Tram Passenger Survey (TPS) Blackpool
Autumn 2015 results



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Context to the survey



Context to the 2015 survey

The Tram Passenger Survey (TPS)

The TPS provides a consistent, robust measurement of passenger satisfaction with tram services in Britain

It also informs our understanding of barriers to (greater) tram use, how to encourage greater use, and how to improve the passenger experience

Comparisons can also be made with passenger experiences on buses and trains, as measured by the Bus Passenger Survey (BPS) and National Rail Passenger Survey (NRPS)

The 2015 TPS covered tram services in Manchester, Birmingham, Blackpool, Edinburgh, Nottingham and Sheffield



The survey methodology

Passengers are approached while making a journey; they answer the survey about that journey specifically

The questionnaire is self-completion, with passengers offered a choice of online or paper

Interviewers approached passengers on all days of the week between 6am and 10pm, between 17th September and 26th November 2015

594 surveys were completed for Blackpool in autumn 2015

For further details of the survey method, see Appendix

The Blackpool network in context

	The Network	Passenger Journeys*	Ticket Purchasing	Information at stops	Frequency	Engineering disruptions / other notes
Blackpool Transport*	1 line 37 stops 11 miles	4.1 million	x TVMs at stops ✓ Conductors on board	✓ Info boards at stops (TTs, fares) X Passenger Info Displays	Mon-Sat: every 15-30 mins Sun: 20-30 mins	 Blackpool illuminations 4th Sept – 8th Nov 2015 Heritage trams operate bank holidays, weekends and summer; not covered in this research No significant issues affected fieldwork
Trams	1 line 15 stops 8.7 miles	4.9 million	✓ TVMs at stops Conductors on board	✗ Info boards at stops (TTs, fares)✓ Passenger Info Displays	Mon-Sat: every 8-10 mins Sun: 12-15 mins	 Network opened 31st May 2014 No significant issues affected fieldwork
Manchester Metrolink	7 lines 91 stops 57 miles	31.2 million	✓ TVMs at stops ★ Conductors on board	 ✓ Info boards all stops (TTs, fares) ✓ Passenger Info Displays (Not all stops on Bury and Altrincham lines) 	Mon-Sat: every 6-12 mins Sun: 12-15 mins	 Second city works to provide direct link between St Peter's Square and Victoria Fire around Victoria 12th Oct; some fieldwork rearranged for short period Airport line opened late 2014, covered for first time in 2015 No fieldwork on 10th Oct; 3 sporting events in one day including Rugby World Cup Fanzone Increasing use of double carriage trams
Midland Metro	1 line 23 stops 12.5 miles	4.4 million	▼ TVMs at stops✓ Conductors on board	✓ Info boards at some stops (TTs, fares)✓ Passenger Info Displays	Mon-Sat: every 6-15 mins Sun: 15 mins	 Network improvement works took place from 26th October onwards; no fieldwork took place for a two week period from 26th Oct. Following this, shifts were conducted between Wolverhampton and St Paul's
Nottingham N=T	2 lines 50 stops 20 miles	8.1 million	✓ TVMs at stops ★ Conductors on board	✓ Info boards all stops (TTs, fares) ✓ Passenger Info Displays	Mon-Sat: every 3-15 mins Sun: 5-15 mins	The phase two extension of the network opened July/August 2015 and was included in the TPS in 2015 No significant issues affecting fieldwork
Sheffield o stepression SUPERTRAIN	3 lines 48 stops 18 miles	11.5 million	▼ TVMs at stops✓ Conductors on board	✓ Info boards at stops (TTs, fares) X Passenger Info Displays	Mon-Sat: every 5-20 mins Sun: 10-20 mins	Tram collision on 22/10/15 affected one shift; questionnaires distributed between Meadowhall Int. and Shalesmoor rather than to the end of the line at Middlewood

^{*}Source: Department for Transport, Passenger journeys on light rail and trams by system in England, 2014/15

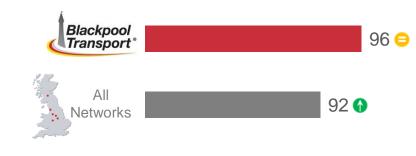
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Summary of 2015 results

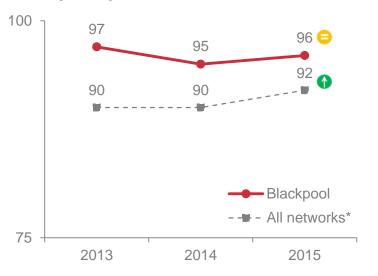


Passenger experience in Blackpool 2015: a snapshot

Overall journey satisfaction: 2015



Overall journey satisfaction: trend



The top factors linked to overall journey satisfaction in Blackpool* and how they performed in 2015

For a satisfactory journey (very/fairly satisfied):

90% (Length of time waiting for the tram

0% e Personal safety at the tram stop

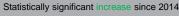
...and additional factors linked to a very satisfactory journey:

87% (a) Value for money

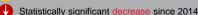
5% 🚯 😓 Length of time journey took

*Combines data from 2014 and 2015 surveys to increase robustness



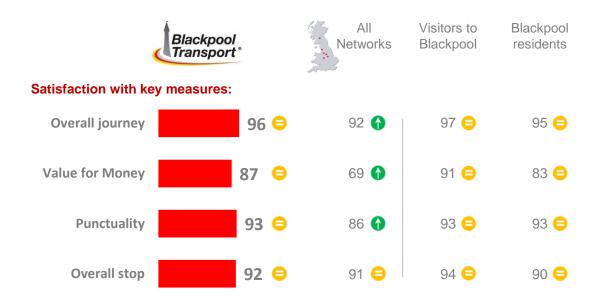




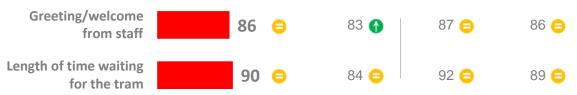


^{*}The 2013 survey did not include Edinburgh Trams

Passenger experience in Blackpool 2015: across the network



Satisfaction with other measures driving overall journey satisfaction in Blackpool:



Satisfaction with other measures driving passengers to be very satisfied in Blackpool:



Blackpool 2015: summary of key findings (1)

- Overall satisfaction for journeys on the Blackpool tramway remains at the high levels seen last year (96 per cent, compared to 95 per cent in 2014). This is higher than the same measure on the Bus Passenger Survey (89 per cent). It is also relatively consistent across key passenger groups
- While the total combined number of passengers saying they are either 'very satisfied' or 'fairly satisfied' with their journey overall is consistent with last year, the number of passengers who are 'very satisfied' has risen significantly from 70 per cent in 2014 to 76 per cent
- The key factor which makes journeys satisfactory on Blackpool trams is the length of time the journey took. Passenger satisfaction with this factor has increased significantly since 2014, from 91 per cent to 95 per cent
- The key factor which makes passengers 'very' rather than 'fairly' satisfied with journeys on Blackpool trams is the greeting/welcome from tram staff. This has increased (although not significantly) from 84 per cent in 2014 to 86 per cent in 2015
- Amongst fare paying passengers, 87 per cent are satisfied with the value for money of a
 journey on Blackpool trams. This is significantly higher than satisfaction with value for money
 of bus journeys in the Blackpool area (80 per cent)
- When evaluating satisfaction with value for money, the cost for the distance travelled was the most important factor

Blackpool 2015: summary of key findings (2)

- 93 per cent of passengers were satisfied with the punctuality of the tram, and only 3 per cent experienced a delay
- Almost a third of passengers (31 per cent) spontaneously mentioned an improvement that could be made to their journey – significantly higher than in 2014. Passenger comments mostly concerned the tram interior, space issues on board or tram stops. The single most mentioned improvement was more frequent trams
- Other specific improvements mentioned related to more comfortable seats on board (which was significantly higher than last year), less crowding and a cleaner tram interior
- Since 2014 the oldest age group of 60+ has fallen significantly, with 34 per cent of passengers falling into this age group
- Three quarters (74 per cent) were using the tram for leisure purposes
- Compared to last year there are now significantly more passengers travelling with a concessionary ticket, although this is still much lower than in 2013 (2015: 16 per cent, 2014: 9 per cent, 2013: 36 per cent)
- Compared to bus passengers, those using the tram tend to have better access to private transport: 40 per cent of tram passengers have 'easy' access to private transport, compared to only 21 per cent of bus passengers

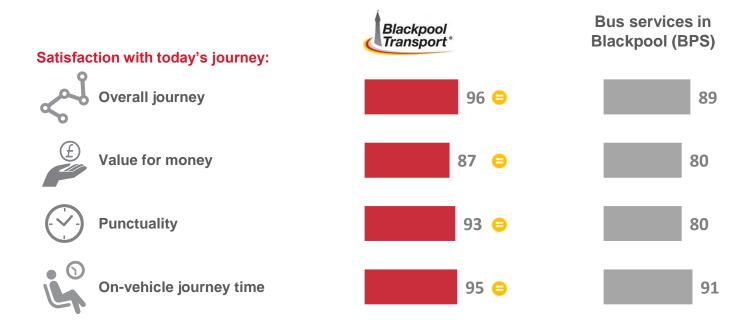
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Experience and opinions of the journey

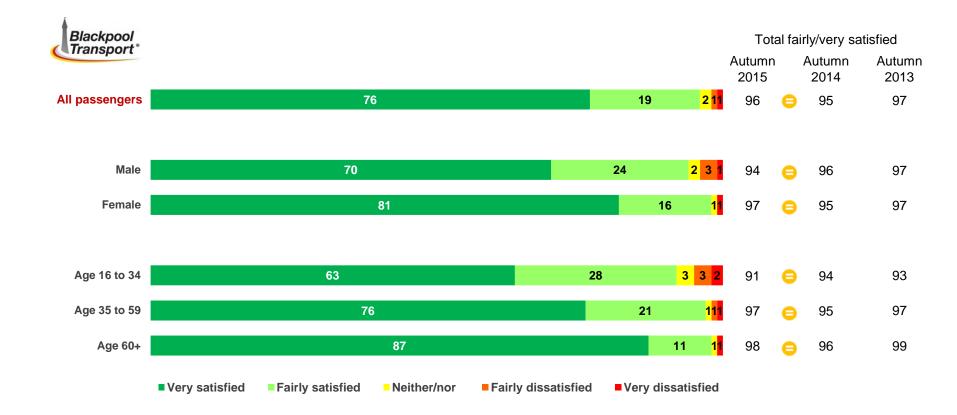
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Experience and opinions of the journey: summary



Overall satisfaction: by gender and age



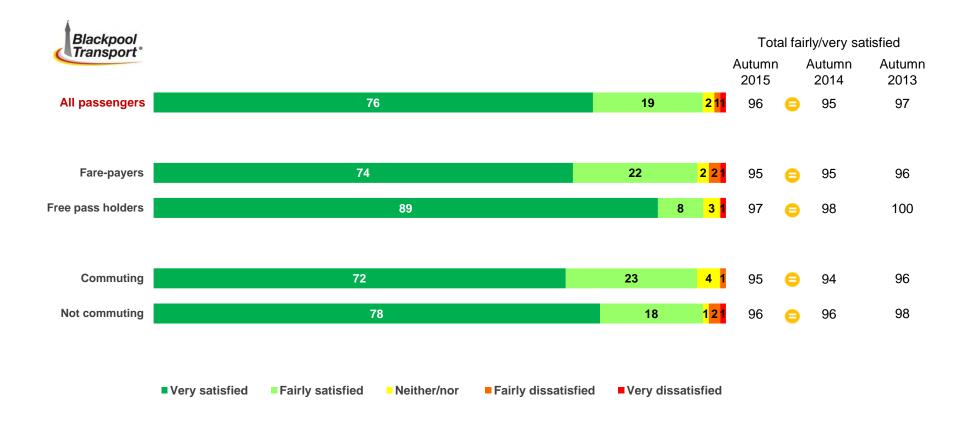
Q. Overall, taking everything into account from the start to the end of this tram journey, how satisfied were you with your tram journey today? Base: All passengers – 594



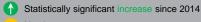




Overall satisfaction: by passenger type



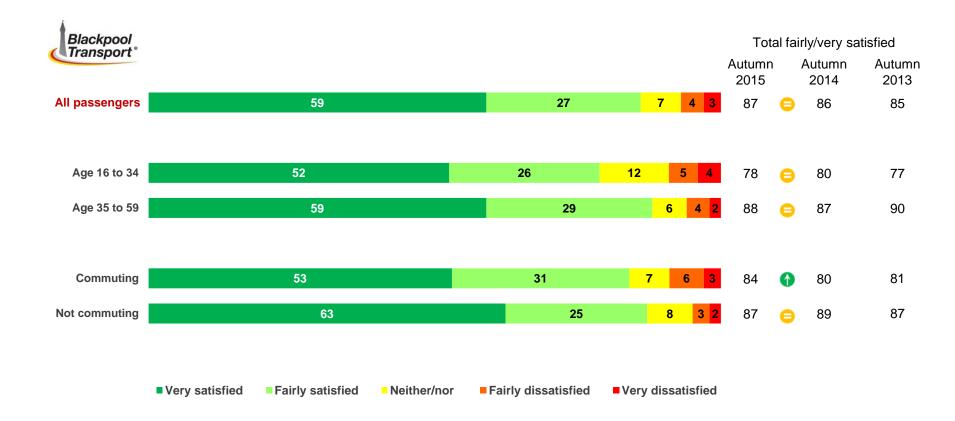
Q. Overall, taking everything into account from the start to the end of this tram journey, how satisfied were you with your tram journey today? Base: All passengers – 594





Statistically significant decrease since 2014

Experience and opinions of the journey: the detail Value for money (fare-payers only)



Q. How satisfied were you with the value for money of your journey? Base: All fare paying passengers – 485

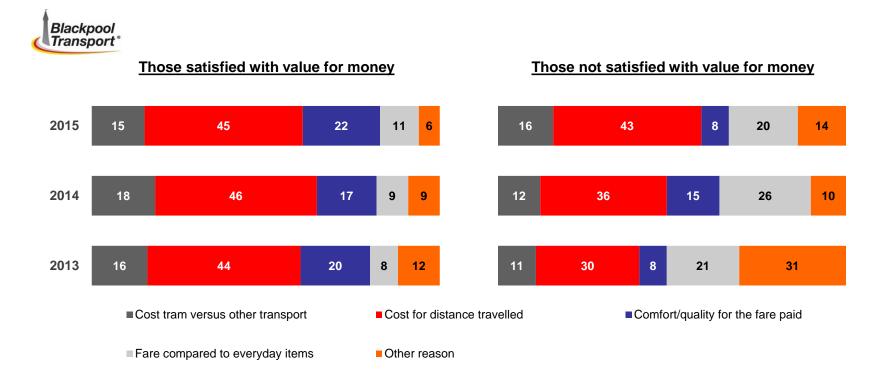


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Statistically significant decrease since 2014

Experience and opinions of the journey: the detail

What influenced value for money rating



NOTE: Those not satisfied with value for money includes respondents answering 'Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied' Q. What had the biggest influence on the 'value for money' rating you gave in the previous question? Base: All fare paying passengers - 452

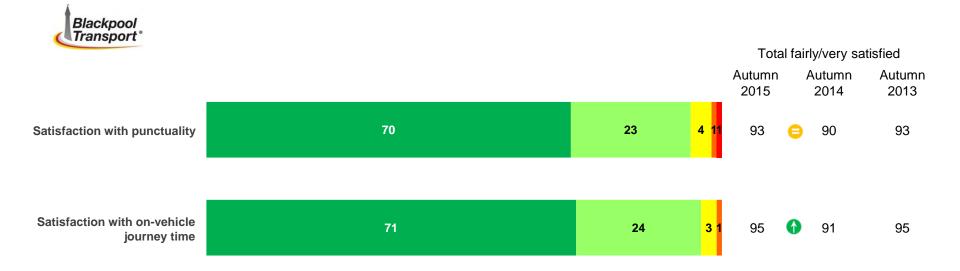
Statistically significant increase since 2014



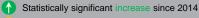


Experience and opinions of the journey: the detail

Punctuality and on-vehicle journey time



Q. How satisfied were you with the amount of time your journey on the tram took? Base: All passengers – 594



No change

Statistically significant decrease since 2014

Q. How satisfied were you with each of the following...Punctuality? Base: All passengers – 594

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Waiting at the stop

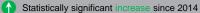
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Waiting at the stop: summary

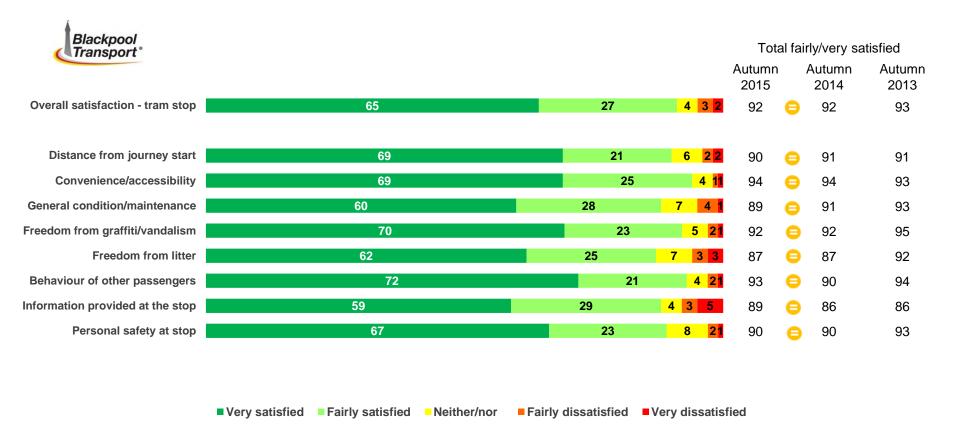
	Blackpool Transport°	Buses in Blackpool		Blackpool Transport*	Buses in Blackpool
Satisfaction with the stop:					
Overall satisfaction with stop	92 🖨	75	Satisfaction: waiting time	90 😑	83
Distance from journey start	90 😑	84	Expected wait time	8.5 mins 😑	8.7 mins
Convenience / accessibility	94 😑	88	Actual reported wait	7.2 mins 😑	8.5 mins
General condition and maintenance	89 😑	70	time		
Freedom from graffiti / vandalism	92 😑	74			
Freedom from litter	87 😑	66	Passengers who checked tram time	73 % ⊜	65%
Behaviour of other passengers	93 😑	N/A*	Info sources used	Leaflet/paper most	Paper timetables
Information provided	89 😑	70	before arriving at stop	common; followed by online tram times	most common, then online
Personal safety	90 😑	76			
			Info sources used at stop	38% information posters at stop	63% timetable at stop
*Not asked in BPS			Among those that didn't check	73% knew service frequent	56% knew service frequent



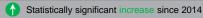


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Satisfaction with the tram stop



Q. Overall, how satisfied were you with the tram stop? & Q. Thinking about the tram stop itself, how satisfied were you with the following: Base: All passengers – 594



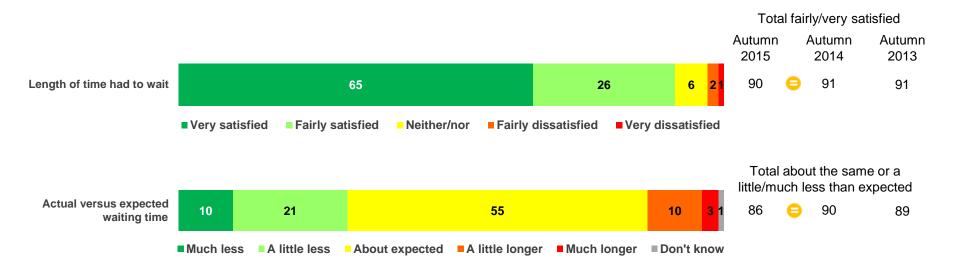
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Statistically significant decrease since 2014

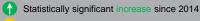
Waiting at the stop: the detail

Waiting time





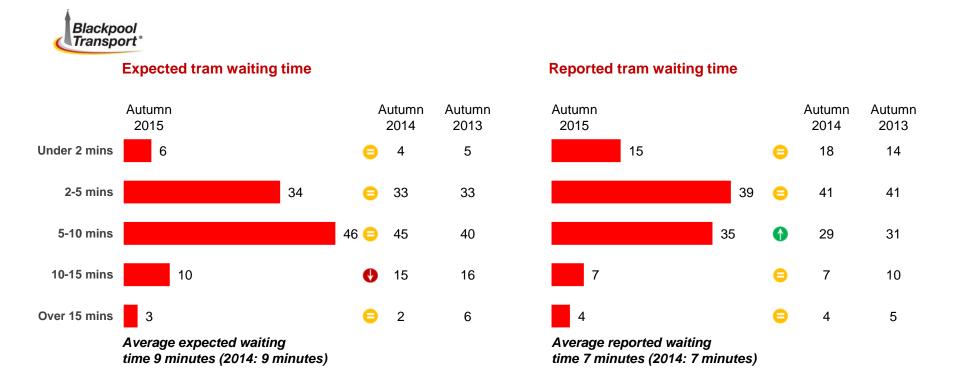
Q. How satisfied were you with each of the following? & Q. Thinking about the time you waited for the tram today, was it [...] than expected? Base: All passengers – 594



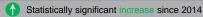
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Expected and reported waiting times



Q. Approximately how long did you expect to wait for the tram? & Q. Approximately, how long did you wait for your tram Base: All passengers – 564



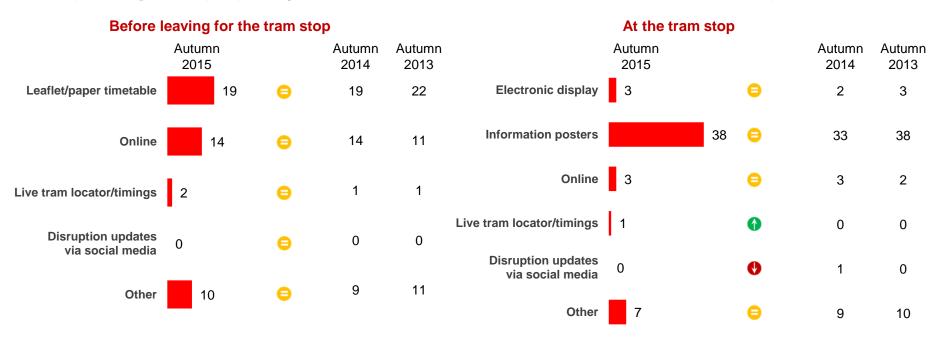
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Statistically significant decrease since 2014

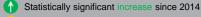
How passengers checked tram times



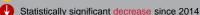
27 per cent (1) of Blackpool passengers did not check to find out when the tram was meant to arrive (2014: 29 per cent)



Q. Did you check any of the following to find out when the tram was meant to arrive? Base: All passengers – 594

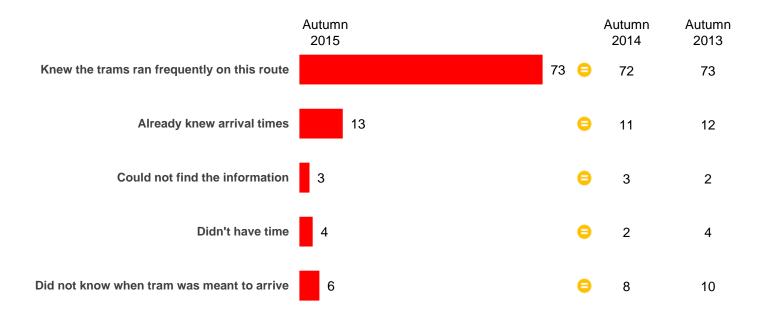




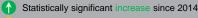


Why passengers did not check tram times





Q. If you did not check to find out when the tram was meant to arrive, why was this? Base: All not checking tram arrival information – 162



No change



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The tram

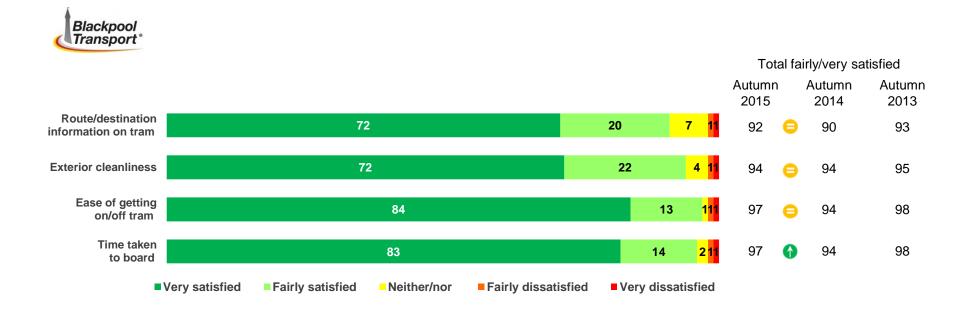
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The tram: summary

90
75
79
89
76

Satisfaction with start of journey



Q. Thinking about when the tram arrived, please indicate how satisfied you were with the following: Base: All passengers – 575



No change

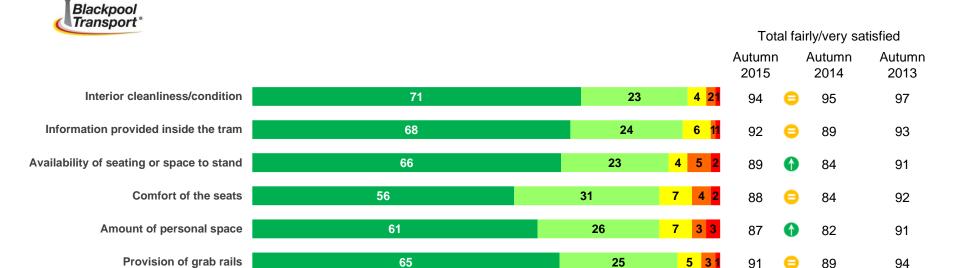
Statistically significant decrease since 2014

Satisfaction on the tram

Temperature inside the tram

Personal security

■ Very satisfied



Fairly dissatisfied

25

22

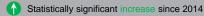
■ Very dissatisfied

64

Neither/nor

72

Fairly satisfied



No change

Statistically significant decrease since 2014

89

94

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87

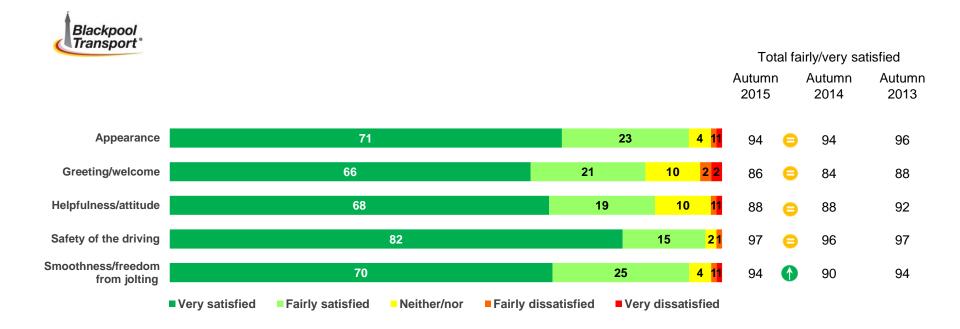
90

96

96

Q. Thinking about whilst you were on the tram, please indicate how satisfied you were with the following: Base: All passengers – 594

Satisfaction with tram staff



TPS: Q. Thinking about any tram staff you encountered on your journey, please indicate how satisfied you were with each of the following: Base: All passengers – 594 (unweighed)



No change

Statistically significant decrease since 2014

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Negative experiences during the journey

This section includes comparisons between tram (TPS) and bus (BPS) where applicable.



Negative experiences during the journey: summary





Passengers experiencing a delay to their journey





Average length of delay (perceived)





Most common cause of delay

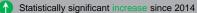


*Caution: small base (17)



Passengers with worry or concern about others' behaviour on board

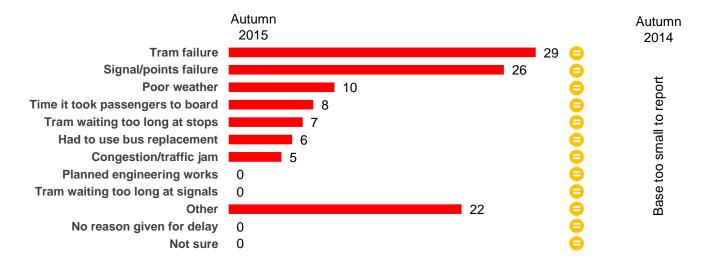




Experience of delays

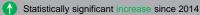


3 per cent (=) of Blackpool passengers experienced a delay (2014: 3 per cent). Average length of delay was 10 minutes (=)

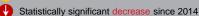


^{* &#}x27;No reason given for delay' not asked in 2013. Its addition could have caused the significant drops in the other factors TPS: Q. Why was your journey delayed?

Base: All experiencing a delay – 17 (Caution small base)





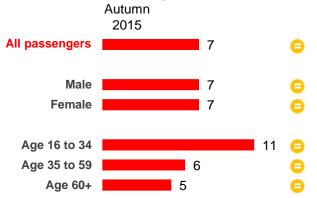


Negative experiences during the journey: the detail

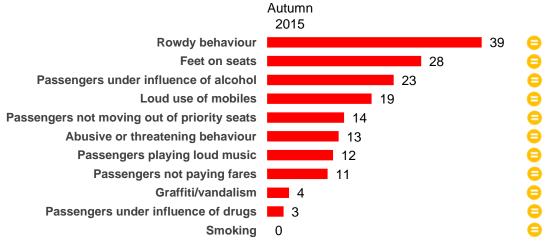
Worry or concern at other passengers' behaviour



% worried/concerned of other passengers' behaviour



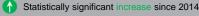
Types of worryin	g/concerning	behaviour (%)
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Autumn 2014	Autumn 2013
5	3
5	4
6	2
6	4
4	3
7	3

Autumn	Autumr
2014	2013
45	56
35	21
24	N/A
22	12
16	5
8	31
8	15
6	5
6	5
4	5
0	0

Q. Which of the following were the reasons for [other passengers behaviour causing you concern]? Base: All experiencing worrying/concerning behaviour – **34** (Caution small base)







^{*}Not asked in 2013

Q. Did other passengers' behaviour give you cause to worry or make you feel uncomfortable during your journey? Base: All passengers – 587

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Passengers' suggested improvements



Passengers' suggested improvements: summary

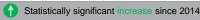


69% of Blackpool passengers in 2015 had no suggestions for improvements

...of the 31% that did, the most common service areas for improvement were:



Q. If something could have been improved on your tram journey today, what would it have been? Base: All suggesting an improvement - 178



Passengers' suggested improvements: the detail

Suggested improvements spontaneously mentioned by tram passengers



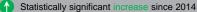
69 per cent (=) of passengers could think of no improvement suggestions to make (2014: 73 per cent) Of the 31 per cent (a) who did, their suggestions are shown below (2014: 27 per cent)

	Autumn 2015		Autumn 2014
Better/more comfortable seats Less crowded More seating Other space issues	7 6 4 5	()	3 13 6 9
More frequent trams More punctual/less delays Other punctuality/reliability issues	10 4 4		14 4 9
Cleaner interior/less litter Better information on board Announcements are too loud/too many/intrusive Improved temperature (too hot/cold) Other interior issues			2 9 1 3 1
Be able to use a concessionary ticket Cheaper ticket price/ Student discount etc. Other ticket issues	5 5 4		7 4 2
Better information at tram stop Better presented/ friendlier staff Address problem of unruly/disruptive/unpleasant behaviour Better shelter at tram stop / Too exposed to weather etc. Other uncategorised issues	8 5 5 4 26	0 0 0	N/A* 3 5 N/A* 30

Q. If something could have been improved on your tram journey today, what would it have been? Base: All suggesting an improvement - 178

*New code in 2015







Passengers' suggested improvements: the detail

Selected verbatim comments

The tram shelter at Cavendish Road had several glass panels missing, there was no timetable and one of the two lights inside the shelter didn't work. The shelter offered little protection from the windy weather.

No bins to dispose of used tickets, so many were discarded on the floor and seats

Heating in winter

I don't think you need to tell passengers to ring the bell on trams to stop. People seem to manage fine of buses

Announcements were clear but could be shortened

As the general self discipline of some passengers can be questionable, I support your staff showing the skills to deal with and not just ignore the few who causes issues.

Possible extra trams during school runs and early commute

A tram timetable at Broadwater tram stop! Also a holder containing tram time-tables, not all conductors carry them.

Fewer audio announcements. These seem to be excessive compared with other tram systems.

Electronic boards at stations giving how long before next tram is due

A fare list so customers can see how much they need to pay

They could turn down the volume of the announcements. They are really annoying when you ride the Tram every day. Way too loud.

More seating or more frequent trams. If standing is necessary then more appropriately placed hand holds particularly for those short of stature.

Trams should be more frequent during morning and evening rush hour. And there is a lack of information on live metro arrivals on your website. It is not possible to arrange to meet friends for want of further knowledge **TPS 2015 Blackpool**

Opinion of trams in the local area



Opinion of trams in the local area: summary



Q. How would you rate tram services for the following? Base:594

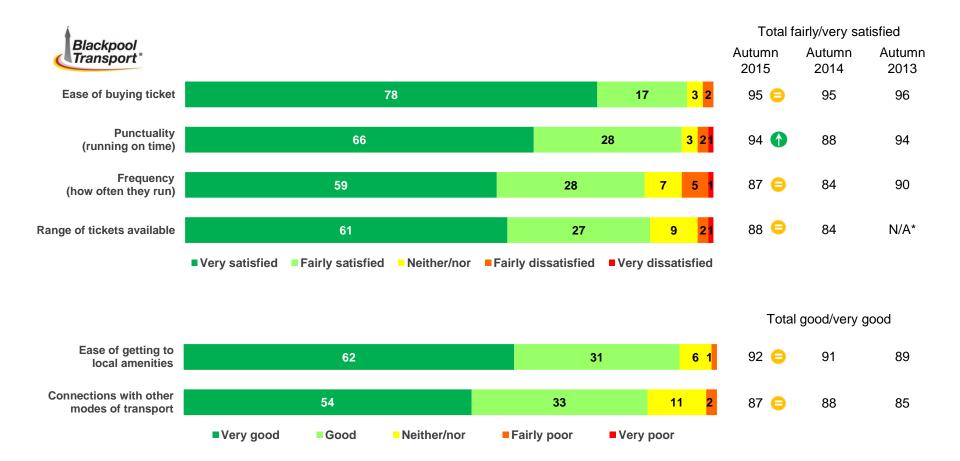


^{*}Not asked in BPS. Punctuality refers to 'reliability' in BPS

Q. And how satisfied are you overall with tram services for the following? Base:594

Opinion of trams in the local area: the detail

Satisfaction with trams generally



Statistically significant increase since 2014

No change

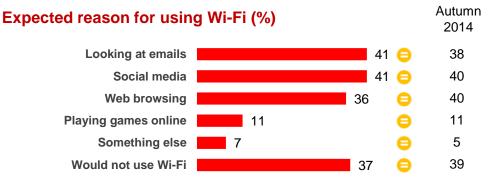
Statistically significant decrease since 2014

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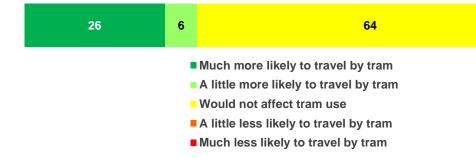
Q. And how satisfied are you overall with tram services for the following: & Q: How would you rate your local tram services for the following: Base: All passengers – 354

Expectations of Wi-Fi on board Blackpool trams









Total more likely to travel by tram

Autumn Autumn 2015 2014

32 27

Q. If you were able to use Wi-Fi whilst on this tram, what would it be to do? & Q. If Wi-Fi were available on these trams, how would this affect your use of the tram? Base: All passengers – 550

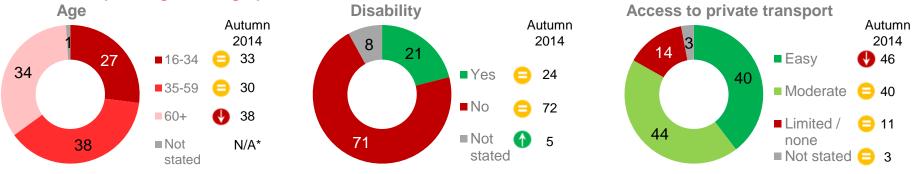
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Appendix 1: the passenger and journey context



Blackpool passengers: summary

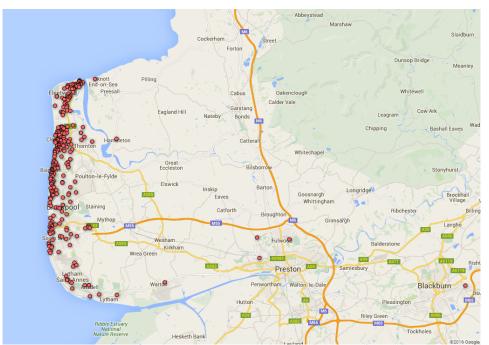
Overview of passenger demographics



*The weighting process for 2015 was adapted to include passengers choosing not to provide their age and gender, in line with BPS. This allows their answers to not be wasted

Passengers' postcodes relative to tram network





Passenger profile

		Tram					Bus		
	Autumn 2015	Autumn 2014	Autumn 2013	Visitors 2015	Residents 2015	Autumn 2015	Autumn 2014	Autumn 2013	
Age									
16-34	27 😑	33	29	12	35	33	35	36	
35-59	38 😑	30	28	48	32	24	29	28	
Over 60	34 🔥	38	44	40	33	40	37	36	
Not stated*	1	N/A	N/A	0	1	3	0	0	
Access to private transport									
Easy	40 🔥	46	42	62	26	21	21	17	
Moderate	44 😑	40	42	22	60	38	32	33	
Limited/none	14 😑	11	14	13	12	39	43	45	
Not stated	3 😑	3	3	3	3	3	4	5	
Has a disability									
rias a disability									
Yes	22 😑	24	20	19	25	29	39	35	*The weighting process for 2015 was
Ticket type									adapted to include passengers choosing not to provide their
Free pass holders	16 🕜	9	36	6	25	46	40	42	age and gender, in line with BPS. This
Fare-payers Base: All passengers - 594 (Ti	84 (ram), 487 (Bus)	91	64	94	75	54	60	58	allows their answers to not be wasted

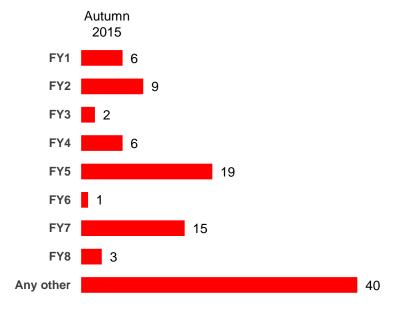
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Where Blackpool passengers live

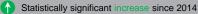




	Autumn 2014	Autumn 2013
	8	8
	5	8
	1	1
	3	8
	13	16
	1	1
	16	18
	1	6
•	51	34

Q: What is your postcode? Base: All giving a postcode – 523

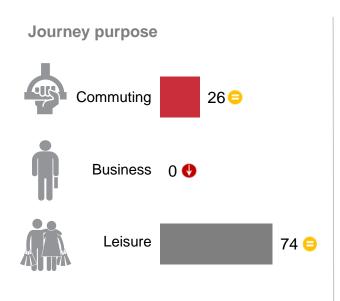


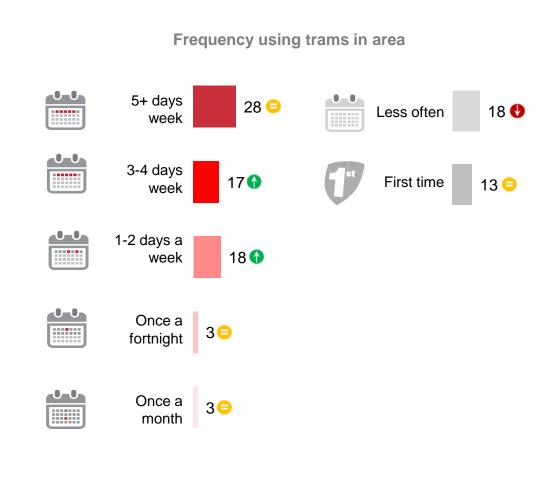




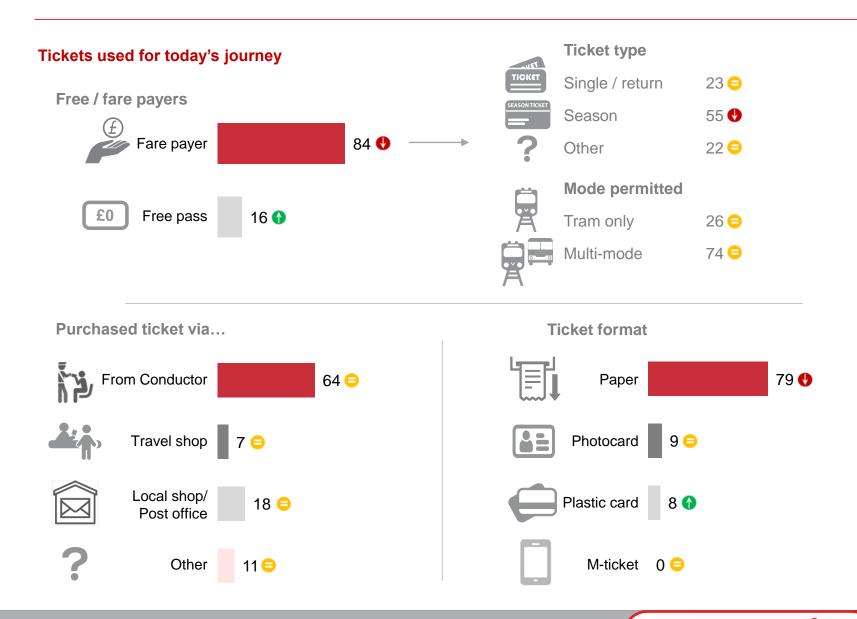
Blackpool journeys: summary (1)

Passenger journey details





Blackpool Trams journeys: summary (2)



Blackpool Trams journeys: summary (3)

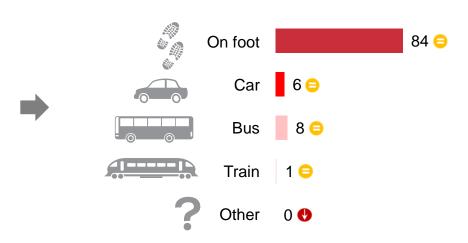
Most used tram stops: journey start

Cleveleys	10 🕜
Tower	9 😑
North Pier	9 😑
Starr Gate	7 😑
Fleetwood Ferry	7 😑
Fisherman's Walk	5 😑
South Pier	4 😑
Anchorsholme Lane	3 😑

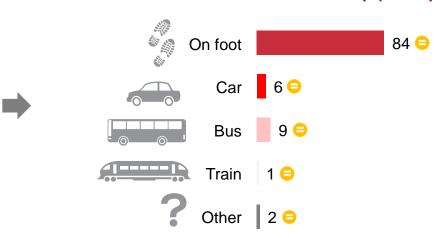
Most used tram stops: journey destination

North Pier	14 😑
Cleveleys	10 😑
Tower	9 😑
Fleetwood Ferry	9 😑
Starr Gate	5 😑
Fisherman's Walk	4 😑
Broadwater	3 😑
Pleasure Beach	3 😑

Mode used to arrive at starting stop (all stops)

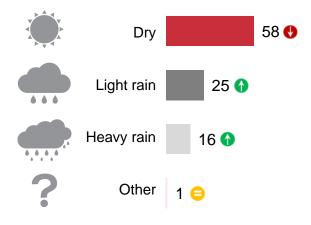


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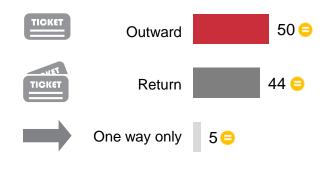


Blackpool Trams journeys: summary (4)

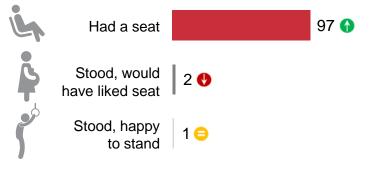
Weather on day of journey



Journey direction

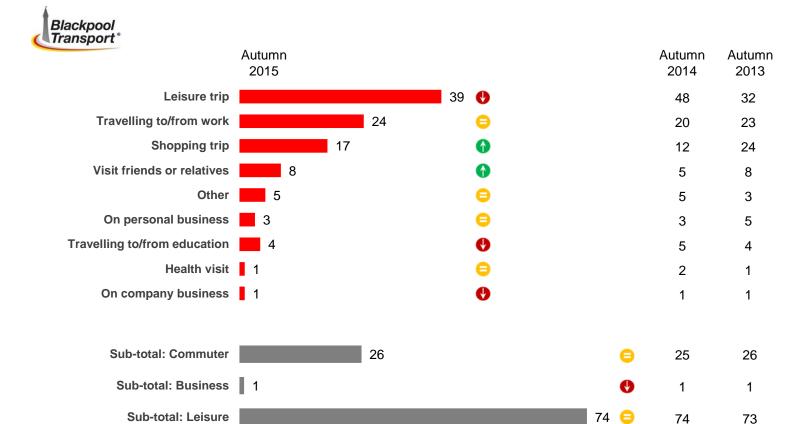


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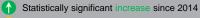


Passenger and journey context: the detail

Journey purpose



Q. What is the main purpose of your tram journey today? Base: All passengers – 580

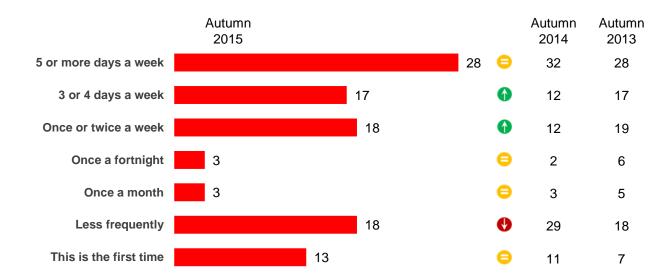


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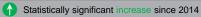
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Frequency of using Blackpool tramway





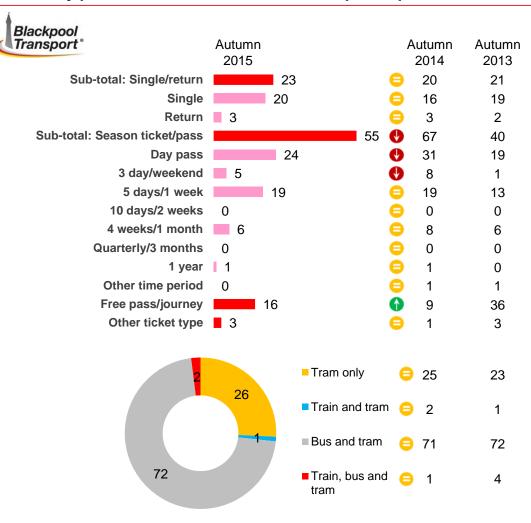
Q. How often do you typically travel by tram? Base: All passengers – 578



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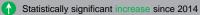


Ticket type and modes of transport permitted

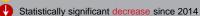


Q. What type of ticket/pass did you use for this tram journey today? Base: All passengers – 588

Q. What modes of transport does your ticket allow you to travel on? Base: All passengers – 584

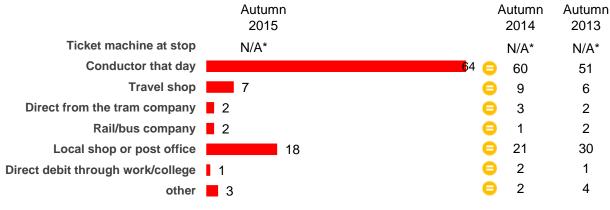


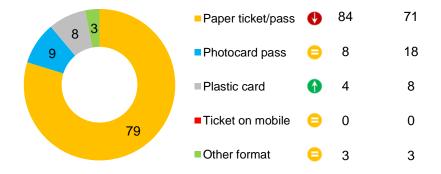




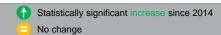
Method of buying ticket and ticket format







Q. In what format was your ticket? Base: All passengers – 572



Statistically significant decrease since 2014



^{*}Not asked for Blackpool

Q. How did you buy that ticket or pass? Base: All fare paying passengers – 476

Blackpool stops used by passengers surveyed

50 per cent of passengers were on an outward journey, 44 per cent on a return and 5 per cent on a one-way trip (2014: 59 per cent, 36 per cent and 6 per cent respectively)

92 per cent had a seat for their whole journey, while 2 per cent said they had to stand but would have liked to have a seat (2014: 73 per cent and 8 per cent)

Boarding	Autumn 2015	Autumn 2014	Autumn 2013
Cleveleys	10	6	9
North Pier	9	11	10
• Tower	9	6	8
Fleetwood Ferry	7	10	9
Starr Gate	7	8	10
Fisherman's Walk	5	4	5
South Pier	4	2	2
Anchorsholme Lane	3 (2	1

Alighting	Autumn 2015	Autumn 2014	Autumn 2013
North Pier	14 🨑	10	11
Cleveleys	10	12	13
• Tower	9	11	12
Fleetwood Ferry	9 =	10	10
Starr Gate	5 😑	8	6
Fisherman's Walk	4	2	3
Broad Water	3	2	3
Pleasure Beach	3 🔱	6	2

Any changes in tram stops used reflects the sample of passengers in this survey rather than actual usage of stops

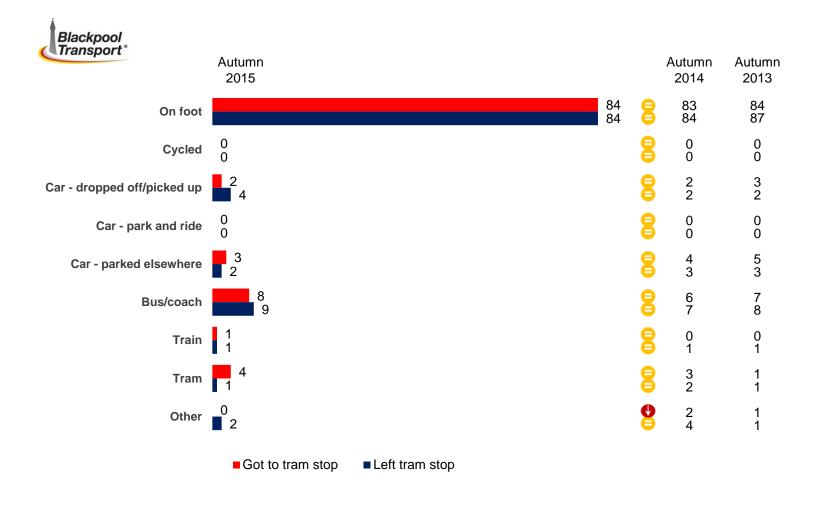
Q: Were you on your outward or return journey? Q. Did you get a seat on the tram? Q: At which stop did you board/leave this tram? Base: All passengers - 594

Statistically significant increase since 2014

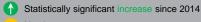
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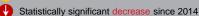
How got to and from the tram stop



Q: How did you get to/from the tram stop where you boarded/left the tram today? Base: All passengers - 580

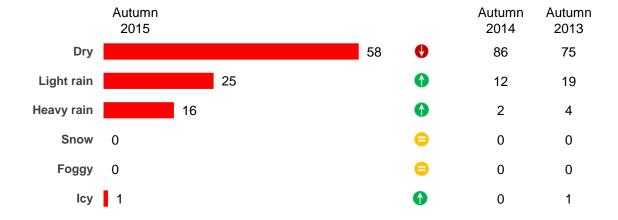




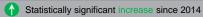


Weather conditions when journey made





Q. What was the weather like when you made your journey? Base: All passengers - 583



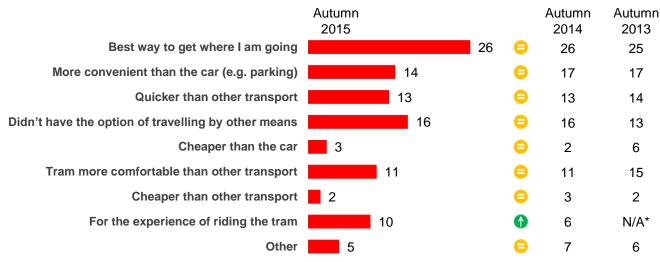
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Passenger and journey context: the detail

Reasons for choosing the tram





Q. What was the main reason you chose to take the tram for this journey? Base: All passengers – 569



Statistically significant increase since 2014

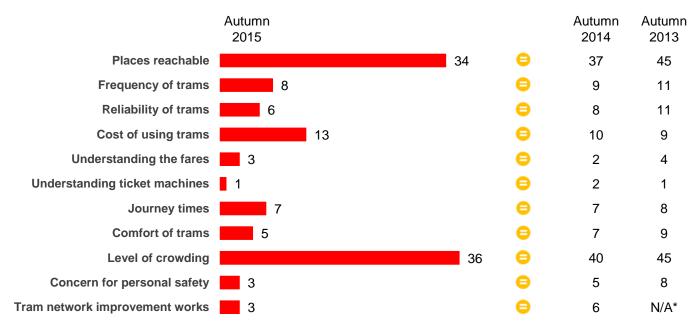


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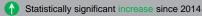
^{*}Not asked in 2013

Factors preventing more journeys being made





Q. Have any of the following frequently stopped you making journeys by tram? (More than one answer permissible) Base: All previously using the tram – 353







^{*}Not asked in 2013. The addition of 'Tram network improvement works' in TPS 2014 could have caused the significant drops in other factors

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Appendix 2: Further detail on survey background and method



Methodology – fieldwork

Blackpool tramway (TPS)

Fieldwork: 17 September to 26 November 2015 (with a gap for half term from 24 October to 1 November)

Interviewer shifts: covered all days of the week and ran from 6am to 10pm. Each interviewer worked a three-hour shift; four hour shifts were conducted in a few cases.

Method: Choice of paper or online self-completion questionnaire

Sample size: 594 interviews (410 paper and 184 online)

In 2014 fieldwork took place between 10 September and 27 November

Bus (BPS) data for Blackpool area

Fieldwork: 7 September to 29 November 2015

Interviewer shifts: covered all days of the week and ran from 6am to 10pm. Each interviewer worked a three-hour shift

Method: Choice of paper or online self-completion questionnaire

Sample size: 487 interviews (404 paper and 83 online)

Methodology – data analysis

Base definitions: All charts are based on those who gave an answer to an individual question. Those who either left the question blank or said 'don't know' have been excluded from the base. For this reason the base sizes for those charts based on 'all passengers' vary slightly between the different charts in this report.

Weighting: this was based on passenger count information collected by the interviewer during each interviewer shift. The weighting matrix used the following weighting cells:

- Tram network
- Age: 16-25, 26-59, 60+
- Gender: male, female
- Time/day travelled: weekday peak, weekday off peak and weekend

The full details of the weighting matrix can be found in the TPS Autumn 2015 technical report.

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The Blackpool tramway route map



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Appendix 3: Questionnaire





Tram Passenger Survey (Blackpool)

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Thank you for agreeing to take part in our survey.

Transport Focus is the official, independent consumer watchdog that represents rail, bus, and tram passengers.

To help us represent the views of passengers in your area we would appreciate a little of your time to complete this survey. It asks about the tram journey you made when given this questionnaire.

Tram companies, local authorities and governments pay close attention to the survey's results. These results provide Transport Focus with the evidence to seek improvements on behalf of passengers.

Please fill in the questionnaire after you have completed your tram journey.

Please tick only one box per question, unless that question requests otherwise.

After o	After completing the questionnaire, please return it using the postage paid envelope provided.						
1.	About your journey on the Blackpool tr	amway					
Q1a.	At which stop did you board this tram?						
Q1b.	At which stop did you leave this tram?						
Q2.	Please fill in the time that you boarded the tra	m today: se use 24 hour clock e.g. 5.25pm should be written as 17:25)					
Q3a.	What type of ticket or pass did you use for this (Please tick one box only) Season Ticket/Saver 1 day.	A free pass or free journey Elderly person's pass					
Q3b.	What modes of transport does your ticket allo	w you to travel on?					
	Tram only	Bus and Tram					

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Ų4.	in what format was your ticket?						
	A standard paper ticket/pass		An m-ticket (sent to your mobile phone)				
	A photo card ticket/pass		Other format	П			
	A plastic card you touched	_		_			
	on to the fare machine						
	on to the fare machine						
Q5.	How did you buy that ticket or pass?						
	From Conductor		From a local shop or post office				
	Direct from Blackpool Transport		You had a free pass				
	(website/phone)		Direct debit through work/college	H			
	Travel shop		Other	ш			
	Rail/bus company	Ш					
Q6.	What is the main purpose of your journey	on the Bla	cknool tramway today?				
40.	Travelling to/from work						
			Health visit (Doctor/hospital/dentist)				
	Travelling to/from education		Shopping trip				
	(e.g. college, school)		Visiting friends or relatives	H			
	On company business		Leisure trip (e.g. day out)	H			
	(or own if self-employed)		Other	ш			
	On personal business						
	(job interview, bank, post office)	Ш					
Q7.	Were you on your outward or return journ	nev when v	ou were given a questionnaire?				
٠	Outward		One waytrip only				
	Return	H	One way trip only	ш			
	keturn						
Q8.	Were you travelling with? (Please tick all that apply)						
-	Children in a buggy or pushchair		A carer				
	Children (under 12) who were walking		Lots of bags or luggage				
	A wheelchair/mobility scooter		None of these				
	A wheelchair/mobility scooter	ш	None of these	ш			
Q9.	How did you get to the tram stop where y	ou boarde	d this tram today?				
	On foot/walked		Bus	П			
	Cycled	=	Train	=			
	Car - dropped off		Tram	=			
	Car - and used Park and Ride		Other				
	Car - parked elsewhere		Other	ш			
	Cai - parkeu eisewilere	ш					
Q10.	Which means of transport did you use wh	en you got	off this tram today?				
	On foot/walked	П	Bus	П			
	Cycled		Train				
	Car - picked up.		Tram				
	Car - and used Park and Ride		Other	Ħ			
	Car - parked elsewhere	=	Outci	_			
	Cai - parked asewirere						
Q11.	What was the main reason you chose to t	take the Bl	ackpool tramway for this journey?				
	(Please tick one box only)						
	Cheaper than the car		Quicker than other transport	П			
	Cheaper than other transport	Π	Best way to get where I am going	ñ			
	More convenient than the car	_	Tram more comfortable than	_			
	(e.g. parking)	П	other transport	П			
	Didn't have the option of travelling		For the experience of riding the tram	Ħ			
	by another means		Other (please write in)				
	by another means		Other (please write III)				
Q12.	What was the weather like when you mad	de vour iou	rnev. was it?				
QIZ.	Doz		Farming Towns				

Light rain. Heavy rain.



2.	About the tram stop where you boarded th	is trai	m				
Q13.	Thinking about the tram stop itself, how satisfied w	vere yo	u with t		ng?		Dech
		Very satisfied		Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Fairly dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	Don't know/no opinion
	Its distance from your journey start e.g. home, shops			П	П		П
	The convenience/accessibility of its location	=	\Box				
	Its general condition/standard of maintenance	_					
	Its freedom from graffiti/vandalism						
	Its freedom from litter						
	Behaviour of fellow passengers waiting at the stop.	_	님	님	님	님	님
	The information provided at the tram stop						
Q14.	Overall, how satisfied were you with the tram stop?	?					
	Very satisfied		dissatis	fied			
	Fairly satisfied	Very	dissatisfi	ied			
	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Don't	know/N	lo opinion.			Ц
3.	Waiting for the tram						
Q15.	Approximately, how long did you wait for your tran	n?					
	(Please write in the time in minutes)						
Q16a.	Did you check any of the following to find out when the tram was meant to arrive? (Please tick all that apply)						
	Before leaving for the tram stop		tram s		-4.		
	Leaflet/paper timetable			play at the osters at t			H
	Live tram locator/timings	Onlin	e tram t	imes			Ī
	(e.g. via mobile app/web)			ator/timing			
	Disruption updates (e.g. on Twitter/Facebook)		g. via m ption up	obile app/ dates	web)		
	Other	(e.	g. on Tv	vitter/Face			
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Q16b.	If you did not check to find out when the tram was (Please tick all that apply)	meant t	o arrive	, why was	this?		
	Knew the trams ran	Didn't	t have ti	me			
	frequently on this route	Did no	ot know	when the	tram		
	Already knew arrival times			to arrive			H
	Court for the die fillolliador	other					_
Q17.	Approximately how long did you expect to wait for	the tra	m?				
	(Please write in the time in minutes)						
Q18a.	Thinking about the time you waited for the tram to	day, wa	s it				
	Much longer than expected			ne than yo			
	A little longer than you expected	Much	less tim	ne than you	expected		
	About the length of time you expected						
Q18b.	Were you able to board the first tram you wanted t	o trave	lon?				
	Yes	No					

Q19.	How satisfied were you with each of the followi	ng?					
	The length of time you had to wait for the tram The punctuality of the tram			Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Fairly dissatisfied	Very dissetisfied	Don't know/no opinion
4.	On the tram						
Q20.	Thinking about when the tram arrived, please in	dicate ho	w satisfi	ed you we	re with th	e followir	ng:
	Route/destination information on	Very satisfied	Fairly satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Fairly dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	Don't know/no opinion
	the outside of the tram						
	The cleanliness and condition of the outside of the tram						
	The ease of getting on to and off of the tram						
	The length of time it took to board the tram						
Q21.	Thinking about whilst you were on the tram, plea	ase indica	te how s		u were wi	ith the fol	
		Very satisfied	Fairly	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Fairly	Very	Don't know/no
	The cleanliness and condition of the inside of the tram	_	Satisfied				opinion
	The information provided inside the tram						
	Sufficient room for all the passengers to sit/stand						
	The amount of personal space you had						П
	The amount of personal space you had around you						
	Provision of grab rails to hold on to when standin moving about the tram						
	The temperature inside the tram	_					
	Your personal security whilst on the tram						
	The amount of time the journey took Smoothness/freedom from jolting during					Ш	П
	the journey						
Q22.	Did you get a seat on the tram?						_
	Yes – for all of the journey			were happ	•		
	Yes – for part of the journey	No –	but you	would have	e liked a se	eat	
Q23a.	Did other passengers' behaviour give you cause journey?	se to wor	ry or ma	ike you fe	el uncomf	ortable d	luring your
	Yes	No					
Q23b.	If yes: Which of the following were the reason(s)	for this?	(Please	tick all tha	t apply)		
	Passengers drinking/under			ot paying th			
	the influence of alcohol		_				_
	Passengers taking/under			olayed loud			
	the influence of drugs						
	Abusive or threatening behaviour			ndalism			_
	Rowdy behaviour			nobile phor	nes		<u> </u>
	Passengers not moving	Othe	r (please	write in)			
	out of priority seats.	1					1

Q23c.	If yes: What local area was the tram travelling through or at which stop was it when you were worried or concerned?	Q29.	(29. If something could have been improved on your journey on the Blackpool tramway today, what have been?					
Q24a.	Was your journey on the Blackpool tramway today delayed at all?							
	Yes							
0246	If yes: Why was this? (Please tick all that apply)	Q30.	How satisfied were you with the value for money		_			
Q240.	Due to a signal/points failure		Very satisfied		ed			
	Road congestion/traffic jam		Fairly satisfied		do opinion			
	Due to a tram failure			-	•			
	Planned engineering works	Q31.	What had the biggest influence on the 'value for r	noney' rating you	gave in the prev	ious quest	tion?	
	The tram waiting too long at stops		The cost for the distance travelled	C				
	The tram waiting too long at signals Don't know		modes of transport	Comfort/journe	ey quality for d		П	
			The fare in comparison to the cost		nentioned above			
Q25.	If yes: By approximately how long was your journey today delayed?		of everyday items		e in box)			
	(Please write in the time in minutes)							
Q26.	Were any of these items of information present on the tram?							
	A map of the tram route/journey times	6.	Your opinion of trams generally					
	Audio announcements e.g. saying the next tram stop	Q32a.	How would you rate tram services for the following	ng:				
	An electronic display e.g. showing the next tram stop			Very	Neither good nor	Very	Don't know/no	
	Information about tickets/fares		Ease of getting to local amenities	good Good	poor Poor	poor	opinion	
	A timetable		(e.g. shops, hospitals, leisure facilities)	🗆 🗆				
	Details of how to make a complaint, if you had one		Connection with other forms of public transport (e.g. trains/buses)	🗆 🗆				
		Q32b.	And how satisfied are you overall with tram servi	ices for the follow	ing:			
Q27.	Thinking about any tram staff you encountered on your journey, please indicate how satisfied you were with each of the following:		•	Very Fairly s satisfied satisfied of	Neither satisfied nor Fairly dissatisfied dissatisfie	Very ed diss <u>atis</u> fie	Don't know/no d opi <u>nio</u> n	
	Neither Don't Very Fairly satisfiednor Fairly Very know/no		Ease of buying your ticket					
	satisfied satisfied dissatisfied dissatisfied opinion		Punctuality (running on time)					
	The appearance of any staff		Frequency (how often the trams run)					
	Any greeting/welcome you got from the staff		Range of tickets available	- 📙 🗀		Ш		
	The helpfulness and attitude of the staff	Q33a.	If you needed information about your local tram information? (Please tick all that apply)	services, e.g. time	es, fares, where	would you	obtain that	
	The safety of the driving (i.e. appropriateness of speed,		Phone: Blackpool Transport	Constabases	op			
	driver concentrating)		Phone: Blackpool Council					
			Internet: Blackpool Transport website	Ask friend/rela	tive			
			Internet: Blackpool Council website	Ask tram staff.				
5.	Your overall opinion of the tram journey you made when given this questionnaire		Internet: Other travel website					
Q28.	Overall, taking everything into account from start to end of this journey, how satisfied were you with your		Twitter: Blackpool Transport	Not sure				
	journey on the Blackpool tramway today?	O33h	. If you were able to use Wi-Fi whilst on this tra	am, what would it	t he to do?			
	Very satisfied Fairly dissatisfied	QSSD	(Please tick all that apply)	, what would h	t De todo.			
	Fairly satisfied		Looking at emails	Playing games	online			
	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied		Social media		a		$\overline{}$	

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Would not use Wi-Fi

Web browsing....

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Q33c.	If Wi-Fi were available on these trams, how	w would th	is affect your use of the tram?									
	I would be much more likely to travel by tra	am										
	I would be a little more likely to travel by tr	ram										
	It would not affect my use of the tram											
	I would be a little less likely to travel by tram											
	I would be much less likely to travel by tran											
Q34.	How often do you typically travel by tram?											
	5 or more days a week		Once a month									
	3 or 4 days a week		ess frequently	=								
	Once or twice a week		This is the first time I have	_								
	Once a fortnight		used the Blackpool tramway									
Q35.	If you have used the tram before, how typic											
ųss.		_ `		_								
	Much better than usual		A little worse than usual	_								
	A little better than usual		Much worse than usual	\sqcup								
	About the same as usual											
Q36.	Have any of the following frequently stoppe	ed you mal	king journeys by tram? (Please tick all th	at apply)								
	The places you can reach by tram	٦ ,	How long journeys take									
	The frequency of trams in the area		when going by tram									
	The reliability of the trams	_	The comfort of the trams									
	·		The level of crowding on the trams									
	The cost of using tram		A concern for your personal									
	Understanding the fares	=	safety on tram									
	Understanding the ticket machines	┙,	Fram network improvement works									
_			Trail network improvement works									
7.	About you											
QA.	Are you?											
	Male	_ F	Female									
QB.	In which age group are you?											
	16-18	٦ ,	55-59									
	19-25	_	50-64	_								
	26-34		55-69									
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	35-44	_	70-79	_								
	45-54	{	30+									
QC.	Are you?											
	Working full time (30+ hours)		Retired									
	Working part time (under 30 hours)		Full time student									
	Not working – seeking work		Other									
QDa.	Are you affected by any physical or mental health conditions or illnesses lasting or expected to last 1											
	months or more? (Please tick all that appl			_								
	No - None											
	Yes – Vision (e.g. blindness or partial sight)											
	Yes – Hearing (e.g. deafness or partial hearing)											
	Yes – Mobility (e.g. only able to walk short distances or difficulty dimbing stairs) Yes – Dexterity (e.g. difficulty lifting and carrying objects or using a keyboard)											
	Yes – Dexterity (e.g. difficulty lifting and carrying objects or using a keyboard)											
	Yes – Memory	aung		Ħ								
	Yes – Mental health											
	Yes – Stamina or breathing fatigue											
	Yes - Socially or behaviourally (for example			_								
			erger's syndrome)									
	A condition not mentioned above											

QDb.	Does your condition or illness have an adverse effect on your ability to make journeys by tram?																										
	Yes, a lot Not at all																								[
QE.	Which of the	follo	win	g be	st des	scrit	oes	yo	ur e	thr	nic I	back	grou	und	?												
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QG.	How often are you able to ask someone else to drive you for local journeys?																										
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Thank you for completing this questionnaire.

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