



# National Passenger Survey

## PTE Report for SEWTA

### Autumn 2012

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Questionnaires are normally handed out at stations to customers about to board a train.

A reply paid envelope is provided for returning questionnaires.

Each Train Operating Company (TOC) is sampled separately. Interviewers are given a number of questionnaires to hand out at a station.

At Gatwick and Heathrow Airports and for some shifts at certain London termini, questionnaires are handed out to passengers of a specific TOC. From Autumn 2003 onwards, at all other stations, questionnaires are handed out to passengers of any TOC (in the past, these were also targeted).

The number of questionnaires handed out will depend on:

- the size of station
- time of day
- length of shift

TOC data is compiled to provide a national sample.

Fieldwork is carried out each Spring (February/March) and Autumn (September/October). Up to Spring 2003, fieldwork took place over 3 weeks.

In Autumn 2003, the fieldwork was extended to an 11 week period, from 26 August to 9 November, to provide a better representation of journeys.

Quotas for returned questionnaires are set overall and by weekday/weekend, journey purpose and station size.

All data for a TOC in this Report is weighted up to the number of passenger journeys annually on the TOC and the profile of those journeys by:

- weekday/weekend
- journey purpose (Commuter, Business, Leisure)
- station size (this profile is applied for each TOC building block)

The data for number of journeys and profiles by these variables was generated from ORR data (2012).

The stations for each TOC were stratified by number of passengers and a number of stations in each size stratum is sampled.

This sample design and weighting ensures that data is representative of all passenger journeys made on each TOC.

National results are constructed by combining data for all TOCs together, weighting by number of journeys.

From Autumn 2007 standard region definitions have been used replacing older rail regions. Analysis for the old regions is available on request.

For more details of NPS methodology, visit [www.passengerfocus.org.uk](http://www.passengerfocus.org.uk)

## Autumn 2012 (Wave 27)

Fieldwork for Wave 27 was undertaken between the 1st September and the 12th November 2012. Top up shifts were run within the last 3 weeks of fieldwork.

Due to a Network Rail ban on all fieldwork during the Paralympics, NPS shifts at Network Rail Stations started on 10th September.

To ensure the data did not potentially include data where respondents' answers were possibly biased a small number of shifts affected by the distribution of gift bags by station staff to respondents with questionnaires were removed from the database and the shifts affected were then replaced.

As with previous waves, planned engineering works meant that some shifts were rescheduled. As usual, shifts were only rescheduled if the engineering work caused a station or line closure. Whenever possible the shifts went ahead as planned if there were still train services running.

## Spring 2012 (Wave 26)

The fieldwork for Wave 26 (Main and Boost) was undertaken between the 28th January and 30th March 2012. Top up shifts were run within the last 3 weeks of fieldwork.

Due to a change of franchise holder, the 'National Express East Anglia' train company became 'Greater Anglia' on 5th February 2012. Fieldwork and distribution of questionnaires for this train company started a week later than others on 5th February as we waited for this change to take place.

In the latter stages of fieldwork we were refused permission to work on a small number of shifts. This meant the rescheduling of a few shifts but ultimately they were all done by the 30th March.

As with previous waves, planned engineering works meant that some shifts were rescheduled. As usual, shifts were only rescheduled if the engineering work caused a station or line closure. Whenever possible the shifts went ahead as planned if there were still train services running.

## Autumn 2011 (Wave 25)

Wave 25 fieldwork (Main and Boost) was undertaken between 1st September 2011 and 18th November 2011. Top up shifts were run within the last 3 weeks of the fieldwork period.

Delayed fieldwork on a separate rail industry project led to a smaller number of NPS shifts than normal at London Euston during the first couple of weeks of fieldwork, with others planned being moved to later in the fieldwork period.

As with previous waves, planned engineering works meant that some shifts were rescheduled. As usual, shifts were only rescheduled if the engineering work caused a station or line closure. Whenever possible the shifts went ahead as planned if there were still train services running.

## Spring 2011 (Wave 24)

Wave 24 fieldwork (Main and Boost) was undertaken between 31st January 2011 and 15th April 2011. Top up interviews were run within the last 3 weeks of the fieldwork period.

Closure of the Wrexham and Shropshire Franchise prior to the start of fieldwork meant that no shifts were conducted on train or at station for this TOC.

Due to strike action with Arriva Trains Wales a small number of weekend shifts had to be rescheduled for later on in the fieldwork period. Other than this strike action, and clashes with Virgin Trains' own fieldwork and a small amount of engineering work mainly affecting London Overground shifts there was little disruption to the field schedule. Whenever possible the shifts went ahead as planned if there were still train services running.

The results achieved by London Midland are likely to have been affected by an industrial dispute which resulted in the cancellation of a significant One fieldworker was commended on his behaviour by First TransPennine Express after saving the life of a young female passenger by preventing her from falling onto the track.

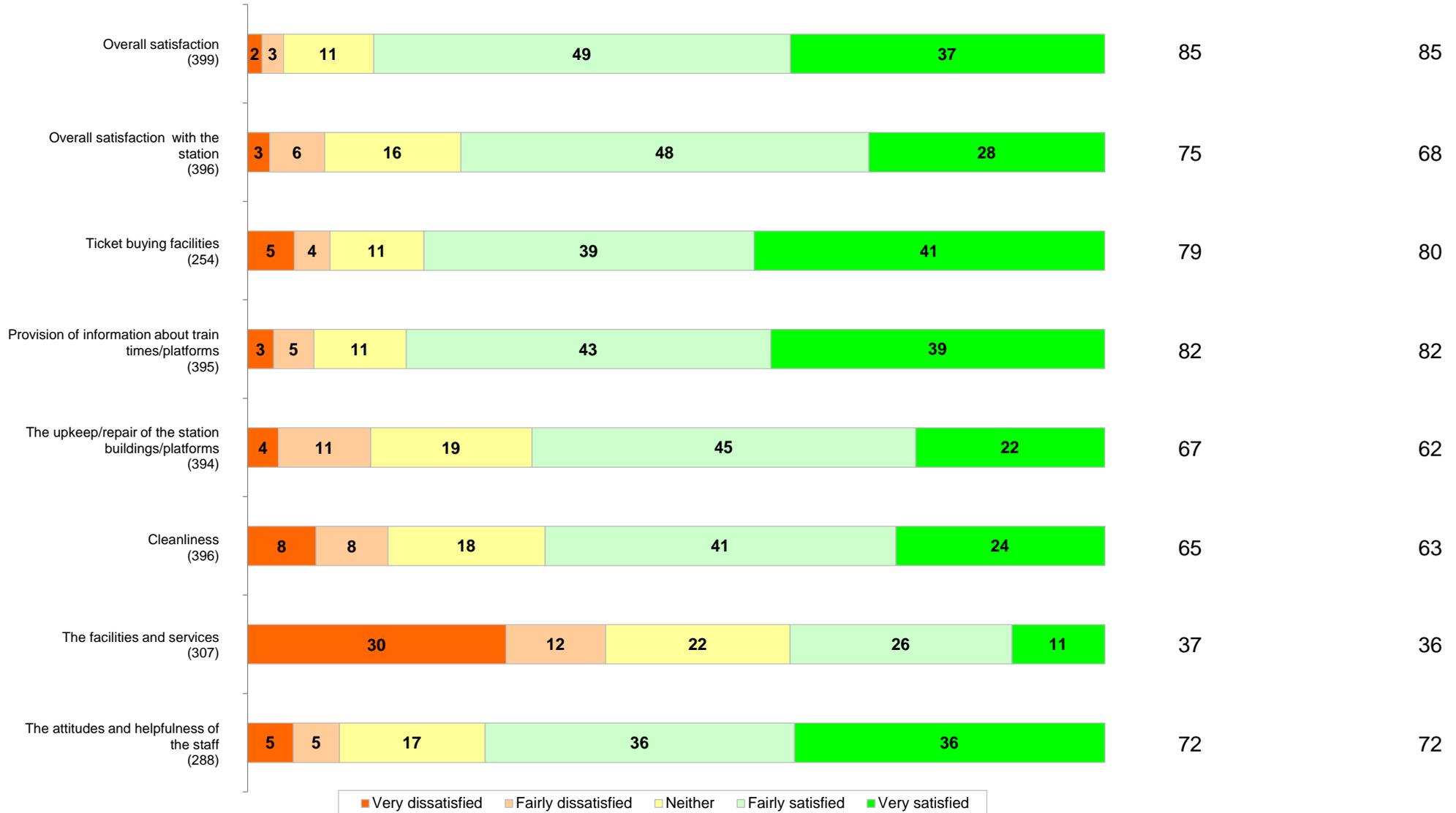
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### Satisfaction results for SEWTA

% satisfied/good

Autumn 2012

Autumn 2011



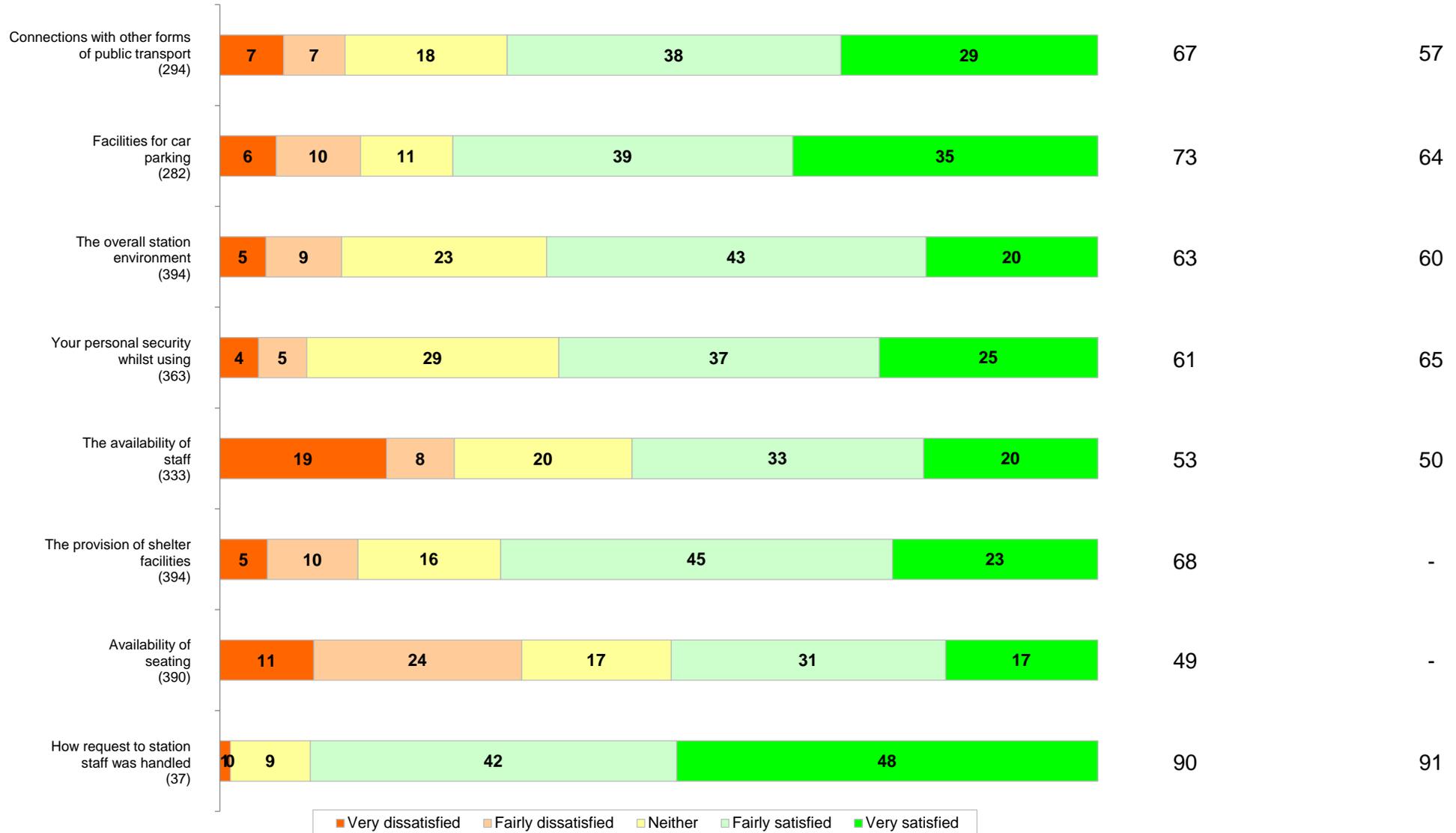
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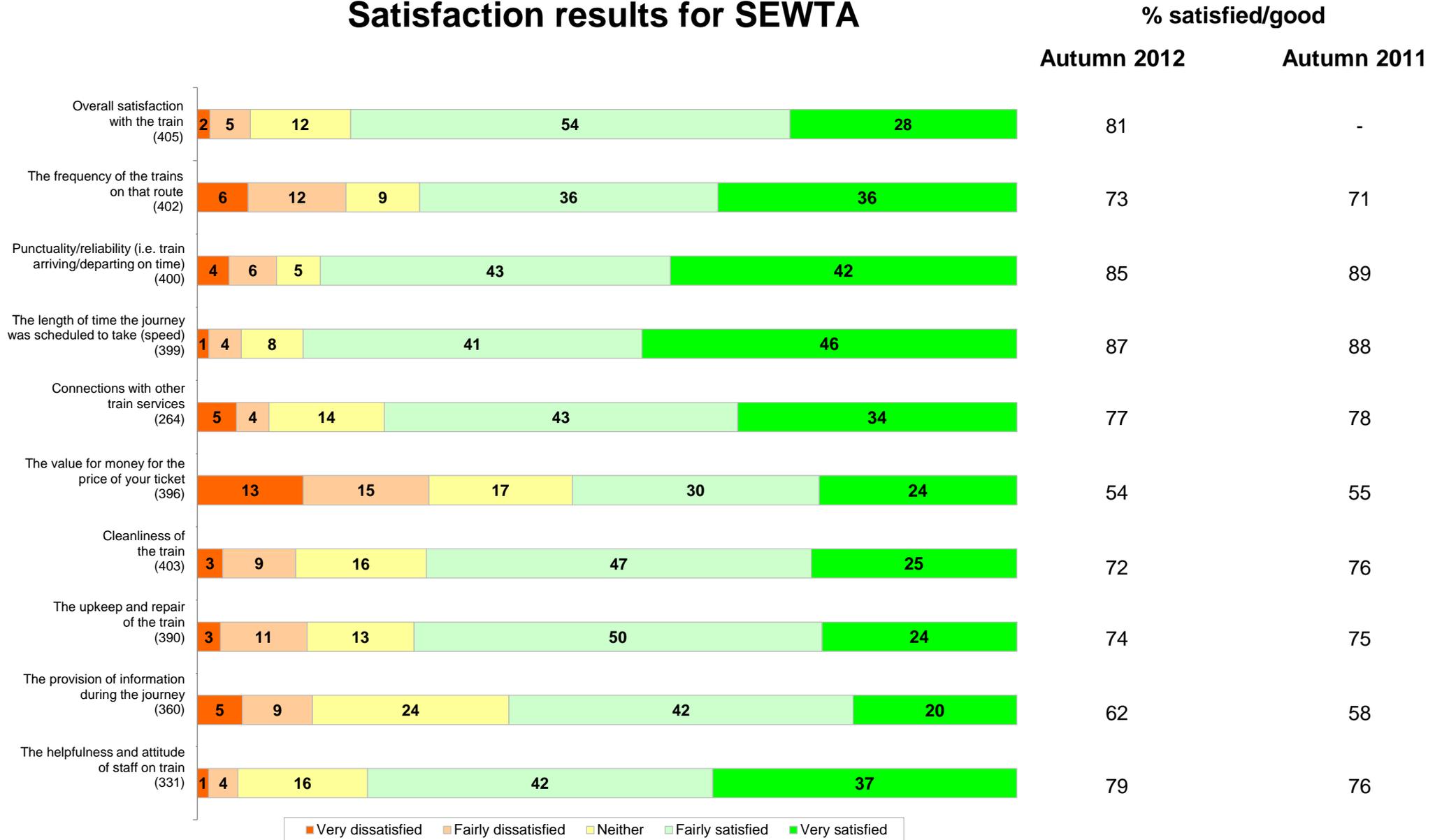
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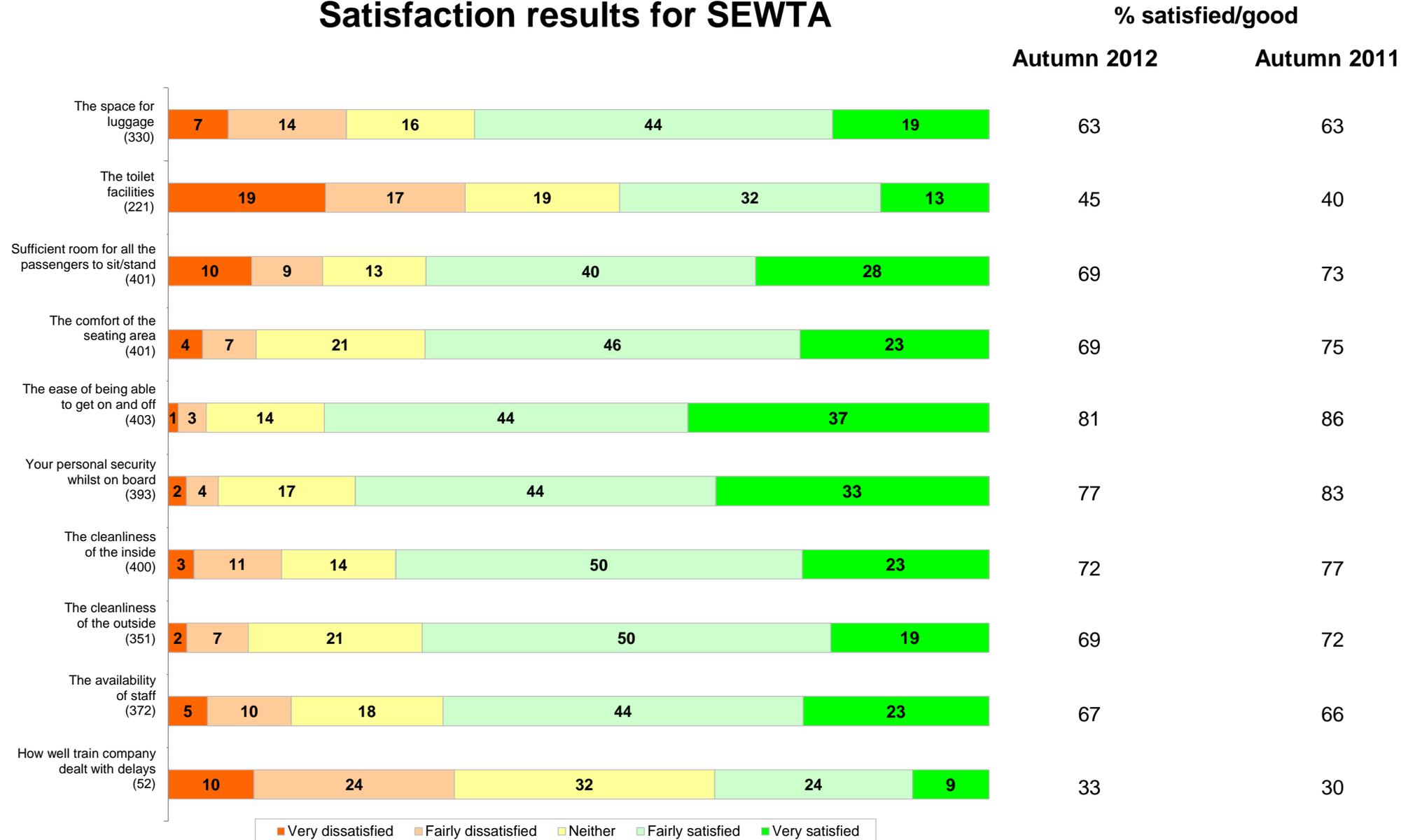
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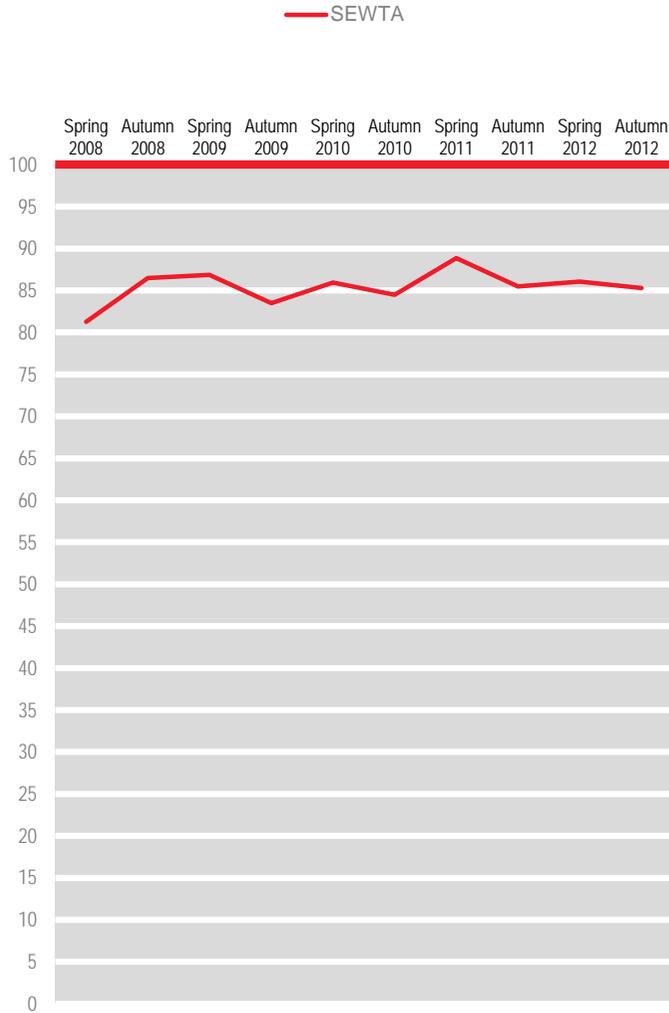
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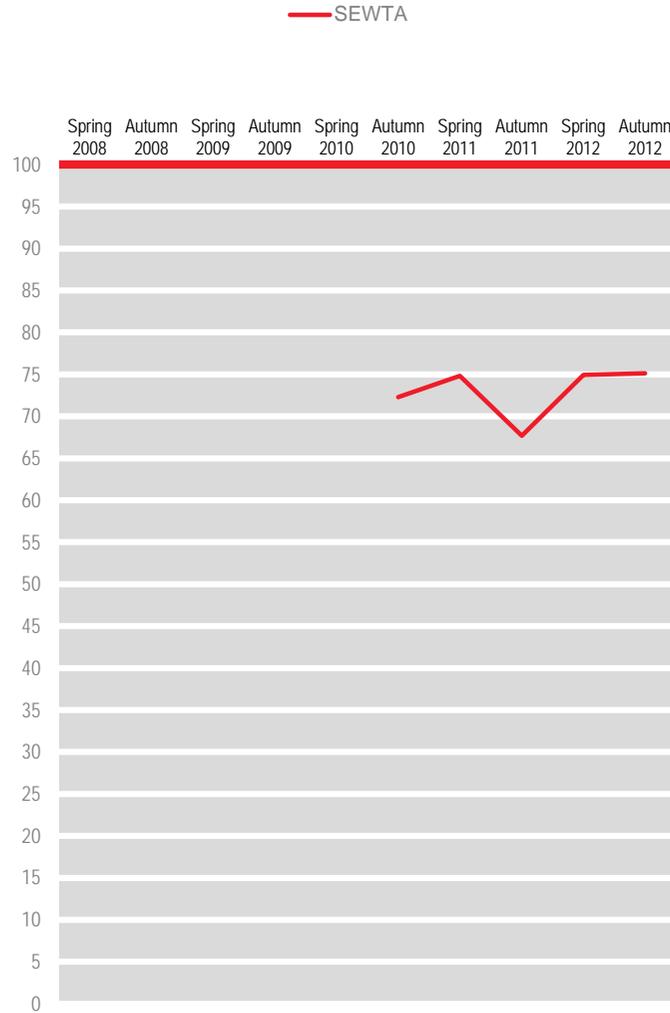
**Overall satisfaction**

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Percentage of passengers satisfied 2008 to 2012



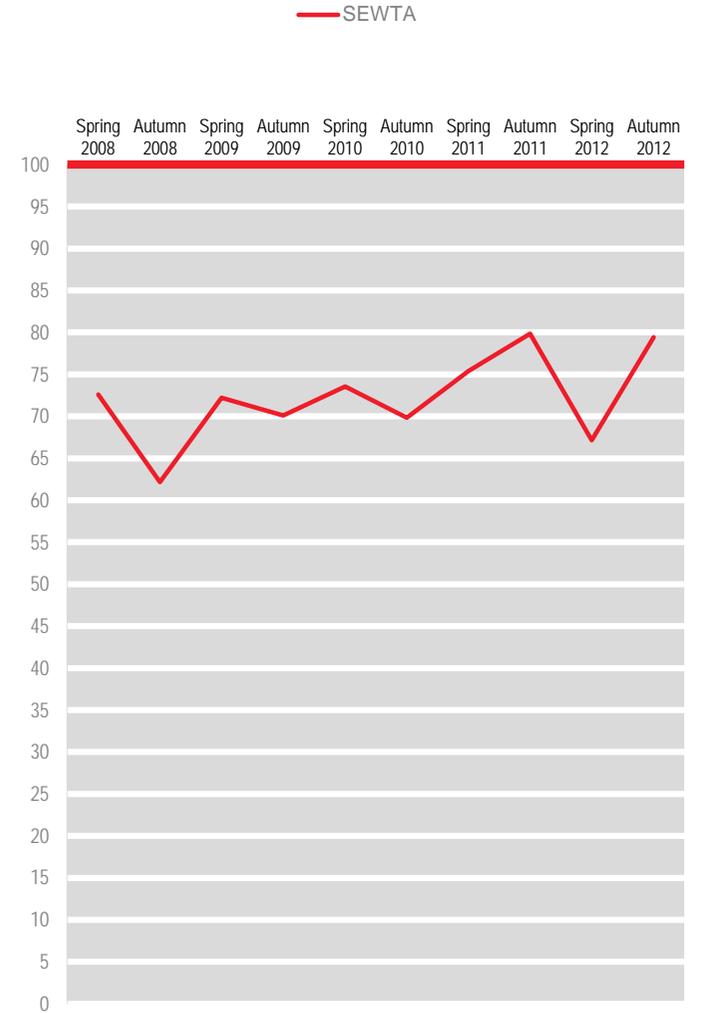
**Overall station satisfaction**

**(396)**  
Percentage of passengers satisfied 2008 to 2012



**Ticket buying facilities**

**(254)**  
Percentage of passengers satisfied 2008 to 2012



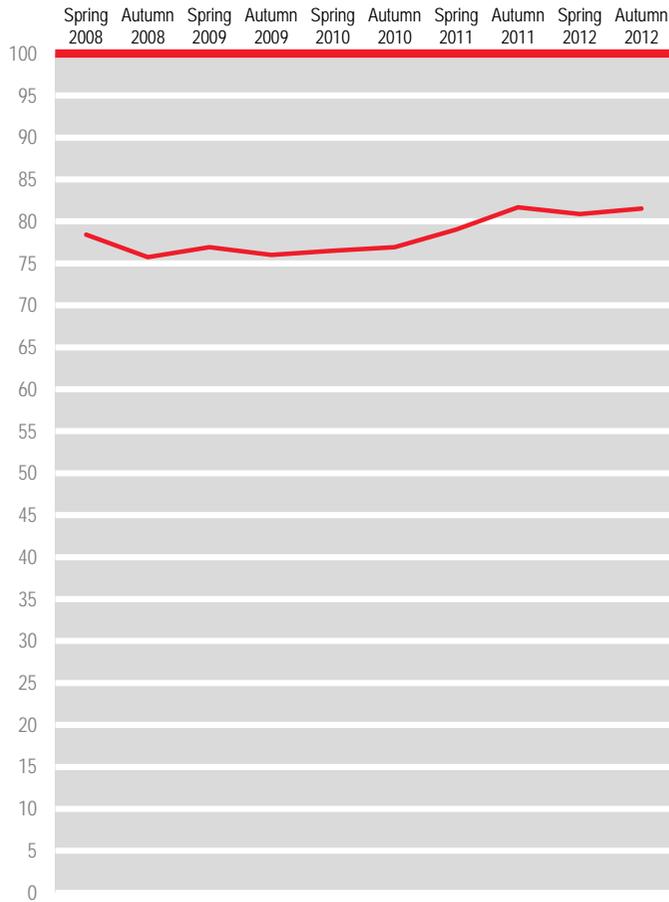
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**Provision of information about train times/platforms**

(395)

Percentage of passengers satisfied 2008 to 2012

— SEWTA

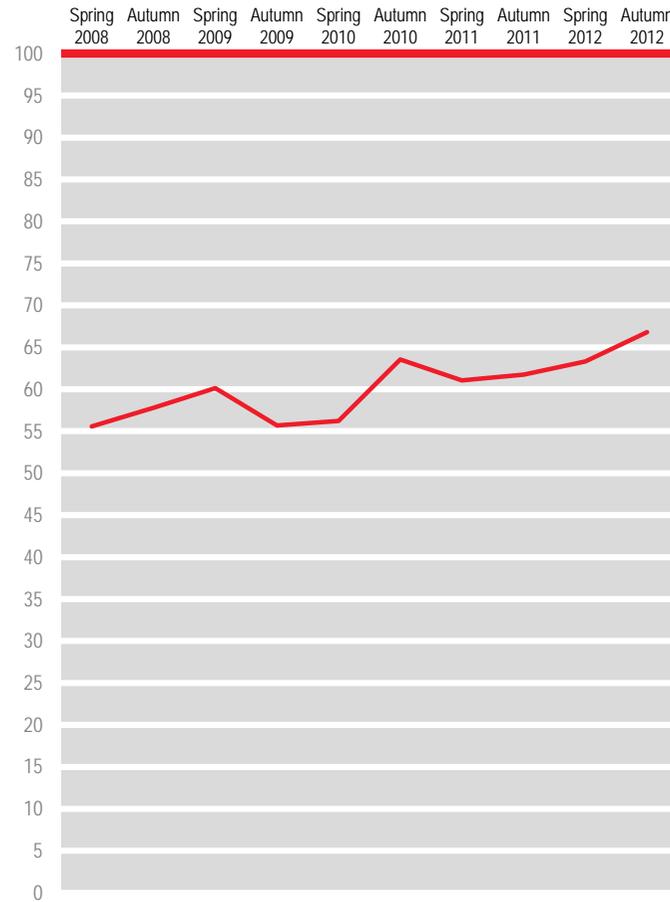


**The upkeep/repair of the station building/platforms**

(394)

Percentage of passengers satisfied 2008 to 2012

— SEWTA

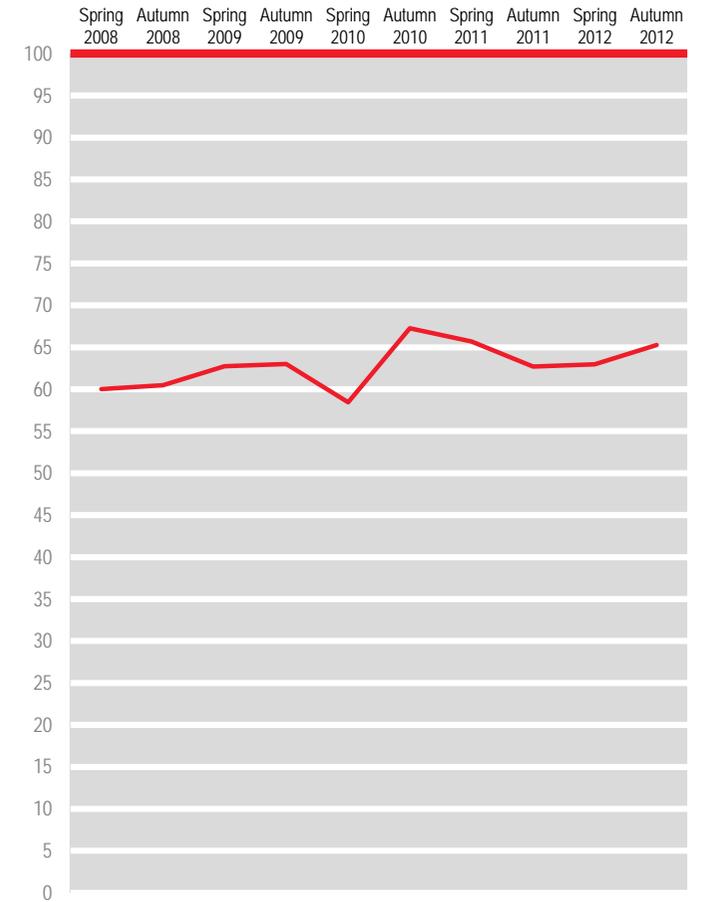


**Cleanliness of the station**

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Percentage of passengers satisfied 2008 to 2012

— SEWTA

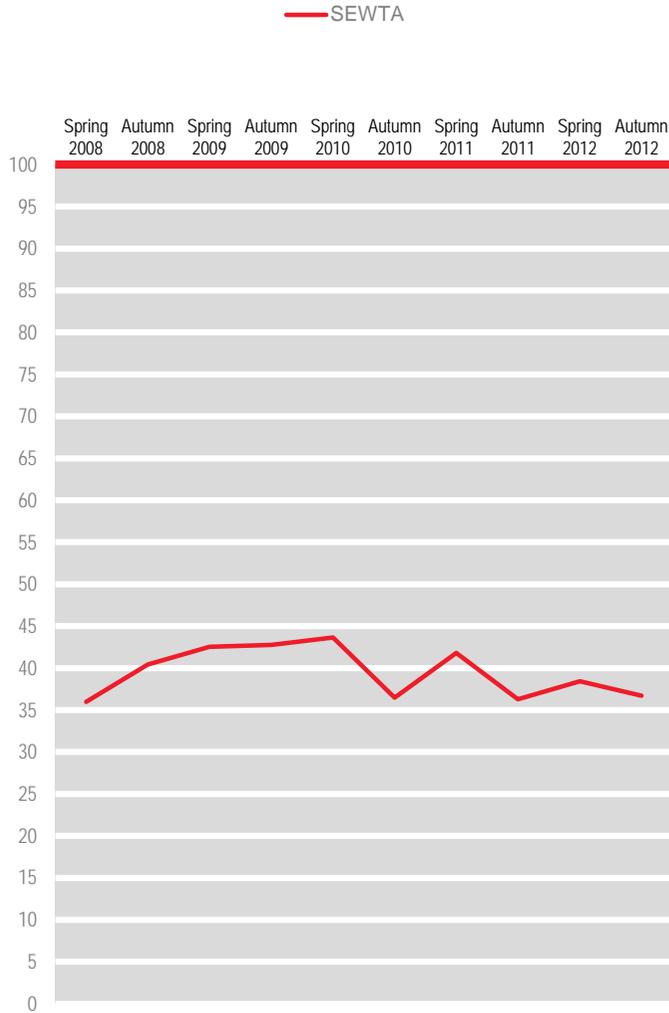


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**The facilities and services at the station**

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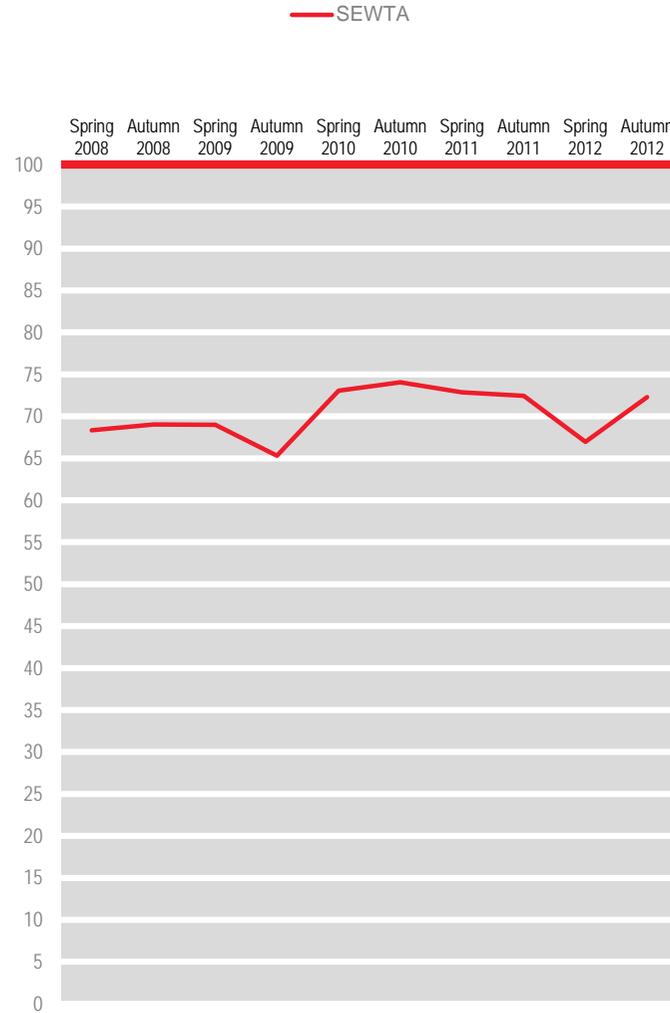
Percentage of passengers satisfied 2008 to 2012



**The attitudes and helpfulness of the staff at the station**

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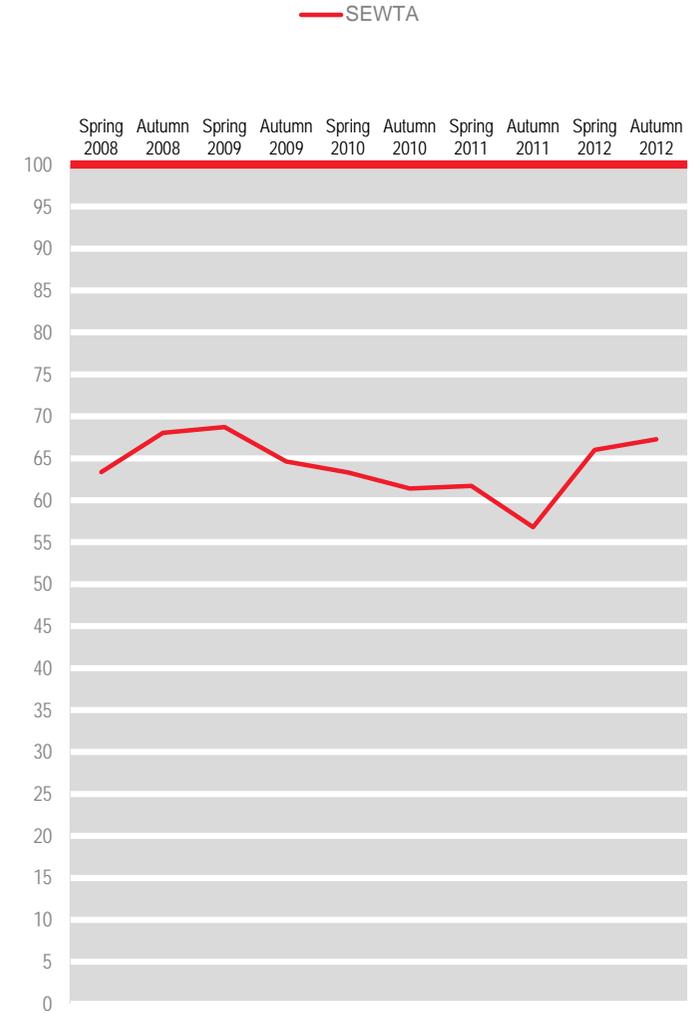
Percentage of passengers satisfied 2008 to 2012



**Connections with other forms of public transport from the station**

(294)

Percentage of passengers satisfied 2008 to 2012

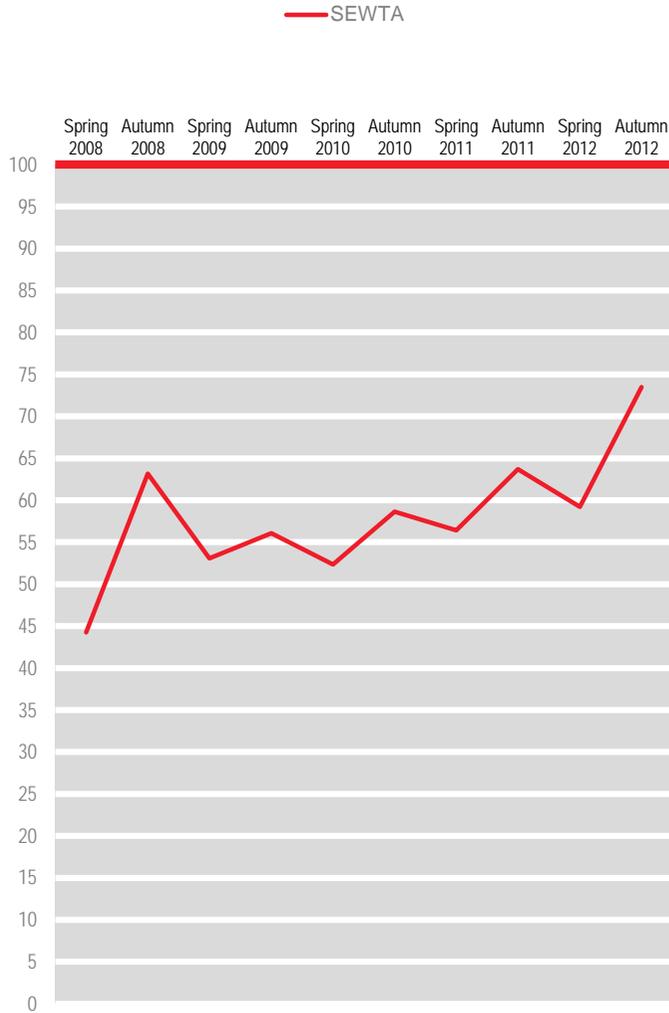


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**Facilities for car parking at the station**

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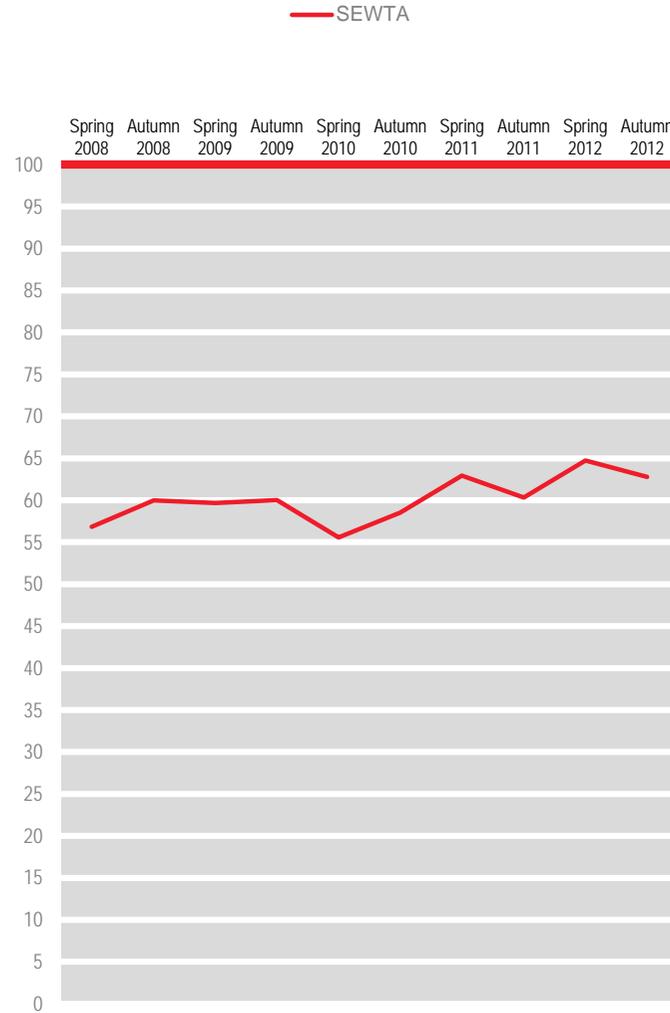
Percentage of passengers satisfied 2008 to 2012



**Overall station environment**

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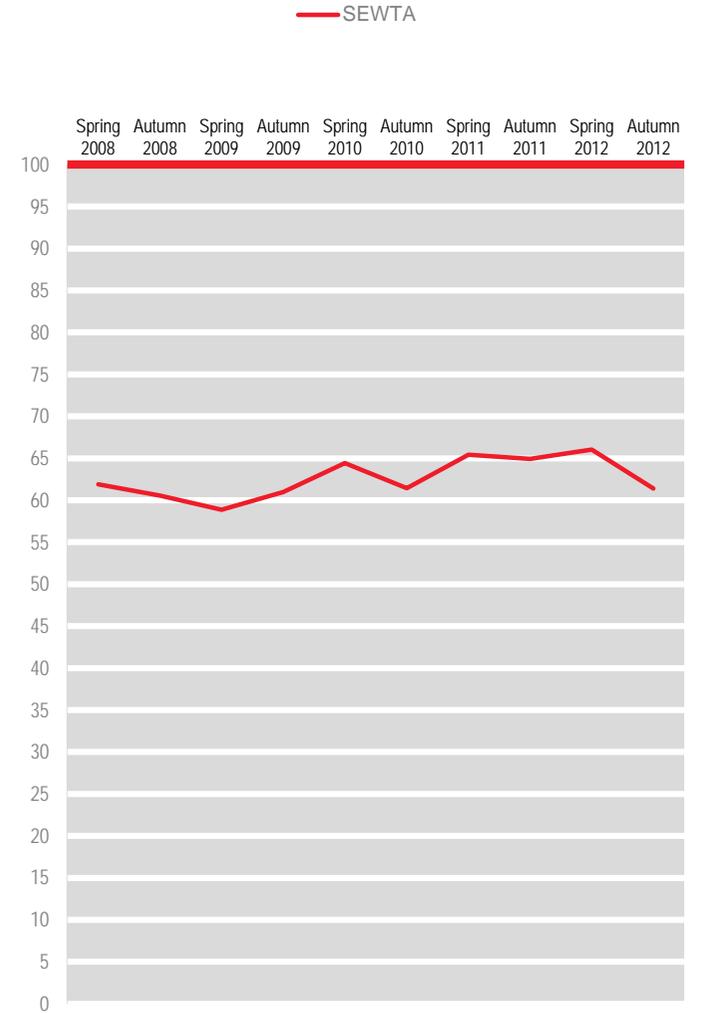
Percentage of passengers satisfied 2008 to 2012



**Your personal security whilst using the station**

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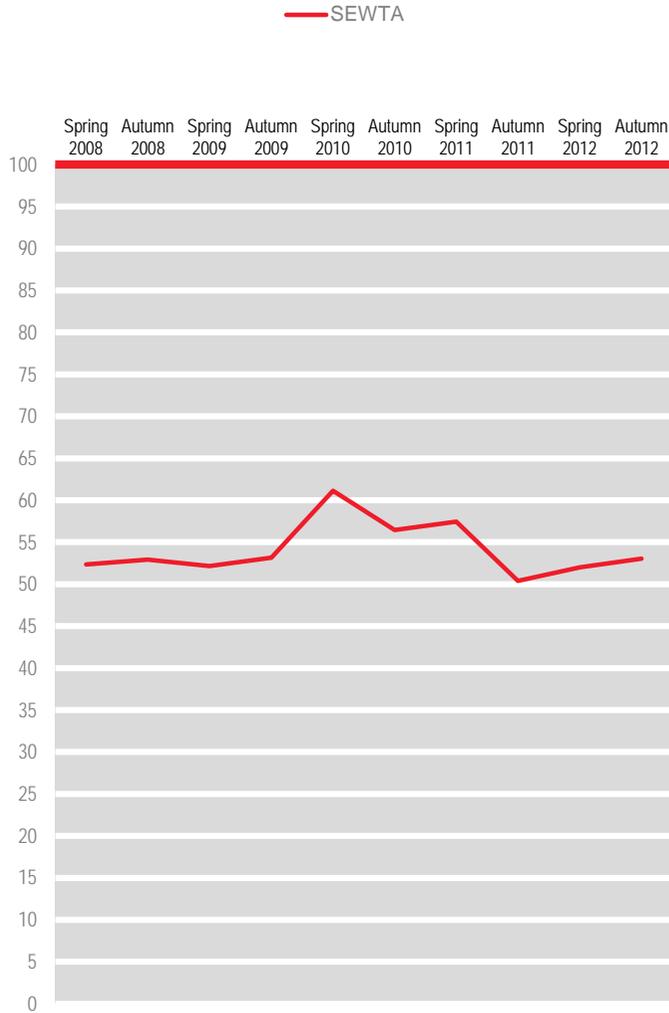
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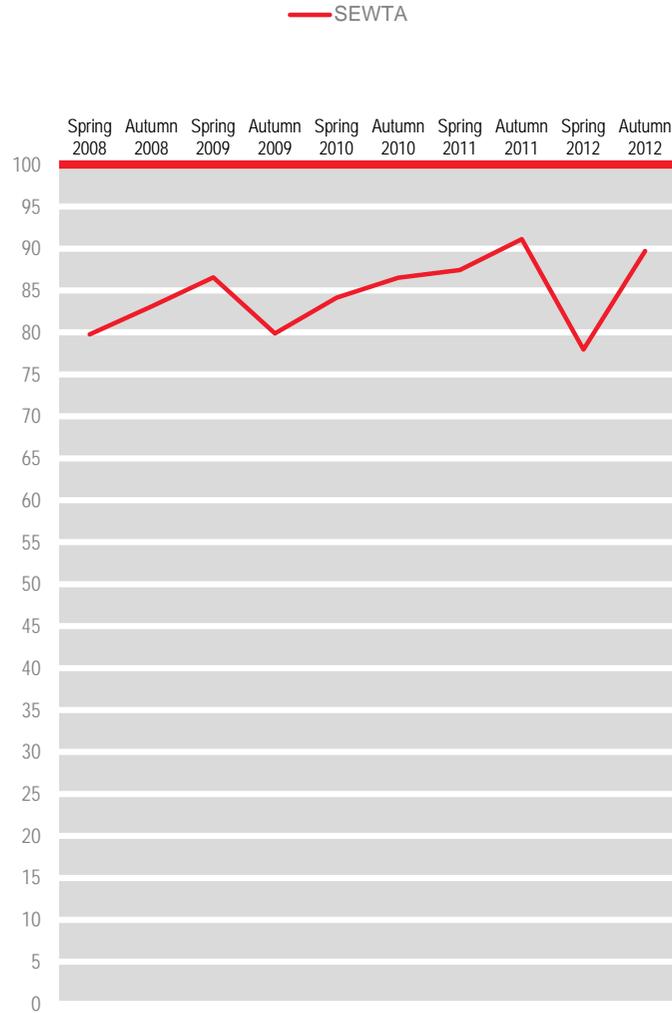
**The availability of staff at the station**

**(333)**  
Percentage of passengers satisfied 2008 to 2012



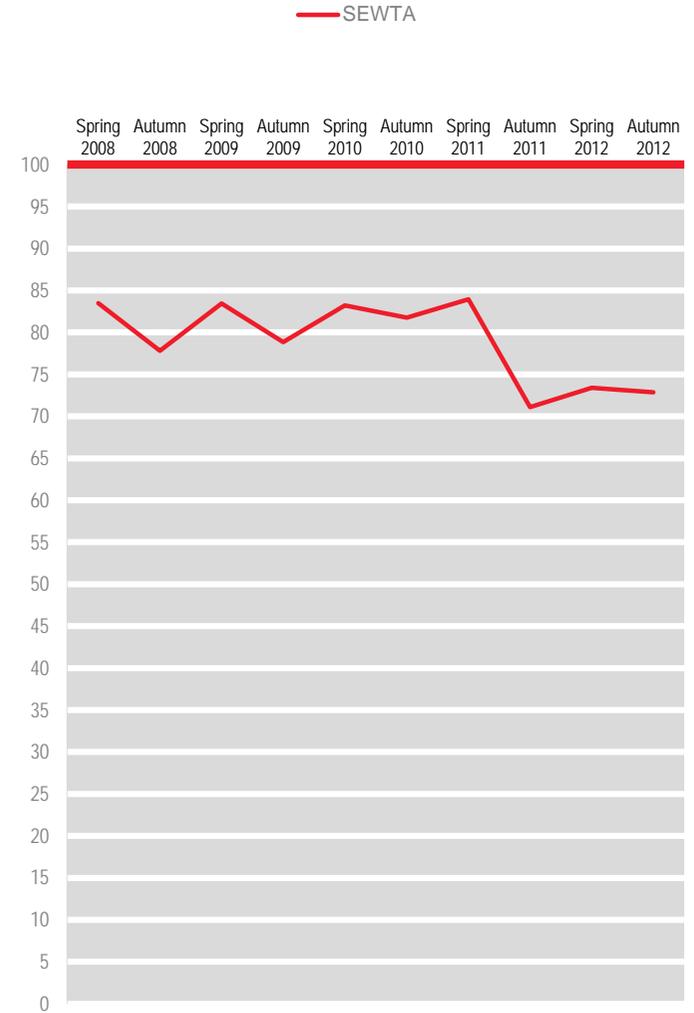
**How request to station staff was handled**

**(37)**  
Percentage of passengers satisfied 2008 to 2012



**The frequency of trains on that route**

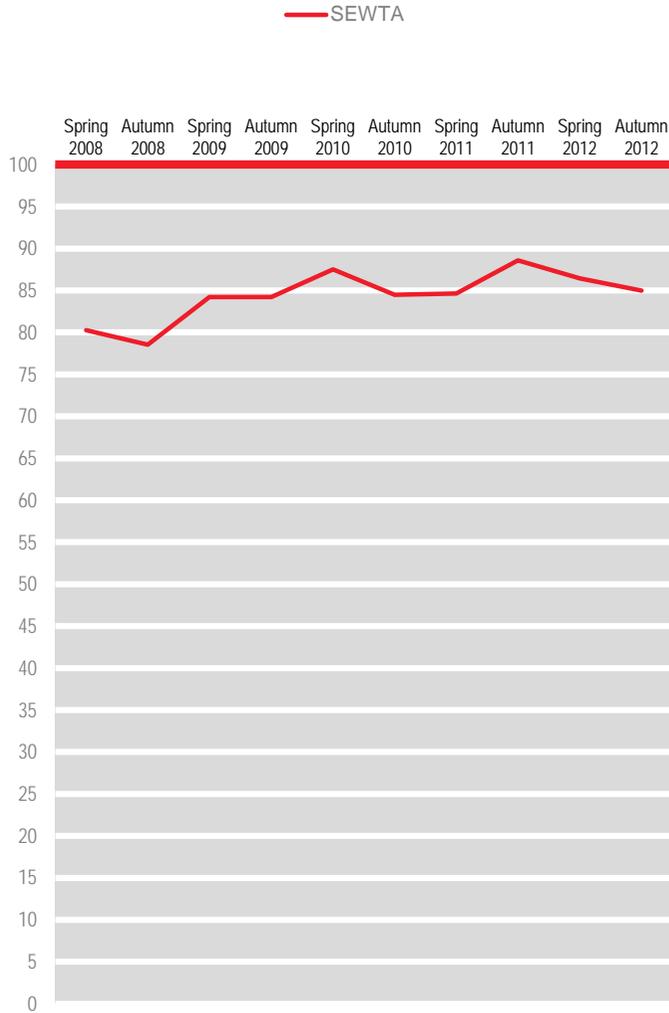
**(402)**  
Percentage of passengers satisfied 2008 to 2012



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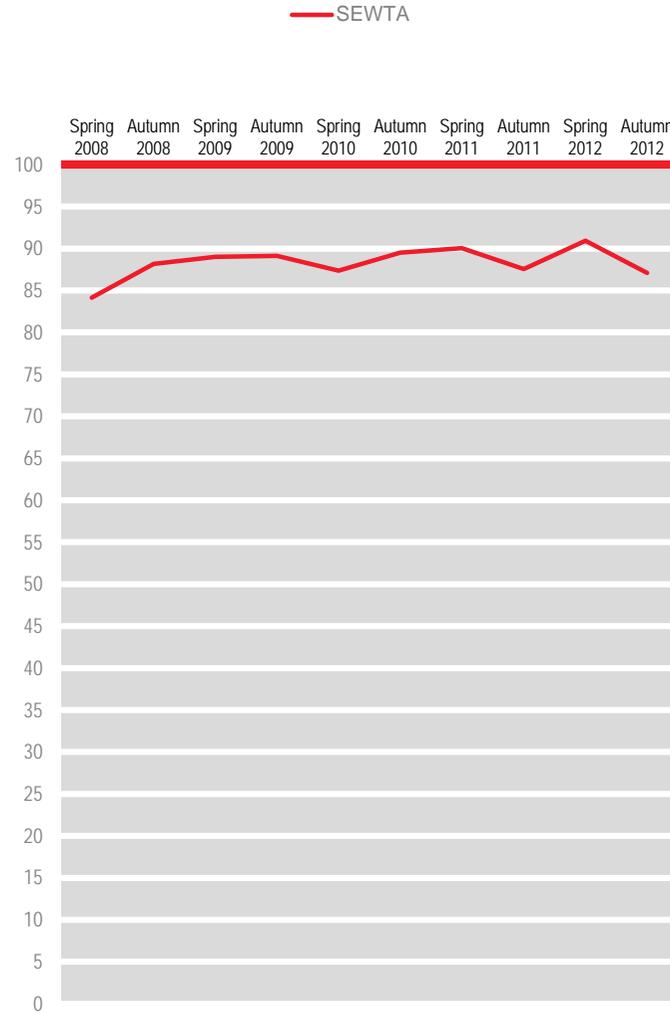
**Punctuality/reliability (i.e. train arriving/departing on time)**

**(400)**  
Percentage of passengers satisfied 2008 to 2012



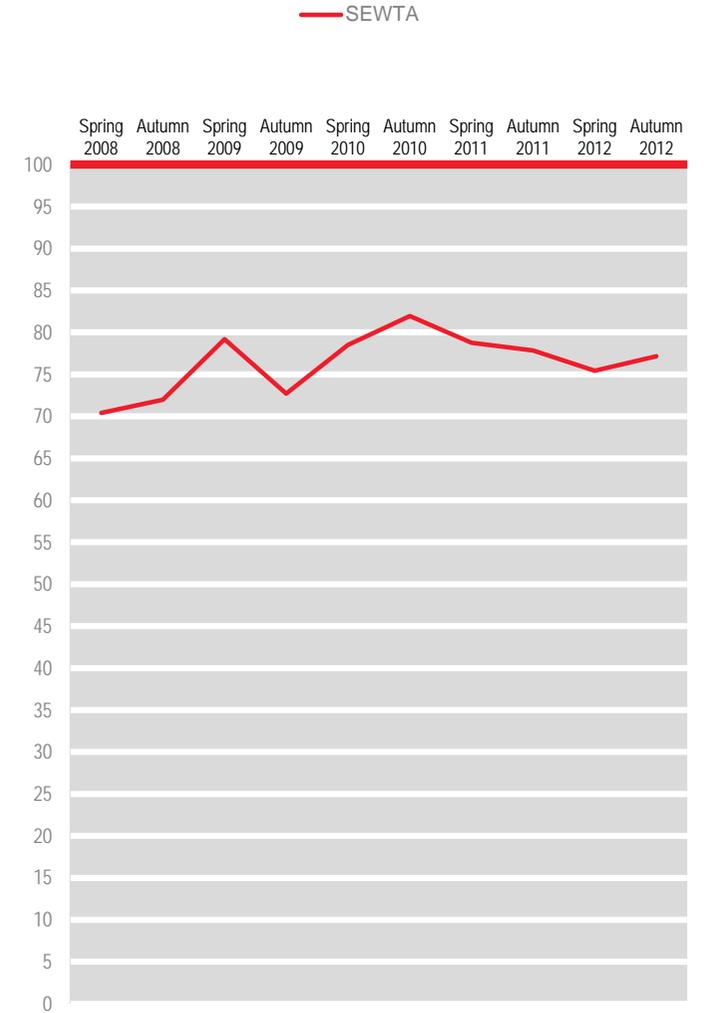
**The length of time the journey was scheduled to take (speed)**

**(399)**  
Percentage of passengers satisfied 2008 to 2012



**Connections with other train services**

**(264)**  
Percentage of passengers satisfied 2008 to 2012



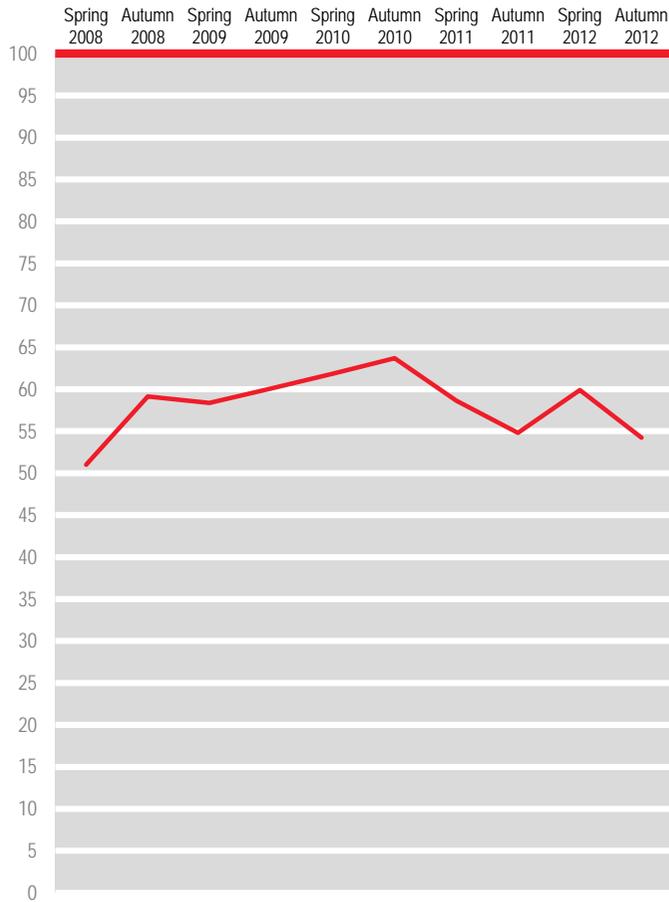
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**The value for money for the price of your ticket**

(396)

Percentage of passengers satisfied 2008 to 2012

— SEWTA

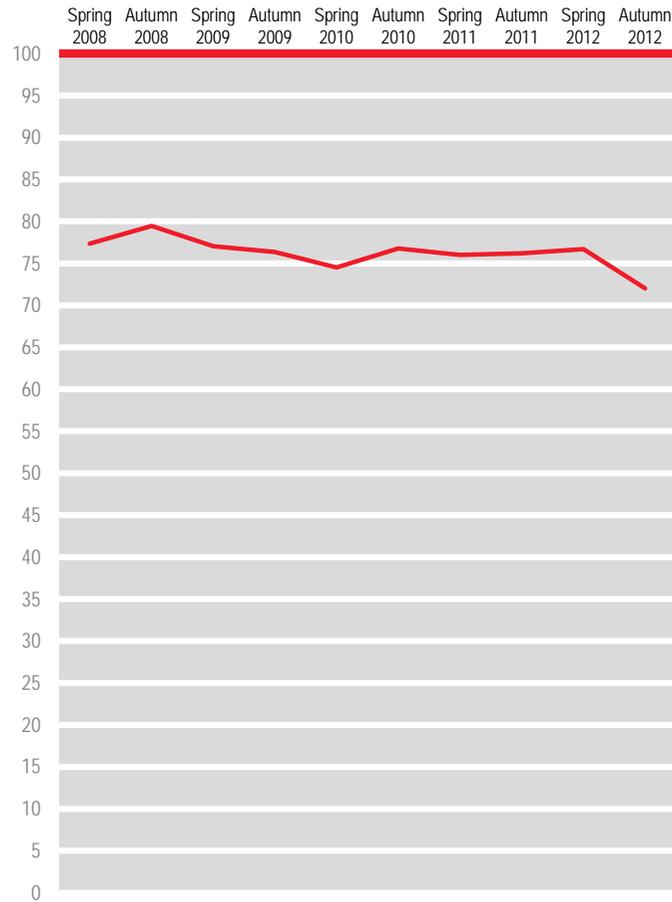


**Cleanliness of the train**

(403)

Percentage of passengers satisfied 2008 to 2012

— SEWTA

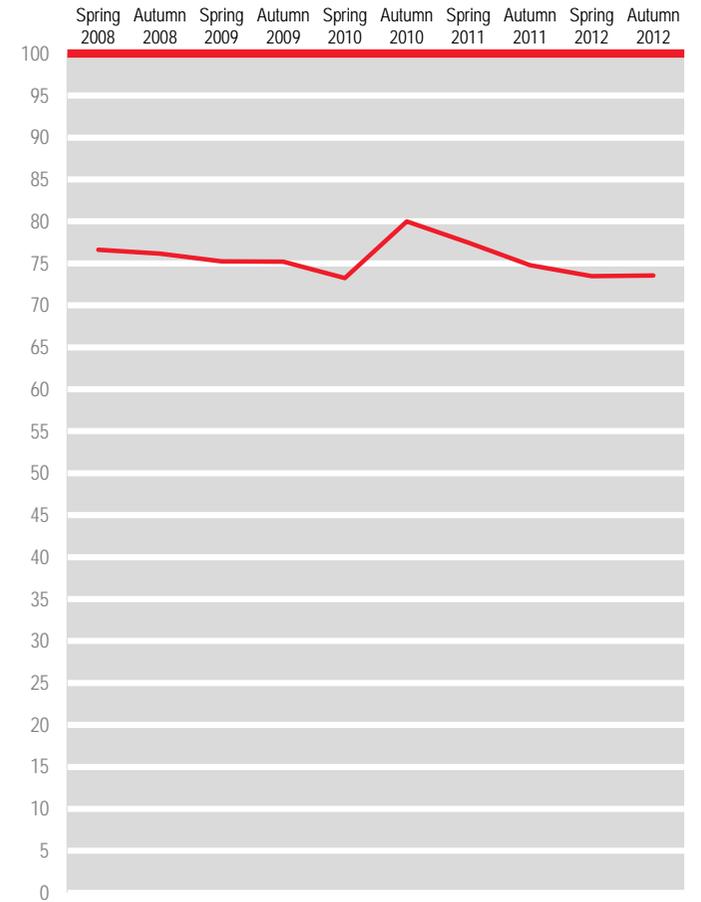


**Upkeep and repair of the train**

(390)

Percentage of passengers satisfied 2008 to 2012

— SEWTA



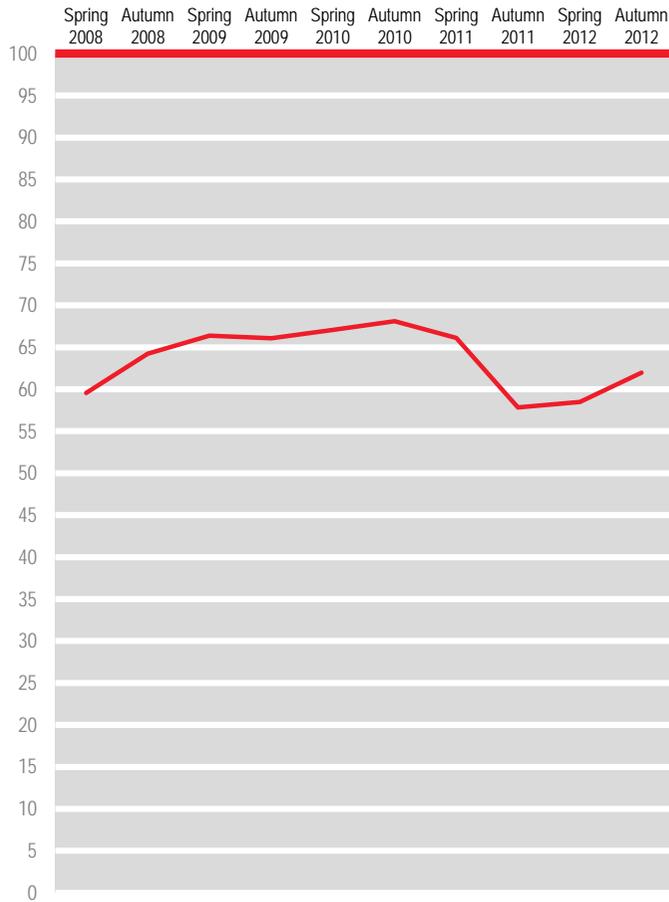
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**The provision of information during the journey**

(360)

Percentage of passengers satisfied 2008 to 2012

— SEWTA

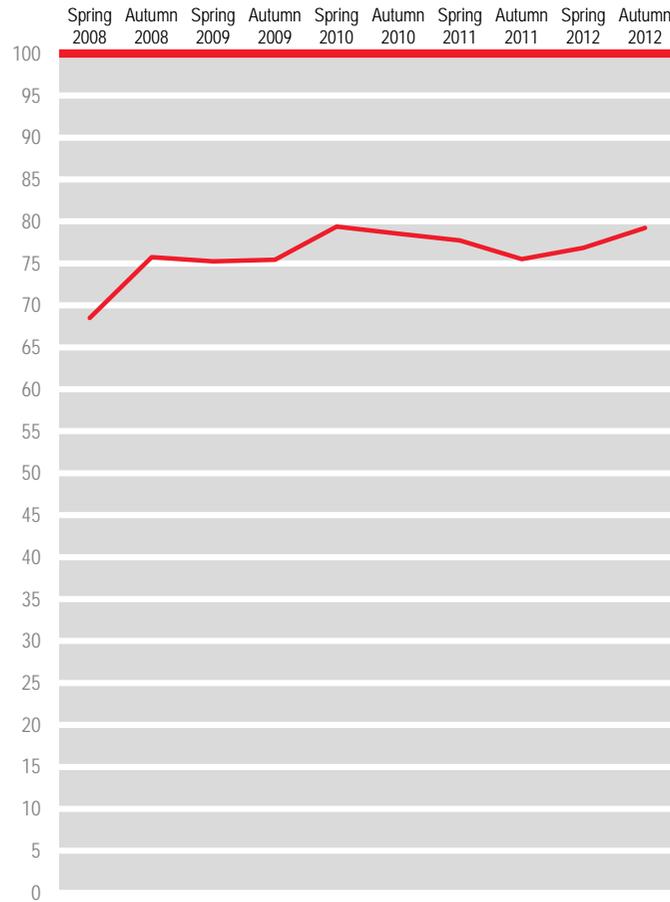


**The helpfulness and attitude of staff on train**

(331)

Percentage of passengers satisfied 2008 to 2012

— SEWTA

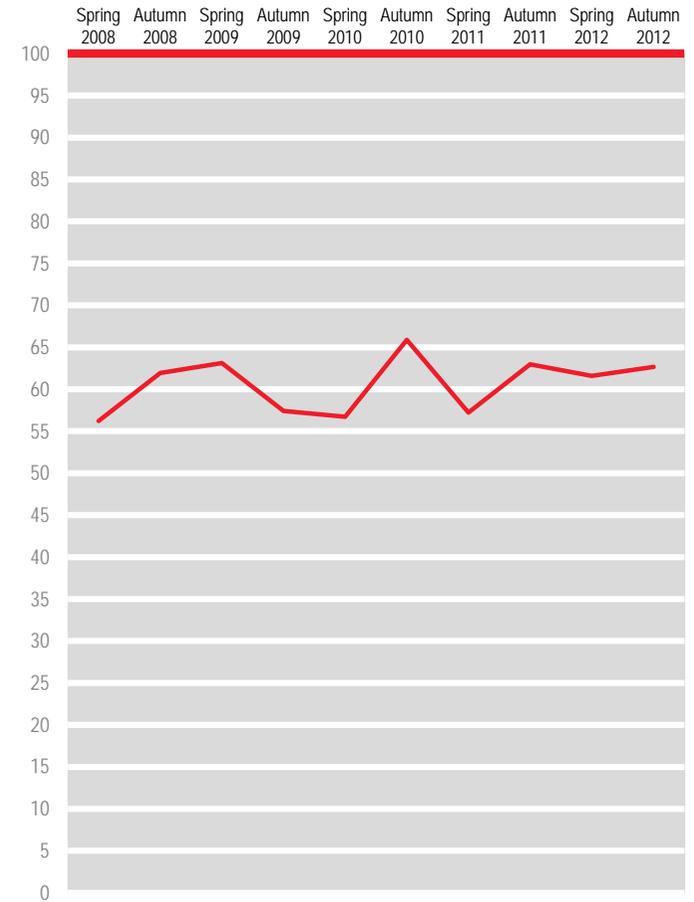


**The space for luggage**

(330)

Percentage of passengers satisfied 2008 to 2012

— SEWTA

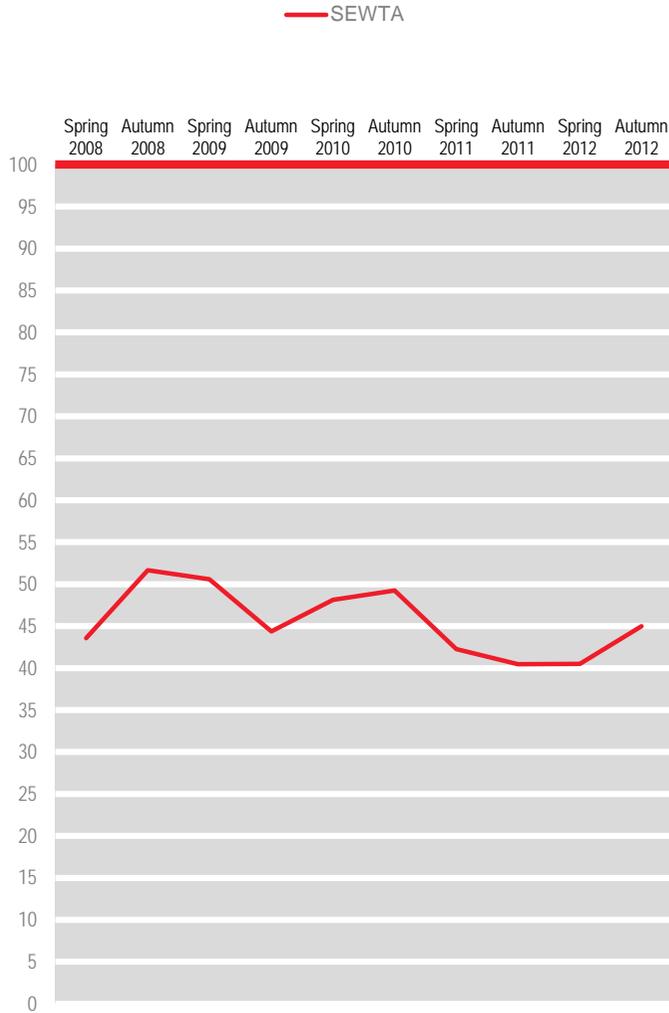


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**Toilet facilities on train**

(221)

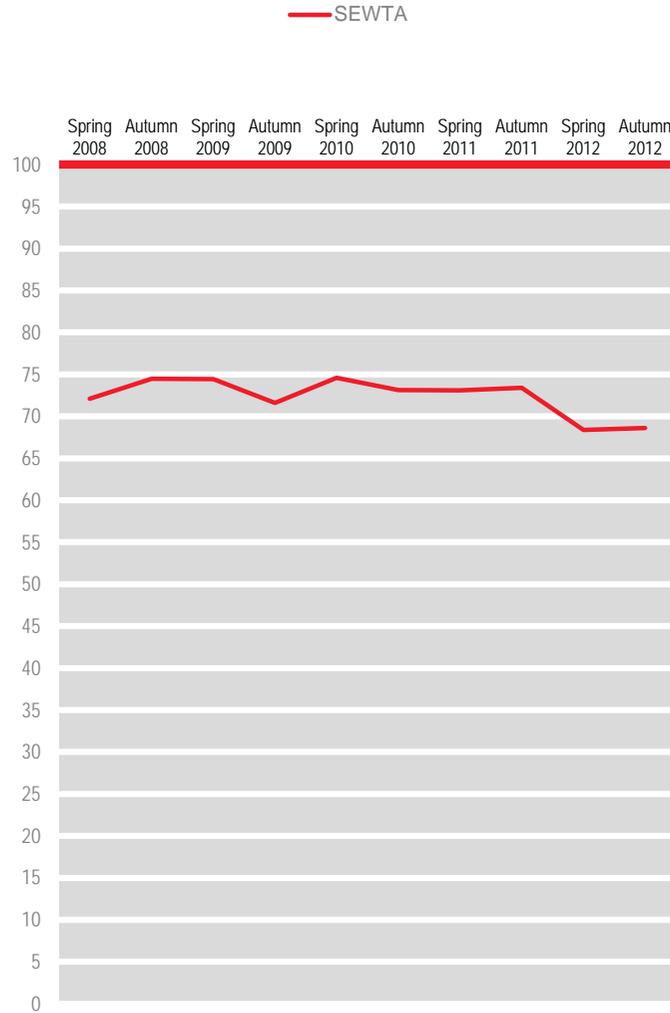
Percentage of passengers satisfied 2008 to 2012



**Sufficient room for all the passengers to sit/stand**

(401)

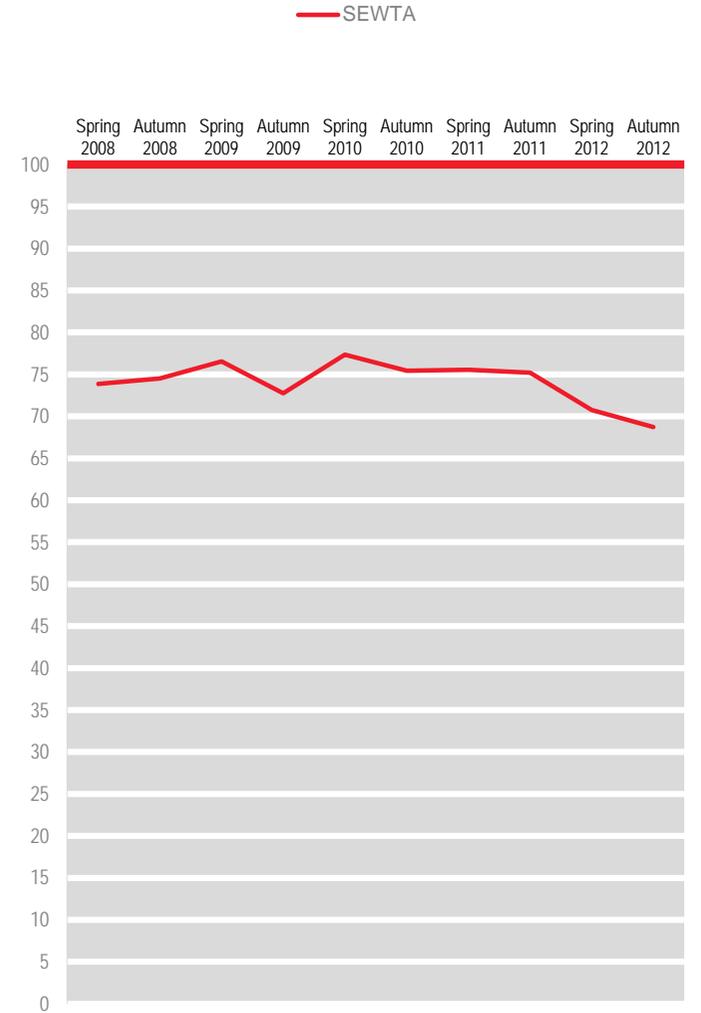
Percentage of passengers satisfied 2008 to 2012



**The comfort of the seating area**

(401)

Percentage of passengers satisfied 2008 to 2012



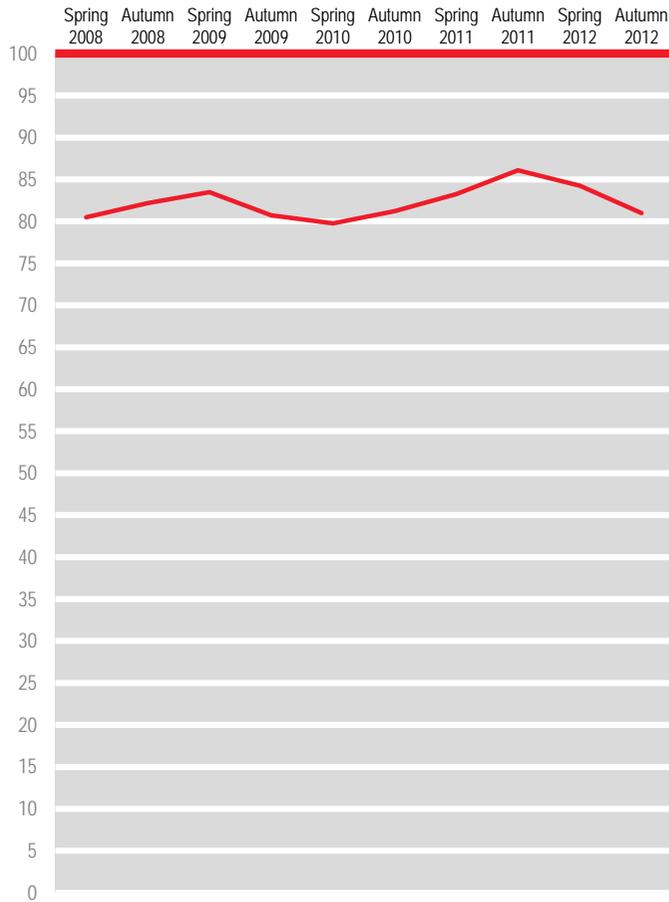
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**The ease of being able to get on and off the train**

**(403)**

Percentage of passengers satisfied 2008 to 2012

— SEWTA

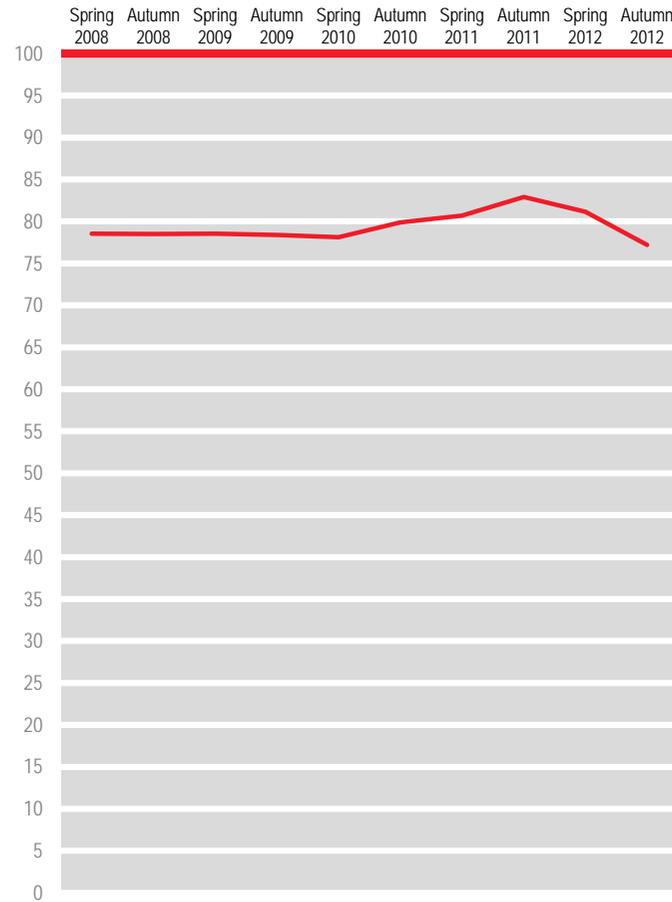


**Your personal security whilst on board**

**(393)**

Percentage of passengers satisfied 2008 to 2012

— SEWTA

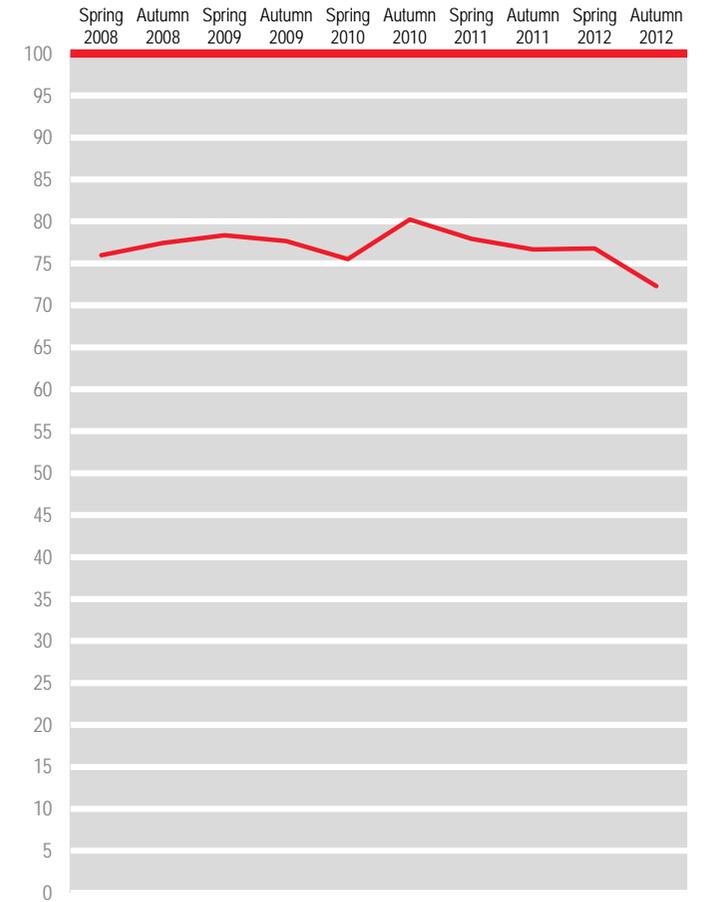


**The cleanliness of the inside of the train**

**(400)**

Percentage of passengers satisfied 2008 to 2012

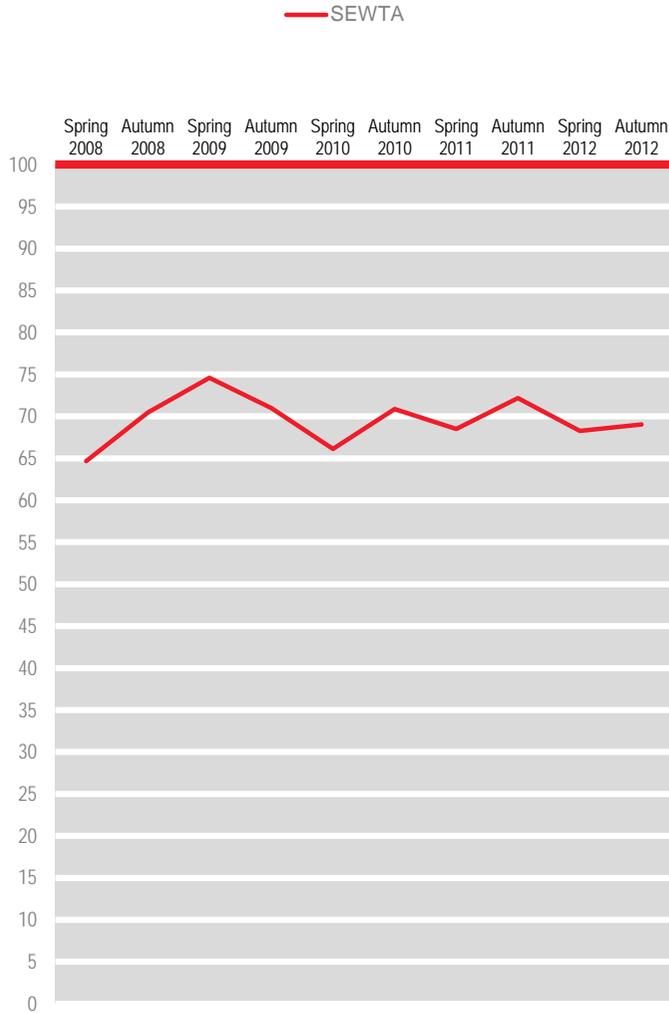
— SEWTA



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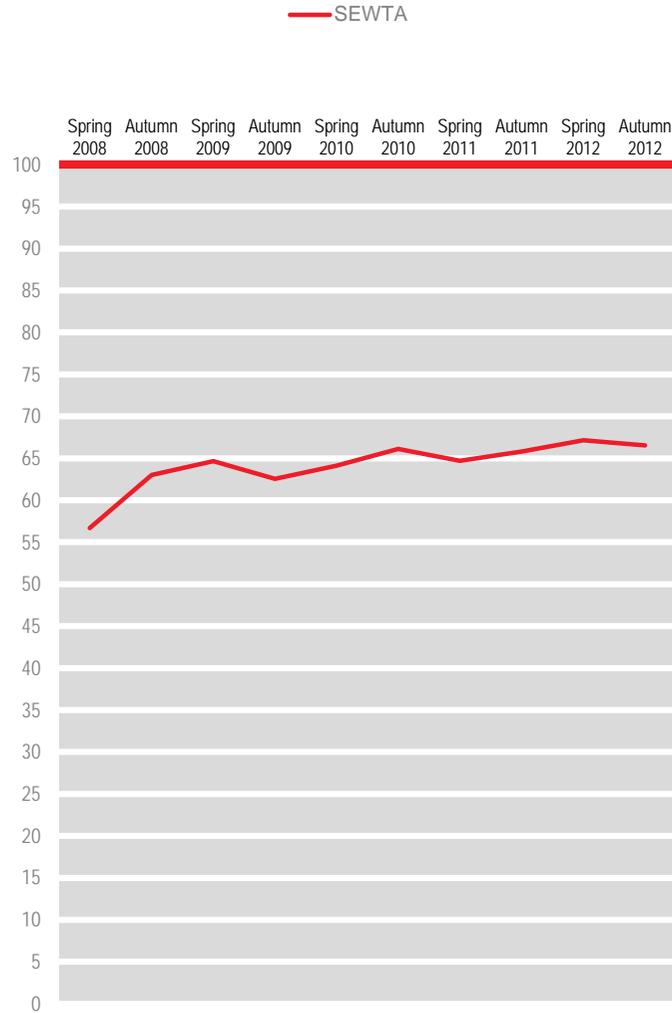
**The cleanliness of the outside of the train**

**(351)**  
Percentage of passengers satisfied 2008 to 2012



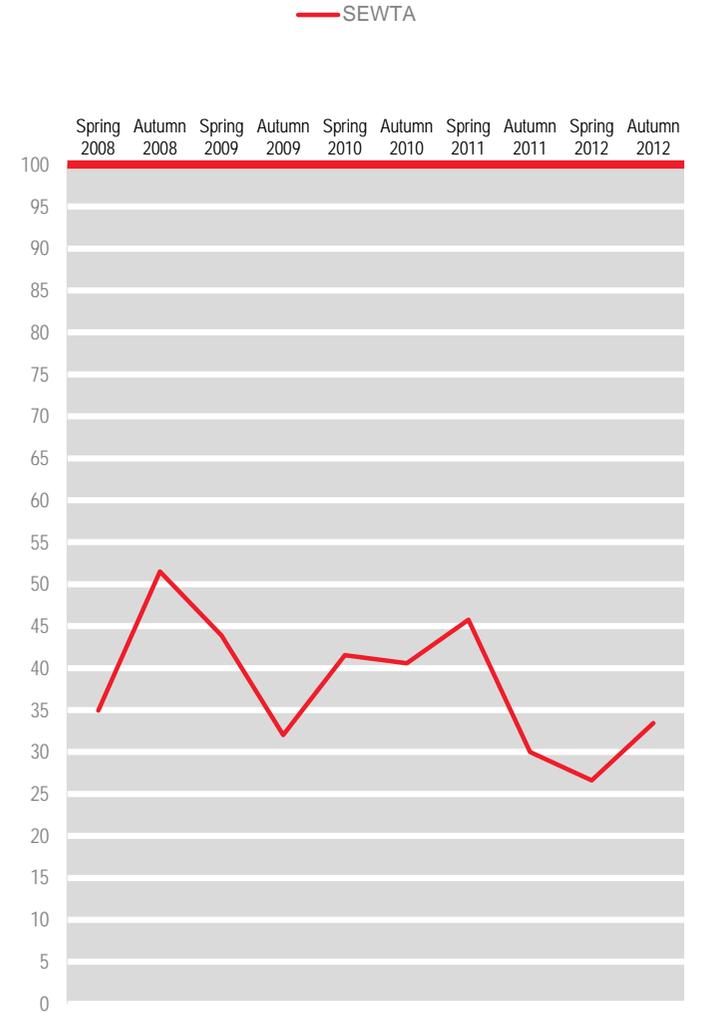
**The availability of staff on the train**

**(372)**  
Percentage of passengers satisfied 2008 to 2012



**How well train company dealt with delay**

**(52)**  
Percentage of passengers satisfied 2008 to 2012



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## Sample profile for SEWTA

	Autumn 2012 %	Autumn 2011 %		Autumn 2012 %	Autumn 2011 %
<b>SEX</b>			<b>DELAYS</b>		
Male	44	48	None	87	90
Female	53	51	Minor	10	7
Not stated	3	2	Major	1	1
			Not stated	1	2
<b>AGE</b>			<b>REGULAR TRAVELLER</b>		
16-25	26	21	Yes	67	68
26-34	14	15	No	33	32
35-44	14	19			
45-54	16	21			
55-59	8	9	<b>TIME OF TRAVEL</b>		
60-64	8	7	Peak		
65+	11	7	Off-peak		
Not stated	3	1			
<b>JOURNEY PURPOSE</b>			<b>ASKED FOR HELP OR INFORMATION</b>		
Commuter	32	32	Yes asked for help	6	3
Business	11	10	Yes asked for information	7	7
Leisure	57	58	Could not find anyone to ask	7	5
			No	79	84
			Not stated	2	1

## Station sample sizes for SEWTA

Station	Unweighted	Station	Unweighted
Cardiff Central	125	Porth	2
Bridgend	29	Pyle	2
Aberdare	21	Rhoose (Cardiff International Airport)	2
Newport (South Wales)	17	Caldicot	2
Penarth	15	Risca & Pontymister	2
Llantwit Major	13	Cogan	2
Cardiff Queen Street	12	Fernhill	2
Pontlottyn	10	Hengoed	2
Rhymney	10	Llandaf	2
Abercynon South	9	Tonypandy	2
Trefforest	9	Barry Island	2
Barry	8	Waun-Gron Park	2
Caerphilly	8	Penrhiwceiber	2
Pontypridd	7	Brithdir	1
Bargoed	6	Radyr	1
Cathays	6	Rhiwbina	1
Cwmbach	6	Fairwater	1
Pengam	6	Barry Docks	1
Llanhavan	5	Mountain Ash	1
Abergavenny	4	Garth (Mid Glamorgan)	1
Maesteg	4	Grangetown (Glamorgan)	1
Tondu	4	Heath Low Level	1
Chepstow	4	Danescourt	1
Ystrad Mynach	4	Llanbradach	1
Pencoed	3	Dinas Powys	1
Sarn	3	Treorchy	1
Severn Tunnel Junction	3	Troed-Y-Rhiw	1
Taffs Well	3	Coryton	1
Merthyr Tydfil	3	Whitchurch (Glamorgan)	1
Ebbw Vale Parkway	3	Eastbrook	1
Dingle Road	3		
Llanishen	2		
Cwmbran	2		

## Station catchment area for SEWTA

Station	Station	Station
Aber	Gilfach Fargoed	Radyr
Abercynon	Grangetown (Glamorgan)	Rhiwbina
Aberdare	Heath High Level	Rhose (Cardiff International Airport)
Abergavenny	Heath Low Level	Rhymney
Bargoed	Hengoed	Risca and Pontymister
Barry	Lisvane and Thornhill	Rogerstone
Barry Docks	Llanbradach	Sarn
Barry Island	Llandaf	Severn Tunnel Junction
Birchgrove	Llanharran	Taffs Well
Bridgend	Llanhilleth	Tir-Phil
Brithdir	Llanishen	Ton Pentre
Cadoxton	Llantwit Major	Tondu
Caerphilly	Llwynypia	Tonypanyd
Caldicot	Maesteg	Trefforest
Cardiff Bay	Maesteg Ewenny Road	Trefforest Estate
Cardiff Central	Merthyr Tydfil	Trehafod
Cardiff Queen Street	Merthyr Vale	Treherbert
Cathays	Mountain Ash	Treorchy
Chepstow	Newbridge	Troed-y-Rhiw
Cogan	Newport (South Wales)	Ty Glas
Coryton	Ninian Park	Waun-Gron Park
Crosskeys	Penarth	Whitchurch
Cwmbach	Pencoed	Wildmill
Cwmbran	Pengam	Ynyswen
Danescourt	Penrhiwceiber	Ystrad Mynach
Dinas Powys	Pentre-Bach	Ystrad Rhondda
Dinas Rhondda	Pontlottyn	
Dingle Road	Pontyclun	
Eastbrook	Pontypool and New Inn	
Ebbw Vale Parkway	Pontypridd	
Fairwater	Porth	
Fernhill	Pyle	
Garth (Mid Glamorgan)	Quakers Yard	

## The following are reports produced each wave:

Summary report	Summary tables for all TOCs (including comparison with one year previously), trend tables for last 10 waves by TOC, trend charts for the main NPS factors, peak vs off-peak analysis for LSE TOCs.
TOC reports	Tables and graphs showing results for TOC (including comparisons with one year previously and with relevant sector), trend charts for all factors (including sector and benchmark (if relevant) comparisons), summary profile of passengers surveyed, station sample sizes for TOC and sample composition & weighting.
Stations report	Percentage of passengers satisfied by each main factor for last 10 waves for all stations covered by NPS during that time period.
Consultees report	Summary national trend charts for all main factors, trend charts by age/journey purpose & gender, summary results for leisure/business passengers & commuters, one page for each factor showing national trend and results for all TOCs, Government Office Region charts for each factor and simple tables for some questions that are not included in the main NPS report.
Best in class report	Trend tables showing results for all main factors for all TOCs and building blocks for the last 10 waves.
Multivariate report	Multivariate analysis showing drivers of satisfaction and dissatisfaction nationally, by sector and by TOC for latest two NPS waves combined.
Personal security at stations report	Percentage of passengers satisfied and dissatisfied with personal security at all stations that were included in the NPS for the last 10 survey waves.
Rankings report	Results since wave 10 showing satisfaction score for each TOC by factor, significant changes since one year earlier, national rank and rank in TOC type.
Virtual TOC reports	NPS reports for TOCs that used to exist or that are planned to exist in the future (exactly the same format as TOC reports).
Building block report	Summary results showing satisfaction for all building blocks for all main NPS factors.
PTE reports	NPS reports for all PTEs (exactly the same format as TOC reports).
Demographic reports	Simple reports for all TOCs showing demographic profile (and answers to other questions).
Tables report	Quite detailed tables for all TOCs showing results for the majority of NPS questions by gender, age, journey purpose, time of week and whether they were a frequent traveller or not.

## Sector definitions

The sector results used in this report contain the following TOCs (non-franchised operators are excluded):

London and South East Operators	Long Distance Operators	Regional Operators
c2c	CrossCountry	Arriva Trains Wales
Chiltern Railways	East Coast	Merseyrail
First Capital Connect	East Midlands Trains	Northern Rail
First Great Western	First TransPennine Express	ScotRail
Greater Anglia	Virgin Trains	
London Midland		
London Overground		
South West Trains		
Southeastern		
Southern		

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