



National Rail Passenger Survey Great Northern TOC Report Autumn 2015 (Wave 33)

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1 1.1 Methodology

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 and other large stations, 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 takes place each Spring (February/March) and Autumn (September/October); until Spring 2003 fieldwork duration was 3 weeks. In Autumn 2003, 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 (2012-13), and informed by ticket sales information and some consultation with TOCs.

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 NRPS methodology, visit www.transportfocus.org.uk

Autumn 2015 (Wave 33)

Fieldwork for Wave 33 (including boosts) was undertaken between the 1st September and 12th November 2015.

As with previous waves, planned and unplanned engineering works/problems meant that some other shifts were also rescheduled (this particularly affected shifts during weekends). 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 2015 (Wave 32)

Fieldwork for Wave 32 was undertaken between 18th January and 29th March 2015.

From 1st March 2015 Virgin Trains East Coast took over the East Coast franchise. This meant that shifts targeting East Coast were conducted prior to the operator change. Due to engineering works affecting services on South West Trains Island Line (on the Isle of Wight) up to 20th March 2015, all shifts targeting Island Line had to be completed during the last week of fieldwork.

As with previous waves, planned and unplanned engineering works/problems meant that some other shifts were also rescheduled (this particularly affected shifts during weekends). 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 2014 (Wave 31)

Fieldwork for Wave 31 was undertaken between 1st September and 9th November 2014.

Govia Thameslink Railway took over the franchise previously operated by First Capital Connect on 14th September 2014. This meant that fieldwork at stations operated by Govia Thameslink Railway, as well as shifts involving passengers travelling on Govia Thameslink Railway did not start until that date.

Due to some additional booster samples being commissioned after the main survey fieldwork had begun, a small amount of fieldwork overran by a few days, ultimately extending the fieldwork period for some boost samples until 13th November; this affected boost samples only and not the main survey, results of which are shown in this report.

As with previous waves, planned and unplanned engineering works/problems meant that some other shifts were also rescheduled (this particularly affected shifts during weekends). 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 2014 (Wave 30)

Fieldwork for Wave 30 was undertaken between 2nd February and 13th April 2014.

There was disruption of shifts scheduled in the first three weeks of fieldwork due to severe flooding. This mainly affected the South East and South West, and resulted in some rescheduling of shifts. There were also a few stations that were closed for all of the fieldwork period.

There were a few changes to the fieldwork schedule in London due to transport problems caused by industrial action on London Underground, on 5th and 6th of February.

As with previous waves, planned and unplanned engineering works/problems meant that some other shifts were also rescheduled (this particularly affected shifts during weekends). 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.

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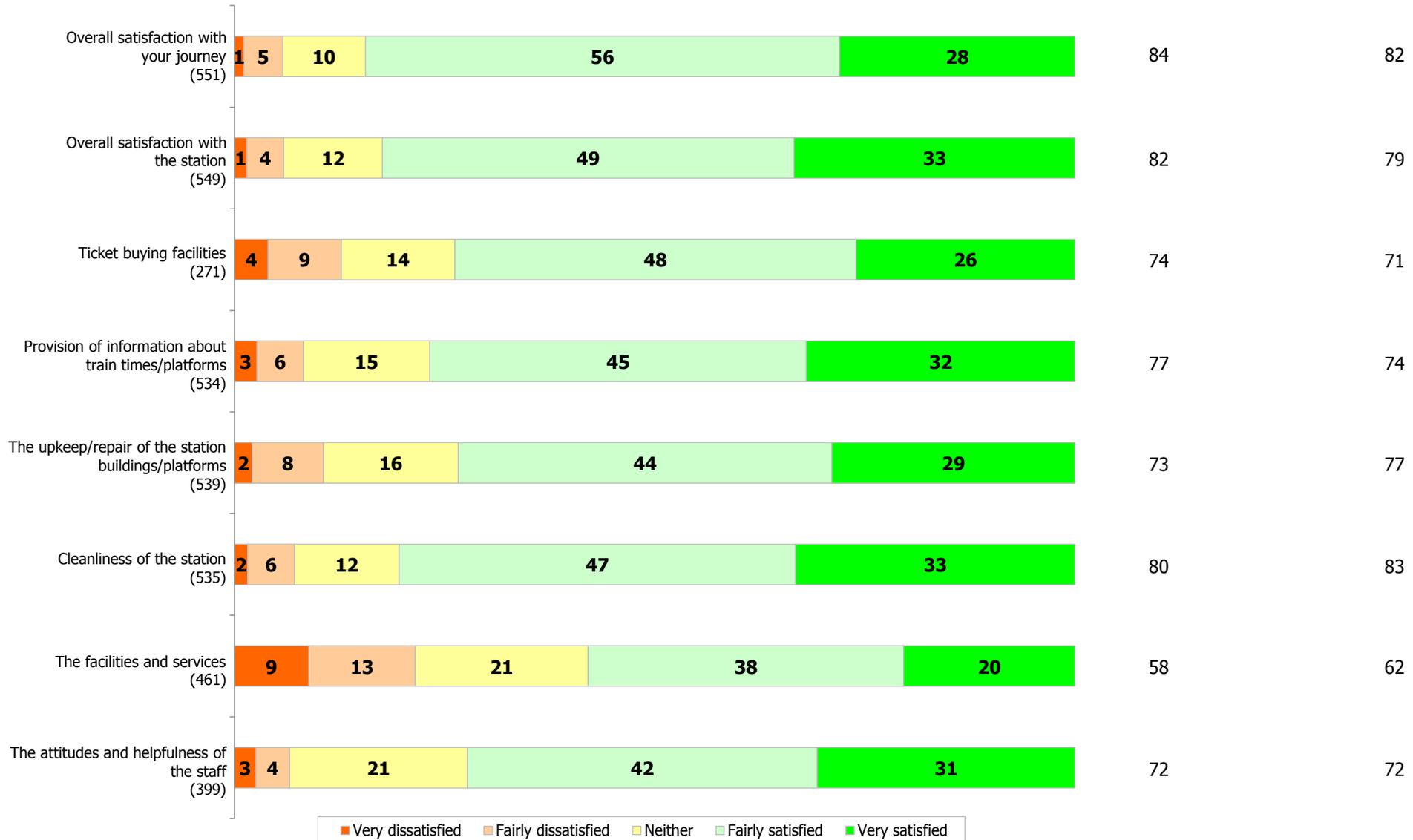
At 95% confidence level:
 + significant increase
 - significant decrease

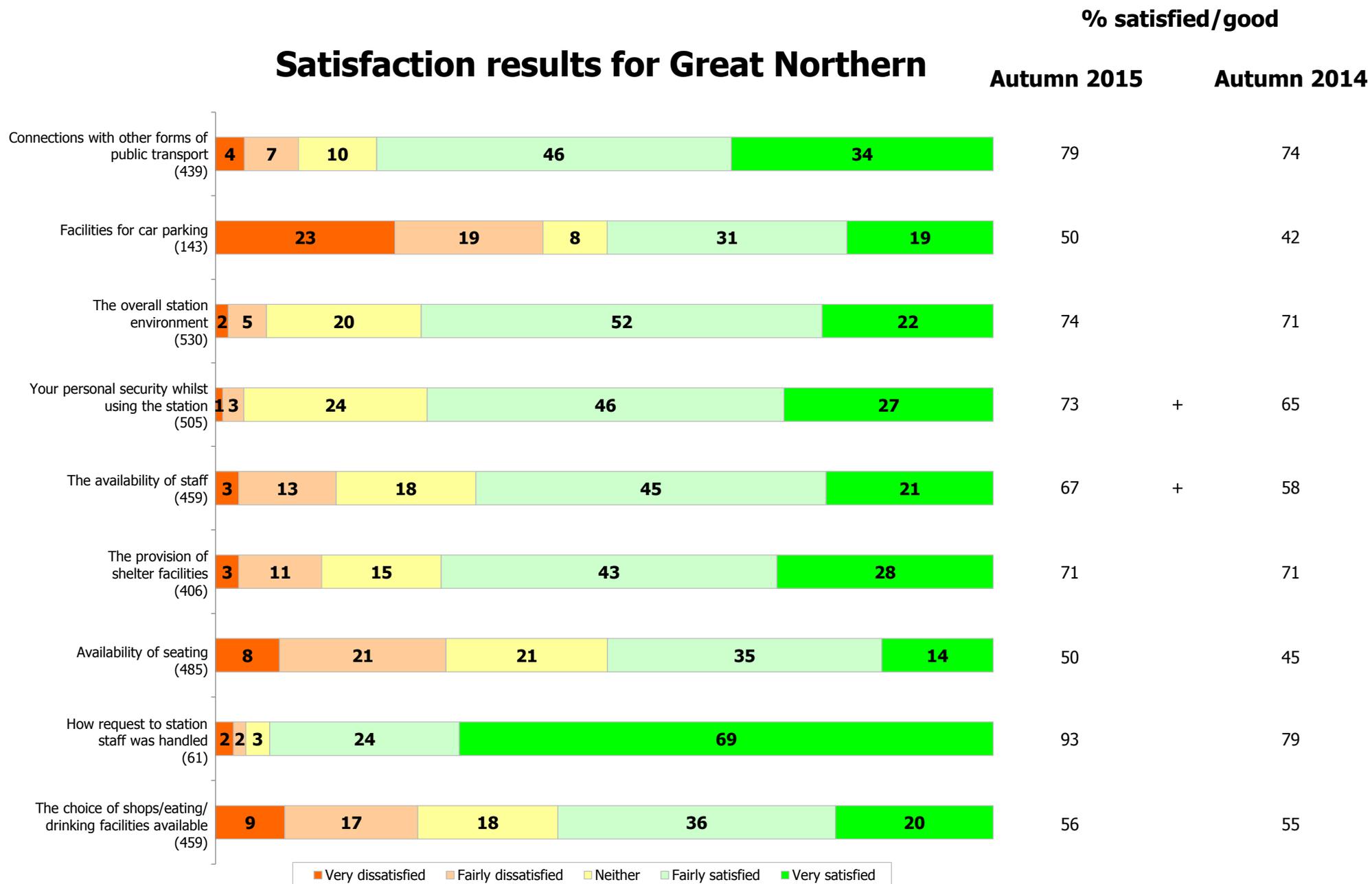
Satisfaction results for Great Northern

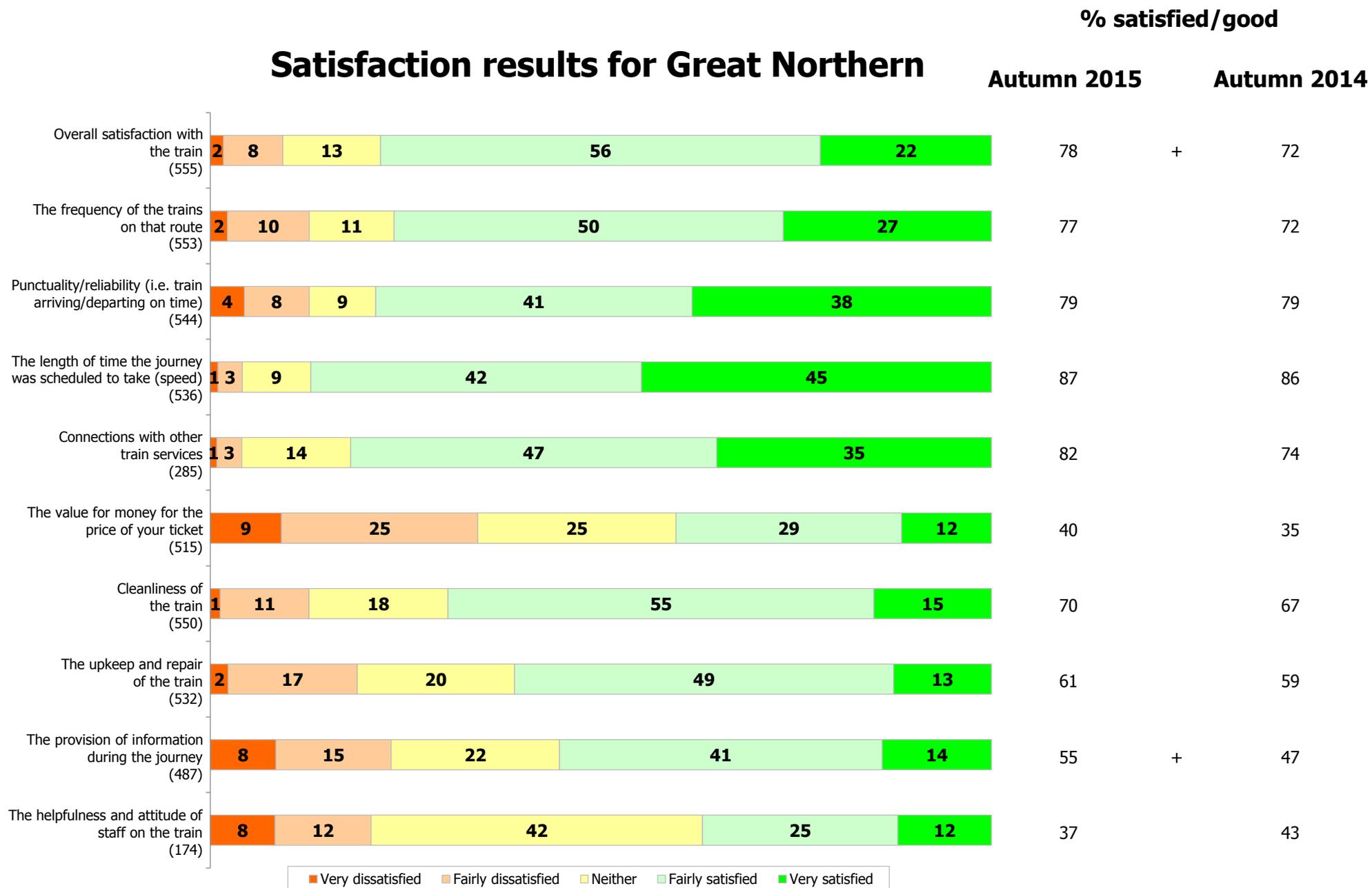
% satisfied/good

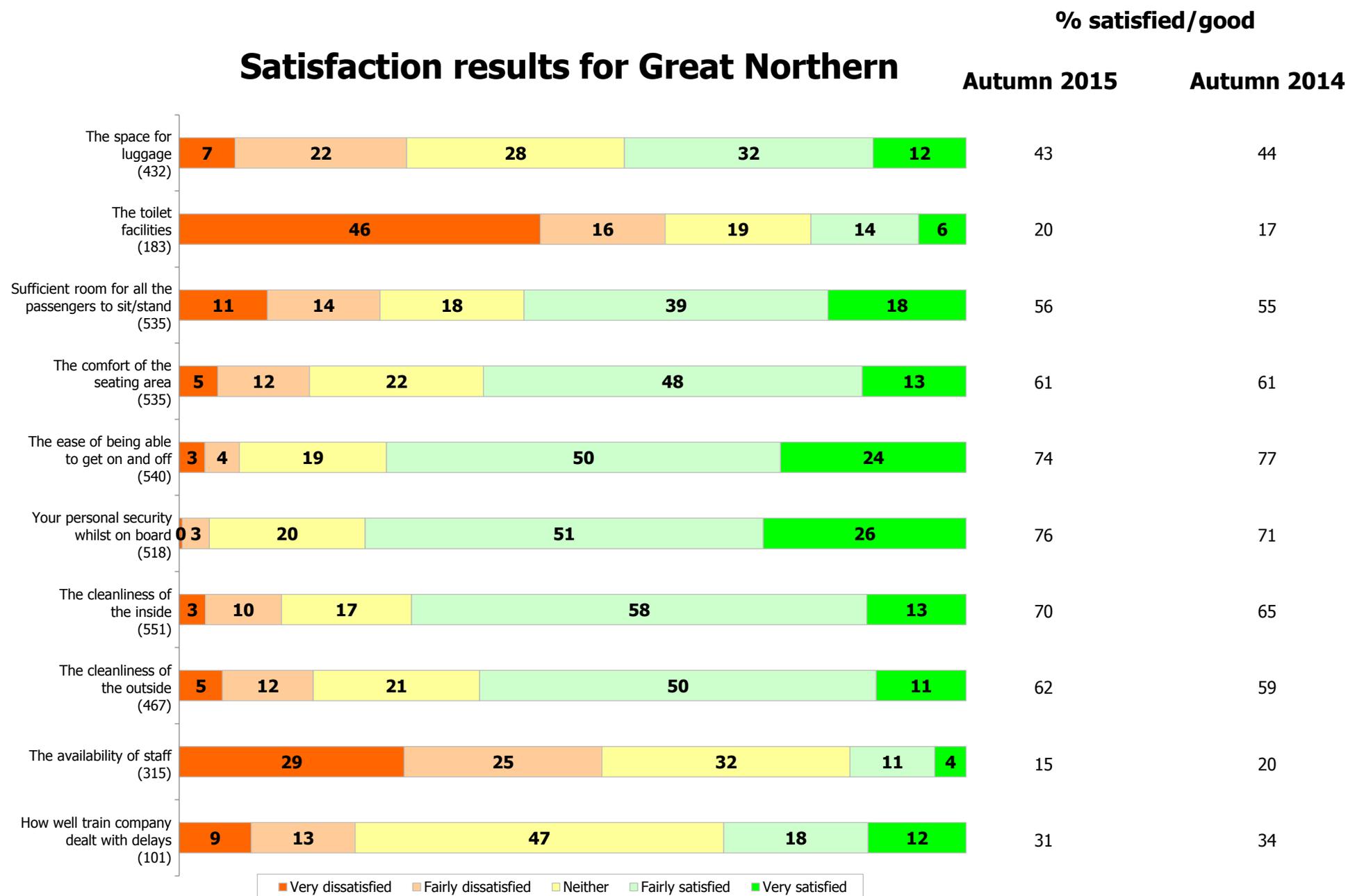
Autumn 2015

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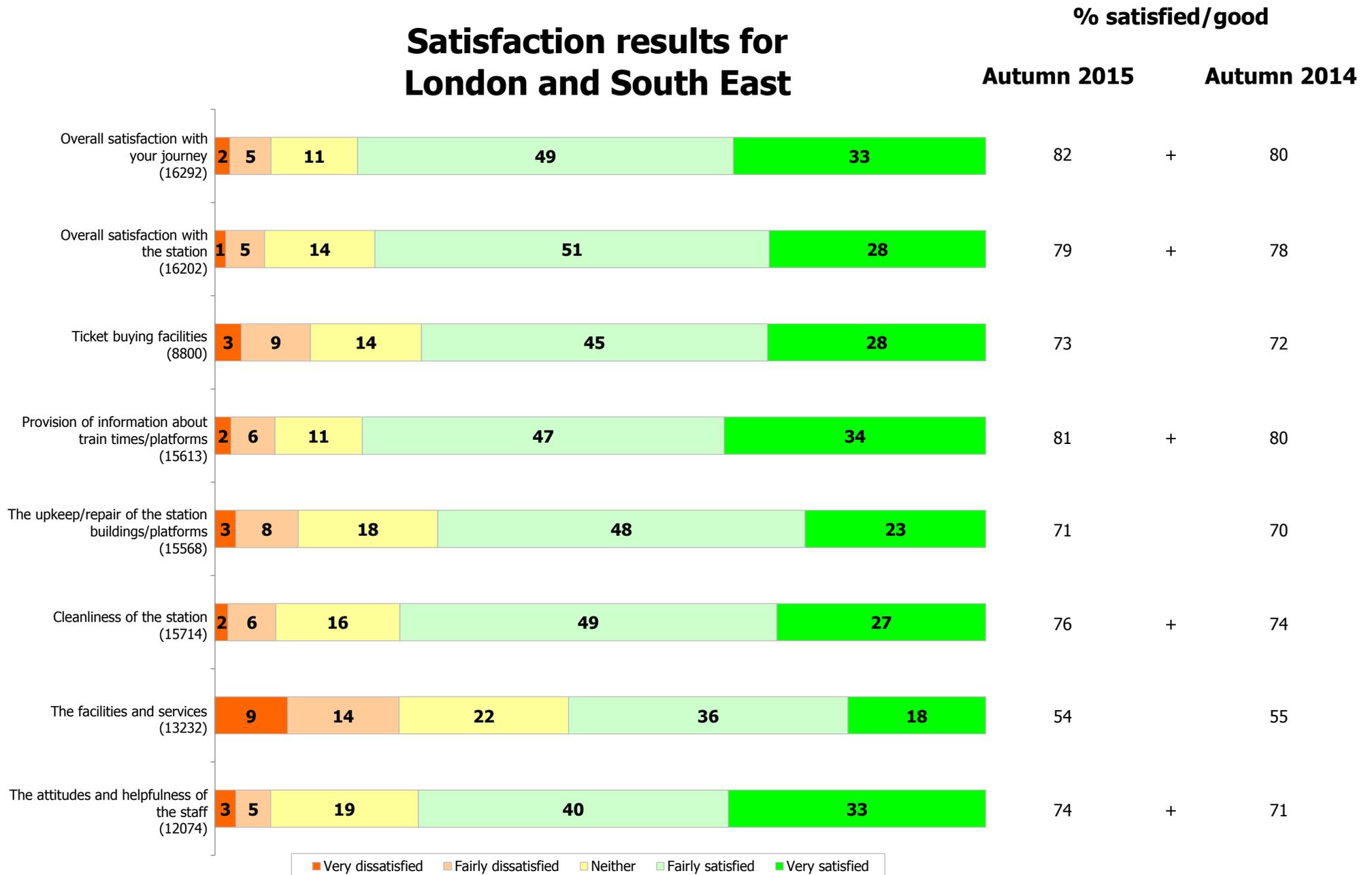


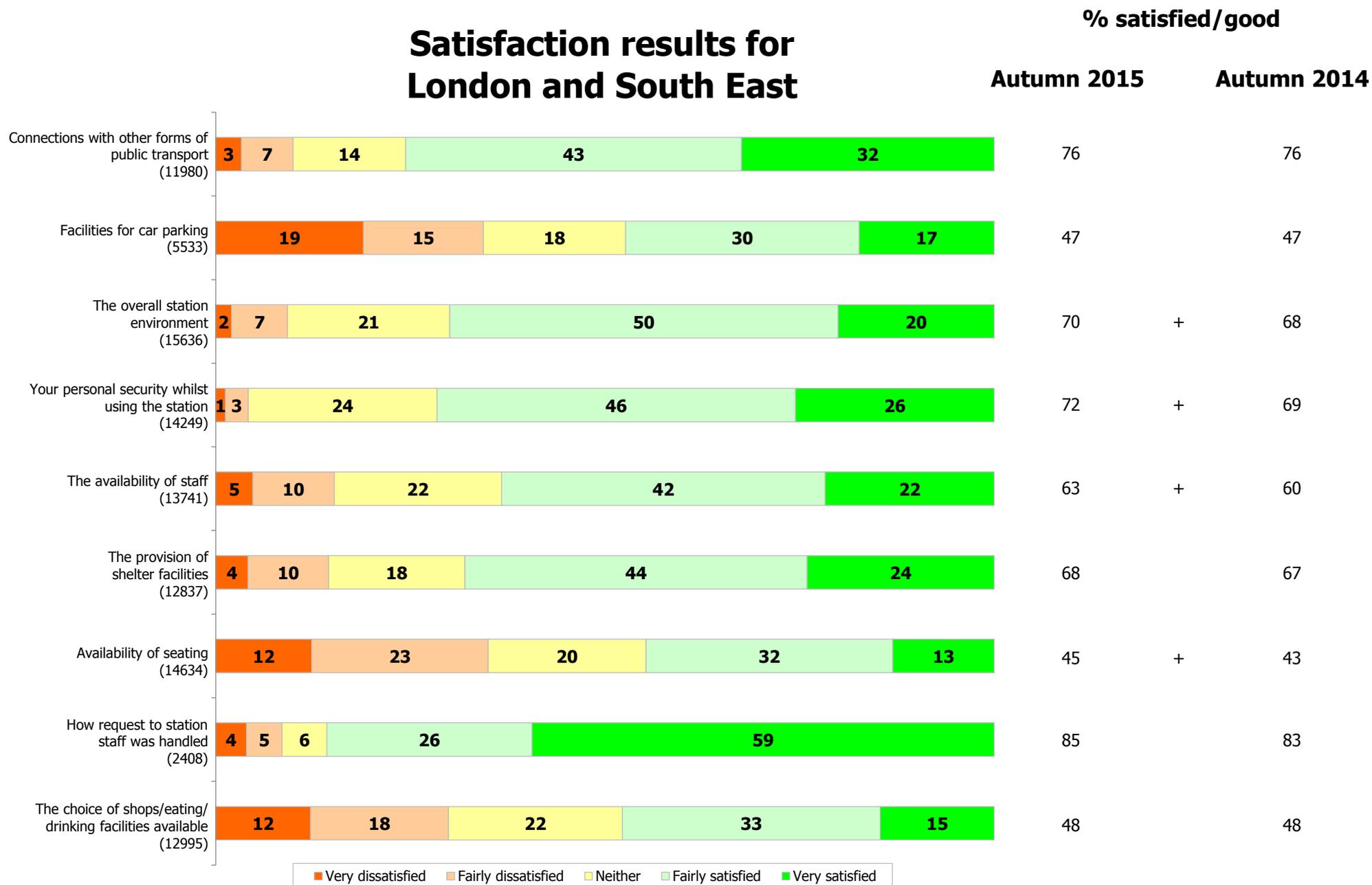


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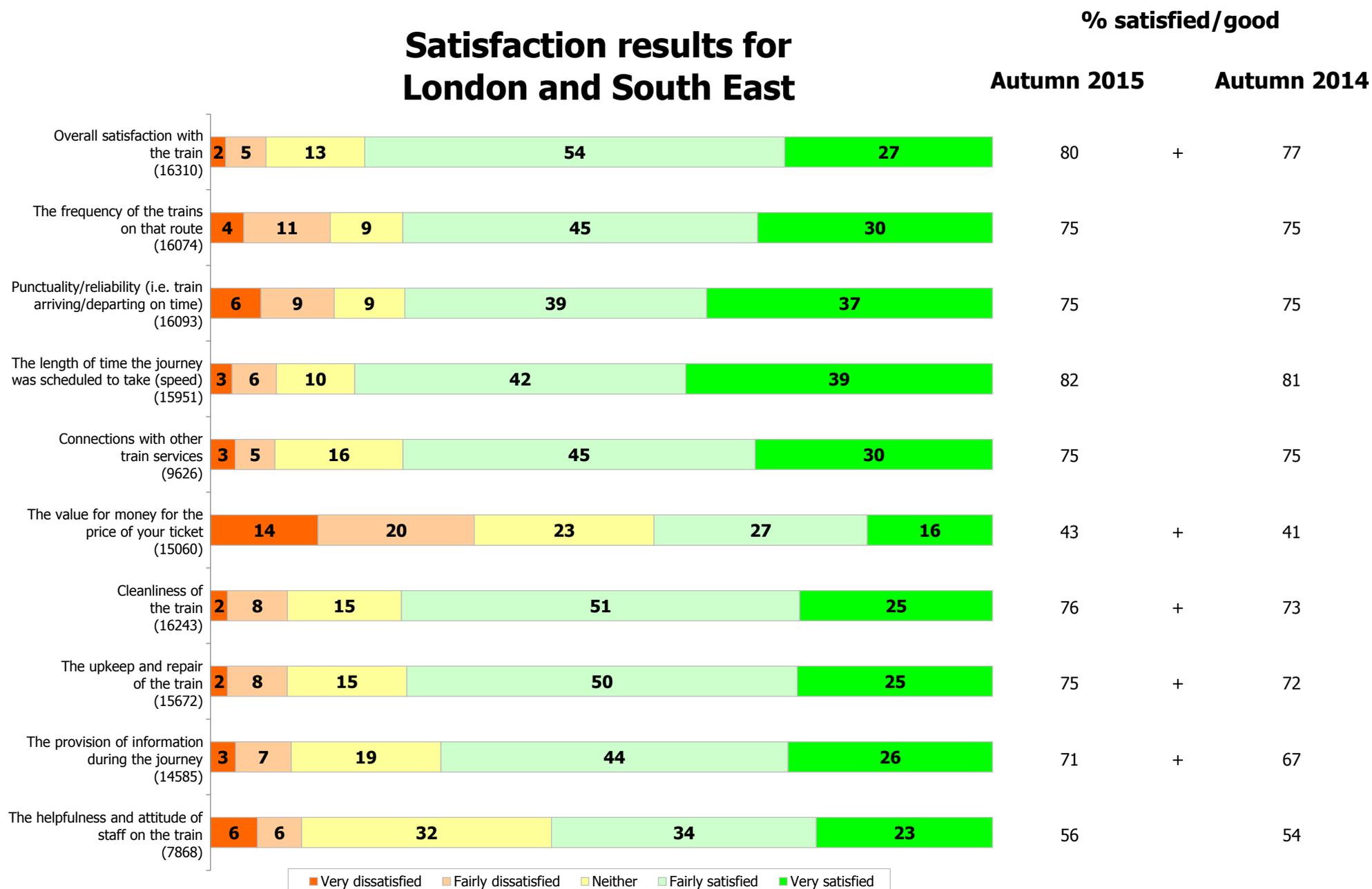
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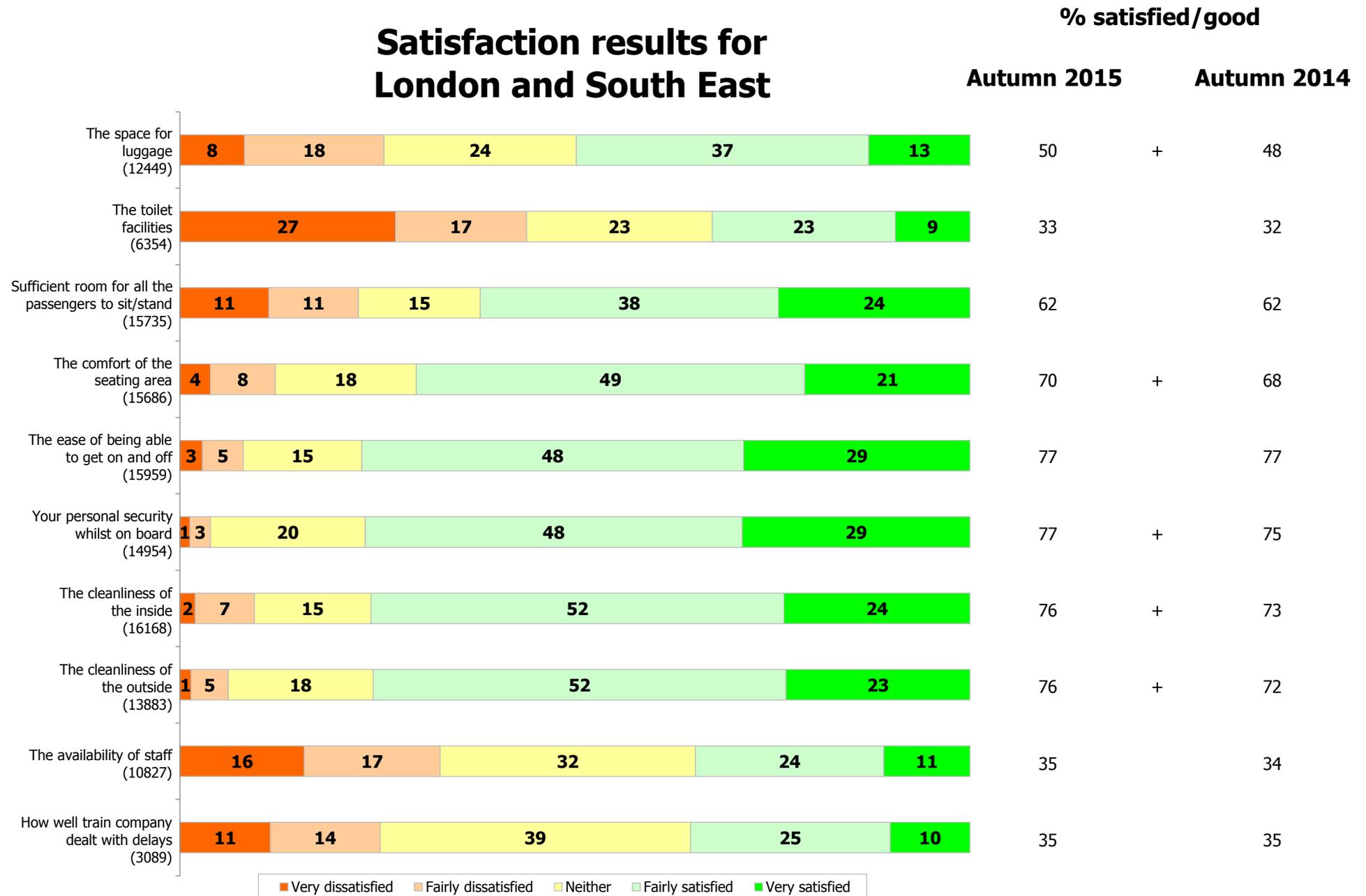
Satisfaction results for London and South East





Satisfaction results for London and South East





Great Northern versus London and South East

	TOC	Sector	TOC Index
Overall satisfaction with your journey	84	82	104%
STATION FACILITIES			
Overall satisfaction with the station	82	79	104%
Ticket buying facilities	74	73	101%
Provision of information about train times/platforms	77	81	95%
The upkeep/repair of the station buildings/platforms	73	71	103%
Cleanliness	80	76	106%
The facilities and services	58	54	107%
The attitudes and helpfulness of the staff	72	74	98%
Connections with other forms of public transport	79	76	105%
Facilities for car parking	50	47	105%
Overall environment	74	70	105%
Your personal security whilst using the station	73	72	102%
The availability of staff	67	63	105%
The provision of shelter facilities	71	68	104%
Availability of seating	50	45	111%
How request to station staff was handled	93	85	109%
The choice of shops/eating/drinking facilities available	56	48	117%
TRAIN FACILITIES			
Overall satisfaction with the train	78	80	97%
The frequency of the trains on that route	77	75	101%
Punctuality/reliability (i.e. the train arriving/departing on time)	79	75	105%
The length of time the journey was scheduled to take (speed)	87	82	107%
Connections with other train services	82	75	109%
The value for money of the price of your ticket	40	43	93%
Cleanliness of the train	70	76	92%
Upkeep and repair of the train	61	75	82%
The provision of information during the journey	55	71	78%
The helpfulness and attitude of staff on train	37	56	66%
The space for luggage	43	50	87%
The toilet facilities	20	33	60%
Sufficient room for all passengers to sit/stand	56	62	91%
The comfort of the seating area	61	70	88%
The ease of being able to get on and off	74	77	96%
Your personal security on board	76	77	100%
The cleanliness of the inside	70	76	93%
The cleanliness of the outside	62	76	82%
The availability of staff	15	35	42%
How well train company deals with delays	31	35	87%

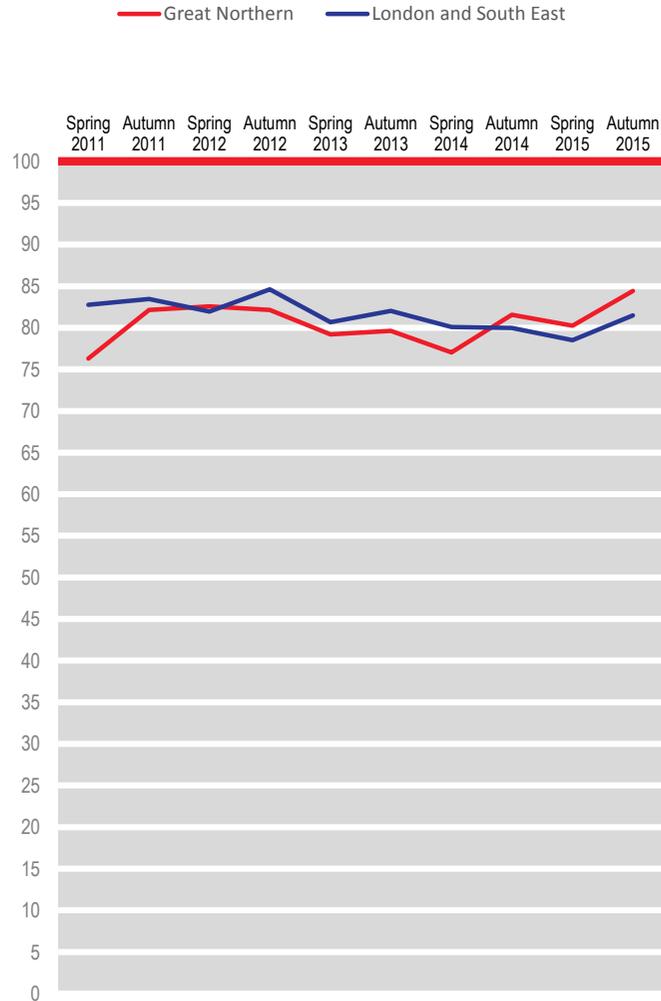
Building block/route data for Great Northern

	Great Northern
Overall satisfaction with your journey	84
STATION FACILITIES	
Overall satisfaction with the station	82
Ticket buying facilities	74
Provision of information about train times/platforms	77
The upkeep/repair of the station buildings/platforms	73
Cleanliness	80
The facilities and services	58
The attitudes and helpfulness of the staff	72
Connections with other forms of public transport	79
Facilities for car parking	50
Overall environment	74
Your personal security whilst using the station	73
The availability of staff	67
The provision of shelter facilities	71
Availability of seating	50
How request to station staff was handled	93
The choice of shops/eating/drinking facilities available	56
TRAIN FACILITIES	
Overall satisfaction with the train	78
The frequency of the trains on that route	77
Punctuality/reliability (i.e. the train arriving/departing on time)	79
The length of time the journey was scheduled to take (speed)	87
Connections with other train services	82
The value for money of the price of your ticket	40
Cleanliness of the train	70
Upkeep and repair of the train	61
The provision of information during the journey	55
The helpfulness and attitude of staff on train	37
The space for luggage	43
The toilet facilities	20
Sufficient room for all passengers to sit/stand	56
The comfort of the seating area	61
The ease of being able to get on and off	74
Your personal security on board	76
The cleanliness of the inside	70
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The availability of staff	15
How well train company deals with delays	31

Percentage satisfaction with aspects of station where boarded

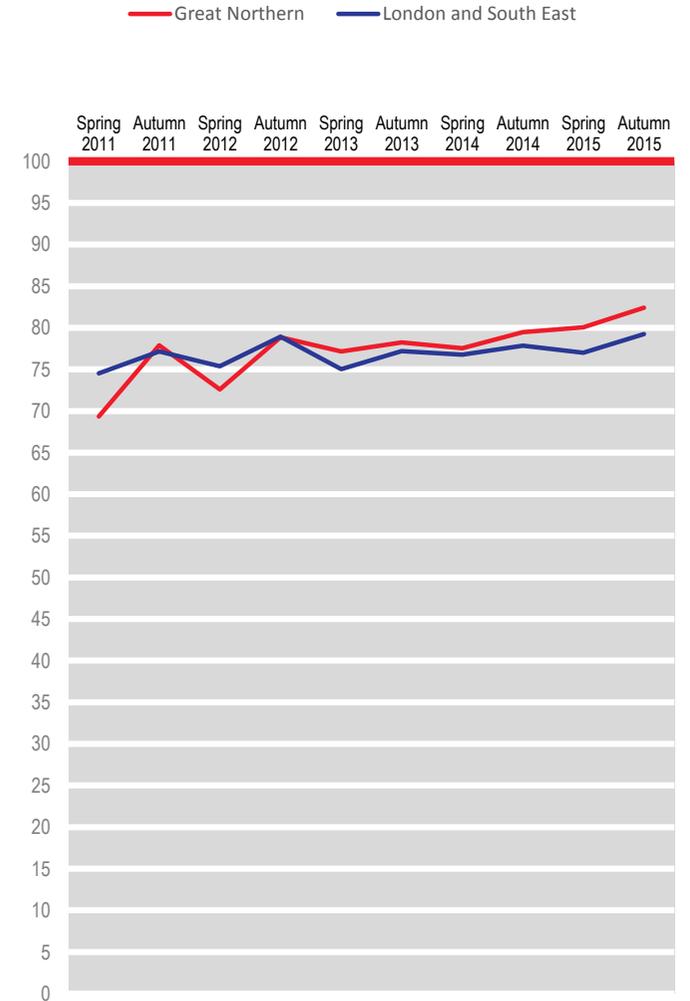
Overall satisfaction with your journey

(551)
Percentage of passengers satisfied 2011 to 2015



Overall station satisfaction

(549)
Percentage of passengers satisfied 2011 to 2015



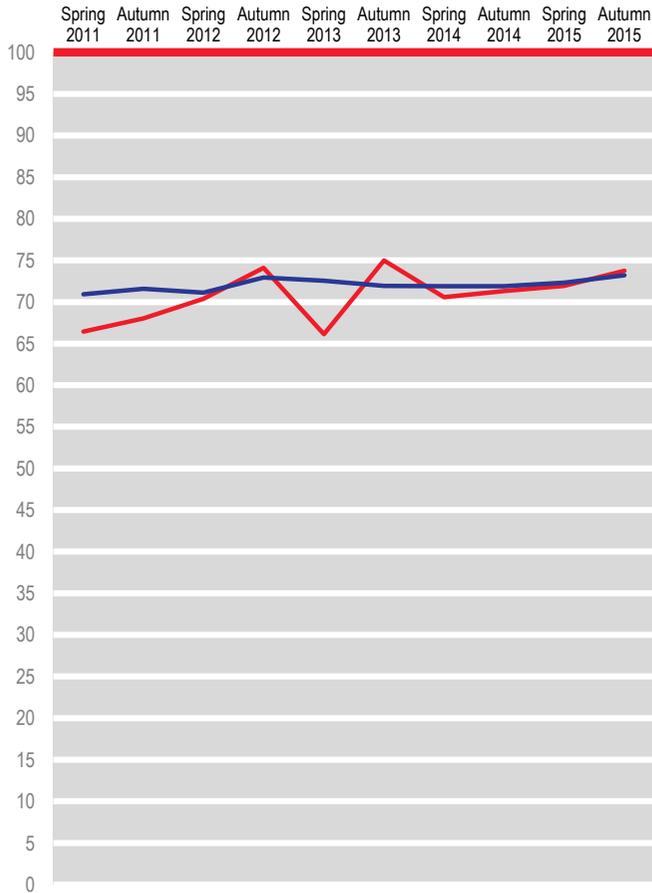
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Ticket buying facilities

(271)

Percentage of passengers satisfied 2011 to 2015

— Great Northern — London and South East

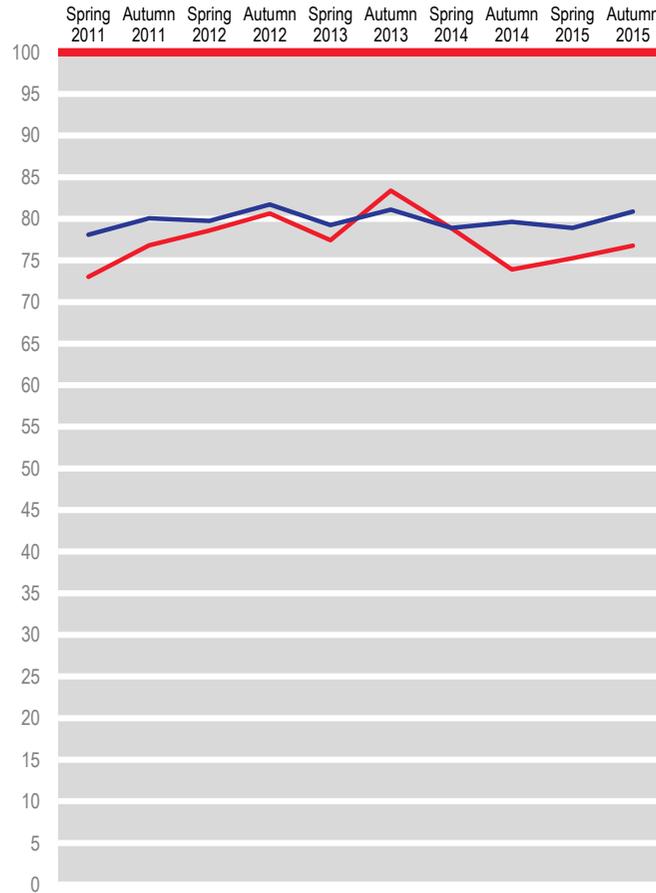


Provision of information about train times/platforms

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Percentage of passengers satisfied 2011 to 2015

— Great Northern — London and South East

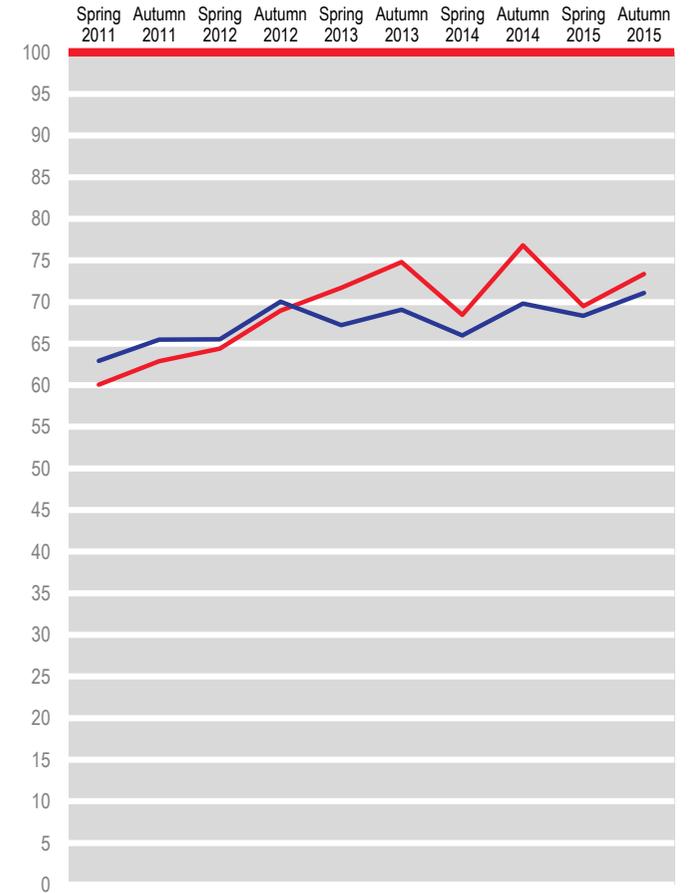


The upkeep/repair of the station building/platforms

(539)

Percentage of passengers satisfied 2011 to 2015

— Great Northern — London and South East

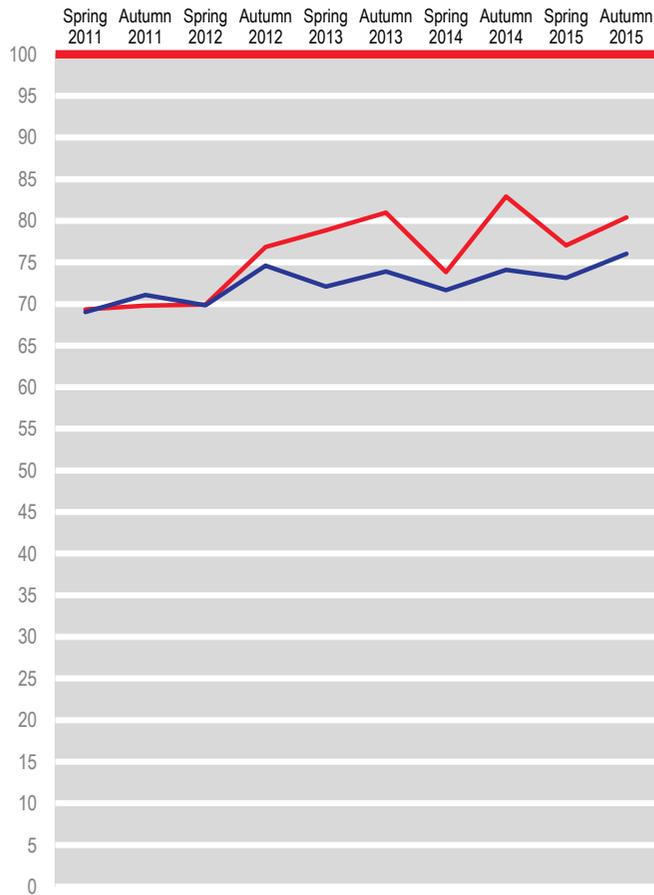


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Cleanliness of the station

(535)
Percentage of passengers satisfied 2011 to 2015

— Great Northern — London and South East



The facilities and services at the station

(461)
Percentage of passengers satisfied 2011 to 2015

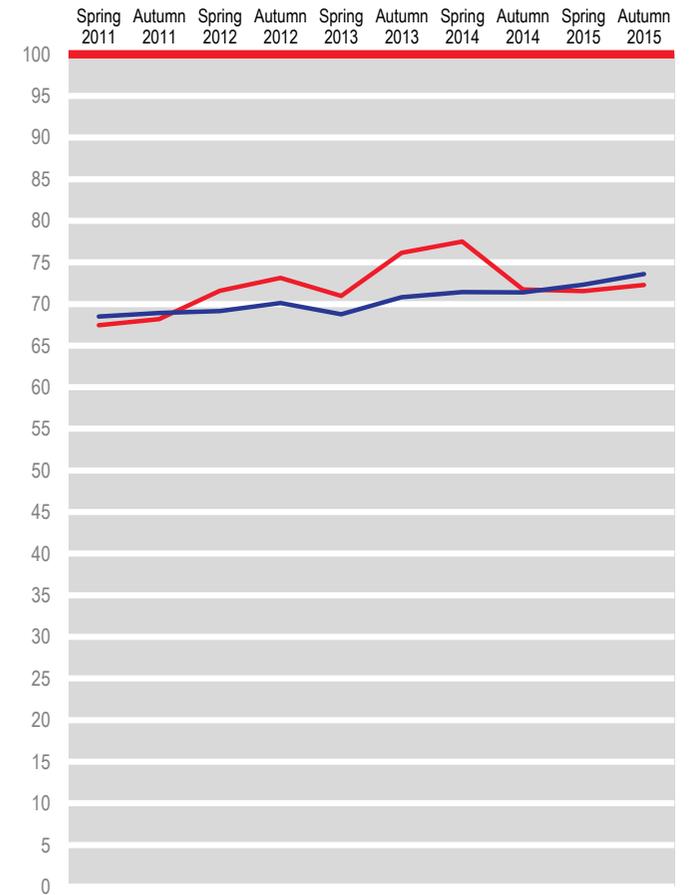
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The attitudes and helpfulness of the staff at the station

(399)
Percentage of passengers satisfied 2011 to 2015

— Great Northern — London and South East

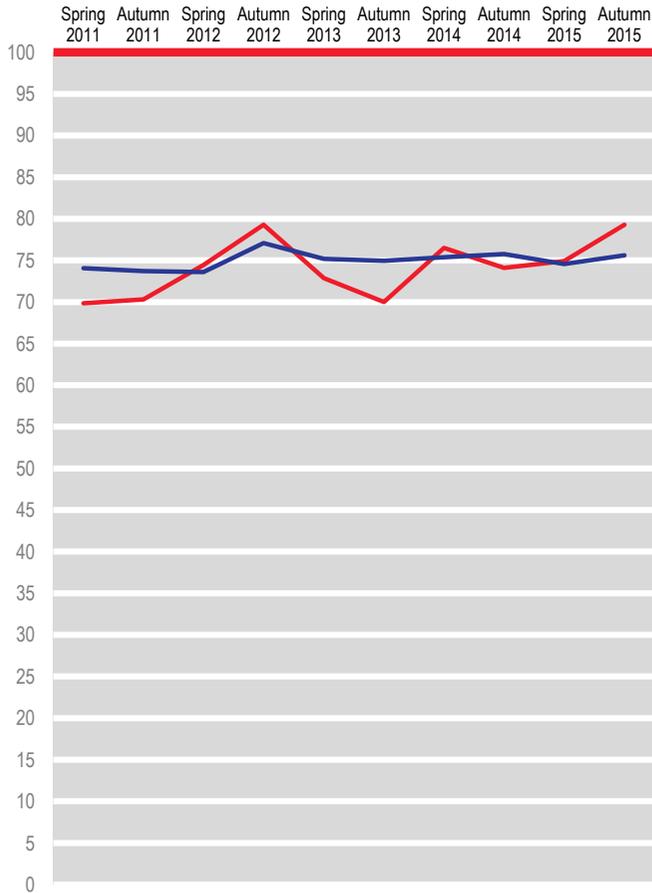


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Connections with other forms of public transport from the station

(439)
Percentage of passengers satisfied 2011 to 2015

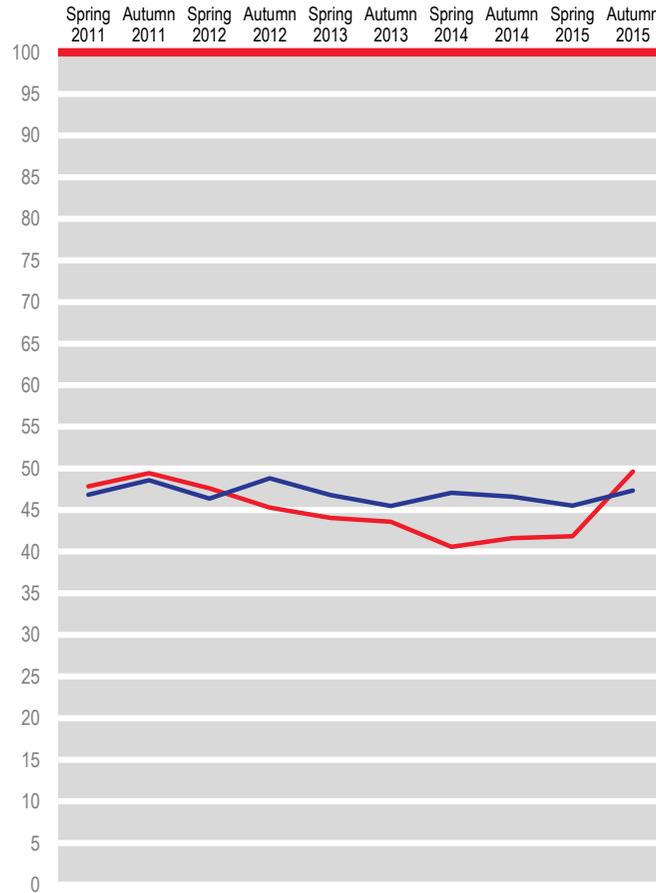
— Great Northern — London and South East



Facilities for car parking at the station

(143)
Percentage of passengers satisfied 2011 to 2015

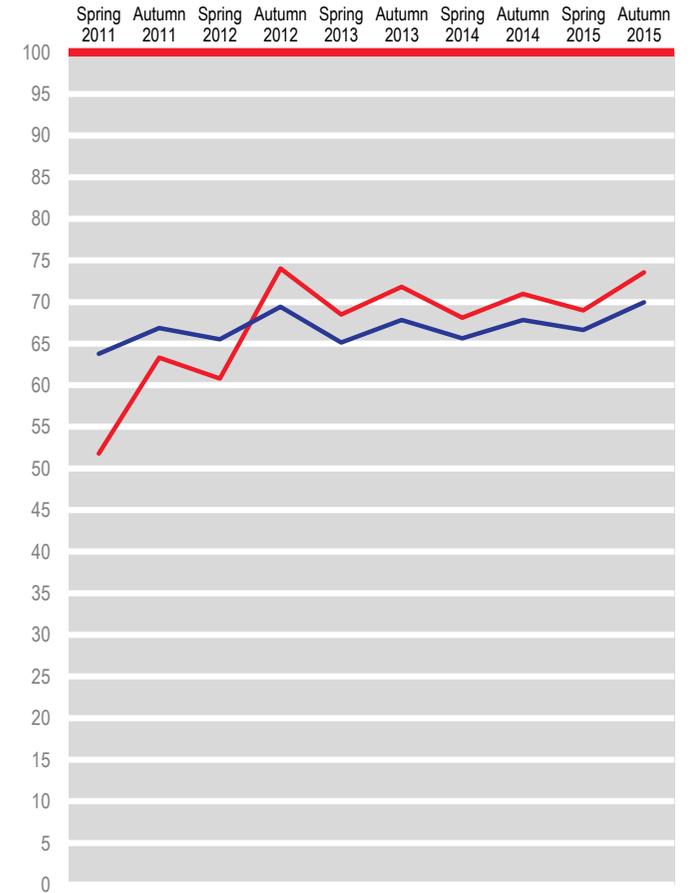
— Great Northern — London and South East



Overall station environment

(530)
Percentage of passengers satisfied 2011 to 2015

— Great Northern — London and South East



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Your personal security whilst using the station

(505)
Percentage of passengers satisfied 2011 to 2015

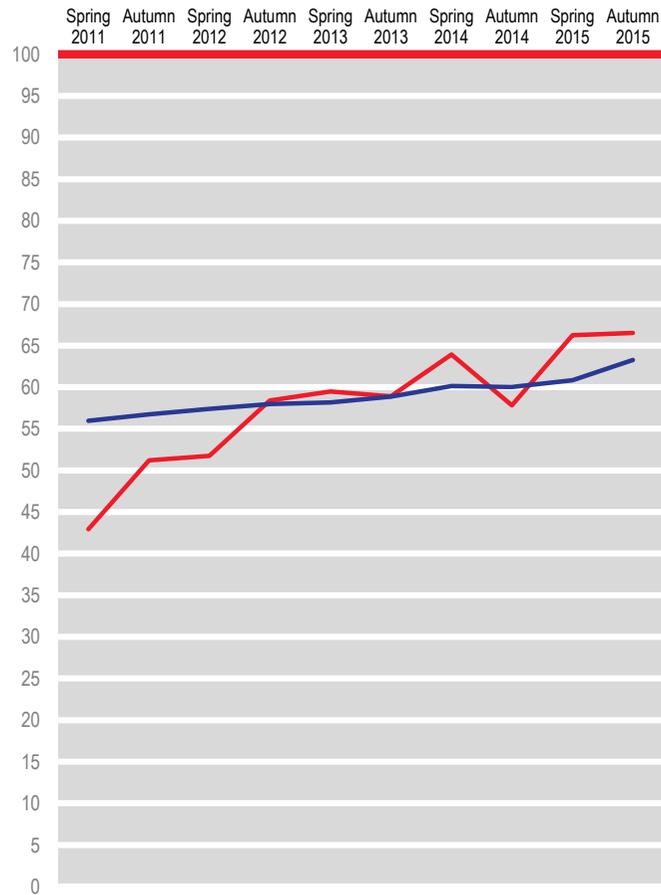
— Great Northern — London and South East



The availability of staff at the station

(459)
Percentage of passengers satisfied 2011 to 2015

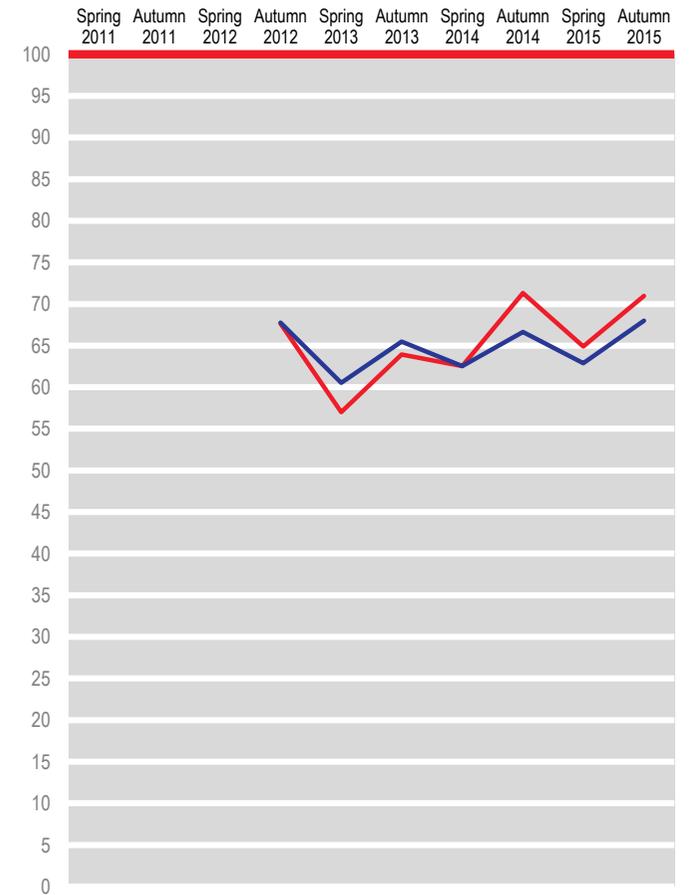
— Great Northern — London and South East



The provision of shelter facilities

(406)
Percentage of passengers satisfied 2011 to 2015

— Great Northern — London and South East



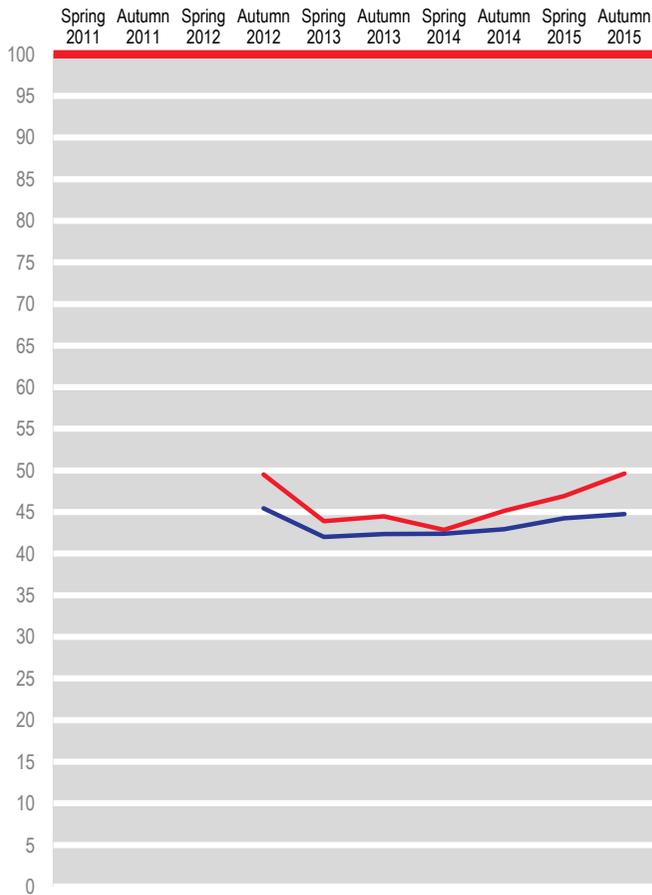
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Availability of seating

(485)

Percentage of passengers satisfied 2011 to 2015

— Great Northern — London and South East

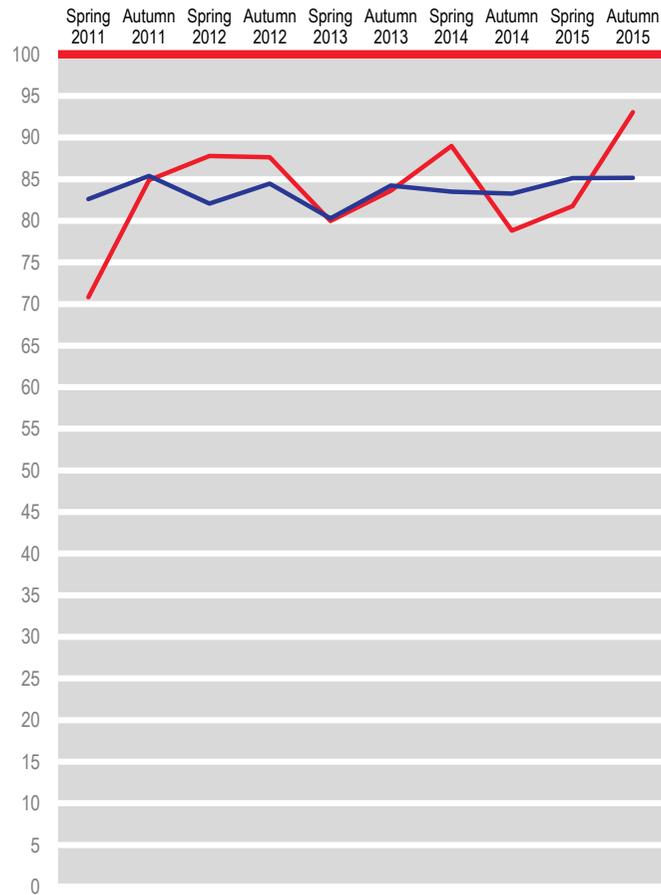


How request to station staff was handled

(61)

Percentage of passengers satisfied 2011 to 2015

— Great Northern — London and South East

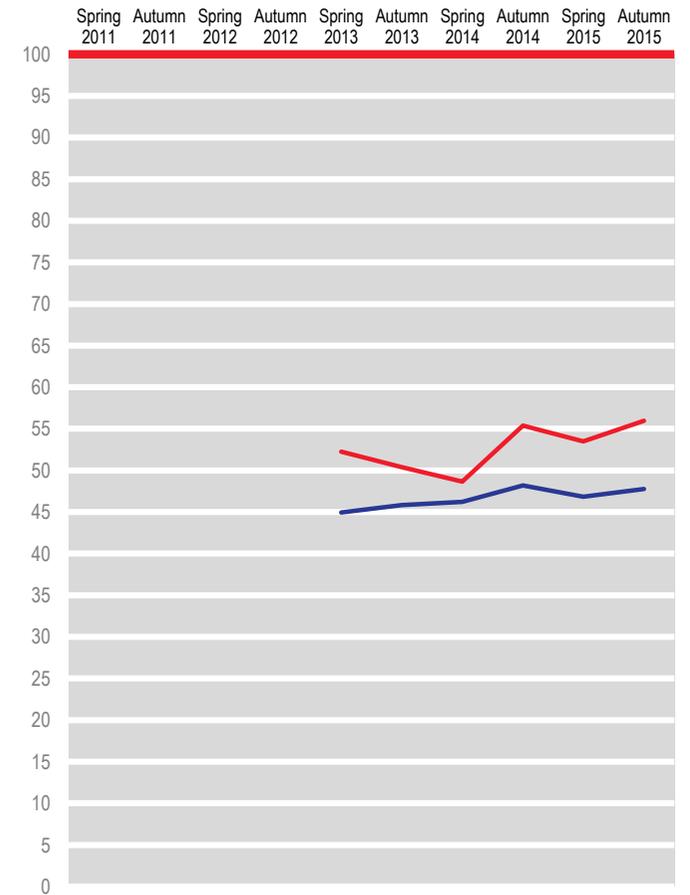


The choice of shops/eating/drinking facilities available

(459)

Percentage of passengers satisfied 2011 to 2015

— Great Northern — London and South East



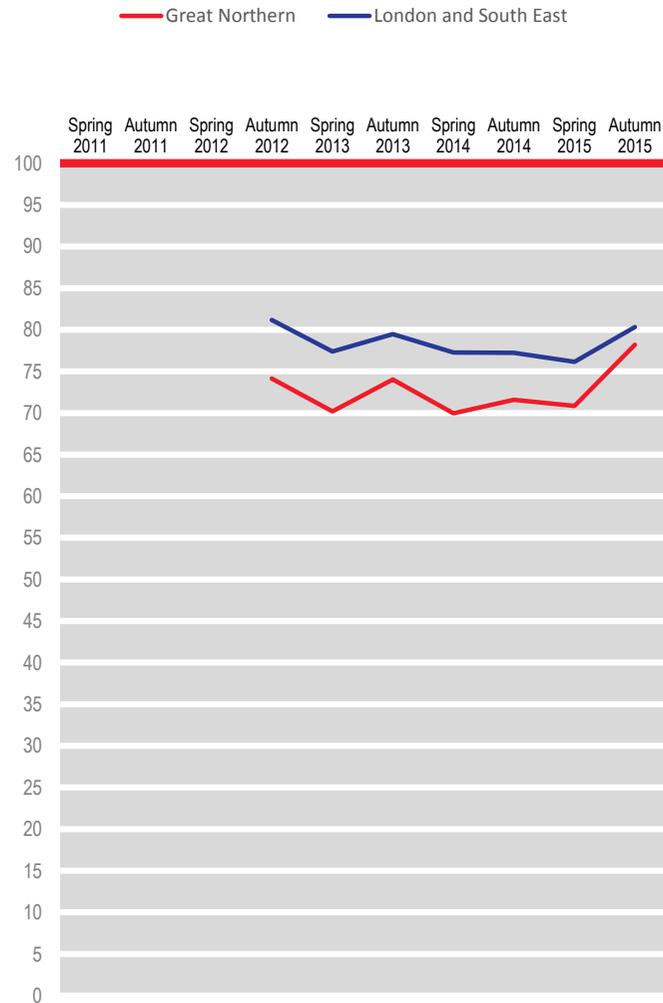
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Percentage satisfaction with aspects of the train

Overall satisfaction with the train

(555)

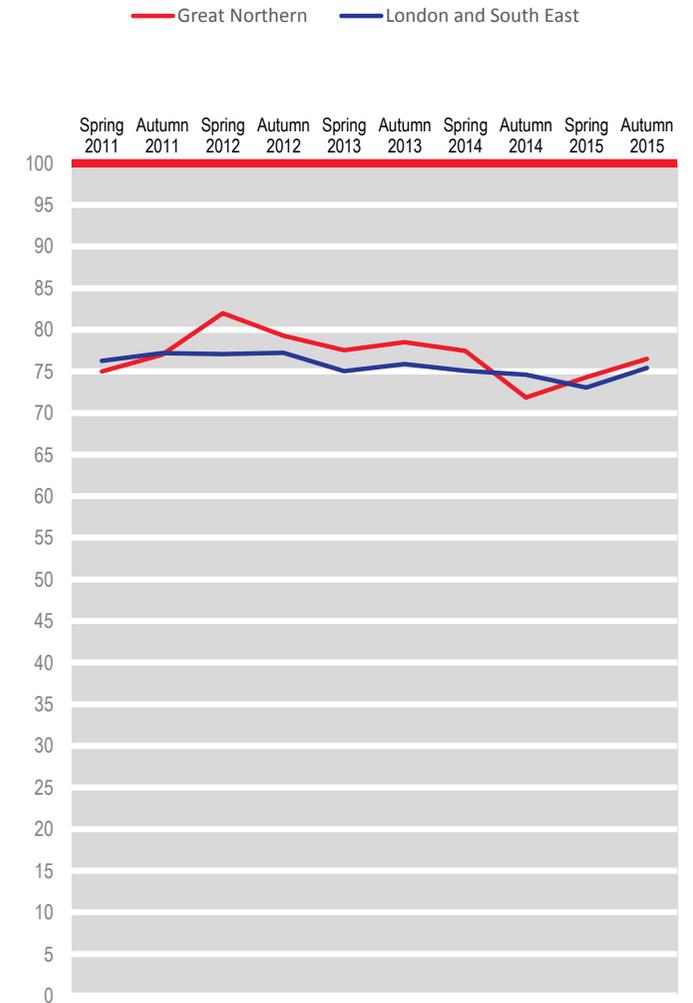
Percentage of passengers satisfied 2011 to 2015



The frequency of trains on that route

(553)

Percentage of passengers satisfied 2011 to 2015



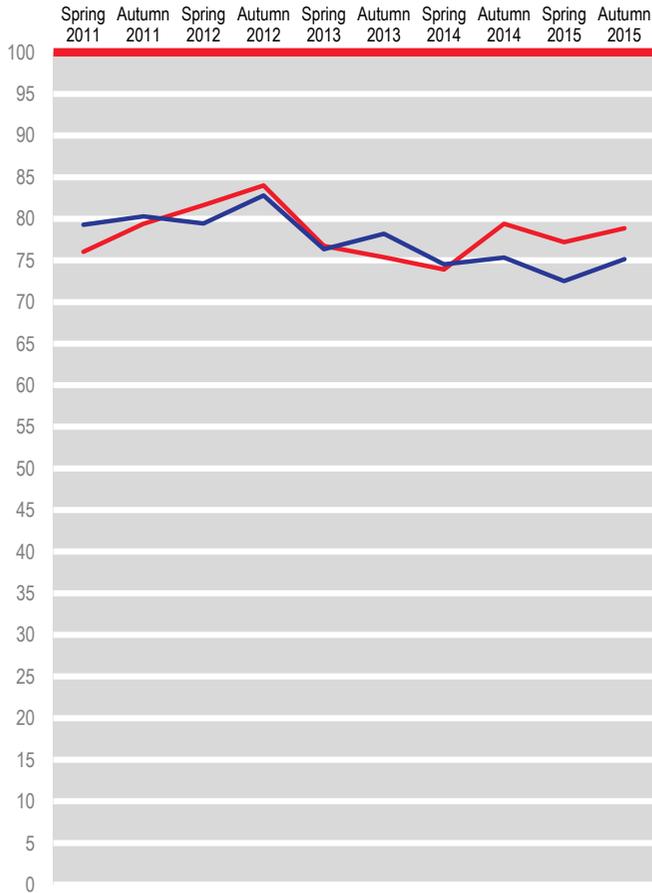
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Punctuality/reliability (i.e. train arriving/departing on time)

(544)

Percentage of passengers satisfied 2011 to 2015

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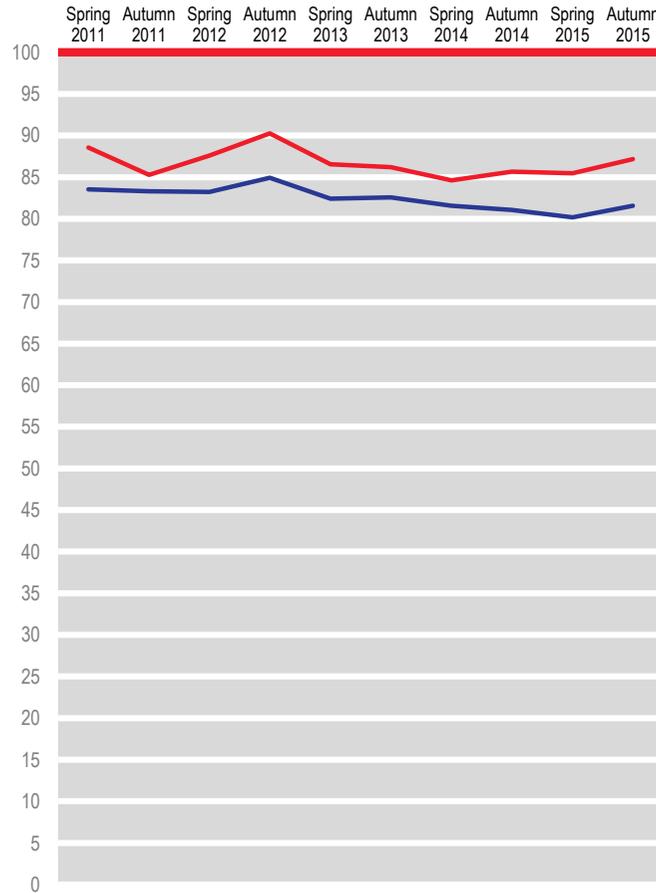


The length of time the journey was scheduled to take (speed)

(536)

Percentage of passengers satisfied 2011 to 2015

— Great Northern — London and South East

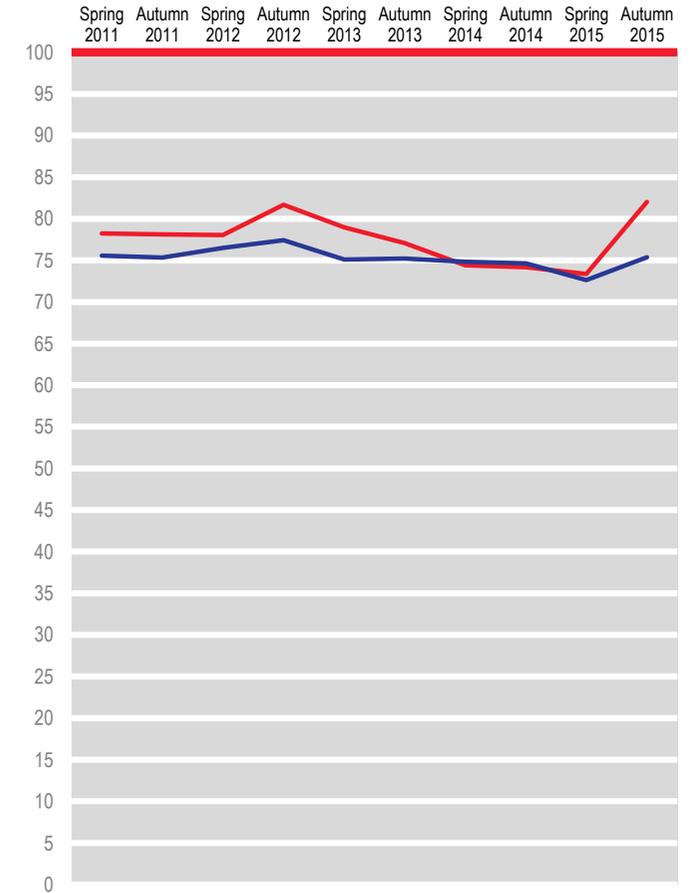


Connections with other train services

(285)

Percentage of passengers satisfied 2011 to 2015

— Great Northern — London and South East

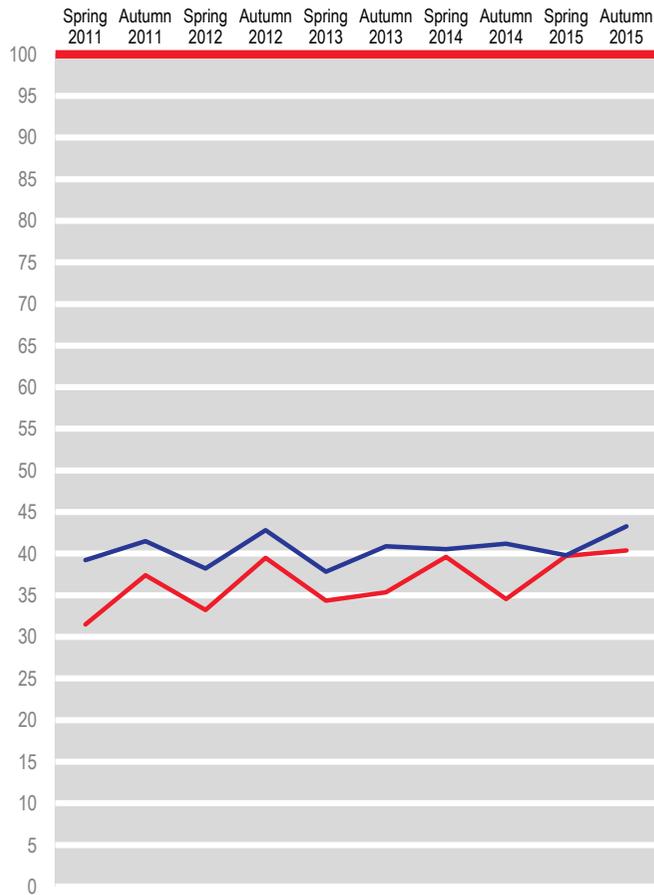


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The value for money for the price of your ticket

(515)
Percentage of passengers satisfied 2011 to 2015

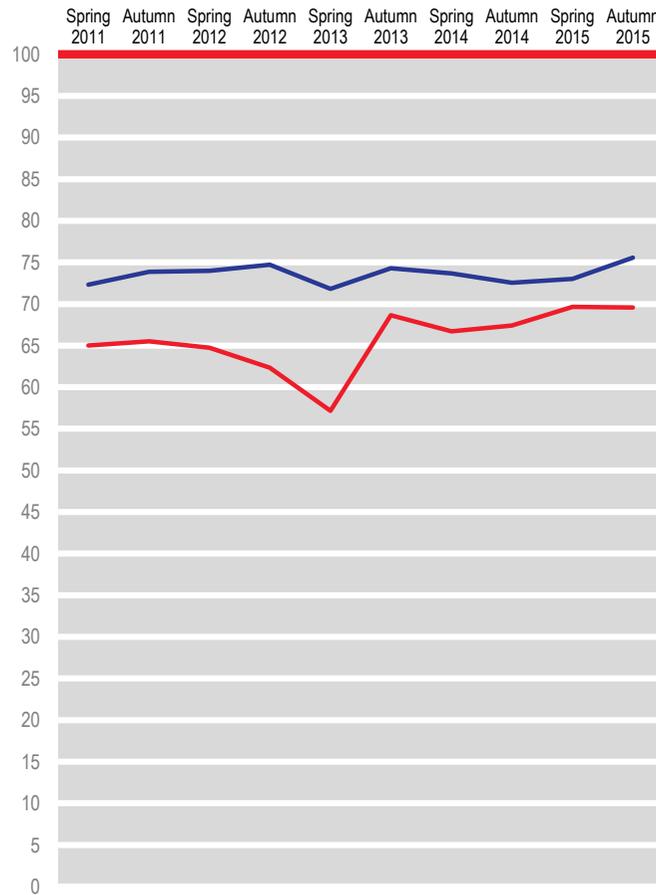
— Great Northern — London and South East



Cleanliness of the train

(550)
Percentage of passengers satisfied 2011 to 2015

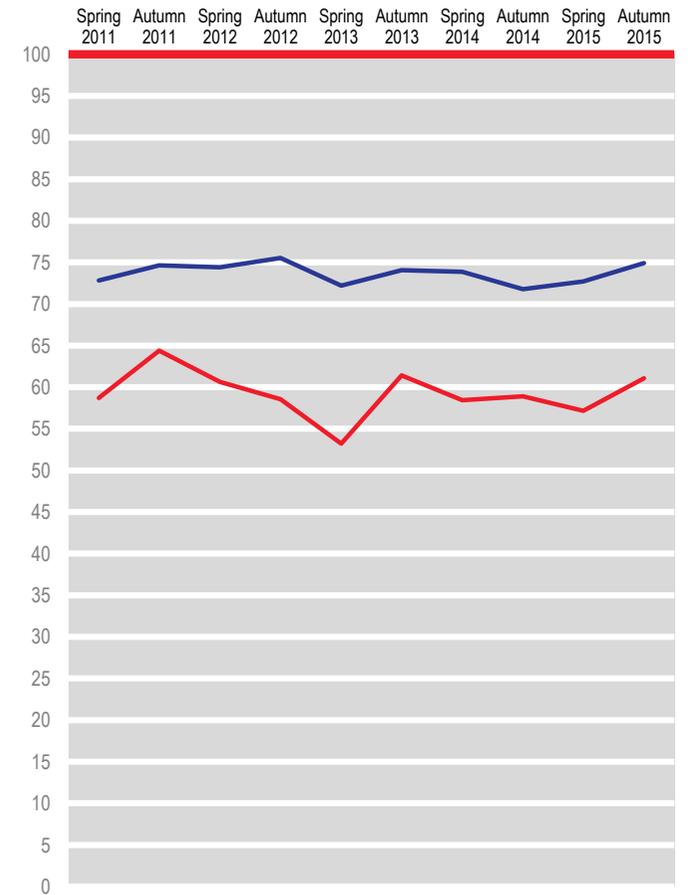
— Great Northern — London and South East



Upkeep and repair of the train

(532)
Percentage of passengers satisfied 2011 to 2015

— Great Northern — London and South East

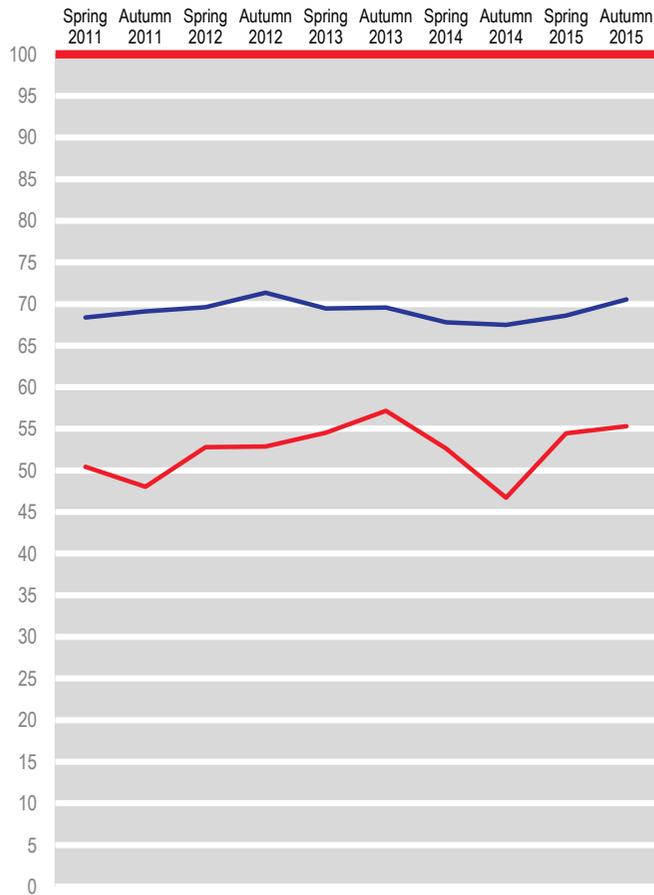


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The provision of information during the journey

(487)
Percentage of passengers satisfied 2011 to 2015

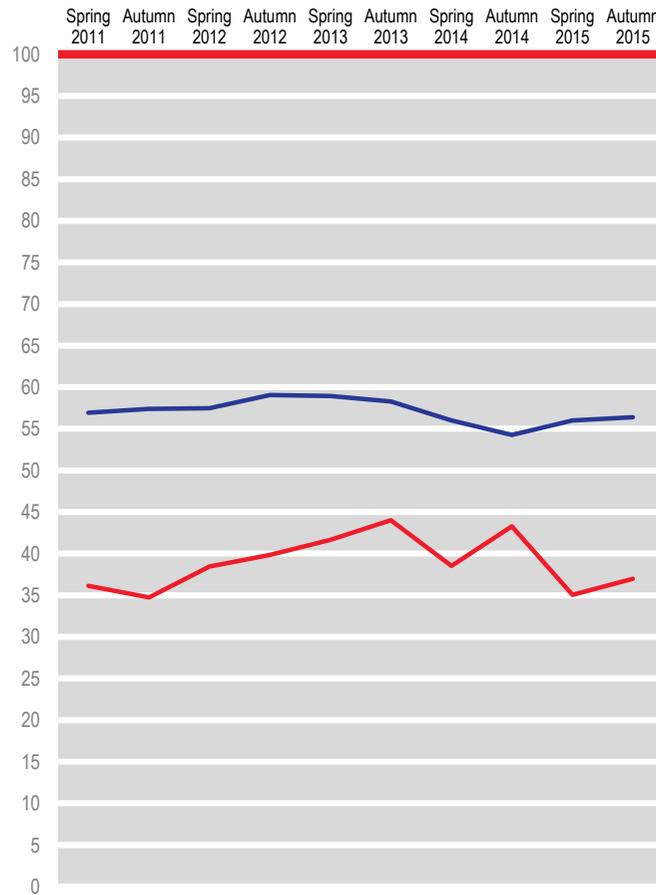
— Great Northern — London and South East



The helpfulness and attitude of staff on the train

(174)
Percentage of passengers satisfied 2011 to 2015

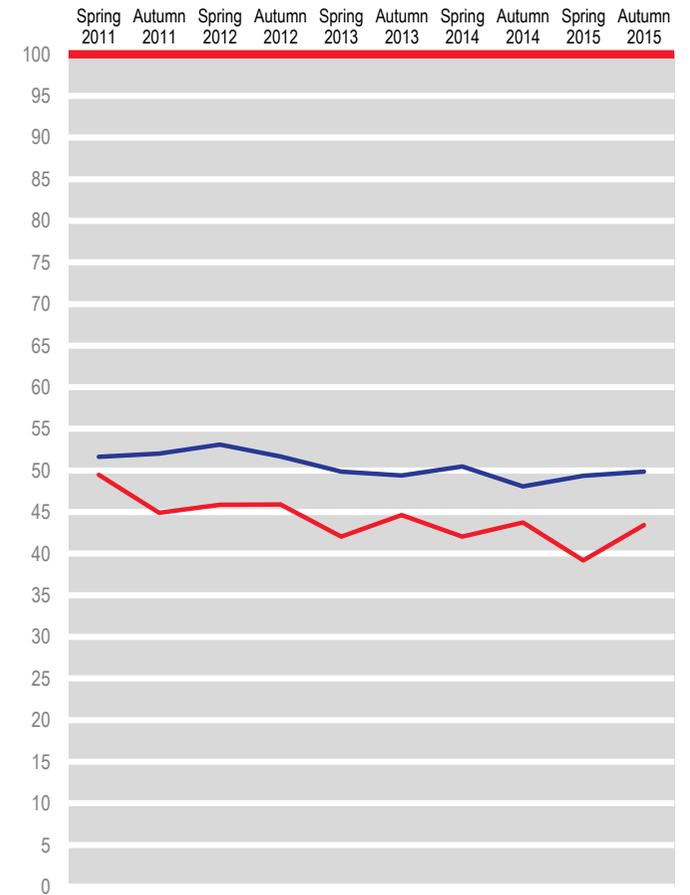
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The space for luggage

(432)
Percentage of passengers satisfied 2011 to 2015

— Great Northern — London and South East

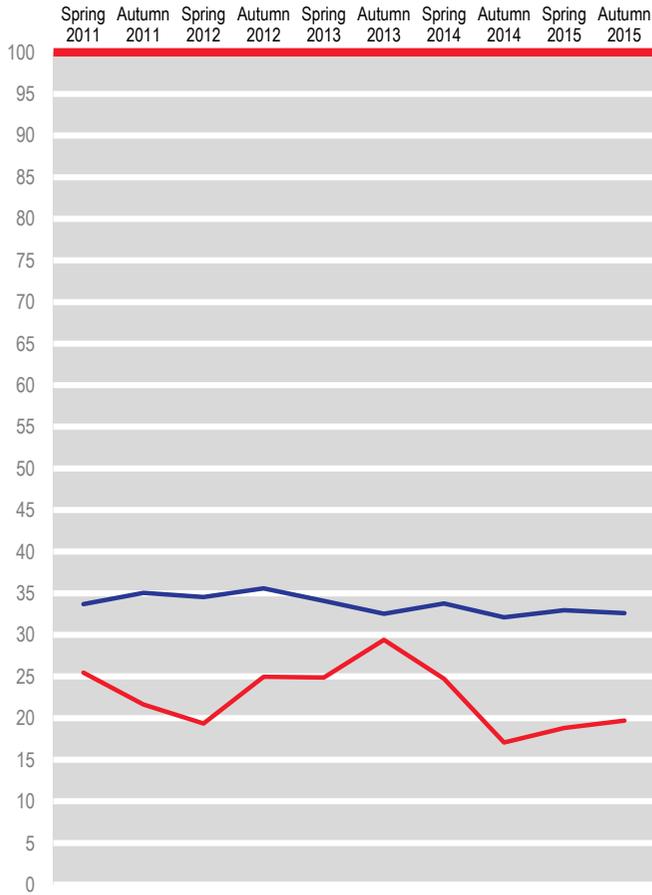


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Toilet facilities on the train

(183)
Percentage of passengers satisfied 2011 to 2015

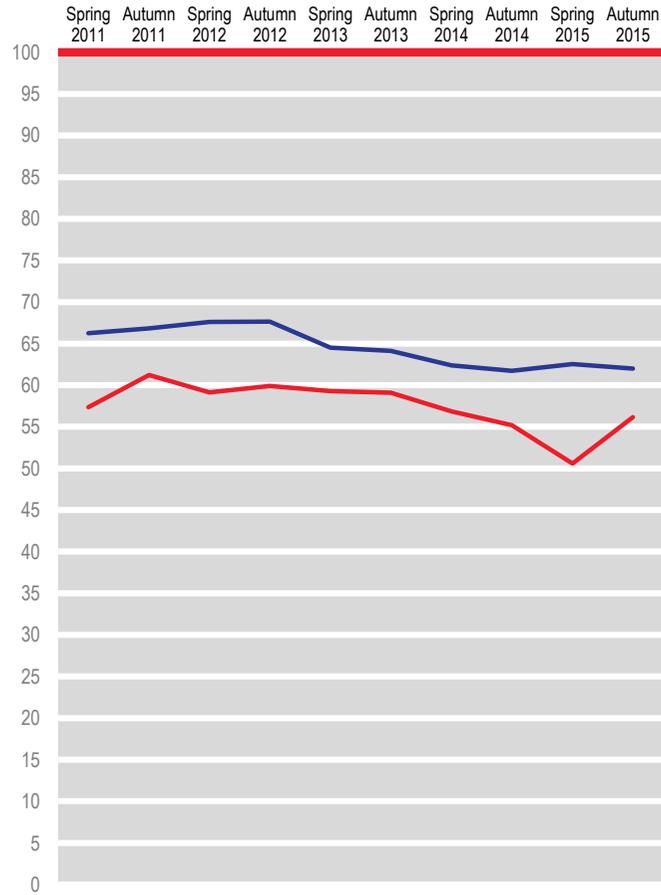
— Great Northern — London and South East



Sufficient room for all the passengers to sit/stand

(535)
Percentage of passengers satisfied 2011 to 2015

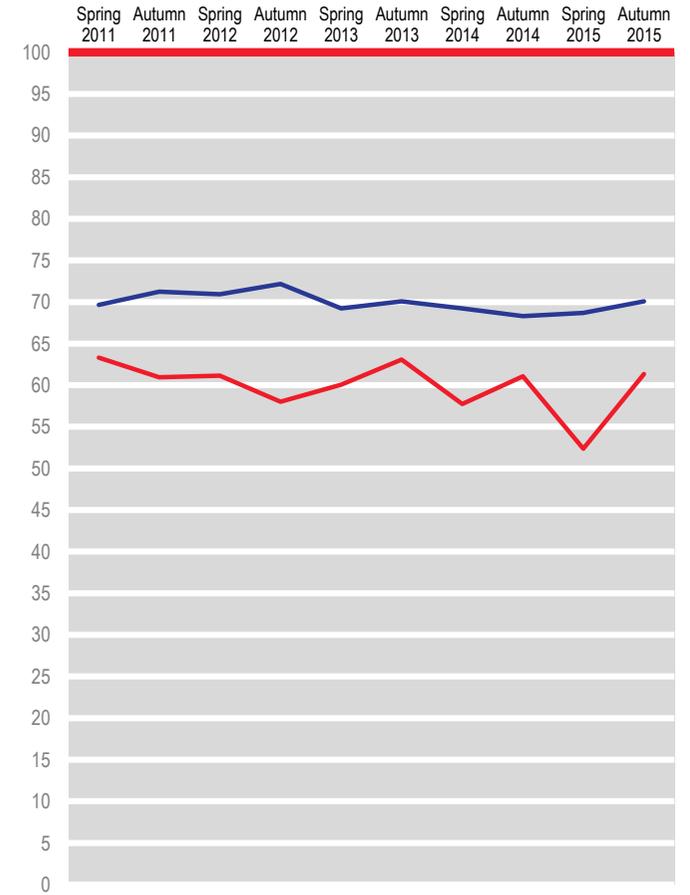
— Great Northern — London and South East



The comfort of the seating area

(535)
Percentage of passengers satisfied 2011 to 2015

— Great Northern — London and South East



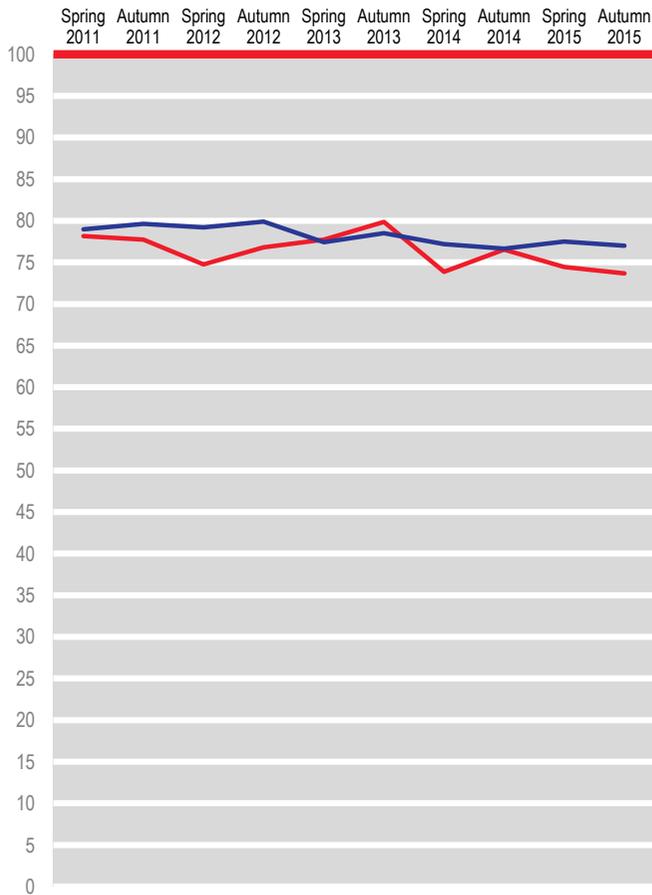
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The ease of being able to get on and off the train

(540)

Percentage of passengers satisfied 2011 to 2015

— Great Northern — London and South East

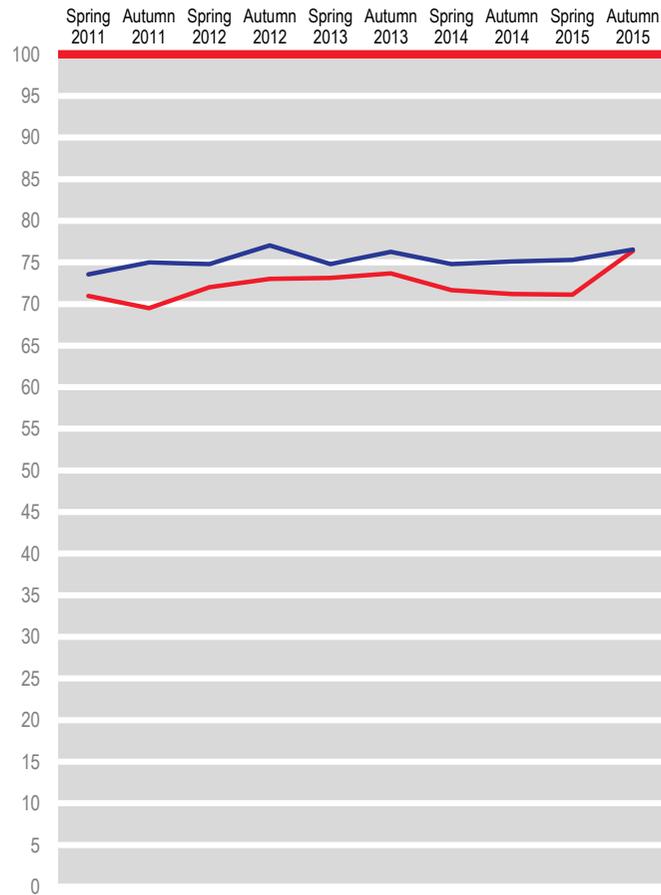


Your personal security whilst on board

(518)

Percentage of passengers satisfied 2011 to 2015

— Great Northern — London and South East

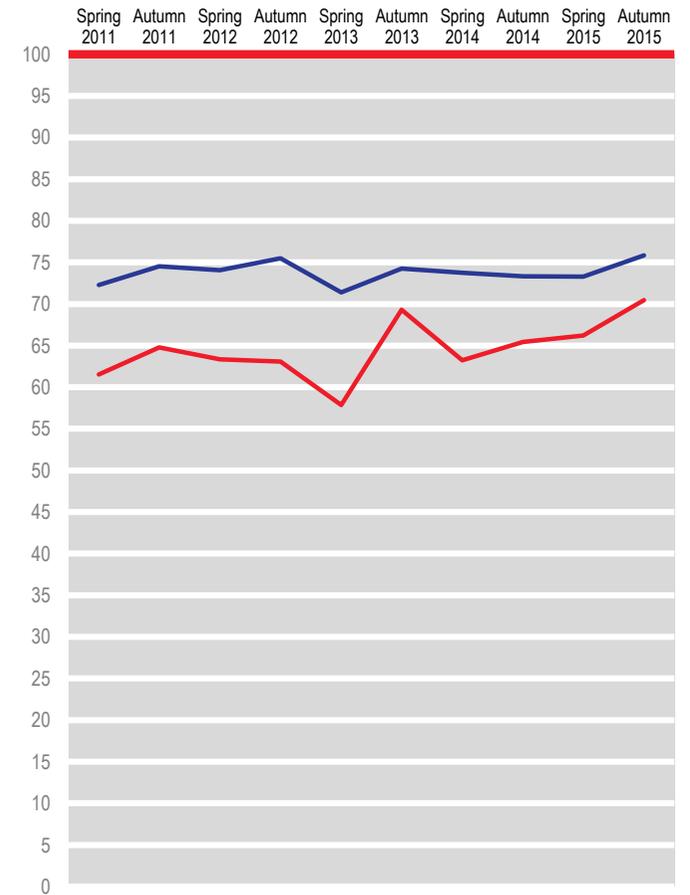


The cleanliness of the inside of the train

(551)

Percentage of passengers satisfied 2011 to 2015

— Great Northern — London and South East

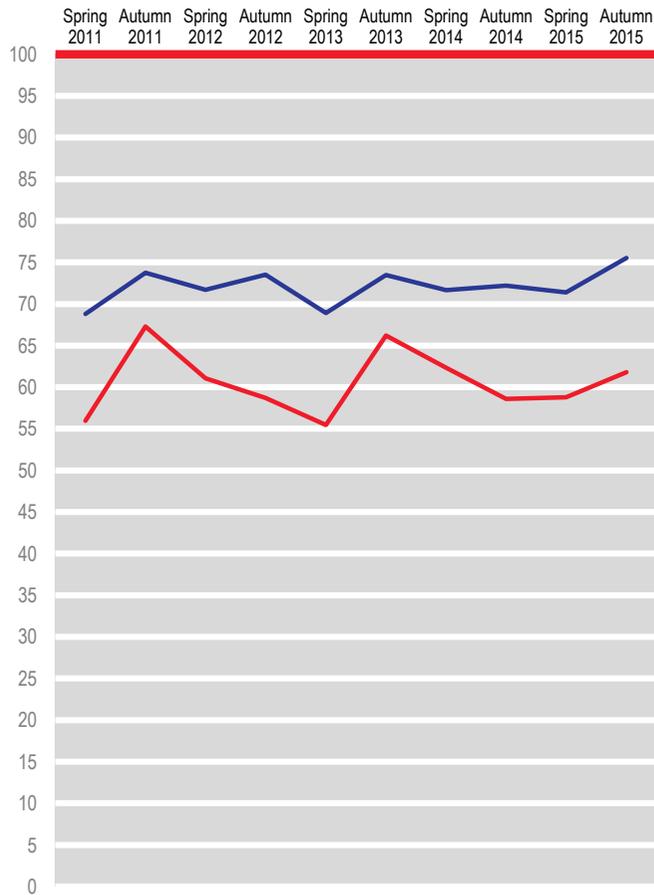


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The cleanliness of the outside of the train (467)

Percentage of passengers satisfied 2011 to 2015

Great Northern London and South East

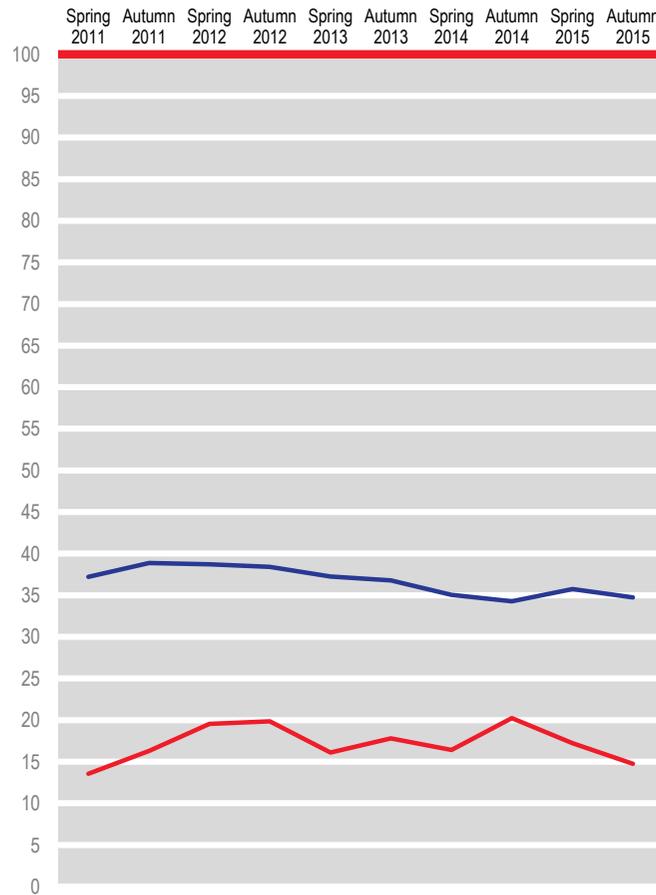


The availability of staff on the train

(315)

Percentage of passengers satisfied 2011 to 2015

Great Northern London and South East

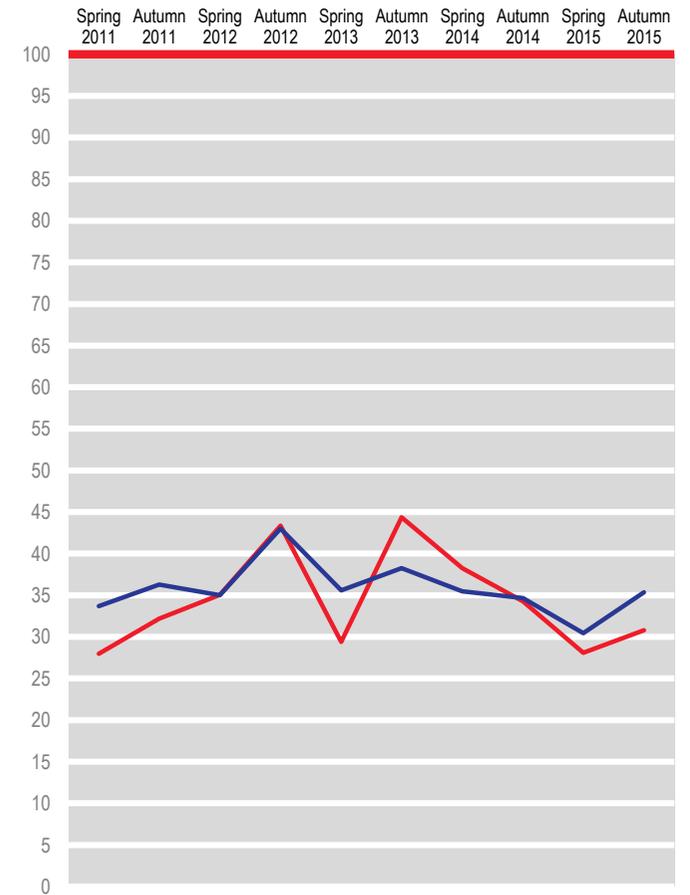


How well train company dealt with delays

(101)

Percentage of passengers satisfied 2011 to 2015

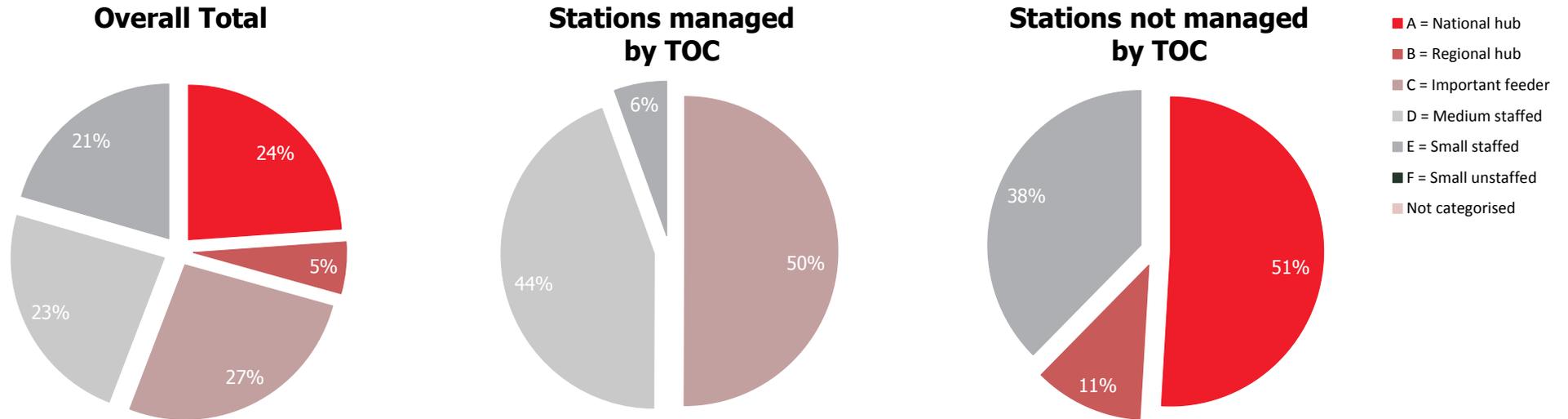
Great Northern London and South East



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Managed versus non-managed stations for Great Northern

(% of passenger journeys originating from each type of station)



(% of passengers saying satisfied/good)

	Stations managed by TOC	significant difference	Stations not managed by TOC
Overall satisfaction with the station	86		78
Ticket buying facilities	74		72
Provision of information about train times/platforms	77		77
The upkeep/repair of the station buildings/platforms	76		71
Cleanliness	79		81
The facilities and services	50		67
The attitudes and helpfulness of the staff	71		74
Connections with other forms of public transport	70		90
Facilities for car parking	55		27
Overall environment	73		75
Your personal security whilst using the station	70		76
The availability of staff	63		71
The provision of shelter facilities	67		78
Availability of seating	58	+	39
How request to station staff was handled	98		89
The choice of shops/eating/drinking facilities available	42		71

Great Northern

(Peak is defined as weekday journeys that arrive at London terminals between 07:00 and 09:59, and those departing between 16:00 and 18:59)

	Peak			Off-peak		
	Autumn 2015	significant change	Autumn 2014	Autumn 2015	significant change	Autumn 2014
Overall satisfaction with your journey	82		77	85		83
STATION FACILITIES						
Overall satisfaction with the station	89		81	81		79
Ticket buying facilities	74		64	74		74
Provision of information about train times/platforms	83		75	75		74
The upkeep/repair of the station buildings/platforms	81		77	72		77
Cleanliness	92		87	78		81
The facilities and services	78	+	64	54		61
The attitudes and helpfulness of the staff	80		70	71		72
Connections with other forms of public transport	92	+	76	77		73
Facilities for car parking	15		43	51		41
Overall environment	88	+	70	71		71
Your personal security whilst using the station	81	+	66	71		65
The availability of staff	79	+	51	64		61
The provision of shelter facilities	83		77	69		69
Availability of seating	40		43	51		46
How request to station staff was handled	87		76	95		79
The choice of shops/eating/drinking facilities available	83	+	64	50		52
TRAIN FACILITIES						
Overall satisfaction with the train	70		67	80		73
The frequency of the trains on that route	74		77	77		70
Punctuality/reliability (i.e. the train arriving/departing on time)	82		80	78		79
The length of time the journey was scheduled to take (speed)	85		86	88		86
Connections with other train services	78		89	83	+	68
The value for money of the price of your ticket	29		22	43		40
Cleanliness of the train	64		67	71		67
Upkeep and repair of the train	56		57	62		60
The provision of information during the journey	61	+	41	54		49
The helpfulness and attitude of staff on train	41		34	36		46
The space for luggage	39		35	44		47
The toilet facilities	9		6	22		21
Sufficient room for all passengers to sit/stand	40		35	60		62
The comfort of the seating area	52		49	63		66
The ease of being able to get on and off	80	+	63	72	-	81
Your personal security on board	72		67	77		73
The cleanliness of the inside	67		64	71		66
The cleanliness of the outside	58		57	63		59
The availability of staff	15		10	15	-	24
How well train company deals with delays	24		7	32		39

London and South East

(Peak is defined as weekday journeys that arrive at London terminals between 07:00 and 09:59, and those departing between 16:00 and 18:59)

	Peak			Off-peak		
	Autumn 2015	significant change	Autumn 2014	Autumn 2015	significant change	Autumn 2014
Overall satisfaction with your journey	73	+	70	84		83
STATION FACILITIES						
Overall satisfaction with the station	79		78	79		78
Ticket buying facilities	70		69	74		73
Provision of information about train times/platforms	79		77	82		80
The upkeep/repair of the station buildings/platforms	70		69	71		70
Cleanliness	75		74	76	+	74
The facilities and services	56	-	60	53		54
The attitudes and helpfulness of the staff	70	+	67	75		73
Connections with other forms of public transport	77		76	75		76
Facilities for car parking	42		41	49		48
Overall environment	70		68	70	+	68
Your personal security whilst using the station	70		71	72	+	69
The availability of staff	62	+	59	64	+	60
The provision of shelter facilities	67		66	68		67
Availability of seating	35	+	32	47		46
How request to station staff was handled	77		77	86		84
The choice of shops/eating/drinking facilities available	50		52	47		47
TRAIN FACILITIES						
Overall satisfaction with the train	71	+	68	83	+	80
The frequency of the trains on that route	72		72	77		76
Punctuality/reliability (i.e. the train arriving/departing on time)	66		68	78		78
The length of time the journey was scheduled to take (speed)	74		73	84		84
Connections with other train services	69		70	77		76
The value for money of the price of your ticket	28	+	25	48		46
Cleanliness of the train	70		68	77	+	74
Upkeep and repair of the train	69	+	65	76	+	74
The provision of information during the journey	64	+	60	72	+	70
The helpfulness and attitude of staff on train	50		48	58		56
The space for luggage	41	+	38	52		51
The toilet facilities	28		26	34		34
Sufficient room for all passengers to sit/stand	42	+	38	68		69
The comfort of the seating area	57		55	74		72
The ease of being able to get on and off	70		68	79		79
Your personal security on board	74		72	77		76
The cleanliness of the inside	71	+	68	77	+	75
The cleanliness of the outside	69	+	66	77	+	74
The availability of staff	29		26	36		37
How well train company deals with delays	26		26	39		38

Great Northern

	Weekday			Weekend		
	Autumn 2015	significant change	Autumn 2014	Autumn 2015	significant change	Autumn 2014
Overall satisfaction with your journey	84		80	89		96
STATION FACILITIES						
Overall satisfaction with the station	82		79	84		86
Ticket buying facilities	73		71	79		75
Provision of information about train times/platforms	77		72	79		86
The upkeep/repair of the station buildings/platforms	72		75	82		87
Cleanliness	80		82	84		89
The facilities and services	61		63	36		57
The attitudes and helpfulness of the staff	74		72	53		72
Connections with other forms of public transport	81		76	65		60
Facilities for car parking	55		45	-		17
Overall environment	73		69	74		89
Your personal security whilst using the station	73	+	65	68		67
The availability of staff	68	+	58	49		55
The provision of shelter facilities	71		72	69		64
Availability of seating	49		45	53		47
How request to station staff was handled	93		78	100		100
The choice of shops/eating/drinking facilities available	57		56	50		54
TRAIN FACILITIES						
Overall satisfaction with the train	78	+	70	79		86
The frequency of the trains on that route	78		73	66		63
Punctuality/reliability (i.e. the train arriving/departing on time)	78		80	86		75
The length of time the journey was scheduled to take (speed)	87		84	92		97
Connections with other train services	80		72	94		90
The value for money of the price of your ticket	38		32	62		56
Cleanliness of the train	70		67	63		71
Upkeep and repair of the train	61		58	62		62
The provision of information during the journey	56	+	47	51		43
The helpfulness and attitude of staff on train	36		43	44		47
The space for luggage	44		43	43		46
The toilet facilities	19		14	24		50
Sufficient room for all passengers to sit/stand	54		54	75		65
The comfort of the seating area	61		61	67		64
The ease of being able to get on and off	73		75	78		86
Your personal security on board	76		71	78		71
The cleanliness of the inside	72		65	61		69
The cleanliness of the outside	63		60	55		50
The availability of staff	13		19	29		26
How well train company deals with delays	30		33	43		44

London and South East

	Weekday			Weekend		
	Autumn 2015	significant change	Autumn 2014	Autumn 2015	significant change	Autumn 2014
Overall satisfaction with your journey	81	+	79	87		87
STATION FACILITIES						
Overall satisfaction with the station	79	+	77	81		82
Ticket buying facilities	73		71	77		77
Provision of information about train times/platforms	80	+	79	84		84
The upkeep/repair of the station buildings/platforms	71		69	73		72
Cleanliness	76	+	74	78		76
The facilities and services	54	-	56	57		52
The attitudes and helpfulness of the staff	73	+	71	74		73
Connections with other forms of public transport	75		75	77		78
Facilities for car parking	47		47	51		45
Overall environment	70	+	67	72		70
Your personal security whilst using the station	72	+	69	72		71
The availability of staff	63	+	60	64		61
The provision of shelter facilities	67		66	74		69
Availability of seating	44	+	41	52		54
How request to station staff was handled	85		83	84		87
The choice of shops/eating/drinking facilities available	47		48	53	+	47
TRAIN FACILITIES						
Overall satisfaction with the train	79	+	76	86		85
The frequency of the trains on that route	75		74	80		80
Punctuality/reliability (i.e. the train arriving/departing on time)	73		74	86		83
The length of time the journey was scheduled to take (speed)	80		80	88		87
Connections with other train services	75		74	79		81
The value for money of the price of your ticket	41	+	39	57		55
Cleanliness of the train	75	+	72	81		77
Upkeep and repair of the train	74	+	71	79		77
The provision of information during the journey	70	+	67	74		73
The helpfulness and attitude of staff on train	56		54	59		58
The space for luggage	49		47	57		53
The toilet facilities	32		31	37		40
Sufficient room for all passengers to sit/stand	60		60	75		74
The comfort of the seating area	69	+	67	77		76
The ease of being able to get on and off	76		76	83		81
Your personal security on board	76	+	74	79		79
The cleanliness of the inside	75	+	73	79		78
The cleanliness of the outside	75	+	71	81		77
The availability of staff	34		33	39		40
How well train company deals with delays	35		34	41		41

	Great Northern	London and South East		Great Northern	London and South East
DELAY					
None	78	76			
Minor	19	19			
Major	2	3			
LENGTH OF DELAY					
5 minutes or less	54	42			
6-10 minutes	23	26			
11-20 minutes	15	15			
21-30 minutes	4	6			
31-60 minutes	3	4			
More than 1 hour	-	1			
Don't know/no answer	1	5			
AMOUNT INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOUT THE DELAY			SPEED WITH WHICH INFORMATION WAS PROVIDED		
Very well	18	14	Very well	22	16
Fairly well	31	31	Fairly well	31	30
Neither well nor poorly	18	20	Neither well nor poorly	22	24
Fairly poorly	18	18	Fairly poorly	9	15
Very poorly	14	18	Very poorly	16	15
ACCURACY OF INFORMATION GIVEN ABOUT THE DELAY			TIME TAKEN TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEM		
Very well	20	16	Very well	11	11
Fairly well	35	31	Fairly well	30	23
Neither well nor poorly	18	21	Neither well nor poorly	31	33
Fairly poorly	11	17	Fairly poorly	11	15
Very poorly	16	15	Very poorly	18	18
USEFULNESS OF THE INFORMATION			AVAILABILITY OF ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORT IF THE TRAIN SERVICE COULD NOT CONTINUE		
Very well	21	16	Very well	16	7
Fairly well	27	27	Fairly well	12	16
Neither well nor poorly	26	27	Neither well nor poorly	38	32
Fairly poorly	10	15	Fairly poorly	14	15
Very poorly	15	15	Very poorly	20	30

6 6.2 Passenger experience relating to disability

	Great Northern	London and South East		Great Northern	London and South East
DISABILITY OR LONG TERM ILLNESS					
Vision	1	1			
Hearing	1	1			
Mobility	0	2			
Dexterity	1	0			
Learning or understanding or concentrating	-	0			
Memory	-	0			
Mental health	1	2			
Stamina or breathing or fatigue	2	1			
Socially or behaviourally	0	0			
Other	1	2			
None	93	89			
No answer	1	3			
CONDITION OR ILLNESS HAVE AN ADVERSE AFFECT ON ABILITY TO MAKE JOURNEYS BY RAIL					
Yes, a lot	-	7	NEEDED TO MAKE SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS IN ADVANCE WITH TRAIN COMPANY TO ORGANISE YOUR TRAVEL		
Yes, a little	47	43	Yes	-	2
Not at all	50	43	No	100	98
STATION MET NEEDS AS PASSENGER WITH DISABILITY/LONG TERM ILLNESS					
Very satisfied	23	34	SATISFACTION WITH SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS WHEN BOOKING		
Fairly satisfied	46	34	Very satisfied	-	85
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	18	20	Fairly satisfied	-	15
Fairly dissatisfied	13	7	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	-	-
Very dissatisfied	-	5	Fairly dissatisfied	-	-
			Very dissatisfied	-	-
TRAIN MET NEEDS AS PASSENGER WITH DISABILITY/LONG TERM ILLNESS					
Very satisfied	33	30	SATISFACTION WITH SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS ON THE DAY		
Fairly satisfied	26	36	Very satisfied	-	56
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	18	19	Fairly satisfied	-	38
Fairly dissatisfied	23	8	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	-	-
Very dissatisfied	-	7	Fairly dissatisfied	-	7
			Very dissatisfied	-	-

	Great Northern	London and South East		Great Northern	London and South East
GENDER			ETHNIC GROUP OF PASSENGERS		
Male	41	43	White	88	85
Female	56	54	Mixed	2	2
			Asian or Asian British	2	4
			Black or Black British	3	4
			Chinese or other ethnic group	1	2
AGE			JOURNEY PURPOSE		
16-18	2	2	Commuter	47	51
19-25	8	8	Business	28	15
26-34	14	14	Leisure	25	35
35-44	20	18			
45-54	22	23	REGULAR TRAVELLER		
55-59	10	10	Yes	66	68
60-64	9	9	No	34	32
65+	12	13			
WORKING STATUS			WEEKDAY/WEEKEND		
Working Full Time	65	63	Weekday	89	86
Working Part Time	16	15	Weekend	11	14
Not Working	2	3			
Retired	9	13	TIME OF TRAVEL		
Full Time Student	4	4	Peak	17	21
			Off-peak	83	79
OCCUPATION OF CHIEF WAGE EARNER IN HOUSEHOLD			ASKED FOR HELP OR INFORMATION		
Professional/Senior Managerial	40	41	Yes asked for help	10	7
Middle Managerial	19	15	Yes asked for information	4	6
Junior Managerial/Clerical/Supervisory	11	12	Could not find anyone to ask	2	2
Skilled Manual (With Professional Qualifications/Served an Apprenticeship)	7	6	No	83	83
Unskilled Manual (No Qualifications/Not Served an Apprenticeship)	1	2			
Full time student	2	2	DO YOU REGULARLY USE THE INTERNET		
Retired	10	12	Yes, at home	93	91
Unemployed/between jobs	0	1	Yes, at work	72	66
Housewife/house-husband	-	0	No	2	4
Other	6	5			

Station sample sizes for Great Northern

Station	Unweighted
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London Kings Cross	257
Moorgate	66
Stevenage	30
Finsbury Park	26
Potters Bar	19
Royston	19
Cambridge	19
Alexandra Palace	18
Kings Lynn	16
Gordon Hill	15
Bowes Park	15
Old Street	15
Hatfield (Hertfordshire)	13
Oakleigh Park	11
Hitchin	7
Welwyn Garden City	6
Winchmore Hill	6
Peterborough	4
Knebworth	1

	Annual journeys ('000s)	Journey Purpose			Day of Week		Station Size			
		Commute	Business	Leisure	Weekday	Weekend	Very large	Large	Medium	Small
Sample size	25762	10419	3423	11920	21872	3890	7988	5259	6542	5973
Abellio Greater Anglia	76841	48	18	34	86	14	23	23	27	28
Arriva Trains Wales	29901	32	10	58	82	18	22	26	27	26
c2c	37356	67	6	27	86	14	32	11	26	31
Chiltern Railways	22839	38	25	37	82	18	42	7	23	28
CrossCountry	45510	15	28	57	78	22	24	18	28	30
East Midlands Trains	24090	23	28	49	82	18	23	23	27	27
First TransPennine Express	28000	26	13	61	82	18	26	18	29	26
Gatwick Express	7872	15	44	40	78	22	69	-	-	31
Great Northern	49653	47	28	25	89	11	24	24	26	26
Great Western Railway	99672	30	20	50	77	23	20	27	27	26
London Midland	64021	40	13	46	85	15	31	15	28	26
London Overground	158422	56	3	41	82	18	22	24	27	27
Merseyrail	43271	37	8	55	80	20	23	25	26	26
Northern Rail	93834	38	9	53	76	24	24	25	26	25
ScotRail	86339	39	13	47	80	20	26	18	30	25
South West Trains	222620	53	15	32	85	15	28	19	27	26
Southeastern	168378	61	12	27	90	10	18	29	27	26
Southern	173441	51	15	34	90	10	20	29	26	25
TfL Rail	36590	70	10	20	88	12	25	22	24	28
Thameslink	68070	43	25	32	83	17	29	10	32	28
Virgin Trains	31911	11	23	66	81	19	32	7	32	30
Virgin Trains East Coast	19904	10	33	57	76	24	39	7	23	31

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		Commute	Business	Leisure	Weekday	Weekend	Very large	Large	Medium	Small
Sample size	25762	10419	3423	11920	21872	3890	7988	5259	6542	5973
Abellio Greater Anglia	1588	36	12	52	88	12	27	27	23	23
Arriva Trains Wales	1109	26	9	65	71	29	24	15	30	31
c2c	1087	61	6	32	86	14	46	13	22	19
Chiltern Railways	1074	45	17	38	92	8	44	8	27	21
CrossCountry	1031	27	21	52	87	13	22	13	31	34
East Midlands Trains	1063	31	19	51	79	21	34	29	19	18
First TransPennine Express	1016	37	16	47	94	6	21	24	40	15
Gatwick Express	505	18	26	56	78	22	51	-	-	49
Great Northern	563	59	10	31	93	7	46	20	15	20
Great Western Railway	2880	39	16	45	85	15	29	31	24	15
London Midland	1125	42	12	46	85	15	35	20	29	16
London Overground	1322	60	6	34	92	8	34	12	22	32
Merseyrail	483	44	4	52	79	21	31	27	27	15
Northern Rail	1086	41	7	52	79	21	26	27	25	22
ScotRail	1064	36	11	54	80	20	26	27	30	17
South West Trains	1951	42	10	48	86	14	20	17	25	38
Southeastern	1580	49	9	42	89	11	25	31	26	17
Southern	1538	49	10	41	88	12	28	30	26	16
TfL Rail	316	75	3	21	89	11	22	14	38	27
Thameslink	1081	53	9	38	84	16	38	12	32	17
Virgin Trains	1233	18	31	51	78	22	33	9	28	30
Virgin Trains East Coast	1067	17	24	59	84	16	47	8	13	33

The following reports are produced each wave:

At a glance for each TOC	Short summary reports showing headline results
Full 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 NRPS factors, peak vs off-peak analysis for LSE TOCs.
Multivariate Report	Multivariate analysis showing drivers of satisfaction and dissatisfaction nationally, by sector and by TOC for latest two NRPS waves combined.
PTE Report	NRPS reports for all PTEs (exactly the same format as TOC reports).
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.
Stakeholder 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 NRPS report.
Stations Report	Percentage of passengers satisfied by each main factor for last 10 waves for all Network Rail stations covered by NRPS during that time period.
TOC Report	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.
Virtual TOC Report	NRPS reports for TOCs that used to exist or that are planned to exist in the future (exactly the same format as TOC reports).

Sector definitions

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

London and South East Operators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Abellio Greater Anglia c2c Chiltern Railways Gatwick Express* Great Northern* Great Western Railway London Midland London Overground South West Trains Southeastern Southern* TfL Rail Thameslink*
Long Distance Operators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CrossCountry East Midlands Trains First TransPennine Express Virgin Trains Virgin Trains East Coast
Regional Operators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arriva Trains Wales Merseyrail Northern Rail ScotRail

* Part of the Govia Thameslink Railway franchise

How are routes defined

The routes have been defined in conjunction with the train companies. By TOC the areas covered by each route are as follows:

Abellio Greater Anglia: Intercity

London – Norwich journeys, plus a few shorter workings (like an early morning Colchester to Norwich service)

Abellio Greater Anglia: Main line

Journeys on outer suburban Great Eastern services London - Ipswich, plus branches to Harwich, Clacton, Walton, Sudbury, Southminster and Braintree. Also includes journeys on London - Southend Victoria service.

Abellio Greater Anglia: Rural

Journeys on Ipswich – Felixstowe, Lowestoft, Cambridge and Peterborough rail lines, plus Norwich to Lowestoft, Yarmouth, Sheringham and Cambridge lines

Abellio Greater Anglia: Stansted

Journeys on Stansted Express, on Greater Anglia trains which start or end at Stansted Airport where the passenger has an origin or destination of the airport

Abellio Greater Anglia: West Anglia

Journeys on London – Hertford East, London – Cambridge, London – King's Lynn, Cambridge – King's Lynn and Cambridge - Stansted Airport. Also passengers using Stansted Express for journeys not travelling to or from Stansted Airport.

Arriva Trains Wales: Cardiff & Valleys

Journeys on the Valley lines around Cardiff

Arriva Trains Wales: Interurban

Journeys on the route Cardiff - Manchester Piccadilly (via Hereford and Shrewsbury).

Arriva Trains Wales: Mid Wales & Borders

Journeys on the route Birmingham – Aberystwyth/Pwllheli

Arriva Trains Wales: North Wales & Borders

Journeys on the routes Llandudno – Manchester Piccadilly and Holyhead-Crewe/Shrewsbury, also includes Llandudno- Blaenau Ffestiniog and Wrexham Central – Bidston.

Arriva Trains Wales: South Wales & Borders/West Wales

Journeys on South Wales mainline routes (Cheltenham-Maesteg, Ebbw Vale-Cardiff and Newport-Llanelli). Also includes routes west of Swansea and the Heart of Wales line (Llanelli – Craven Arms).

c2c: Southend line

Journeys starting from any station on the main route between London Fenchurch Street and Shoeburyness (except Pitsea).

c2c: Tilbury line

Journeys starting from any station on the Tilbury loop lines between Dagenham Dock/Ockendon and Pitsea.

Chiltern Railways: North

Journeys starting from Bicester North station and stations further north

Chiltern Railways: South

Journeys starting from stations south of Bicester North (including services on routes to/from Aylesbury)

CrossCountry: Birmingham - Manchester

Journeys on the Manchester Piccadilly - Birmingham New Street route

CrossCountry: Birmingham - North East and Scotland

Journeys on the Birmingham New Street - Aberdeen route

CrossCountry: Birmingham - South Coast

Journeys on the Birmingham New Street - Bournemouth route

CrossCountry: Birmingham - South West

Journeys on the Birmingham New Street - Penzance route

CrossCountry: Birmingham - Stansted

Journeys on the Birmingham New Street - Stansted Airport route

CrossCountry: Nottingham - Cardiff

Journeys on the Nottingham - Cardiff Central route

East Midlands Trains: Liverpool - Norwich

Journeys on the Liverpool - Norwich route

East Midlands Trains: Local

Journeys on rail lines around Nottingham (excluding Liverpool - Norwich and London - Sheffield)

East Midlands Trains: London

Journeys on the London - Sheffield route. Also includes London - Corby services.

First Hull Trains

All First Hull Trains journeys

First TransPennine Express: North

Journeys on rail lines between Liverpool Lime Street/ Manchester/Manchester Airport and Hull, Scarborough, Middlesbrough and Newcastle

First TransPennine Express: North West

Journeys on rail lines between Manchester Airport & Manchester and lines to Blackpool North, Barrow-in-Furness, Windermere, Glasgow and Edinburgh

First TransPennine Express: South

Journeys on rail lines between Manchester Airport/ Manchester and Cleethorpes

Gatwick Express*

Fast Gatwick Express services Gatwick – London Victoria (including peak extensions to/from Brighton)

Grand Central: London - Bradford

Journeys on London King's Cross - Bradford Interchange route

Grand Central: London - Sunderland

Journeys on London King's Cross - Sunderland route

Great Northern*

Journeys on the Peterborough/King's Lynn - London King's Cross/Moorgate route

Great Western Railway: Long distance

Journeys on long distance services

Great Western Railway: London Thames Valley

Journeys on relatively short distance services in and around the Thames Valley

Great Western Railway: West

Journeys on (generally) short distance rural rail lines in the West of England

Heathrow Connect

All Heathrow Connect journeys

Heathrow Express

All Heathrow Express journeys

London Midland: London Commuter

Journeys on London Euston – Northampton services

London Midland: West Coast

Journeys on London Euston – Liverpool Lime Street services

London Midland: West Midlands

Journeys on several rail lines in and around Birmingham New Street

London Overground: Gospel Oak – Barking

Journeys on the Gospel Oak – Barking line

London Overground: Highbury – Croydon/ Clapham

Journeys on the Highbury & Islington – West Croydon and Highbury & Islington - Clapham Junction lines

London Overground: Richmond/Clapham Junction – Stratford

Journeys on the Richmond – Stratford and Clapham Junction – Willesden Junction/Stratford rail lines

London Overground: Watford – Euston

Journeys on the London Euston – Watford line

London Overground: West Anglia

Journeys on West Anglia routes London - Enfield Town, London - Chingford, London - Cheshunt and Romford - Upminster

Merseyrail: Northern

Journeys on the Hunts Cross – Southport/Ormskirk rail line

Merseyrail: Wirral

Journeys on the central Liverpool – West Kirby, New Brighton, Chester and Ellesmere Port rail lines

Northern Rail: Lancashire & Cumbria

Journeys from stations in Lancashire and Cumbria

Northern Rail: Manchester & Liverpool

Journeys from stations in the Manchester and Liverpool conurbations

Northern Rail: South & East Yorkshire

Journeys from stations in South and East Yorkshire, and Lincolnshire

Northern Rail: Tyne Tees & Wear

Journeys from stations in Tyne and Wear

Northern Rail: West & North Yorkshire

Journeys from stations in West and North Yorkshire

ScotRail: Interurban

Journeys on longer distance rail lines between urban areas

ScotRail: Rural

Journeys on predominantly rural rail lines

ScotRail: Strathclyde

Journeys on local rail lines within Strathclyde

ScotRail: Urban

Shorter distance journeys on predominantly urban rail lines, within urban areas that are not covered by the Strathclyde route

Southeastern: High speed

Journeys on high speed trains to/from London St. Pancras

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Southeastern: Main line

Journeys on (generally) main line routes London – Kent lines

Southeastern: Metro

Journeys on rail lines that are within London

Southern: Sussex Coast*

Journeys London – Sussex (and beyond)

Southern: Metro*

Journeys on rail lines that are within London

South West Trains: Island line

Journeys starting from stations on the Isle of Wight

South West Trains: Longer distance

Journeys starting on longer distance routes that generally go to or from London, but where the vast majority of the journey is outside London

South West Trains: Metro

Journeys on routes that are mainly or wholly within London

South West Trains: Outer Suburban and Local

Journeys on routes that go outside London, but which are within commuter travelling distance of London. Also journeys on local routes that are generally not on main lines that are wholly outside London

TfL Rail

Journeys on London – Shenfield metro service

Thameslink: Loop*

Journeys starting from stations on the route via Wimbledon, including stations as far north as City Thameslink

Thameslink: North*

Journeys starting from stations on the route between Farringdon and Bedford

Thameslink: South*

Journeys starting from stations between London Bridge and Brighton. Also includes some journeys starting on the rail lines between Denmark Hill & Sevenoaks, and West Dulwich & Orpington

Virgin Trains: London - Birmingham – Scotland

Journeys on London - Birmingham – Scotland services

Virgin Trains: London – Liverpool

Journeys on London – Liverpool services

Virgin Trains: London – Manchester

Journeys on London – Manchester services

Virgin Trains: London – North Wales

Journeys on London – Holyhead/North Wales services

Virgin Trains: London – Scotland

Journeys on London – Glasgow/Scotland services. Also includes London - Blackpool services

Virgin Trains: London – Wolverhampton/Shrewsbury

Journeys on London – Wolverhampton/Shrewsbury services

Virgin Trains East Coast: London - East Midlands/East of England

Journeys on London - East Midlands/East of England services. Only passengers travelling to or from London

Virgin Trains East Coast: Non-London journeys

Passengers travelling (on any route) that are not going to or from London

Virgin Trains East Coast: London - Yorkshire

Journeys London King's Cross - Yorkshire services (includes services to West Yorkshire). Only passengers travelling to or from London

Virgin Trains East Coast: London - Scotland - North East

Journeys London King's Cross - Scotland/Newcastle services. Only passengers travelling to or from London

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