## Transport accessibility and car availability barriers to out-ofhome activity participation among the unemployed

A Dutch nationwide latent class cluster analysis

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Vicious cycles of marginalization among unemployed

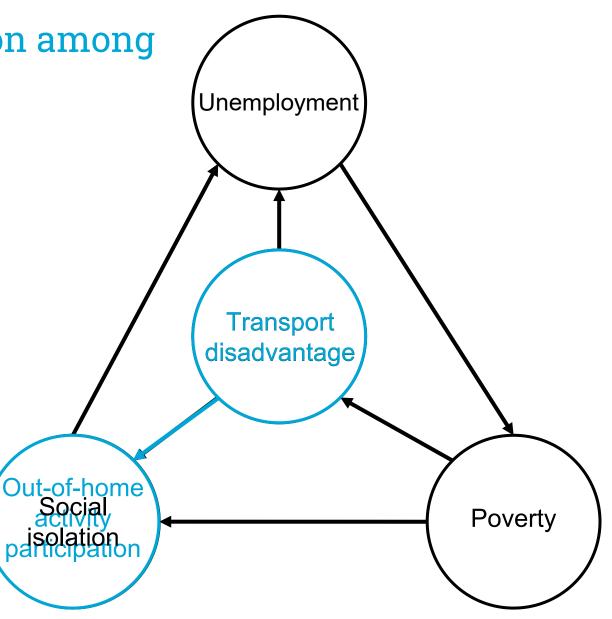
#### Research gap:

The effect of transport disadvantage on diverse outof-home activity participation among the unemployed

#### Societal relevance:

Potential to limit or break the cycle by enhancing accessibility to out-of-home activities through transport and land use policies





## Research questions

- What are the prevalent patterns of transport accessibility and car availability among unemployed individuals in the Netherlands, and how do these patterns influence their participation in out-of-home activities?
  - What socio-demographically determined transport accessibility and car availability patterns, in which residential locations, exist among unemployed individuals in the Netherlands?



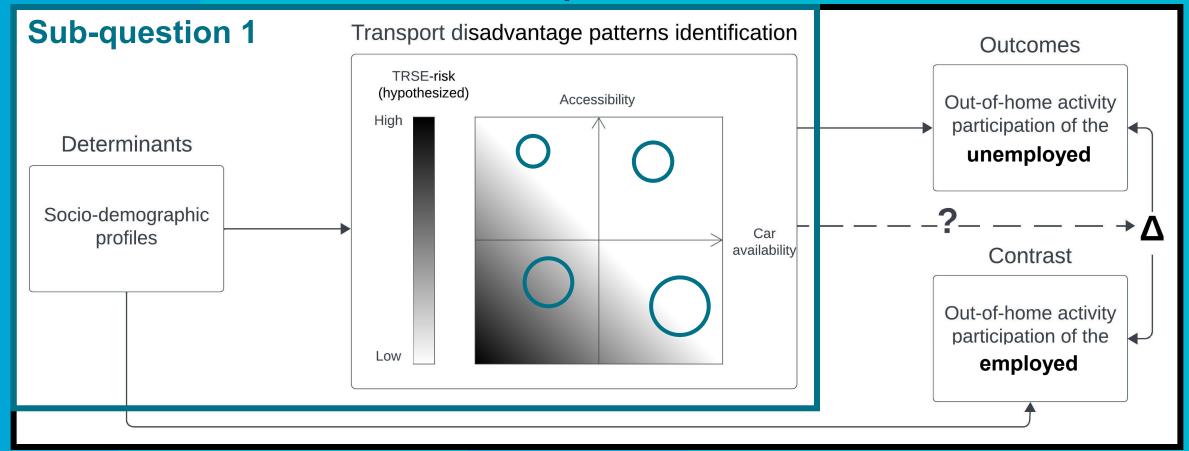
• Which unemployed individuals, in which residential locations, face transportrelated limitations in their out-of-home activity participation?





#### Conceptual model

#### **Sub-question 2**





## Latent class cluster analysis model **Sub-question 2 - outcomes**

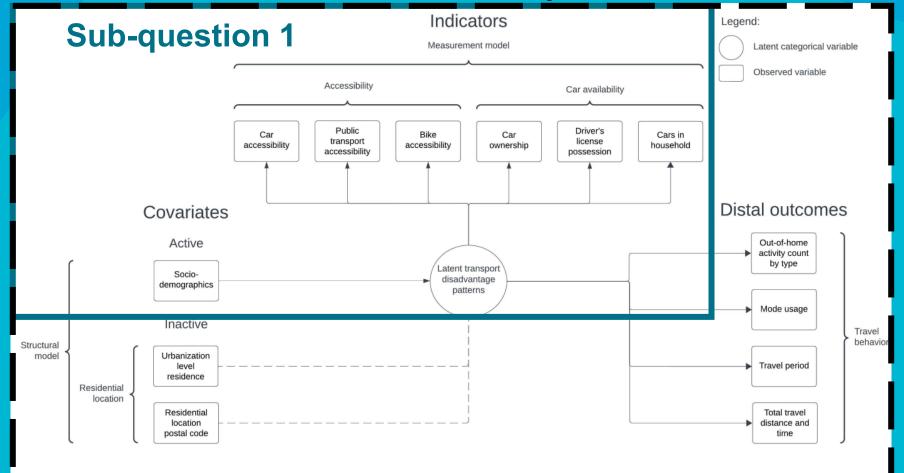
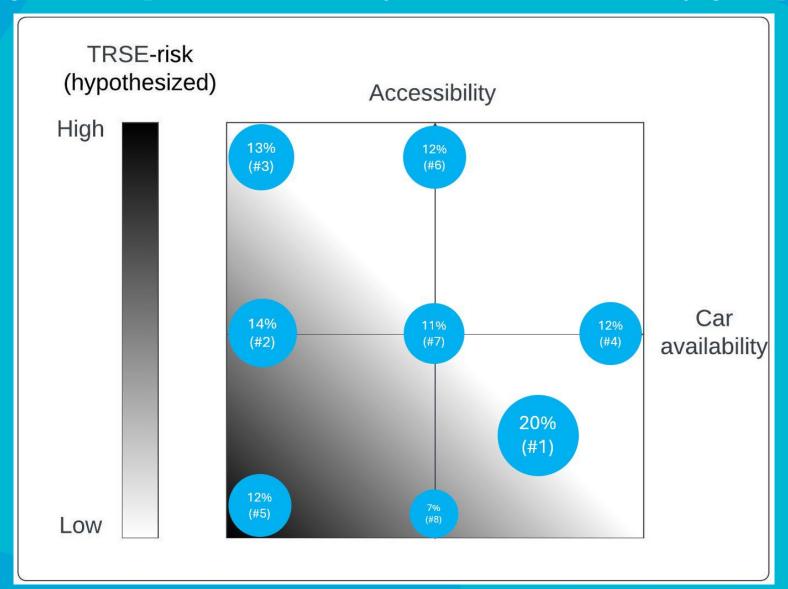


Figure 2.1: Latent class cluster model with covariates and distal outcomes graphical representation.



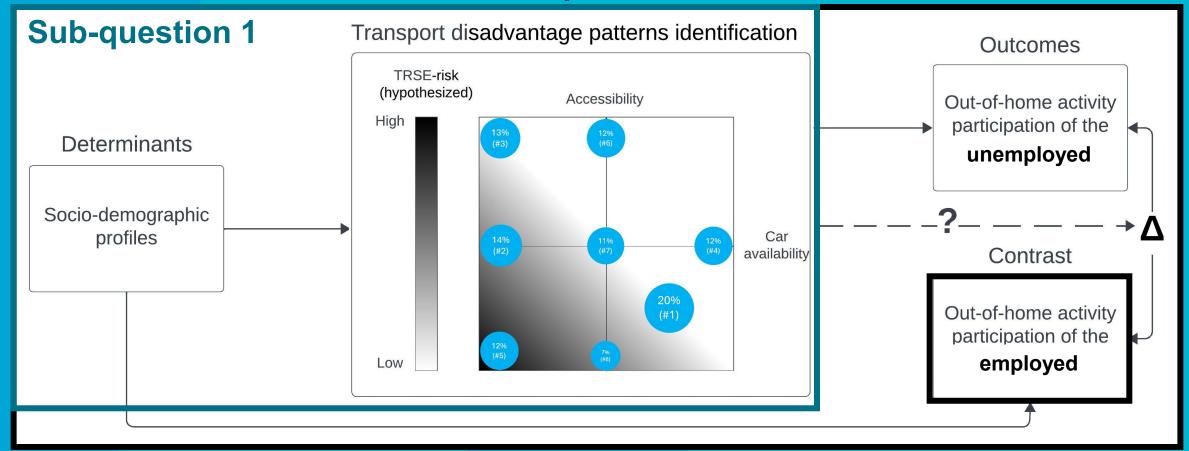
## Eight transport accessibility and car availability groups





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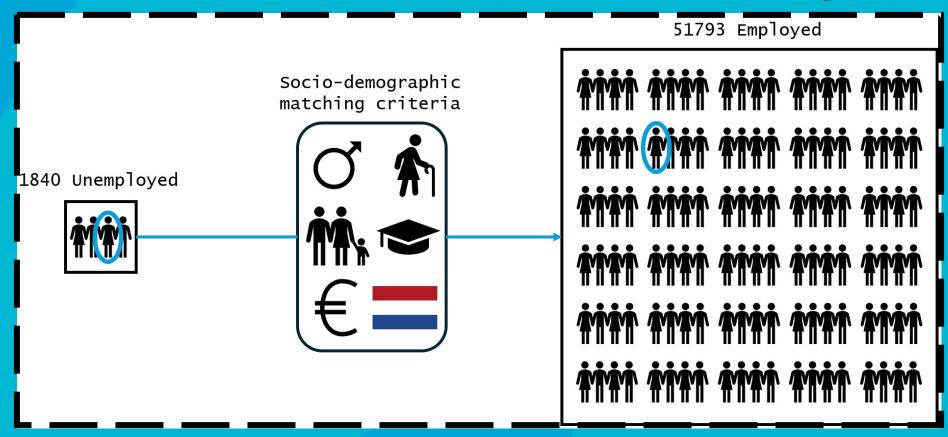
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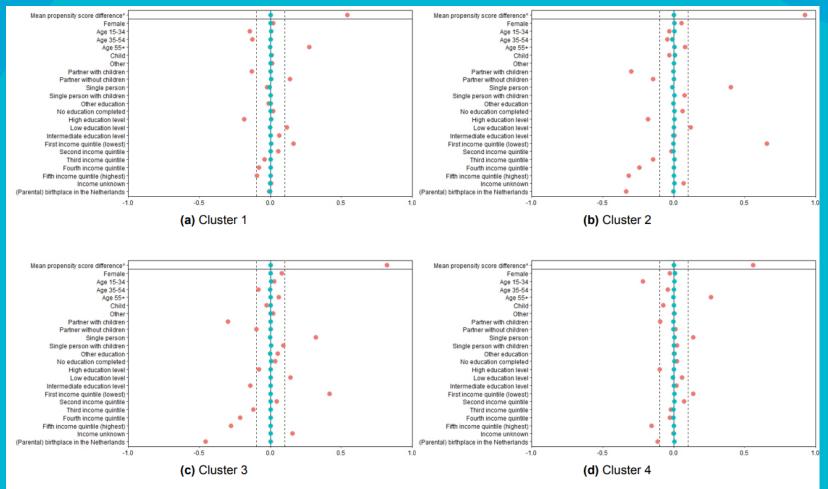
#### Propensity score matching

#### **Sub-question 2 – contrast group**





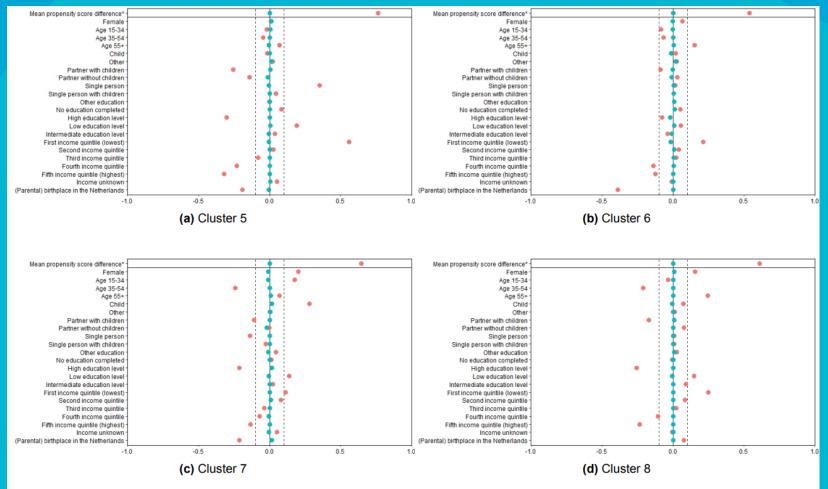
#### Employed control groups matching quality



**Figure 6.1:** Mean differences in propensity score and binary socio-demographic covariates between unemployed clusters 1 to 4, all employed (red dots), and respective employed control groups (blue dots). \*Standardized, no standardization required for the binary covariates.



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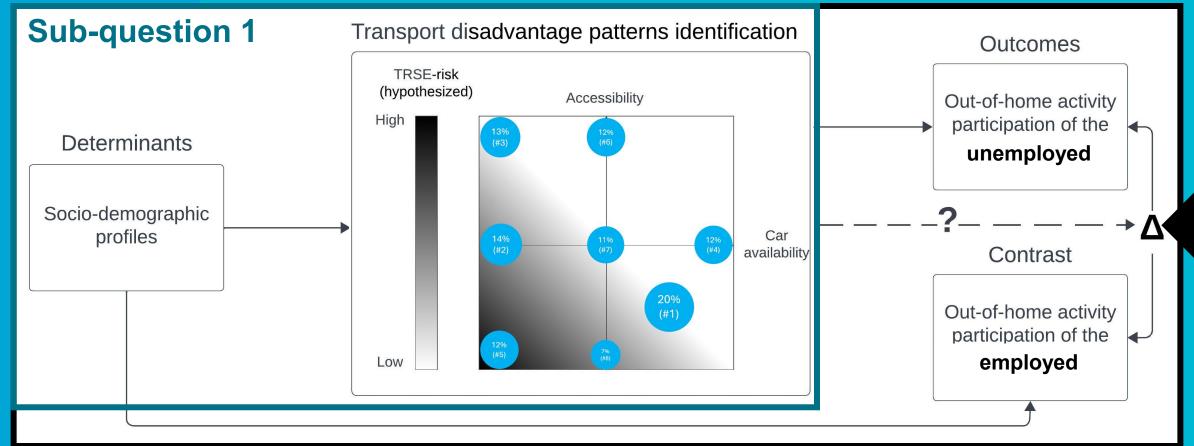


**Figure 6.2:** Mean differences in propensity score and binary socio-demographic covariates between unemployed clusters 5 to 8, all employed (red dots), and respective employed control groups (blue dots). \*Standardized, no standardization required for the binary covariates.



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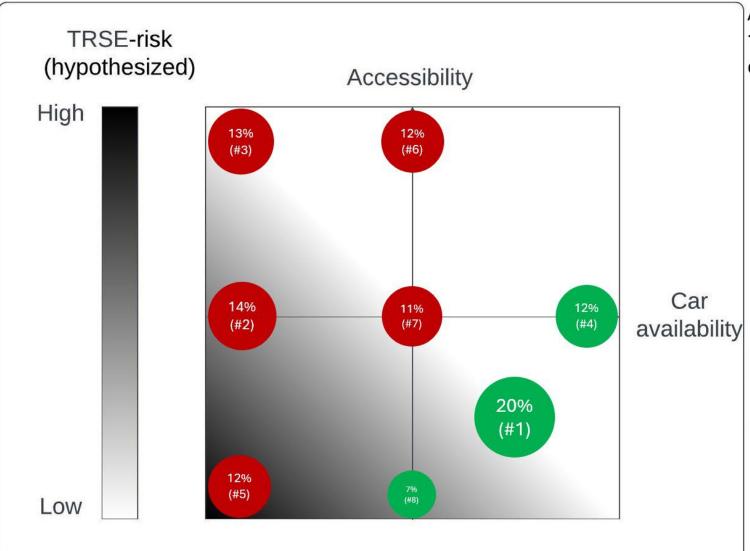
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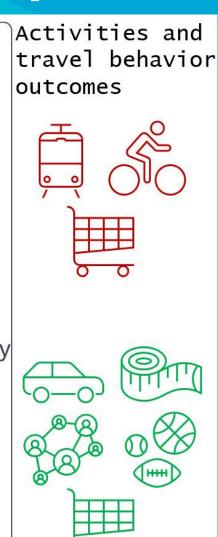




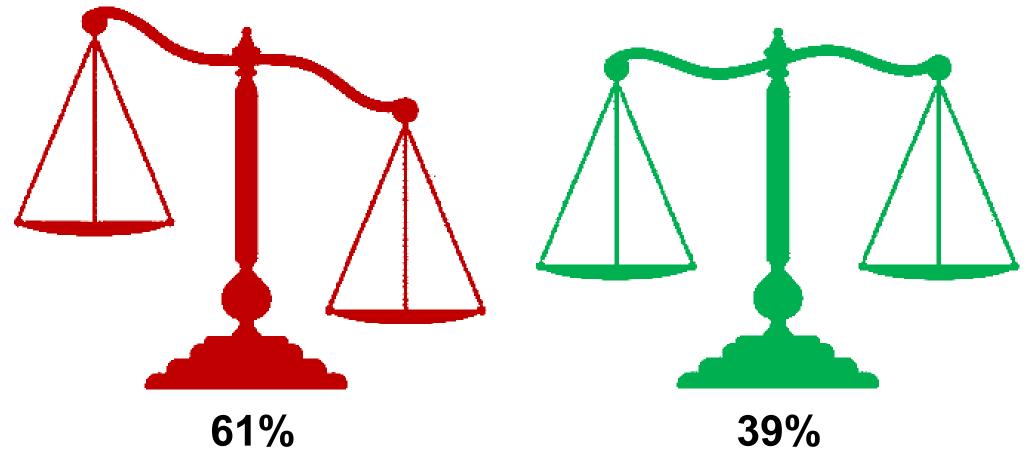
#### Transport-related limitations to out-of-home activity participation

Socio-demographic determinants and urbanization





# Compensatory mechanism realization





### Policy recommendations







Affordable active mode access:

- 1. Mixed-use developments
- Cycling and walking infrastructure improvements

Affordable longer distance access:

Subsidized public transport fares for unemployed



# Thank you for your attention

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#### **Paper**



#### **Slides**









