

Tram Passenger Survey (TPS) – Manchester Metrolink

Autumn 2018 results

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Context to the survey

Background to the 2018 survey

- 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 2018 TPS covered tram services in Manchester, Birmingham, Blackpool and Sheffield. Edinburgh Trams was covered in 2014-2016 and Nottingham was included in 2013-2017.



The survey method

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 19 September and 8 December 2018

2987 surveys were completed for Manchester Metrolink in autumn 2018

For further details of the survey method, see Appendix



The Manchester network in context

	The Network	Passenger Journeys	Ticket Purchasing	Information at stops	Frequency	Engineering disruptions/other notes
Manchester Metrolink	7 lines 93 stops 57 miles	42.8** million	TVMs at ✓ stops Conductors x 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	 Airport line opened late 2014, covered for first time in 2015 Exchange Square and link with Victoria opened in December 2015 Increasing use of double carriage trams Second City Crossing opened in February 2017 enabling quicker journeys across the city A tram collision on the 10th November 2017 affected two shifts which were rescheduled due to no trams running
Blackpool Transport*	1 line 38 stops 11 miles	5.2* million	TVMs at stops Conductors ✓ on board	✓ Info boards at stops ✓ (TTs, fares) ▼ Passenger Info Displays	Mon-Sat: every 15-30 mins Sun: 15-30 mins	 Blackpool illuminations 30 Aug to 3 Nov 2018 Heritage trams operate bank holidays, weekends and summer; not covered in this research No significant issues affected fieldwork
Sheffield Stegecoch SUPERIZAM	4 lines 50 stops 22 miles	12.3* million	X TVMs at stops✓ Conductors on board	✓ Info boards at stops (TTs, fares) ➤ Passenger Info Displays	Mon-Sat: every 5-20 mins Sun: 10-20 mins	 New Train Tram extension to the Network opened late-Oct 2018 including two new stops. Some shifts were held back so they could be completed on the new line in November 2018 Additional consultation (not part of this research) was held on the network which coincided with this fieldwork period (Sep – Oct 2018)
West Midlands Metro	1 line 26 stops 13 miles	5.7* 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 extension to Grand Central (New Street Station) opened on 30 May 2016 and was included in the TPS 2016 Network improvement works meant that two tram stops at the Wolverhampton end of the route were closed for the duration of fieldwork in 2017 (Wolverhampton St George's and The Royal)



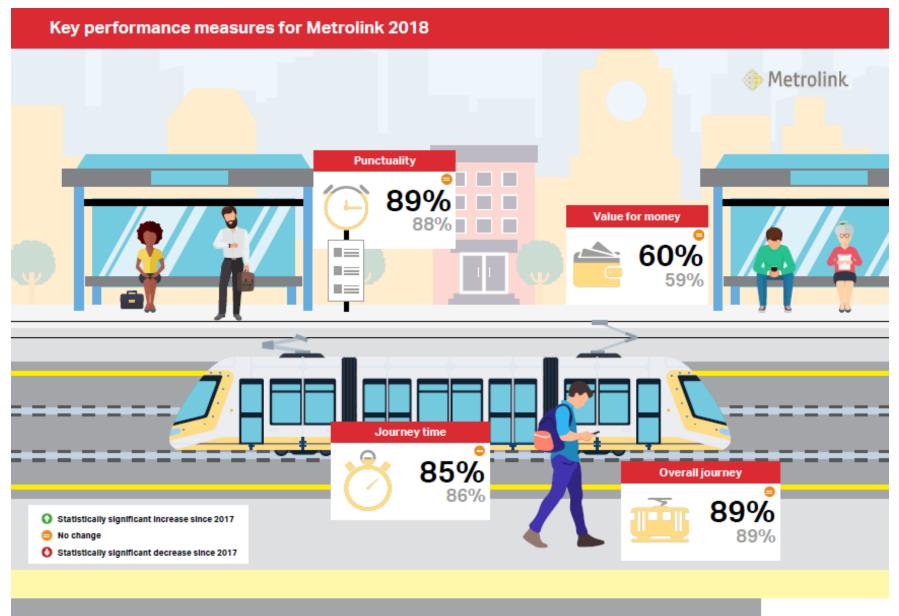
^{*}Source: Department for Transport, Passenger journeys on light rail and trams by system in England, 2017/18
**Source: Direct from operator

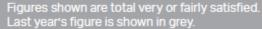


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Key findings

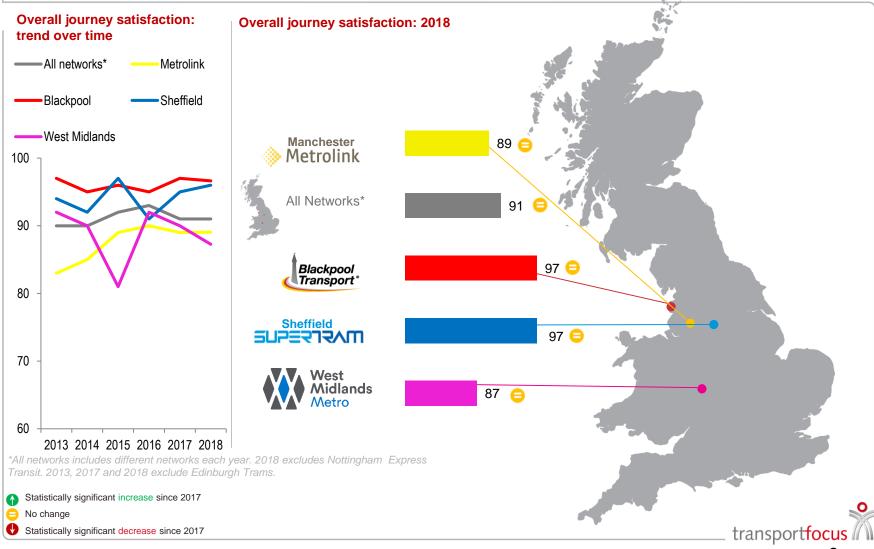








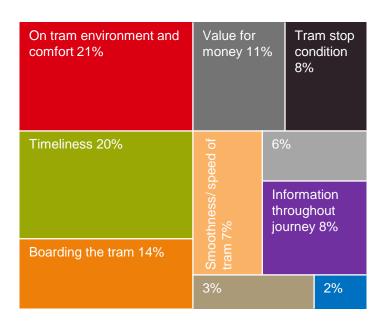
Passenger experience: a snapshot



What makes a satisfactory or great journey on Metrolink?

The top factors linked to overall journey satisfaction*

What makes a satisfactory journey?



Cleanliness and condition of the tram



On tram environment and comfort 29%	Value for money 10%	Cleanliness and condition of the tram 8%
Timeliness 14%	Tram stop condition 8%	Boarding the tram 7%
Smoothness/ speed of tram 12%	Access to tram stop 5%	4% 3%

Personal safety throughout journey

*Key Driver Analysis looks at fare-paying passengers' overall journey satisfaction response and their response to the 25 individual satisfaction measures in the survey (including value for money), which have been grouped into 10 themes based upon a statistical analysis of the responses.

The left hand chart shows which themes most differentiate between those not satisfied and satisfied overall - making a journey 'satisfactory'.

Access to the tram stop

The right hand chart shows which themes most differentiate between those fairly and very satisfied overall – making a 'great' journey.

The analysis combines data from 2018 and 2017 surveys to increase robustness. It also excludes satisfaction measures relating to tram staff; due to differences in staff availability across the networks not all TPS questionnaires feature questions about tram staff. In order to run the analysis in a consistent and practical manner all staff measures have been excluded.

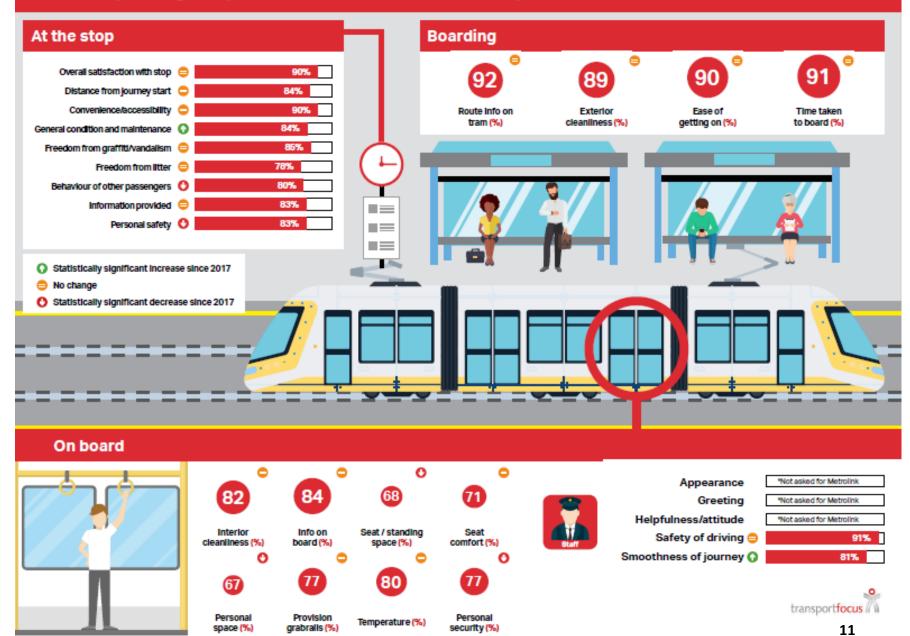
See appendix 2 for a full explanation of the analysis to identify factors linked to overall journey satisfaction.

Information throughout journey

Passenger experience in Manchester 2018: across the network



Overall passenger experience in Manchester 2018: a snapshot



Manchester 2018: summary of key findings (1)

- In the 2018 wave of the Tram Passenger Survey 89 per cent of Metrolink passengers are satisfied with their journey overall (2017: 89 per cent). This is higher than the same measure on the Bus Passenger Survey (87 per cent). Half of all passengers (51 per cent) are 'very satisfied' with their journey overall
- Overall journey satisfaction is quite consistent across different passenger groups. Younger passengers tend to be slightly less satisfied, as do those who are commuting using Metrolink
- The key factor which makes tram journeys both satisfactory and great is the on board environment and comfort of the tram. Attributes relating to this have remained relatively consistent compared to 2017, although satisfaction with the availability of seating or space to stand decreased significantly from 71 per cent in 2017 to 68 per cent in 2018.
- The next most important factor is timeliness. This is more important to making journeys 'satisfactory' than 'great'. Satisfaction with punctuality has increased slightly since 2017, with 89 per cent of passengers satisfied.
- Amongst fare-paying passengers, 60 per cent are satisfied with the value for money of their journey, a slight increase since 2017 (59 per cent).
- When evaluating value for money, the most important factors are the cost of the tram versus other modes of transport and the cost for the distance travelled.

Manchester 2018: summary of key findings (2)

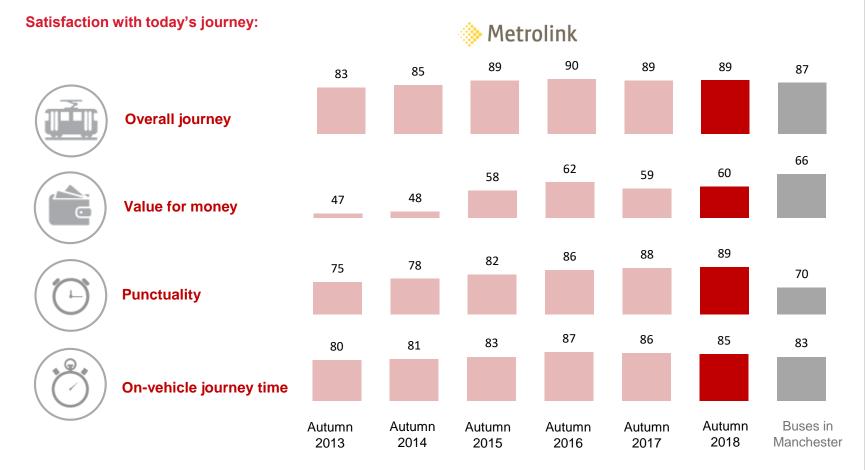
- Satisfaction is highest on the East Didsbury and Altrincham lines, with 92 per cent and 90 per cent satisfied with their journey overall respectively. Passengers using the Eccles line are the least satisfied overall (87 per cent). The Rochdale and the Eccles lines see some significant decreases in satisfaction with the on board environment and comfort
- 49 per cent of passengers spontaneously mention an improvement that could have been made to their journey (42 per cent in 2017). The most common improvements mentioned related to better seating and capacity on board trams
- Other improvements relate to the frequency/route of the tram, as well as the fares and tickets
- 6 per cent of passengers experienced a delay on their journey (2017: 9 per cent). When delays
 occurred they lasted 10 minutes on average
- Almost half of all passengers (47 per cent) are using Metrolink to commute (43 per cent travelling to work; 4 per cent travelling to education)
- Almost half of passengers (46 per cent) use a ticket vending machine to purchase their ticket compared with 69 per cent in 2017. Almost a fifth (19 per cent) use the 'get me there' app
- Passengers are moving towards using more electronic ticket formats. 20 per cent use a ticket on their mobile (2017: 15 per cent), with 48 per cent still using a paper ticket (2017: 57 per cent).

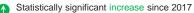


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Experience and opinions of the journey

Experience and opinions of the journey: summary





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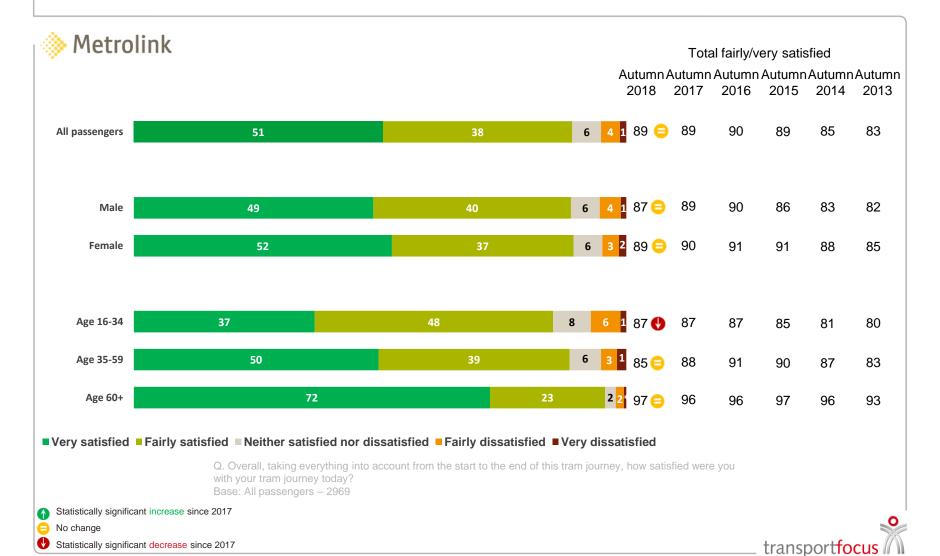
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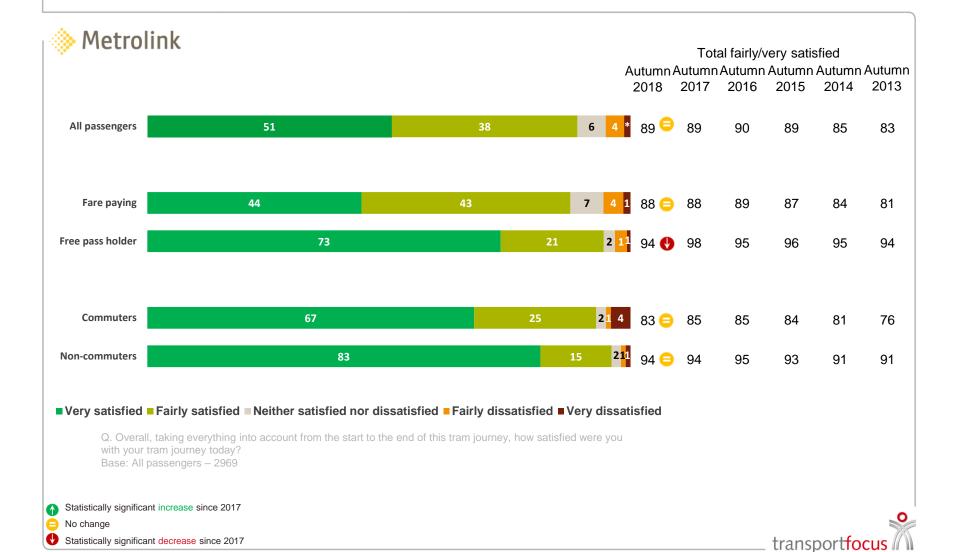
Who are satisfied and not satisfied passengers? – Metrolink

Metrolink Manchester			
	Very satisfied passengers are more likely to:	Fairly satisfied passengers are more likely to:	Not satisfied passengers are more likely to:
Journey purpose	Be making leisure journeys (64%)	Be commuting (59%)	Be commuting (71%) more so than fairly satisfied
Time of travel	Travel off-peak on a weekday (54%) or in the AM peak (19%)	Travel off-peak on a weekday (52%)	Travel during off-peak times (45% - 29% in the morning and 16% in the afternoon)
Frequency of travel	Be those who travel almost everyday , 5 or more days a week (29%)	Be those who travel 5 or more days a week (43%)	Be those who travel more frequently (59%)
Access to private transport	Have easier access to private transport ('easy' 44%); 'moderate' 34%)	Have easy (42%) access to private transport	Have moderate (36%) access to private transport but less than those who are fairly satisfied
Age and gender	Be aged 35-59 (41%) and more likely to be female (Female 54%; Male 46%)	Be aged 16-59 (86%)	Be younger (47% aged 16 to 34)
Trust in the operator	Have higher levels of trust in the operator (78% rated 6-7 on a 7-point scale)	Have medium to high levels of trust in the operator (97% rated 3-7 on a 7-point scale)	Have medium levels of trust in the operator (72% rated 3-5 on a 7-point scale)
	Base: those 'very satisfied' with journey overall (1669)	Base: those 'fairly satisfied' with journey overall (1018)	Base: those 'neither/nor', 'fairly dissatisfied' or 'very dissatisfied' with journey overall (282)

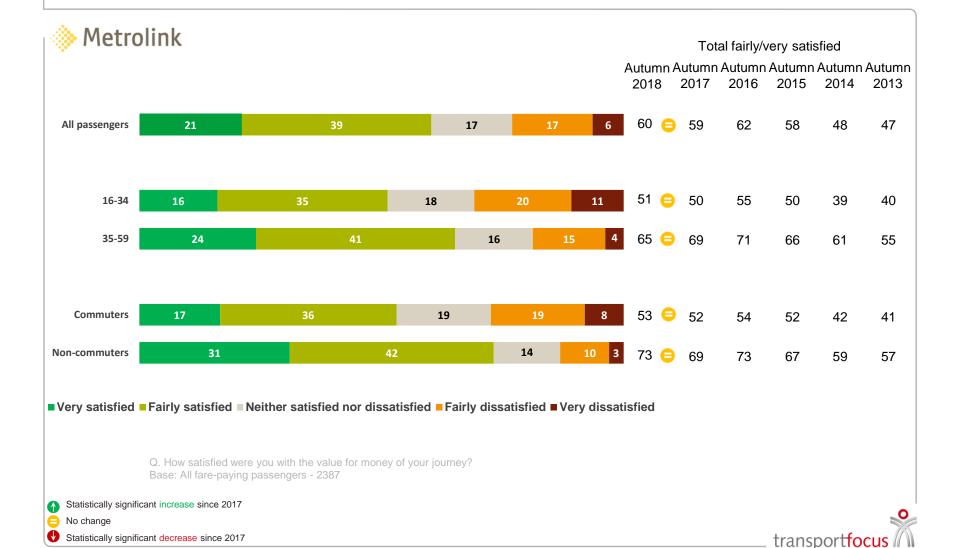
Overall satisfaction (%) – by gender and age



Overall satisfaction (%): by passenger type

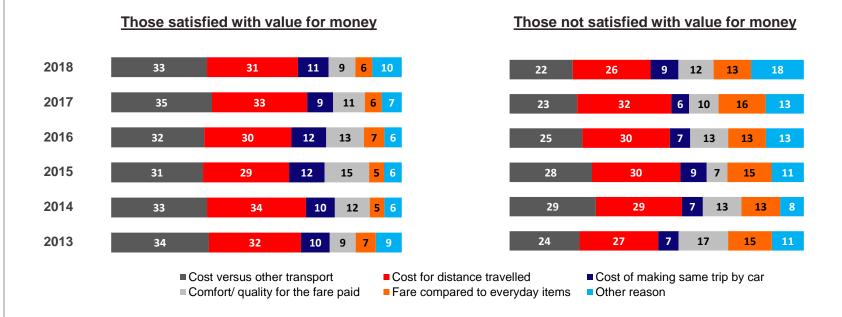


Value for money (fare-payers only)



What influenced value for money rating

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Q. What had the biggest influence on the 'value for money' rating you gave in the previous question?

Base: All fare-paying passengers satisfied with VFM -1136; all fare-paying passengers not satisfied with VFM -685

Statistically significant increase since 2017

No change

Statistically significant decrease since 2017



Punctuality and on-vehicle journey time

Statistically significant decrease since 2017



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Waiting at the stop

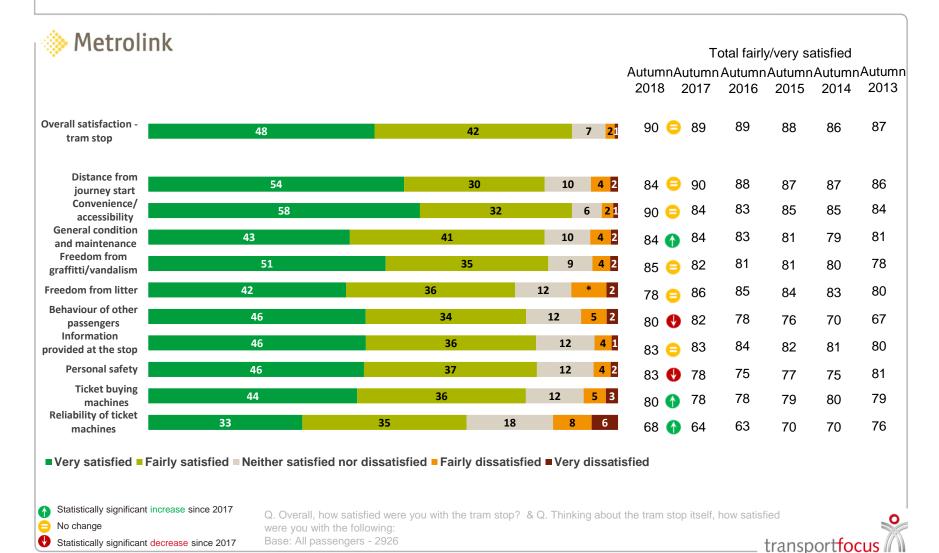
Waiting at the stop: summary

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Overall satisfaction with stop	90 😑	81
Distance from journey start	84 😑	84
Convenience/accessibility	90 😑	88
General condition and maintenance	84 🕜	75
Freedom from graffiti/vandalism	85 😑	79
Freedom from litter	78 😑	70
Behaviour of other passengers	80 🚯	N/A*
Information provided	83 😑	70
Personal safety	83 🔮	76
Statistically significant increase since 2017 No change		

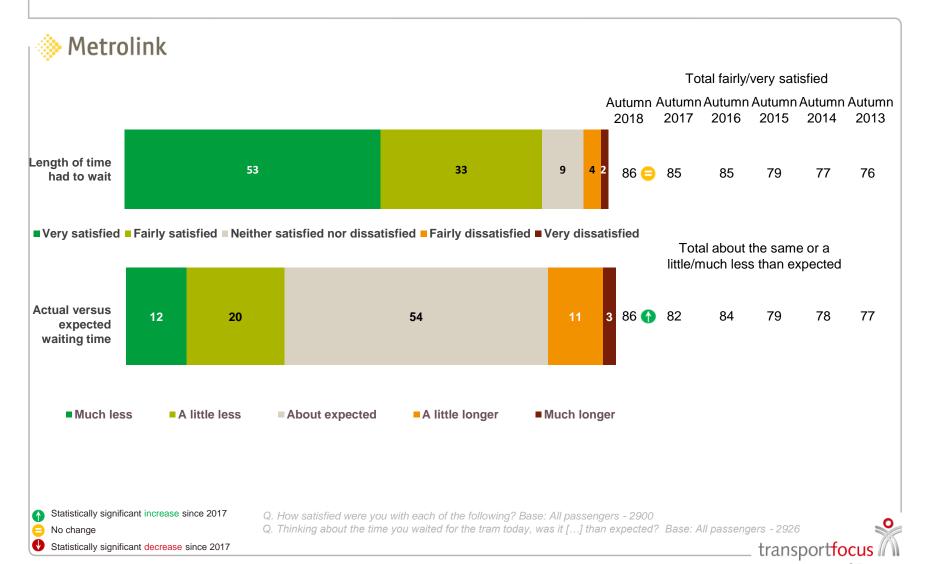
Statistically significant decrease since 2017

Waiting times:	Metrolink	Buses in Manchester
Satisfaction: expected waiting time	86 😑	74
expected waiting time		
Expected wait time	7 mins	
Actual reported wait time	6 mins	
Checking tram information:		
Passengers who checked tram time	82	60
Info sources used before arriving at stop	Online tram times most common	Online and paper timetables
Info sources used at stop	74% Electronic display	54% Stop timetable
Among those that didn't check	69% knew service frequent	56% knew service frequent

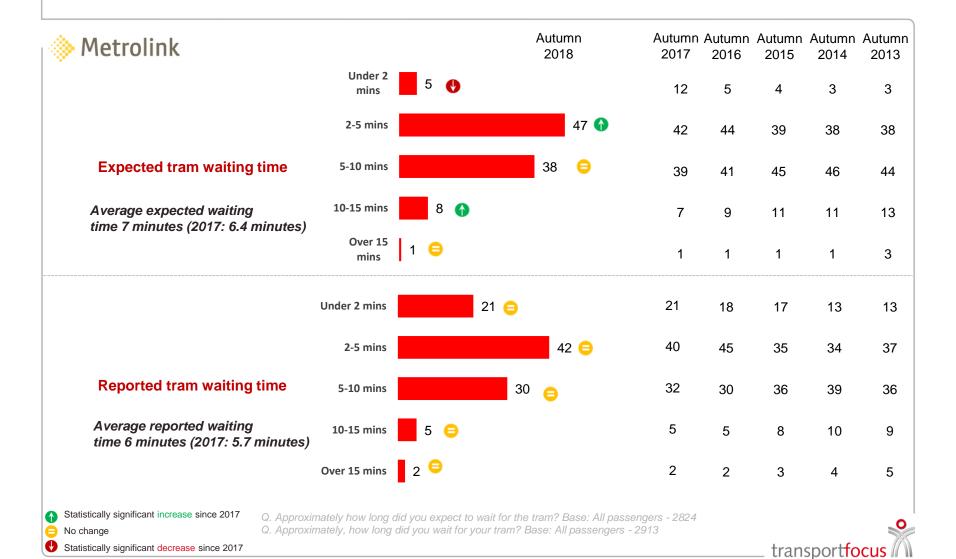
Satisfaction – with the tram stop (%)



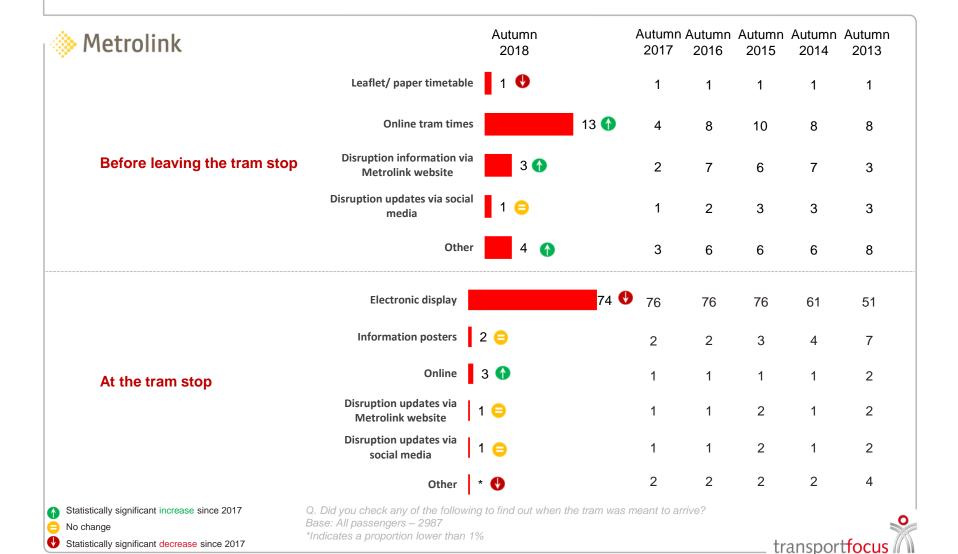
Waiting time



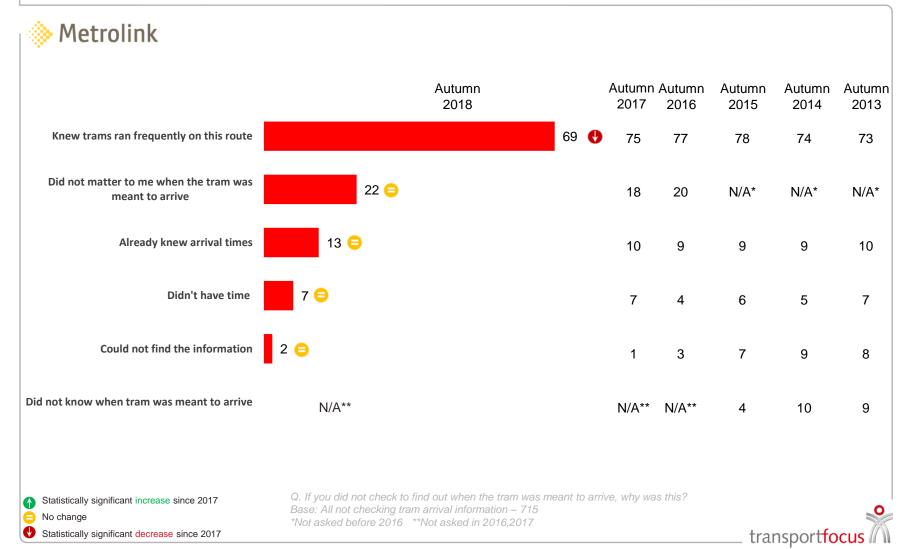
Expected and reported waiting times

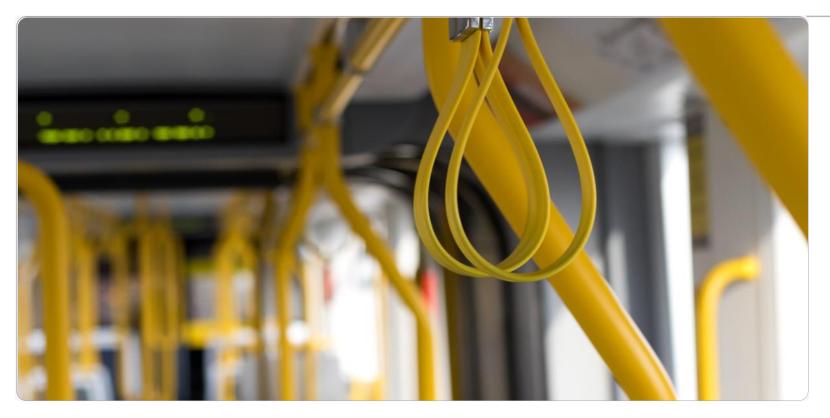


How passengers checked tram times



Why passengers did not check tram times





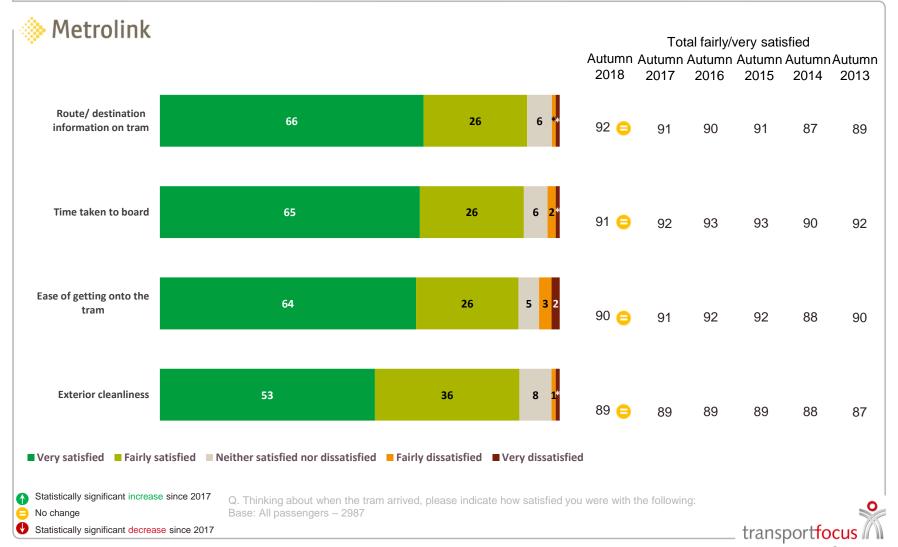
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The tram

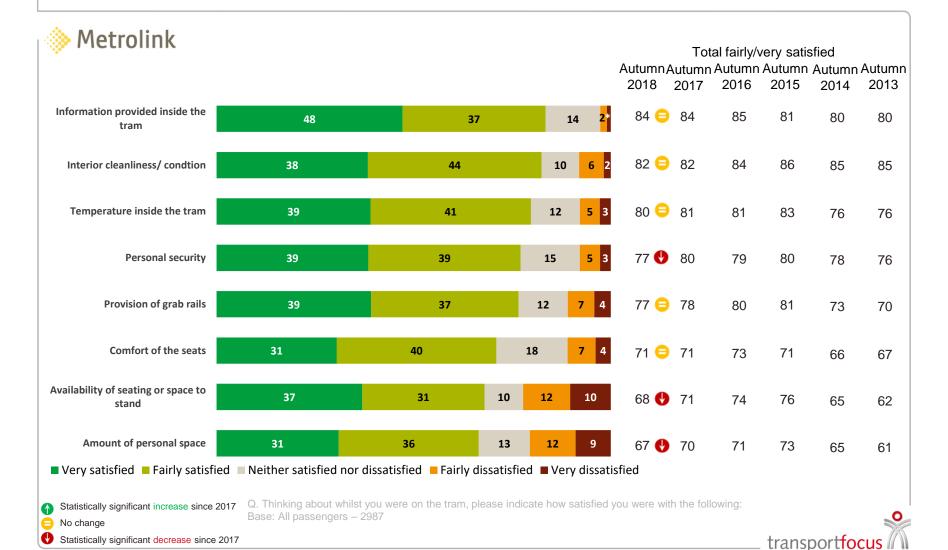
The tram: summary

	Metrolink		1						
Metrolink Manchester			Metrolink Buses in Manchester			Metrolink Buses in Manchester			
	Start of journey			On board			The staff		
	Route info on tram	92 😑	83	Interior cleanliness	82 😑	77	Appearance	*	88
	Exterior cleanliness	89 😑	78	Info on board	84 😑	64	Greeting	*	69
	Ease getting on	90 😑	90	Seat/standing space	68 (86	Helpfulness/attitude	*	72
	Time taken to board	91 😑	89	Seat comfort	71 😑	79	Safety of driving	91 😑	89
				Personal space	67 (77	Smoothness journey	81 🚯	76
				Provision grabrails	77 😑	86	*Not asked for Metrolin	nk	
				Temperature	80 😑	79			
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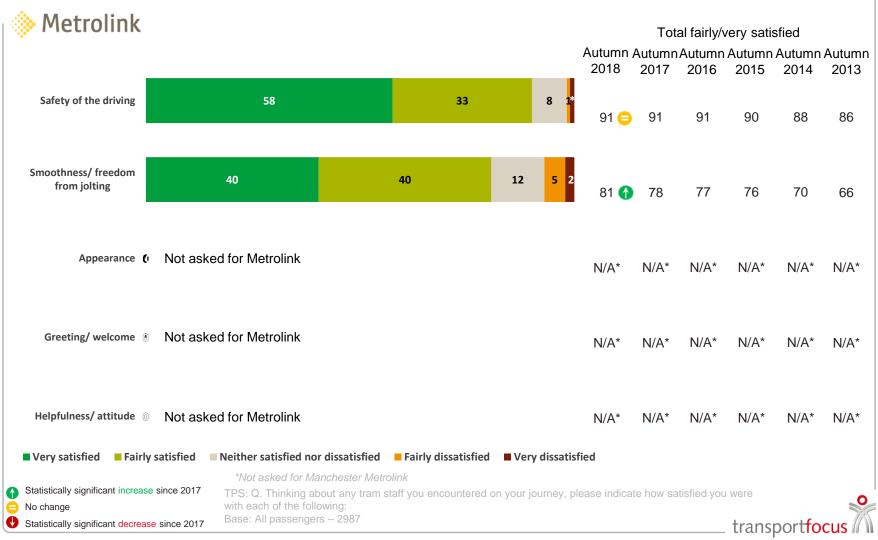
Satisfaction with start of journey (%)

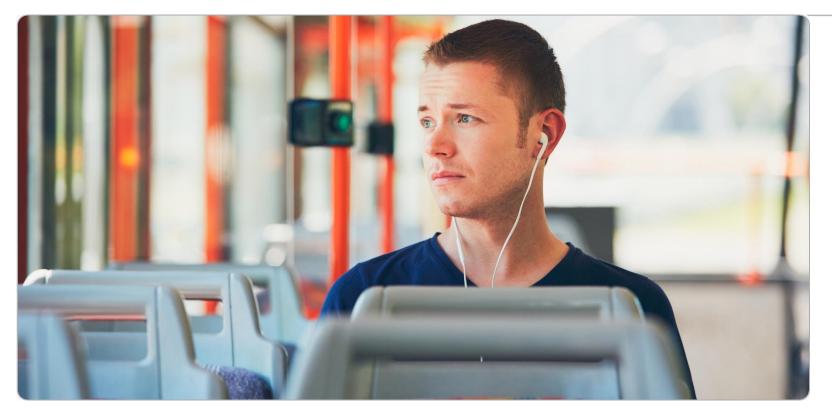


Satisfaction on the tram (%)



Satisfaction with tram staff (%)





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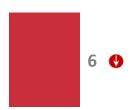
Negative experiences during the journey

Negative experiences during the journey: summary





Passengers experiencing a delay to their journey





Average length of delay (perceived)





Most common cause of delay

Due to a signal/points failure



Passengers with worry or concern about others' behaviour on board



- No change
 - Statistically significant decrease since 2017



Experience of delays (%)

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6 per cent (**!**) of Manchester passengers experienced a delay (2017: 9 per cent). Average length of delay was 10 minutes

		Autumn 2018	Autumn 2017	Autumn 2016	Autumn 2015	Autumn 2014
Signal/ points failure	15		13	18	10	10
Tram waiting too long at signals	14		10	6	11	11
Tram waiting too long at stops	10		12	8	7	12
Road congestion/ traffic jam	5		7	7	8	8
Tram failure	4	•	11	10	3	6
Planned engineering works	3	•	0	3	31	22
Had to use bus replacement	3		1	1	3	1
Time it took for passengers to board/ pay	3	•	12	6	4	6
Poor weather conditions	0		2	1	3	0
No reason given	13		15	19	20	17
Other		35 😑	34	30	21	30
Not sure	11		15	11	6	13

Statistically significant increase since 2017

No change

Statistically significant decrease since 2017

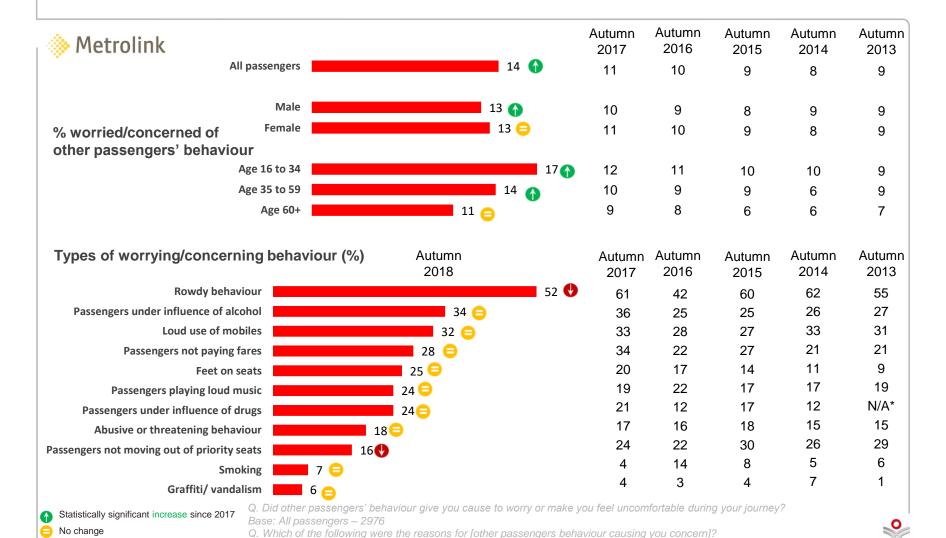
^{* &#}x27;No reason given for delay' not asked in 2013. Its addition could have caused the significant drops in the other factors

TPS: Q. Why was your journey delayed?

Base: All experiencing a delay - 155

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Worry or concern at other passengers' behaviour (%)



Base: All experiencing worrying/concerning behaviour - 390 *Not asked in 2013

Statistically significant decrease since 2017

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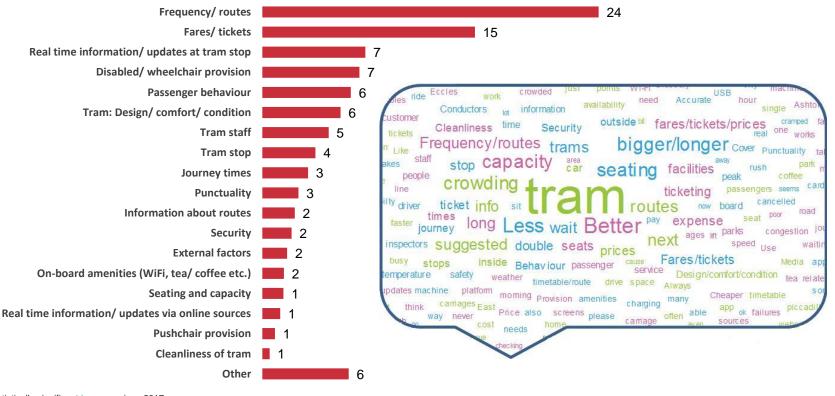
Passengers' suggested improvements

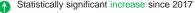
Passengers' suggested improvements: summary

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51 % of Manchester passengers in 2018 had no suggestions for improvements

...of the 49% that did, the most common service areas for improvement were:





No change

Statistically significant decrease since 2017

Q. If something could have been improved on your tram journey today, what would it have been? Base: All suggesting an improvement - 1313

Selected verbatim comments



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Double trams on the Airport line during peak hours. Security seems to have improved in the last few days but threatening behaviour from passengers is a common occurrence on this line Boarding passengers getting out of the way of departing passengers, more order/ structure to getting on tram though this is more of an etiquette issue

Oyster style/contactless tickets times for peak/off peak and costs at tram stop

It's nice to have complimentary wi-fi on board the tram, but it's quite slow and unreliable, it will often cut out when a tram comes to a tram stop then pick back up once the tram moves away from the station.

The price of tickets are very expensive I spend nearly £140 a month on a 28 day pass for me and my son, even though this is the cheapest option but it is still a lot of money

We need to have a ticket sale facility on the tram. I missed a tram on four occasions because of the time it takes to purchase a ticket. I would like options to buy tickets on the tram e.g. machines or conductors. I feel conductors would help with feeling of safety at certain times of day.

More seating/carriages for other patrons. While we boarded early enough to get a seat, many others were not so lucky and the tram was quickly cramped. We had to squeeze past several people to disembark. Also as it was so crowded, I would have had trouble giving up my seat to disabled/pregnant/etc. passengers.

Reduce overcrowding by adding capacity at rush hour. Second member of staff on board for safety and revenue. Seats are only comfortable for short journeys and uncomfortable when sat for the full Victoria to Airport trip.

The 'get me there' app is fiddly and my debit card doesn't work in the machines.

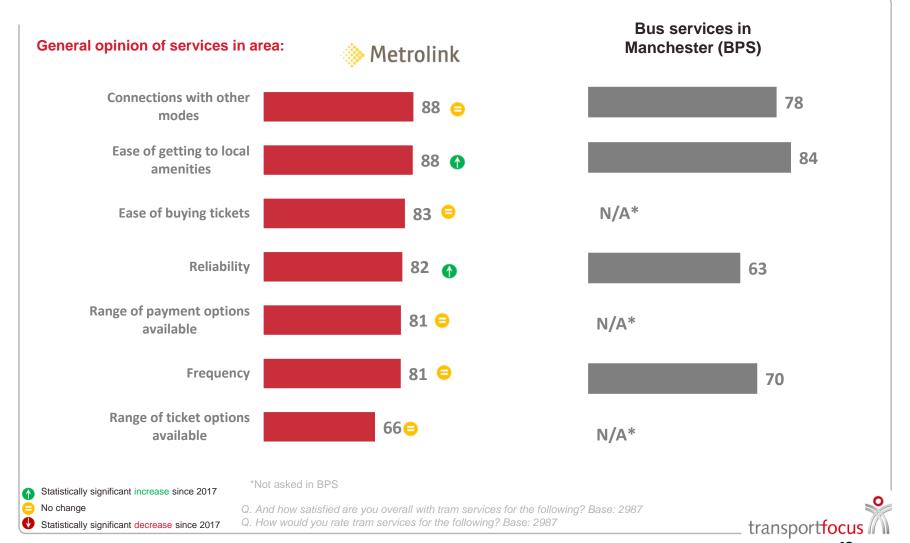




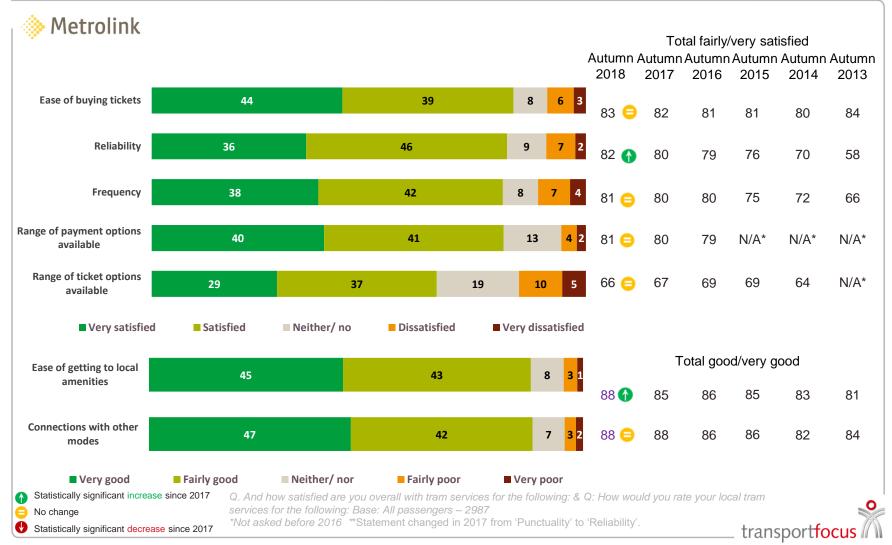
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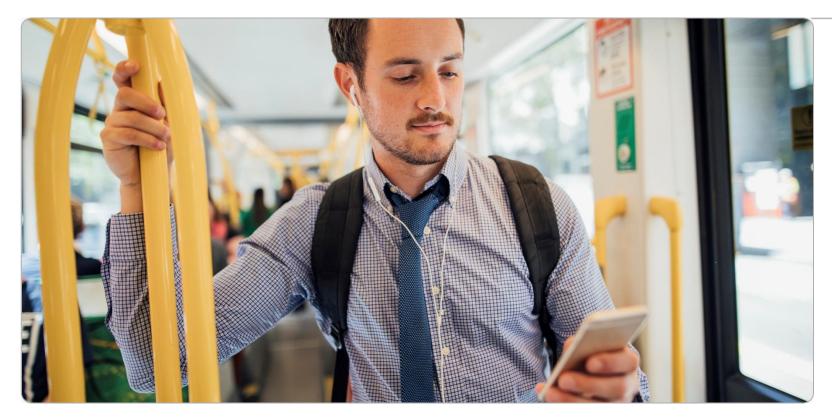
Opinion of trams in the local area

Opinion of trams in the local area: summary



Satisfaction on the trams generally



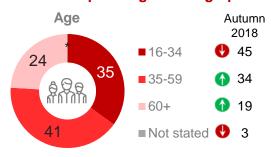


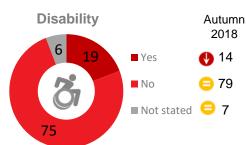
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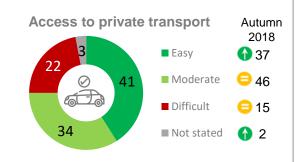
Appendix 1: the passenger and journey context

Metrolink passengers: summary

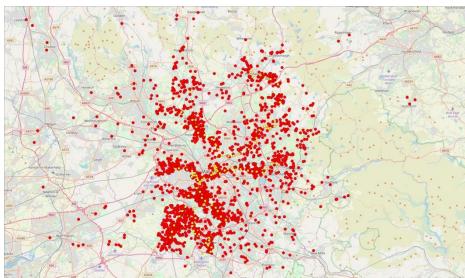
Overview of passenger demographics







Passengers' postcodes relative to tram network





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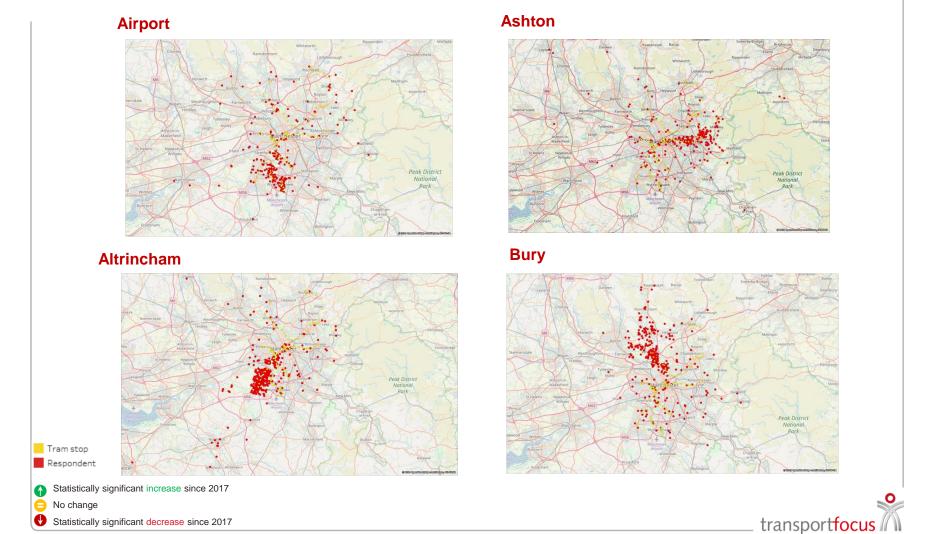
Statistically significant decrease since 2017



Tram stop

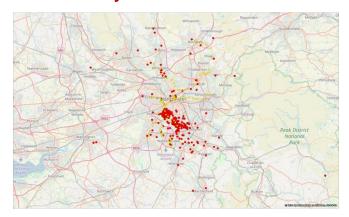
Respondent

Passengers' postcodes relative to tram network: by route (1)

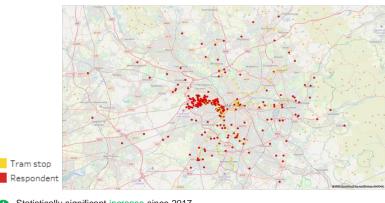


Passengers' postcodes relative to tram network: by route (2)

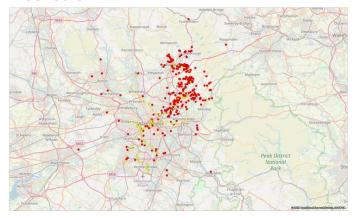
East Didsbury



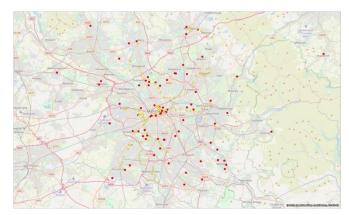
Eccles/ Mediacity UK



Rochdale



City Zone





Tram stop

Passenger profile

Statistically significant increase since 2017

Statistically significant decrease since 2017

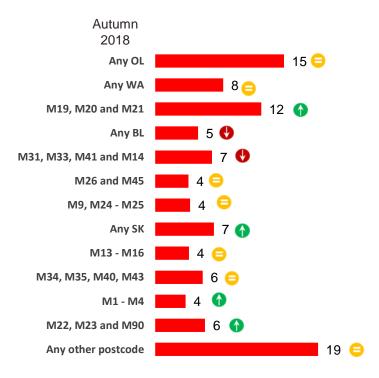
No change

	Autumn 2018	Autumn 2017	Autumn 2016	Autumn 2015	Autumn 2014	Autumn 2013
Age						
16-34	35	45	40	45	50	48
35-59	41	34	36	35	34	35
Over 60	24	19	20	17	16	17
Not stated (*	3	4	2	N/A	N/A
Access to private transport						
Easy	↑ 41	37	37	39	40	40
Moderate) 34	46	46	44	43	43
Limited/none	22	15	14	16	17	15
Not stated	3	2	2	2	1	2
Has a disability						
Yes	19	14	15	14	13	9
Ticket type						
Free pass holders	22	18	20	18	16	16
Fare-payers	78	82	80	82	84	81

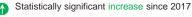


Where Manchester Metrolink passengers live

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Autumn 2017	Autumn 2016	Autumn 2015	Autumn 2014
14	17	14	14
8	11	9	11
10	11	9	8
9	7	9	7
9	7	8	6
4	4	5	6
4	5	4	6
5	7	6	5
4	3	5	4
5	6	4	3
2	4	4	3
4	4	4	1
18	14	18	25



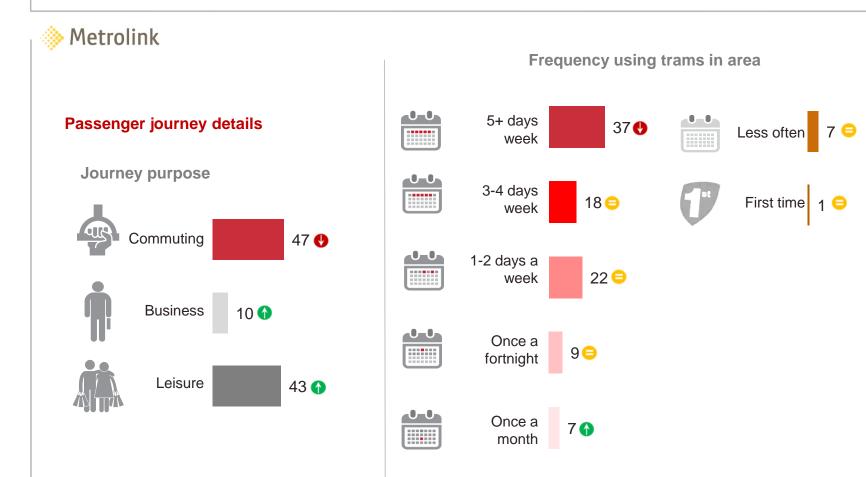
No change

Statistically significant decrease since 2017

Q: What is your postcode? Base: All giving a postcode – 2640



Metrolink journeys: summary (1)



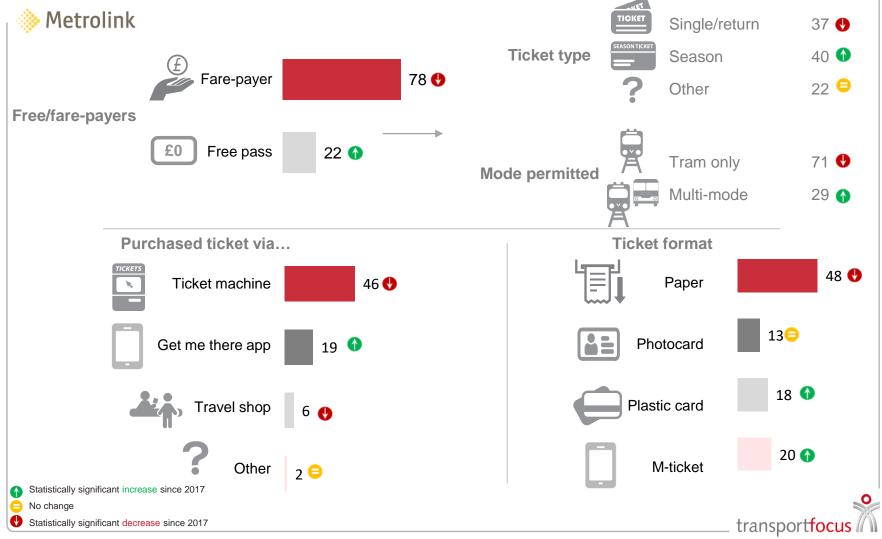


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Metrolink journeys: summary (2)

Tickets used for today's journey



Metrolink journeys: summary (3)

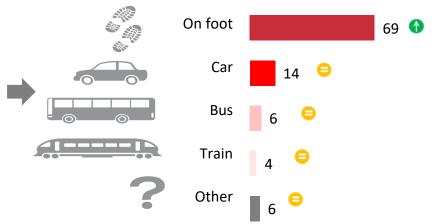
Most used tram stops: journey start

St Peter's Square	9	
Piccadilly	6	
Altrincham	4	•
Bury	4	
Victoria	4	
Piccadilly Gardens	4	
Deansgate-Castlefield	3	
Market Street	3	

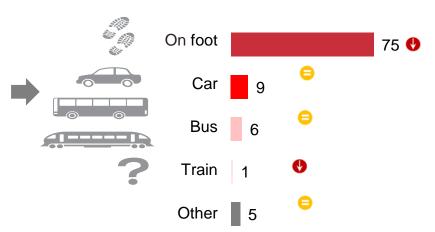
Most used tram stops: journey destination

St Peter's Square	12	①
Piccadilly	7	
Piccadilly Gardens	6	
Victoria	4	
Deansgate-Castlefield	4	
Market Street	3	
Bury	3	
Exchange Square	3	
Patietically significant increase since 2017		

Mode used to arrive at starting stop (all stops)



Mode used to travel on from destination stop (all stops)

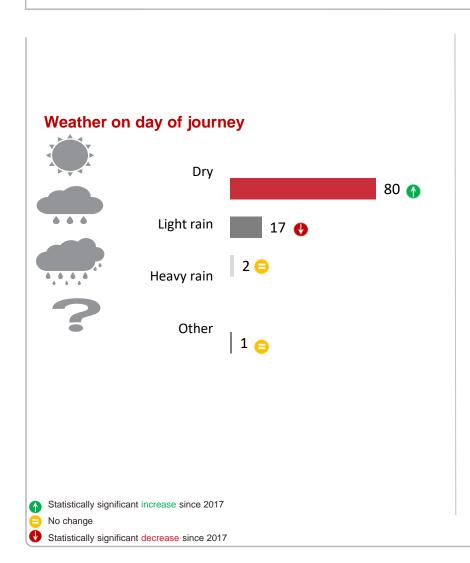


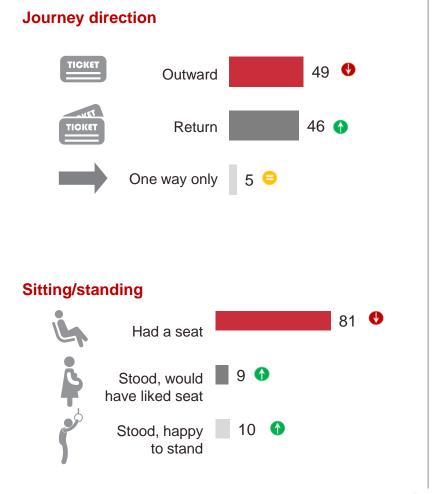
Statistically significant increase since 2017

No change

Statistically significant decrease since 2017

Metrolink journeys: summary (4)

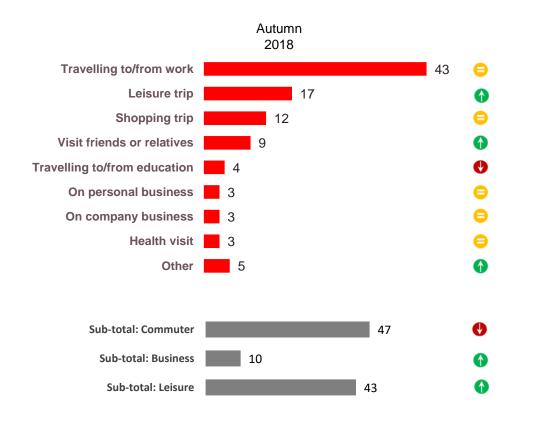




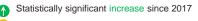
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Journey purpose

Metrolink



Autumn 2017	Autumn 2016	Autumn 2015	Autumn 2014	Autumn 2013
42	39	43	48	48
15	17	14	14	14
12	14	11	10	12
7	8	6	8	7
9	7	9	8	7
4	5	6	5	4
4	5	4	3	4
3	3	2	1	1
4	4	4	4	3
51	45	52	56	55
4	5	4	3	4
45	50	44	41	54



Q. What is the main purpose of your tram journey today? Base: All passengers – 2921

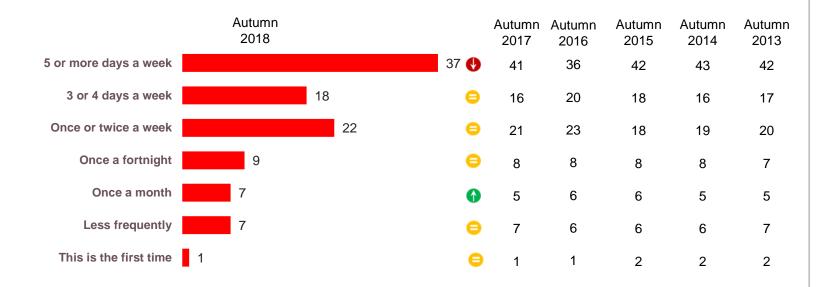
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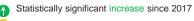
Statistically significant decrease since 2017



Frequency of using Metrolink tramway

Metrolink



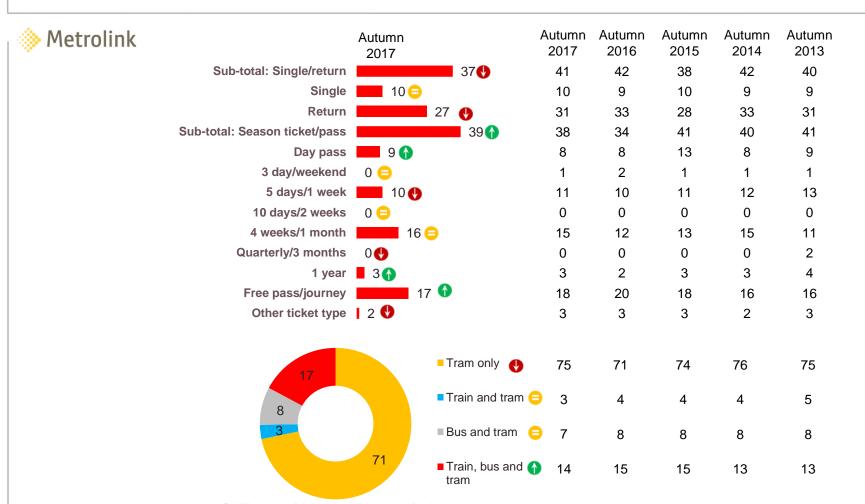


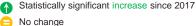
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Statistically significant decrease since 2017



Ticket type and modes of transport permitted





Q. What type of ticket/pass did you use for this tram journey today?

Base: All passengers – 2957

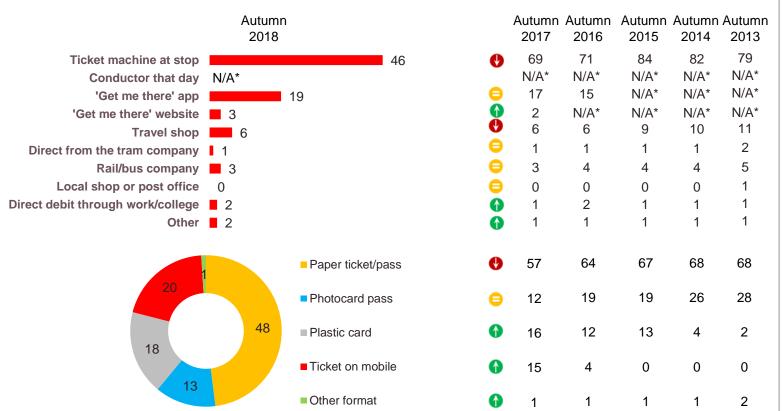
Q. What modes of transport does your ticket allow you to travel on? Base: All passengers – 2958



Statistically significant decrease since 2017

Method of buying ticket and ticket format

Metrolink





^{*}Not asked for Manchester / Not asked before 2016/2017

No change

Statistically significant decrease since 2017

Base: A

Q. How did you buy that ticket or pass? Base: All fare-paying passengers – 2952 Q. In what format was your ticket? Base: All passengers – 2955



Metrolink stops used by passengers surveyed

Metrolink

49 per cent of passengers were on an outward journey, 46 per cent on a return and 5 per cent on a one-way trip (2017: 54 per cent, 41 per cent and 5 per cent respectively)

81 per cent had a seat for their whole journey, while 9 per cent said they had to stand but would have liked to have a seat (2017: 85 per cent and 7 per cent)

Boarding	Autumn 2018	Autu 20		Autumn 2016	Autumn 2015	Autumn 2014	Autumn 2013	Alighting	Autumr 2018	Autumn 2017	Autumn 2016	Autumn 2015	Autumn 2014	Autumr 2013
•Piccadilly	6	⊖	10	11	11	9	5	•St Peter's Square	12	1 0	0	0	15	12
•Bury	4	•	7	6	6	8	7	Piccadilly	7	a 8	6	6	4	8
•St Peter's Square	9	0	7	5	5	0	7	Deansgate- Castlefield	4	9 5	7	7	1	2
•Altrincham	4	•	5	7	7	6	8	•Bury	3	<u> </u>	5	5	6	6
•Victoria	4	0	4	4	4	3	0	•Victoria	4	= 4	5	5	0	5
Deansgate- Castlefield	3	0	4	3	3	4	1	•Piccadilly Gardens	6	6 4	6	6	5	5
•Piccadilly Gardens	4	0	3	3	3	6	2	•Market Street	3	9 3	7	7	11	9
•Market Street	3	0	2	5	5	5	7	•Cornbrook	2	3	4	4	3	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?

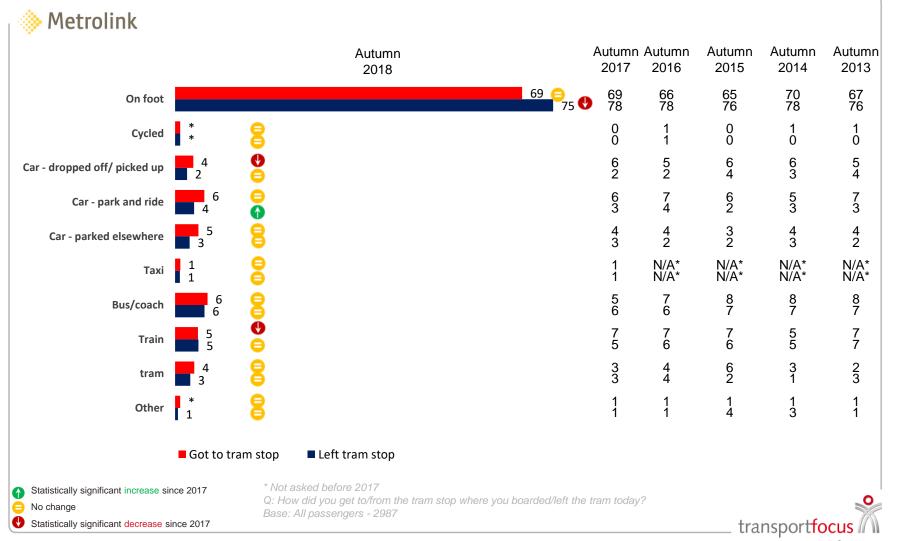
Q. Did you get a seat on the tram? Q: At which stop did you board/leave this tram? Base: All passengers - 2987

Statistically significant decrease since 2017

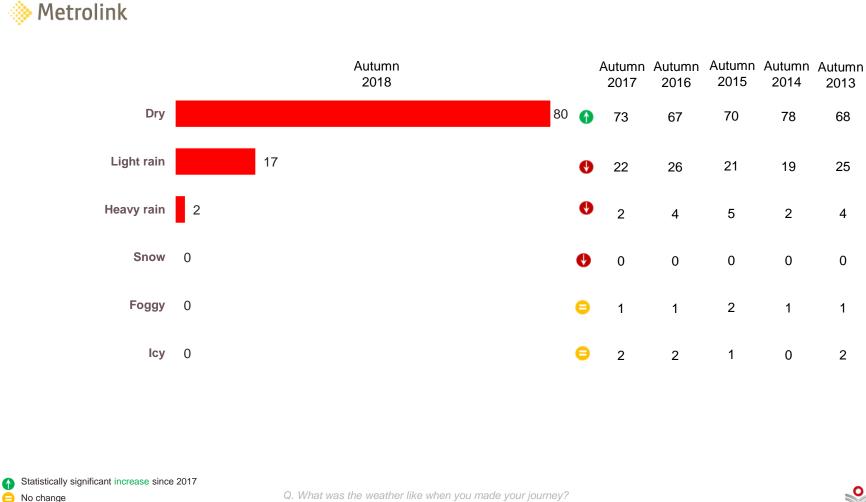


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How got to and from the tram stop



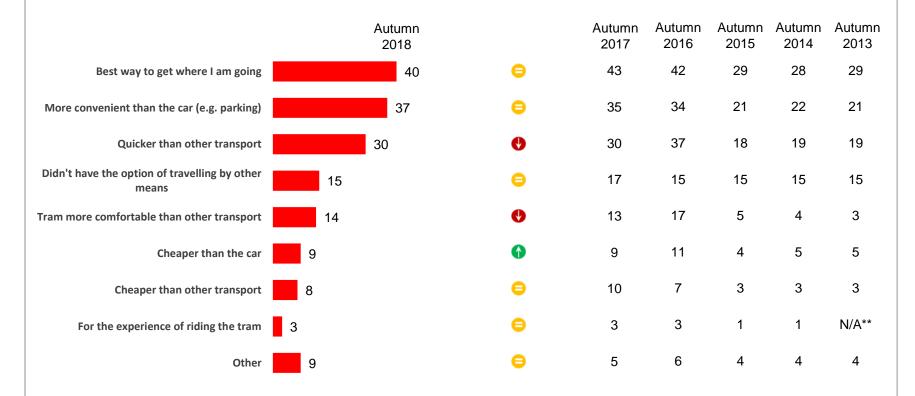
Weather conditions when journey made



Statistically significant decrease since 2017

Reasons for choosing the tram*

Metrolink



^{*}Question changed to multi-code in 2016. Significant changes are therefore not shown

^{**}Not asked in 2013

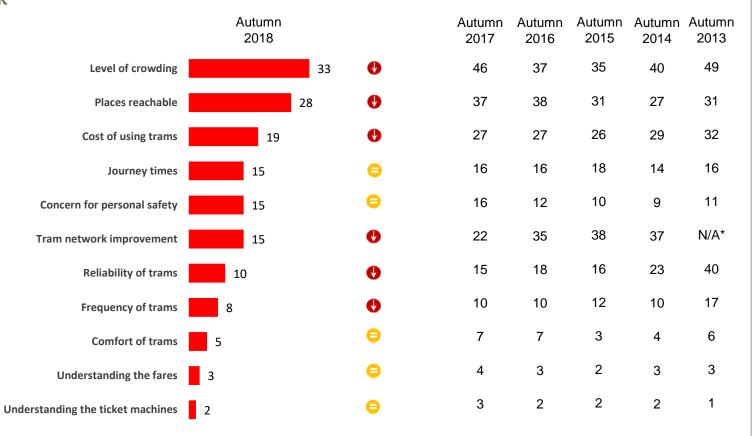
Base: All passengers – 2919

Statistically significant increase since 2017 No change Statistically significant decrease since 2017

Q. What was the main reason you chose to take the tram for this journey?

Factors preventing more journeys being made





Statistically significant increase since 2017

No change

Base: All previously using the tram – 2847



Statistically significant decrease since 2017

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

Q. Have any of the following frequently stopped you making journeys by tram? (More than one answer permissible)



Tram Passenger Survey (TPS)

Appendix 2 – Further details on survey background and method

Methodology – fieldwork

Manchester Metrolink (TPS)

Fieldwork: 19 September to 8 December 2018 (with a gap for half term from 22 October to 28 October)

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: 2987 interviews (2415 paper and 572 online)

In 2017 fieldwork took place between 18 September to 8 December 2017

Bus (BPS) data for Transport for Greater Manchester area

Fieldwork: 10 September to 12 December 2018

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: 2,074 interviews

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: (for Manchester Metrolink, and Sheffield Supertram this was by line)
- Age: 16-34, 35-59, 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 2018 technical report.

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Methodology – themes that are affecting overall passenger satisfaction charts (1)

The approach to identifying themes that affect overall passenger satisfaction is split into two stages. At the first stage, we took all 25 individual satisfaction measures from the survey (apart from the overall journey satisfaction) and formed them into themes using a statistical technique known as factor analysis, which groups together those satisfaction measures that are responded to similarly within the data. For instance, where high or low scores are given for measure 'x', there tends to be a similar rating for measures 'y' and 'z', so the 'factor' or theme becomes 'A'. Through this process we identified ten themes, which are shown below, alongside measures that formed each theme:

Theme (factor)	Questions
1 On tram environment and comfort	Sufficient room for all the passengers to sit/stand
	The comfort of the seats
	The amount of personal space you had around you
	 Provision of grab rails to hold on to when standing/moving about the tram
	The temperature inside the tram
2 Tram stop condition	Its general condition/standard of maintenance
	Its freedom from graffiti/vandalism
	Its freedom from litter
3 Boarding the tram	The ease of getting on to and off of the tram
	The length of time it took to board the tram
4 Timeliness	The length of time you had to wait for the tram
	The punctuality of the tram
5 Access to the tram stop	Its distance from your journey start e.g. home, shops
	The convenience/accessibility of its location
6 Personal safety throughout journey	Behaviour of fellow passengers waiting at the stop
	Your personal safety whilst at the tram stop
	Your personal security whilst on the tram
7 Cleanliness and condition of the tram	The cleanliness and condition of the outside of the tram
	 The cleanliness and condition of the inside of the tram
8 Smoothness/speed of tram	The amount of time the journey took
	 Smoothness/freedom from jolting during the journey
9 Information throughout journey	The information provided at the tram stop
	Route/destination information on the outside of the tram
	The information provided inside the tram
10 Value for money	 How satisfied were you with the value for money of your tram journey?

Methodology – themes that are affecting overall passenger satisfaction charts (2)

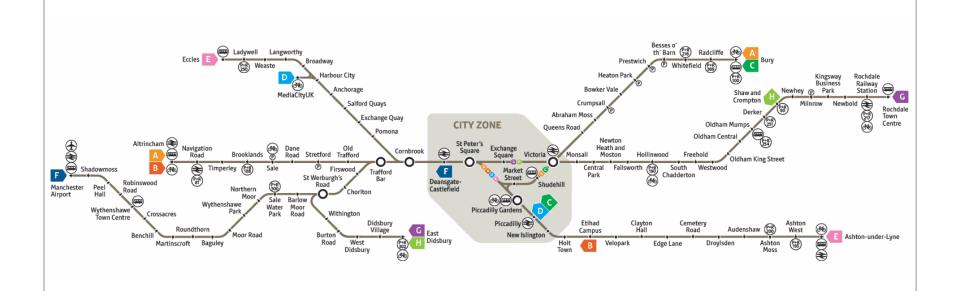
For the second stage, these themes were then used to identify how much effect each one has on passengers' rating for overall journey satisfaction, by means of a key driver analysis.

The square diagrams show the proportional influence that each theme has on satisfaction for that area/operator. They should be read like a pie chart where the slices or portions are relative to each other and together add up to 100%. So in the example below, the theme of 'on tram environment and comfort' which is shaded red, has the greatest influence on satisfaction, followed by 'smoothness/speed of tram', while themes such as 'boarding the tram' and 'information throughout journey' have relatively less influence here.

On tram environment and comfort	Value for money	Cleanliness and condition of the tram
Smoothness/speed of tram	Personal safety throughout journey	Access to the tram stop
Timeliness	Tram stop condition	Information throughout journey

This analysis was conducted on fare-paying passengers only, so that the influence of value for money could be included. It also combines data from 2018 and 2017 surveys to increase robustness. The analysis excludes satisfaction measures relating to tram staff; due to differences in staff availability across the networks not all TPS questionnaires feature questions about tram staff. In order to run the analysis in a consistent and practical manner all staff measures have been excluded.

The Manchester Metrolink route map





Tram Passenger Survey (TPS)

Appendix 3 – Example of standard questionnaire

Individual network questionnaires differed slightly to reflect local geography, presence of conductors and/or ticket machines, ticket types available, etc.









Tram Passenger Survey

Thank you for agreeing to take part in our survey about the tram journey you made when given this questionnaire.

There are also questions about your general experiences at the end.

All the information you give will be treated in the strictest confidence. Your views as a passenger are important.

Transport Focus is the official, independent consumer watchdog that promotes the interests of transport users.

Tram companies, local authorities and governments act on the survey results. They are the evidence we use to seek improvements on behalf of passengers.

Completing the questionnaire

Please fill in the questionnaire after completing your journey with Metrolink.

Please tick only one box per question, unless directed otherwise.

After completing the questionnaire, please return it to us in the reply paid envelope provided.

If you prefer to fill the questionnaire in online, then please go to www.tramsurvey.co.uk/Metrolink WHEN ANSWERING:

CONSIDER ONLY THE JOURNEY YOU MADE WHEN GIVEN THIS QUESTIONNAIRE

1	About your journey on Metrolink	
Q1a	At which stop did you board this tram?	
	ir journey involved changing trams, please refer only to the part onnaire)	of your tram journey on which you were given this
Q1b	At which stop did you leave this tram?	
_		
	Street St	
Q2	Please fill in the time that you boarded the tram today: Use the 24 hr. clock e.g. 5:25pm is 17:25	
	Enter your time of boarding into the boxes as shown	1 7 2 5
For of	ffice use only:	Your opinion

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23a	What type of ticket or pass did you use Saver/ Season Ticket 1 day	for this jo	urney on Metrolink? Single/ Return ticket Single ticket. Return ticket. A free pass or free Journey 60+ Concessionary pass. Disabled person's pass. Complimentary/ free ticket. Other ticket Family/ group ticket.	000
23b	What modes of transport does your tick Metrolink only. Train and Metrolink. Bus and Metrolink. Train, Bus and Metrolink.	ket allow y	ou to travel on?	
24	In what format was your ticket? A standard paper ticket/ pass	rt reader		

Transport for Greater Manchester funded a number of additional questions beyond those in the core TPS questionnaire. These question are not reported in this document and have been removed from this example questionnaire while retaining the question numbering as used in the full questionnaire.

29	What is the main purpose of your jour Travelling to/ from work	•	•							
	Travelling to/ from education (e.g. college, school)									
	On company business (or own if self-en On personal business (job interview, ba									
	Travelling to/ from a medical/ other appo									
	Shopping trip									
	Visiting friends or relatives									
	Leisure trip (e.g. day out) Other									
_										
210	Were you on your outward or return jo	urney when	you were given a questionnaire?							
	Outward									
	Return	_								
	One way trip only									
Q11	Were you travelling with? (Please tic	k all that app	lly)							
	Heavy/ bulky luggage									
		_								
	Shopping bags									
	A shopping trolley									
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Q13	Which means of transport did you use whe	n you go	t off this t	ram today?			
	On foot/walked	т	and				п
	Cycled	В	us				ŏ
	Car – dropped off	Т	rain				
	Car – and used Park and Ride	Т	ram				
	Car – parked elsewhere	O	ther				
Q14	What was the main reason you chose to ta	ke Metrol	ink for thi	s Journey? (Please tick a	ill that apply)
	Cheaper than the car						
	Cheaper than other transport						
	More convenient than the car (e.g. parking)						
	Didn't have the option of travelling by anothe						
	Quicker than other transport		_				
	Best way to get where I am going		_				
	Tram more comfortable than other transport. For the experience of riding the tram						
	Other (please write in)		16				
	orier (present mile m)		-				
Q15	What was the weather like when you made	your Jou	mey, was	It?			
	Dry	F	oaav				
	Ught rain						ŏ
	Heavy rain	lic	y				ŏ
Q16	Please tell us whether your Metrolink journ	nev was o	n				
		,					
	A single tram						
	A double tram						
	Don't know						
2	About the tram stop where you boarded th	ls Metroli	ink tram				
Q17	Thinking about the tram stop itself, how sa	tisfied w	ere you w	ith the follow	ring?		
		Very	Fairly	Neither	Falfly	Very	Don't
		setsfed	Satisfied	satisfied nor dissatisfied	dissetisfied	dissetisfed	know/n opinior
Its dist	tance from your journey start e.g. home/ shops						
	onvenience/accessibility of its location						
_	neral condition/standard of maintenance						
	edom from graffit/vandalism						□
	edom from litter		-				_
	formation provided at the tram stop					8	8
	personal safety whilst at the tram stop	H	ä	ä	ä	H	H
	buying facilities	ă	ă	ä	ă	ă	ŏ
	(lity of ticket machines	ă	ă	ă	ă	ă	ŏ
	me it took to buy a ticket at the ticket machine	_	_	_	_	_	

Q18	Overall how satisfied were you with the tra	m stop?					4	On the tram							
	Very satisfied	F	airly dissatisfied	L			Q24	Thinking ab	out when the tram arrived, pl	ease Indica	ate how sa	itisfied you	were with th	e following:	:
	Fairly satisfied			inion						Very setsfed	Fairly Satisfied	Nether satisfied nor dissatisfied	Fairly dissetsfied	Very disselisfied	kno opi
9	Waiting for the tram								mation on the outside of the tram						Ī
3	Walting for the traffi						The c	leanliness & cond	dition of the outside of the tram	. 🛚					
Q19	Approximately, how long did you walt for y (Please write the time in minutes)	your tram	7				The le	ase of getting ont ength of time it too	to the tramok to board the tram				-	-	[
Q20	Did you check any of the following to find	out when	the tram was n	meant to arrive?			Q25	Thinking ab	out whilst you were on the tr	am, please	Indicate h	now satisfied	i you were v	vith the folio	owing
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	Before leaving for the tram stop		At the tram st	top						Session	onusieu	dissetisfied	apparorea	assesses	opir
	Leaflet		Electronic disp	play at the stop					indition of the inside of the tram	_					
	Online tram times			sters at the stop					ided inside the tram						
	Disruption information via Metrolink website			nes					I the passengers to sit/stand			<u>_</u>	<u>_</u>		
	Disruption updates (e.g. Twitter/ Facebook)			rmation via Metro					eats ynal space you had around you.						
	Telephoned for Information			lates (e.g. Twitter/					is to hold on to when						
	Other			or Information					out the tram						
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	If you did not check to find out when the tr	am was n	neant to arrive,	why was this?					ty whilst on the tram		ä	ä	ä	ä	·
	(Please tick all that apply) Knew the trams ran frequently on this route	_	Didn't have tin	ne		_			the journey took		ŏ	ă	ă	ă	ī
	Already knew arrival times			to me when the tr					n from jolting during the journey		_	_	_		Ī
	races, area arrea arrea			e		_			ving (i.e. appropriateness of						
	Could not find the information	- 🗆	Other						ntrating)						
							The e	ease of getting o	off the tram	. 🛮					
Q21	Approximately, how long did you expect to	walt for t	the tram?												
	(Please write the time in minutes)		L				Q26	Did you get	a seat on the tram?						
Q22a	Thinking about the time you waited for the					_			I of the Journey [art of the Journey [u were happy u would have			
	Much longer than expected			han you expected. Ian you expected			_								_
	About the length of time you expected		duri reso unie u	an you expedied		_	Q278	Did other pa	assengers' behavlour give yo	u cause to	worry or r	make you fe	el uncomfor	table during	you
	,,							Journey?		_	-				
Q22b	Were you able to board the first tram you w	vanted to	travel on?					NO		_					
	Yes	N	0				Q27t	o Ifyes: Whice	ch of the following were the re	ason(s) fo	rthis? (P	lease tick all	that apply)		
				_				Daccarnare	s drinking/under the influence of	,	Foo	t on seats			_
Q23	How satisfied were you with each of the fol	llowing at Very		? elther Fairly	Very	Don't			o ulliming under the fillulative of			sic being play			
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							Q28s	Was your lo	ourney on Metrolink today del	aved at all	,				
							2200								
								No		3					

Q28b	If yes: Why was this? (Please tick all that app	Ny)						
	Due to a signal/points failure	Time it took passengers to board						
	Due to a tram failure	Other (please write In)						
	Planned engineering works							
	Poor weather conditions							
	The tram waiting too long at stops	No reason given						
_	The tram waiting too long at signals	Don't know						
Q29	If yes: By approximately how long was your (Please write the time in minutes)	journey today delayed?						
5	Your overall opinion of the journey you made	e when given this questionnaire						
Q30	Overall, taking everything into account from start to end of this journey, how satisfied were you with your journey on Metrolink today?							
	Very satisfied	Fairly dissatisfied						
	Fairly satisfied	Very dissatisfied						
	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Don't know/ No opinion						
Q31	If something could have been improved on y	your journey on Metrolink today what would it have been?						
Q32	How satisfied were you with the value for mo	oney of your journey on Metrolink?						
	Fairly satisfied	Very dissatisfied.						
233	What had the biggest influence on the 'value The cost for the distance travelled	e for money' rating you gave in the previous question?						
	The cost of the tram versus other modes of tra							
	The fare in comparison to the cost of everyday							
	Comfort/Journey quality for the fare paid							
	The cost of making the same trip by car	to the second se						
	A reason not mentioned above (please write in	1 the box)						
Q34	All things considered, how much do you true for this journey (Please tick one box only)	st the tram company that operated the tram that you used						
	1 2 3	4 5 6 7						
0	to NOT trust	TRUST them a						
	thematali 4	GREAT deal						

6 Your opinion of Metrolink generally
THE PREVIOUS QUESTIONS WERE ALL ABOUT YOUR JOURNEY TODAY. IN THIS SECTION WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO THINK MORE GENERALLY ABOUT YOUR METROLINK EXPERIENCES

Have any of the following frequently stopped you making journeys by Metrolink?
(Please fick all that apply) The places you can reach by Metrolink How long the Journeys take when going by Metrolink The frequency of trams in the area The comfort of the trams The reliability of the trams The level of crowding on the trams
The cost of using Metrolinik
Thinking about cleanliness whilst traveiling on Metrolink, please rank in order your top three cleanin priorities. Write in numbers 1 to 3 in the selected boxes where 1 is the most important and 3 is the th most important. Do not write the same number in more than one box.
Litter at the stop Stains/ splilages
Seating Ticket machines and validators
Overflowing bins Litter on the track Tram interior Tram exterior
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About you
About you nai section we ask for some information about you, some of which, like your health and ethnicity, is consider nstitue information. Any information you give us here is used for research purposes only and not to identify a r individual. You are also free to decide whether you want to give us this information or not.
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