekends. --- (12946)
- It has been said time & time again, too many of these athletes think they own the roads. And there are just too many of them. It has gotten out of control. --- (12946)
- Many are rude, do not obey the rules of the road and cause some dangerous close calls. --- (12946)
- My experiences have been positive, athletes appreciating the area and bringing a positive focus on health and well-being. Being surrounded by runners makes me want to run! --- (12946)
- Sometimes athletes on bikes are not very smart. But overall they are nice people. --- (12946)
- Neutral --- (12946)
- Just not a good experience as I mentioned before. Their attitudes and bike traffic..... --- (12946)
- Overall positive. I have heard anecdotal complaining about local grocery stores being out of high protein items like chicken in the week leading up to the race --- (12946)
- very good --- (12946)
- Not sure what you are asking for here. Some clarification would help - is this about Ironman training creating congestion on certain roads, or about Ironman participants spending \$ in town on weekends ahead of the race, or something else? Generally the triathletes that I have met who are in town to train ahead of the race have not left a negative impression, and they definitely spend money in town --- (12946)
- They are all in the middle of the road. Take the race some place else --- (12946)
- While increased road cyclists can be frustrating, I don't believe not hosting the event will greatly change this. People will still come to the high peaks to train, it just may not

be as concentrated around the event. Personally, the IM athletes I have met/worked with love this place and look forward to the event annually. I have been shocked and embarrassed by some of the comments local people say/post as it relates to visitors to this area related to the IM. As a local and small business owner, I believe this community would be foolish to discontinue our contract with IM. The tangible and intangible value far outweighs the minor inconvenience surrounding the event. --- (12946)

- Increased business and more people visiting the area throughout the year. --- (12946)
- Irritating. Lots of disregard for stop signs --- (12946)
- Bike clusters are the #\$\$*ing WORST. --- (12946)
- Total lack of care for anyone driving on the roads. Bicycles ride multiple wide and don't stick to the right away. But most are happy to be here in the rentals and hotels and are nice to residents and staff --- (12946)
- They're serious athletes, so they're quieter than the rugby and lacrosse crowds. Those are obnoxious. --- (12946)
- There seems to be athletes training around town all the time anyways. closer to ironman the numbers do increase, but people should be aware and respectful of the athletes. Also the athletes should be respectful to the residents as well. This is our town and they are just here to visit. --- (12946)
- 99% of the time, it's not an issue. Once in a great while I see a group of either bikers or runners in the way of traffic. --- (12946)
- Most bikers stay on the shoulder but not all. This makes it hazardous for both cars and bikes. --- (12946)
- Mostly minimal; some lack of Consideration for rules of road by athletes; mostly cyclists not riding single file --- (12946)
- They seem to think we owe them something for being here. Have heard it from numerous athletes. --- (12946)
- None --- (12946)
- I believe I addressed that above. They act entitled and in many cases rude. Disregard parking regulations and generally act like they own the joint. --- (12946)
- Lack of respect for our people both in and out of town there are way more bad people than good who come for the event --- (12946)
- They are arrogant --- (12946)
- Positive. I like seeing people out training - their dedication adds to the mystique of LP. It's great to see on a summer day the swimmers out on Mirror Lake amidst the paddle boarders and kayakers. The vast majority of athletes training are courteous and respectful. --- (12946)
- The bikers hog up the road and act like they own the place --- (12946)
- Horrible! Again, see Q6 --- (12946)
- All good. --- (12946)

- I enjoy seeing them train. --- (12946)
- Rude, and feeling entitled..one even suggested that we should close the roads on the course for training...after all we bring a lot of money here... --- (12946)
- Overwhelmingly positive. There are always outliers who stick out in memory. IE: inconsiderate cyclists hogging the road but again this is the exception not the rule but people really key in on it. --- (12946)
- Most athletes are wonderful. There are a few who don't respect the rules of the road and it adds to the aggravation locals feel. --- (12946)
- I do not feel personally affected by it. --- (12946)
- They have gotten better about riding single file. --- (12946)
- I welcome them & find them congenial as well as thankful to be in this type of environment. --- (12946)
- Cyclists tend to hog the road. --- (12946)
- Mostly positive, great to see, but the cyclists do hog the road somewhat. --- (12946)
- No perimeter during the race but Bikers riding side by side or not accommodate reasonable traffic flow. I don't know if the problematic cyclists are actually participants --- (12946)
- Think its great. --- (12946)
- This is a big event, you can not condemn ALL athletes for the few bad apples that don't follow the rules of the road. I have experienced both sides --- (12946)
- They definitely come here to train. I only see positives with that. --- (12946)
- My son has done a half Ironman and certainly a lot of hard work goes into it. At the end of the day self satisfaction. Where a better place then lake placid --- (12946)
- It takes a tremendous amount of time and focus to train for such an event. I have participated in triathlons but not in Ironman events. --- (12946)
- disregard for traffic laws --- (12946)
- Traffic is a nightmare and our local restaurants get less occupancy than they would if we had regular transient tourists. --- (12946)
- Generally positive except occasional arrogant bicyclists. --- (12946)
- Act like they own the town and "US" trying to get to work and live our lives is an inconvenience to them ! --- (12946)
- POSITIVE --- (12946)
- Great for business! We as a community need to make these athletes more welcomed. Check out Mont-Tremblant, they have made an environment around athletes training. A welcome center of sorts, this also neutralizes the responses in #7. --- (12946)
- Over the years it has seemingly gotten safer as athletes familiarize themselves with the areas. --- (12946)
- sometimes bicyclists are a hazard on public roads --- (12946)
- As a homeowner and someone who spends half the year in Lake Placid I enjoy seeing the athletes out on the road. Frankly, I think some of our local residents are ignorant of the laws and rights that cyclists and runners have. When passing a cyclist the law

requires a motor vehicle to pass with care and ample space. The law also allows cyclists to ride two abreast. Many locals respect this and give cyclists a wide berth when passing. Many do not. The latter are the ones that complain about Ironman despite breaking the laws themselves --- (12946)

- Not too many negative experiences personally. The occasional group of bicyclists not moving over for vehicles, but that's about it. Granted, I don't travel outside of the village on the course route except maybe once a month. I think those who drive those roads every day may have a different experience. --- (12946)

- I'm happy that they come to Placid to train. They continue to support our businesses, hotels and restaurants. --- (12946)

- None --- (12946)

- I think it's great to see people out there enjoying the outdoors and pushing themselves. --- (12946)

- Too many who do not share the road with cars- training camps are not run by local groups --- (12946)

- I enjoy seeing athletes training in Lake Placid. They motivate me to do more --- (12946)

- No issues other than some not biking or running single file therefore creating dangerous traffic challenges. --- (12946)

- No issues with athletes training, I train quite a bit myself and I find these people are very positive and friendly --- (12946)

- I told you in my last answer. They can be rude and entitled and unfortunately, it's those individual experiences that shape my overall perception of Ironman. A few can tarnish the whole..... --- (12946)

- Aware of, but no inappropriate interaction --- (12946)

- I live outside of the village on a road that is used routinely by athletes for training. I am accustomed to driving around bikers, runners, and walkers. It's just part of living here. However, during peak training weekends, there are always groups of inconsiderate bikers who like to ride side-by-side or inside the vehicular travel lane. They frequently have arrogant attitudes. But that's just what a certain percentage of people will always do. I can deal with it. --- (12946)

- I for one have had to exercise undue care while driving trying to pass four abreast runners or bike pelotons I have felt while they are here training they forget others actually try to live here another reason it seems to me to be a selfish sport --- (12946)

- Again, our community infrastructure struggles to accommodate so many people. --- (12946)

- I live in the Hillcrest neighborhood. The bikers and runners are often quite loud as they talk, almost yell, to each other. They often come by my house very early when everything else is quiet. I can follow their conversation for a couple blocks. --- (12946)

- Very dangerous and disrespectful. They feel entitled to everything and litter while they train and during race day. --- (12946)
- Great. --- (12946)
- Riding their bikes four abreast and ignoring traffic laws --- (12946)
- Bike congestion making driving dangerous. --- (12946)
- They expect to be catered to and treated as special. Many disregard courtesy. --- (12946)
- They come and stay and train way before the actual event --- (12946)
- I have positive experiences with athletes training for the event. I particularly like to see more cyclists on the road...it seems to make it safer for all cyclists. --- (12946)
- They flip you off , have no idea what single file means or share the roadway. --- (12946)
- Most are aware of community and they are polite --- (12946)
- too many and disruptive to road travel and lake use. --- (12946)
- Many seem to think they own our lake, roads and highways. Training camps that spring up, groups of riders --- (12946)
- The lack of respect to our locals is the only thing I criticize about the event. I travel Cascade Road every day and they will not move out of the way. Double riding and in the road. You have to come to a dead stop because they will not move over. Some times it can be very scary. --- (12946)
- A little annoying in the village when they feel they own the road and you cannot pass or get by because they do not move over. Lack of food in the grocery stores. --- (12946)
- The athletes are generally respectful and when they are here training they are not usually unruly or drinking or carousing. --- (12946)
- Months before hand people clog the middle of the streets on bikes or running. Runners and cyclists pay no mind to others around them, discarding trash at their convenience. --- (12946)
- It brings people from all over to the village --- (12946)
- Fun to watch, and positive experiences with athletes I've met around town --- (12946)
- Negative. Again, bikes not using the "single file" rule. In my opinion, 90% of bikers think they own the road and cars are secondary while 10% are respectful. Also, athletes training for a week before using up ability for average tourists to visit. --- (12946)
- Arrogant --- (12946)
- Great --- (12946)
- Listen . This is another area where groups have the biggest impact and the locals get less than normal life because of their seemingly no care approach to using our roads as their playground. How about the example of someone how puts up signs for a Ironman training camp (signs not allowed) then gets a dozen or more people to come here pay them training fees . Then boldly enter the roads in packs or big groups. Ironman and this community long ago should have worked out a deal that the entire race course

would have large more than adequate bike lanes along side the road. Everyone would be safer, more people might be interested in getting involved. I still think it should be a condition of future races. --- (12946)

- Most are responsible and respectful. A few ignore rules of the road. --- (12946)

- I have had both positive and negative experiences with athletes training here. Some athletes are very rude and some athletes are very kind and grateful, but so are other people who aren't athletes that come here. --- (12946)

- Lake Placid is an athletic town. It comes with the territory. I find their training to be fine. --- (12946)

- Cocky attitudes that they don't need to abide by road rules, creating dangerous traffic conditions. Just plain too many people in an area not meant for that many. --- (12946)

- On the whole, excellent. Sometimes there's an influx of cyclists training on the roads, but that's a good thing. We want active folks up here using our roads. Never had any glaring negative experiences. --- (12946)

- Positive. Also people will train here regardless of whether the event is held or not. --- (12946)

- AWFUL!!!! Riding down Route 73 in the middle of the road. Not pulling over. Riding through the middle of Lake Placid. There are ALOT of other places to bike. Running through the middle of Lake Placid. Athletes are just unimaginative in their training. Training should be OFF limits in the middle of the Village of Lake Placid. --- (12946)

- Everyone is usually very supportive of others in their community --- (12946)

- See 7. --- (12946)

- A lot are rude and think they own the village and surrounding areas, they ride 2 or 3 abreast and refuse to move, pull out into traffic like it's their right --- (12946)

- Positive. They come up mostly on weekends in the months leading up to the race. Mostly May and June which aren't peak months so the extra business is welcome. --- (12946)

- bikes on the road riding double and triple etc. suggest they have to wear bright color shirt, perhaps with no. ...they would behave better and not feel they own our roads and let people pass. no. could be reported to authorities. heard of someone rude to a police officer in 2021... bad attitude! --- (12946)

- Good --- (12946)

- They are the perfect customer any time of the year! --- (12946)

- Most are good, some think laws don't apply to them. --- (12946)

- I have no negative feelings about this, they don't bother me in any way --- (12946)

- Many of them act like they own the road, riding two or three wide etc. --- (12946)

- Lots of bikers --- (12946)

- As I live in an apartment on Main St., I love seeing our town so busy. Those opposing will be sorry when our town is not busy --- (12946)

- Sometimes, I'd like them to be a bit more courteous during their training. But again, they provide a huge positive impact on the local economies. --- (12946)
- We should share the road. But most Ironman participants don't feel that way. --- (12946)
- They take up valuable space on the roads biking 2 or 3 across, especially on narrow roads such as the notch. They don't spend tourist dollars. --- (12946)
- Bicyclist running stop sign on Mirror Lake Drive to Main Street and running into my car. Double/ triple runners and bikers side by side blocking road, follow car not allowing cars to safely pass. Peeing and pooping on private property. --- (12946)
- Ride 4 a breast. Do not respect the rules of road do not realize they are on a 55 mile hiway --- (12946)
- Some could be more respectful of road rules, but otherwise they're pretty benign. --- (12946)
- Mostly friendly, polite. --- (12946)
- They are arrogant and entitled --- (12946)
- A lot of athletes frequent our restaurant year round with families. Spend holidays in LP. Bring friends --- (12946)
- Negative --- (12946)
- Rude think they own roads and village --- (12946)
- They are horrible entitled rude people. They ride I. The road and won't move, they treat servers and locals like 3rd class citizens, and they don't tip. --- (12946)
- Has gotten better over time --- (12946)
- People will be running, biking, swimming here regardless of a race or not. --- (12946)
- They think they own our roads. They crap on the side of the roads and don't clean it up. They don't follow single file riding rules. --- (12946)
- they don't bother me. I admire them and wish them best --- (12946)
- Most are ok. Some are rude. As a business owner we kinda like them. Hard to please kind of people. --- (12946)
- I like the momentum they bring. Sure they sometimes ride several abreast, but I take it in stride because it is only once a year..Then again, I don't live on the River road, where I imagine things get crazy.... --- (12946)
- Usually positive. Some exceptions hog the road on bikes and are inconsiderate. --- (12946)
- Many cyclists make for hazardous driving conditions at times. --- (12946)
- We see increased demand in rental activities. We have personally not been negatively impacted by the training. --- (12946)
- Fine --- (12946)
- The bicyclists have no respect for vehicles/traffic. --- (12946)
- All good, as Humans everywhere some are idiots and some arent --- (12946)
- I see them training and doing their thing. They don't bother me --- (12946)

- Rudeness, lack of respect for laws. Added strain to medical staff --- (12946)
- It's fine. Share the road. Be patient. --- (12946)
- Ditto response to #7...actually some cases of spring training actually worse! --- (12946)
- Negative! Coaches rent out houses in neighborhoods, running ACTUAL businesses out of them. Large groups of swimmers/bikers/runners being trained by for-profit 'teams' is intrusive and doesn't appear to add value, other than crowding already over-used areas. This is the most negative aspect of the event - it is never ending! --- (12946)
- I'm terrified I'm going to hit a biker. They ride everywhere, and often 2 or 3 abreast in the middle of the road. --- (12946)
- Some athletes don't use proper riding etiquette but most do. It's nice to have a focus on healthy lifestyles in the community year round. --- (12946)
- for the most part a welcomed addition to the community. --- (12946)
- Inconsiderate on the roads. No bike etiquette. --- (12946)
- See answer 6 --- (12946)
- Positive - I'm one of them. I am always respectful of those that live in the areas that I train and treat private property as I would my own. --- (12946)
- I feel like I'm always dodging runners and bikers. The athletes are not always courteous. --- (12946)
- Good for business but some have snobby attitudes. --- (12946)
- Ugh, rude and they think they own our towns just because they pay to play! --- (12946)
- Groups of cyclists drafting on roads, riding in traffic lanes who won't move over for vehicular traffic are dangerous and often rude. Grocery stores often run out of stuff unless I go grocery shopping at 7 or even 6 a.m. Athletes from tri clubs who come to train on weekends in groups are a problem. --- (12946)
- The bikers train on my road, they ride 2 and 3 abreast, many refuse to move. --- (12946)
- Wonderful! --- (12946)
- All good. Wonderful people who love and thrive in the outdoors. --- (12946)
- They bike side by side on our roads because they are entitled to. They crowd into STRs --- (12946)
- This area cannot safely accommodate athletes training on our roads. Too many do not follow road rules or realize how dangerous it is during regular traffic. The notch is a dangerous road and when you add people on bikes on a 55mph road is just nonsense. --- (12946)
- Not much --- (12946)
- I think there's more than we are aware of that come here throughout the year to practice on the actual terrain they'll compete on. --- (12946)
- My experiences have been very cool. As a long time bicycle road racer from central NYS, I came up through the sport mentored by true champions. Our road skills and

etiquette are the best as it gets. What I've witnessed w some riders is just the opposite of that. It hasn't been disastrous but given the heightened level of anxiety regarding the athletes, I'd say rider etiquette and the training camps which host sessions I feel need to be better managed out on the road. --- (12946)

- Of all my years dealing with Ironman triathletes both during the race and when they are here training, 99% of them are wonderful, courteous, gracious and so happy to be here. I --- (12946)

- There is a lot of bikers with no concern for traffic rules. As home renters disrespect. --- (12946)

- Positive. In my experience the athletes are respectful and thankful to the community. --- (12946)

- The athletes training act like they own the road. (Running and biking) There is a huge sense of self entitlement. --- (12946)

- Very positive overall. I think there is always room to better educate athletes that are training in the area though about etiquette and laws for riding or running on the roads --- (12946)

- It's great to see the town in the spring full of people. --- (12946)

- They do not shop in my store while they are training. --- (12946)

- Annoying --- (12946)

- Na --- (12946)

- The prevailing attitude seems to be that Lake Placid exists solely to serve their purposes. They regularly hinder traffic riding 3-4 abreast, do not obey stop signs, yield signs, red lights, race past stopped school buses, litter profusely, run 2 abreast on roads including Main St - often the wrong way - and urinate and defecate where they please. When challenged or even questioned about these behaviors they usually flip you off or say F-U or mention that WE should be happy they spend money here. When they do go out in groups they often are demanding and disrespectful to our service workers. --- (12946)

- Disrespectful. Littering. Treat locals like they are entitled to our town. --- (12946)

- Inconsiderate of rules of the road, especially when running in groups. --- (12946)

- Lake Placid has too few safe bike and running trails. --- (12946)

- Many are very respectful, others are rude. --- (12946)

- Good to see people out running, biking, etc. The materials they receive could have better rules/suggestions for creating a better resident/visitor relationship. That said... seeing people being active is WAY better than seeing cigarette butts tossed out of car windows. --- (12946)

- Mostly postive --- (12946)

- The vast majority are thoughtful and pose only a minor inconvenience. A very small minority (and club directors) appear to be uninformed of the need to co-exist with the

local community. Riding 2-3 abreast in narrow spots, driving shag wagons that impede traffic should be addressed. --- (12946)

- I see them occasionally biking or running but they are pretty scattered - not huge groups of them, which is good. --- (12946)

- The cyclists tend to be "piggy." --- (12946)

- Fine except the bicyclists --- (12946)

- Positive. They are welcome here. --- (12946)

- I have had water thrown at me from someone running by because I didn't get off the sidewalk..... It is just too much and too many people making it very difficult to get around and taking up valuable space. --- (12946)

- Nothing to report --- (12946)

- The athletes used to be courteous but they seem to think it's "their town" to train in, especially as the race gets closer. They start coming in May and usually by June things are in full swing. They ride in groups rather than as a "peloton" to allow cars to pass. Runners take over the sidewalk. As someone who operates a business on main street I can also report that the whole crowd, in general, has become more entitled and demanding. --- (12946)

- Not adhering to the single file ride rule. Defecating in my yard and on the road. Urinating in plain sight of my children. --- (12946)

- The swimmers and runners are usually not a problem. The bikers frequently cause problems by not following the rules of the road --- (12946)

- I am a member of this group and have in almost all instances been treated kindly and respectfully. Ironman needs to continue to support proper bike riding etiquette and make it a priority in their athlete guides to reinforce the rules of the road. --- (12946)

- It's inspiring to see them out training, but annoying if they are riding 2+ abreast on the roads or in the middle. --- (12946)

- They are rude they think they own the roadways. They don't obey any traffic laws --- (12946)

- Very positive. They do no litter and they do not hold loud gatherings and their activities do not harm the road surfaces or Mirror Lake. --- (12946)

- Great. They are thankful. They love lake placid. I have worked in hotels and have a Main Street business. I have been around these athletes and families from the LP IM beginning. They buy from me. They rent from me. I enjoy the families. I enjoy the people. They are incredible athletes. --- (12946)

- it just makes town more congested --- (12946)

- As mentioned before, I personally I have encountered a jogger making a quick left turn across the road without looking behind him, and he obviously couldn't hear my vehicle behind him. Of course I was wrong, and I got the one finger salute. Also on river road, I've encountered bicycles three wide online corners, very dangerous situation, and of

course again, it's the vehicles fault. I've witnessed rudeness and lack of patience in our local supermarkets as well. --- (12946)

- Nothing specific just too many bicycles in town for 2 wks. --- (12946)
- some entitlement --- (12946)
- It can be a little overwhelming at times. --- (12946)
- Bikes riding side by side, and acting items a lot to ask to ride single file to let traffickers pass. I'm worried because many of the so called bike friendly road lack adequate bike lanes. I believe it's only A matter of time Before someone training gets really hurt on the Wilmington Rd. --- (12946)
- most are considerate and will respect the laws of the road but there are a few that do not and that leads to hard feelings --- (12946)
- Most experiences I've had over the 20 years Ironman has been in lake placid, have been overwhelmingly good. Working in both restaurant industry as well as property management. Most participants and family's enjoy the area and residents. There have been a few not pleasant exchanges over the years. But far more good experiences. . --- (12946)
- Disruptive and unsafe at times. --- (12946)
- They are inconsiderate of the residents --- (12946)
- They seem to have no respect and act like the town and roads are there for them and nothing else --- (12946)
- The come often and train here. They spend dollars in lodging and food --- (12946)
- Some good, some negative --- (12946)
- I have no issues with it, athletes are generally respectful of others --- (12946)
- Love to see it. Love to see athletes training for various sports in LP year-round. --- (12946)
- The cyclists are out of control. --- (12946)
- I host two camps a year in my home for friends, and I have come here as an athlete many times. The courtesy of athletes and also community members has changed. Athletes ride side by side, take up the roads, and therefore create dangerous situations. Not all, but some, and this leads to angry drivers. Also, let's talk STR's! Many of the problems that are occurring with Ironman and the training can go back to STR's. When I began racing here in 2006 we rented a home from a full time resident. It was an annual thing and we were in their family home. The week rental paid their taxes for the year. But we felt connected! We were courteous and quiet for the neighbors because we were in a real neighborhood. We also frequented downtown restaurants to support the town. That feel has been lost and that is not the fault of the race. Rather it is the impact of the str culture created in LP. Racers who have never been here rent a str, cook in the str, come in, spend the day on the race course and leave! They do not get to know the town. In the old days we had to sleep in front of the oval to sign up and volunteer to get

in the following year. What this did for my fellow racers was create a connection to the community. --- (12946)

- Mostly favorable. I am amazed at cyclists' ability to navigate our non-bike friendly roads for training. --- (12946)
- There's no regard for road rules and courtesy. They're supposed to ride single file and they ride three, four sometimes five wide with no regard. And if you say anything to them, they get super annoyed and act like they're entitled. "I'm an Ironman!" --- (12946)
- Sadly, they act like they own the roads - riding multiple abreast, yet not yielding at intersections or to pedestrians. --- (12946)
- Increased traffic is great for all of the business in town. --- (12946)
- All very nice and they spend a lot of money in the village --- (12946)
- No respect for road rules We do not have enough police to manage our town on down days. No respect for the people that work and live here. Closing of roads is more than an inconvenience, it is a slap in the face that we are forced to accept. End this crap now!!! --- (12946)
- I think we covered that. --- (12946)
- I try not to hit the bikes on my way to Wilmington. --- (12946)
- Always in the road, no care in the world, and most of them are rude. Again, it's a small fraction of the athletes, but it still leaves a bad taste in locals mouths. The event itself has almost outgrown the village and town. Moving it to Tupper Lake would be the best idea. It would help alleviate the stress caused here, would boost their dwindling town and economy, and most people would probably visit or stay in Lake Placid anyways. --- (12946)
- Annoying --- (12946)
- Rude, inconsiderate, think they own the town, and have no respect for anyone else. --- (12946)
- They do what they want, when they want apparently! --- (12946)
- Bicycles don't ride single file. High sense of entitlement. --- (12946)
- very good --- (12946)
- I have not had any negative interactions and I have dealt with the event on a professional level for the past 10 years. --- (12946)
- don't like some of them feeling entitled and some bicyclists riding "fences", taking up an entire lane. That has happened to me. --- (12946)
- Entitled to do what they want --- (12946)
- I have enjoyed the stories. Some big groups could be better about riding single file but otherwise I think they bring money to the community and it's nice to see people put enjoying our home --- (12946)
- Annoying. Disruptive --- (12946)
- Ignorant entitled pricks --- (12946)

- They take over the streets on bicycles and running and I don't think the event bring much to the town other than cost. --- (12946)
- fine. Waiting for a few bikers once in awhile is not a big deal --- (12946)
- For the most part good, again many don't respect the residents, employees, as though they think the area is here just for their experience, especially when traveling in groups. There are so many people here for other experiences and many of these athletes appear to think they are the only ones here. --- (12946)
- Doesn't bother me --- (12946)
- The attitude of many bikers and runners to traffic! At some point there is going to a bad accident! --- (12946)
- First and foremost, you can't necessarily tell who is training for what. While it's convenient to group anyone out swimming, biking, and running with Ironman, you can't guarantee that is what they are training for. While there are the issues of bikes who aren't far enough over, or riding side-by-side, it's not necessarily someone from Ironman. I was driving down a local road this summer, and I was yelled at by a woman who was out running, and told to slow down. I was already going 5 below the speed limit, and I had just been screamed at for no reason. While I don't know if she was training for Ironman (she was not on an Ironman road), educating people on the rules of the road in the area might be a nice precautionary step. --- (12946)
- Setting up bicycles in middle of sidewalks to repair --- (12946)
- As an athlete who owns real estate in LP, we come up to LP for training. i get nervous on the roads and have been yelled at. But we love the area and wish we could do more to connect with the locals. --- (12946)
- I rarely interact with athletes leading up to the race --- (12946)
- There all over the roads doing there training. They don't care about anyone but themselves on the roads. There hotel rooms are gross when they leave. No regard for anyone . --- (12946)
- Worked and or volunteered for the very first one and six more after that --- (12946)
- I feel that they disrespect the traffic laws frequently. --- (12946)
- I see many not following the rules of the road. Riding side by side and blowing through stop signs. Also when they ride in large groups it increases the dangers for everyone trying to get by them. --- (12946)
- None. They rarely make local purchases. The biking on narrow roads is almost hazardous. --- (12946)
- Unhappy --- (12946)
- Many people complain about them taking up space on the roads. I don't feel like that's as big of a problem as others do. --- (12946)
- See answer to question 7 --- (12946)
- Some cyclists do not obey traffic laws --- (12946)

- Athletes are very focused on the race as they should be. Raceweek can be a quieter time in the summer --- (12946)
- Lots of riders riding side by side in the road and lots of attitude as well. --- (12946)
- Positive for the most part. But as I mentioned before, there is a small percentage of them that are such D-bags that it ruins it for the good people that come to train. --- (12946)
- They make driving dangerous with their pack of bikes on the roads. --- (12946)
- Entirely negative. --- (12946)
- Positive. Bicyclists out of town respect road rules far better than others on bikes (who don't bike as frequently and therefore don't know/care about the rules of the road). --- (12946)
- Entitled and arrogant --- (12946)
- I think it's great because it brings money to the area but again... I wish some were better on the roads. --- (12946)
- Overall non-issue except bikers riding side-by-side --- (12946)
- There is no separate bike/run path....in a sports mecca. --- (12946)
- Most are nice, some are not as nice. I feel bikers can be very inconsiderate. --- (12946)
- NA --- (12946)
- See answer to #7. Overall positive with the exception to some of the cyclists. --- (12946)
- The cyclists are not always considerate of motorists, often putting their own lives in danger. --- (12946)
- Nice, generous, frequent customers --- (12946)
- It is great to see them in Lake Placid spending their money --- (12946)
- Rude. Inconsiderate of our beautiful town. They do not support local businesses. --- (12946)
- They come before the event and support local businesses --- (12946)
- Many come to bike the course in advance. Generally cordial and share the road, but a few bad eggs give all a bad rap. But it is also hard to distinguish between iron men/women training vs the locals who truly enjoy biking - wearing a bike kit doesn't make you an ironman, some simply enjoy the great outdoors and are being caught up with the controversy --- (12946)
- The bikers can be very dangerous; do not follow road rules --- (12946)
- Riding all over the roads. Pooping in our yards and in front of businesses. All of the garbage that is left on the race route for weeks prior to race day. Ironman super rude to wait staff and locals --- (12946)
- it is great that they come here and spend time and money. There are always a few bad apples. More respect for locals would be appreciated. Riding single file, for example. --- (12946)

- Bicycles not abiding by single file riding and taking up too much roadway so that vehicles can't pass. --- (12946)
- Frustrating. Invasive. Rude. Unsafe. --- (12946)
- The obvious: bikes in the middle of the road. The overlooked: when they trickle in to train months or weeks before, it's great to have their business. Many of them are also very appreciative and great, but (as in everything) the negatives stand out more than the positives. --- (12946)
- I have had absolutely no issues with the athletes. I think the "rude" athletes are few and far between and are far outnumbered by the polite and considerate ones. We have many locals who bike and run the local roads so it's not like this is exclusively an Ironman issue. --- (12946)
- Mixed - mostly neutral, but there are still many negative experiences. Riders riding 3 abreast when you're trying to get to work sets the day off negatively and leaves an overall bad taste in the mouth of locals. Unfortunately, I also have directly experienced the "better than you" attitude from many of the Ironman visitors - whether they are athlete, family, or visitors. I've had people say "Lake Placid would be nothing without us." This isn't true. It is a privilege for them to be welcomed here, and the race has outstayed it's welcome. I don't live right on the course, but pretty close. My first year in my current home I came home from work to discover spectators had parked in my driveway, leaving me nowhere to park, and with no on-street alternative. --- (12946)
- I often chat with them, help them out with needs, give them opinions on restaurants, etc., support their causes (many are competing for a charity or cause). --- (12946)
- Running or cycling in road, at all hours and days. CROWDED. Dangerous. We do not have margins or medians on roads to accommodate this crush of humans. Many points of roads they train on are 55 mph, curvy. This is dangerous for them. --- (12946)
- All over the road, don't ride single file. --- (12946)
- It makes it hard to get around. They are not aware of traffic. The event and events like it have ruined our town. --- (12946)
- rude and entitled. --- (12946)
- As everyone else has experienced, the amounts of bikes on the roads may be an inconvenience. --- (12946)
- Difficult to say as I am stuck at work most of the time. But the cyclists do not abide by the road rules no matter what they may claim. --- (12946)
- The locals are respectful, it's the people from outside the area who come and train. The bikers are disrespectful and don't abide by the rules of the road. --- (12946)
- A small percentage of them are decent and respectful but the vast majority of them believe that our community will shrivel up & die without this event. --- (12946)
- Athletes choose Lake Placid year round to train providing tourism lift during low occupancy times also. --- (12946)

- Horrible, they are the worst, they're self entitled jack asses that think they're better than everyone else and think they own the place, they can't even cycle single file and they don't obey standard traffic laws they run stop signs all the time. They make driving the road ways 10x more dangerous --- (12946)
- The bikes never follow the traffic rules (ie stopping at stoplights, road signs). Single file or riding in the middle of a traffic lane shouldn't be allowed. The athletes need to remember that the road isn't closed everytime they hop on their bikes. --- (12946)
- I have had absolutely no negative experiences with athletes training for this event. --- (12946)
- They clog up the notch... could be the reason a family died a couple years ago. Ironman training in the narrow notch, causes hazardous traffic. Literally was the cause of the recent accident/death in the notch a couple years ago. They should build a training complex in tupper lake/blue mnt lake. A bike only circuit to keep the roadways safe for bikers and car passengers. They come up one weekend a year to train, Airbnb a big house, cook meals at home. Not a big influx of \$ for average community businesses. --- (12946)
- No real issue with this. --- (12946)
- Annoying, rude and ungrateful in increasing instances. --- (12946)
- Nothing. As a road cyclist who has grown up riding in NYC, people biking on the road and training don't bother me. I feel like people seem to use this as a point to bitch about. The only thing I would like to complain about is the "real locals" who incessantly bitch and complain about this event. I have many times told people how I feel and I'm told that if I was a "real local" I'd understand. I simply tell them if they want to live in a town that has nothing going on they should move to Malone and shut up. --- (12946)
- bad --- (12946)
- Rentals in my neighborhood are packed with athletes who have very little consideration for year round residents and for road safety --- (12946)
- The training I haven't had an issue with its just the noticeable drop in sales that week . I would prefer the hotels be open for regular tourists.or Something that encourages there customers to spend money --- (12946)
- N/A --- (12946)
- so many of them are inconsiderate sharing the road. I'm sure they face the same from many drivers. But things like insisting on staying doubled up in a lane seem belligerent. --- (12987)
- I find it part of the scenery to see athletes training and it makes me feel like our community is doing something good --- (12987)
- Bicyclists will something refuse to ride single file. Since many roads lack adequate bike lanes, the rides end up in car lanes causing resentment for all on the road. --- (12987)

- At the absolute top of the list: ambulances and fire trucks don't have the right of way on Ironman day. Bikers can ride 5 wide on roads like Rt 86, and the narrows of Rt 73 and CARS have to yield???? Our commutes are totally screwed. Anybody ever wonder why Clinton, Franklin, or Warren Counties don't want this non event in their area??? --- (12987)
- They need to train. And seeing them training inspires me to become more fit. --- (12987)
- The cyclists make the drive to and from work dangerous. --- (12987)
- none --- (12987)
- Just be careful driving. They are not always biking safely. --- (12987)
- Many are selfish and obnoxious, behaving as though they are special individuals, and above behaving with common courtesy --- (12997)
- The roads are very congested with bikers, but I am ok being patient. Again, I like that they are getting to experience our area. --- (12997)
- Mostly positive. Some roads are narrow and some cyclists are in the travel lane but I don't mind yielding to cyclists. --- (12997)
- See many cyclists training and if they are single file on road there is no problem. Even without the Ironman there will be numerous cyclists. The Adirondack outdoor should be enjoyed. --- (12997)
- It is nerve wracking driving b/t LP and W'ton everyday for work and especially on the weekends driving around cyclists. There are several weekends where it feels like there are "mini Ironman" races...driving and passing nearly 50 cyclists! The Ironman route also seems to attract those who are not training for Ironman...more bike traffic but worse rather clueless about our roads, traffic and safety. This should really not be a daily stress when driving our roads. --- (12997)
- awful. training camps for weeks leading up to race with groups of bikers. trash along roadways --- (12997)
- They are rude, crude and socially unacceptable!! --- (12997)
- Just bicycles on the roads in narrow spots (the Wilmington notch & river rd) in particular --- (12997)
- Lots of people preparing for the race that do not spend \$ at local businesses other than lodging Would rather see the tourist that spend time and \$ at all businesses --- (12997)
- they are rude they are selfish and they believe it is their god given right to train and race here --- (12997)
- no issues --- (12997)
- Bicyclists not following rules of the road --- (12997)
- Unsafe roadways --- (12997)
- I answered part of this in the last question, not knowing this was an other question. This might be my one real grievance with IronMan. It is my experience that bikers on

main roads are a traffic hazard and are dangerous. I drive from Wilmington to Lake Placid and back every day - there are parts of that road that have zero shoulder which then makes the bikers travel in the vehicle lane. When drivers are annoyed with bikers they do dangerous things behind the wheel. Bikers who don't follow traffic rules or who don't ride single file or who don't ride on or near the shoulder cause very dangerous situations. Since we don't have dedicated bike lanes having a large number of bikers on our roads creates high levels of frustration and very dangerous situations. We are not properly equipped nor do we have the infrastructure to support a lot of bikes on our roads. --- (12997)

- Too much road congestion in the notch and surrounding towns. Makes traveling difficult. Asked all day everyday where they can fill water bottles, go to bathroom etc. --- (12997)

- The athletes can be great. They can also cause dangerous traffic situations and eat all of the high protein foods at Hannafords and Price Chopper. --- (12997)

- REALLY annoying. I live in Wilmington and work in Keene, and my heart sinks when I start seeing the cyclists on the road. Yes, a few individuals are courteous and share the road, but in my experience most are self-centered, self-involved, break traffic laws with impunity and appear astonished if a trooper calls them on speeding through a stop sign, and often cause dangerous situations by riding two abreast or just individually riding over the white line on our narrow roads. They also pull over to congregate and take breaks in noisy groups without noticing or caring that they are blocking the entrance to a business or its parking lot. On the whole, a thoughtless bunch we could do without. --- (12997)

- Too often they disregard the needs of others traveling on the highways. Ride in travel lane. Bunch up and impact traveling public. As a local resident who road rides - often commuting to work - I stop riding Rt 86 in the weeks ahead of the race due to concerns about road rage and being lumped into ironman group. I routinely wear flannel and a camo bag when commuting to work to try to differentiate myself. I've been buzzed by pickups in the past as ironman approaches. Local cyclists get painted w/ same brush as those who disregard the needs of others and selfishly impede traffic. --- (12997)

- The best part of the event as far as business for the community. --- (12997)


- I have positive experiences with the athletes. They train here for months and are always excited to be here --- (12997)

- None --- (12997)

- See previous answer --- (12997)

- They are very nice and help local businesses --- (12997)

- Terrible through Wilmington Notch when bikers do not ride single file, drop trash & plastic water bottles along their routes, are rude in grocery stores --- (12997)

- That athletes training before the event bring more people to the area that rent houses and stay in hotel rooms and provide money to our economy and many of whom end up buying second homes or even moving here is a primary location --- (12997)
- Dangerous traveling with all the bikes on the road , especially when they ride next to each other and have no regard for cars --- (12997)
- I am a 4 time iron man lake Placid finisher. I along with many locals find it frustrating but I think I'm more tolerant as I have competed. I find it frustrating that I have to stand in line behind someone who can't decide what \$2 scratch off lottery ticket to buy but it's temporary just like athletes training. Not every person training is irresponsible people only remember the bad ones, they never remember all the good ones they passed. I think it's just people aren't tolerant of anything that changes there routines --- (12997)
- some come into the diner, and I get to know them , hear their stories --- (12997)
- Cf --- (12997)
- Bicyclists crowding roads --- (12997)
- I love volunteering to help the participants --- (12997)
- They sometime hog the road up on there bikes. But not all other them --- (12997)
- A few years ago I almost ran over a jogger who tripped and rolled into the road on mirror lake dr, we were both lucky... last year I almost had a head on collision with oncoming traffic when a bicyclist who attempted to pass his friends in the narrows of the notch. He pulled out with out checking behind him for traffic. --- (12997)
- Increased traffic during training camps but it is pretty localized and predictable. --- (12997)
- We've been in close calls in the notch with bicyclists riding 2 and 3 abreast and refusing to move over. Some cars refuse to pass them so multiple cars are forced to go from 55 to 10 mph. And I've had them run right out on front of my car on main street. --- (12997)
- Too many bikes  n the roads ignoring traffic safety --- (12997)
- Many bad because like I said before they totally feel they own the road! --- (12997)
- Bicycles need to be more aware of cars --- (12997)
- See previous answer... --- (12997)
- Bad, get off the roads there isn't room for traffic and bikes especially bikes who think they own the place --- (12997)
- Terrible on 86 Wilmington rd --- (12997)
- bullshit, stop Iron man and stay out of the road it's disrespectful unsafe and arrogant and the corners are not the place to hang out with your bikes and talk++GO AWAY --- (12997)
- Not all but a good number are overbearing and act like they own the place. They don't care who's yard they relieve themselves in or the trash they leave along the roads...I could go on. --- (12997)

- There are always some bad apples that try their hardest to infuriate the locals. Every year it seems like more entitled people come and train and cause problems due to there sense of entitlement --- (12997)
- Kind of exciting We could do more to manage road use during training --- (12997)
- Ugh. --- (12997)
- Mirror Lake water quality must decrease and the bikers in roadways is the worse part. Now training camps come here weeks before the race. The roads do not have appropriate shoulders and bikers should not be allowed on main road corridors --- (12997)
- Athletes are rude. Bikers don't obey the traffic laws. Ride 2 and 3 wide. --- (12997)
- Limited, but have had no negative experiences --- (12997)
- They take up the road and have no respect for people driving --- (12997)
- They slow down traffic greatly in the Notch, and generally frustrate drivers. --- (12997)
- Hog road ways, leave trash along road ways. Not all however --- (12997)
- Unsafe Road biking especially through the notch. Also 2 abreast --- (12997)
- Terrible ,traffic problems ,training in the notch area of rt 86 is a accident waiting to happen --- (12997)
- The tri-camps leading up to the event are poorly managed. The majority of athletes have no respect when training in our area and seem to feel they are above following simple courtesy while in our community. --- (12997)
- too many bikes and joggers in the roads --- (12997)
- Hogging the road through the Notch , sometimes 3-4 bikes next to each other. --- (12997)
- Too much, overwhelming, rude behavior. --- (12997)
- They are rude, loud, obnoxious and think the locals depend on them to survive. --- (12997)
- Difficult for driving and sometimes very rude. Drives up pricing for other families and visitors coming to the area. --- (12997)
- Not that great. I enjoy riding the bike myself but I don't enjoy the trash, the training camps in large groups. Our roads were not made to handle this. If we can upgrade our roads to safely handle every day road riders, bigger shoulders, dedicated cycling lanes, slower roads it would make a huge difference. But until we can improve our infrastructure to be safe for everyone, not just the athletes we should not continue to host. --- (12997)
- One needs to be cautious of then on the roads, but it brings people to the region for healthy, outdoor activities. --- (12997)
- 100% negative. I drive the notch daily and it is incredibly unsafe. The tourist drivers do not know to anticipate a high number of bikers. Bikers blatantly disregard the single file rule and make rude comments and obscene gestures even if they are the ones who are wrong. Tourism in our area has increased dramatically meaning so has traffic. That

coupled with athletes training is a recipe for disaster. The notch and the cascades have too many blind corners and the police do not ticket anyone so there is no incentive for safety. --- (12997)

- Most are aware that they share the road, but too many seem not to be aware of their impact on the local community. --- (12997)

- I see lots of athletes out training - on the roads and in the lakes. I've HEARD complaints about litter and disrespectful athletes but have NEVER experienced this myself. The worst I've seen is when cyclists ride 2 across instead of single file. To me, that's a minor inconvenience and certainly overshadowed by the benefits of the race. --- (12997)

Training - Regional

- I am one of those athletes so I get how annoying we can be. I don't 100% have a solution but it would involve athletes acting less entitled and the community showing some grace and patience --- (12808)
- Overall very positive as both a spectator and participant --- (12822)
- They need to have a better understanding that these are our roads and while we respect them, the roads are open and they should be respectful of cars and other users of the road. --- (12842)
- In the days before the event, town is still overcrowded and it makes it difficult for average folk to enjoy Lake Placid. --- (12845)
- The athletes are fine, yes there can be many on the road at a time but isn't that what Lake Placid is all about? Athletes are what Lake Placid thrives for. Isn't that why the hundreds of millions of dollars the State has given us over just the last few years? --- (12847)
- It seems really unsafe on certain roads to be honest...narrow shoulders, 55 mph roads, etc. --- (12870)
- I avoid traveling anywhere near Wilmington or Lake Placid at all anymore because of the bicycles and the riders thinking they own the road and have had my car punched by one at a traffic light in Lake Placid because my car was stopped for the light and they couldn't jet around my car easily on the hill. My father had a bicycle tube discarded on his yard from from one and it got wrapped up in his lawn mower. --- (12912)
- Disrespectful, selfish, rude. They leave trash all over and have had them then stop and go the bathroom in my yard by my trees. Time for them to go --- (12912)
- N/a --- (12912)
- Bikers hog the road --- (12912)
- Lots of athletes that come to town to train. Would be better to have nicer roads or a specified bike lane so it's easier and safer for everyone to share the road. --- (12912)
- The above pretty much applies here too. I have to follow the rules of the road what is wrong with them -- I realize the day of the race they don't have to but what about the rest of the time??? --- (12912)
- Some are better than others about picking up after themselves m, etc but isn't that the case with any event in the history of the world? --- (12912)
- Not good ! They come here and think they own the place, ride 3 wide, won't move over when you try and get by, give you the finger when you blow your horn ! --- (12912)
- Answered in previous block. --- (12912)
- I believe I covered that mostly in the previous question. Our biggest concern is the safety of the motorists on the road when the athletes believe they take priority to ride multiple abreast and ride both directions in the notch (some very tight spots) with traffic already going both directions. They come to town and take over like they own the place. --- (12912)

- stated my issues in previous box --- (12912)
- Terrible quite frankly. The cyclists need to ride single file. I have been trapped behind a group of about 8 in a group taking up the entire lane traveling down 73 towards Keene. --- (12912)
- Unofficial pee station on the side of my front lawn. Several times a group pee. Garbage week prior to race is unreal, pigs are cleaner. Driving around a corner and meeting traffic trying to navigate around people playing in traffic. --- (12912)
- Mostly good. Only problems with cyclists are on the smaller town and county roads. --- (12912)
- They are here renting places and spending money. --- (12912)
- cyclists who may or may not be riding three abreast--at least they are probably appreciating the world about them --- (12912)
- More could be done with communication to athletes about respecting the local area and keeping that in mind when they train --- (12912)
- We need to slow down when driving the notch. --- (12912)
- They are everywhere again holding up traffic not moving over --- (12912)
- I work with a local competitor and many volunteers who look forward to the event annually. --- (12912)
- Road hazard --- (12912)
- See number 7 --- (12912)
- No issue --- (12912)
- It can be tough driving in the area for weeks leading up to the race. Often they don't know where they are going. --- (12912)
- Mostly rude and inconsiderate. Some are not. --- (12912)
- I have none to mention really --- (12912)
- Good --- (12912)
- Lots of bikers on roads but we are just more careful. --- (12912)
- There are some bikers that are not courteous and ride single lane, but overall I've had only good experiences --- (12912)
- Don't have any --- (12912)
- Almost wrecking my car and/or almost hitting a biker multiple times. They don't follow rules of the road and are very arrogant. --- (12912)
- I had to work the day before Ironman in Lake Placid. I drove through Jay, Wilmington, and Lake Placid. It was very hard to get around and I wish I could've avoided it. --- (12912)
- Do not show respect for automobiles. Ride side by side and do not move over. --- (12912)
- Some are good about moving over but more do not and think they shouldn't have to --- (12912)

- They are here and in general respectful. There will always be jerks in every group (including community members) --- (12912)
- I avoid swimming or boating in Mirror Lake as we get closer to the event, it's just too congested for me. . I mentioned above about cyclists. Quick story from this year:. I was coming into town for work on route 86 from Wilmington. Coming into the blind curves around Cherry Patch pond, there were cyclists in single file in our lane going around the last big curve. At the same time, some cyclists were coming the opposite direction around the curve two abreast. A car came from that same direction at a high rate of speed and was in our lane trying to avoid the bikers, thank goodness I have cat-like reflexes or there could have been a catastrophic accident. I've not experienced any interactions with runners. Also to clarify, when I've been saying cyclists I mean athletes training for the Ironman, they ride special bikes designed for triathlon racing and are easy to identify. --- (12912)
- 95% positive, the exception is cyclists not riding single file --- (12912)
- They are biking on the roads. They tend to go into the lanes but I am more patient as my niece is an ironman and I know that a lot of training and work goes into the preparation for the race. --- (12912)
- cycling is a growing sport. local and visiting vehicular traffic should encourage the sport, and try it. We need to educate this area on how to deal with pedestrians and cyclists - when to pull over, when to stop, what to do in the tight spots, etc. --- (12912)
- They're very entitled to everything, rude. With ride bike 4-5 across. --- (12912)
- Bikers are always thinking they have the right to take up the whole road. Bikes are a big problem on the roads. --- (12913)
- they feel they own the area and some feel as though you are a servant to them.... --- (12913)
- The athletes riding abreast on the roads, cutting in front of cars at stop signs because they don't want to stop. --- (12913)
- The bikers should be more prudent on the road. They should stay to the side whenever possible. As a biker I never ride out in the road because I don't want to get hit. Some are too arrogant and riding in the road makes it dangerous for two cars to pass each other if they arrive at the same exact time. --- (12913)
- As a native training for the race I have seen athletes and locals both doing foolish things. It's like anything else in life there is always a few bad apples that spoil things for everybody. --- (12913)
- Very dangerous, lots of road rage and close calls --- (12913)
- Some are arrogant and disrespectful. I think that as a for profit event egoman has outlived its usefulness here. --- (12913)
- Biking two or more astride is common place and highly dangerous! Bikers have no consideration for others on roads that are already dangerous. --- (12913)

- I've trained in the area and I've tracked in the area while others have trained. For the most part, the athletes obey the laws and are considerate to the locals, as I've always tried to be. --- (12918)
- Don't ride single lane. --- (12920)
- They are in the roads, refuse to yield to traffic. --- (12924)
- None --- (12928)
- Fun to see others pursuing a healthy lifestyle --- (12932)
- Leaving water bottles and banana peels on the side of rte 9N --- (12932)
- There is an increase in bikes on the road. This doesn't bother me one bit, any more than leaf-peepers do in the fall. It's a short time, ahead of the race. --- (12932)
- Athletes are very grateful and do understand for the most the risk of training on our narrow and busy roadways. --- (12932)
- I see some training but nothing significant --- (12943)
- The bikers coming down Route 73 are scary. That is one negative. Especially through the Cascades, it feels like an accident waiting to happen. Not sure how that can be changed. I've heard a LOT of locals complain that the bikers act like they own the place and it irritates those who have to drive those roads a lot. --- (12943)
- I think it is great that athletes come to the Adirondacks to train. For the most part the athletes respect the residents and support our community. Unfortunately, there are a few that forget that others are living a life that is non-ironman related and act rudely and indecently. --- (12943)
- Scary!- the amount of times I almost hit a biker on a corner is terrifying. We don't have the roads to host it. --- (12943)
- Some good and some bad --- (12943)
- They drop garbage along the training route. Ride 3 or more wide when training. The athletes (in general) act like the rules here do not apply to them. It make summer here even harder as we have to plan to leave or just stay sequestered in our home in the last weekend of the Ironman training and race. Nothing I can say good about it for my town!!!! --- (12943)
- Too many bikers --- (12943)
- Bad on bikes --- (12943)
- Unsafe --- (12943)
- Very friendly. Frequent hotels and restaurants. --- (12943)
- Rude, inconsiderate --- (12943)
- Not good bikes not obeying laws --- (12943)
- I like seeing them on their training workouts. --- (12943)
- Some are very nice others see our area as their gym and don't respect the natural environment --- (12943)
- Some difficulty with bikers slowing and snarling up traffic. --- (12943)
- None --- (12943)

- I have not really had any, other than talking with a colleague I teach with who participated in the Ironman about 8 years ago. --- (12943)
- see above --- (12943)
- It's great! I love seeing people out attaining peak fitness. --- (12943)
- Must very nice and polite on the road. Some jerks but so are some of the locals. --- (12943)
- Most are selfish on the roads. They don't stay single file. Park wherever they want and litter. --- (12943)
- Most athletes are respectful and polite. There are a few athletes that make poor decisions but you'll find that with pedestrians and drivers. I find most athletes to be excited to be in the area and are respectful. --- (12943)
- As I stated above....liter, not riding single file, and not politely sharing the road. It creates traffic hazards. They are often oblivious to traveling cars or couldn't care less. --- (12943)
- It's dangerous to have all those bicycles all over the place, practicing. --- (12943)
- Almost entirely positive. Generally, they're respectful and appreciative of the area. --- (12943)
- I enjoy meeting them. Yes it can make driving tricky at times and require people to slow down but so do the hikers at major trailheads. --- (12943)
- I love meeting and connecting with new people out on the road training every weekend. --- (12944)
- I've met many nice people from out of the area. They are so complimentary about this area of the country. Makes me feel so lucky to live here. --- (12944)
- Most are very respectful and pleasant --- (12944)
- They are great people --- (12944)
- Very inspiring to others! The only issue are bikers that don't follow the rules of single biking on busy roads. --- (12945)
- I have met many visitors who are here to train. The vast majority are nice folks who are responsible and a pleasure to have here! No worse or better than hockey or lacrosse visitors!! --- (12945)
- too many bikers in road, but otherwise understanding --- (12945)
- They are all over the roads and our roads do not have big enough shoulders in many of the places that they choose to bike. When/if one of them gets hit by a car, I won't be surprised. --- (12945)
- Not much.. other than directly before the roads become dangerously crowded with cyclists who don't know the area and don't follow road rules... --- (12945)
- Bicyclists taking up so much space on the roads and acting like they are more important than people that actually live here --- (12945)
- They take over the road in the most dangerous places for driving. They refuse to move and get out of the way. Which causes lots of traffic. --- (12950)

- Many bicyclists “hog” the road on the eastern side of the community, which causes significant delays and public safety concerns. The majority are courteous, however. --- (12956)
- There are a lot of people riding bikes on the roads for the weeks before the event --- (12964)
- Negative. I've seen a lot of athletes riding 3 riders across the roadway / folks in Ironman jerseys running in the High Peaks without backpacks / a plan for if they get injured. --- (12970)
- No regard for rules of the road when biking --- (12972)
- Add'l income --- (12972)
- The week before it is a little crowded but nothing that is anything more than driving a little slower! Personally I love seeing everyone out on the course leading up to the event! --- (12972)
- It can be a little difficult driving through the Wilmington notch. But overall, it's good having them here --- (12983)
- They are constantly in the way. They use a 40 mph road like a treadmill and often are not single file.. NOT Taking responsibility for thier own safety. --- (12983)
- I have friends snd family that have participated, hands down the bike is the most dangerous. Keeping roads along the main roads well maintained with wide shoulders is critical to the safety of all- Ironman participants as well as locals. --- (12983)
- They are all over the place, but my experience is generally positive. --- (12983)
- Love to see them up here training, whether in groups (training camps) or solo. Although they don't always follow the NYS Bike laws, there give our economy a boost starting before Memorial day, and lasting through July. --- (12983)
- I have no problems with athletes training for the race. I am an endurance athlete, and I think that drivers in the region could use more care and caution sharing the road with runners, cyclists, and roller skiers. There are athletes training on local roads all year round. --- (12983)
- Generally pretty good, sometimes painful as mentioned above, but that is a lot of people, so you are going to have both good and bad experiences. I think that the real discussion should be about the Lacrosse tournament. I feel they have a much more negative impact. --- (12983)
- I find them to be courteous, and focused. They are not afraid to spend money which can only help the community. We live in a tourist hot spot, drawing people in is what keeps us vibrant! --- (12983)
- I often drive through the notch to get to keeseville where I board my horse and it is especially frustrating when they ride two abreast and it is impossible to go around them. --- (12983)

- Some can be rude; this is true for ANY group of tourists. Again, it's an inconvenience to have to watch out for bikers on the road, but it goes with the territory of LIVING in a TOURIST location. --- (12983)
- They bring in business to the town --- (12983)
- It is dangerous for them and drivers. --- (12983)
- 9/10 times they are friendly and happy to be here --- (12983)
- I have had no contact or interaction with athletes training for the Ironman race. --- (12983)
- inspiring --- (12983)
- All negative, they have an attitude of ownership over shared public spaces and are also dangerous on roads. --- (12983)
- Doesn't bother me at all! --- (12983)
- no issues --- (12983)
- Concern for the cyclists. The 86 and 73 corridors are a hazardous place to train. --- (12983)
- Get the fuck out of the way!!!! --- (12983)
- I teach massage students and they go into business locally. Athletes utilize their professional services --- (12983)
- They train and ride around in our roads at their own risk. Training next to cars for an event on secure closed courses, is their own prerogative and risk --- (12983)
- Bikers like to take up most of the road. --- (12983)
- Bicyclists could be a lot better at sharing the road with cars. Perhaps they could be made more aware of loops that would take them on less-traveled roads. --- (12983)
- Not friendly, racers think they are the only people on the road --- (12983)
- Not sure --- (12983)
- They are selfish and create an instilled impression of what an "athlete" is to our community. We should put this effort toward development of sport that creates opportunities for regional communities. Ironman is not aligned with our Olympic legacy as it currently exists. --- (12983)
- 90%+ of athletes training are nothing but respectful and courteous. They respect our region, and enjoy it for what it is. Every year there are a number of them that act like fools- riding bikes 5 across through the Cascades comes to mind. --- (12983)
- It is good to see all the hard work --- (12983)
- My experience with athlete training is not at all positive, in that driving is often difficult with the number of bikers on the local roads. Most of our roads do not have wide shoulders allowing the bikers to stay on the side. Also, I have often seen bikers riding double which presents an even greater hazard for both driver & biker. --- (12983)
- They clog up the roads for weeks. Very unsafe and scary --- (12983)
- The bicyclists tend to think that they own the road. Not to mention the ones who ride 2 and 3 abreast and refuse to yield to vehicles. The ones going down into Keene are the

worst and through the Cascade Lakes poses a danger to all. That route should be banned for practice and only used on race day. --- (12983)

- They are fine --- (12983)

- Most are good, courteous. The ones who are selfish make them all seem bad. --- (12983)

- Too many rude cyclists --- (12983)

- Terrible at road travel --- (12983)

- they are obnoxious and self-entitled and so are their obnoxious families and children when you encounter them in stores and restaurants. I realize these are generalizations and not every single participant is this way. It's the collective Ironman "culture" I find so offensive. --- (12983)

- arrogant --- (12983)

- Clogs the roadways with extra vehicles and bicycles for up to a month (when there's a not a pandemic). Also don't appreciate the attitudes of the athletes who feel they own the town when the town pays to bring the event here. --- (12983)

- Bicycles riding two or more abreast, holding back traffic. With narrow roads, this can lead to dangerous situations. We want to share the road, but sometimes they take more than their share. --- (12983)

- I had one table last year at a Iron Man who were extremely rude and made me cry but other than that everyone is pretty friendly --- (12983)

- They are fine. More signs are needed at mirror lake for entry and just avoid LP on Fridays. --- (12983)

- Absolutely obnoxious. People riding bikes in the road almost causing accidents. --- (12983)

- I think a fair amount of them have a feeling of entitlement. Especially while biking, many of them (and some may be Ironmen, others may just be cyclists) they don't seem to follow rules of the road, enjoy riding two or three abreast blocking half the lane while people are behind them, and don't realize that their actions can lead to road rage/aggressive driving that can impact everyone involved. --- (12983)

- I love seeing them out running, biking or swimming. As long as they are respecting the rules of the road/water, I have no issues at all. It inspires me to be active and gets me excited to watch the race. --- (12983)

- Generally, Ironman athletes bring a sense of entitlement to the community. It's not a healthy dynamic. --- (12983)

- Just seeing them on the road. NBD. --- (12983)

- Overwhelmingly good people participate in the race. --- (12983)

- The many camps and athletes training bring in money for local business. They stick to the same locations and routes and are a minimal impact on the region --- (12983)

- Inspiring --- (12983)

- Nice to see. A bit concerned about safety, especially bikes in packs. --- (12983)

- Mixed - just like any other sporting event at any and all levels. --- (12983)
- Training "athletes" not following road rules on already crowded roads. --- (12983)
- Athletes, particularly bikers, cause unsafe driving conditions --- (12983)
- The people training on long bike rides are dangerous on the roads. They ride in groups, on roads with short passing zones and blind corners. --- (12983)
- It really hasn't impacted me personally. --- (12983)
- They take over the roads and don't ride single file. I saw them training down Route 73 through the Cascades to Keene taking up the entire lane, riding side by side, etc. slowing and stopping traffic for miles. --- (12983)
- ok i suppose --- (12983)
- I understand it's a once a year event and puts a spotlight on our area promoting tourism. I have had positive experiences with athletes and their families. --- (12983)
- Bikers and runners acting like they own the road. --- (12983)
- They don't really purchase locally. --- (12983)
- As previously stated, lack of respect not always, but often by athletes toward community and its members. --- (12983)
- Going to cause accidents on our roadways. Completely disregard traffic laws --- (12983)
- Seen a rise of poor attitude and general disrespect of town and its workers from people training when training before the ironman events. We are small town and poor behavior and disrespectful attitudes are much more noticeable than in larger communities. --- (12983)
- Had none. --- (12983)
- There are always athletes in the LP area, obviously this increases during the lead up to the race. It's something that is known and you deal with it. --- (12983)
- Their lack of manners on the road. --- (12983)
- they are rude and arrogant and have no respect for this area --- (12983)
- Respectful to locals --- (12983)
- See previous answer. --- (12983)
- I've almost hit a few cyclists cuz they do not respect the rules of the road. --- (12983)
- Rude, ignorant and apparently unable to abide by road laws --- (12983)
- The bikes do NOT share the road. Making it extremely dangerous to drive thru cascades --- (12983)
- Minimal but good --- (12983)
- N/a --- (12983)
- Most are great; sometimes frustrating when cyclists ride 2-3 side by side. --- (12983)
- A lot act entitled and non appreciative --- (12983)
- both the runners and cyclists take up the road in an unsafe manner causing cars to dodge them. the drip trash where they please. --- (12983)
- Nuisance --- (12983)

- The cyclists can be a little obnoxious when they commandeer a lane of traffic. Other than that, happy to see them. --- (12983)
- There are a lot of bicycles on the road. Some of the riders share the road well with cars, but others don't. --- (12983)
- We live on Route 3 leaving Saranac Lake going toward Tupper Lake. We do notice increased biking sometimes by our house but it doesn't really affect us any more than increased summer traffic. --- (12983)
- I've never had a bad experience, sometimes they take up the entire road and won't move over, but other than that I haven't had many experiences. --- (12983)
- Their elitist attitude and disregard for those of us that live here and have to go about our daily lives and commutes here --- (12983)
- It's wildly unsafe for both the athletes and those who are driving. I don't know how more people haven't been seriously injured in the lead up to the race when the roadways get choked by cyclists. --- (12983)
- I've volunteered, lived on a shut down road, and been to the finish line my whole life. It's an amazing experience but may be time to retire it from the area or reconsider the date. --- (12983)
- Acute lack of awareness or concern for "share the road" best practices. General sense of entitlement and perceived superiority. --- (12983)
- Some disrespect for local residents --- (12983)
- Many years experience of cyclist taking over the road, disregard for drivers, rude at times and unsafe --- (12983)
- Some bicyclists are annoying by not staying in bike lane and also riding 2-3 across --- (12983)
- They could be more cognizant of the fact that people need to get to work and not take up the entire road on their bikes. They can be pretty dangerous. --- (12983)
- They don't get out of the way on the road (especially bikers) and are rude and think that we are just here for them --- (12983)
- I do dislike the occasional bike groups that think it's ok to block the roadway, but again, this isn't a constant experience. --- (12983)
- Unknown --- (12983)
- It's not safe the bikers cause many problems. --- (12983)
- Stuck up assholes who trash our town --- (12983)
- Some, not all, choose to ignore basic traffic laws while biking and running. --- (12983)
- Very inconsiderate of the cars on the road. They ride bikes right in the car lanes and don't make any effort to move over. It's very unsafe. Same goes for runners --- (12983)
- No concerns. It's nice to see athletes utilizing the beautiful roads and training grounds in the area. --- (12983)
- People coming to train is as significant an impact as race week --- (12983)
- They hog the road and are demanding to service industry workers. --- (12983)

- Gyms are packed and sometime not accessible for members. Roadways have rude bikers. --- (12983)
- Almost all are great some bikers are not following the rule riding 2 or 3 wide --- (12983)
- I have no good or bad experiences to relay. I occasionally drive by bikers. Sometimes they are in packs. But my driving routes rarely take me along popular training routes. --- (12983)
- they are in the middle of the roads! rude entitled people --- (12983)
- Ironman cyclists often ride several bikers wide creating unsafe driving conditions for themselves and drivers. I am not opposed to cyclists in general, I live on a popular road cycling loop in the Saranac Lake/Lake Clear region, and see safe bikers all season long, but compared to the the athletes on the Ironman loop, other cyclists ride single file, whereas the packs of Ironman athletes seem to have no regard for the summer traffic, or safety of themselves or others. I have experienced numerous situations where those athletes caused dangerous situations on the roadways. --- (12983)
- None --- (12986)
- Athletes (although this does not apply to ALL of them) should be aware of their surroundings when riding and running on the road and follow local traffic laws --- (12986)
- I have come across bikers on the highway on my travels before. Take my time around them because I understand they have a right to be on the road too. There are plenty of locals who ride the road throughout the year too that we have to look out for. --- (12986)
- Lots of bikes on the roads who ride abreast and impair traffic. Especially on morning commutes when we all need to get to work. --- (12986)
- They're around but it doesn't affect me --- (12986)
- leading up to the race brings a lot of athletes to the area. I personally have not had any issues with most of them. --- (12986)
- Good to see them in the area before the event. --- (12986)
- Fine and respectful --- (12986)
- None --- (12986)
- The increased bike traffic on the roadways can be occasionally annoying but very few bikers stray very far into the roadway. --- (12989)
- The beach is always crowded and parking is already very limited, so that is frustrating. I also worry about the negative impact on the lake. Our roads are narrow with no bike lanes, so all of the bikers that come to train makes for a very dangerous situation. It is nerve wracking to try and drive around bikers and keep everyone safe.
a I worry about the impact it has on the lake water. The biking is dangerous - the roads here are narrow with no bike lanes so as a driver, it is nerve wracking. --- (12989)
- It's a free country. If they choose to do these activities for fun, then let them. Otherwise, they will just do it somewhere else that will appreciate all the business they do bring along with them. --- (12989)

- They contribute to the demand due STR's --- (12989)
- My part-time residence is 35 minutes north, not much of a impact for me. --- (12989)
- NIGHTMARE. If you have to leave your home and go down any main highway. To avoid the bikers, runners are better but really the main highways are really the only places to practice??? --- (12989)
- All good experiences. I have family that have participated and it was great fun seeing them train, compete and finish. I could not be more proud of their dedication. --- (12989)
- I think it's overall positive and encourages youth to be more active as well as giving the impression of an active outdoors-centric area. --- (12989)
- Lots of bikes --- (12993)
- Most are considerate, others think they own the road and have privileged use. --- (12993)
- I see the folks riding their bikes around. That's about it. Most seem like nice folks. --- (12993)
- Often see them between Jay and Keene and the shoulders are wide and don't interfere with travel. --- (12993)

Benefits

What are the top benefits you experience due to Ironman? (Choose your top 3)
(Open-ended responses written in the "Other" box.

Benefits - Race Towns (On course)

- Since it's been sold to China and revenues leave the area it has no positive impact --- (12941)
- Not a Lake Placid Resident --- (12941)
- Seeing a diversity of faces and languages - we need it --- (12942)
- There isn't any --- (12942)
- No benefits for me. Just inconvenience --- (12946)
- I don't experience any benefits --- (12946)
- I think that Lake Placid in the summer is enough of a draw. We don't need any of the reasons cited above to draw visitors on a July weekend. The Covid year proves that. These large events are detrimental to enjoying the Adirondacks the way "ForeverWild" was envisioned. --- (12946)
- None, I need to be able to pick more negative impacts --- (12946)
- non-profit grants --- (12946)
- Cheering on participants --- (12946)
- As long as I shelter in place on race day not a huge impact. --- (12946)
- I see no benefit of ironman in lake placid --- (12946)
- I want to choose all --- (12946)
- All of the above are negatives --- (12946)
- donations to community groups --- (12997)
- Wow. Until completing this survey, I did not realize how much of a "not positive" experience the IronMan event is for me personally. --- (12997)
- It allows me to talk about arrogance, privilege and disrespect with my children --- (12997)

Benefits - Race Towns (Not on course)

- Brings my friends to area to race or watch event --- (12941)
- Historic race in historic sports location --- (12941)
- Multiple factors including pre-race training in the area, introducing a different sector of people to the area, potential customers for vacation outside of the Ironman week from visiting and training for the Ironman. Many benefits from Ironman are possible if the issues are resolved. --- (12941)
- There is little or no benefit for most of residents of North Elba who are not interested in sporting activities. --- (12946)
- it provide grant \$\$ for local non-profits and it provides employment --- (12946)
- This event inspires all age levels! Athletes come from may to oct to train on the course --- (12946)
- It creates a "buzz" in town and many stores, restaurants etc as well as local organizations benefit from having it. --- (12946)
- Again, I have ideas about what might be benefits but I feel I've never been given an unbiased accounting of cost/benefit upon which to make an assessment. --- (12946)
- none. NO one watches Ironman on TV and says, hey lets go to Lake Placid. --- (12946)
- There are no benefits to having this event. --- (12946)
- Just a wonderful healthy event, joining familes, friends and residents --- (12946)
- Frankly, aside from being a spectator, I think the "benefits" listed are actually not beneficial at all. --- (12946)
- Disregard my prior answer on question 10, would not let me go back to correct --- (12946)
- None of these impact me personally, but I like that the town sees an influx of spending --- (12946)
- living in an area with the prestige of the Ironman --- (12946)
- My business providing additional money to local people due to the event --- (12946)
- Even if I personally are not a fan of Ironman it is good to be exposed to new sports I strongly feel this sport replaced one addiction for another --- (12946)
- Benefits?? I believe that we all contribute to the event. The event does not give me a direct benefit. --- (12946)
- Detriments outweigh any benefits --- (12946)
- locals are blocked from their homes, lost interest, been there, done that. let LP be itself. --- (12946)
- A good day to leave town --- (12946)
- I actually worked the majority of races here. I did enjoy the energy of the event and participants. But that is one day. I will gladly trade my one day of enjoyment (though that has waned considerably) for the betterment of my community. --- (12946)
- The money Ironman donates to local charities --- (12946)

- Build the Lake Placid brand --- (12946)
- I would have checked many more positives but it wouldn't let me! --- (12946)
- The only thing I like is cheering on a friend who is competing, and that has only happened three times in all the years I've endured the Ironman. Can't say there's ANY other benefit to me. --- (12997)
- I just think it's good --- (12997)
- I get out of town --- (12997)
- Our non-profit receives a significant grant from the Ironman Foundation for providing volunteers. --- (12997)

Benefits - Regional

- I don't feel we need to be associated with ironman any longer. Time to cut the cord and try and repair the damage that has been done. --- (12912)
- Good positive energy from the athletes, they need to include the towns around lakeplacid --- (12912)
- Knowing that the unofficial pee station on the side of my lawn is full of poison ivy --- (12912)
- Not applicable --- (12912)
- I know other local people feel it is valuable and I respect that. --- (12970)
- Pride in our community for successfully hosting this event --- (12983)
- Not a LP resident --- (12983)
- Neighboring towns get athletes that stay as well --- (12986)

Detriments

What are the top detriments you experience due to Ironman? (Choose your top 3)
(Open-ended responses written in the "Other" box.

Detriments - Race Towns (On course)

- No Phone Service --- (12941)
- litter and pissing on peoples lawns --- (12941)
- There are travel delays on race day, especially in Keene, but haven't actually found them to be a detriment, but they do exist. --- (12942)
- Travel impossible, repeat impossible, morning of race --- (12942)
- The delays during the bike race are no big problem since we knew in advance and could plan. It was fun to set up our Adirondack chairs by the road and cheer them on! --- (12942)
- I have to leave town for the weekend or be a virtual prisoner in my home --- (12942)
- Overall disrespect for those living & Working local! --- (12942)
- Our home is between 2 legs of the cycle route so we are basically stuck for hours. And, as I noted above, those who are training are actually less problematic than drivers trying to pass them in the Cascad --- (12942)
- If that is crowded, we need to cancel ALL events of that size. --- (12946)
- The fact WE PAY FOR THESE @\$% HOLES TO COME HERE. --- (12946)
- Why only 3? I want to choose 8 things!! --- (12946)
- I personally witnessed an Ironman punch a canadian tourist because the Canadian tourist lawfully crossed the road at the cross walk. The vast majority of locals are seething with this event and it's participates. --- (12946)
- Health issues - bodily functions on our property --- (12946)
- I'm not nearly so self centered as to let those things bother me. Let's all think community instead of me me me. --- (12946)
- Disgusting, use my lawn as a toilet. Rude. Don't share roadways. --- (12946)
- Ha ha....you offer 'travel delays' as a check box, but not the fact that travel on River Road is near impossible --- (12946)
- course redesign needed for transition and to stay OFF Main Street --- (12946)
- all of the above --- (12946)
- Cyclists pose hazards on the roads --- (12946)
- I do agree we need to educate cyclists about the rules of the road while here training. --- (12946)
- You forgot "trump won the election ". Most of these are not factual. --- (12946)
- I would like to select every single one of these --- (12946)
- Road closures --- (12946)

- Ironman's (corporate) and the competitors' entitled attitudes suck. --- (12946)
- I wanna chose all of the above --- (12946)
- Not allowed to drive near my apartment on Ironman is very inconvenient --- (12946)
- Whiny locals --- (12946)
- Unable to leave my house or get home on day of race as I live on 73 --- (12946)
- I selected 'Other' because I do not believe the instructions "Choose your top 3" does this topic any sort of justice. The detriments experienced from this event cannot be boiled down to a top 3 for me. --- (12946)
- I leave town to avoid the race day --- (12946)
- Both sides need to get along better. Tired of both sides complaining that takes away from the positives to much --- (12946)
- Greg and his team work very well with the residents on River Road to help us get in and out on race day. --- (12946)
- Local grocery stores get depleted of their stock of fresh vegetables and fruit and water --- (12946)
- Access to my house --- (12946)
- If I could of picked all of the questions I would --- (12946)
- Too many super fit athletes, makes me feel fat and slow --- (12946)
- To some degree all of these, have occurred. However, many of them overlap, and many of them are caused by other aspects of this list. Essentially these will skew results. This is not a well thought out survey. --- (12946)
- restaurants ad grocery stores overloaded with people and limited on supply and now of course staffing. --- (12946)
- Unsafe situations due to not following the NYS traffic laws --- (12987)
- people reserve our home due to the convenient course location --- (12997)
- Rules of the road --- (12997)
- Literally all of the above --- (12997)
- All of the Above --- (12997)
- Local opposition and disrespect to the athletes --- (12997)
- Athletes going to the bathroom visibly on the side of the road or in someone's yard --- (12997)
- You seem to only look at the negative here. I have nothing but good to say here. I thinks its positive to see athletes and excitement in the area. It would be dead otherwise to not have vents in the area --- (12997)

Detriments - Race Towns (Not on course)

- Event organizers have no respect for locals and area. Travel delays before and during race,litter,overcrowding --- (12941)
- impact on the smaller towns on the routes that don't benefit from the economic impact of the race --- (12941)
- Getting into town after 5AM. --- (12941)
- Lack of consideration for the additional pressure on our volunteer rescue squad --- (12942)
- I live on Station St, so while we are not on the course we are impacted. I have not negatives to report purposes of the trash. And to note the trash seems to be cleaned up but I think we should find ways to reduce the waste altogether. --- (12946)
- It has become too big of an event for our region. --- (12942)
- A percentage of athletes are entitled and feel like they own wherever they happen to be. These bad apples are hard to deal with --- (12942)
- Bikers filling up the roads and the people fill up the boat launches most of all cause the ex-Governor to cause the Olympic training and development to build huge structures with zero local input or community oversight. --- (12946)
- The fact that town pays Ironman --- (12946)
- Use if volunteer labor for extreme profit --- (12946)
- All of the above tell us to only choose between one and three --- (12946)
- Some of the athletes feel "entitled" --- (12946)
- I would like to check all of these --- (12946)
- Sometimes I do feel that local business especially some restaurant owners forget about the locals during this time, yes we still want to go out to eat, yet some of them seem annoyed that the local people come in during this time, they forget that we are here supporting them all year long. --- (12946)
- disruptive getting places, ex: church for many --- (12946)
- Ironman is a business & should fully reimburse town,vil, etc --- (12946)
- Lake Placid's lack of local control and LP should get more money. --- (12946)
- Instead of using portable toilets, they defecate and urinate anyplace they please. --- (12946)
- Shouldn't limit to 3...should check all applicable --- (12946)
- Overcrowded hiking trails and high traffic in the whole surrounding area during week of Ironman --- (12946)
- We've never been given a clear cost/benefit analysis of the event. It leaves it open to criticism in a way that it doesn't have to be. --- (12946)
- The economic upside does not clearly overcome all of the downsides --- (12946)
- People parking in my driveway on race day. The vehicles usually show up after the start of the race. --- (12946)
- It shuts the village down, you can't go anywhere!!! --- (12946)

- Displace normal summer business --- (12946)
- Spectators, I assume, parking in my driveway --- (12946)
- Spectators and athletes disrespectful that this is a functioning community. They feel that on race day, regardless of location and hour, they are well within their rights to scream, shout, blow air horns, etc. They fail to realize that many of us have to wake up in the morning and be well rested in order to get to jobs. We're so happy for them that they finished the race at 2:00am, but our lives go on and they need to remember that there is a time and a place for their celebrations. Ironman is the one time of the year I feel the need to make sure my front door is locked—they seem to have trouble knowing which house they've rented. --- (12946)
- Unfortunately this question points out the bias of this survey. --- (12946)
- Taxpayer burden to support a race for a for profit private equity company --- (12946)
- Just not a good fit anymore and town is busy without the event --- (12946)
- Race is at a time when Lake Placid is already busy, move it to third weekend in June or weekend after Labor Day. --- (12946)
- Staff on race course can't get to work --- (12946)
- Moving merchandise tent/registration/IM Village to horse show grounds alleviates a lot of the issues mentioned above --- (12946)
- The event organizers could do a better job of respecting the local community and its members and athletes who come to train here could be more respectful. (The survey response boxes above have language regarding these two points that is too strong. The organizers do try and most athletes seem respectful.) --- (12946)
- The burden on infrastructure- it even impacts internet --- (12946)
- I have no information about the economic impact on the region. --- (12946)
- It is old time for them to move on bring something new --- (12946)
- horseshow grounds are perfect for these larger events --- (12946)
- All run by "volunteer" labor --- (12946)
- Vacation Rentals overcrowded, loss of hotel revenue --- (12946)
- Athletes can be disrespectful to businesses --- (12946)
- Knowing we paid for this experience --- (12946)
- I lose precious business for over a week!! --- (12946)
- Parking on main street is impossible the week and weekend of the event --- (12946)
- This survey seems aimed at getting rid of the Ironman. I disagree and think this survey is one sided and despicable. --- (12946)
- Coexistence is needed --- (12946)
- It's at an already busy time. --- (12946)
- Litter along the course during training. IMLP does a good job of cleaning up the course post race. --- (12946)
- The overall financial cost is too much - not just the host fee, but all the ancillary costs such as overtime. --- (12946)

- Litter, do not respect community, travel delays, over crowding, why pay taxes if the community only focus' on visitors. --- (12946)
- Pushing for the race to go ahead in 2020 in the midst of the pandemic --- (12946)
- Exploitation of volunteers, public services and charities --- (12987)
- Emergency Services are forced to detour to avoid race routes, and also give right of way to the same ass hats they are trying to help. And btw, just bc ironman starts and ends in LP; does not mean just LP is affected..... --- (12987)
- Environmental impact along the cycling course. --- (12987)
- participants have left their common courtesy and manners at home. But maybe they don't have any at all!? --- (12997)
- bicycle "traffic" training months before race day --- (12997)
- no drive by traffic and regular customers, they won't come on that weekend. --- (12997)
- Lack of respect for others --- (12997)
- Covid risk. No vaccine requirements. Disregard for safety of locals --- (12997)
- Roads shut down making it very hard to get help by healthcare if needed ,litter left after , disrespected by volunteer --- (12997)
- Our lack of safe infrastructure --- (12997)

Detriments - Regional

- the way car and truck drivers don't give space to these athletes --- (12847)
- Bikers need to respect the rules of the road. Mostly groups. --- (12912)
- Impeding an ambulance from getting to someone in need. No excuse for something like that, and it wasn't one person, it was the entire event. --- (12912)
- It should join the 21st Century and be called IronPERSON --- (12912)
- I don't live in village --- (12912)
- Athletes are disrespectful to the locals who work in restaurants and to people who serve to their needs in general. --- (12913)
- Take advantage of local community, don't pay for overtime. --- (12913)
- All of the above. I can't choose just three! --- (12913)
- The race produces a lot of garbage. It could be greener. --- (12918)
- The strain on our volunteer community. --- (12943)
- Just plain oblivious to anything other than themselves. They dare people to hit them and we are all trying to avoid that. It's very scary! --- (12943)
- All of the above except the loss of business/impact on local \$ --- (12945)
- I just stay away from Lake Placid and Keene that weekend --- (12964)
- Increased strain on emergency services. --- (12970)
- Triples my commute time. --- (12983)
- Fatigue from having to put up with all the above EVERY year --- (12983)
- The amazing amount of waste which the race produces --- (12983)
- I feel like I can't go to lake placid --- (12983)
- All of the above --- (12983)
- Not a LP resident --- (12983)
- Disruption to the healthcare system --- (12983)
- Extra drain on community resources --- (12986)
- Who do I see for my lost 2000 in sales for that Sunday? --- (12993)

Disrespect

In what ways have Ironman athletes and spectators been disrespectful of your personal property? (Optional) *(This question was only asked to respondents who answered that Ironman athletes and spectators have been disrespectful of their personal property.)*

Disrespect - Race Towns (On course)

- Standing in my yard. Yelling at me when I was trying to respond to my fire station when we had a working structure fire --- (12941)
- Threw cups, water bottles, food wrappers --- (12941)
- Using my lawn to relieve themselves. Littering. --- (12941)
- Using personal bathroom --- (12941)
- Urinating on my front yard --- (12941)
- Throwing trash and yelling --- (12941)
- Breaking flower pots. And disrespecting my personal feelings by calling me a fat fucking bitch --- (12946)
- A man punched my car and a woman punched me in my back. I was yelled at and blocked from getting home by a volunteer after a police officer told me that I was good to go. I had to make the poor police officer come over and make him move out of my way. He gave me the finger and called me a bitch. We made a complaint against him. --- (12946)
- Mostly noise. We live at Pinehill and renters have been extremely noisy late at night on race day. Our windows are usually open at night and we have been awakened by loud voices as late as 3 am. Also, spectators park on Station Street and even on Fir Way, making it difficult to even leave home, not to mention the trash they drop. --- (12946)
- They don't follow road rules while training. Riding two and three sometimes even for abreast of doing the bicycle course. I have had the great misfortune of having followed bikers through the Cascades and actually had someone poop and have it land on my car I had to clean it so much fun. As a house cleaner who is had to clean after Iron Man stayed in my units They leave everything beyond gross sheets are disgusting toilets are full of poop it's just ridiculously disgusting I really have nothing positive to say about 99% of the Iron Man --- (12942)
- Gotten on my roof to watch the race Used my water to fill up 55 gal drums Plugged their phones into my outside outlets Blocked my driveway Blocked the entry of the building --- (12946)
- Erecting signage on and using my property as a viewing area without first obtaining permission. --- (12941)
- By using my yard as a place to rest and or relieve themselves, or park a vehicle to wait for another rider. --- (12942)

- Living on the course means athletes urinate and defecate along my property line. They also throw a ton of trash(water bottles, banana peels, Gatorade gu etc.) How would you feel if people urinated and defecated on your property? Property you pay tax on. Enough is enough at this point. --- (12942)
- Urinating and using my trash and recycling bins. Leaving broken wheels --- (12942)
- Trash --- (12942)
- Spectators trying to park in my driveway. --- (12942)
- One year, during the race, an athlete decided to use my family's side yard to poop. It was disgusting. One athlete threw a water bottle at my vehicle when I passed them safely on the road. --- (12942)
- They aren't. If I inadvertently said they are, I checked the wrong box. --- (12946)
- Garbage everywhere! And have designated rest stops --- (12946)
- No --- (12946)
- They use people property as toilets and throw their garbage where ever they want --- (12946)
- I have found my yard ran through many times, garbage alone by property line. --- (12946)
- Decide to sit on property that is not theirs to eat their food. Witnessed vomiting and going to the bathroom in open public areas across the street from residential homes. --- (12946)
- Peeing, littering --- (12946)
- trespassed every single year since day 1. leave trash behind. bother our other property rental with noise. enjoy our land when we and our other renters can't. NOISE. --- (12946)
- Garbage -travel - bikes on road --- (12946)
- Use as toilet --- (12946)
- Trespassing, littering --- (12946)
- Every year there's trash left in my yard, there's people parked in my driveway. Towing them would be top priority, if central garage could even leave there business which they can't --- (12946)
- Taking outdoor furniture from my yard to use for themselves. Leaving behind garbage in my yard. --- (12946)
- They just walk across my yard, leaving their trash! --- (12946)
- See above. --- (12946)
- They use my lawn as a toilet, up all hours of the night and early morning with speakers and loud music, cowbells, screaming. Can't get out of my house if there is an emergency or to do regular activities. Wake my kids. --- (12946)
- Urinating and defecating --- (12946)
- Trash spitting walking in the yard --- (12946)

- Had one athlete defecate on my lawn next to my driveway, they enter my property to urinate, I have to pick up litter at the end of my driveway. --- (12946)
- Park on lawn, use lawn as latrine...private property. the should not be on it whatsoever --- (12946)
- Litter --- (12946)
- Found human feces next to my home --- (12946)
- As I just mentioned parking on my property. Defecating/urinating in my yard. Leaving trash in my yard, and using my front yard as a viewing station without permission. --- (12946)
- Parking in our spaces Too many cars...disregard for rules of the community Rude jesters and comments when informed or rules of community Spectator use of airports as they leave early in AM To watch splashoff --- (12946)
- Running, biking through my property --- (12946)
- Trash. Walking in my property and setting up "camp" for the day. Parked cars blocking my property. --- (12946)
- Litter. --- (12946)
- Bringing their bikes into hotel rooms without asking for permission which leads to dirtying hallways, carpets, walls. Throwing dirty wet swimming suits on the couches, carpets etc. --- (12946)
- Leaving trash --- (12946)
- human feces on front lawn and empty beverage bottles and goo wrappers --- (12946)
- Treated it as if it were theirs. Sat on my lawn and parked bikes on my lawn. --- (12946)
- Park on lawn, set up chairs, noisemakers all day --- (12946)
- They leave garbage on my lawn. Block my driveway and let their kids run on my yard --- (12946)
- None --- (12946)
- They throw their litter and sponges everywhere --- (12946)
- They sit/stand in my yard act as if my lawn in public property --- (12946)
- leaving garbage behind. do not stay off lawn. --- (12946)
- Littering, trespassing, parking and using property as a bathroom. --- (12946)
- Using it a a toilet --- (12946)
- Urinating, leaving garbage and making themselves comfortable on my front lawn with their cow bells --- (12946)
- Blocking my driveway throwing garbage on my lawn --- (12946)
- Garbage on my lawn , u-turns in my driveway --- (12946)
- They throw their trash in my garbage cans --- (12946)
- Parking on my lawn --- (12946)
- Taking chairs from my front porch to use for themselves to watch the race. Leaving garbage behind in my yard. --- (12946)

- Using my lawn as a bathroom. --- (12946)
- Blocked driveway in, littered in yard, loitered. --- (12946)
- Sitting on private property and leaving junk --- (12946)
- I live in parkside. And have come out of house and seen people use my yard to go the bathroom. Or throw their trash out in yard --- (12946)
- Walking on my lawn and setting up chairs to watch the race --- (12946)
- Urinating, defecating and parking --- (12946)
- They stand in/on my lawn and garden during the event and this year refused to leave when I asked them to. --- (12946)
- Left garbage @ the private road entrance. --- (12946)
- Trash - noise --- (12997)
- Littering and peeing right in front of my home. --- (12997)
- I've had people throwing trash in my yard, loitering on my lawn and a gentle urinated on my bush! --- (12997)
- Littering , peeing --- (12997)
- ruining linen cleaning their bikes, recyclable litter, disobeying accommodation limits and visitor policies --- (12997)

Disrespect - Race Towns (Not on course)

- I am constantly having to pick up of my and my church lawn. Empty water bottles, banana peels, Gatorade bottles, power bar wrappers --- (12941)
- Littering. Some people training relieve themselves in the brook outside my house. --- (12942)
- Throwing clothing and trash on my lawn, leaving vehicles in our parking lot, blocking the roadway, urinating on my building, refusing to use bike racks provided, and general rudeness. My moving vehicle was slapped at an intersection by a man who shouted for me to "wait and show respect for the Ironman" while they passed in front of me illegally during training time. --- (12942)
- Back when I lived on River Road in Lake Placid, they would throw trash on to my yard, near my personal caseload trash can. Certainly not in the can. --- (12942)
- Pooping along roadways and parking lots in places of business --- (12946)
- Trash in my neighborhood, parking along the narrow streets --- (12946)
- Trashing rentals...trashing our neighborhoods by littering... --- (12946)
- Parking so I can't get out of my parking space. Being rude if you are walking around the lake-you are in their way. A person left a bag of urine he had in his car on my property. --- (12946)
- Parking in drive and on lawn. Human feces in my yard. --- (12946)

- Leave trash in my trees, expect me to fill their water bottle (if I refuse they disconnect my hose and help themselves), expect to use my bathroom (if I refuse they pee on my property in front of other guests). Terrible! --- (12946)
- We can count on excessive damage and misuse of amenities provided to them. --- (12946)
- During the race athletes toss trash all along the race course and often continue that same as action as they are walking back to hotels and Airbnb rentals. This has affected many locals who not only live on the race course, but many that live in the village near short term rentals. --- (12946)
- Left my property damaged in 2021 --- (12946)
- They feel the lawns and roads are theirs --- (12946)
- Parking on lawn, throwing garbage --- (12946)
- Hard on rooms and common areas. A percentage are self absorbed, act entitled and needy. --- (12946)
- Littering and loitering --- (12946)
- Spectators tried to use my lawn as a bathroom --- (12946)
- Leave trash on my yard. Park in front of my driveway blocking us in --- (12946)
- Ride 4 bikes across and won't let cars pass --- (12946)
- Years ago we lived on the race route (for 14 years) and they would urinate on the houses in front of us while our child was outside. And would park in front of driveway, blocking it. --- (12946)
- Littering, parking on the lawn, and arguing when being asked to move off the lawn --- (12946)
- They sit directly outside, in front of open windows, and in flower beds. They have also come in demanding to use bathrooms/wifi/phone chargers and wanted to "camp out" waiting for their racer to come past/their family/their phone to charge, etc. Overall the vibe is, "we bought and paid for the town for the week so you are here to serve us and we can do whatever we want". It didn't used to be that way, but since it was opened up to a wider group of athletes it's become more and more apparent. --- (12946)
- Defecating l'm my front yard on training runs. Urinating in my front yard --- (12946)
- Personally none. --- (12946)
- They park in supposedly private lots and park close enough to where you literally can't get in your car. --- (12946)
- Public urination and defecation --- (12946)
- Garbage Out of town families have trespassed numerous times on our property An athlete told me to go fuck myself when we asked them to obey the noise ordinance Camper vans park up and down our street. They use our garbage cans and are assholes about it Bikers train in the road and have cars stay behind them so that no one can pass Town lots are converted into camping areas Noise all hours of the night --- (12946)

- Don't follow traffic laws well on a bike like they're supposed to. Feel like they on the road --- (12946)
- Litter and mess --- (12946)
- Even though it says private property, they'll go all over. Also, in years past, they've used my backyard as a launch point for the volunteers which they're awfully loud at 3 am being RIGHT BEHIND an apartment building. --- (12946)
- Because I've parking is at a premium on race day, people believe it's okay to park on my lawn and seriously limit traffic in my neighborhood. --- (12946)
- Parking, they have a sense of entitlement for spending measly \$ here --- (12946)
- Trash, litter, --- (12946)
- BLOCKED DRIVE WAY left garbage on lawn --- (12946)

Disrespect - Regional

- They have no respect. --- (12912)
- riders and spectators come on my personal property without permission. They leave their trash in yard and use my yard as a "bathroom". We are fed up with them. Time to move on --- (12912)
- Peeing, laying in my lawn and leaving trash --- (12912)
- Parking themselves and their strollers on my deck to observe events on the course. --- (12912)
- shitting / pissing --- (12912)
- Unofficial pee station and garbage --- (12912)
- They have taken a shit in the back yard of a relative that lives in Keene along the route - --- (12943)
- Litter. Trespass --- (12943)
- Littering --- (12983)
- Throw garbage --- (12983)
- When I lived in Lake Placid, Parking illegally on streets, blocking drive ways, litter, disrespect of common decency in our neighborhoods. --- (12983)
- Leaving trash, parking on private property --- (12983)

Changes

Which of the following changes, if any, would you be in favor of? (Select all that apply)
(Open-ended responses written in the "Other" box.)

Changes - Race Towns (On course)

- Putting up more bike training signs along the route to keep tourists on alert. --- (12941)
- Start race at 6 PM. They can use headlamps for the bike/run. It would add to the challenge. They could brand it as "extreme epic" --- (12941)
- Keep it in Lake placid. All of it --- (12941)
- mitigate pollution and environmental degradation --- (12941)
- Including all the other communities (not just Lake Placid) that are on the race course in promotion of the event --- (12941)
- Not a Lake Placid Resident --- (12941)
- If it's not broke , don't fix it. --- (12941)
- Alter the route to shorten the distance of the detours for the benefit of local residents. --- (12941)
- no changes --- (12941)
- Race every 3 years if it must stay. Would prefer no to have it here at all. --- (12942)
- Reroute to keep it in Lake Placid and off Route 73 and Route 9N --- (12942)
- There's nothing --- (12942)
- Any positive choices? --- (12946)
- Move race to Lake George --- (12946)
- Stop paying Ironman --- (12946)
- Move the swim to Lake Placid & the route out of town --- (12946)
- Increase community and local business support from the organization --- (12946)
- Getting rid of the half iron man race completely --- (12946)
- Ironman officials police the course 3 weeks prior and eject those violating the rules --- (12946)
- Work to find ways to diminish lake pollution. --- (12946)
- October race --- (12946)
- Rotate the event around the region. Maybe a diffident town every few years. --- (12946)
- Move it to Massena or somewhere that actually needs economic stimulus. Lake placid DOES NOT need iron mans help --- (12946)
- Ironman would contribute substantial amount yearly to keep Mirror Lake clean. --- (12946)
- September would be ideal --- (12946)
- Traffic enforcement and education with visiting teams --- (12946)

- Why is this all negative? --- (12946)
- If cancelling doesn't happen, then I would definitely want to see the route changed, and perhaps see it moved to September to get it out of the summer but when the water is still warm enough for the swim --- (12946)
- redesign race course, review and understand a simple budget impact to all support entities around IM Brand event --- (12946)
- I'd like to see the organization give back more to the community. --- (12946)
- Week after Labor Day --- (12946)
- Have you heard of a class action lawsuit? Be careful here. --- (12946)
- It think the race company needs to give more to the community and be very public about it. --- (12946)
- negotiate lower fees paid to Ironman by ROOST --- (12946)
- Fewer participants and mass start --- (12946)
- Possibly have the race every 3 years- ever other would still be too much --- (12946)
- Have the run down Main Street so spectators could shop. --- (12946)
- Working with the organization to help athletes better understand how to be respectful --- (12946)
- If the race could be moved to a different time of year, that would be fine. I am indifferent to that subject --- (12946)
- Avoid July and August --- (12946)
- Vaccination mandate for COVID --- (12946)
- Encourage race organizers to do a better job addressing the concerns of residents but being proactive in pre-race protocols --- (12946)
- Work needs to be done on training weekends. To me that is much of the problem. Athletes arrive for one weekend or 2 of training and abuse the course. Hundreds at a time sometimes. Ironman should effectively have watchers out there coaching athletes. --- (12946)
- If moving the event either before horse shows or after Labor Day would be favorable and minimize the economic loss to my personal business. --- (12946)
- Move to Wilmington --- (12946)
- prohibiting pop up tarps along mirror lake drive --- (12946)
- Accommodate IronMan as best we can until we know what effect on our infrastructure ultimately results in. THEN we reassess. --- (12946)
- Use mud season or late October when there is less tourism to spread tourism year-round --- (12946)
- Why not pilot a plan where we alternate years with Lake George for at least 4 years? That would assuage some of LP's more vocal anti-Ironman residents. The break could allow them to see just how much revenue we are missing and see that summer 2020 was an anomaly. --- (12946)

- Bring something else in to town. Perhaps something not as big or even a sporting event. We have enough --- (12946)
- Make it every 3 years --- (12946)
- When it was moved. To horse show grounds. It seem to work better --- (12946)
- Shortening the hours --- (12946)
- Limit competitors and time. LP marathon is a great example --- (12946)
- Encourage overprivileged locals to have gratitude for living in the such a beautiful area 52 weeks a year as opposed to focusing on what they feel is being taken from them for 10 days of the year.. --- (12946)
- Don't allow training to take place on the same route as the race is. --- (12987)
- Saturday instead of Sunday would be better. We cant go to church on Sunday . --- (12987)
- Move the race to a less-crowded weekend, or even mid-week. --- (12987)
- If people's property is being disrespected by competitors, perhaps a campaign or accountability for them to behave better. Promote the area and its residents as friends to be respected. Not that we should have to do that, the athletes should know better, but more reminders may be needed. --- (12997)
- Improve the road with legal shoulder and bike path --- (12997)
- I am in favor of whatever is best for our community as a whole. --- (12997)
- Move it to Tupper lake --- (12997)
- Moving the race to a different area,where less population is affected, out by Bloomingdale to Silver Lake back up Rte 3 or turn right in Keene and up Spruce hill to Eton through malfunction junction and back through chapel pond and back up the cascades. --- (12997)
- Abolishing ROOST --- (12997)

Changes - Race Towns (Not on course)

- Educate drivers about the rules of the road in regards to sharing the roads with cyclists --- (12941)
- Find ways to positively impact towns in the surrounding area --- (12941)
- Rules for training. They need to be respectful of not only the region but the people who live here as well. --- (12941)
- Not really sure --- (12941)
- Event organizers need to police the roadways themselves to monitor safety --- (12941)
- Change the route of the cycling portion every other year to include other towns in the ADK ie Saranac Lake --- (12941)
- Have more races per year. 70.3 and Full Ironman --- (12941)
- Vary the route annually --- (12942)
- Ensuring all cross streets are monitored for car traffic for the competitors' safety (ex: near car collision with athlete at Gristmill Ln.) --- (12942)
- IM provide funding to towns and youth/community programs --- (12942)
- Unknown --- (12942)
- There's enough athletic activities in Lake Placid cutback on significantly and have more music and theater functions. --- (12946)
- Add toilet facilities to the bike course. Bring back local slots. --- (12946)
- Have the event organizers pay us in order to be here. Ask them to donate a substantially larger amount of money to all of the volunteer organizations that allow their event to happen! --- (12946)
- IM needs to hold participants liable for breaking local rules/laws. Example would be to disqualify them from the event --- (12946)
- Move to Tupper Lake --- (12946)
- Choosing a different time might be nice later like the 70.3.... but maybe not --- (12946)
- Cap the event at 1000 participants AND move it to June or September, OR permanently discontinue it in Lake Placid. --- (12946)
- Let somewhere else host it. It's been here long enough --- (12946)
- Guaranteed entry for locals --- (12946)
- I think permanent rest rooms along the course (and other popular roads) should be installed and maintained. Similar to what you see in the Western US --- (12946)
- An August Event would keep athletes coming for 3 or 4 months to train on the course ! Training Camps would be longer and more hotels and restaurants would benefit! --- (12946)
- Find ways to better include local businesses in the event. Gift cards to all athletes, businesses as part of the athlete village / market, etc... More \$ back to the community and especially the volunteers --- (12946)

- town gives Roost \$ to pay you to come, eliminate it, you are a for profit organization. you should give \$ to agencies who help cover the race like police and ambulance, fire? etc!!!! cover their costs of manpower scheduling! --- (12946)
- thinking... --- (12946)
- I have an idea for a change, how about we oust ROOST from Lake Placid? Jim and Mary Jane like to think hey hold all the power here, yet when someone tells them they should know their roles and shut their mouths, they get upset and cry wolf. Time for Ironman, ROOST and more importantly Jim and Mary Jane to book it. --- (12946)
- Na --- (12946)
- Making the event less frequent (perhaps every other year) and at a less busy time (maybe spring or early fall) with far less competitors --- (12946)
- Build bicycle lanes on highways. --- (12946)
- Cancel. Accumulate data regarding tourism numbers BEFORE committing to any Ironman contracts! --- (12946)
- Rather than pay Iron Man for "Brand exposure" we should charge them for using the Lake Placid Brand. --- (12946)
- More consideration for residents/ workers. Remove barriers as soon as possible --- (12946)
- provide more support for local stores --- (12946)
- Compared with other big sporting events that I have attended or participated in, Lake Placid does a great job of promoting the event but I have noticed less "press" in the past few years. Publishing the start list and full results in the paper would be great again. --- (12946)
- I avoid the race. I plan to continue to avoid the race. Whenever it is (earlier, later or less often) I will plan to avoid town that day. --- (12946)
- It's all relative. We should do what makes the most amount of sence for the communities involved as a whole --- (12946)
- Make midweek race day and not a weekend --- (12946)
- Tri annually, quad annually, quinquennial --- (12946)
- Ironman should be looked at in context. It is in the middle of a series of high impact events including Rugby, two weekends and all week of lacrosse, and Ironman itself. That is unrelenting nuisance. If we were to sacrifice one event, I would get rid of the teenage portion of lacrosse week. The teenagers are more bothersome than any of the other groups including the college and adult lacrosse players; the teenagers are unable to go into bars and as such loiter all over main street cat calling women, making fun of passersby, and sometimes causing property damage. --- (12946)
- A suggestion would be to not only have volunteers through the ironman organization for the race day events, but also have a set of volunteers for the day after to clean not only the course, but the village area as a whole. --- (12946)

- This past year course helped Main Street being more accessible. Would consider keeping this change going forward. --- (12946)
- Advance Publications should pay the village and town \$500,000.00 each for us to host the event in the fall biannually. Or they can go somewhere else --- (12946)
- Widening roads that bikers train on to accommodate a bike lane. --- (12946)
- Inquire as to whether athletes plan to train here beforehand and give them rules to follow. Failure could result in a pre race disqualification. --- (12946)
- Perhaps some level of traffic control, but seriously the inconvenience is only for a weekend --- (12946)
- Improve roads to provide safe shared useage --- (12946)
- Move the race away from LP --- (12946)
- increase the size of the race --- (12946)
- Lake Placid should not pay Ironman a fee. We are a unique location and if anything, Ironman should pay us for the location and service we provide --- (12946)
- Move the race to somewhere nearby --- (12946)
- Swap the race with a more contemporary event with broader demographic appeal. --- (12946)
- reestablish home stays so we could again host athletes --- (12946)
- Keep merchandise tent/IM Village/Registration out at the Horseshow grounds, eliminates traffic downtown till Sat for Bike check in, so much more parking at the grounds than downtown. --- (12946)
- Become a more community friendly event. --- (12946)
- None of these --- (12946)
- Get event owners to pay the community for services provided to house the event --- (12946)
- Modify the contract with the race owners so that the village/town are not having to pay to bring the race to Lake Placid. --- (12946)
- Move the race to a non peak timeframe. --- (12946)
- Just because I don't love Ironman is not a reason we should never hold it I suggest a break from Ironman may be welcome as we have seen with hiking you do not need everyone to come to our village all the time new people come and get a chance to enjoy all that Lake Placid has to offer --- (12946)
- Ensure appropriate trash receptacles --- (12946)
- Move to Memorial Day weekend or first weekend in June. Allows for other tourists in July as happened during Covid summer. Occupancy at hotels is lower then. School usually closed extra days for Memorial Day weekend so could accommodate. --- (12946)
- If not cancelled (1st choice) decrease the impact --- (12946)
- Making the economic impact clear to citizens --- (12946)
- Replace with something new --- (12946)

- horseshow grounds are perfect --- (12946)
- Emphasize strongly to be more considerate of our townspeople. --- (12946)
- Standards of behavior for all visiting race people --- (12946)
- Having the Ironman connect a little more to the community - maybe helping to raise money for a local charity or cause so that locals feel like the race is giving back. --- (12946)
- Pay the volunteer labor --- (12946)
- Better swag for the volunteers --- (12946)
- Move it somewhere else --- (12946)
- Make the event "green" and highlight environmentally sustainable practices and leave infrastructure (Such as recycle bins on Main Street or bicycles that can power events in Mid's park... --- (12946)
- Make any locals who race have the first bib numbers after the pros like it was in the first several years. Try to build back local interest in the event --- (12946)
- Have Ironman pay for LP to host. 'Grants' to orgs that must provide innumerable volunteer hrs is disingenuous. They profit at the community's expense, but can claim to donate to the community by calling workers volunteers. I'd also like to see a comprehensive accounting done - how many volunteer hrs by how many orgs, police budgets for weekend (village and state), number of businesses/orgs that must close for weekend/day, infrastructure use/repair, payment(s) to Ironman vs. actual economic impact numbers. --- (12946)
- Reduce the negativity of some local residents. Our area has lost so much economically and Ironman is a big positive. We need to embrace it! --- (12946)
- Na --- (12946)
- End it altogether. Absent that, rotate with TWO other hosts. And in all cases - DO NOT PAY A PRIVATE CORPORATION TO USE OUR FACILITIES AND PEOPLE AND LEAVE HERE WITH MILLIONS OF DOLLARS. --- (12946)
- Perhaps a cap of 1500-2000 competitors --- (12946)
- Ban early training though the notch and other dangerous parts of the course --- (12946)
- Every 3 years would work but competitors need "education" --- (12946)
- fix the bicyclists, and also the foul language some people use --- (12946)
- Search for a family friendly, spectator event that does not totally congest the town --- (12946)
- Either look at biannually and the options chosen above, or cancel it altogether. The restaurants that like ironman don't get to speak for everyone. Especially the owners that are outright terrible people. --- (12946)
- Cancel the damn event. We are sick of this shit!! --- (12946)
- Change the membership of the group that wants to cancel Ironman. --- (12946)
- Move the race to a town nearby --- (12946)

- Grease the squeaky wheel --- (12946)
- Move the race to later in the year like September --- (12946)
- Race should be in shoulder seasons: May, June, September, October --- (12946)
- This assumes the race route has been altered to minimize congestion. --- (12946)
- Encourage more locals to participate... ex. Reduce cost and let them sign up at a later date. If more locals did it, naturally more locals will be supportive of the event --- (12946)
- Move the race to mid-week so it doesn't effect 2 prime summer weeks --- (12946)
- Move race to an off season, thats the maximum way to help local business, not smack in the midsummer when tourists are here anyway. --- (12946)
- altering the route to minimize resident inconvenience --- (12946)
- Make the race pay for it's own day-of support staff --- (12946)
- We've done this with the Lacrosse tournament, put out "ambassadors" to help with the relationship between the athletes and the locals. Clearly right now it's more hostile then the locals relationship with lacrosse ever was. --- (12946)
- Running the event outside of the peak summer season and limiting the number of athletes could work. --- (12946)
- more consideration for local emergency services vehicles i.e. route should NEVER block access --- (12987)
- No comment needed --- (12987)
- no comment --- (12997)
- Do not schedule race between memorial day and Columbus day --- (12997)
- Possibly more involvement from local law enforcement to enforce proper riding laws --- (12997)
- go away --- (12997)
- Covid test and vaccine required. Educate participants and provide penalties for trainers who ride like morons 2,3,4 across --- (12997)
- Improving the roads and infrastructure for everyone --- (12997)
- Strict enforcement of safety in athlete training (I.e. SINGLE FILE ONLY) --- (12997)

Changes - Regional

- S --- (12912)
- find a route with wider shoulders to accommodate training the shoulder of roads are too narrow --- (12912)
- You can't please all of them --- (12912)
- Just go away. Go somewhere else. --- (12912)
- make it a winter race with fat-tired bikes and cross country skiing --- (12912)
- Move it completely to Lake Placid --- (12912)
- Change the name to IronPERSON --- (12912)
- Not applicable --- (12912)
- Haven't thought about it --- (12912)
- Just respecting that we live and work here --- (12913)
- Require participants to cleanup trash left on the roads the day after the event --- (12924)
- Fall may be better, from a weather / scenery perspective. But July is also fine - I just worry about athletes in the heat/humidity --- (12932)
- If they're going to be changes needed for the event local tax payers shouldn't take on that burden for a company who makes millions. --- (12932)
- Ensure the economic impact is proportionate throughout the region. --- (12943)
- Give more money to the community --- (12943)
- Making it clear to participants the impact they have on the community and if they are caught disrupting the community they will be banned from participation. Signing rules they understand the rules of the road, not to litter and respect the people that live and work here if they want this to stay a viable event. --- (12943)
- Partner with local businesses to implement an incentive program to shop at their stores. --- (12943)
- Have local vendors for the early hours with coffee& quick breakfast items for spectators. Local vendors to provide food for athletes at the finish line. --- (12945)
- I worry about the mid summer heat on the athletes --- (12964)
- Do they pay State Police for overtime? If not, they should. --- (12970)
- Once again, you need to reduce the amount of waste which the event produces. --- (12983)
- End it --- (12983)
- The race should start in Mirror Lake in Lake Placid, bike to Tupper Lake, run through Saranac Lake... Honor the TRI Lakes as the name of the race becomes more coincidentally marketable. I'll screen capture the idea now. --- (12983)
- Create a meaningful positive impact for the athletic opportunities of youth in our community --- (12983)
- Having bicyclists practice only on roads that have ample shoulders for the ample safety of the rider and vehicles. --- (12983)

- Establish a MUCH lower number of competitors --- (12983)
- more favorable negotiations with IM corp so they give more back to the community. --- (12983)
- Code of conduct for Athletes and teams. So that they are more aware of their effect on our community and so that we can find a more symbiotic way for all us to enjoy the event. --- (12983)
- Covid protocols should be in place. If not vaccinated no race. --- (12983)
- make the route still drivable by requiring athletes to only use the shoulder of the road --- (12983)
- It's been here long enough --- (12989)
- Na --- (12989)
- Don't do it in July or August. Peak season for us. Do september --- (12993)