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"Switch To a Bike. Protect Your Home"

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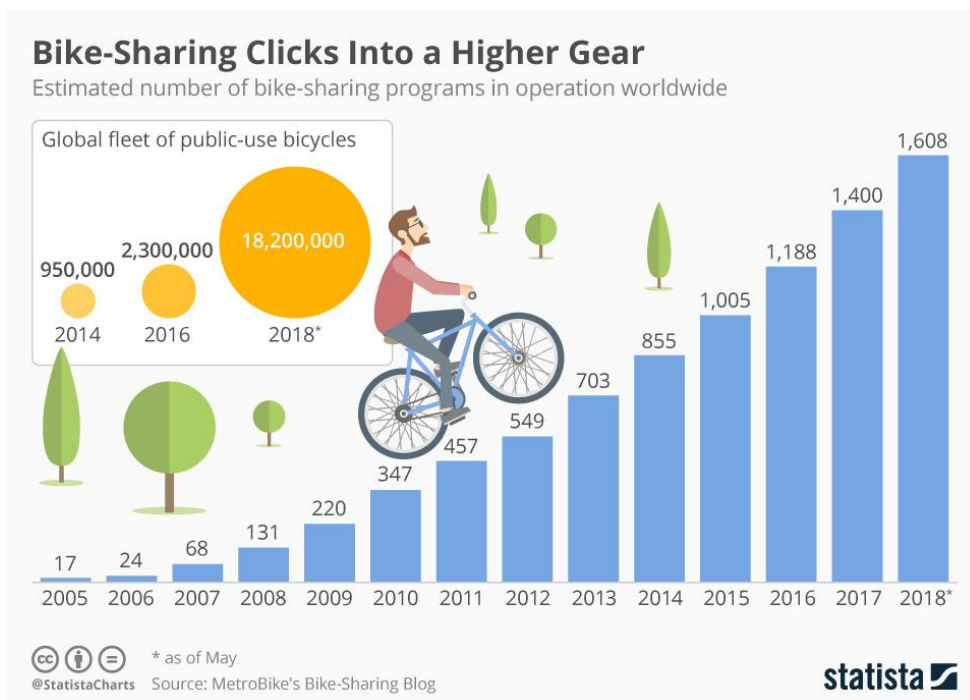


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Despite being nearly 50 years old, bike share is only recently seeing widespread international growth. However, with better data and improved models, bike share’s future looks extremely bright.



In 1965, Amsterdam implemented what is now considered the first bike share system in history. Known as Witte Fietsen (“White Bikes” in English)



Today, the number of bicycles available through sharing programs is estimated at 946,000 bikes, most of which (750,000) are in China.

Benefits

Bike sharing programs have gained popularity in cities worldwide due to their numerous benefits for both individuals and urban environments. One key advantage is the promotion of sustainable transportation, reducing carbon emissions and alleviating traffic congestion. For instance, in cities like Copenhagen, Denmark, where bike sharing is widely adopted, cycling comprises over 50% of all trips made within the city. This has led to improved air quality and a healthier population. Bike sharing also enhances public health by encouraging physical activity. In Barcelona, Spain, the Bicing program has been credited with increasing physical exercise among residents, resulting in improved cardiovascular health and reduced healthcare costs. Additionally, bike sharing provides an affordable and flexible mode of transportation, allowing people to conveniently reach their destinations while saving money. Cities such as Paris, France, with its Vélib' system, have witnessed a significant decrease in car usage, benefiting residents and contributing to a more livable urban environment.



Last year, U.S. bike-share riders completed nearly 46 million trips—more than twice as many trips from the previous year.



A new study out of Colorado State University has found that, on average, bike share systems are saving the U.S. healthcare system more than \$36 million a year.

Problems

Parking docks can be full at certain hours, making it difficult for riders to return the bikes once they've reached their destinations.



Many systems rebalance their bike supply using fleets of box trucks that reallocate dozens of bikes at a given time. This is a costly, time-consuming endeavor that enlarges the systems' carbon footprint. Thus, it is crucial that rebalancing be as efficient as possible











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