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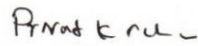
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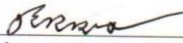
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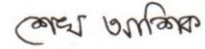
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Abbreviation

UFP - Ultra Fine Particles

PM - Particulate matter

PNC -Particle Number Concentration

GIS - Geographic Information System

GPS - Global Positioning System

CPC - Condensation Particle Counter

RAMP - Real Time, Affordable, Multi-Pollutant

Abstract

Ultrafine particles (UFP) are airborne particles with a size of less than 100 nm. Due to their smaller size and presence in the air in large numbers, they pose a serious health risk. This study measures and compares in-vehicle UFP concentrations in selected transportation modes in Dhaka city, Bangladesh. Transportation modes are: (i) public bus, (ii) private car with windows open, (iii) private car with windows closed and air recirculation off, (iv) private car with windows closed and air recirculation on, and (v) Rickshaw. UFP concentrations are measured as total particle number concentrations (PNC), a commonly used metric for UFP. About 10 days of repeated measurements were collected in each transportation mode on a selected route in different parts of the day (morning, mid-day, afternoon). Results indicate that (1) in-vehicle PNCs vary by transportation mode, higher in the public bus and private car with open windows and lower in the private car with closed windows and air recirculation on. The inter-modal variations are about a factor of two. (2) In all selected transportation modes, the in-vehicle PNCs are substantially higher than the urban background level; they are about 4-8 times higher in the public bus and private car with open windows and 2-4 times higher in the private car with closed windows and air recirculation on. (3) In-vehicle PNCs vary spatially and temporally. For all selected transportation modes, concentrations are typically higher in the morning than in mid-day and afternoon. Spatial variations (a factor of 2-4) are much larger than temporal variations (a factor of 1.2-1.8). (4) Substantially higher in-vehicle PNCs and their inter-modal variations have implications on PNC personal exposures. About 1-2 hours commuting time (4-8% of daily hours) contributes 20-35% of daily PNC exposures. These exposures are higher for public bus commuters and lower for private car commuters, specifically, those who commute with car windows closed and air recirculation on. (5) Inter-modal variations of in-vehicle PNCs are linked with exposure disparity among commuters' income groups. The commuters in the lower-income group (< BDT 25K per month) have about 20% higher exposure than the higher income group (> BDT 75K per month). Results from this study could help to design appropriate mitigation measures for reducing personal exposure to UFP.

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of the Research

Airborne ultrafine particles (UFP; commonly defined as particles with a diameter smaller than 100 nm) have significant and poorly understood health effects.¹ PM_{2.5} (particles with a diameter smaller than 2.5 m) mass concentrations are now regulated by health-based standards. UFP provides very little mass to the overall PM_{2.5} mass because to their small size, but they are the major contributor to particle number concentrations.² As a result, the total particle number concentration (PNC, typically express in a unit of # particles/cm³) is the most commonly used metric for quantifying ambient UFP concentration.³ There is widespread concern that the adverse health effects of UFP exposure may be different from those of bigger particles. Multiple toxicological research⁴⁻⁸ have found that UFP can penetrate deeper into the lungs, can translocate to the brain, and is potentially more harmful than larger particles. However, due to limitations in the characterization of UFP exposures, there are significant ambiguities in the evidence of health impacts of airborne UFP.

Local sources and various complex physiochemical processes such as dilution, coagulation, evaporation, and condensation heavily influence exposure to UFP concentrations in metropolitan environments⁹⁻¹¹, and largely vary spatially and temporally^{12,13} within an urban area. Therefore, UFP exposure characterization needs high spatial and temporal resolution data in comparison to PM_{2.5} mass concentrations^{14,15}. However, UFP monitoring data are rare because of the high monitoring cost and complexity¹⁶. While limited PM_{2.5} monitoring data exist in Dhaka city¹⁷, there is no data on UFP exposures.

Traffic emissions are a significant contributor to UFP concentrations in urban areas^{1,12,18}. Daily commutes contribute disproportionately to overall daily exposure to UFP.¹⁹ According to a research conducted in Los Angeles²⁰, time spent driving in automobiles accounts for 33%–45% of overall UFP exposure.. The commute time in Dhaka city of Bangladesh is substantially higher than many mega cities in the world

due to severe traffic congestion.²¹ Therefore, the exposure to UFP during daily commuting likely substantially higher in Dhaka city compared to many other megacities. However, no in-vehicle UFP characterization data exist for Dhaka city. The UFP exposure levels may vary with the choice of transportation mode, meteorology, vehicle fleet composition, and route. The choice of transport mode depends on the socio-economic status of the commuters.²² Thus, personal exposure to UFP and other urban air pollutants, and socio-economic inequality are likely linked. The focus of this study is to characterize the in-vehicle UFP exposures from commuting in the context of Bangladesh, specifically Dhaka City.

1.2 Study Objectives

This study aims to characterize the UFP exposures in selected transportation modes in Dhaka city. The selected transportation modes are public bus, private car, and rickshaw. The specific objectives are:

1. Measure UFP concentrations in public bus, private car, and rickshaw.
2. Determine factors influence the inter-modal variation of exposure concentrations, and
3. Assess the implications of in-vehicle UFP exposures on personal exposures and socio-economic status of commuters.

1.3 Scope of Research

The primary focus of this research is to characterize the UFP concentrations in common transportation modes in Dhaka city. The main scopes of this research are outlined below:

1. Providing quantitative estimates of UFP exposures for selected transportation modes in Dhaka city (i.e., public bus, private car, and rickshaw).
2. Providing guidelines to propose and design mitigation measures for reducing personal exposure to UFP.

1.4 Organization of the Thesis

This thesis is presented into 5 chapters. The first chapter describes the background and objectives of the study. Chapter 2 describes the relevant past studies and technical features. Chapter 3 describes the study methodology and data collection. Chapter 4 describes the results and discussion. The final chapter, chapter 5, describes the conclusions and recommendations.

CHAPTER 2

LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1 General

Owing to the potential adverse effects on health, in-vehicle exposures to UFP have gained worldwide attention in recent years. Epidemiological and toxicological studies have demonstrated that the health impacts of UFP is potentially greater than larger particles. They can induce health effects due to their unique physical and chemical properties. In this chapter, recent literature has been reviewed to summarize the sources, physio-chemical nature, in-vehicle exposures, and health effects of UFP. The goal is to identify motivations and knowledge gaps in in-vehicle UFP exposure study in the context of Bangladesh.

2.2 Ultrafine Particles (UFP)

The ultrafine particle is a subset of fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}). PM_{2.5} refers to aerodynamic particles with a diameter of 2.5 microns or less. UFP refers to aerodynamic particles with a diameter of 0.1 microns (100 nm) or less.

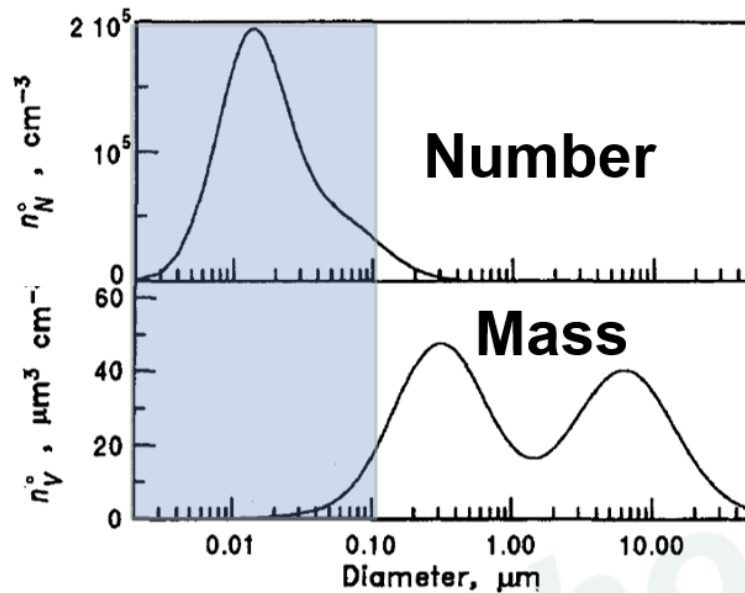


Figure 2.1: Typical number and volume size distribution of atmospheric particles (source: Seinfeld and Pandis (2006)²³)

In practice, UFP is characterized by total particle number concentrations. This is because they have tiny mass but substantially higher number concentrations.³ Figure 2.1 shows the typical number and volume-weighted size distributions of ambient particles. The number size distribution of more than 90% of ambient particles falls below the 100 nm range. (See Figure 2.1). This provides the rationale for using total number concentrations as a metric for characterizing UFP. On the other hand, as expected, the mass (~ volume) concentrations of particles below 100 nm are tiny, typically less than 5% of total mass concentrations of respirable airborne particles.

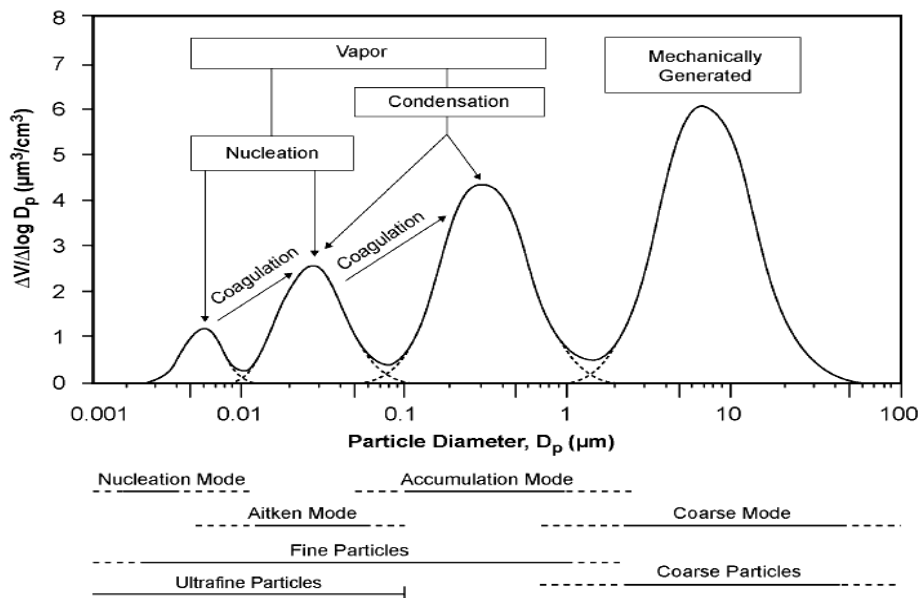


Figure 2.2: Various size-based modes of atmospheric particles (source: Araujo and Nel²⁴)

Figure 2.2 shows the various size-based of atmospheric particles. In terms of modes, particles are classified as nucleation mode, Aitken mode, accumulation mode, and coarse mode. The UFP falls under nucleation and Aitken mode particles. These particles are either form from gas-to-particle conversion (nucleating particles) and coagulation of these nucleating particles. However, other than coagulation, the Aitken mode particles can be directly emitted from combustion sources, such as traffic²⁵ PM_{2.5} are mostly dominated by accumulation mode,. PM₁₀ refers to aerodynamic particles with a diameter of 10 microns or less. PM₁₀ is dominated by coarse mode (See Figure 2.2).

2.3 Key Differences between UFP, PM_{2.5} and PM₁₀

Because of the smaller size, on a per unit mass basis, UFP has substantially higher surface area compared to PM_{2.5} and PM₁₀. Figure 2.3 shows a comparison between particles with three specific sizes (10 μm, 2.5 μm, and 0.1 μm). For a per unit mass, the number concentrations of a 0.1 μm particle is 1,000,000 times greater compared to a particle of 10 μm; the total surface area is about 100 times greater.


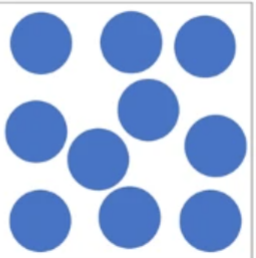
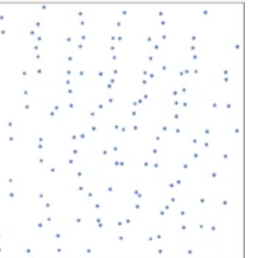
	10 μm (Coarse)	2.5 μm (Fine)	0.1 μm (Ultrafine)
			
Total mass	1	1	1
Particle number	1	64	1,000,000
Surface area per particle	1	0.0625	0.0001
Total surface area per mass	1	4	100
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Filtered in proximal airway • May irritate skin, mucosa 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reaches peripheral airway • Cannot enter systemic circulation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Higher adsorbed toxic material on surface • May enter systemic circulation

Figure 2.3: Comparison of PM₁₀, PM_{2.5}, and PM_{0.1} (source: Kwon et al.²⁶)

Due to the higher surface area, ultrafine particles can likely absorb toxic materials (e.g., various carcinogenic organics, metals). They may enter the systemic circulation system (bloodstream) of the human body.^{4,27} On the other hand, PM_{2.5} may reach the peripheral airway but cannot enter the systemic circulation system. PM₁₀ usually filters out in the proximal airway. Furthermore, due to the unique physio-chemical nature, UFP shows substantially higher spatial-temporal variability than the larger particles.^{1,3}

2.4 Major Sources of Ambient Ultrafine Particles

There are several origins of atmospheric UFP, including natural and anthropogenic sources. Among the anthropogenic sources, combustion process is the primary one. Most of particles emitted by engines are in the ultrafine particle size range. In general, traffic and nucleation are the major source of UFP. For example, a source apportionment study of ambient particle number concentration in Los Angeles apportions about 67% to traffic and 17% to nucleation.²⁸ Posner and Pandis²⁹ reported that gasoline automobiles are responsible for 40% of ultrafine particle number emissions in the eastern United States. Industrial sources came in second with 33%, followed by non-road fuel (16%), on-road fuel (10%), as well as coal combustion and dust (1%). Many other studies^{1,15,18,30} identified the traffic and nucleation are the major sources of UFP.

Apart from the traffic, commercial cooking emissions from restaurants is an important source of UFP in many urban locations.¹⁵ Natural gas combustion for cooking and household activities, wood combustion for cooking and heating are the residential sources of UFP.³¹ Air traffic could be an important local source for UFP in area near big airports.³² Nucleation particles form in the atmosphere through atmospheric chemistry.³³ However, nucleation is typically a regional phenomenon. Nucleation particles are relatively uniformly distributed across an urban area.

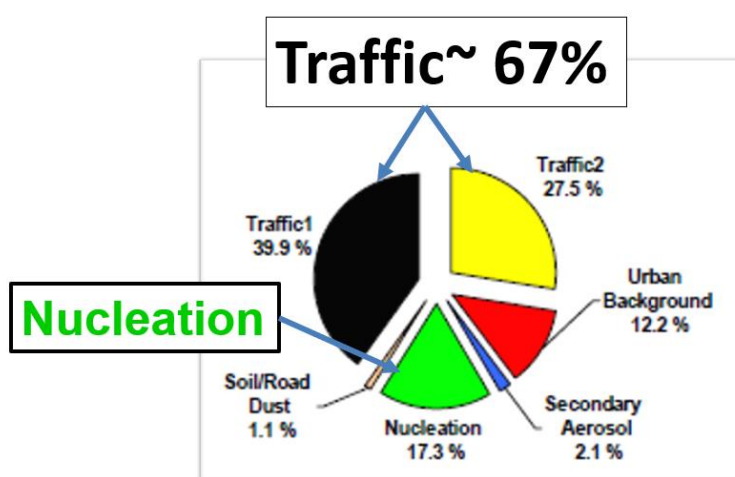


Figure 2.4: Source apportionment of ambient particle number concentrations in Los Angeles (source: Sowlat et al.²⁸)

Ambient UFP is abundant in the urban areas with road traffic as their principal source¹². Studies have frequently reported significant high concentrations of UFPs near major freeways.¹ Many studies investigated UFP concentrations along highways and observed elevated concentrations within the first 100 m of the roadway^{11,14,34}. For example, measurements of near-road particle number size distribution at various downwind distances from the Interstate 710 freeway in Los Angeles highway (See Figure 2.5) have shown substantial elevated concentrations within first 20 m. Concentrations rapidly decay as one moves away from the road.⁹ Ambient UFP concentrations vary substantially with season, and time of the day.¹⁶

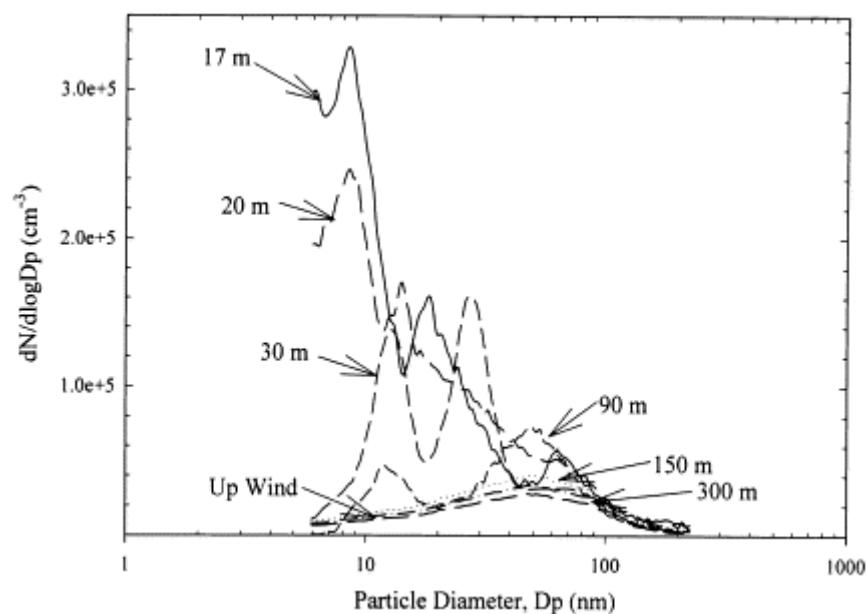


Figure 2.5: Particle number size distributions measured at various distances from the Interstate 710 freeway in Los Angeles highway (source: Zhu et al.³⁴)

2.5 In-vehicle Exposures of Ultrafine Particles

Since traffic is one of the major sources of UFP¹², numerous studies have reported significant contribution of UFP from commuting to daily exposure^{19,35}. Since on-road/near-road UFP concentrations are, in general, substantially higher than urban background concentrations (see Figure 2.5), these particles can easily penetrate to the in-vehicle system depending on the insulation system. In general, factors that increase air exchange rates (AER) inside the vehicle increase UFP indoor/outdoor (I/O) ratio. Hudda et al.³⁶ reported that ventilation, vehicle age or mileage, and driving speed explain about 80% of the variability in measured UFP I/O ratios in a study in Los

Angeles and Sydney. Figure 2.6 shows the measured relationship between I/O Ratio of UFP and Air Exchange Rate (AER) in this study. As expected, compared to the recirculation, the UFP I/O is substantially higher under outside air intake condition.

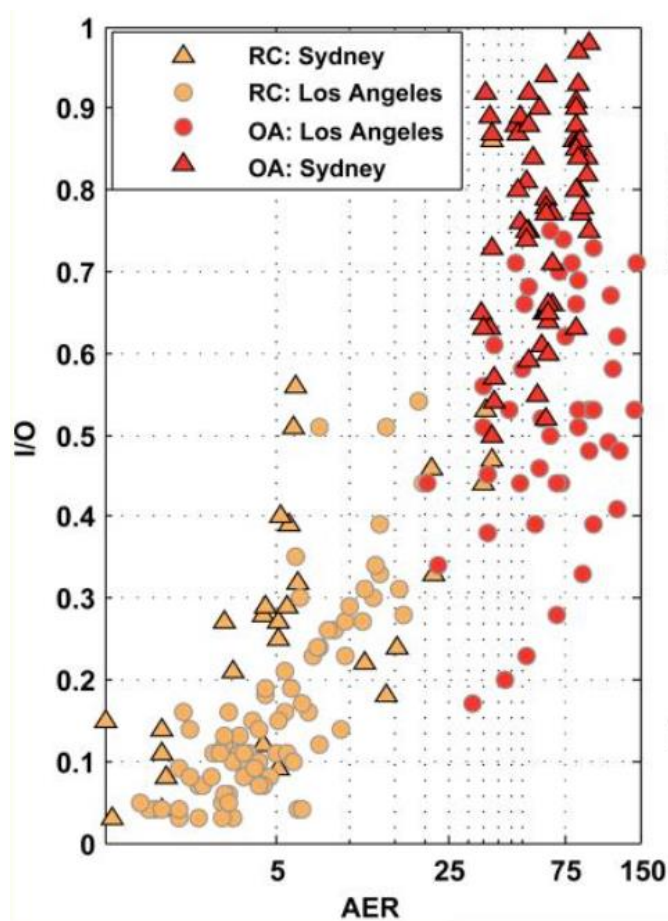


Figure 2.6: The measured relationship between Indoor/Outdoor Ratio of UFP and Air Exchange Rate (AER) in a study in Sydney and Los Angeles. (Source: Hudda et al.³⁶) (RC: recirculation -in-cabin air is re-circulated; OA: outside air intake- outside air is drawn into the vehicle cabin)

The influence of in-vehicle UFP concentration on personal exposures are reported in a series of past studies. A micro-environmental study in Los Angeles reported that 33%-45% of Los Angeles residents' overall UFP exposure was attributed to commuting time spent in cars³⁵. Another study on Los Angeles Freeway, reported that 10 to 50 percent of daily exposure to traffic-induced UFP was from 1-hour commute¹⁹. The comparatively short duration during commuting can add significantly to everyday

personal exposure and associated health effects. Commuting during peak hours can lead to substantial increase of UFP exposure, regardless of the mode of commuting.³⁷ Substantial inter-modal variations are reported in multiple transport microenvironments studies worldwide.³⁸⁻⁴⁰

Many factors affect the exposures to UFP during commuting, including traveling hours and days (e.g., peak versus off-peak hours, weekdays versus weekends), travel modes, and travel path features (e.g., road configuration, micro-meteorology, wind speed, traffic volume and composition)^{38,41-43}. For examples, Goel and Kumar⁴⁴ reported that despite consuming only 2% of travel time at a signalized traffic intersection can contribute ~25% of the overall commuting exposure. Hertel et al.⁴⁵ reported that for low exposure routes, the total air pollution exposure caused by traffic was 54-67% lower relative to high exposure routes and 5-20% lower while driving outside the peak traffic hour. In a study in Hong Kong, Li et al.⁴⁶ reported that commuters were exposed to significantly higher PM_{2.5} concentrations in winter than in summer.

Studies also investigated the effect of car microenvironments in comparison to other forms of transports, where recirculation environment resulted in a decrease of in-car PM_{2.5} concentration. For car-driving with windows-open, PM_{2.5} levels are usually the highest⁴⁷. In a field study in Sacramento, California, a reduction of up to 75% was recorded relative to windows-open environments⁴⁸. Another study in Istanbul (Turkey) reported the lowest PM_{2.5} concentrations with air recirculation ON.⁴³

2.6 In-vehicle UFP Personal Exposures and Socio-Economic In-equality

The influence of air pollution exposures is not evenly distributed. The effects vary by location, race, ethnicity, income, and many other socio-economic factors.⁴⁹ In the US, the racial-ethnic minority populations are subjected to higher air pollution exposures.⁵⁰ Higher exposures for low-income people are also reported in many studies.⁴⁹ Exposure disparities for in-vehicle personal exposures have been reported in several studies.^{51,52} In general, higher exposure concentrations for the most disadvantaged socio-economic group are reported in the majority of these studies. Children in lower social-class families in Leicester appear to live in areas with high levels of pollution than wealthier families living in low-emission zones.⁵³

2.7 Adverse Health Effects of Ultrafine Particles

Ultrafine particles are smaller than cellular structures and can cross directly into the blood stream^{1,54,55}. Ultrafine particles have a high deposition fraction, which means that the wide surface area of ultrafine particles increase the ability to penetrate the lungs and move to other areas of the body^{1,56}. The harmful effects depend on their size, shape, chemical composition, density of particles, how far in the respiratory tree these particles can go, how long they take to settle in and what they do as they deposit.^{27,57} The chemical and toxic properties of the particles (its composition) determine what occurs as it is stored in the respiratory system.

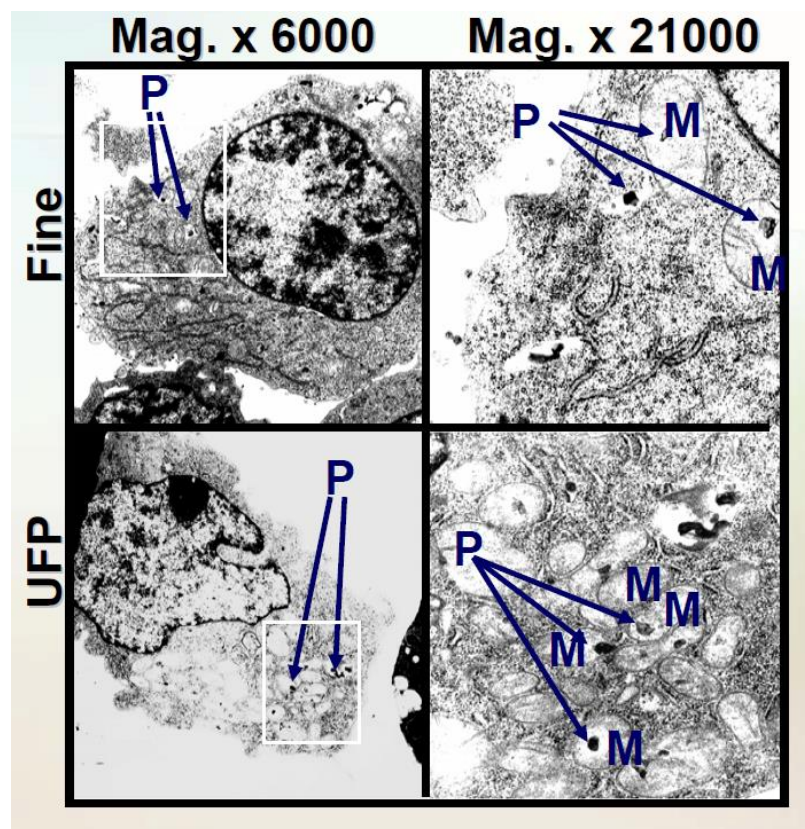


Figure 2.7: Comparison of oxidative stress and mitochondrial damage due to exposure of PM_{2.5} and UFP (Source: Li et al.⁵)

Many toxicological studies have reported greater health effects for UFP than PM_{2.5}. For example, Li et.al.⁵ compares the oxidative stress and mitochondrial damage due to exposure of PM_{2.5} and UFP (Figure 2.7). Higher mitochondrial damage was observed due to UFP.

While numerous toxicological studies¹ suggest that the health effects of ultrafine particles are greater than larger particles, the long-term epidemiological effects of ultrafine particles independent to PM_{2.5} are largely uncertain.^{1,58} This is mainly due to the lack of exposure assessment data for the ultrafine particles. Up to date, a large portion of epidemiological studies on airborne particles have focused on combustion particles from gasoline- and diesel- powered motor vehicles. Since traffic is the main source of UFP, most combustion particles are UFP. The particles from such sources have the clearest close association with significant health effects such as DNA damage. Like, PM_{2.5}, ultrafine particles cause numerous health damage, including cardiovascular effects, pulmonary effects, blood effects, prenatal outcomes and neurotoxic effects.¹ Figure 2.8 summarize these effects.

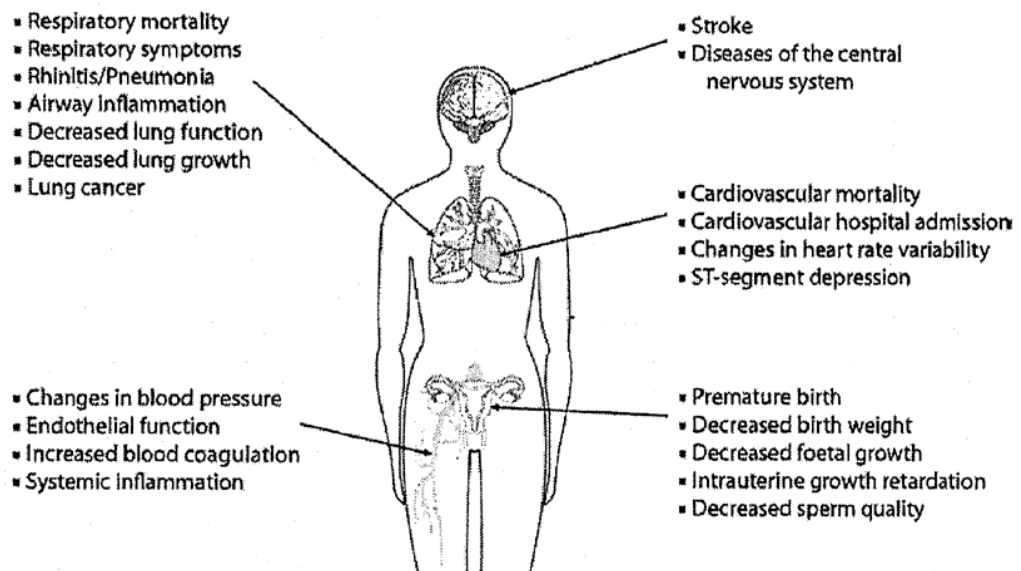


Figure 2.8: Organs of human body that can be affected by UFP.

(Source: Peters, et. al.⁵⁹)

2.8 Particulate Air Pollution Exposures in Dhaka City of Bangladesh

While the Dhaka City of Bangladesh frequently experiences very high particulate pollution episodes, the existing research on particulate matter exposure is limited. The ambient PM_{2.5} levels are in general 5-10 times higher than the National Ambient Air Quality Standards. Particulate pollution in Bangladesh follows a strong seasonal pattern. Concentrations are about 2-4 times higher in the winter compared to the rainy seasons.^{17,60-62}

Local and regional sources govern the particulate pollution levels in Dhaka city.⁶² A PM_{2.5} source apportionment study⁶¹ reported that traffic, biomass burning in the brick kilns, construction dust are the major sources for PM_{2.5}. The concentrations are higher during the winter due to seasonal sources (brick kiln) and meteorology. The presence of various toxic heavy metals in the respirable particles is reported.⁶³ In addition to the local source, a study reported the large influence of transboundary air pollution on the PM_{2.5} levels in Dhaka city.⁶⁴

Although there is limited information on PM_{2.5} concentrations in Dhaka city, there is no existing study on ultrafine particles. The in-vehicle exposure study is also limited. A recent study⁴⁷ measured in-car PM_{2.5} concentrations across Dhaka City under various ventilation conditions. Substantial reduction of PM_{2.5} concentrations under air-recirculation on is reported, similar to many other past studies.

2.9 Knowledge Gaps on In-vehicle UFP Exposures

The literature review identified the following gaps in knowledge on in-vehicle ultrafine particles exposures:

- a. Various studies have reported substantial variations in intra- and inter-modal in-vehicle UFP exposures. A recent study⁴⁷ has reported in-car PM_{2.5} measurements in Dhaka city, Bangladesh. However, intra-, and inter-modal in-vehicle UFP exposures variations in polluted megacity remain mostly unexplored.
- b. Although numerous past studies have reported the substantial spatial and temporal variability of UFP, how this dynamic nature of UFP influence in-vehicle UFP exposures for commuters in a polluted megacity remain unexplored.

- c. Many studies have found a strong link between air pollution exposures and demographic covariates such as race, ethnicity, and income. These studies have mainly been conducted in Europe and America. No study has explored the link between air pollution exposures and demographic covariates in the context of Bangladesh.

2.10 Summary

This chapter summarizes the recent literature on UFP sources, health effects, in-vehicle exposures. A large body of literature reported the importance of traffic as a major source of UFP and effects in-vehicle UFP exposures. The health effects of UFP are generally greater than larger particles, but evidence remains inconclusive. The ambient concentrations and in-vehicle exposures of UFP in polluted megacity remain unexplored.

CHAPTER 3

METHODOLOGY

3.1 General

This chapter describes the measurements conducted to characterize in-vehicle UFP exposures in selected transportation modes in Dhaka City. This study collected repeated measurements of UFP concentrations and various other spatio-temporal variables in a selected route in Dhaka City for selected transportation modes: public bus, private car, and rickshaw. These measurements, along with transportation modal choice survey data, were analyzed to characterize the implications of measured in-vehicle UFP concentrations on personal exposures.

3.2 Study Area and Measurements Routes

Measurements were carried out on the selected routes in Dhaka City. Dhaka city of Bangladesh is one of the densely populated cities in the world. There is about 8.9 million people live within the city boundary and 21 million people live in the Greater Dhaka. According to Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA) data, there are 8459 minibuses on 149 routes and 166,840 private cars (source: www.brta.gov.bd) in the Dhaka city.

Measurements were carried out in March 2020 and October 2020. The measurements routes are shown in Figure 3.1. Most of the measurements were conducted on a selected route (i.e., Azimpur to Mirpur; 8.9 km; green line in Figure 3.1, hereafter refer as “primary route”). This is one of the main arterial roads in the Dhaka City. This route is selected because measurements for all the selected transportation modes (public bus, private car, and rickshaw) are possible to conduct in this route. A subset of measurements was conducted on a bigger route (33 km) that covers all major roads in the Dhaka city (green line + red line in Figure 3.1).

3.3 Measurements of In-vehicle UFP Concentrations

Measurements were performed in three selected transportation modes: public bus, rickshaw, and private car. For in-car sampling, measurements were collected under three different ventilation conditions: a) window open, b) window closed with air conditioning on, but air recirculation off, and c) window closed with air conditioning on, and air recirculation on.

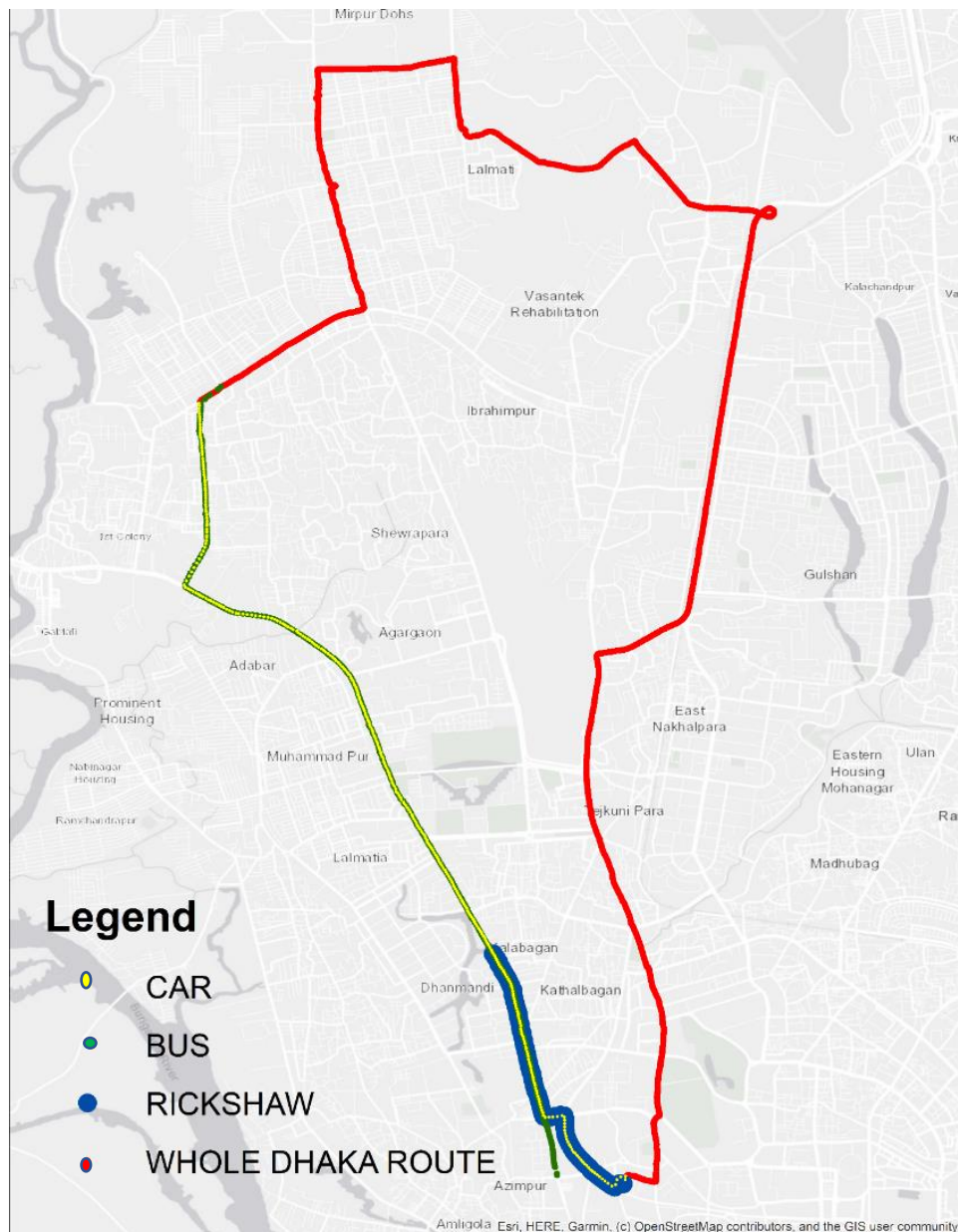


Figure 3.1: Selected routes for in-vehicle measurements of UFP concentrations.

For each transportation mode (total five modes: bus, rickshaw, and car under 3 ventilation configurations), measurements were conducted for ~10 days. To capture the variability in meteorology and traffic conditions, 10 measurements for each mode were distributed across the different part of the day (morning: 8-10 am, mid-day: 11 am - 2 pm, and afternoon: 3 pm -6 pm). For sampling on primary route, each trip was a round trip (Azimpur to Mirpur-1 and Mirpur-1 to Azimpur). It is noted that, the rickshaw sampling was collected at a sub-section of primary route (dark green line in Figure 3.1). This is because rickshaw is not allowed to run on all part of the selected route. Only a subset of car samplings (i.e., 3 trips for each ventilation condition) was carried out on the additional route (green line + red line in Figure 3.1).

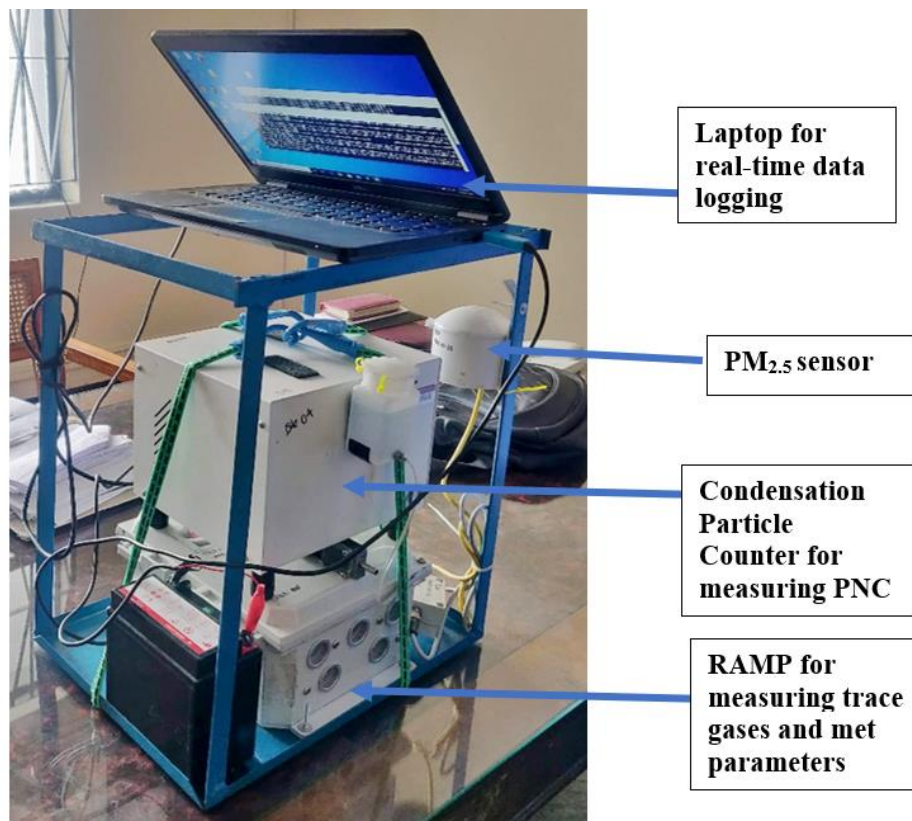


Figure 3.2: A photo of the instrumental setup used for measurements of UFP and other air pollutants concentrations.



Figure 3.3: A photo with instrumental setup inside a car during in-car data collection.

3.4 Instrumentation and Data Analysis

Total particle number concentrations (PNC) were measured using a water-based Condensation Particle Counter (CPC; Aerosol Devices Inc.; MAGIC 200P model⁶⁵; lower size cut 5 nm, sample flow rate: 0.3 L / min) as a measure of UFP concentrations. The lower detection limit of a CPC is 1 particle / cm³ and upper limit is up to 10⁵ particles / cm³. In addition to the UFP data, the measurements of PM_{2.5} (Purple Air, Plan-tower PMS 5003 laser sensor), several trace gases (CO, NO, NO₂, O₃), and basic meteorological parameter (temperature, relative humidity) were collected using the Real-time, Affordable, Multi-Pollutant (RAMP) monitor⁶⁶. The concurrent GPS measurements were recorded to get the spatial location of the data.

All data were logged in real-time using a laptop. The logging frequency of PNC and GPS data was 1 s. Data logging frequency for other supporting data frequency was 1 min. Figure 3.2 shows a photo of the instrumental setup used for collecting UFP and other supporting measurements. Cellphone apps was used for recording GPS data.

The collected raw data were first reviewed for data quality assurance. For example, any suspected measurements (e.g., PNC measurements $> 10^5$ particles) were removed. The data from different instruments were aligned based on GPS time stamp. Quality-assured data were averaged temporally (e.g., trip average concentrations for a particular day) and spatially (e.g., average over 100 m road segments). These time and spatially averaged concentrations were used to explore the differences in exposures across transportation modes, pollutants, sampling locations, and time-of-a-day.

3.4 Transportation Modal Share and Socio-economic Status Survey

A questionnaires survey was conducted to gather information on distribution of modal share by socio-economic status of the commuter in Dhaka city. *Appendix-A* shows the questionnaire used for this survey. A questionnaire was formed with choice of transportation mode, typical daily commute time, and various demographic and social factors including gender, age, income level, education, ownership of car. The survey was primarily conducted among the selected population along the primary route. But samples from other part of the Dhaka city were also taken. A total of 374 people were participated in this survey. To determine whether this survey sample is representative, a simple calculation of optimal sample size (n) was determined using the method of Kothari et al.⁶⁷ For a given size of the population (N), this methods provide the optimum sample size.

$$n = \frac{z^2 \cdot p \cdot q \cdot N}{e^2(N - 1) + z^2 \cdot p \cdot q} \quad (3.1)$$

Where,

n = size of sample

N = size of population

z = the z-value of desired degree of confidence

p = the population proportion of households of interest

e = the absolute size of error

q=1-p

3.5 Summary of Methodology

To characterize the in-vehicle UFP exposures in the public bus, private car, and rickshaw, about ten days of repeated measurements of particle number concentrations were collected in selected modes. Figure 3.4 provides a summary of data collection and analysis methodology. Measurements were conducted on the selected routes, covering diverse meteorological conditions. These high-time resolution monitoring data were analyzed to compare the intra and inter-vehicle variability of measured concentration, factors that affect the variability, and their implications on personal exposures.

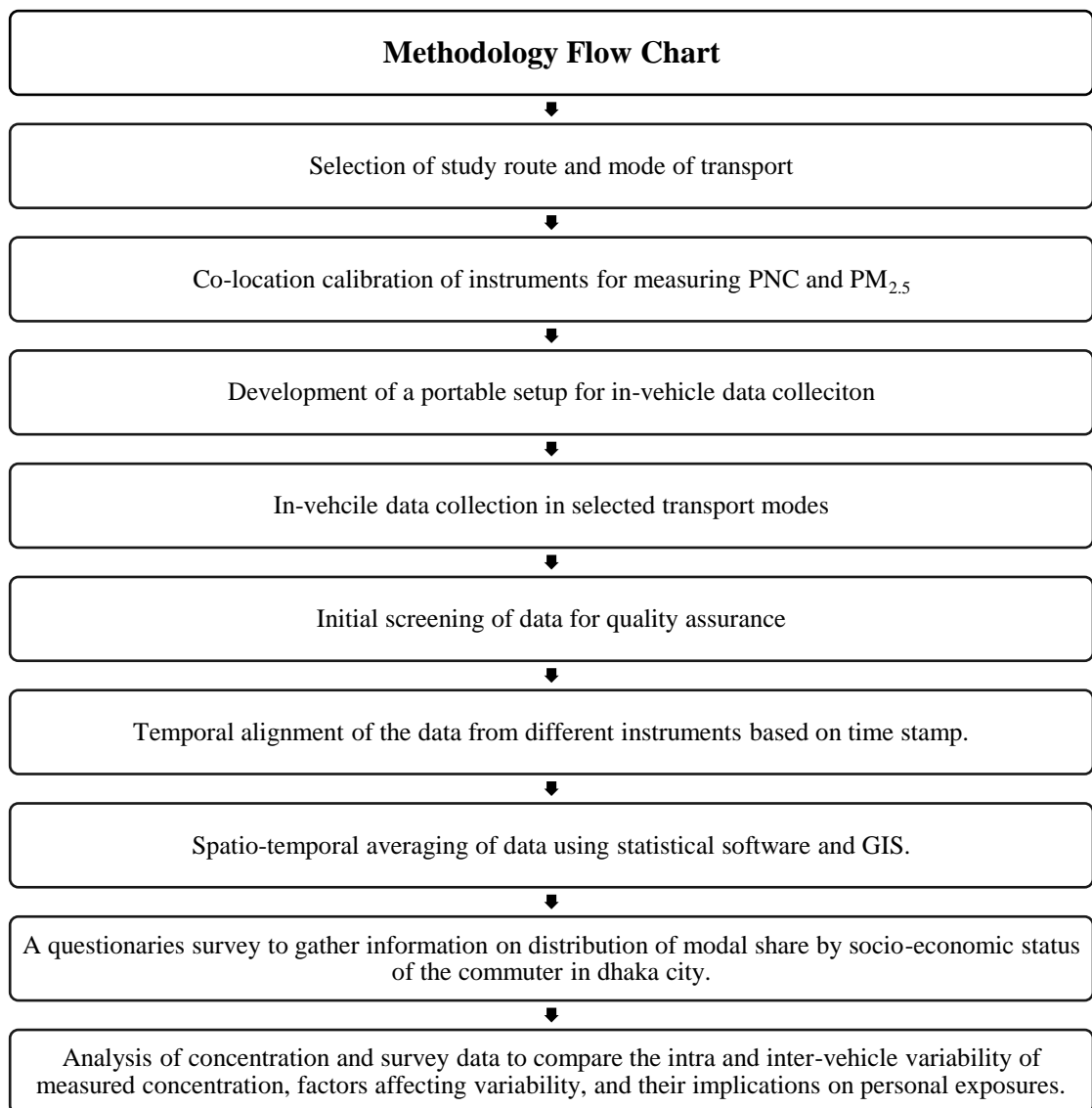


Figure 3.4: A summary of data collection and analysis methodology

CHAPTER 4

Results and Discussions

4.1 General

This chapter reports the summary of in-vehicle UFP concentrations in three transportation modes: public bus, private car, and rickshaw. Measurements are used to quantify the intra- and inter-modal variability of UFP exposures and factors that influence that variability. Finally, the measured concentrations data are used to explore the contribution of in-vehicle UFP exposures to daily personal exposures for a typical commuter in Dhaka city by transportation mode. Analyses are also shown for how the in-vehicle exposures could vary with the socio-economic status of a commuter.

4.2 UFP Concentrations in Different Transportation Modes

Table 4.1 and Figure 4.1 compare the measured study average UFP concentrations (particle number concentrations: PNC) and co-measured PM_{2.5} concentrations in different transportation modes. Comparison is also made with the average PNC measured at an urban background location in Dhaka city. Urban background PNC are continuous measurement of outdoor concentrations at a residential location in Dhaka city collected over two months (March and July 2020).

The measured in-vehicle PNC shows a substantially variability across transportation modes. Concentrations are higher in public bus and private car with windows open. The in-car PNC with window-open is almost similar to the concentration measured in public bus. However, in-car PNC under window-closed condition strongly depends on whether the air recirculation was on or off. Relative to the window open condition, the average PNC with window-closed condition was ~12% lower under air recirculation off condition, and 47% lower under air recirculation on condition.

Table 4.1: Average PNC and PM_{2.5} concentrations in various transportation modes.

Measurement locations	Number of sampling days				Average trip time (minutes)	PNC (#/cm ³) Mean ± SD	PM _{2.5} (µg/m ³) Mean ± SD
	Total	M ¹	N ²	AN ³			
Public Bus	9	4	3	2	80	80,000 ± 35,000	200±80
Private Car: Window Open	10	2	4	4	71	76,000 ± 29,000	160 ± 80
Private Car: Window Closed, Air Recirculation off	10	3	4	3	72	67,000 ± 35,000	140± 80
Private Car: Window Closed, Air Recirculation on	10	2	5	3	73	40,000± 20,000	70 ± 40
Rickshaw	9	-	2	7	44	54,000 ± 27,000	110 ± 60
Urban background	40				N/A	16,000 ± 5,000	N/A

M¹= morning (8-10 am), N²= Noon (11 am - 2 pm), AN³ = afternoon (3 pm - 6 pm)

Table 4.1 compares the average PNC and co-measured PM_{2.5} concentrations in various transportation modes. PNC and PM_{2.5} concentrations are strongly correlated. If a mode has measured higher PNC, the PM_{2.5} is also higher in that mode and vice versa. For example, both PNC and PM_{2.5} concentrations are the highest in the public bus, followed by the private car with the window open.

Relative to the window open condition, both PNC and PM_{2.5} concentrations are substantially lower under window closed with air recirculation on. However, the relative reduction was higher for PM_{2.5} (55%) than for PNC (47%). This is consistent with previous in-car sampling for PM_{2.5}.⁴⁷ A reduction up to 80% was reported for in-car PM_{2.5} sampling with window closed with air recirculation on. *Appendix-B* provides further details on the comparison of PNC and PM_{2.5} measured in various transportation modes at a different part of the day on primary and additional routes.

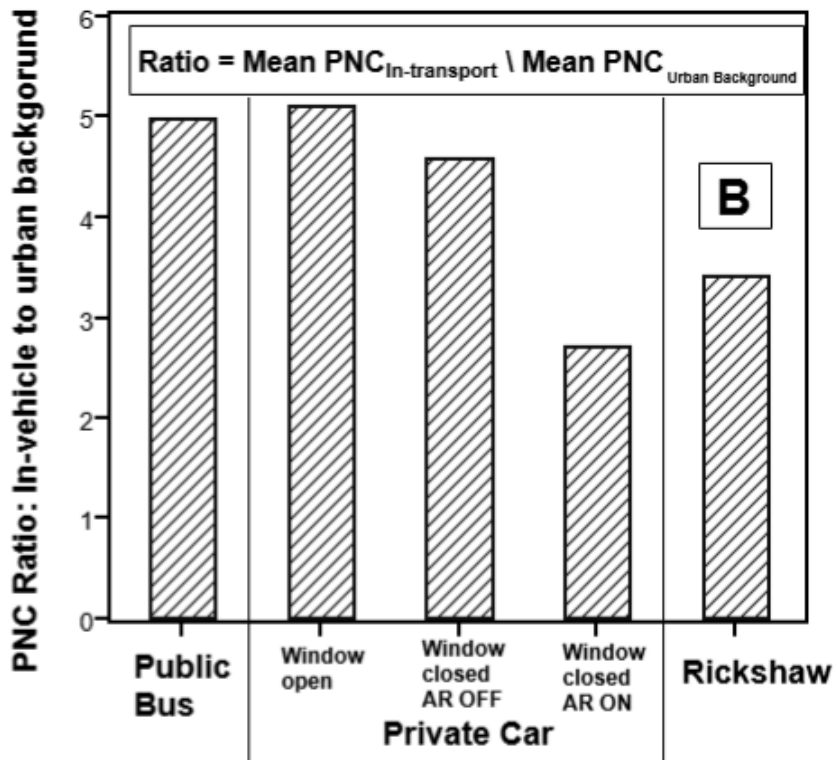
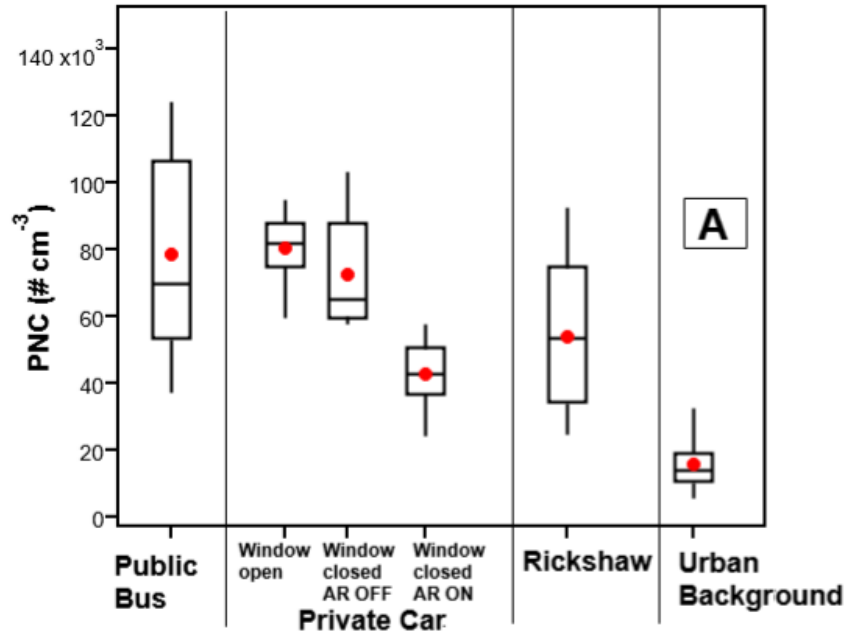


Figure 4.1: (a) Comparison of particle number concentrations (PNC) measured in different transportation modes and an urban background location. (b) Ratio of in-vehicle mean PNC to urban background mean PNC

The average PNC in rickshaw was lower than public bus and private car with window open. It should be noted that the rickshaw measurements were collected on a much-shorter route compared to the public bus and private car (Figure 3.1). Furthermore, rickshaw samplings were not collected covering different parts of a day. Specifically, morning samplings were missing for the rickshaw (Table 4.1). Therefore, a comparison of rickshaw measurement with other sampling modes is difficult.

Figure 4.1 compares in-vehicle PNC with the measurements in an urban background location. In-vehicle PNC in all modes is substantially higher than the urban background level. The PNCs in public bus and car sampling with window-open are about five times of urban background PNC. In-car PNC with the window closed and air recirculation off is 4.5 times of urban background level; under air recirculation on condition, about 3 times of urban background level.

Numerous previous studies reported that on-road/near-road PNC are substantially higher than background PNC.¹¹ PNC level decays exponentially as one moves away from the roadway edge, and concentration can reduce 2-10 times within a 50-100 m from the roadway edge.⁹ This explains the observed large difference between in-vehicle (on-road) and urban background concentrations.

4.3 Temporal Variation of UFP Measured in Different Transportation Modes

Figure 4.2 shows the temporal variations of in-vehicle PNC measured in three different parts of a day (i.e., morning: 8 am-10 am, midday: 11 am - 2 pm, and afternoon: 3 pm – 6 pm). The morning and afternoon samplings overlap with the traffic rush hours. As expected, the measured PNC in a certain transport mode varies with the time of sampling. In general, concentrations are higher in the morning and lower in mid-day and afternoon measurements. This reflects the impact of dynamic diurnal variation of meteorology and traffic conditions on traffic-related air pollution.⁶⁸

Usually, traffic is higher during morning and evening rush hours. During these periods, the ambient concentrations are expected to be higher due to several reasons, such as (i) higher traffic volume, (ii) slow-moving, and more stop/start (acceleration/deceleration) traffic. Ambient concentrations are also higher in the morning due to the lower mixing height. Considering the impact of both meteorology

and traffic conditions, ambient concentrations are expected to be highest during morning traffic rush hour. These effects are reflected in the in-vehicle measurements collected at different periods of the day (e.g., morning concentrations are higher, mid-day and afternoon are lower).

In-vehicle PNCs are higher than the urban background level during any part of a day. This implies that in-vehicle exposures will be higher for commuting during any part of a day, but this would be substantially higher for commuting during morning hours, consistent with previous research on dynamic diurnal behavior of PNC¹⁴.

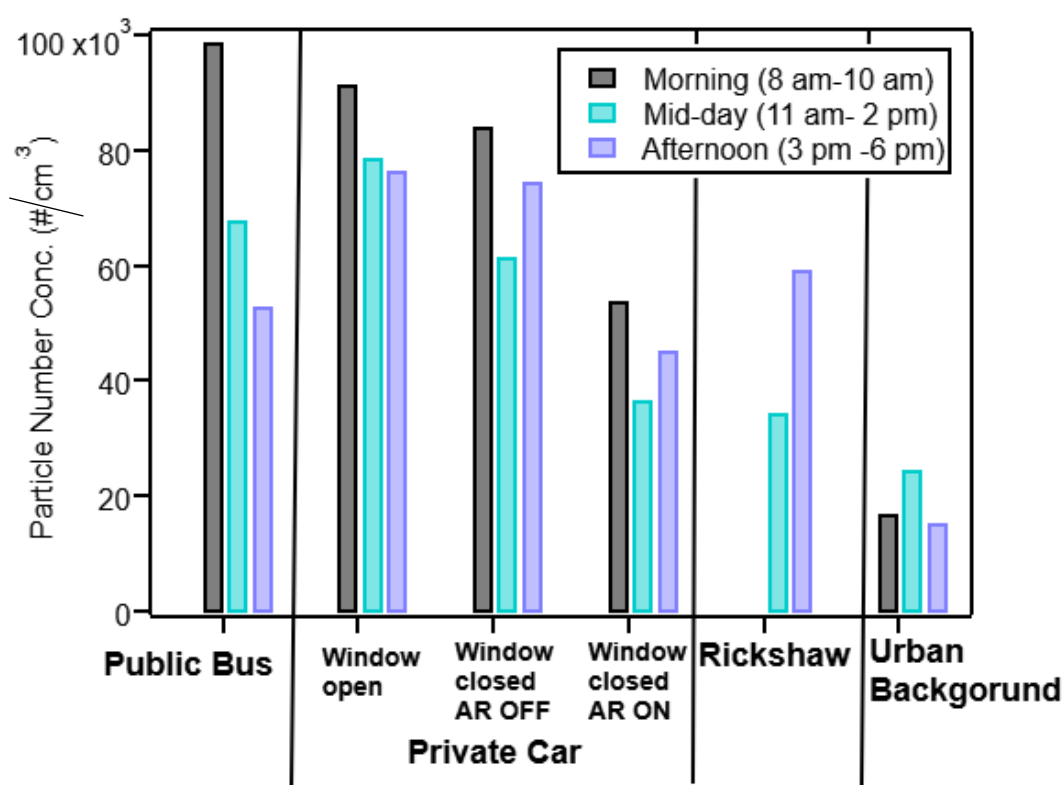


Figure 4.2: Comparison of mean PNCs measured in different transportation modes and an urban background location at different times (i.e., morning, mid-day, afternoon).

4.4 Spatial Variation of UFP Measured in Different Transportation Modes

Figures 4.3 and 4.4 compare the spatial variation of in-vehicle PNC measured in various transportation modes along the sampling route. Figures 4.3 and 4.4 show the average concentrations measured within each 100 m road segment across all sampling days. Results indicate that although the relative difference between sampling modes

persists (e.g., PNC in public bus is the highest, car with closed window, and air recirculation ON is the lowest), concentrations vary spatially for a particular mode.

For the public bus and car with an open window, the spatial distributions of in-vehicle PNCs are almost similar (Figure 4.3A, B). This reflects the influence of ambient/on-road spatial variations of PNC. Concentrations spatially vary between 4-8 times of urban background level, relatively higher near the Mirpur area and lower in the Azimpur area. For a car with the window closed and air-recirculation on, in-vehicle concentrations spatially vary between 2-4 times of urban background level.

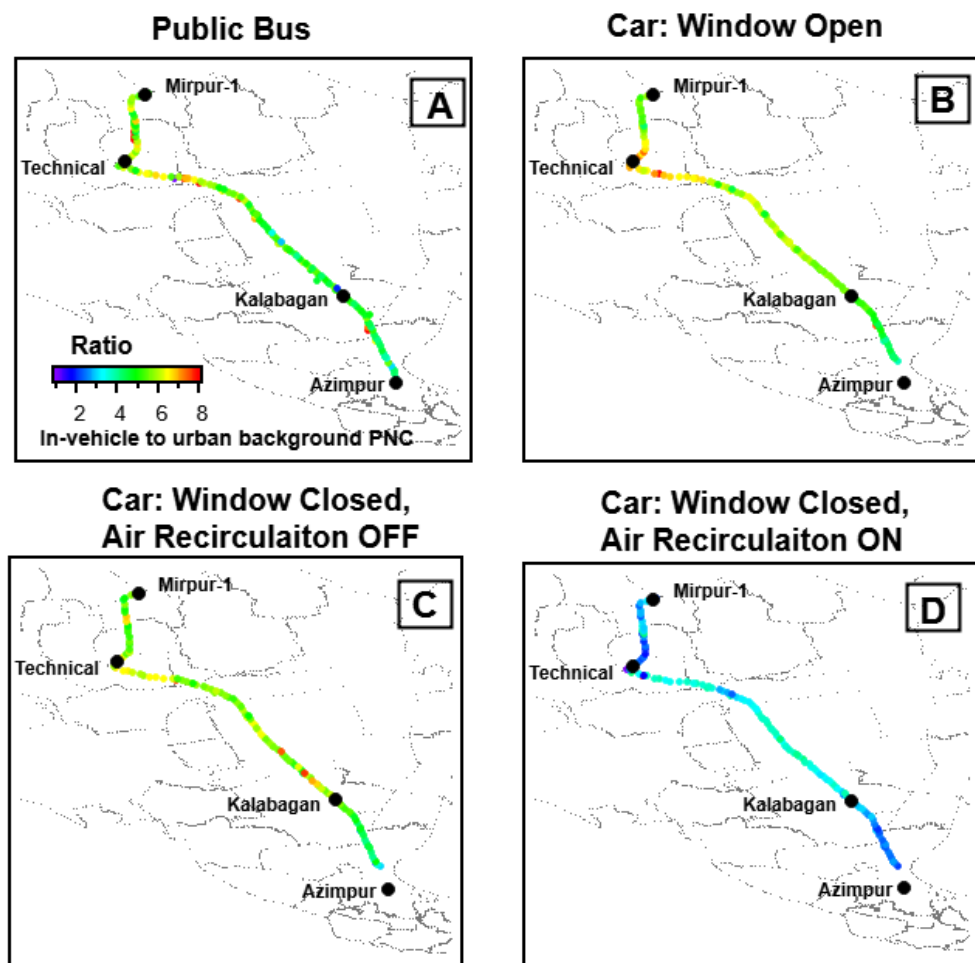


Figure 4.3: Spatial variation of in-vehicle particle number concentrations measured in different transportation modes along the primary sampling route (“Azimpur to Mirpur-1”). In all panels, concentrations are normalized by the mean urban background PNC (i.e., in-vehicle PNC / urban background PNC).

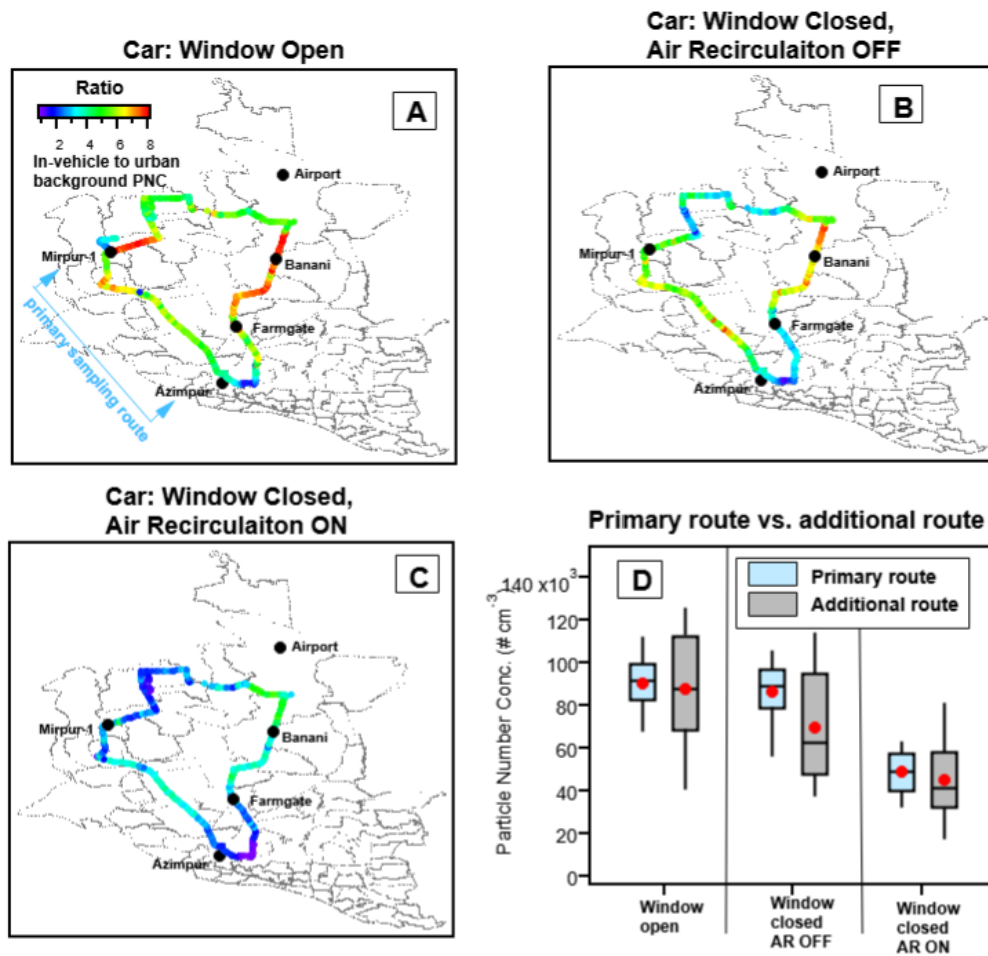


Figure 4.4: (A-C) Comparison of the spatial variation of in-vehicle particle number concentrations in different car sampling modes along the primary and additional routes. Concentrations shown in panels A, B, C are normalized by the mean urban background PNC (i.e., in-vehicle PNC / urban background PNC). (D) Comparison of study-average PNCs in different car sampling modes on primary route versus additional route.

To assess the robustness of findings observed in the selected primary route (Azimpur to Mirpur-1, where most of the data were collected), Figure 4.4 compares these measurements with the data collected on an additional route. This comparison is only performed for different car sampling modes. Results indicate that the trends in vehicle PNCs in different sampling modes are robust. For example, car sampling with open windows measured the highest concentrations for both primary and additional routes, and car sampling with closed windows and air recirculation ‘on’ measured the lowest concentrations in both routes.

The in-car concentrations with open windows vary between 4-8 times of urban background level for both routes. In-car concentrations with window-closed and air recirculation ‘on’ vary between 2-4 times of urban background level. The distribution of concentrations from both routes, shown in Figure 4.4D, are also comparable. However, the additional route shows higher variability compared to the selected primary route. This is expected because the length of the additional route is much bigger, and it covers a wide part of the city, covering diverse land- uses. *Appendix-C* provides further details on spatial variations of measured PNC and PM_{2.5} in various transportation modes at the different part of a day on primary and additional routes

4.5 Implications for Exposures

This section examines the exposures relevant implications of measured in-vehicles and urban background PNCs discussed above. Numerous past students have reported that while the commuting time is only a small fraction of the day, they could substantially contribute to the daily air pollution exposures.^{19,35,47} Figure 4.5 shows this comparison for the commuters in Dhaka city, Bangladesh. The estimates in Figure 4.5 used the study-mean PNCs in different transportation modes.

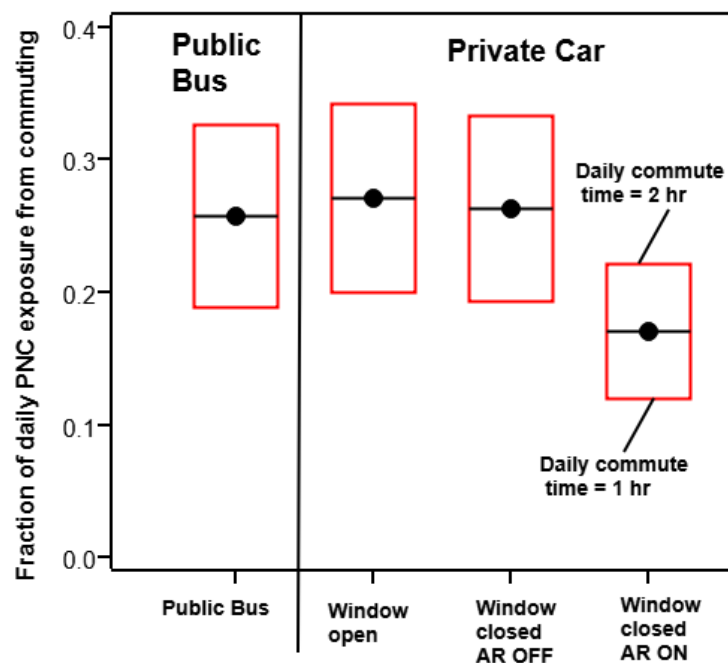


Figure 4.5: Comparison of estimated fraction of daily PNC exposure from commuting in various transportation modes.

Estimates are shown for daily commuting time of 1 hour and 2 hours. A recent Travel Behavior study in Dhaka city⁶⁹ reported that the duration of one-way travel to work for most commuters is within 60 minutes (typical range 20 minutes to 120 minutes). Therefore, for both ways commuting, a range of 1-2 hours is a reasonable window. For the rest of the time, exposure concentrations are assumed equal to the mean urban background concentration. Urban outdoor PNC vary spatially. The indoor and outdoor concentrations also vary.⁷⁰

Actual exposures depend on where people spend time and concentrations at those micro-environments. Due to the lack of data availability, such detailed exposure assignments are not possible for the commuters in Dhaka city. However, most of the time, people spend time indoors (either home or office), and an assumption of concentrations at those locations similar to urban background level is a reasonable assumption.

Since in-vehicle PNCs vary across transportation modes, the fraction of daily PNC exposures from commuting varies by transport mode. Estimates in Figure 4.5 shows that 1-2 hours of commute time in Dhaka city contributes ~ 15-35% of daily PNC exposures. Exposures are similar for commuters of public buses, private cars with windows open, private cars with windows closed, and air recirculation off. Exposures are lower for commuters of private cars with windows closed, and air recirculation on.

Figure 4.5 indicates that PNC exposures from commuting are about a factor of two lower for commuters with private cars with windows closed and air recirculation ON, compared to other modes. There is a strong link between transportation modal choice and socioeconomic status of the commuters, and thus, commuting relevant air pollution exposures.⁷¹ Figure 4.6 explores this relationship for the commuters in Dhaka city.

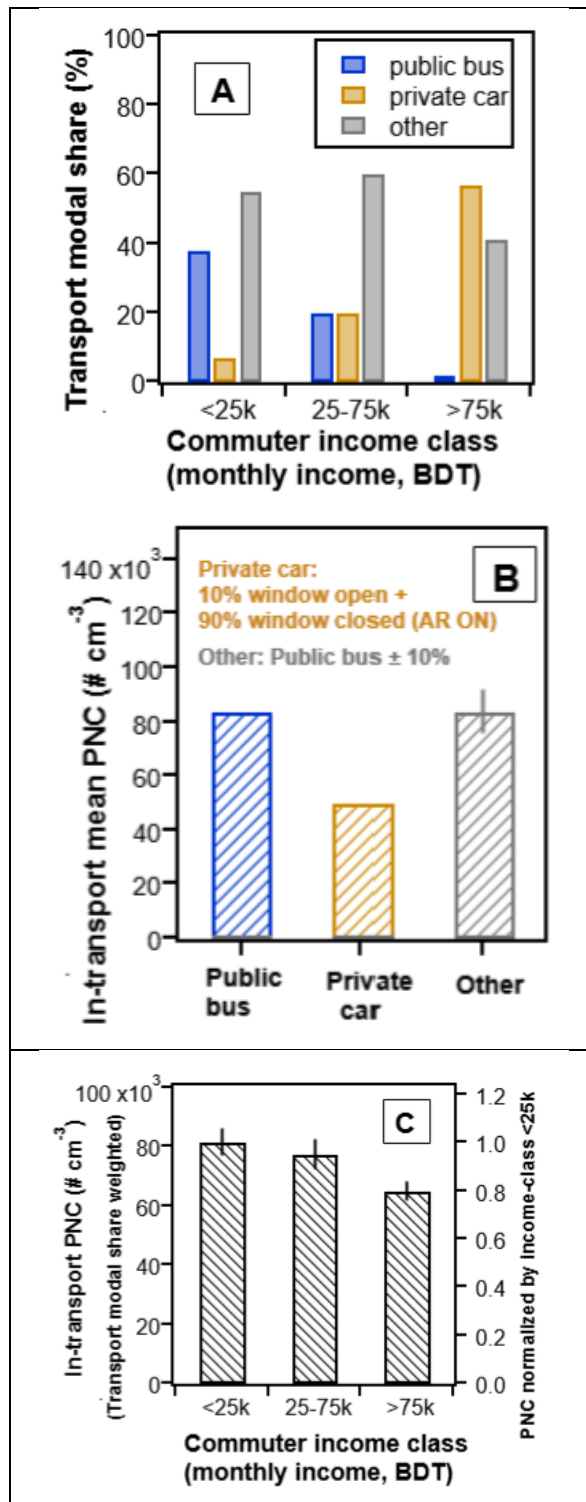


Figure 4.6: Comparison of estimated in-vehicle PNC exposures by commuter income class. A. Distribution of transportation modal share by commuter income class. (B). Average PNC exposures in various transportation modes. (C). Modal share weighted in transport PNC exposures by commuter income class.

A survey was conducted to get the distribution of transportation modal share by socio-economic status of the commuters (e.g., monthly income). A summary of transportation

modal choice as a function of demographic and socio-economic variables is given in Appendix-D. Figure 4.6A shows the transportation modal share for three income classes. As expected, the lower-income group (< BDT 25k per month) has a higher share for public bus (~ 40%) and a lower share for private car (5%). On the other hand, the higher-income group (> BDT 75k per month) has a substantially higher share for private car (60%) and lower for the public bus (< 2%). However, more than 50% of commuters across all income classes use transportation other than a public bus or private car, shown as "other" in Figure 4.6A. This "other" includes CNG, Leguna, Motor Bike, Rickshaw, and walking. This is consistent with another recent travel behavior survey in Dhaka city among employees of 20 Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) (N = 314, public bus: 44%, Car/Car Share/Office transport: 10%, other: 46%)⁶⁹.

Figure 4.6B shows the assigned average in-transport PNC exposures for three modes of transportation (public bus, private car, and other). Since the exposures in a private car strongly depend on window conditions, the average exposure is estimated as the weighted average of two scenarios: window open (10% of the time) and window closed and air recirculation on (90% of the time). The weighting factors are assumed based on local observations.

Typically, in Dhaka city, cars run in window-closed condition. However, the information about air recirculation is mostly unknown. While window closed, the air recirculation on condition is assumed to get maximum achievable exposure contrast between commuters on the car and other modes. Since data were not available for other transportation modes, they are assumed to be within $\pm 10\%$ of public bus. Other transportations modes in Dhaka city are CNG, Leguna, Motor Bike, Rickshaw, and walking. These modes are open/semi-open to ambient conditions, similar to Dhaka city's typical public bus operational condition.

The estimated modal-share weighted PNC exposures for different income groups are shown in Figure. 4.6C As expected, overall exposures are higher for the lower-income group and lower for the higher-income group. On average, exposure for the lower income group (< 25K) is about 20% higher than for the higher income group (> 75K). Similar disparities are reported in past studies worldwide^{52,71}.

CHAPTER 5

CONCLUSIONS

5.1 Summary of Major Findings

This study measures and compares in-vehicle ultrafine particles (UFP) concentrations in selected transportation modes in Dhaka city, Bangladesh. Transportation modes are: (i) public bus, (ii) private car with windows open, (iii) private car with windows closed and air recirculation OFF, (iv) private car with windows closed and air recirculation ON, and (v) Rickshaw. UFP concentrations are measured as total particle number concentrations (PNC), a commonly used metric for UFP. The major findings are outlined below:

- a. In-vehicle PNCs vary by transportation mode, higher in the public bus and private car with open windows and lower in the private car with closed windows and air recirculation on. The inter-modal variations are about a factor of two.
- b. In all selected transportation modes, the in-vehicle PNCs are substantially higher than the urban background level. They are about 4-8 times higher in the public bus and private car with open windows and 2-4 times higher in the private car with closed windows and air recirculation on.
- c. In-vehicle PNCs vary spatially and temporally. For all selected transportation modes, concentrations are typically higher in the morning than in mid-day and afternoon. Spatial variations (a factor of 2-4) are much larger than temporal variations (a factor of 1.2-1.8).
- d. Substantially higher in-vehicle PNCs and their inter-modal variations have implications on PNC personal exposures. About 1-2 hours commuting (4-8% of daily hours) contributes 20-35% of daily PNC exposures. These exposures are higher for public bus commuters and lower for private car commuters, specifically, those who commute with car windows closed and air recirculation on.

5.2 Limitations and Recommendations for Future Study

This study recommends the following scopes for future studies:

- a. Although this study has covered the major transportations modes in Dhaka city (private car, public bus, rickshaw), it has not covered all the commonly used transportation modes, such as CNG, Leguna, Motor Bike, and walking. Travel

behavior survey indicates that about 50% of commuters in Dhaka city used these other modes for daily commuting. Future studies should measure and compare in-vehicle concentrations in these other transportation modes.

- b. Although rickshaw is a widely used transportation mode in Dhaka city, this study has collected limited measurements for the rickshaw. Measurements were collected on a shorted route. No samplings were collected in morning. Therefore, measured PNC in rickshaw may not represent the actual exposures for Rickshaw commuters in Dhaka city. Future studies should collect in-rickshaw exposure measurements on various routes in the city over a diverse set of times covering a different part of the day and seasons.
- c. The scope of the study was limited to sampling within Dhaka city. In general, the findings in this study may represent the in-vehicle exposures for commuters in other metropolitan cities in Bangladesh. Future studies should conduct measurements in other cities to assess how this study's findings represent for other cities in Bangladesh.

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Appendix

APPENDIX-A: Questionnaire Survey for Transportation Modal Choice and Socio-economic Status of Commuters in Dhaka City

A survey is conducted to characterize air pollution exposure in different transportation modes in Dhaka city. This survey is aimed at finding your exposure to ultrafine particles and other air pollutants and their adverse effects on your health. This survey will take only 5 minutes and your responses are completely anonymous. Thank you in advance for your response. For any questions, please contact

1) Do you live/work/commute in Dhaka city? (If you live/work/commute outside the Dhaka city then the rest of the questionnaire is invalid for you)

- Yes
- No

2) Gender

- Female
- Male

3) Age

- Less than 15 years
- 15-25 years
- 25-35 years
- 35-45 years
- 45-55 years
- Above 55 years

4) Education

- School Completed (S.S.C)
- College Completed (H.S.C)
- Bachelor ongoing.
- Bachelor's degree (Honors)
- Master's degree or above.

5) Income Status

- Less than 25,000 taka per month
- 25,000-50000 taka per month
- 50,000-75,000 taka per month
- 75,000-1,00,000 taka per month
- More than 1,00,000 taka per month

6) Which mode of transportation do you use most frequently for commuting in Dhaka city?

- Public bus
- Private car
- Rickshaw
- Motor cycle
- CNG
- Leguna

- Walking
- Cycle

7) How long does it usually take to reach your work/study/business place in the morning?

- 0-15 minutes
- 15-30 minutes
- 30-45 minutes
- 45-60 minutes
- 1-1:15 h
- 1:15-1:30 h
- 1:30-1:45 h
- 1:45-2:00 h
- More Than Two Hours.

8) How long does it usually take to return home in the evening?

- less than 15 minutes
- 15-30 minutes
- 30-45 minutes
- 45-60 minutes
- 1-1:15 h
- 1:15-1:30 h
- 1:30-1:45 h
- 1:45-2:00 h
- More Than Two Hours.

9) Do you own a car?

- Yes
- No, but I use one provided by my office.
- No

10) How would you rate your exposure to dust/air pollution?

- Very low
- Low
- Medium
- High
- Very high.

APPENDIX-B: Comparison of PNC and PM_{2.5} measured in various transportation modes at different part of the day on primary and additional routes

Table B.1: Average UFP and PM_{2.5} concentrations in various transportation modes in different times of the day.

Time of Day	Average trip time (minutes)	Number of sampling days	PNC (#/cm³) Mean ± SD		PM_{2.5} (µg/m³) Mean ± SD		
Public Bus							
Morning	83	5	97000	± 32000	190	±	60
Midday	85	3	62000	± 27000	210	±	90
Afternoon	63	2	55000	± 19000	90	±	30
Rickshaw							
Morning	53	2	42000	± 16000	70	±	50
Midday	37	5	59000	± 31000	80	±	20
Afternoon	51	3	54000	± 23000	160	±	50
Private Car: Window Open							
Morning	52	4	78000	± 29000	160	±	90
Midday	68	3	77000	± 35000	210	±	80
Afternoon	98	3	73000	± 23000	130	±	70
Private Car: Window Closed, Air Recirculation OFF							
Morning	77	4	63000	± 37000	180	±	90
Midday	87	3	56000	± 25000	110	±	40
Afternoon	74	3	70000	± 42000	140	±	70
Private Car: Window Closed, Air Recirculation ON							
Morning	72	3	48000	± 23000	60	±	20
Midday	77	4	31000	± 13000	60	±	50
Afternoon	68	3	46000	± 22000	100	±	40

Table B.2: Summary of Average UFP and PM_{2.5} concentrations in measured in additional route.

Modes and Conditions	Number of Sampling Days	PNC (#/cm³) Mean ± SD	PM_{2.5} (µg/m³) Mean ± SD /m³
Private Car: Window Open	3	85000 ± 31000	140 ± 60
Private Car: Window Closed, Air Recirculation OFF	3	60000 ± 28000	130 ± 50
Private Car: Window Closed, Air Recirculation ON	3	42000 ± 21000	70 ± 30

Table B.3: Summary Average PNC and PM_{2.5} concentrations measured in various conditions on additional route in different times of the day.

Time	Number of Sampling Days	PNC (#/cm³) Mean ± SD		PM_{2.5} (µg/m³) Mean ± SD /m³	
Private Car: Window Open					
Morning	1	94000	± 30000	180	± 50
Midday	1	83000	± 26000	180	± 40
Afternoon	1	80000	± 33000	100	± 40
Private Car: Window Closed, Air Recirculation OFF					
Morning	1	55000	± 24000	100	± 50
Midday	1	57000	± 37000	120	± 20
Afternoon	1	68000	± 23000	60	± 30
Private Car: Window Closed, Air Recirculation ON					
Morning	1	50000	± 28000	60	± 20
Midday	1	40000	± 20000	170	± 20
Afternoon	1	40000	± 17000	80	± 30

APPENDIX- C: Average spatial variations of measured PNC and PM_{2.5} in various transportation modes at different part of a day on primary and additional routes

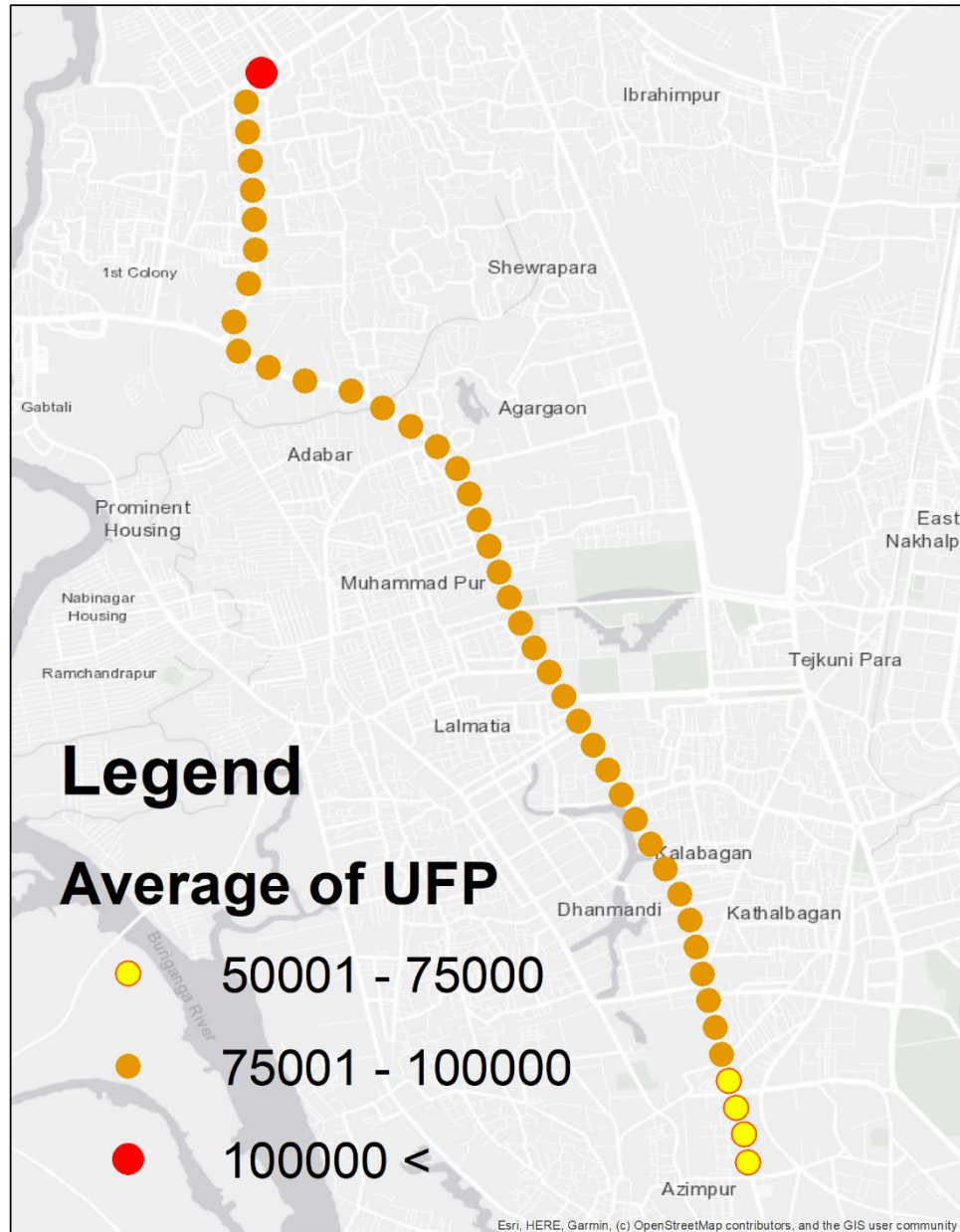


Figure C.1: Spatial variation of in-vehicle PNC measured in Bus along the primary sampling route (Azimpur to Mirpur-1). Concentrations are averaged over 200 m road segment across all sampling days.

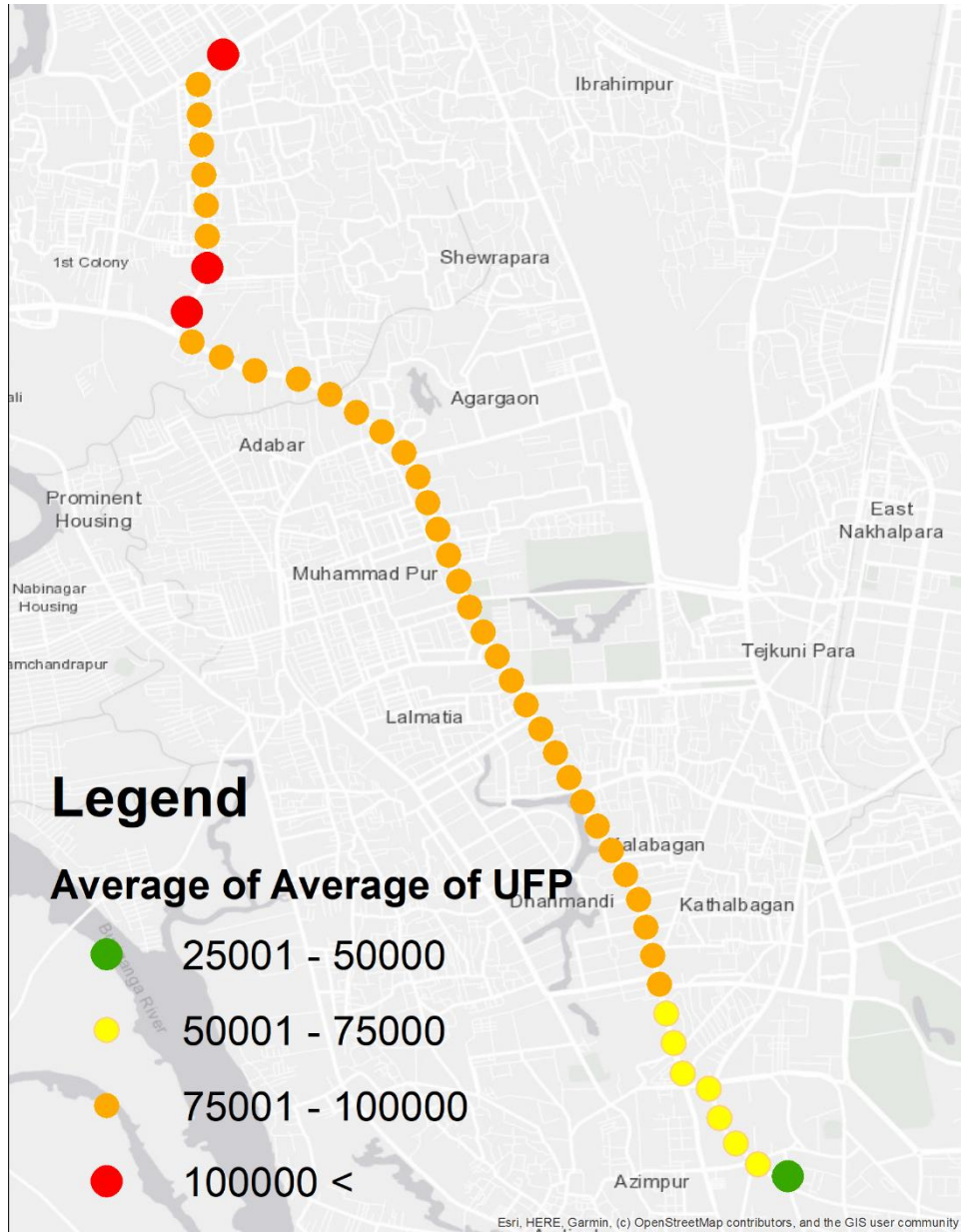


Figure C.2: Spatial variation of in-vehicle PNC measured in Private Car (Window Open) along the primary sampling route (Azimpur to Mirpur-1). Concentrations are averaged over 200 m road segment across all sampling days.

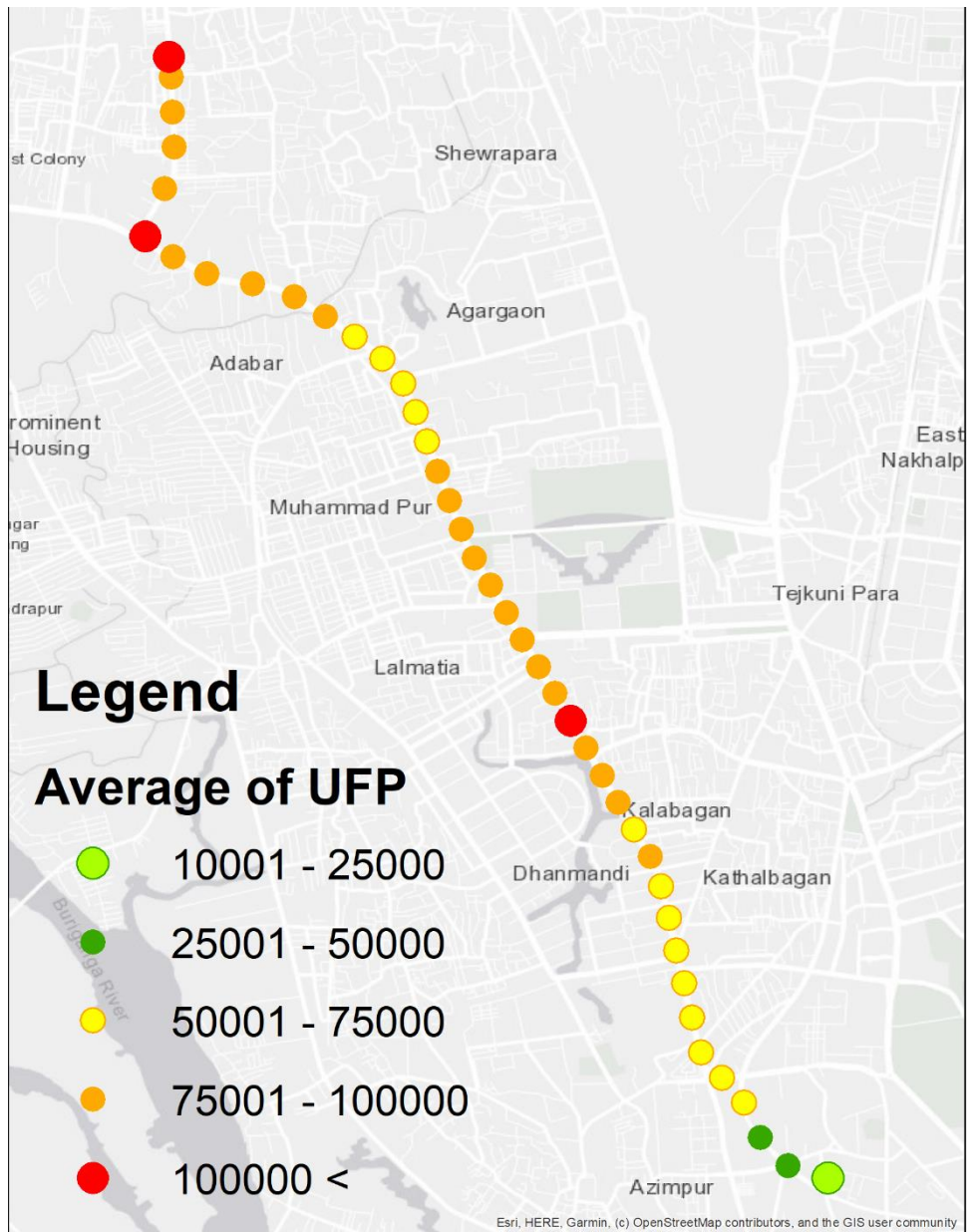


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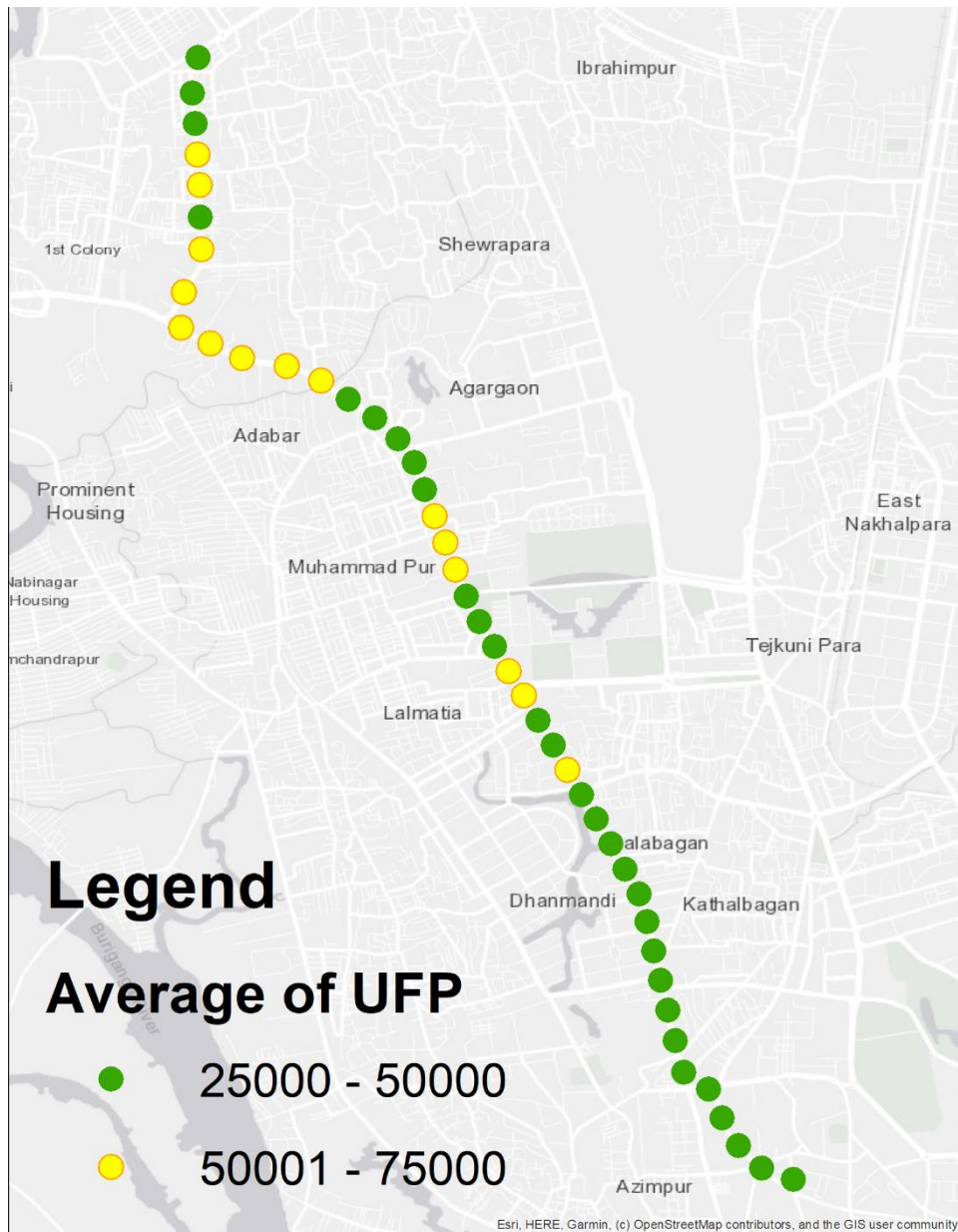


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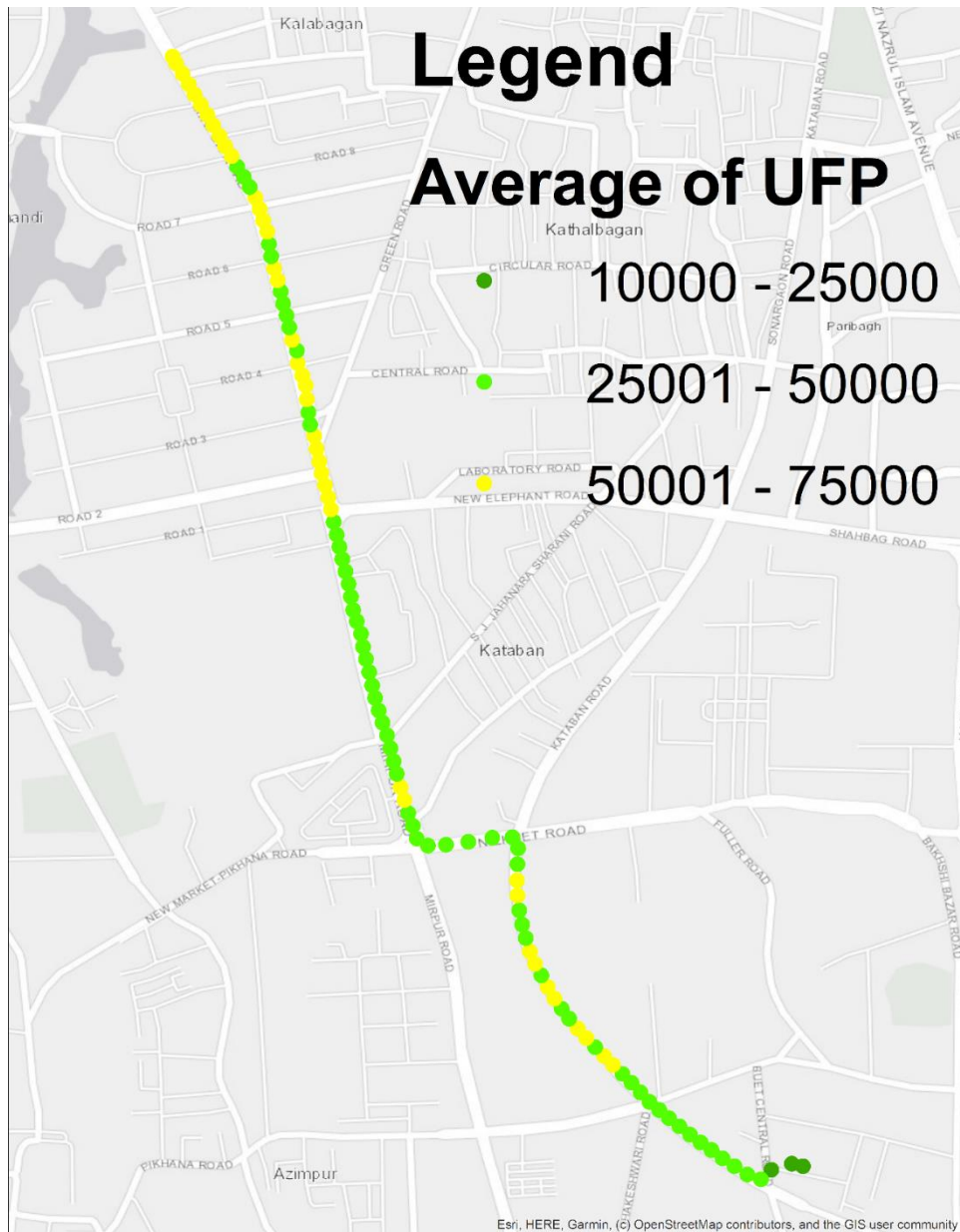


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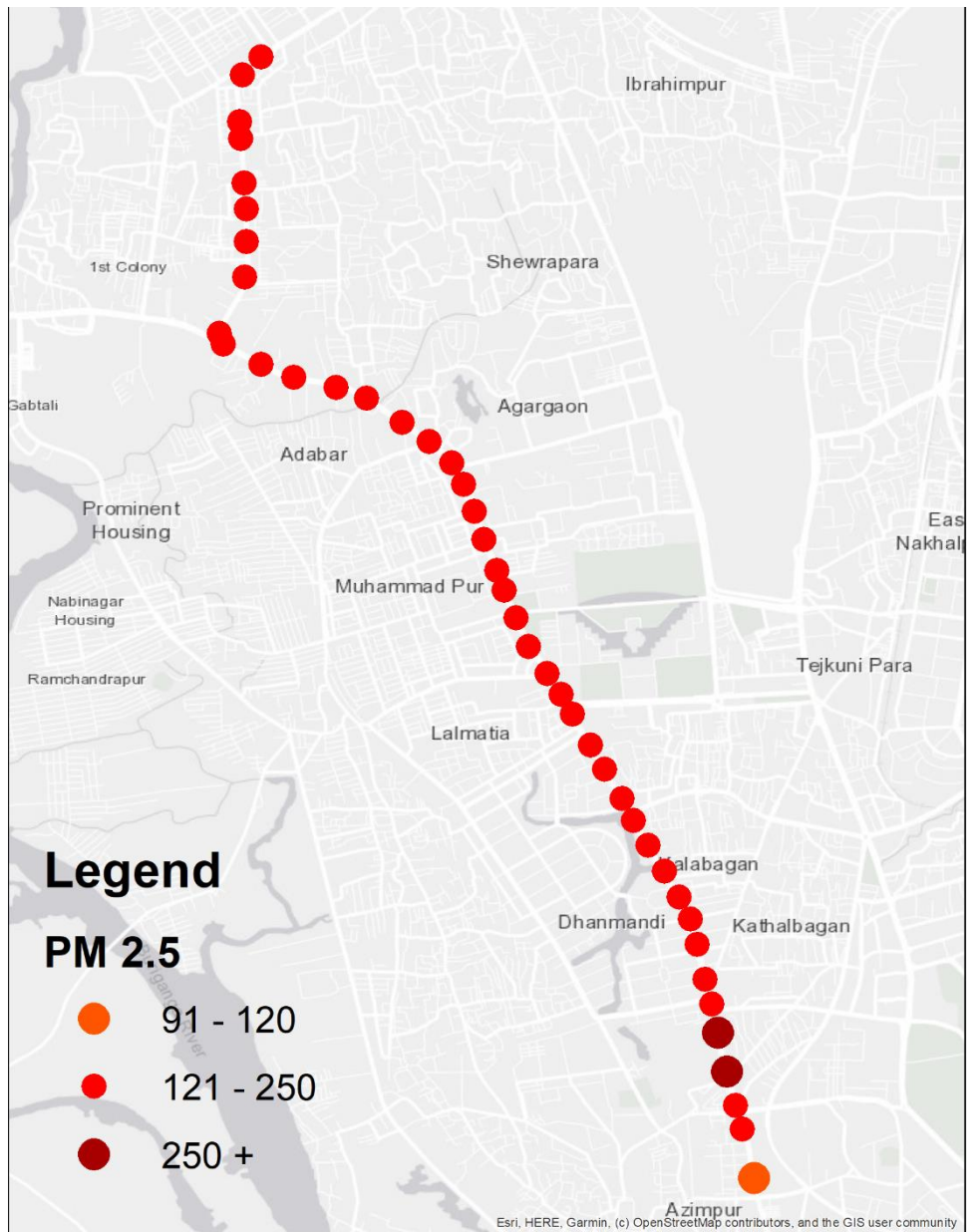


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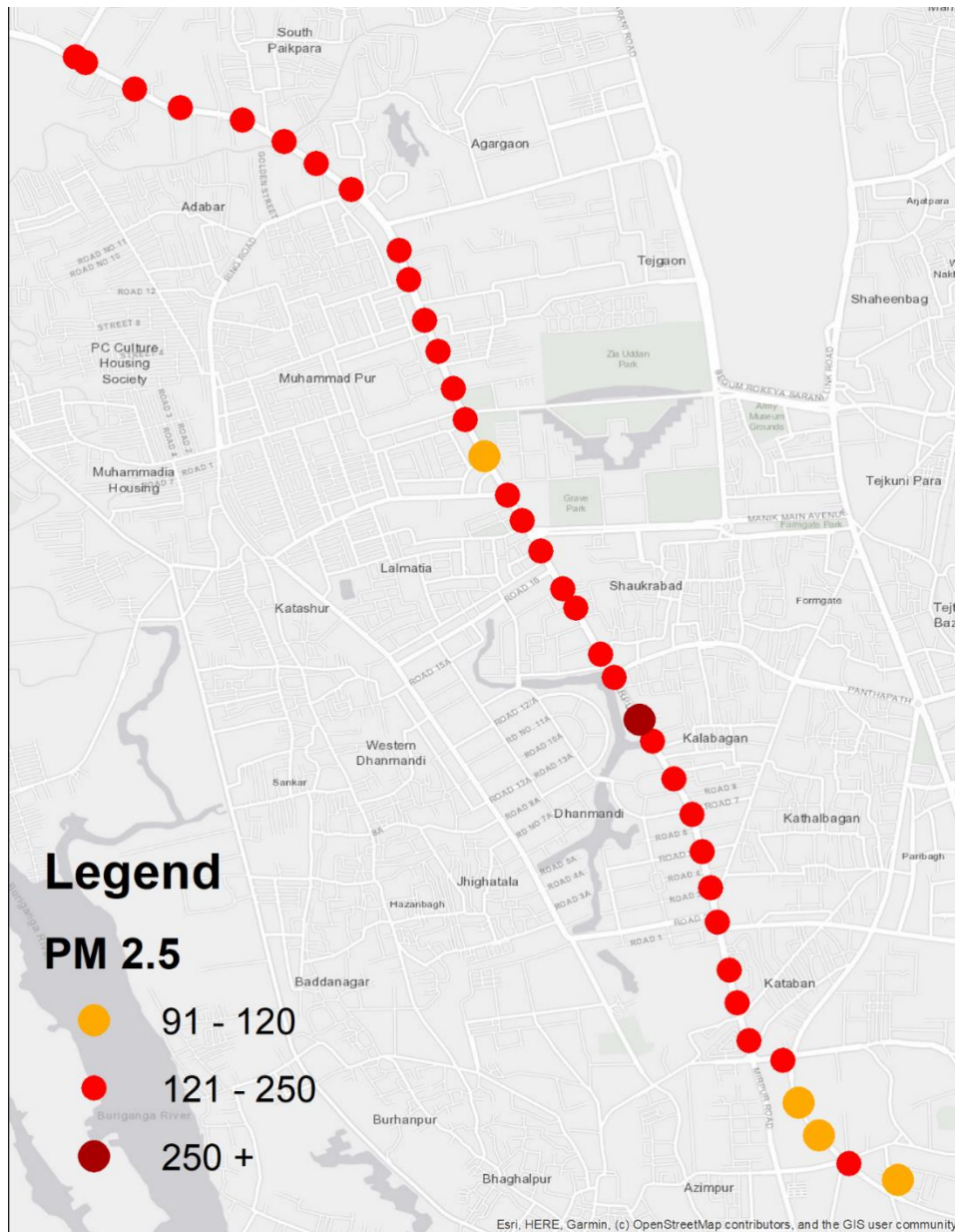


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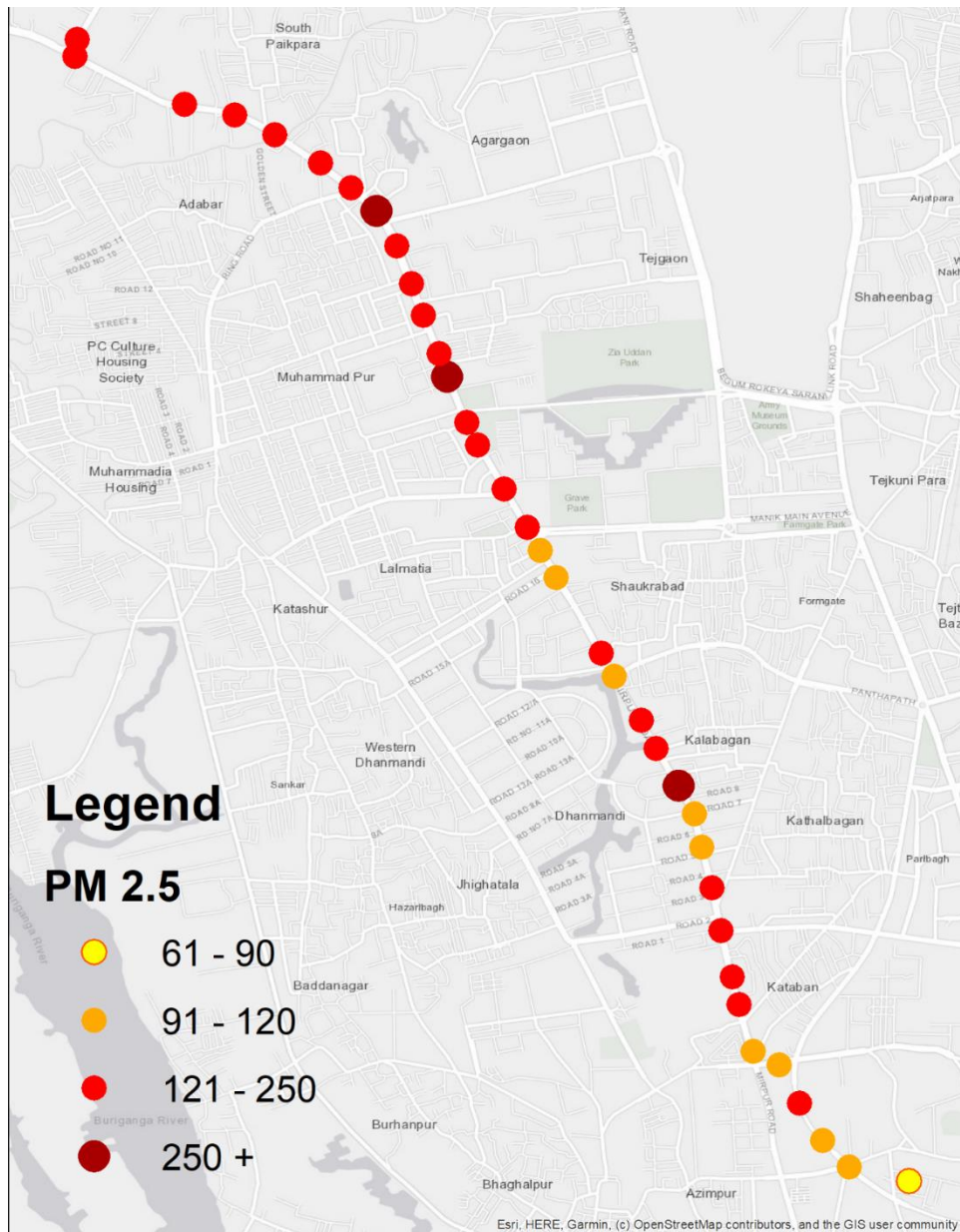


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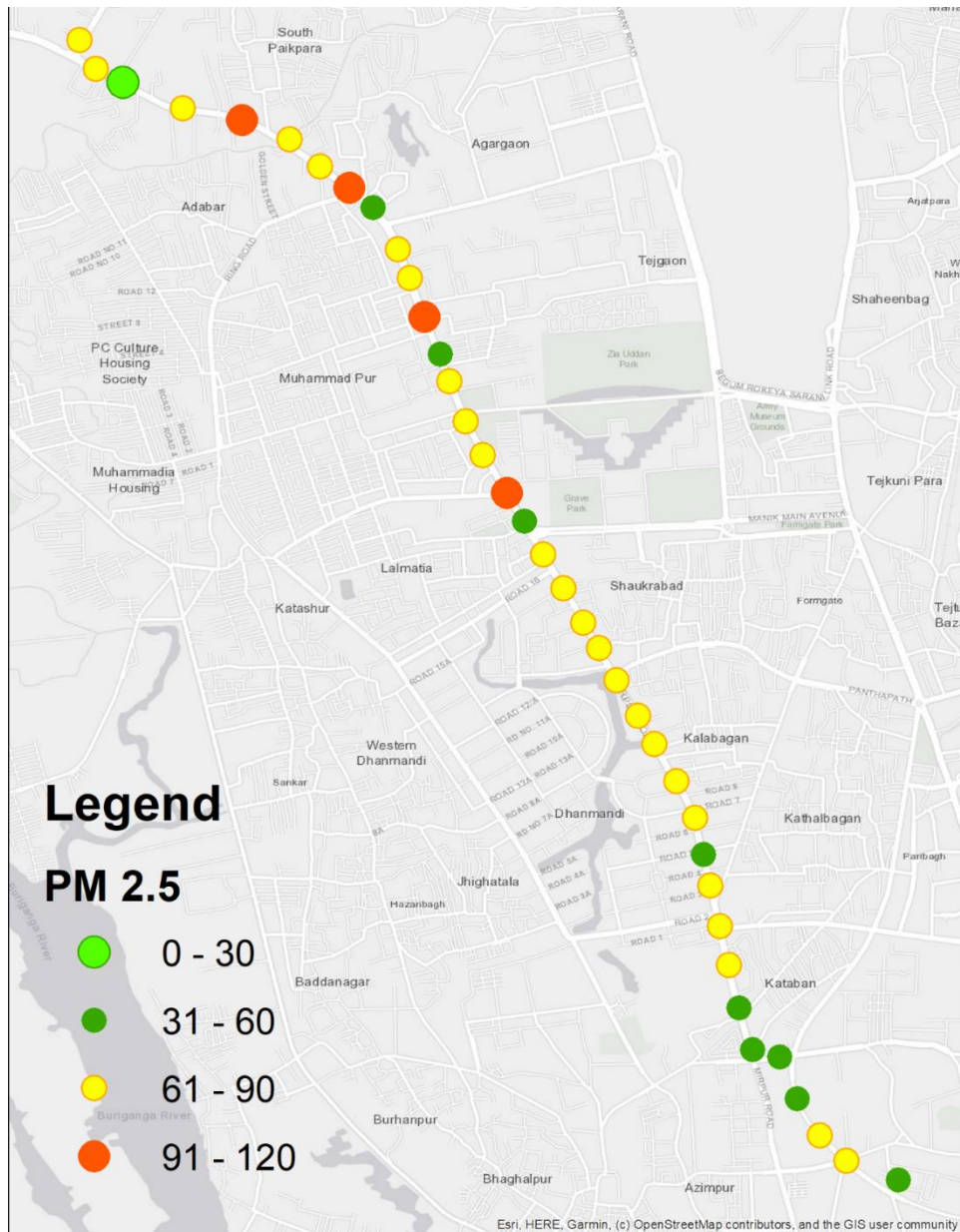


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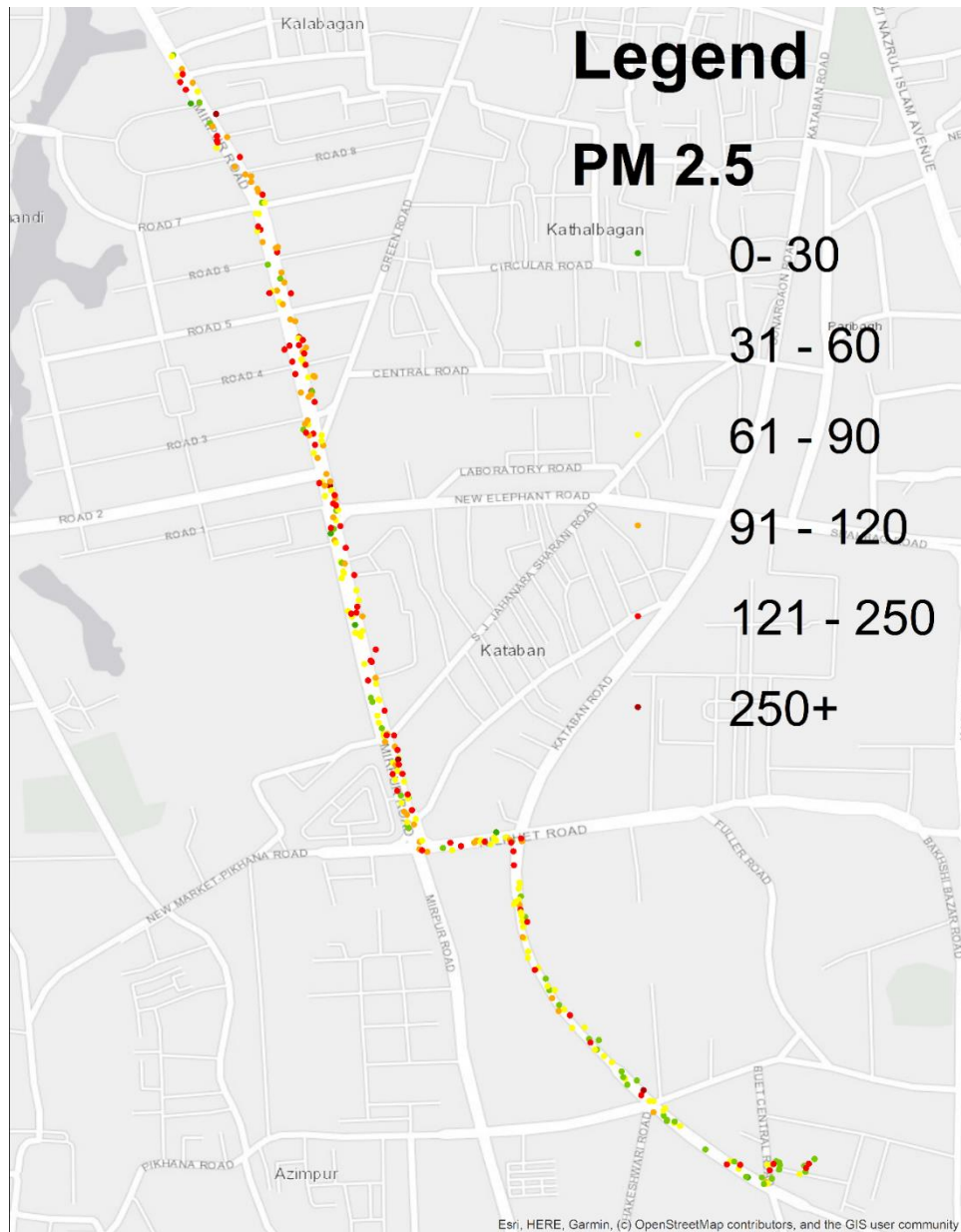


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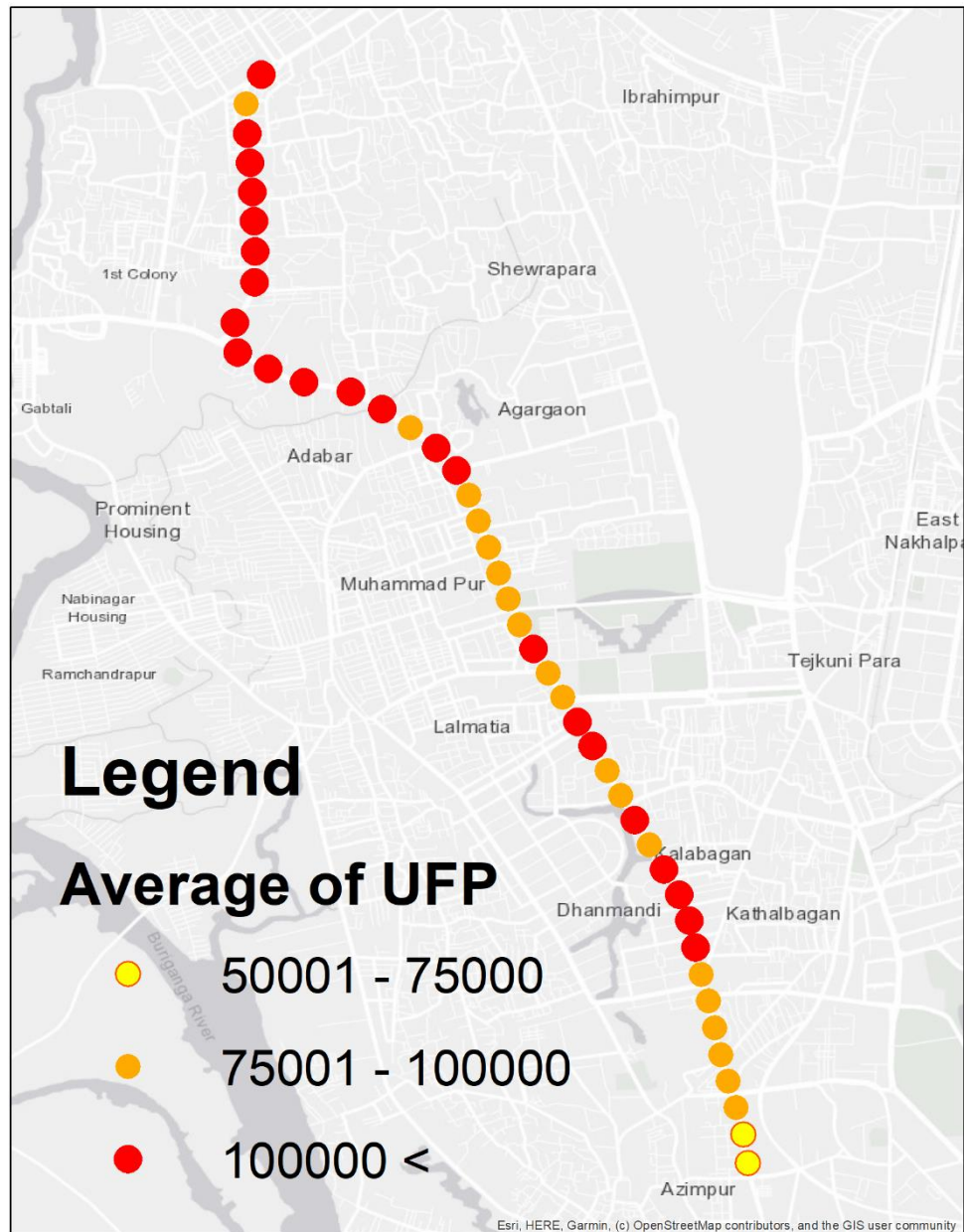


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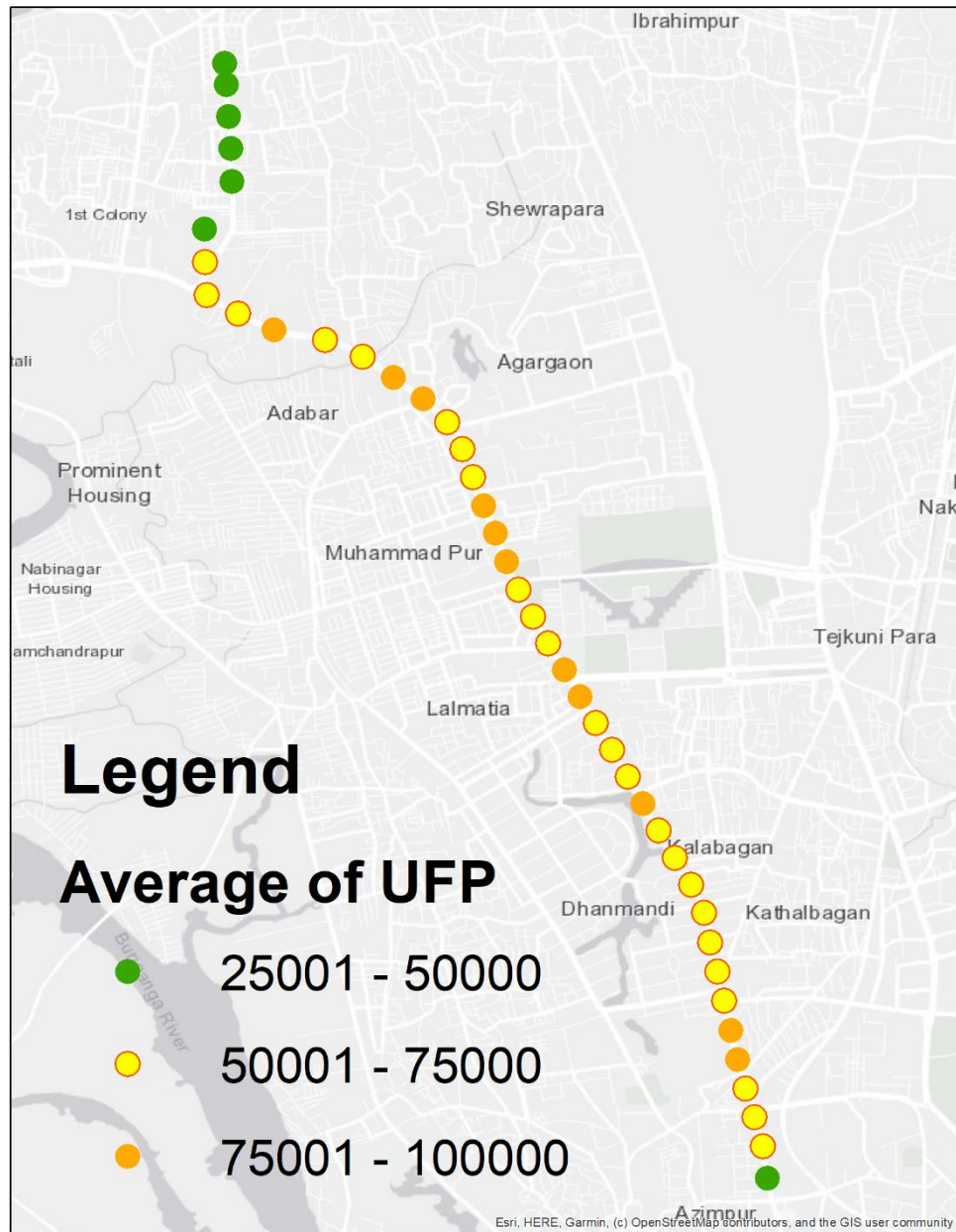


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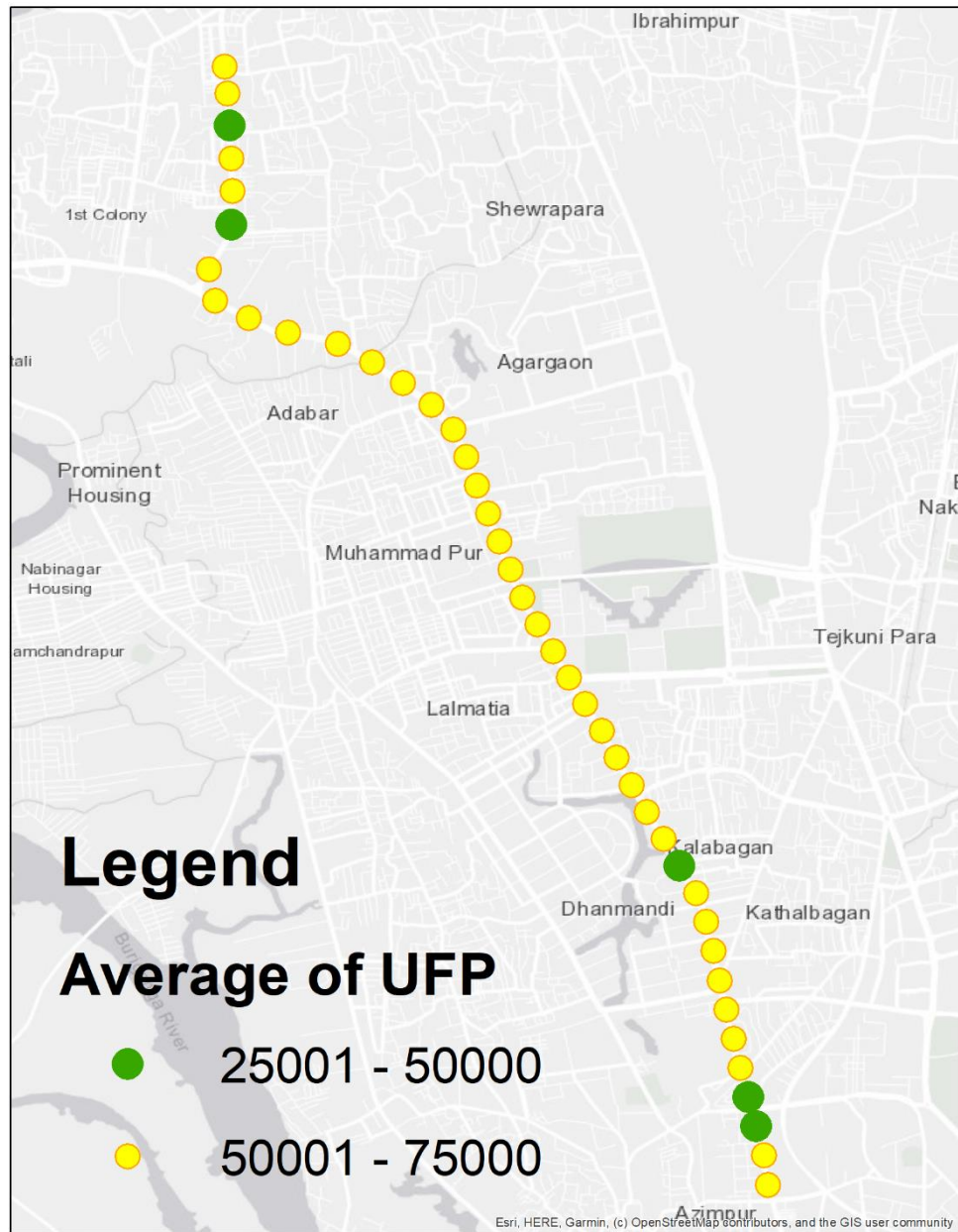


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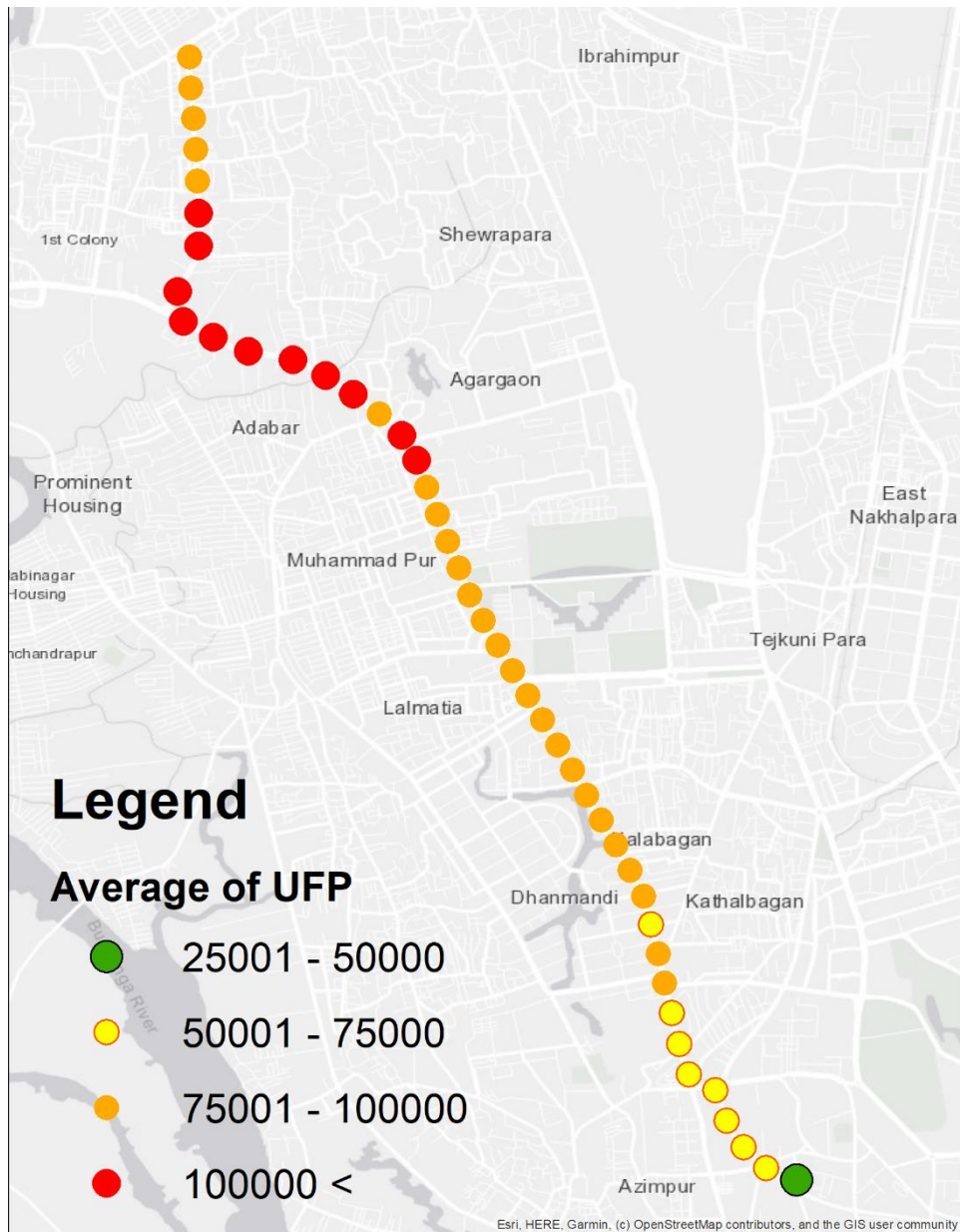


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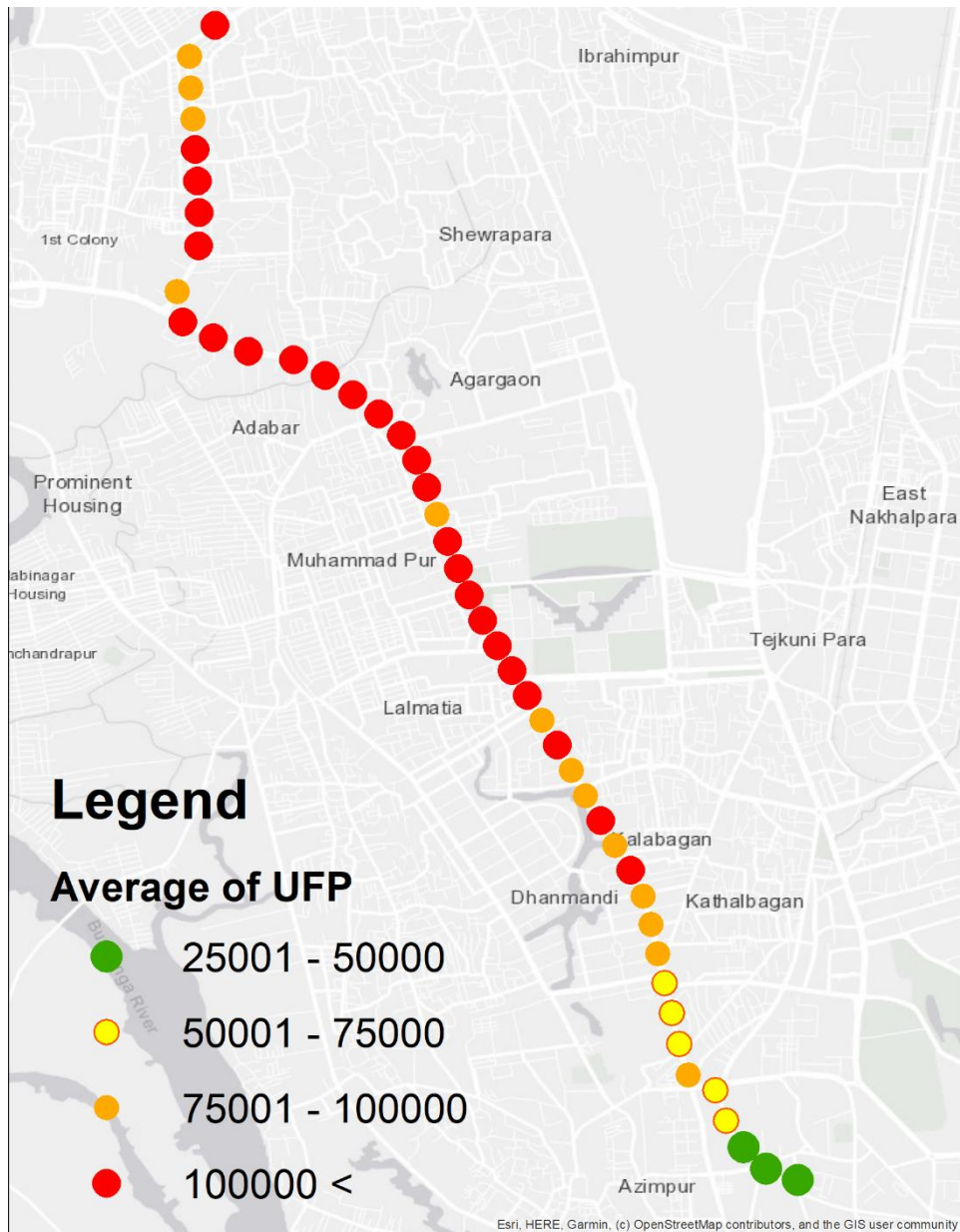


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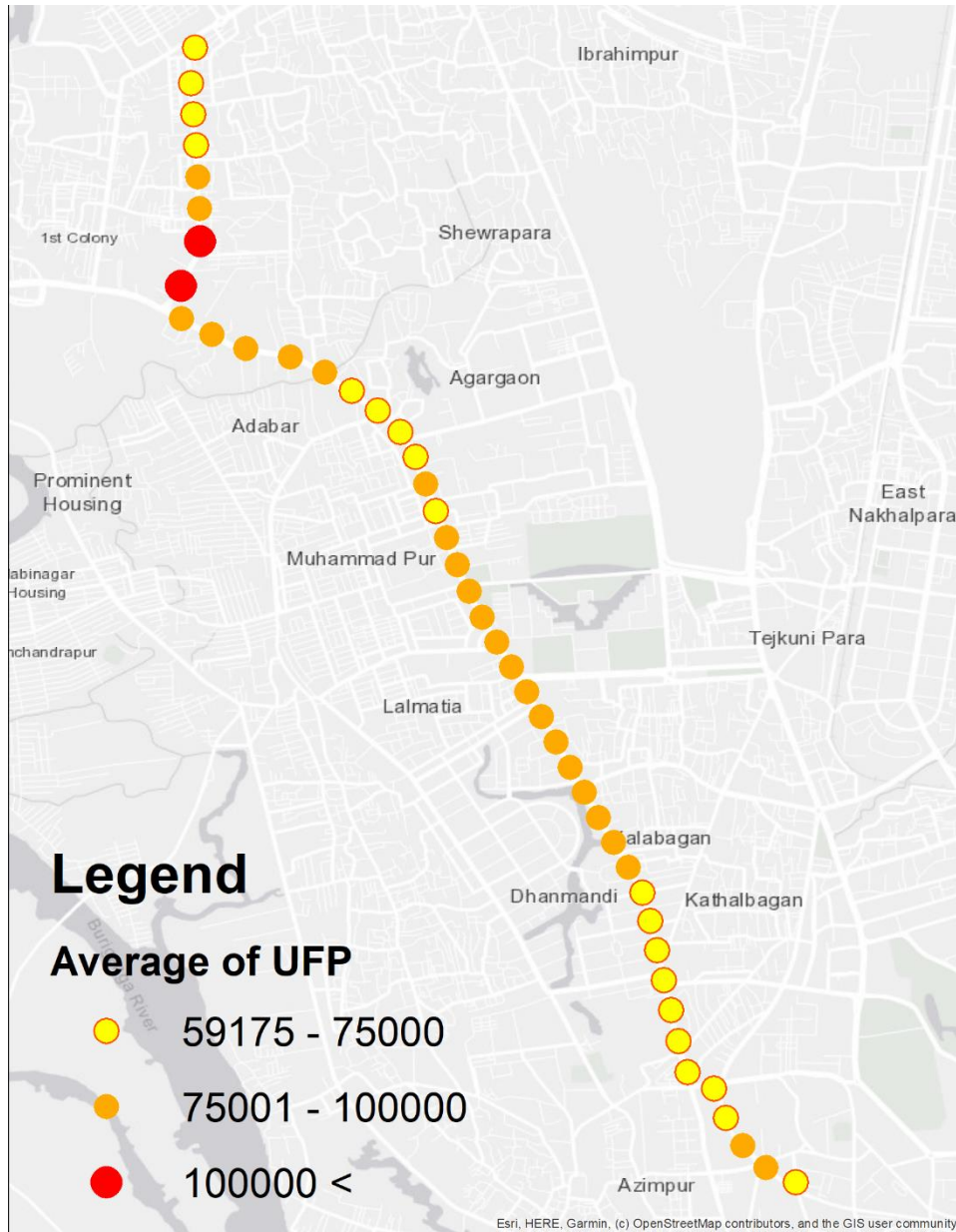


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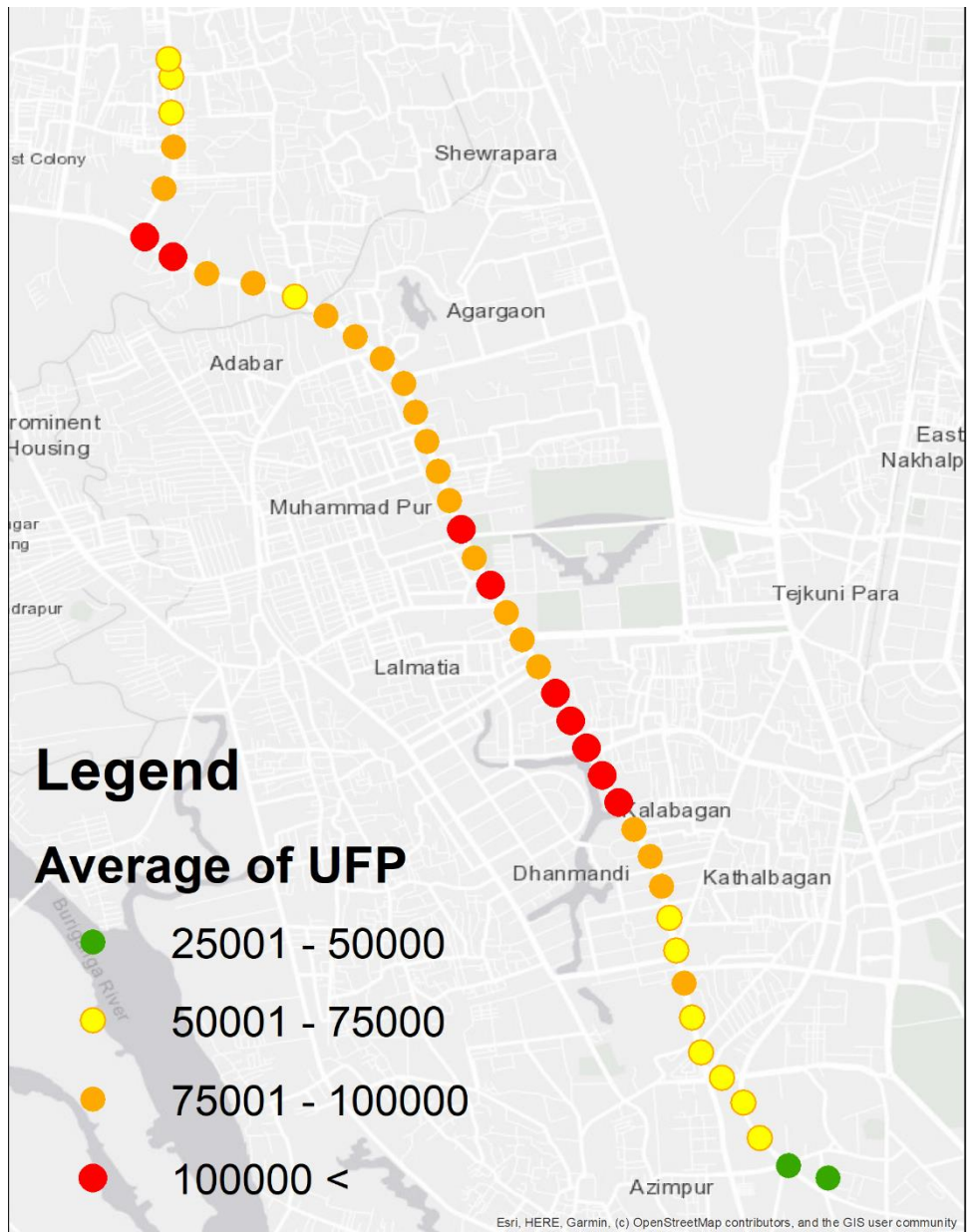


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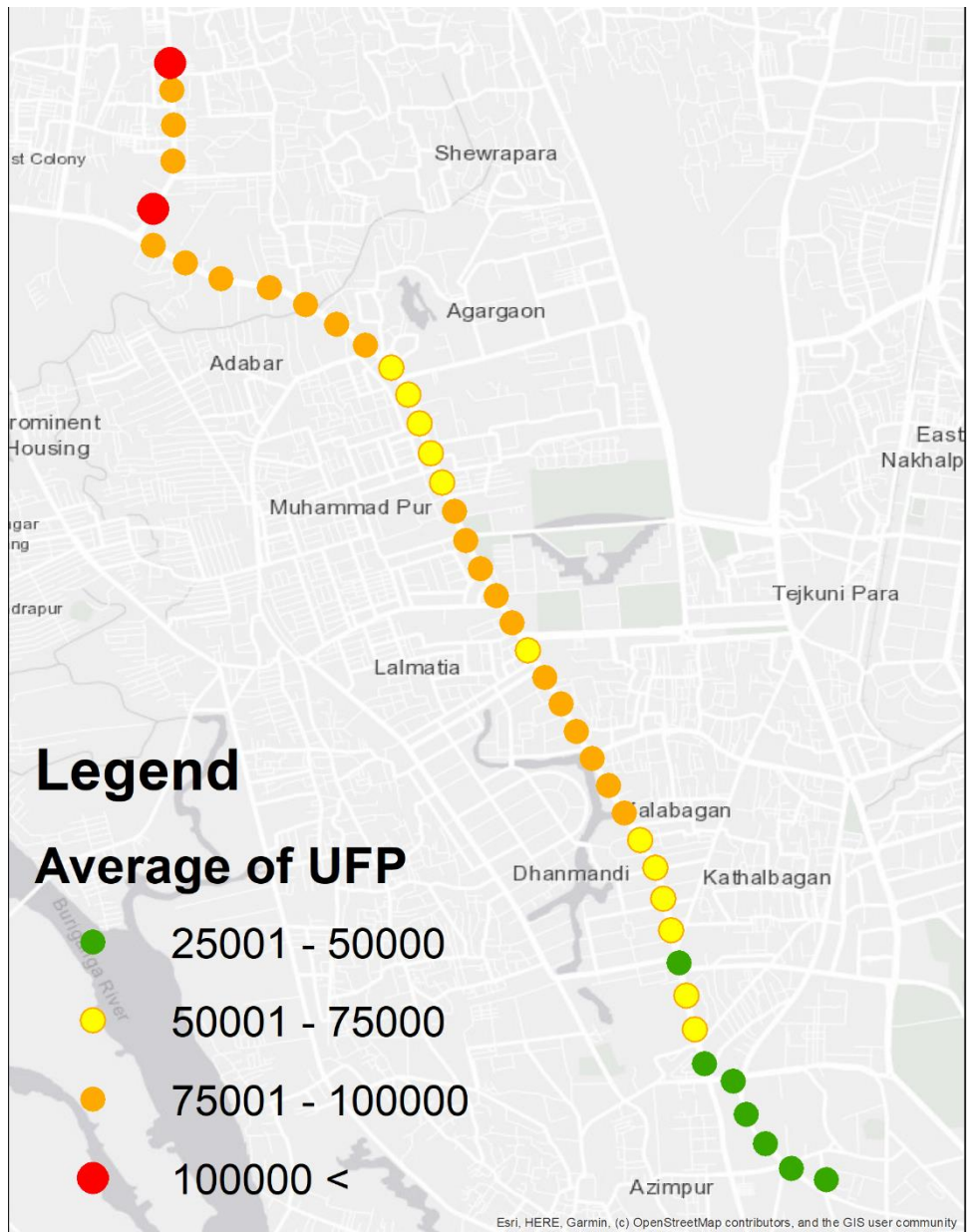


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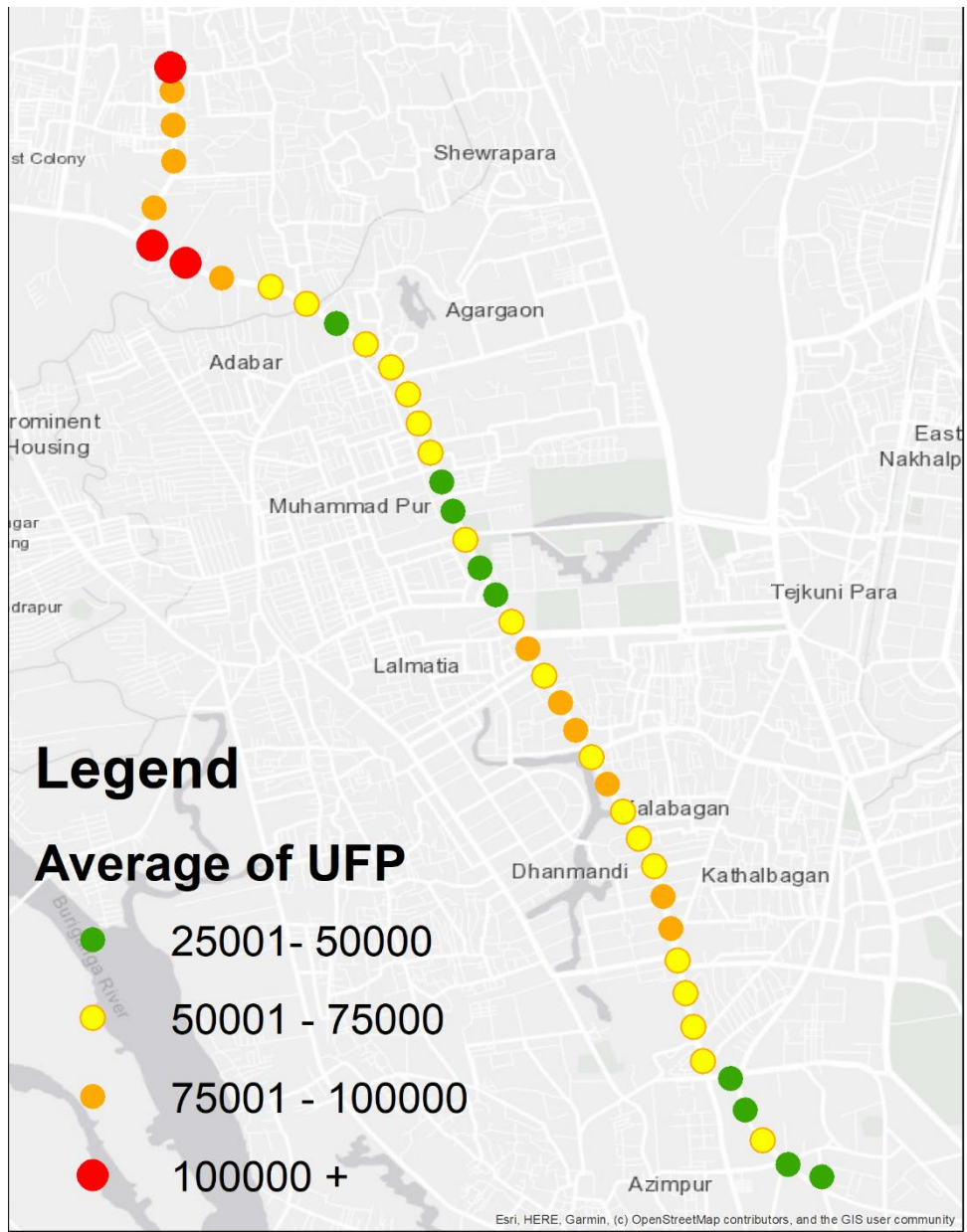


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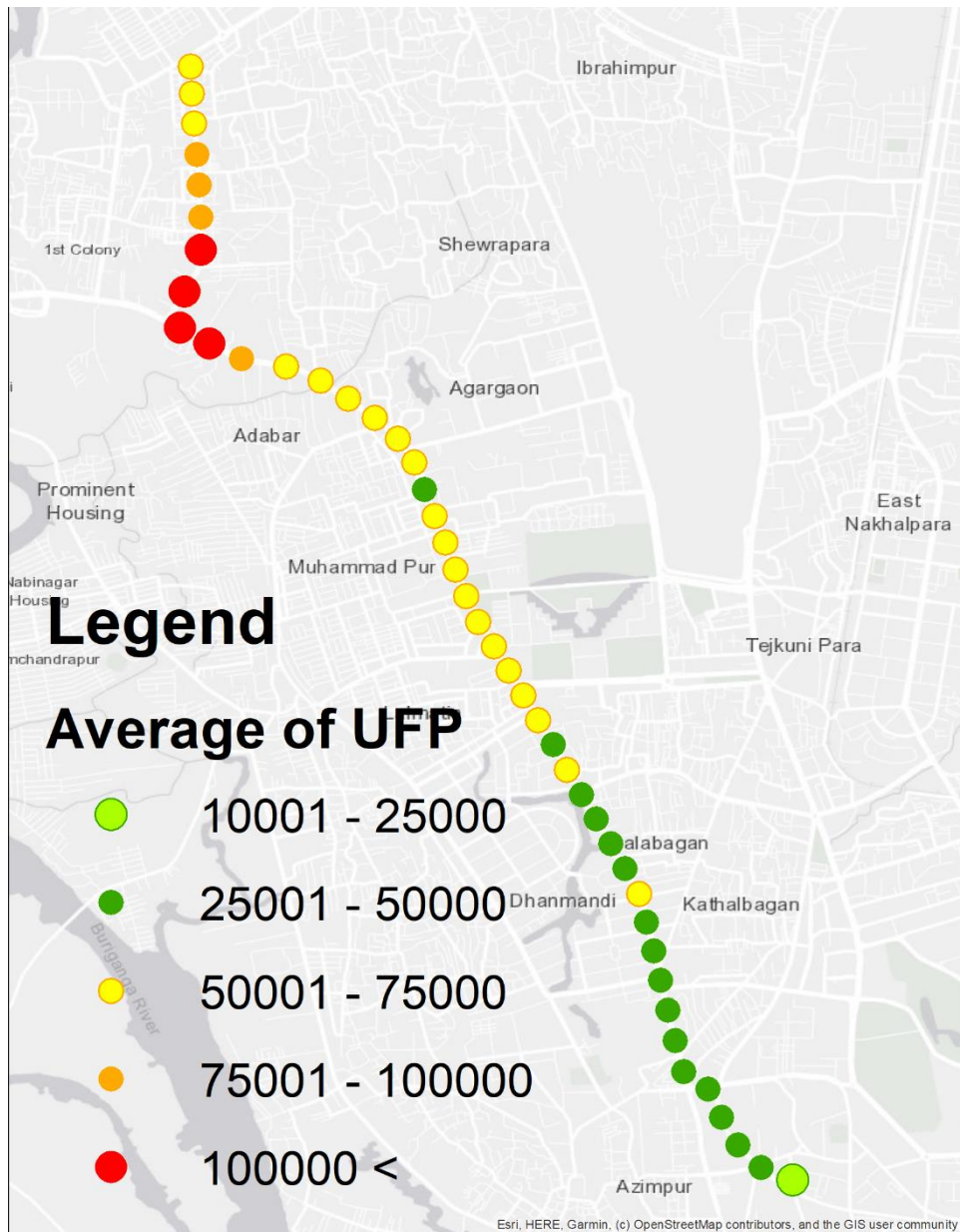


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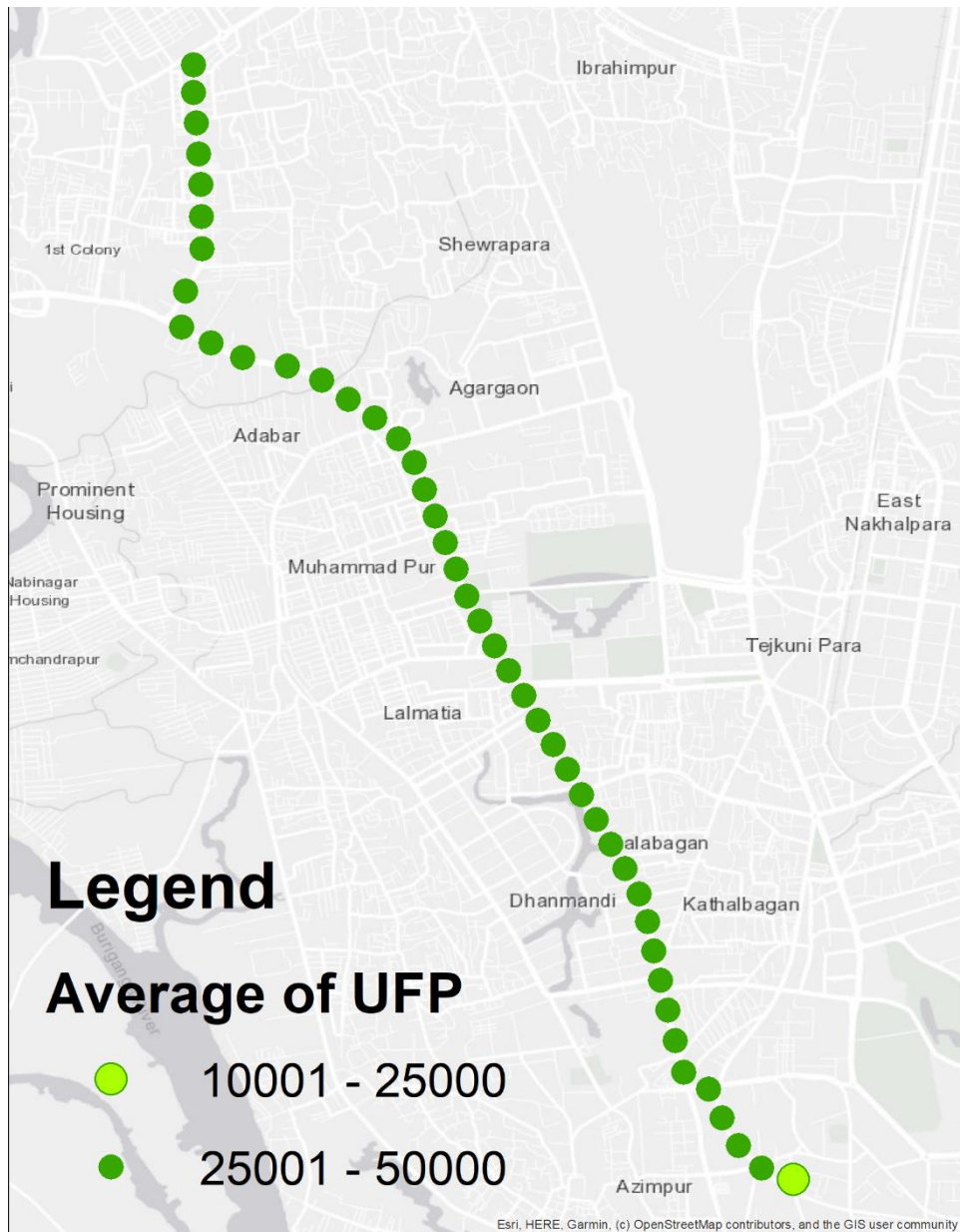


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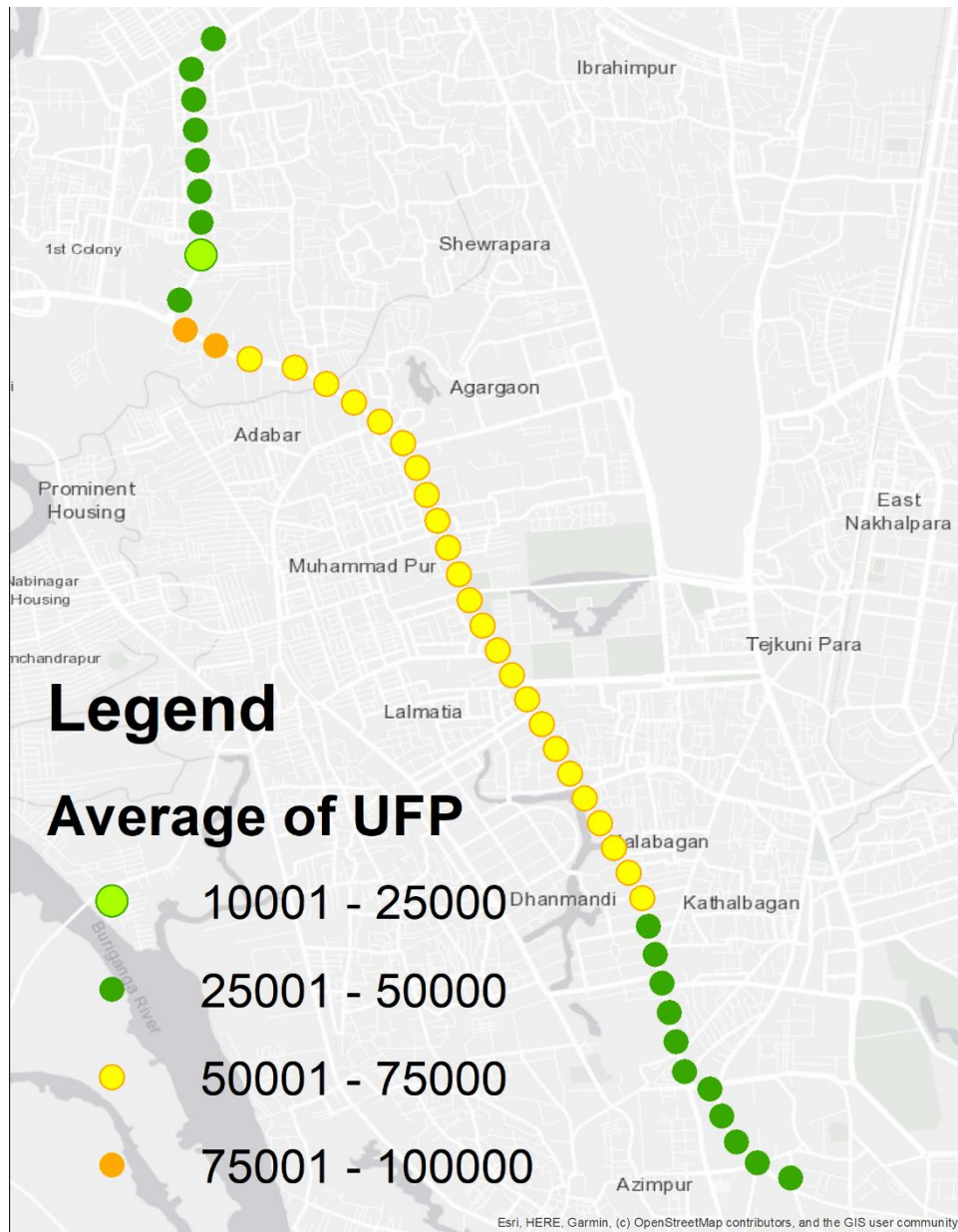


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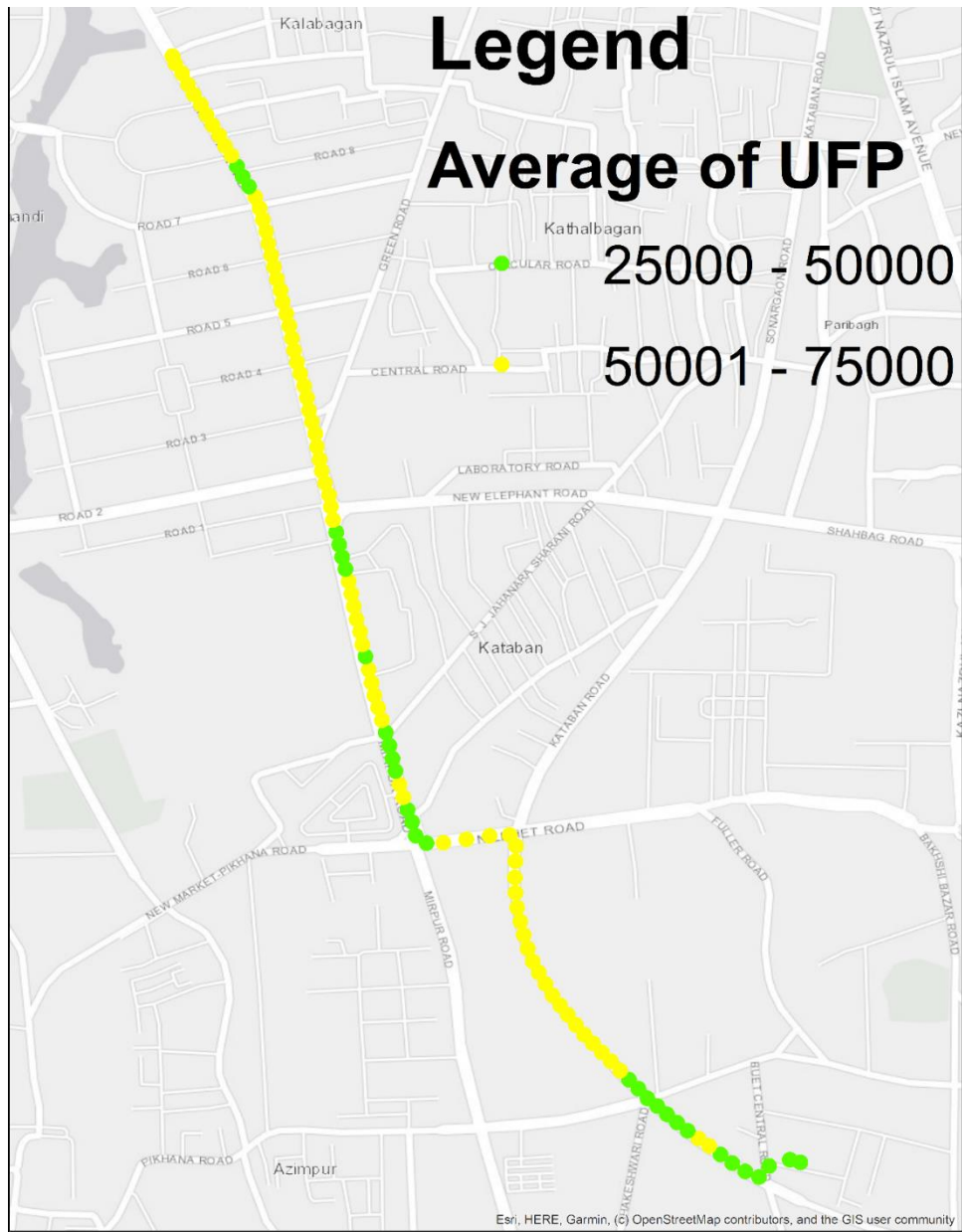


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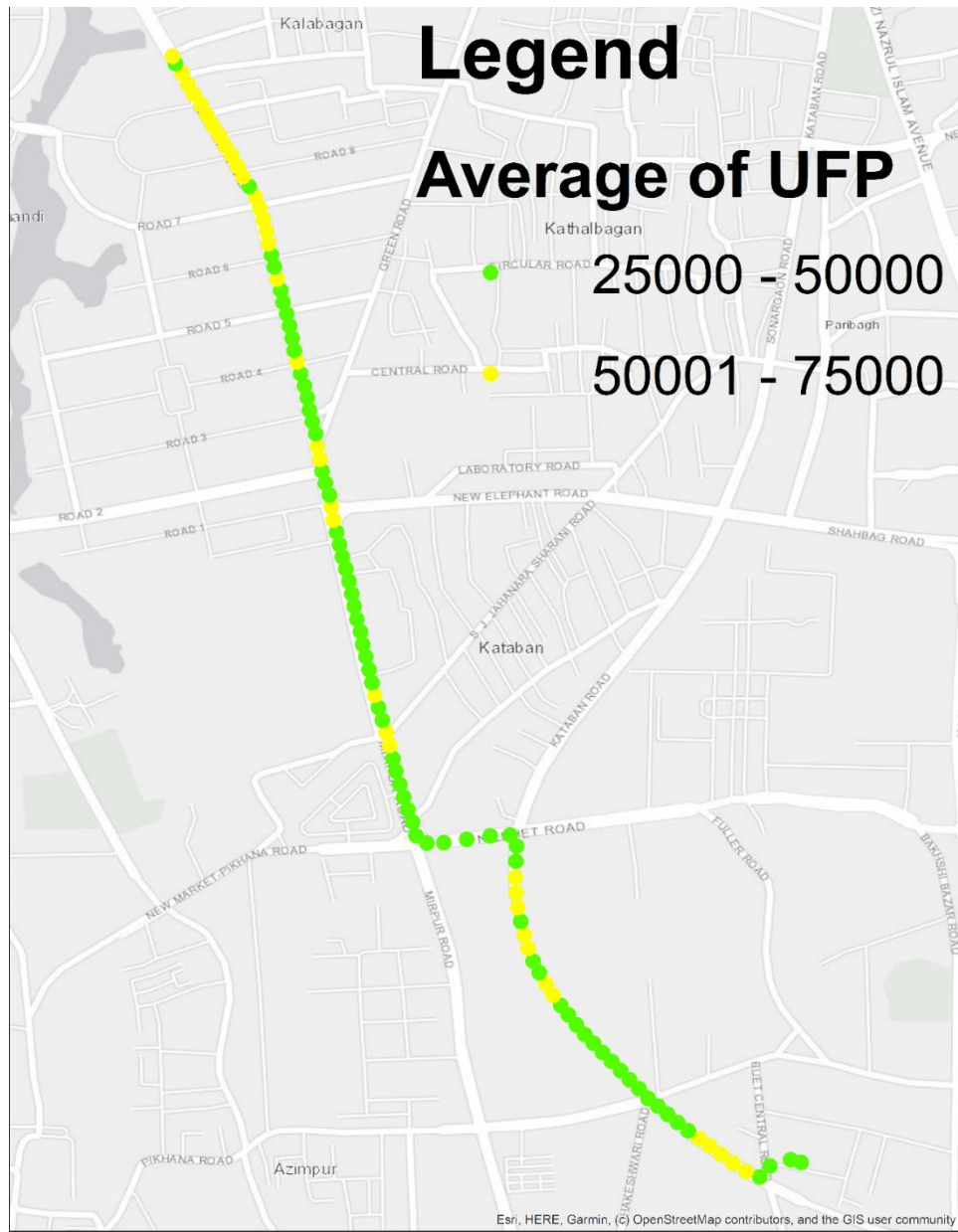


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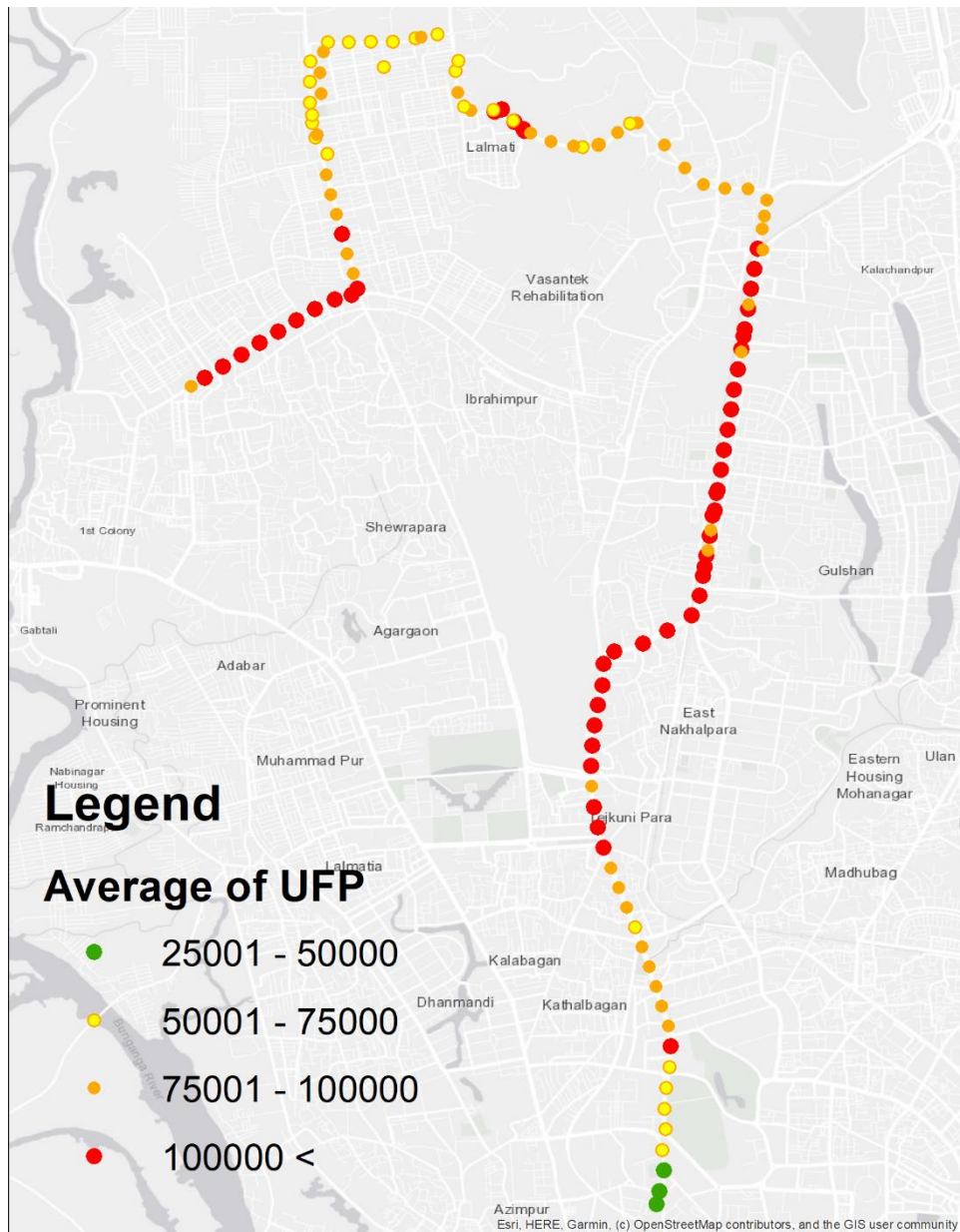


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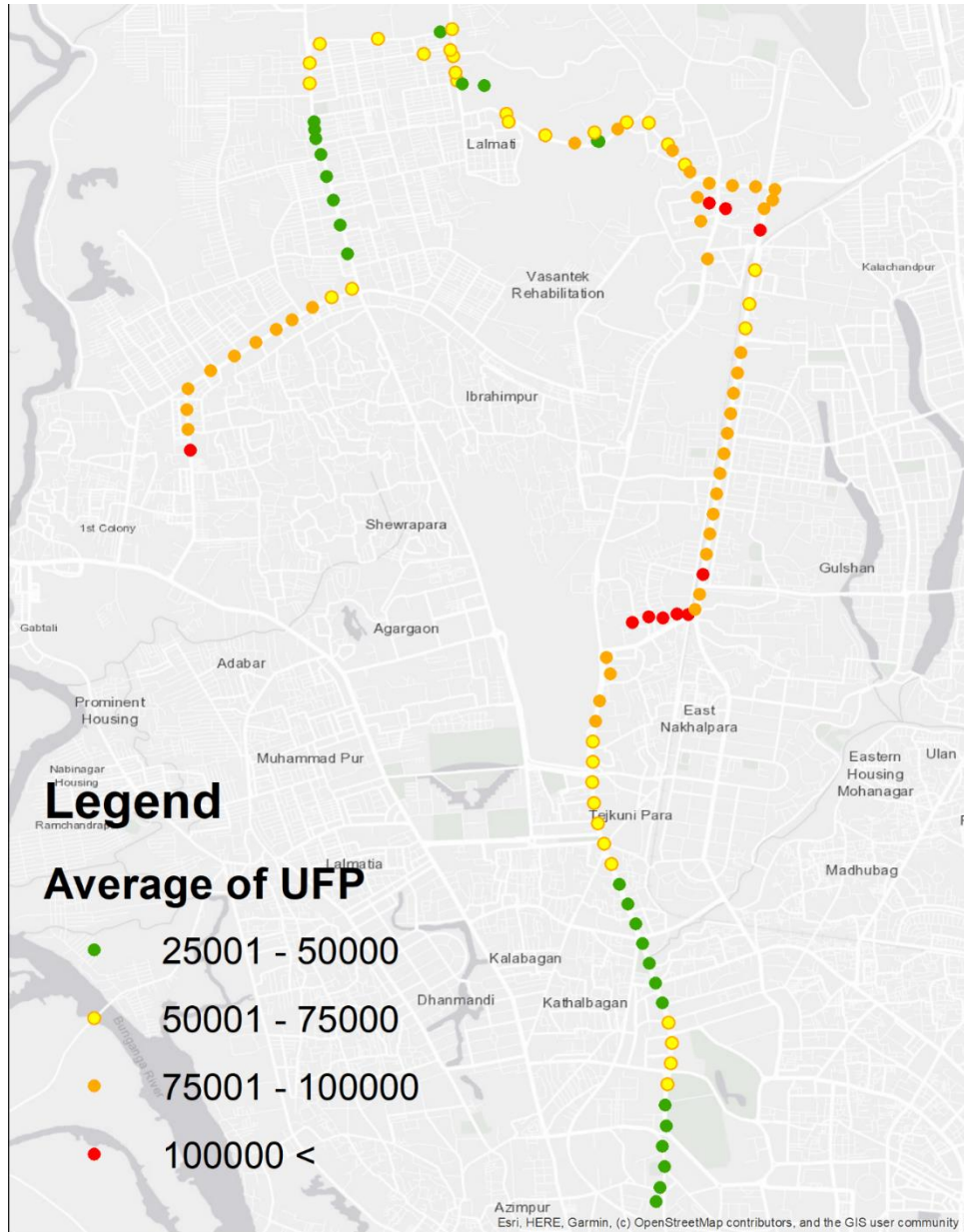


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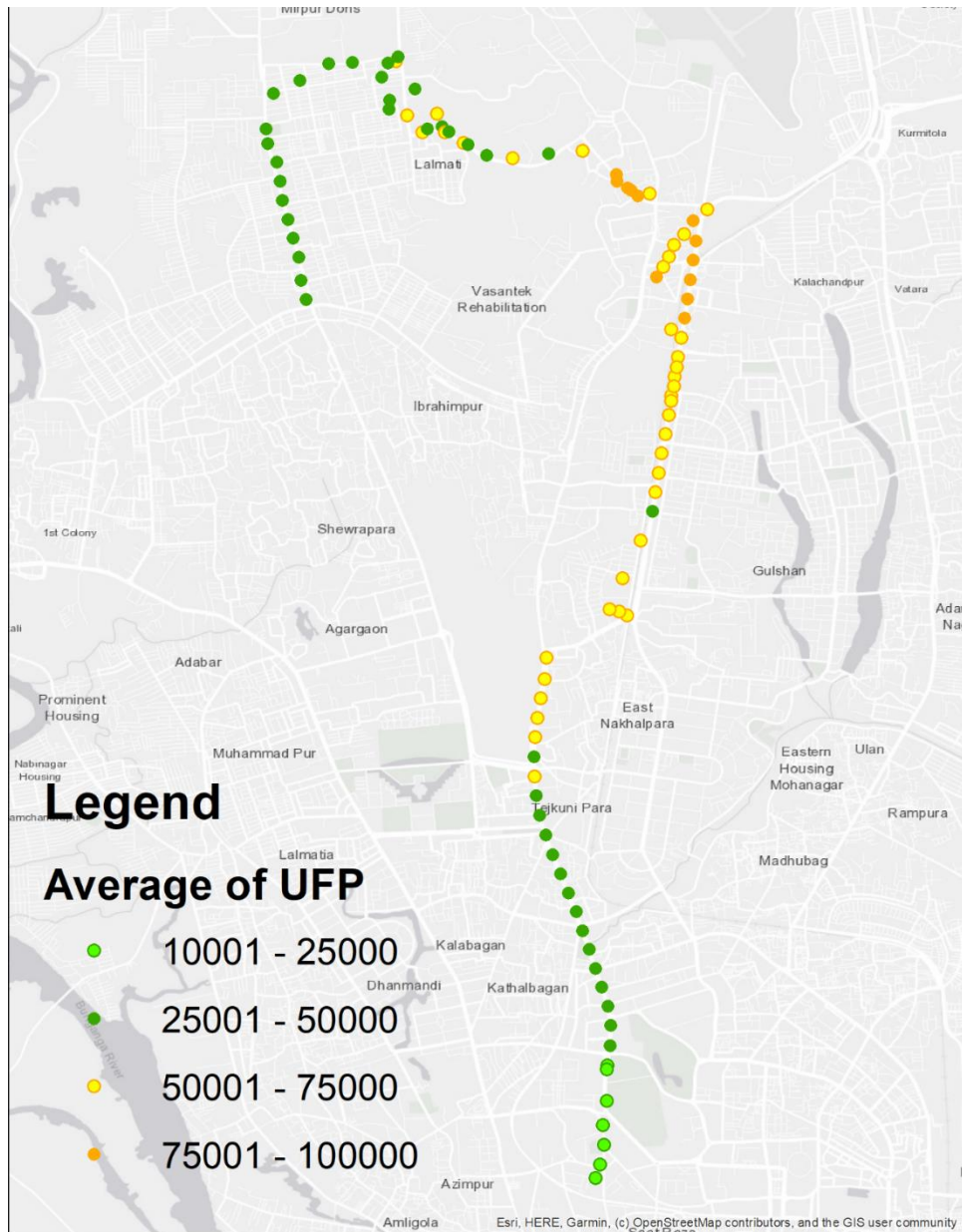


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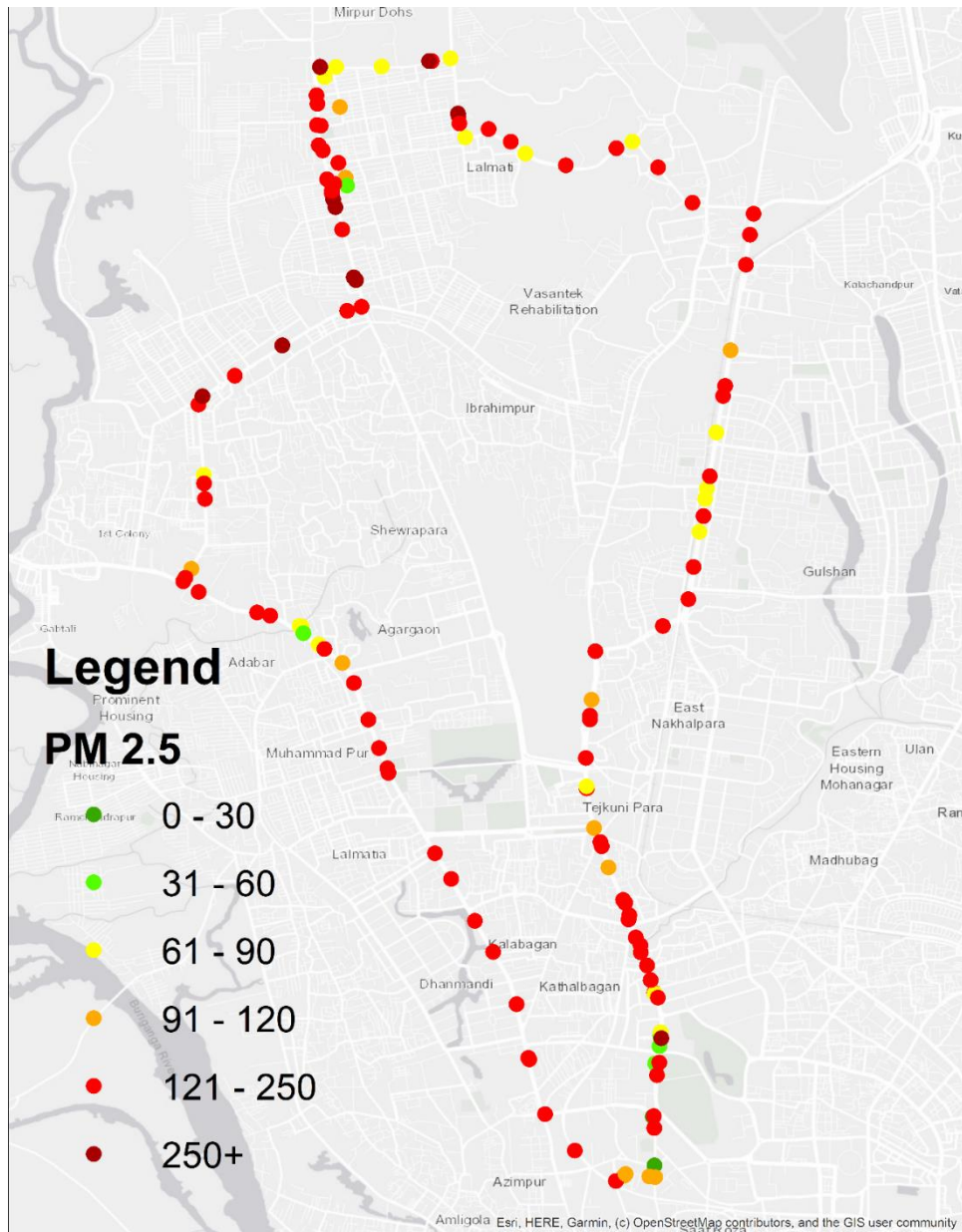


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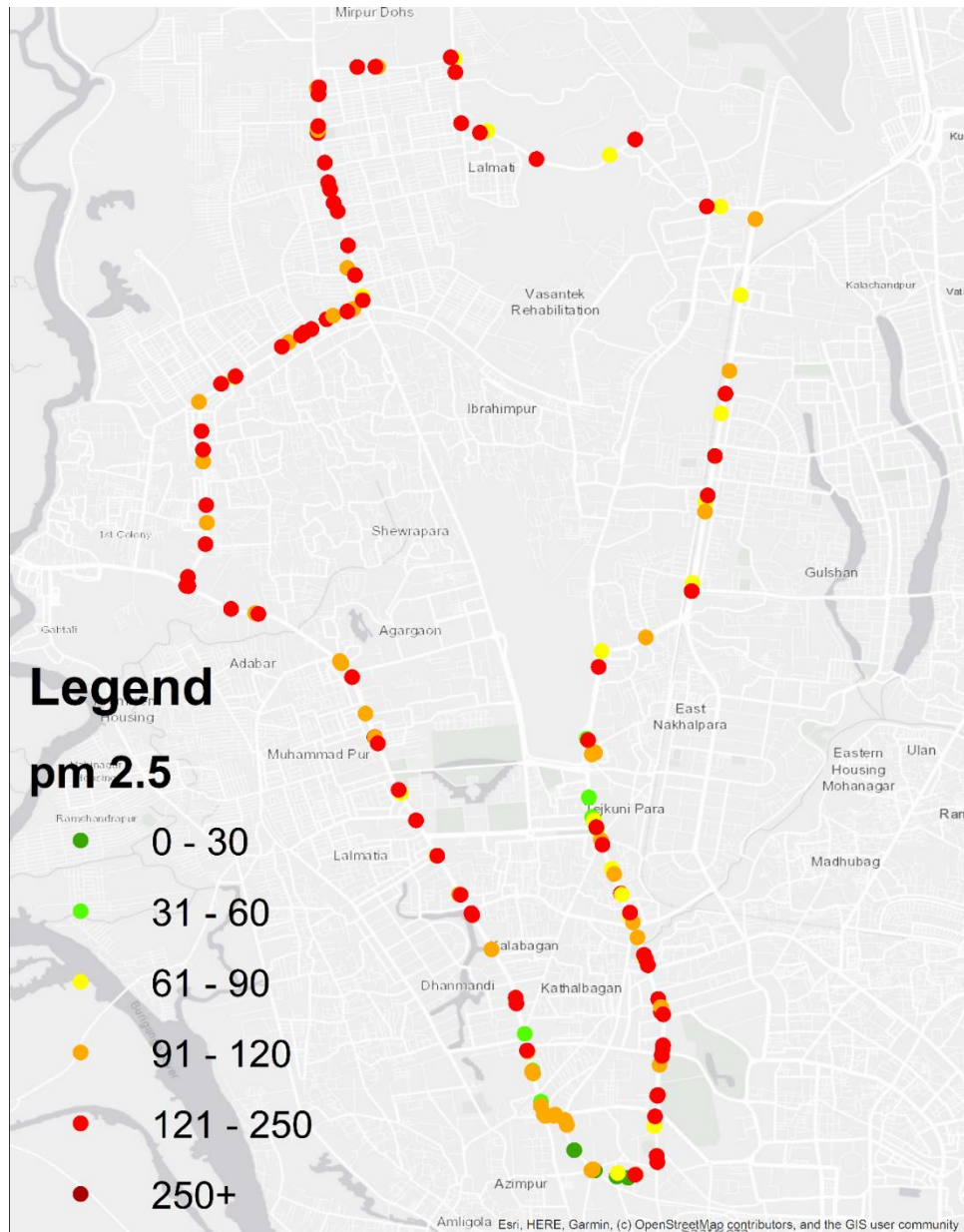


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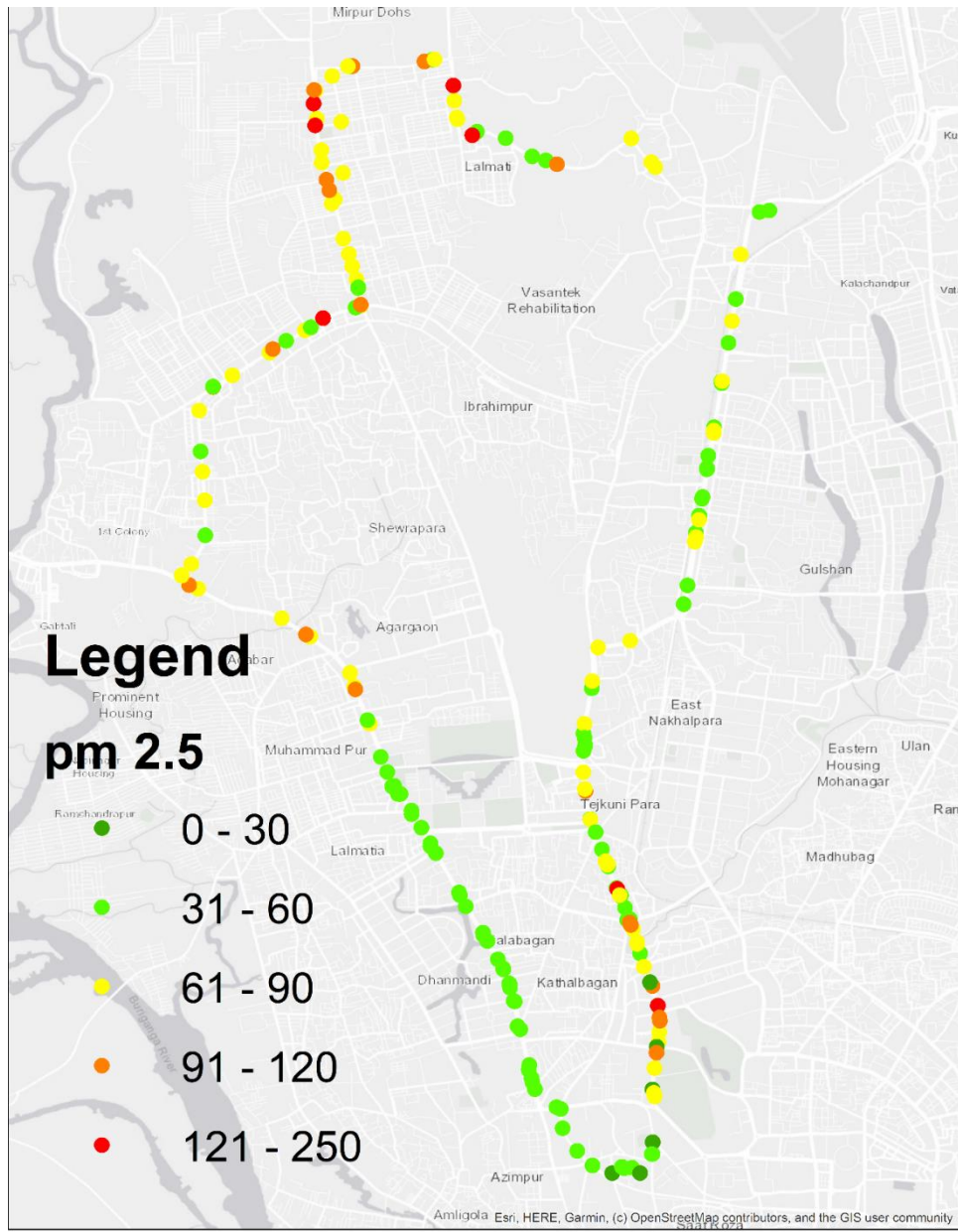


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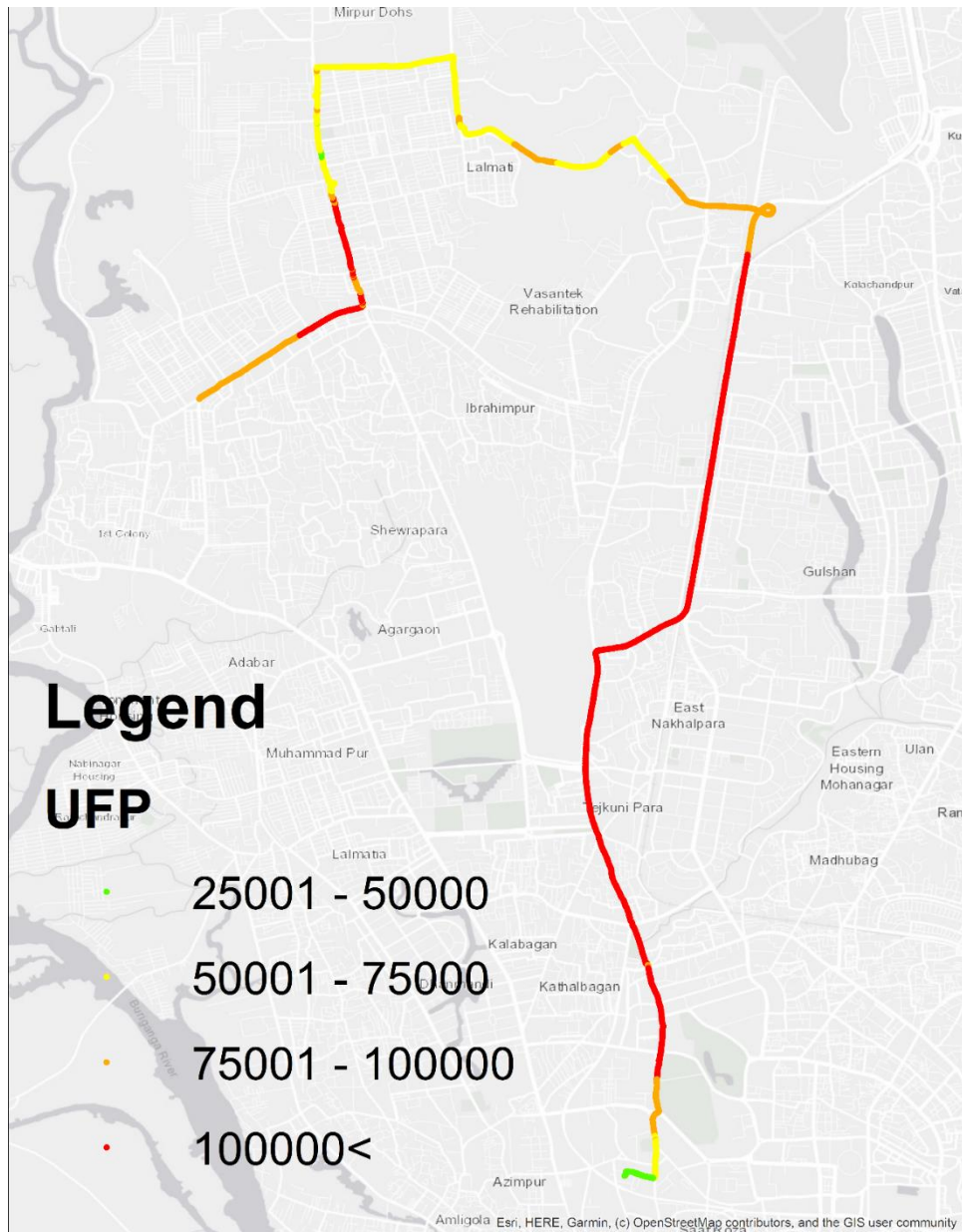


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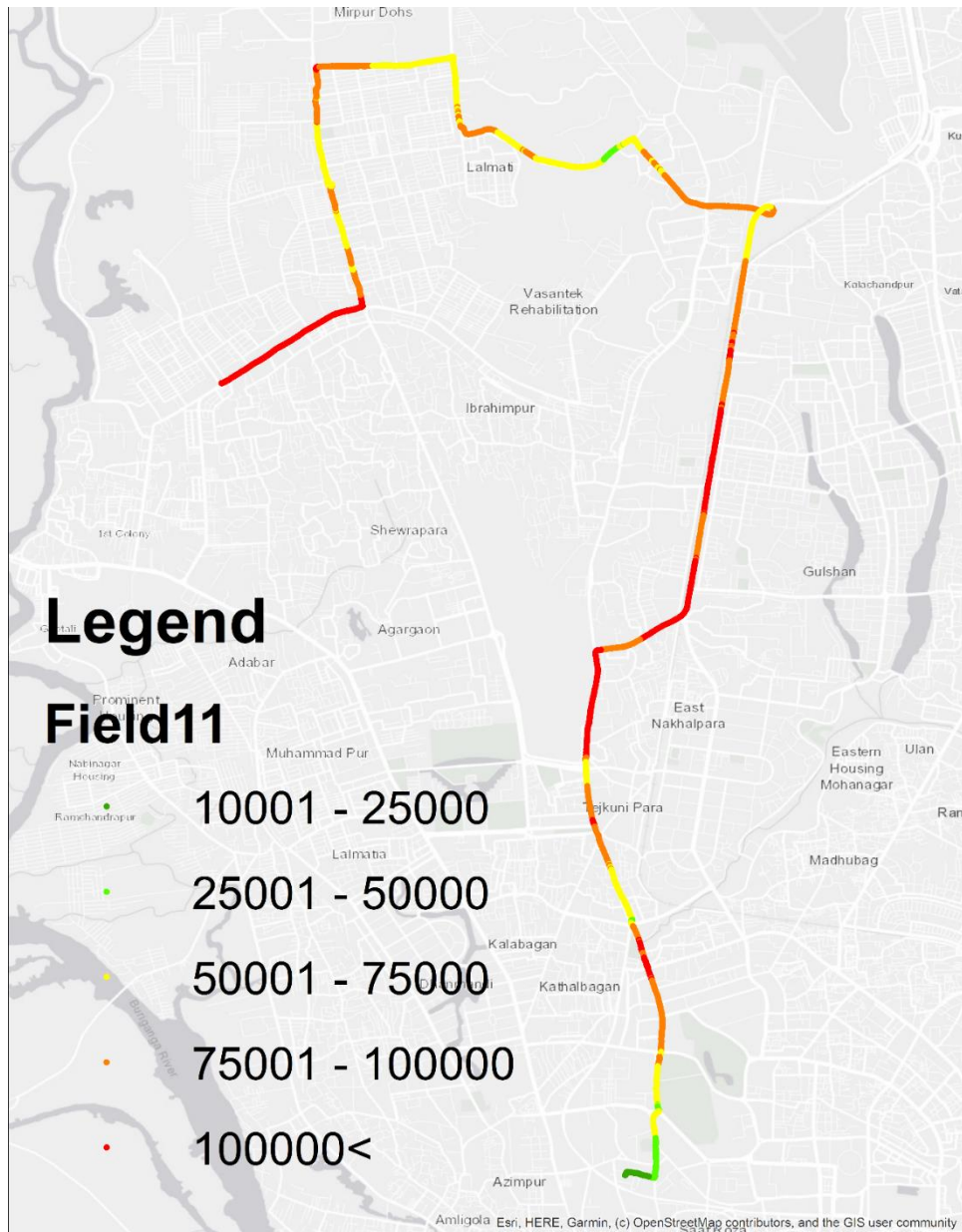


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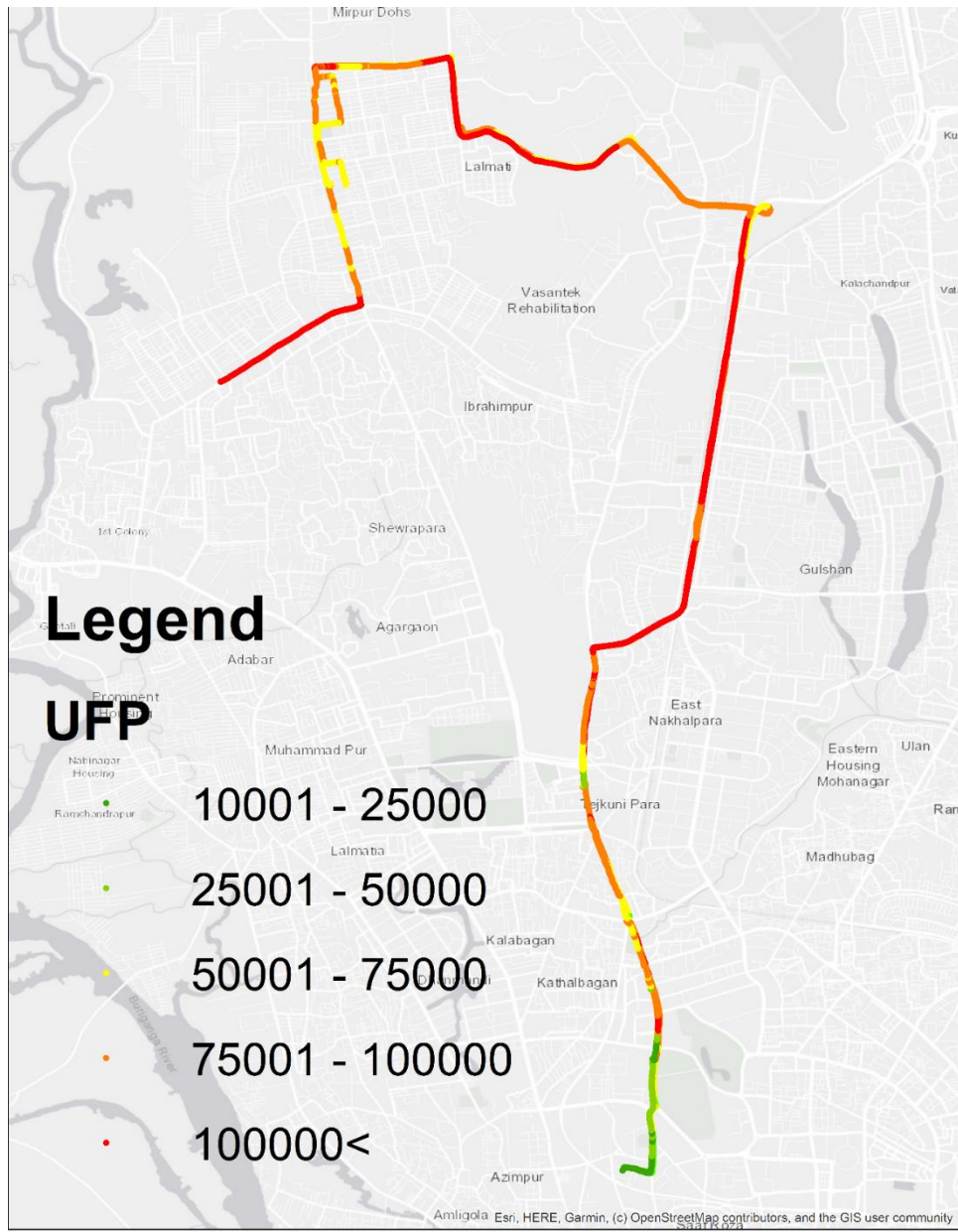


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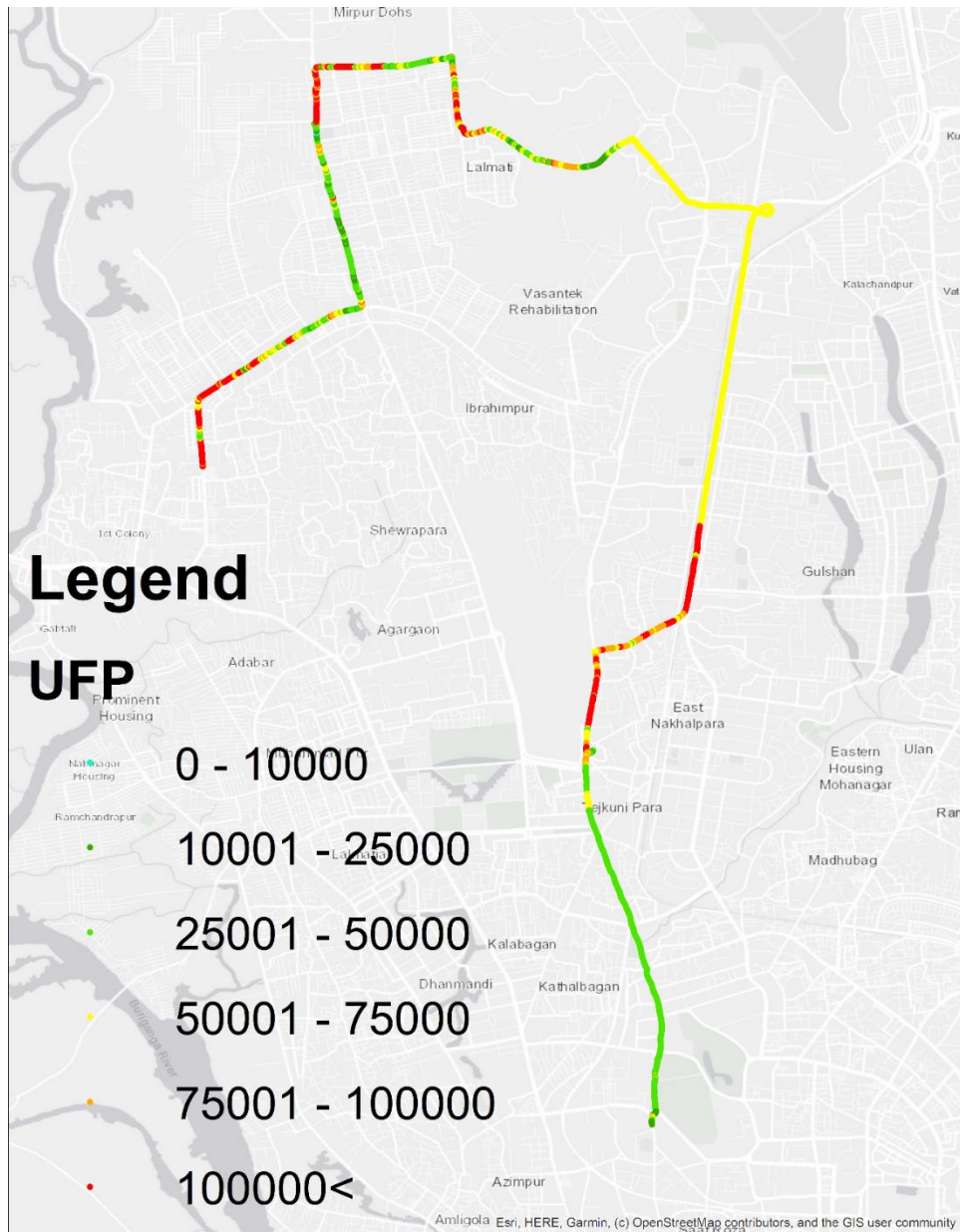


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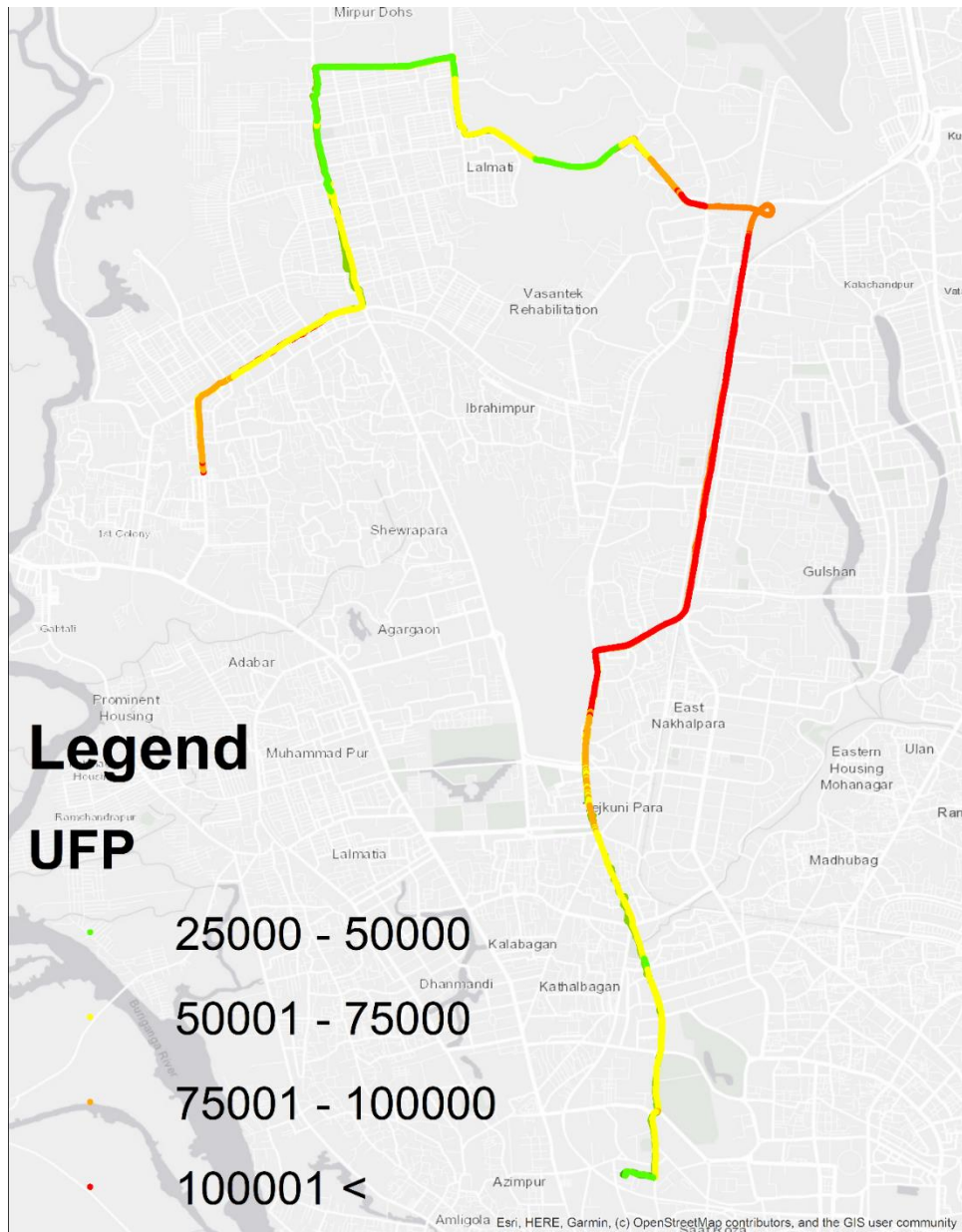


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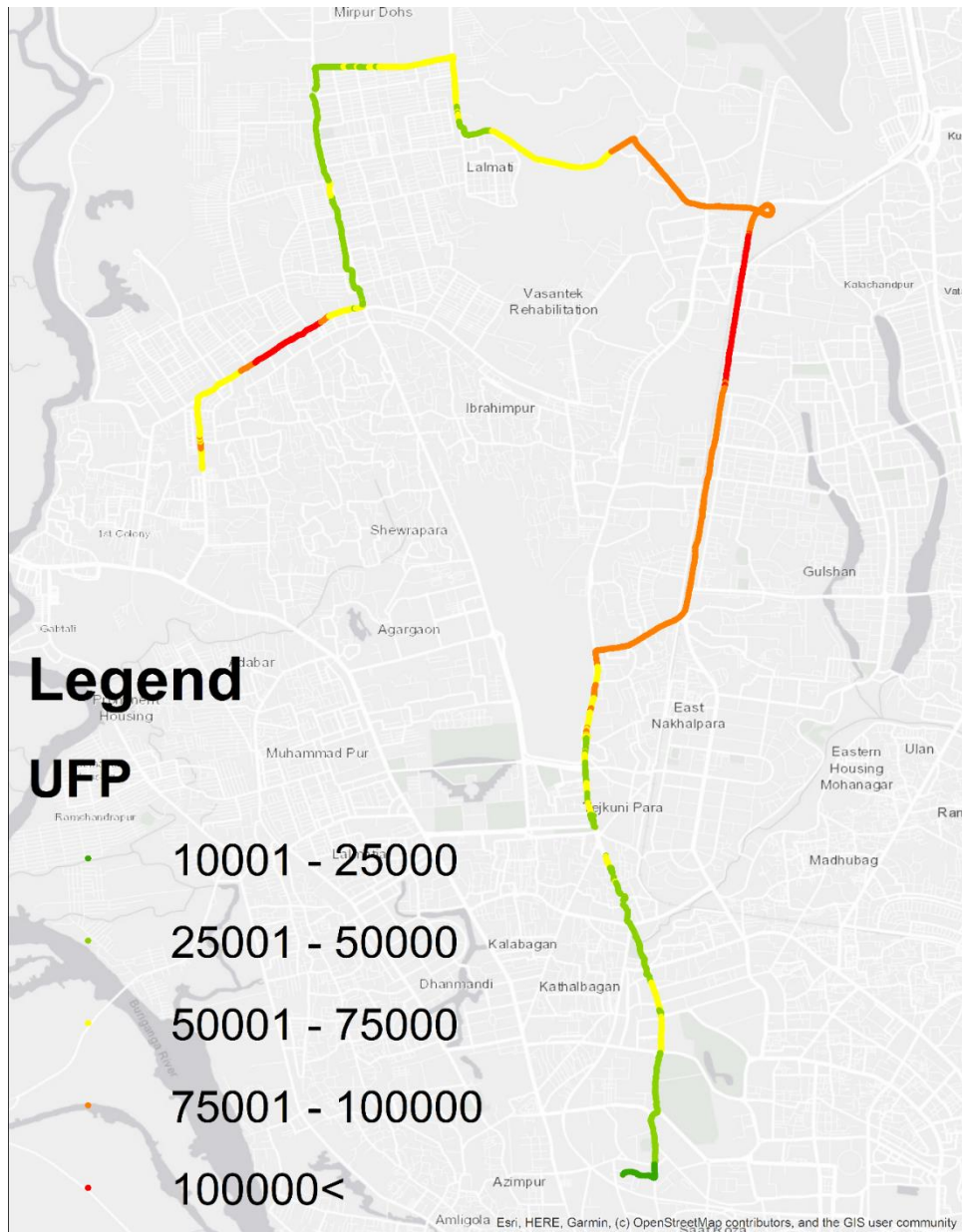


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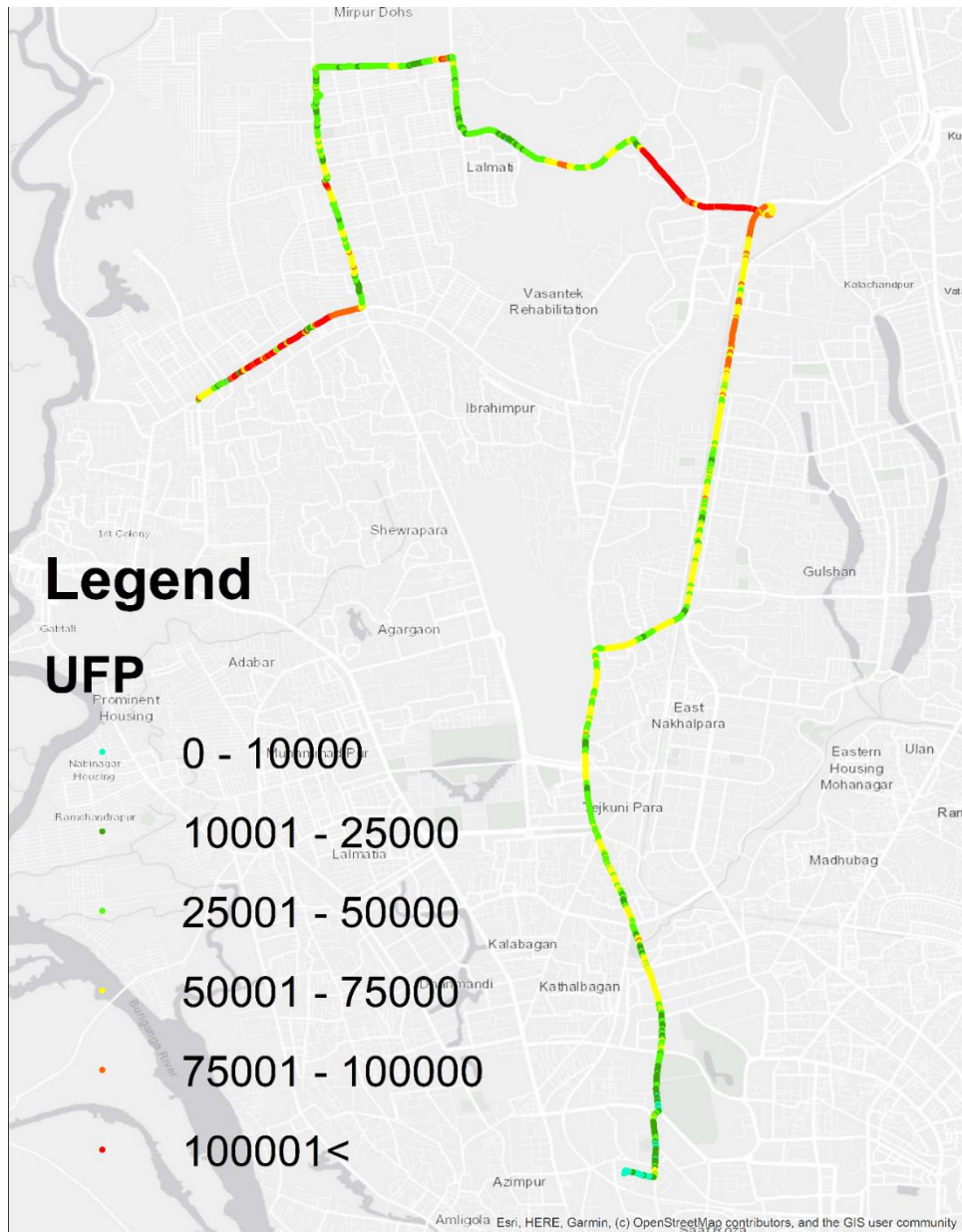


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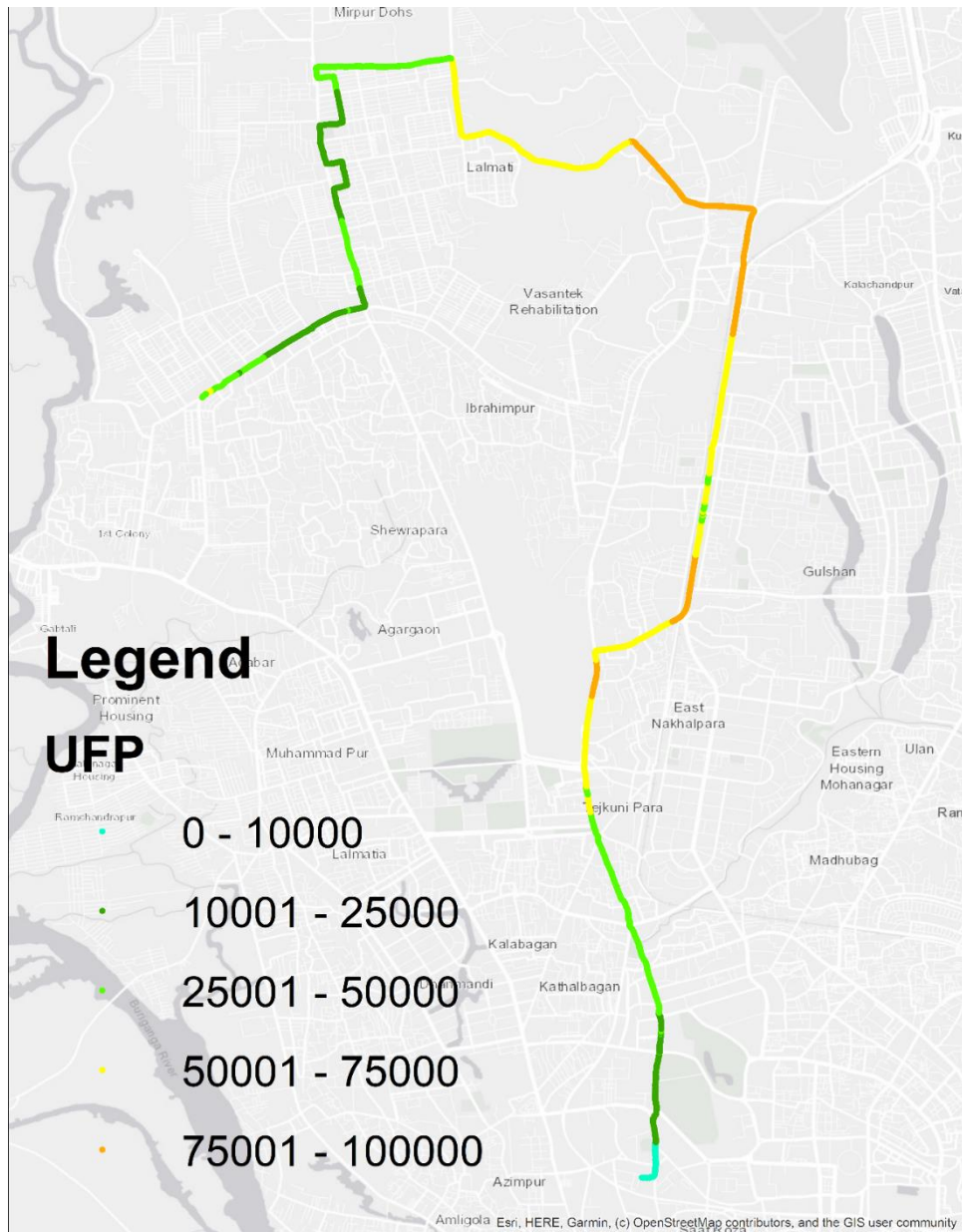


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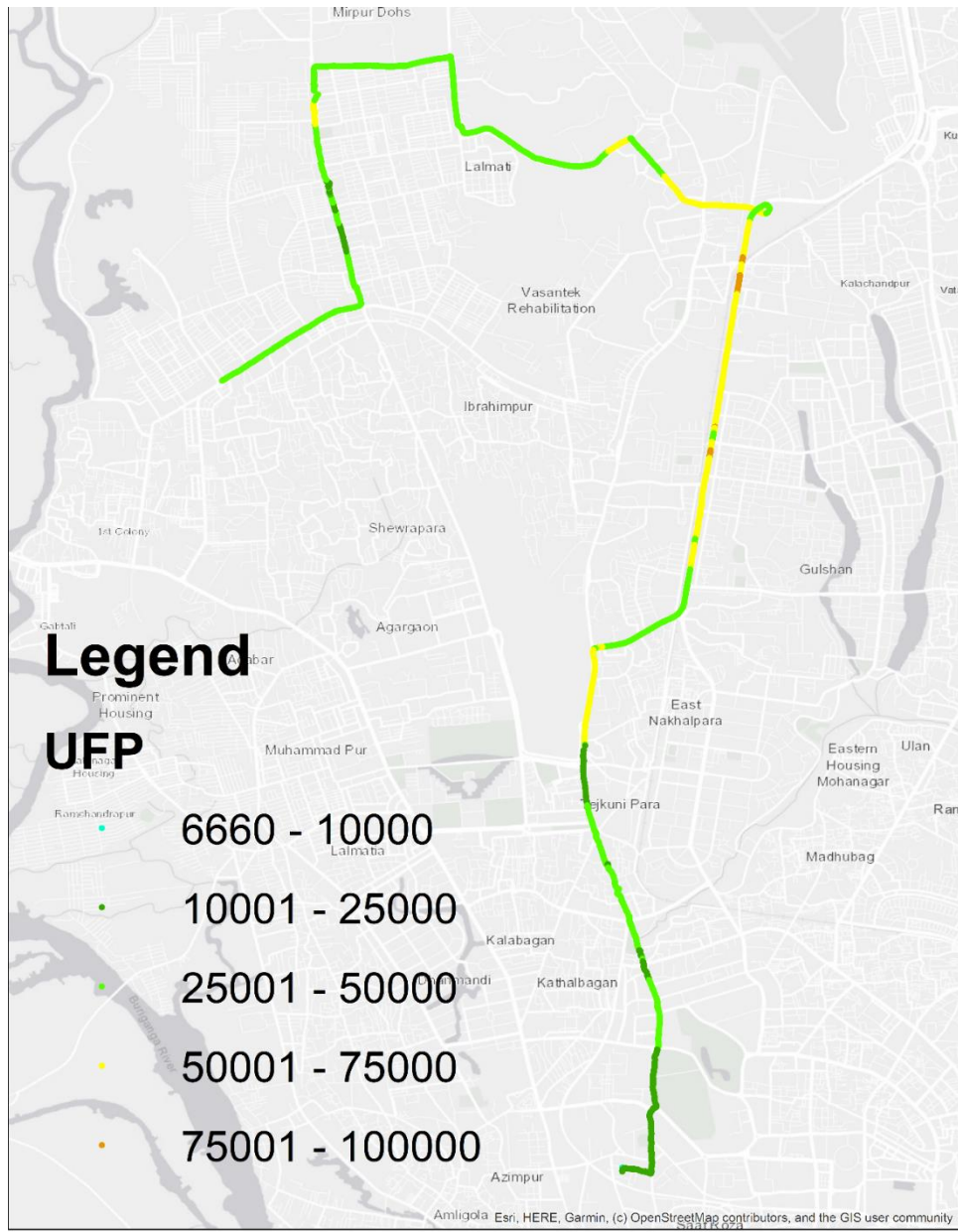


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APPENDIX-D: Summary of transportation modal choice and socio-economic profile of survey population

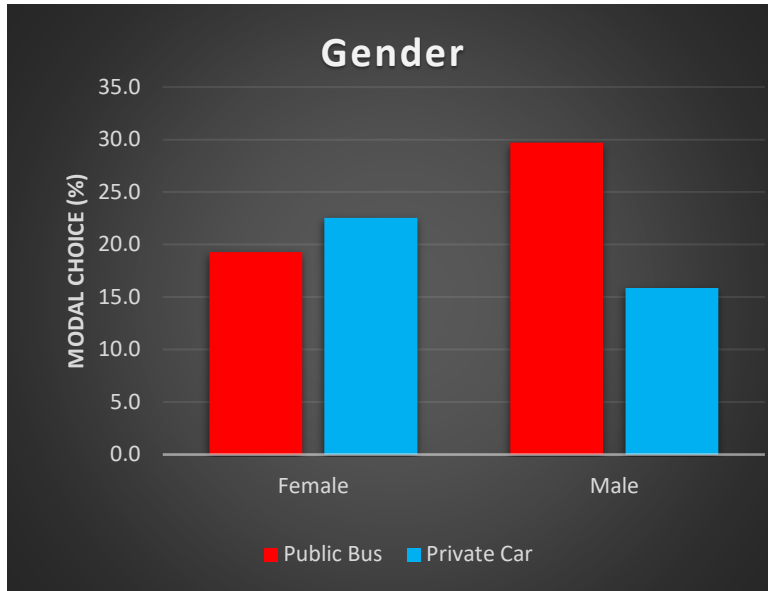


Figure D.1: Transportation modal choice by gender

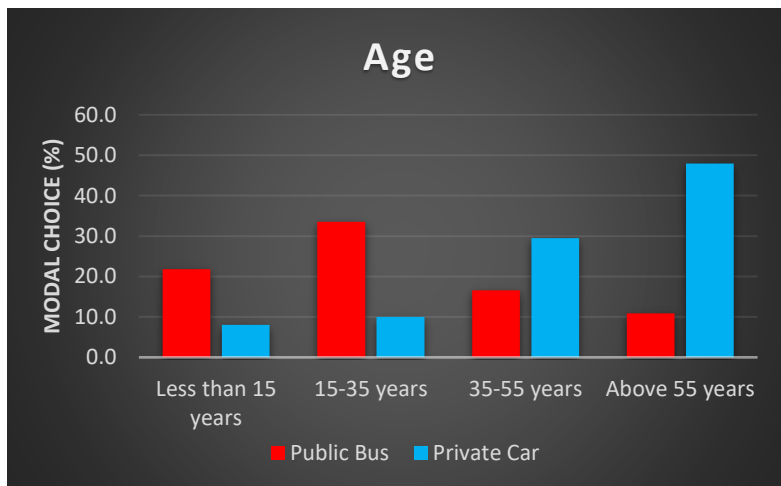


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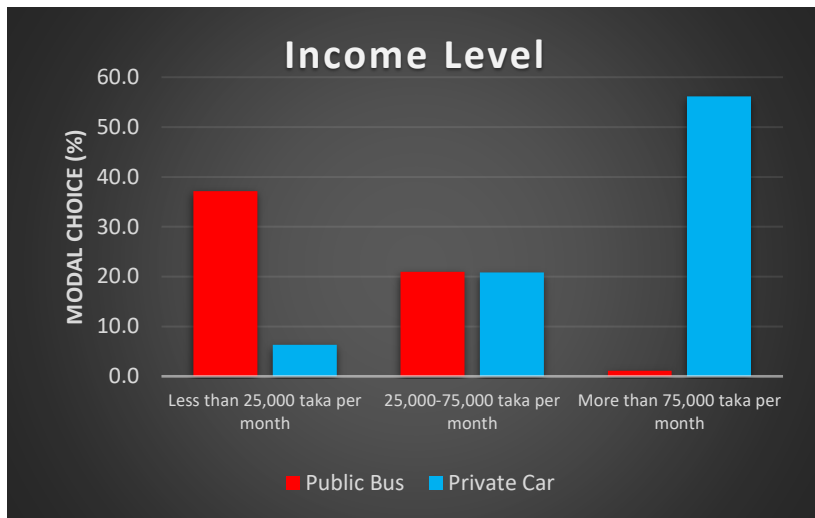


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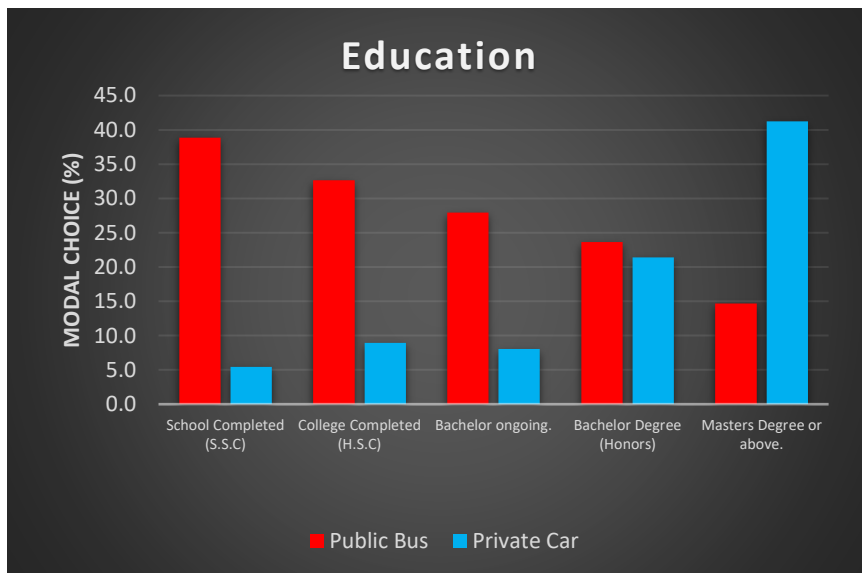


Figure D.4: Transportation modal choice by education level.