



National Rail Passenger Survey

PTE Report for West Midlands

Spring 2015 (Wave 32)

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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

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 station 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.

Autumn 2013 (Wave 29)

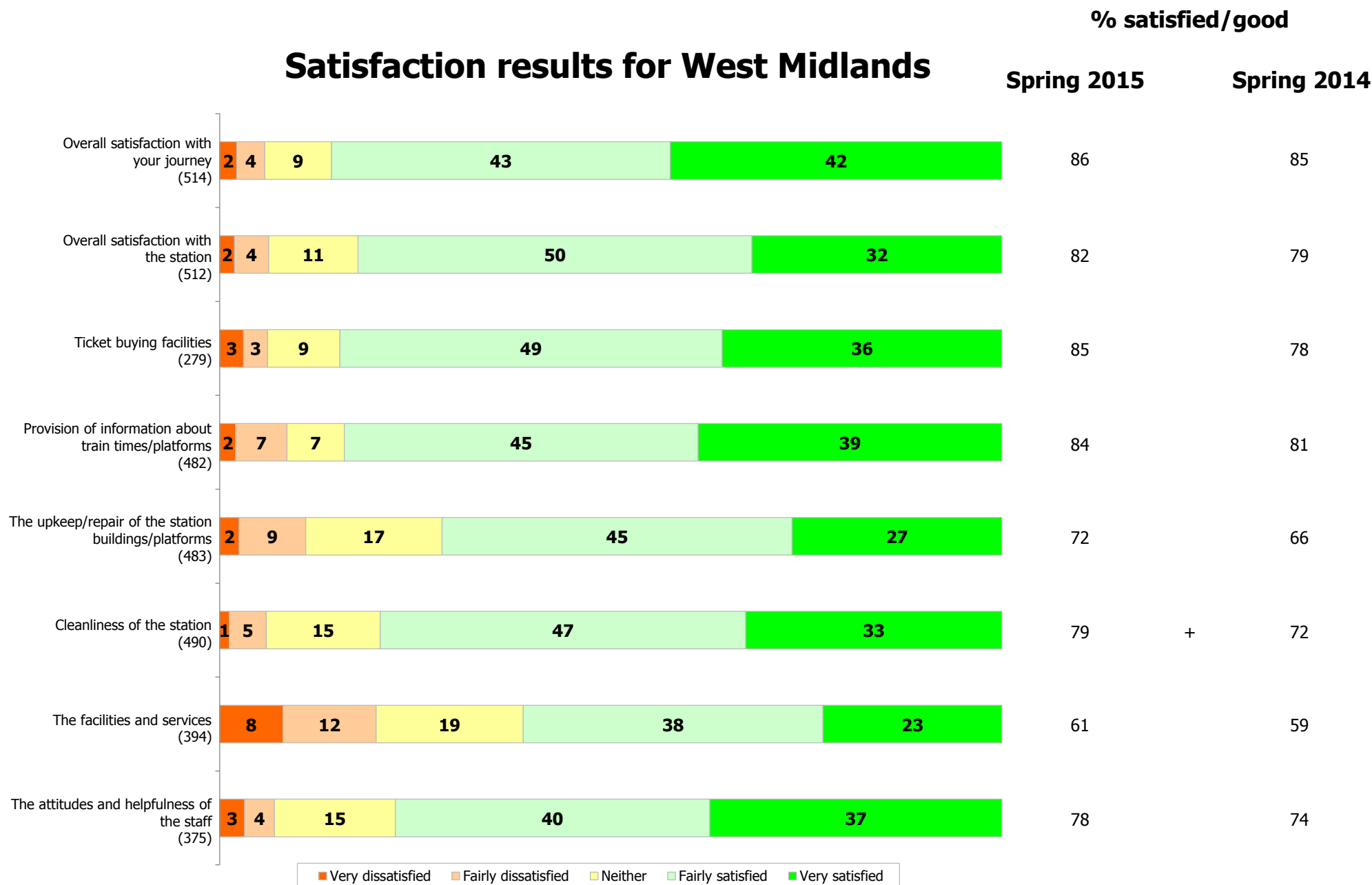
Fieldwork for Wave 29 was undertaken between the 2nd September and 11th November 2013.

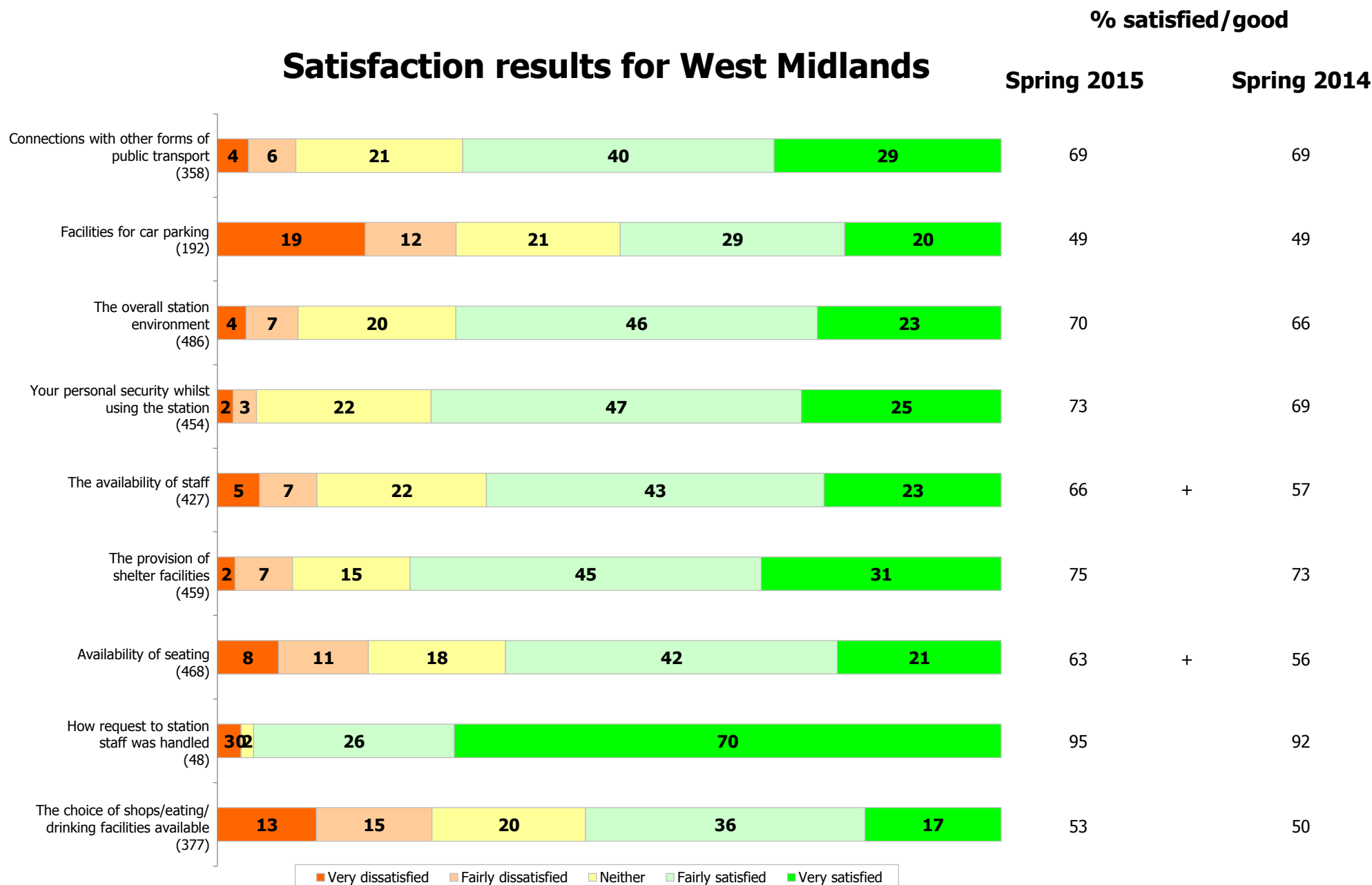
A few were rearranged due to a spell of severe weather at the end of October, but overall there was little disruption due to weather related her related issues this wave.

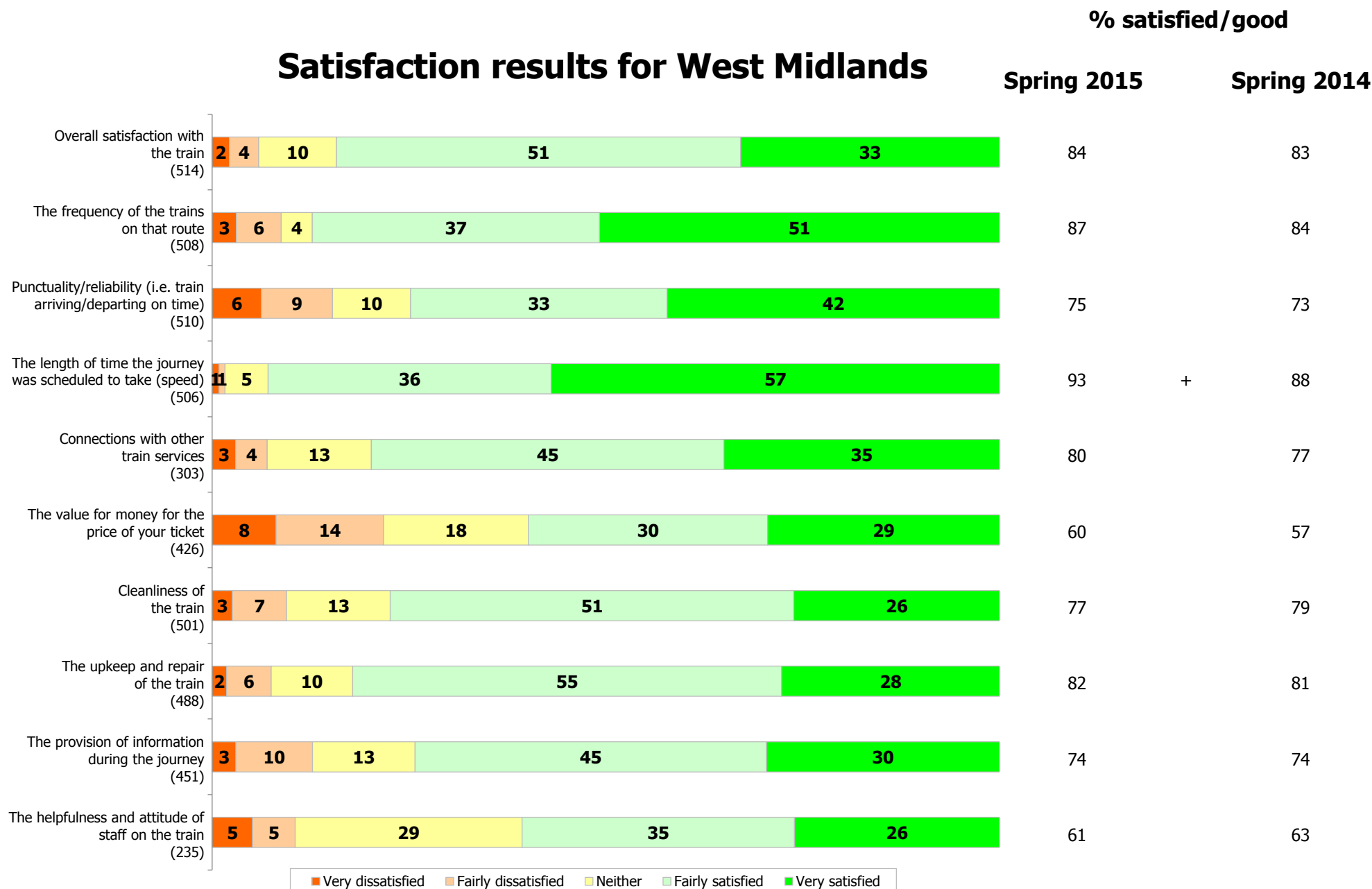
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2 2.1 Overall satisfaction with your journey and station factors

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





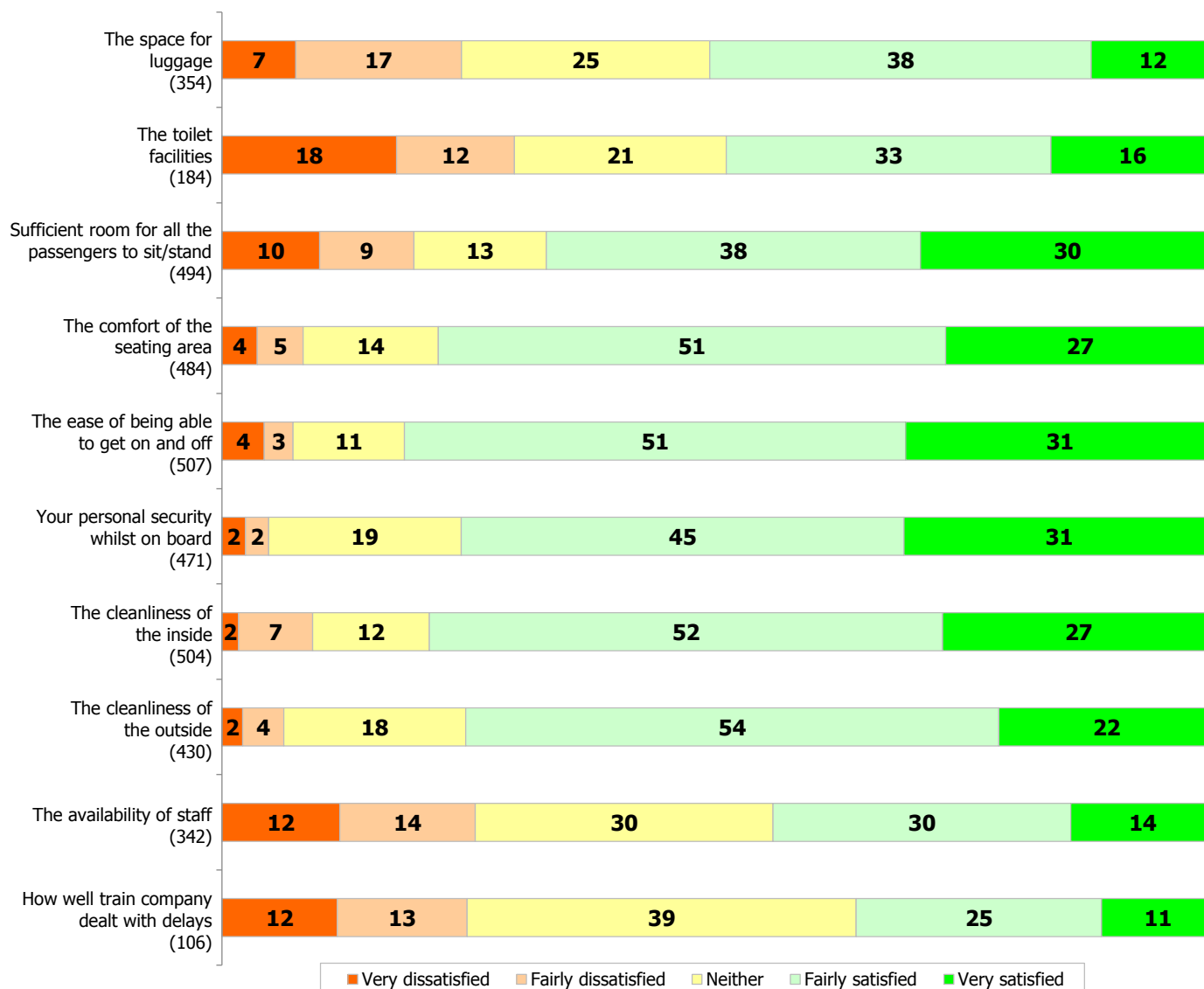


% satisfied/good

Satisfaction results for West Midlands

Spring 2015

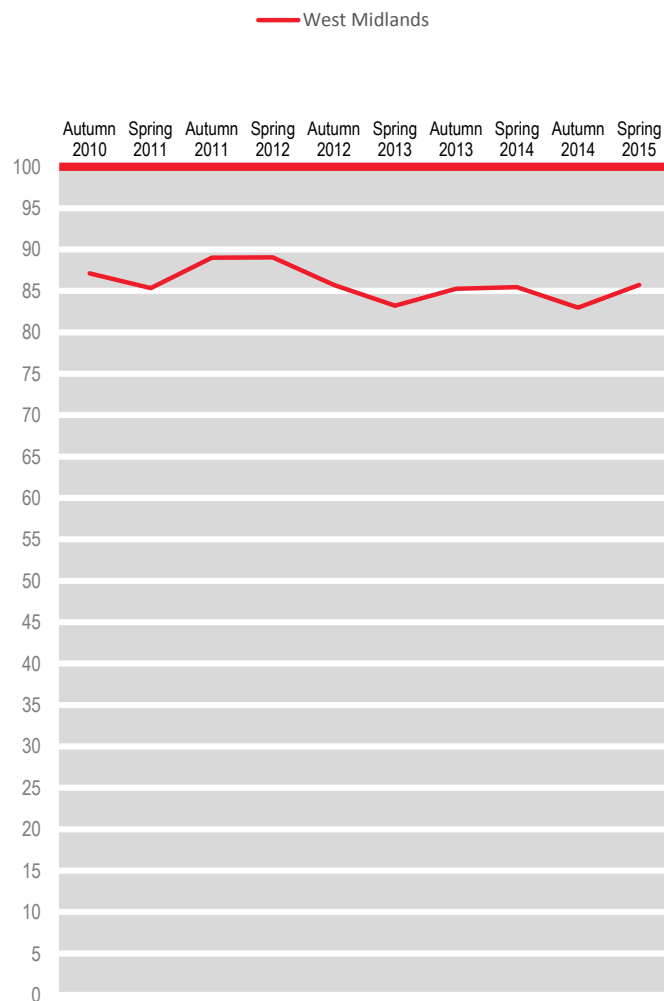
Spring 2014



Percentage satisfaction with aspects of station where boarded

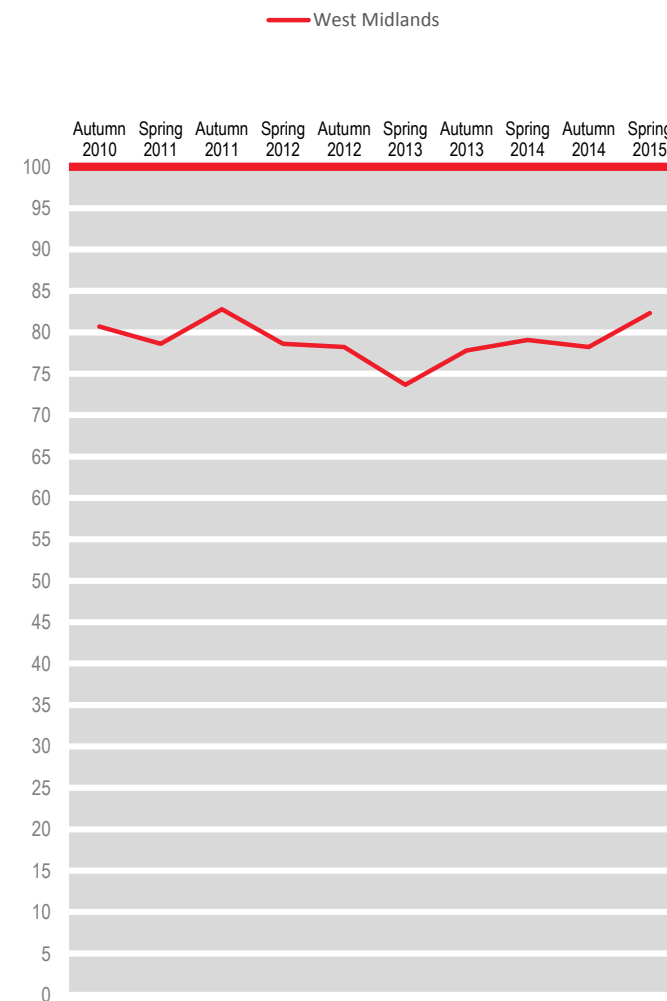
Overall satisfaction with your journey

(514)
Percentage of passengers satisfied 2010 to 2015



Overall station satisfaction

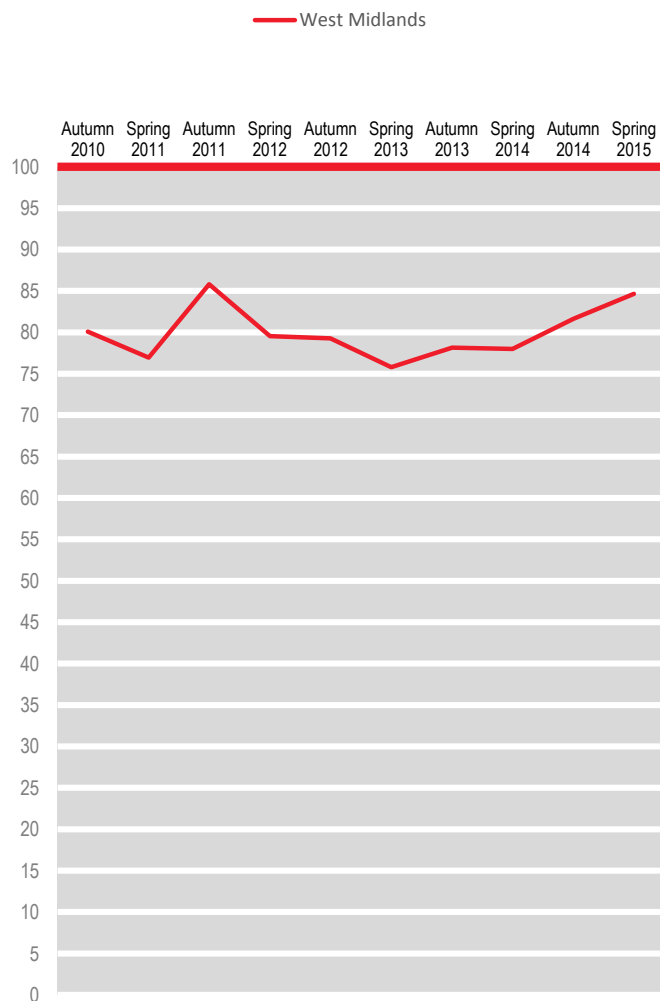
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Percentage of passengers satisfied 2010 to 2015



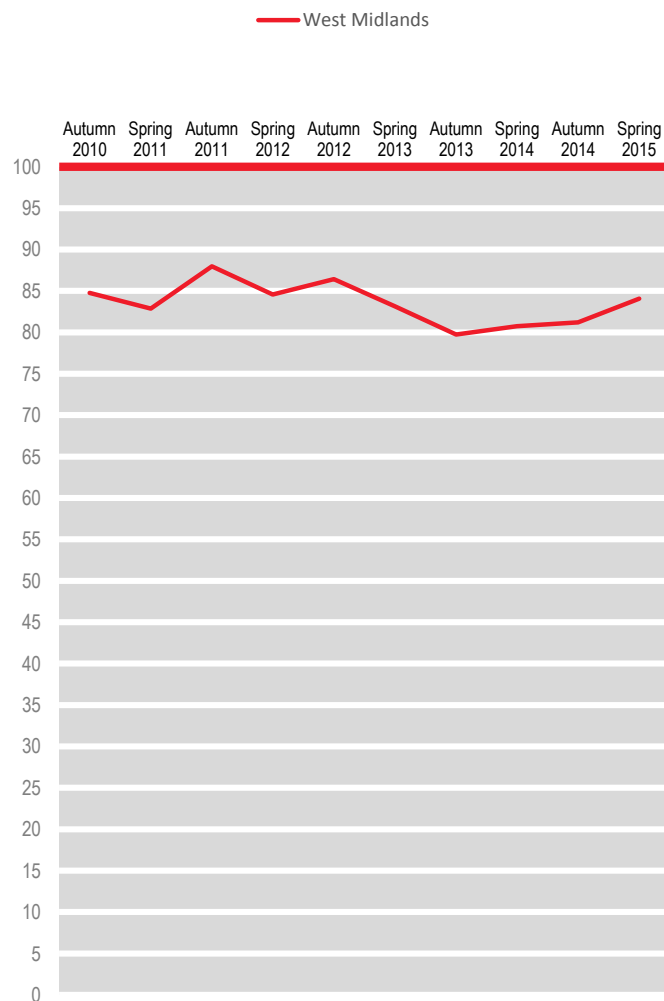
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Ticket buying facilities**(279)**

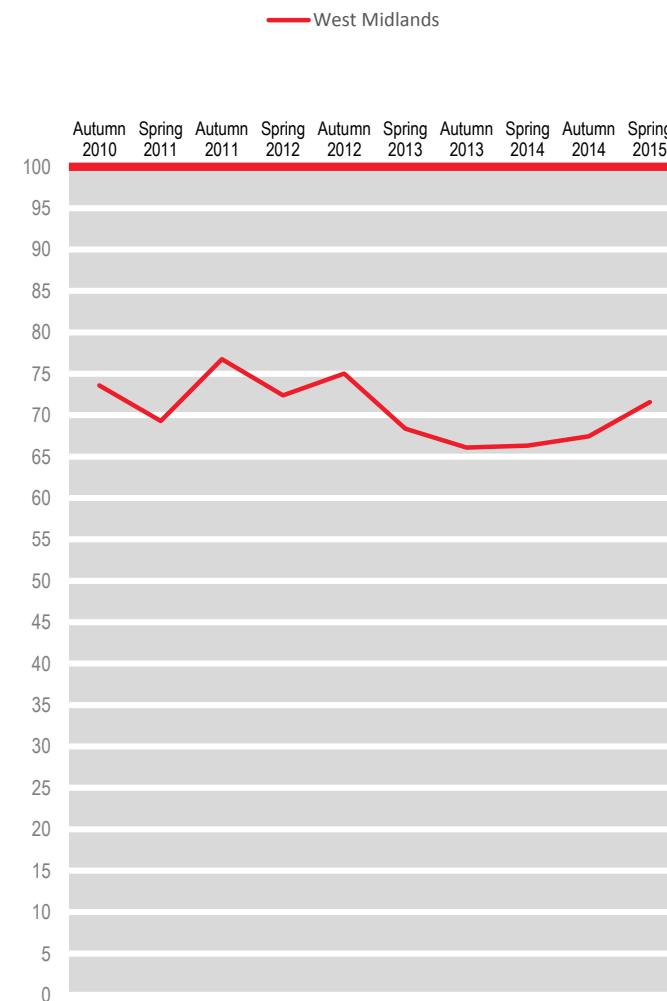
Percentage of passengers satisfied 2010 to 2015

**Provision of information about train times/platforms****(482)**

Percentage of passengers satisfied 2010 to 2015

**The upkeep/repair of the station building/platforms****(483)**

Percentage of passengers satisfied 2010 to 2015

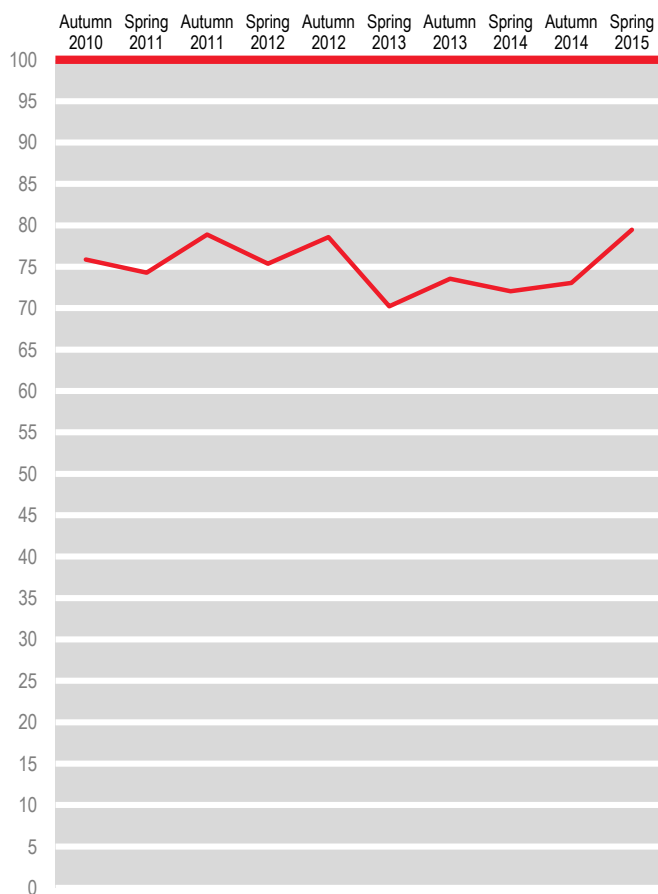


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Cleanliness of the station**(490)**

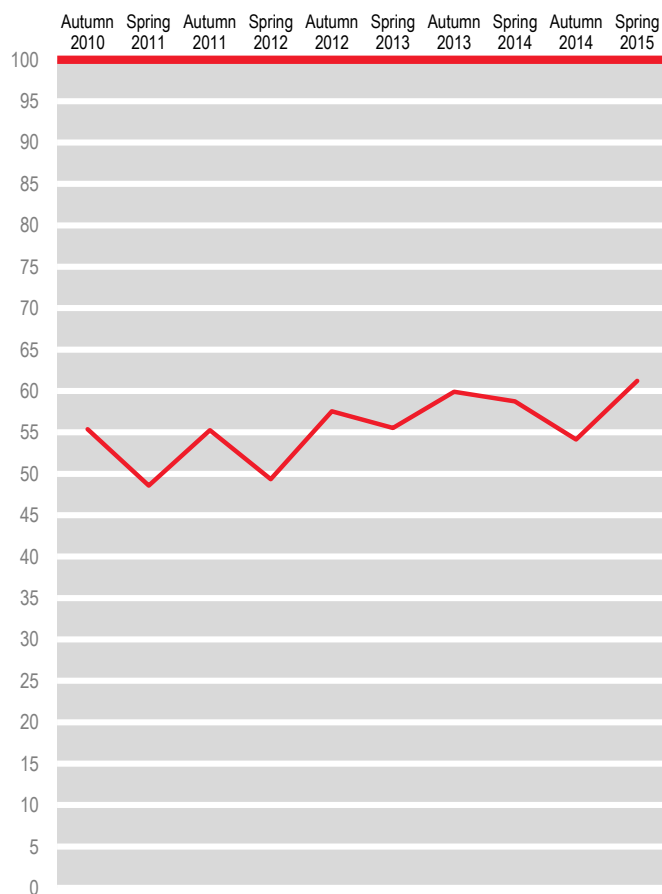
Percentage of passengers satisfied 2010 to 2015

— West Midlands

**The facilities and services at the station****(394)**

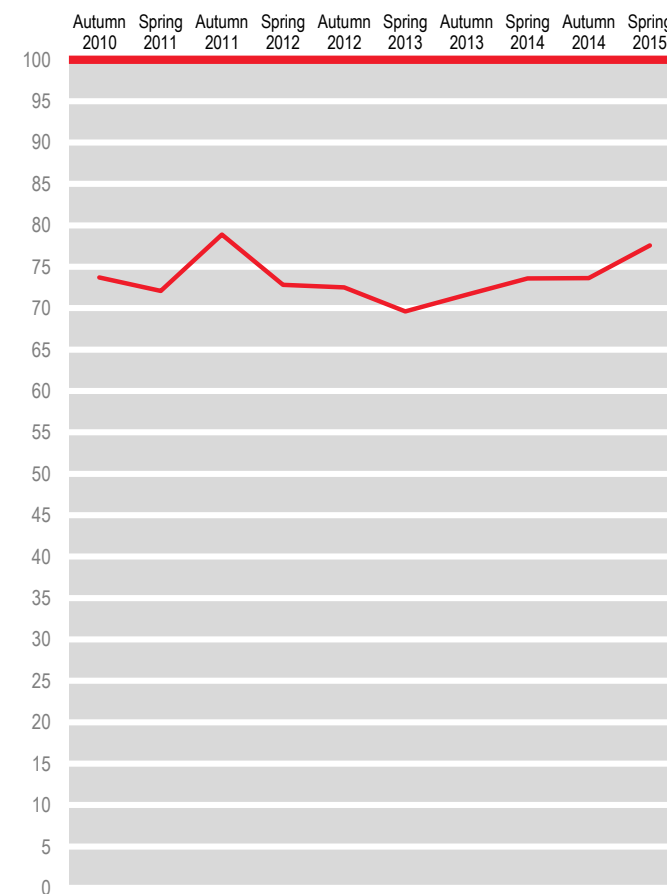
Percentage of passengers satisfied 2010 to 2015

— West Midlands

**The attitudes and helpfulness of the staff at the station****(375)**

Percentage of passengers satisfied 2010 to 2015

— West Midlands

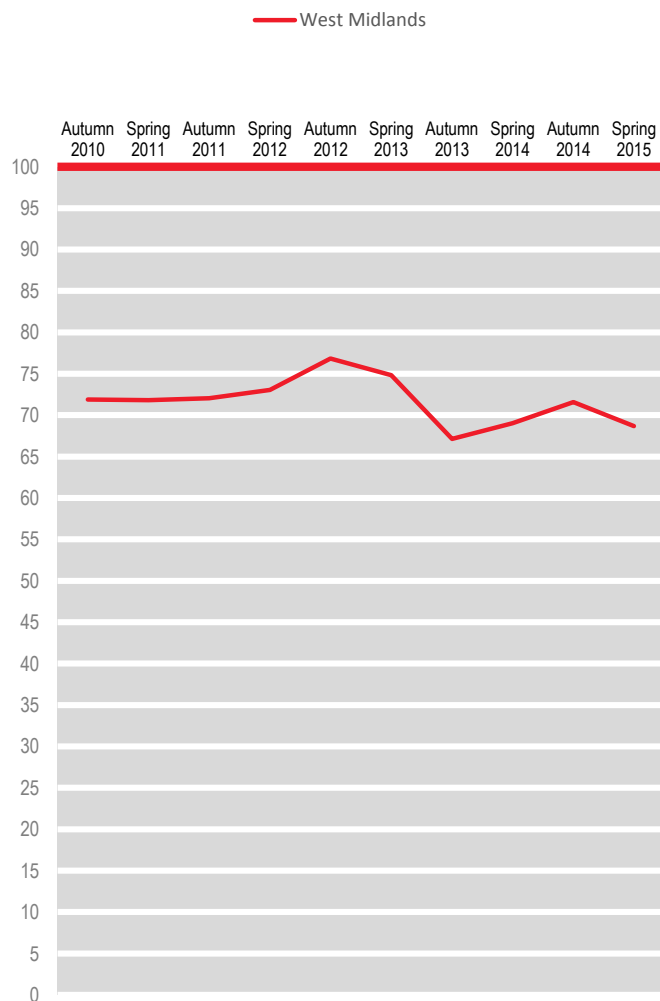


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Connections with other forms of public transport from the station

(358)

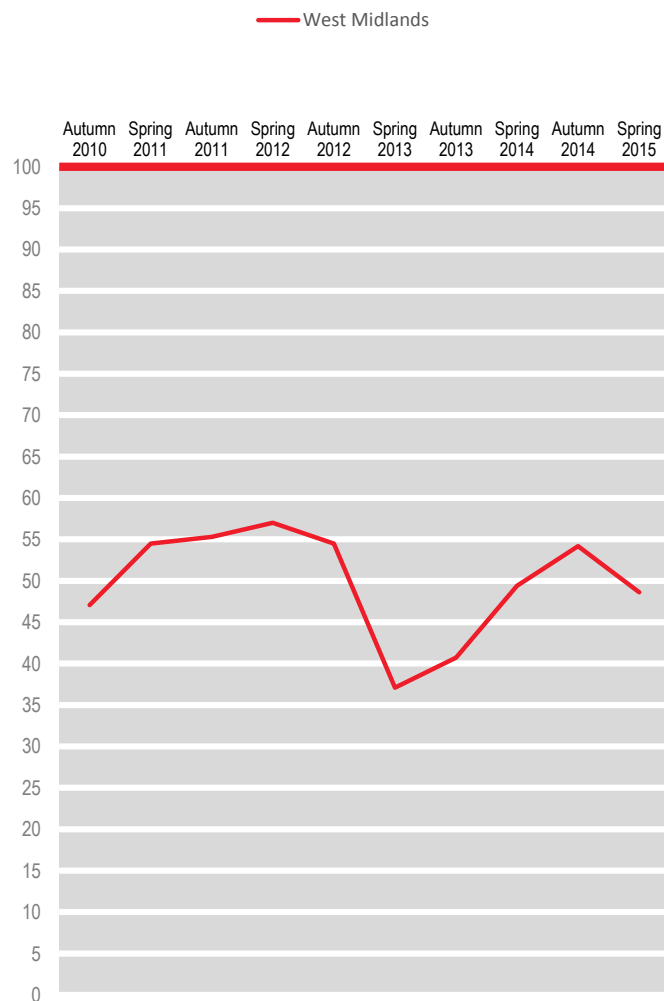
Percentage of passengers satisfied 2010 to 2015



Facilities for car parking at the station

(192)

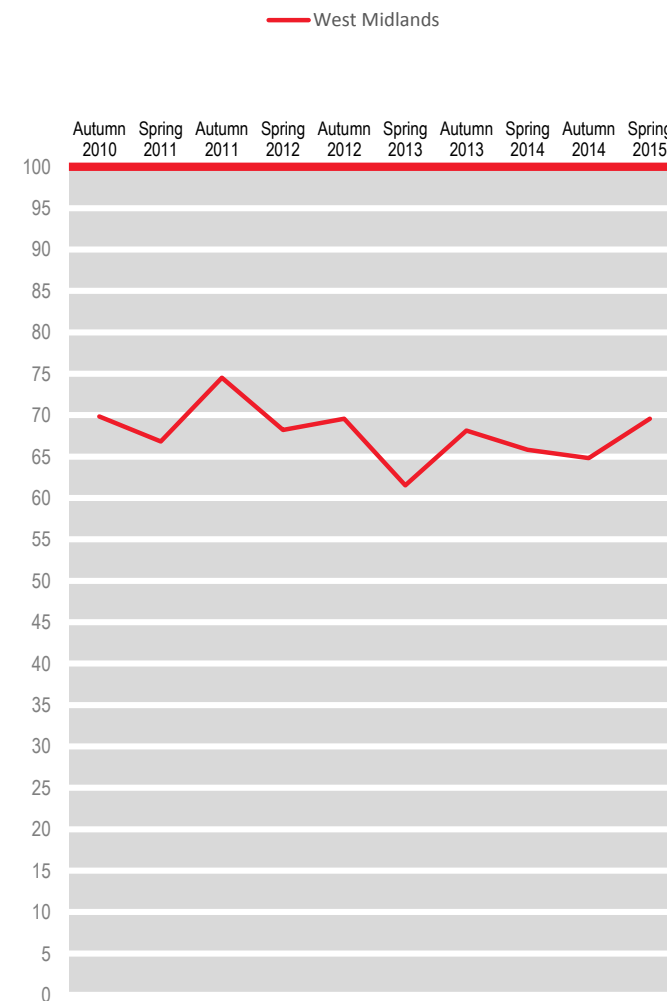
Percentage of passengers satisfied 2010 to 2015



Overall station environment

(486)

Percentage of passengers satisfied 2010 to 2015

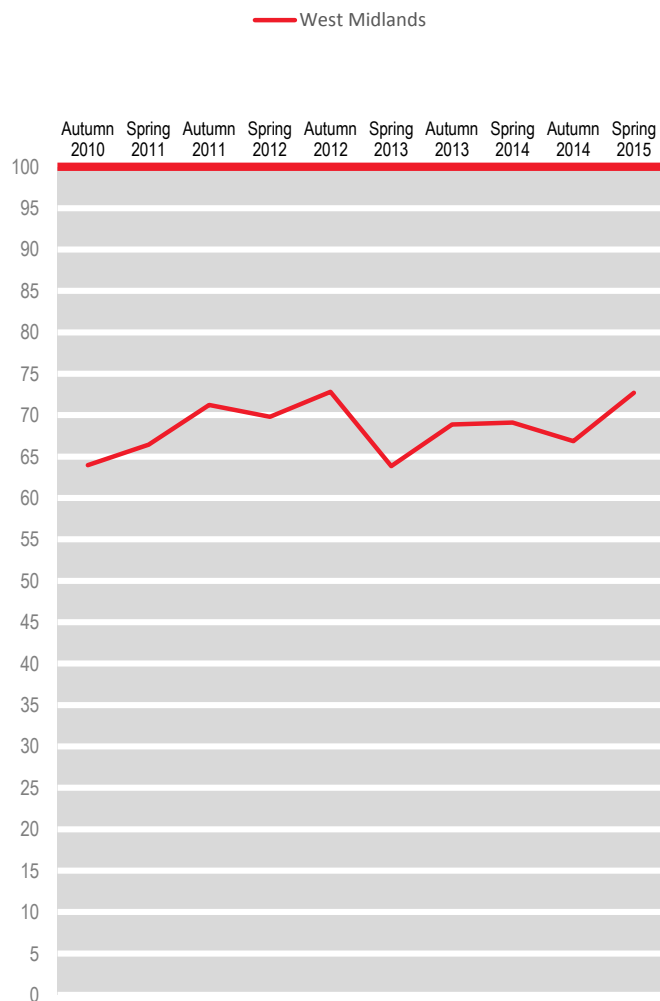


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Your personal security whilst using the station

(454)

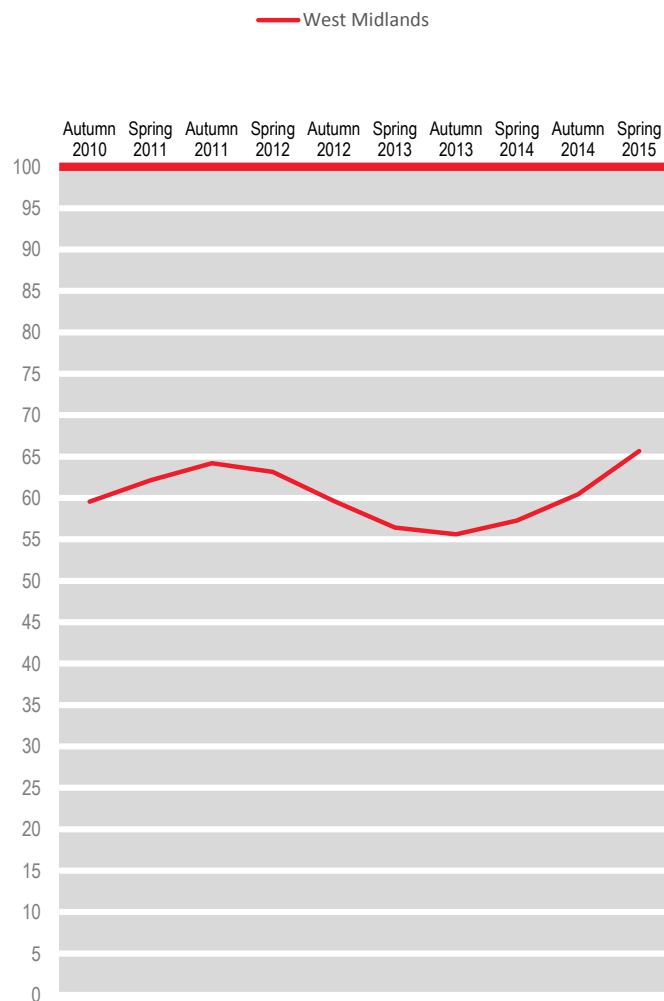
Percentage of passengers satisfied 2010 to 2015



The availability of staff at the station

(427)

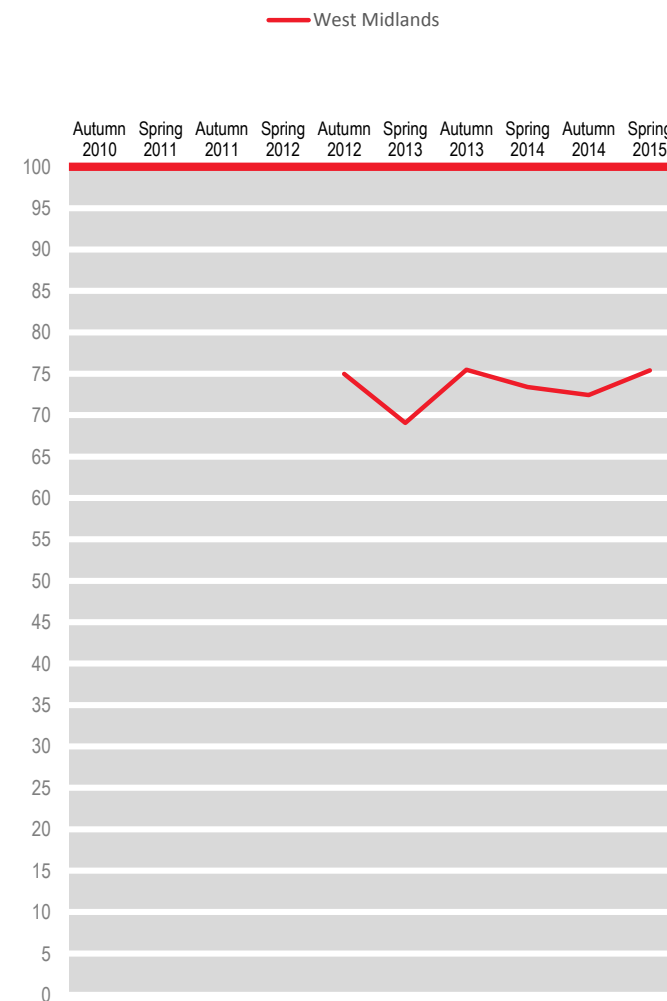
Percentage of passengers satisfied 2010 to 2015



The provision of shelter facilities

(459)

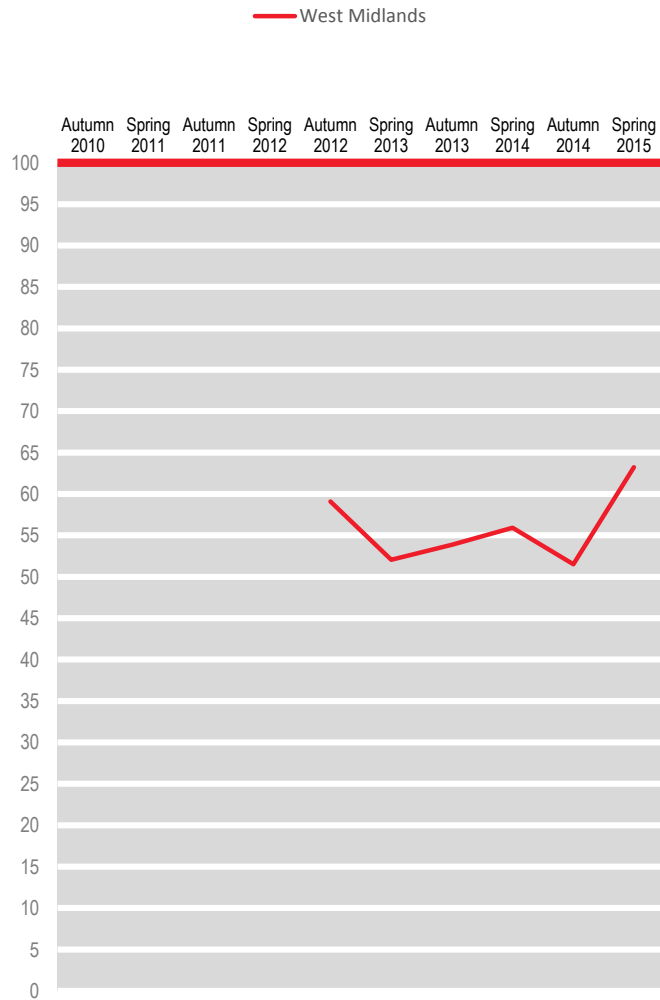
Percentage of passengers satisfied 2010 to 2015



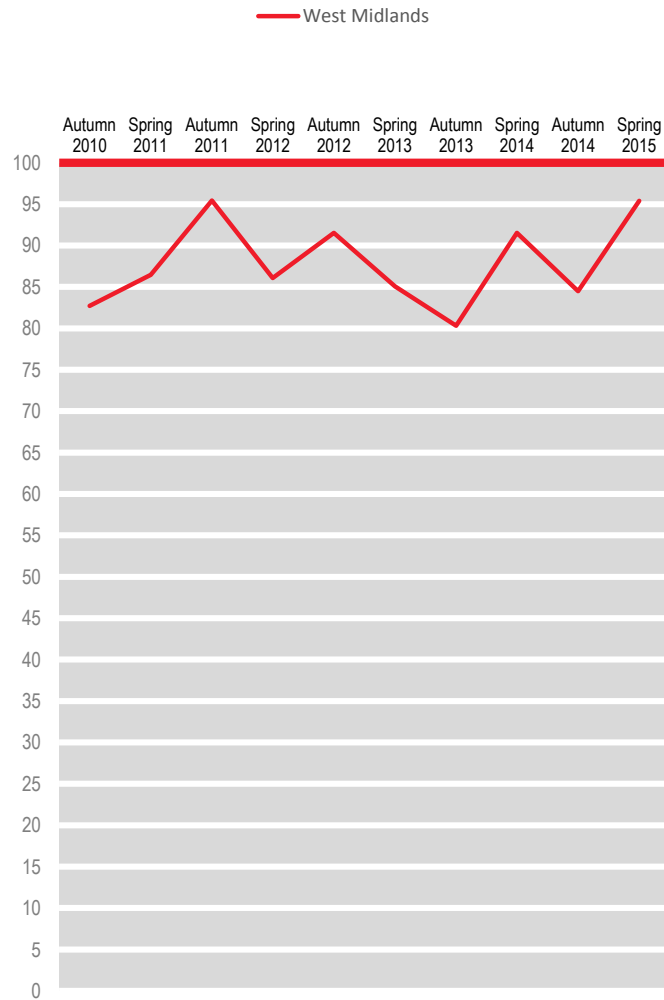
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Availability of seating**(468)**

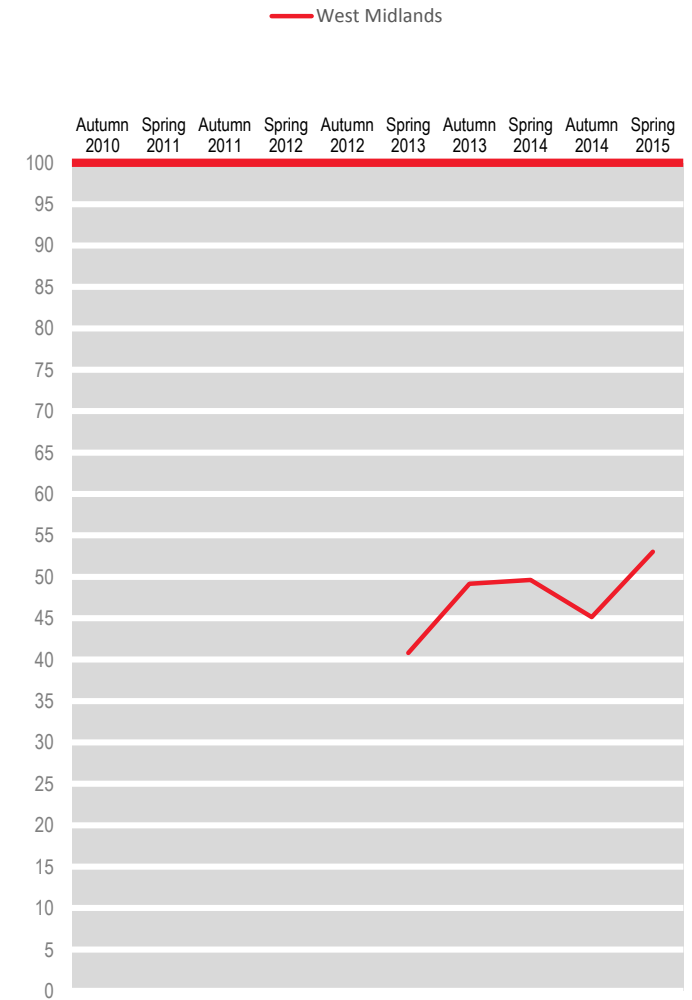
Percentage of passengers satisfied 2010 to 2015

**How request to station staff was handled****(48)**

Percentage of passengers satisfied 2010 to 2015

**The choice of shops/eating/drinking facilities available****(377)**

Percentage of passengers satisfied 2010 to 2015



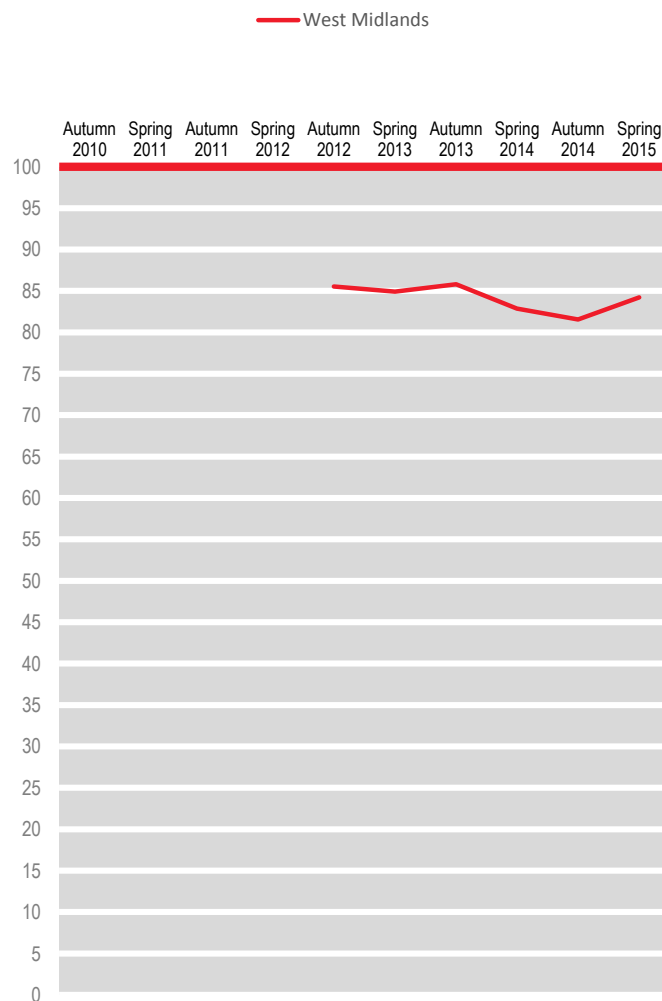
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Percentage satisfaction with aspects of the train

Overall satisfaction with the train

(514)

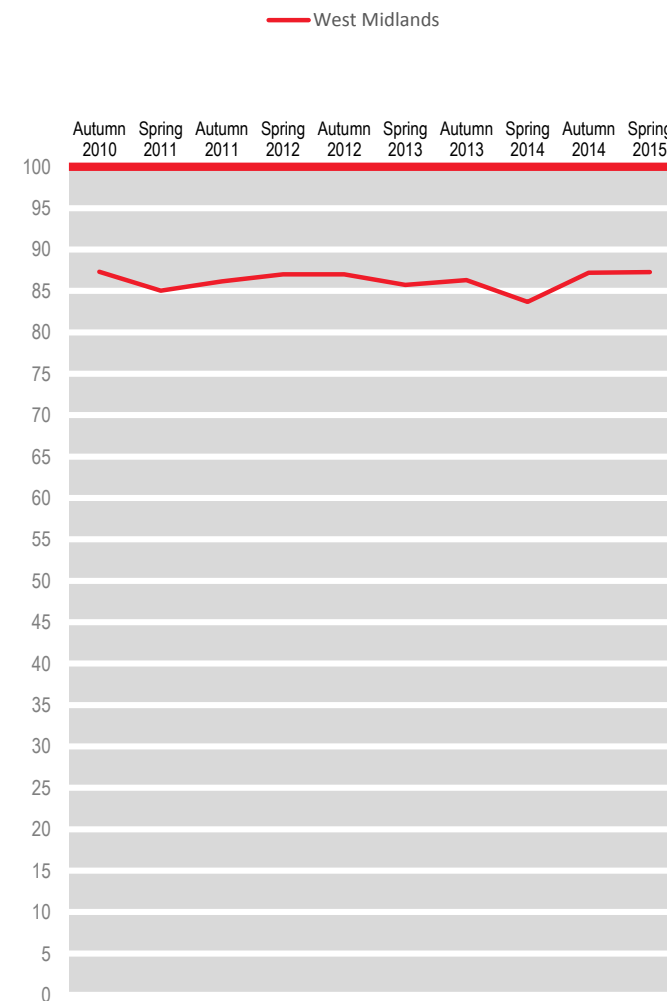
Percentage of passengers satisfied 2010 to 2015



The frequency of trains on that route

(508)

Percentage of passengers satisfied 2010 to 2015



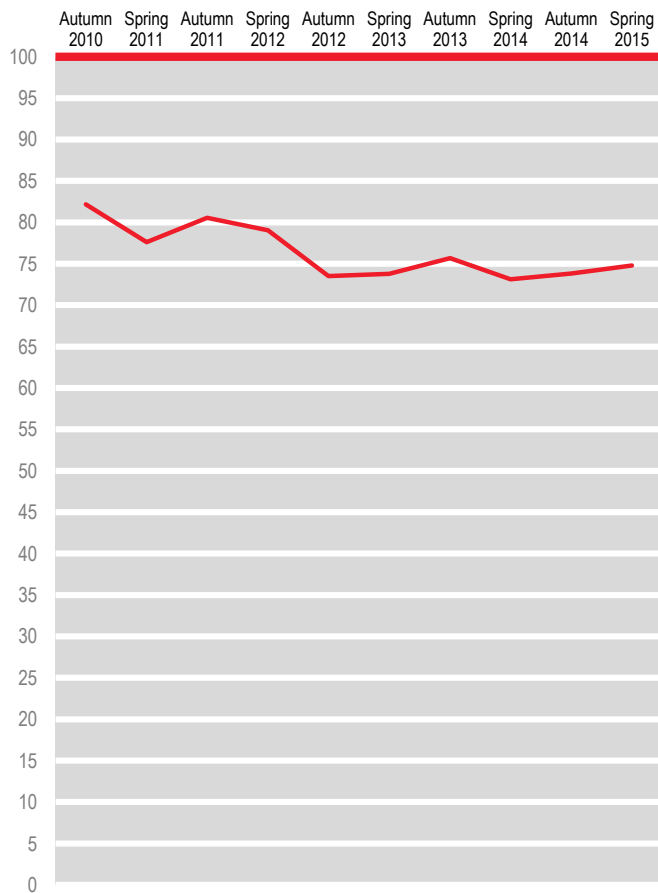
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Punctuality/reliability (i.e. train arriving/departing on time)

(510)

Percentage of passengers satisfied 2010 to 2015

— West Midlands

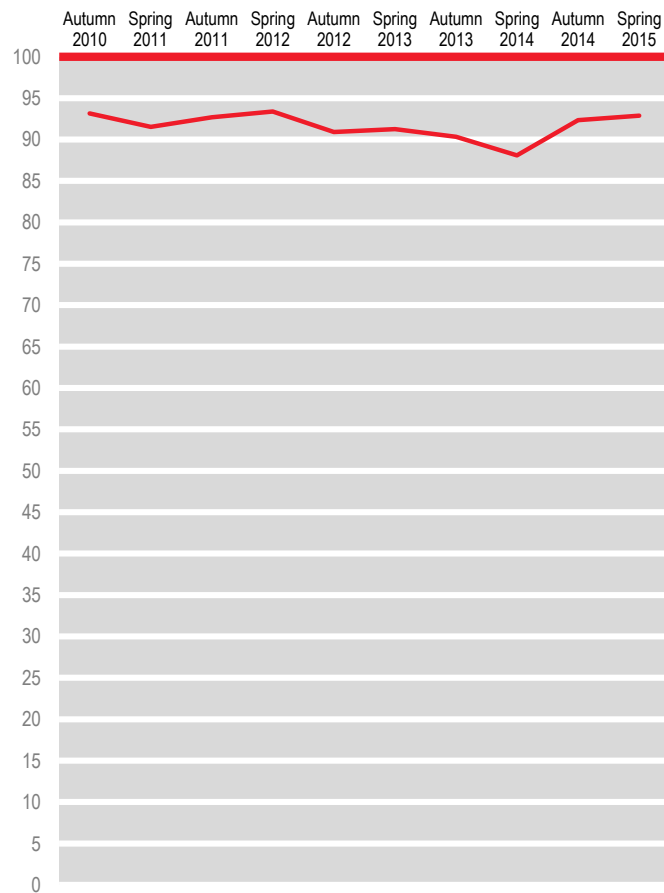


The length of time the journey was scheduled to take (speed)

(506)

Percentage of passengers satisfied 2010 to 2015

— West Midlands

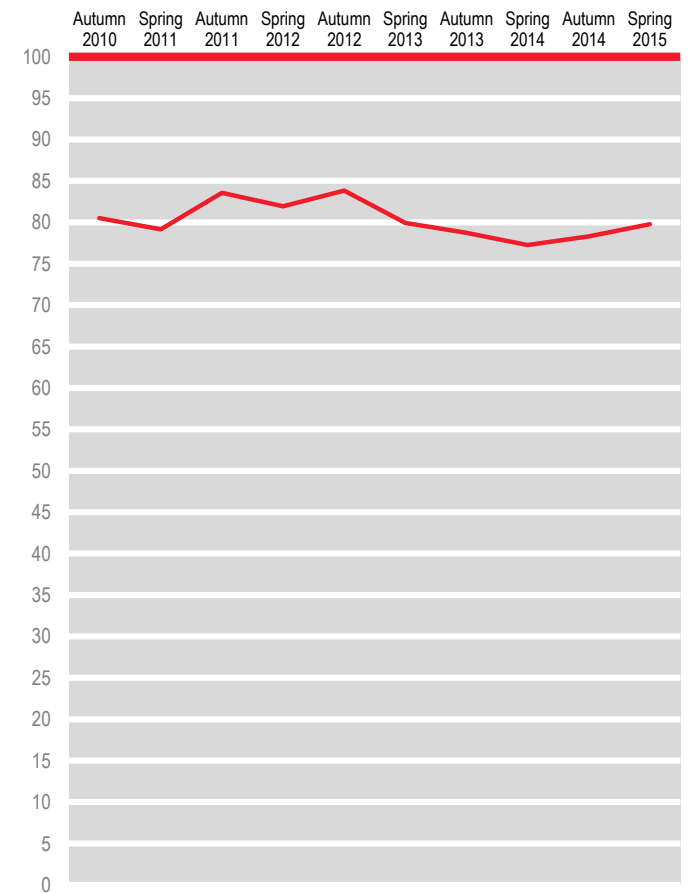


Connections with other train services

(303)

Percentage of passengers satisfied 2010 to 2015

— West Midlands

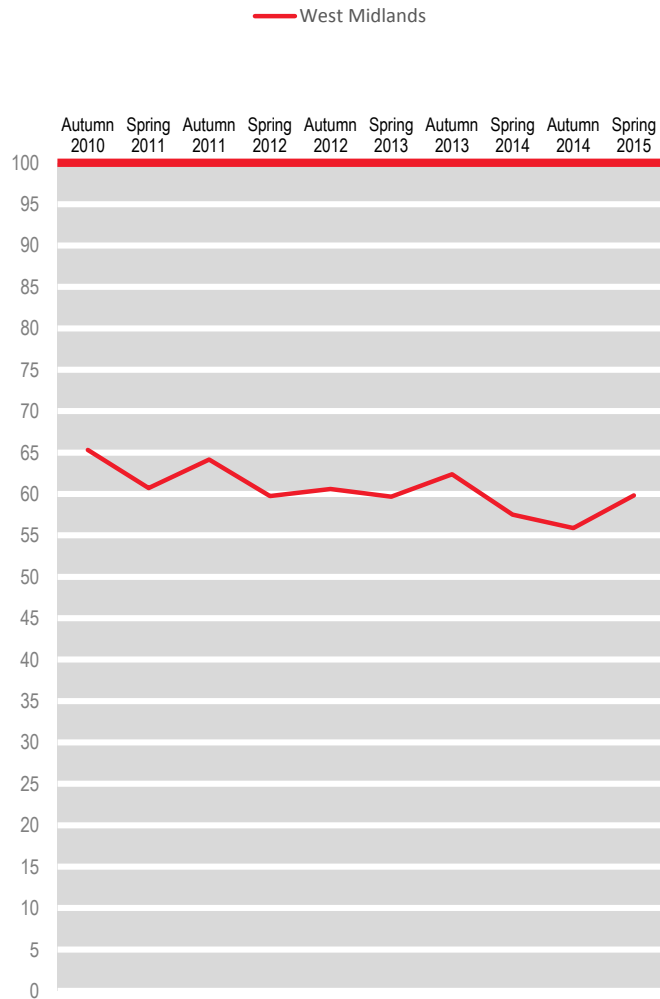


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The value for money for the price of your ticket

(426)

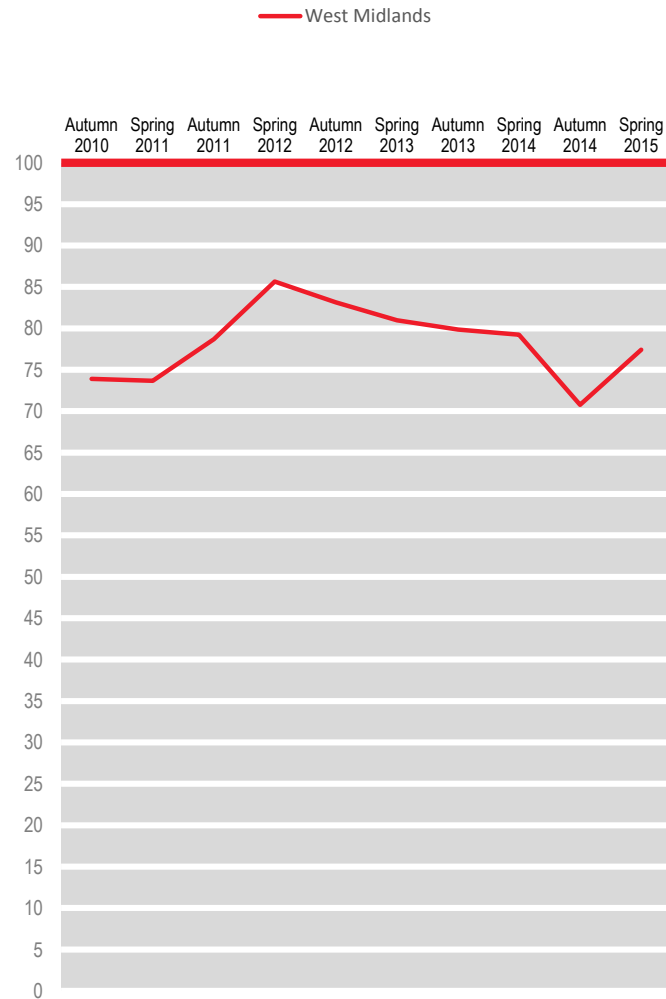
Percentage of passengers satisfied 2010 to 2015



Cleanliness of the train

(501)

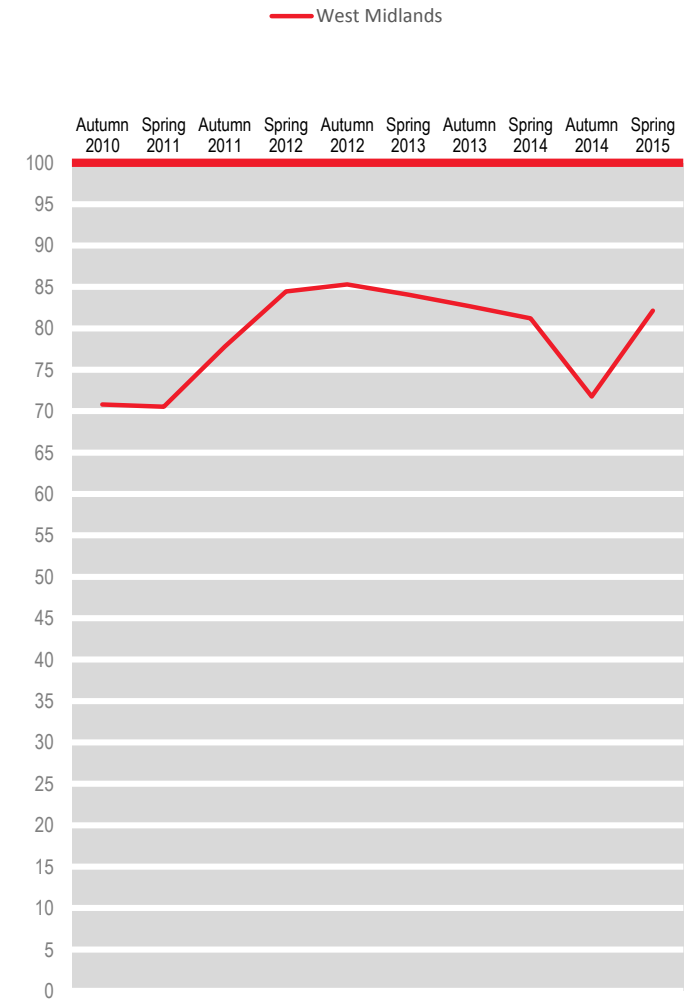
Percentage of passengers satisfied 2010 to 2015



Upkeep and repair of the train

(488)

Percentage of passengers satisfied 2010 to 2015

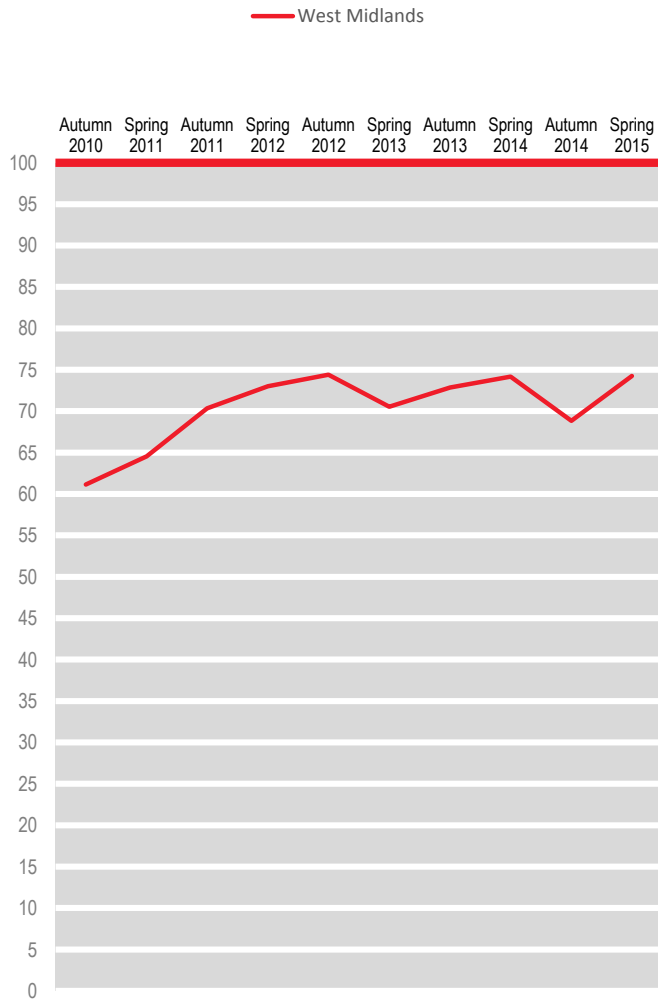


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The provision of information during the journey

(451)

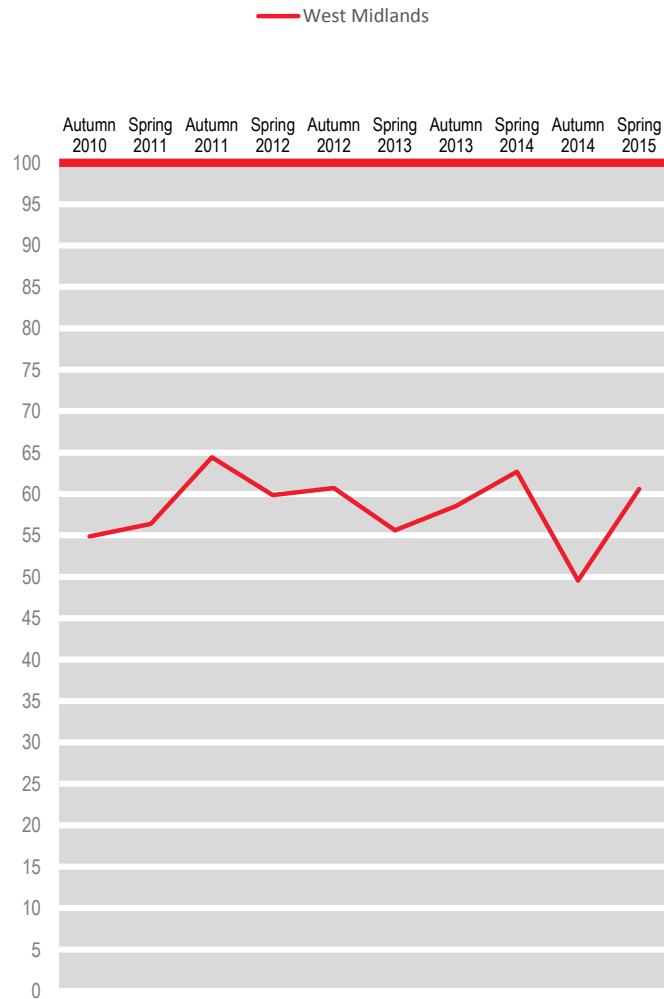
Percentage of passengers satisfied 2010 to 2015



The helpfulness and attitude of staff on the train

(235)

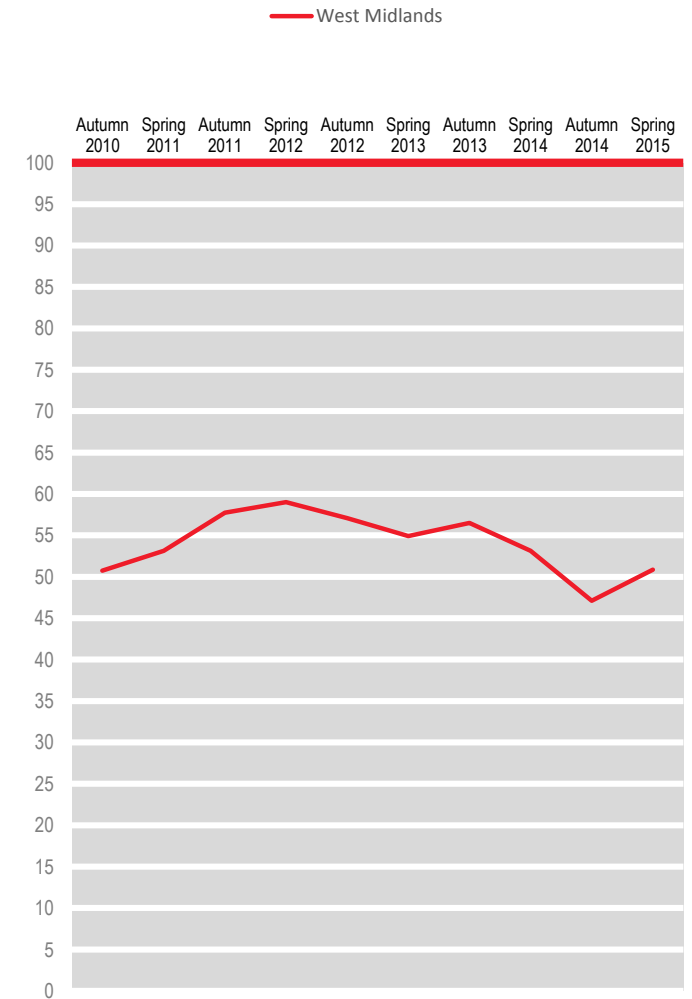
Percentage of passengers satisfied 2010 to 2015



The space for luggage

(354)

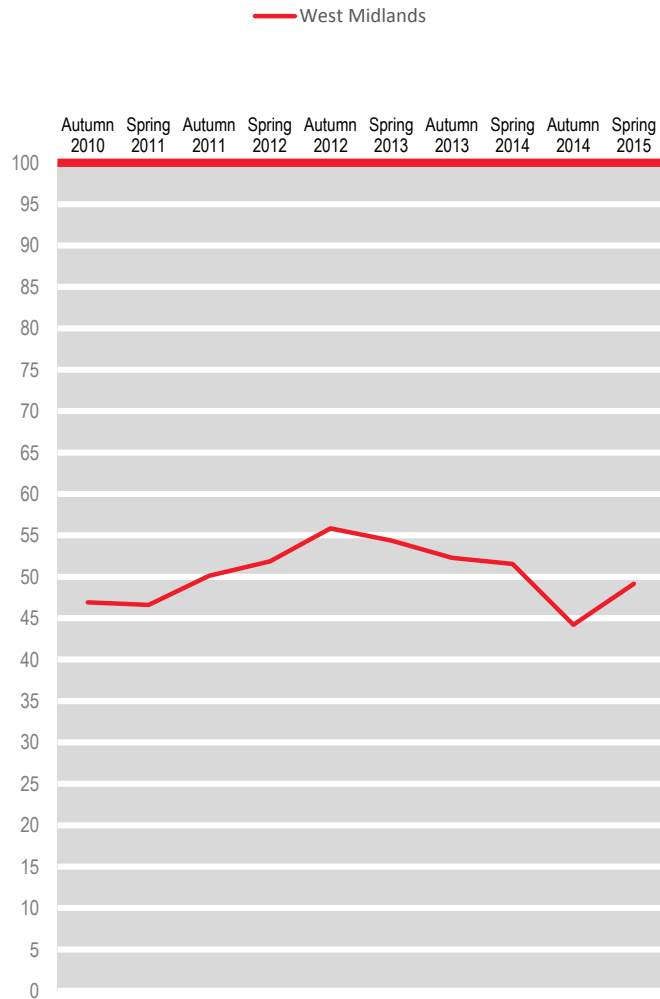
Percentage of passengers satisfied 2010 to 2015



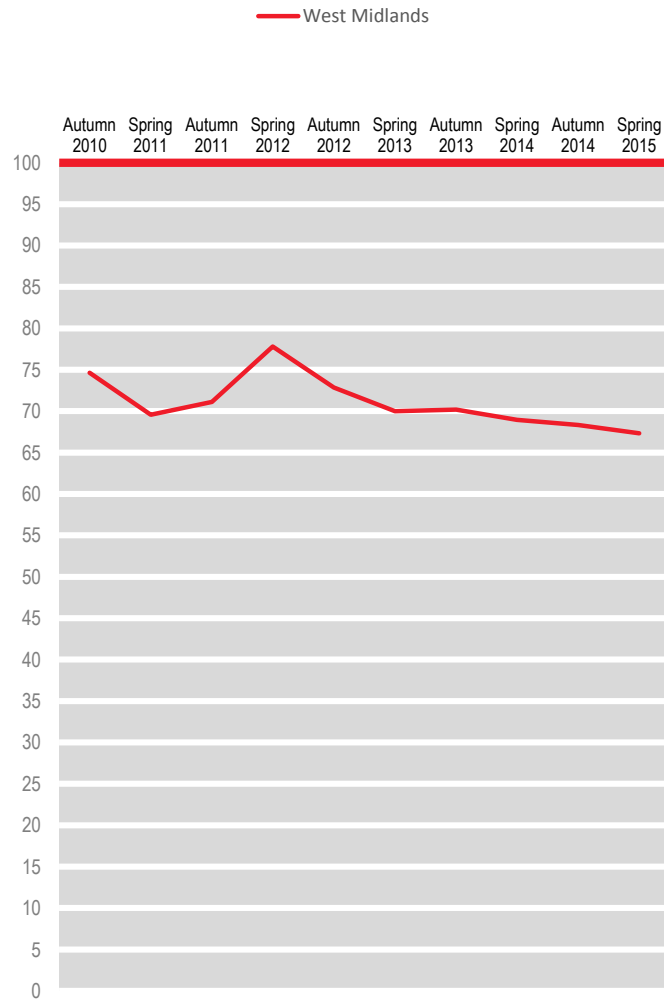
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Toilet facilities on the train**(184)**

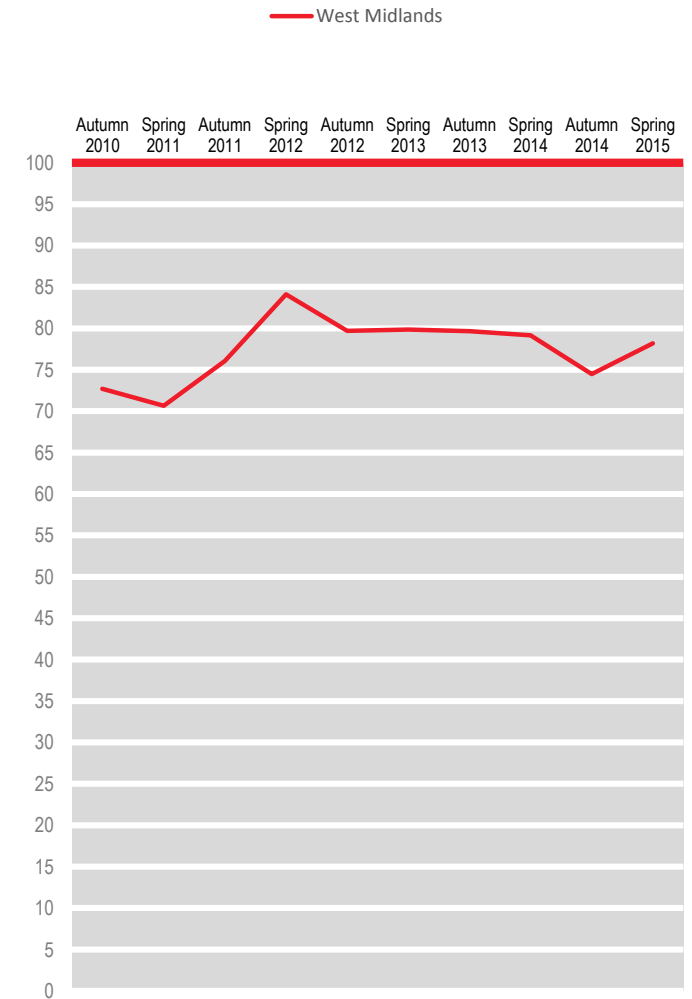
Percentage of passengers satisfied 2010 to 2015

**Sufficient room for all the passengers to sit/stand****(494)**

Percentage of passengers satisfied 2010 to 2015

**The comfort of the seating area****(484)**

Percentage of passengers satisfied 2010 to 2015

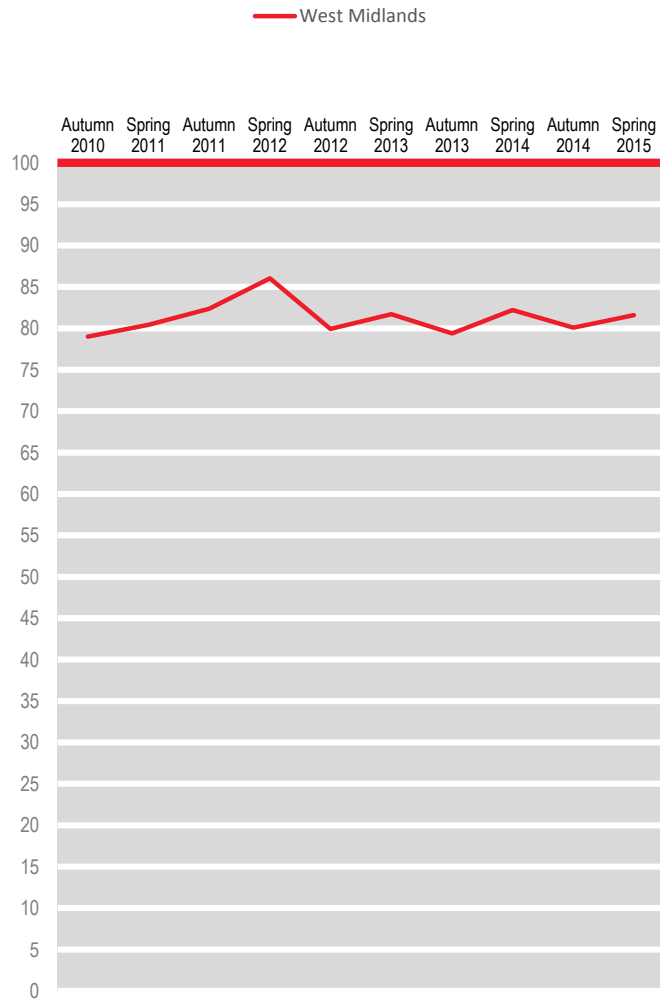


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The ease of being able to get on and off the train

(507)

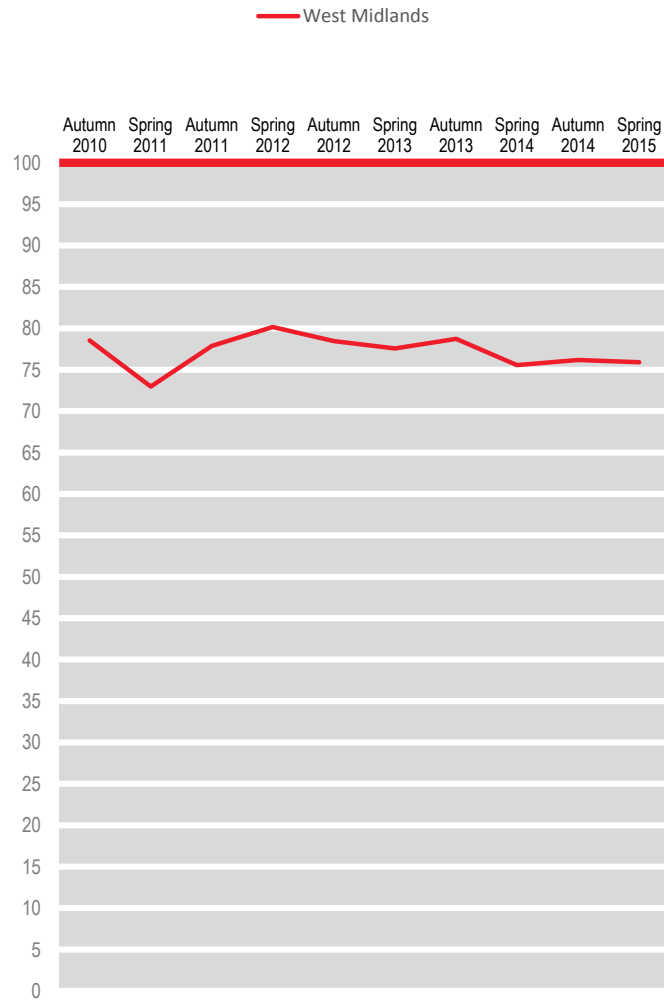
Percentage of passengers satisfied 2010 to 2015



Your personal security whilst on board

(471)

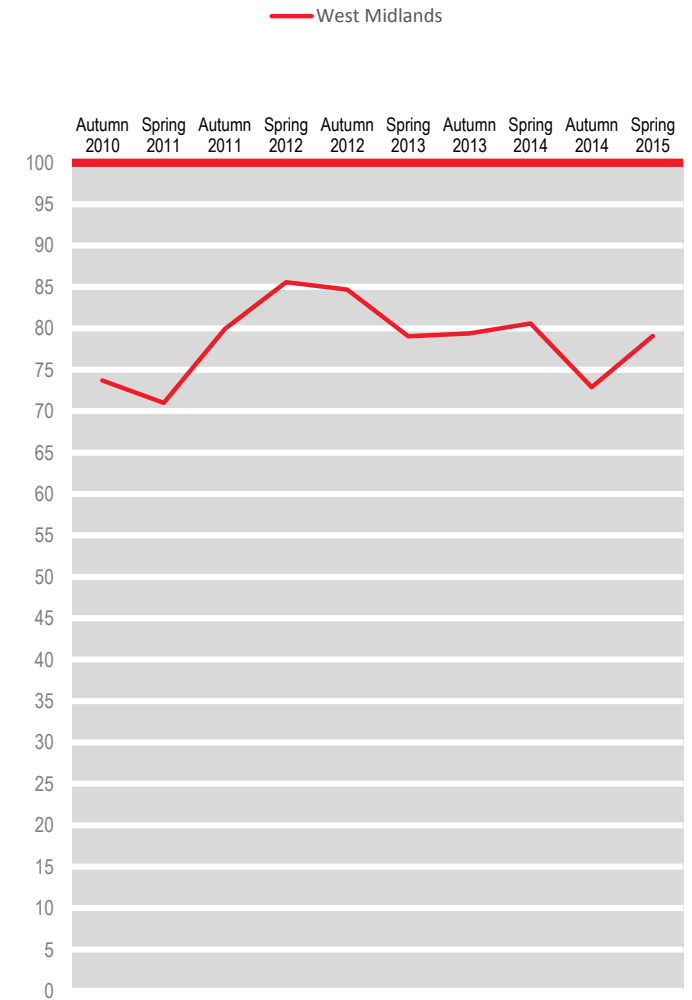
Percentage of passengers satisfied 2010 to 2015



The cleanliness of the inside of the train

(504)

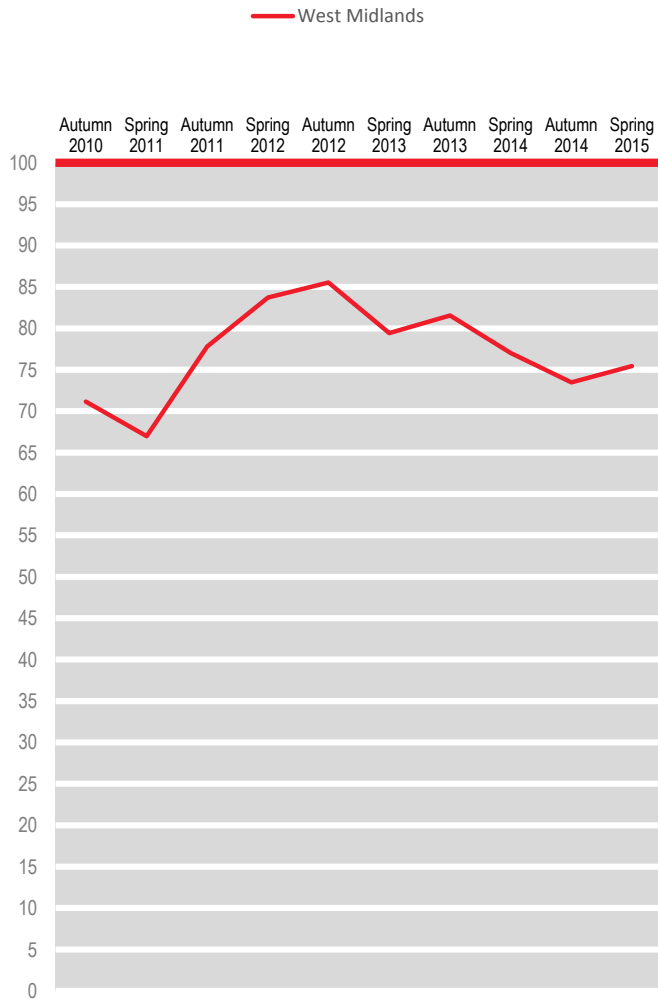
Percentage of passengers satisfied 2010 to 2015



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The cleanliness of the outside of the train (430)

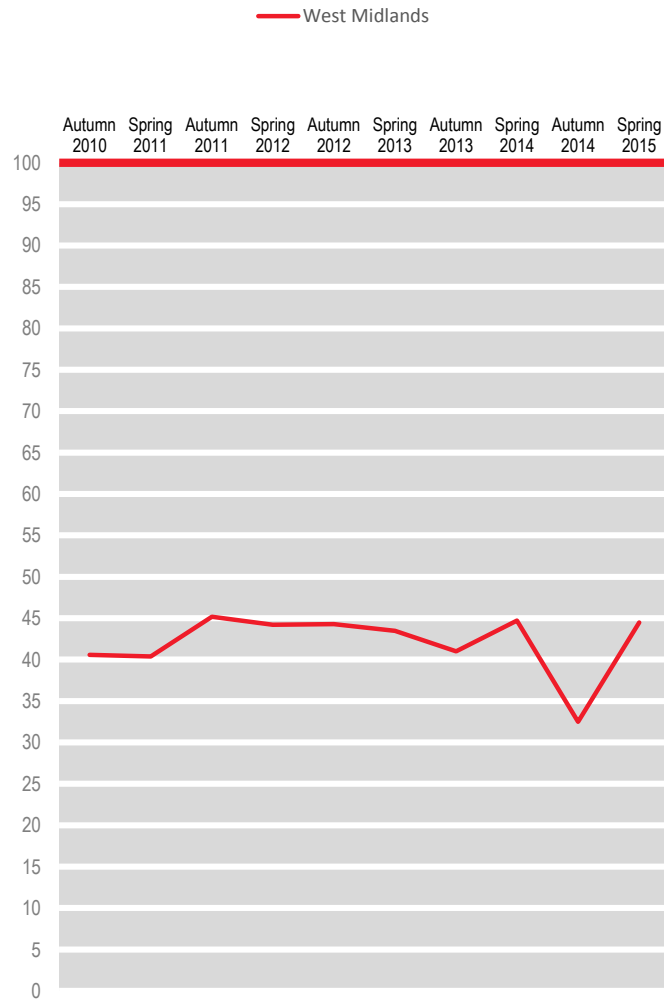
Percentage of passengers satisfied 2010 to 2015



The availability of staff on the train

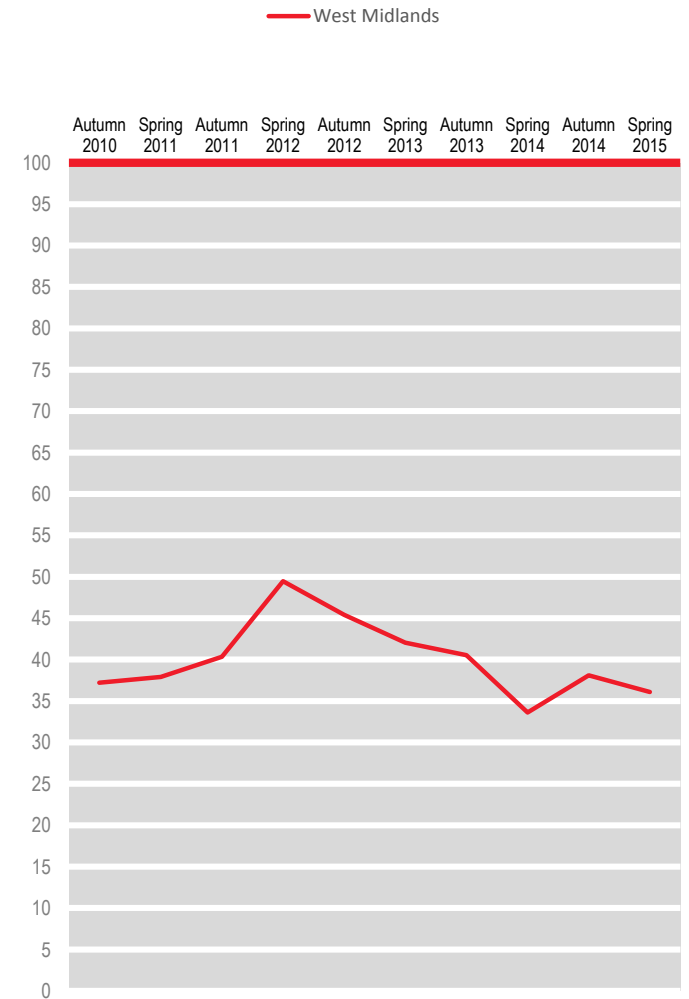
(342)

Percentage of passengers satisfied 2010 to 2015



How well train company dealt with delays (106)

Percentage of passengers satisfied 2010 to 2015



N.B. Benchmarks and targets are only shown for applicable factors

	Spring 2015	Spring 2014		Spring 2015	Spring 2014
GENDER			ASKED FOR HELP OR INFORMATION		
Male	44	41	Yes asked for help	6	5
Female	53	56	Yes asked for information	4	7
			Could not find anyone to ask	1	4
			No	88	82
AGE					
16-18	2	2			
19-25	14	13			
26-34	12	14			
35-44	13	12			
45-54	16	17			
55-59	5	6			
60-64	8	12			
65+	27	22			
JOURNEY PURPOSE					
Commuter	38	38			
Business	10	10			
Leisure	52	52			
DELAY					
None	77	73			
Minor	19	23			
Major	3	3			
REGULAR TRAVELLER					
Yes	72	66			
No	28	34			
TIME OF TRAVEL					
Peak	-	-			
Off-peak	-	-			

Station sample sizes for West Midlands

Station	Unweighted
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Birmingham New Street	117
Birmingham Moor Street	108
Coventry	43
Birmingham Snow Hill	29
Birmingham International	28
University (Birmingham)	26
Solihull	22
Sutton Coldfield	20
Longbridge	20
Erdington	17
Bournville	16
Selly Oak	13
Four Oaks	11
Stechford	11
Wolverhampton	11
Sandwell And Dudley	9
Tame Bridge Parkway	8
Stourbridge Town	6
Five Ways	5
Smethwick Galton Bridge	1

Station catchment area for West Midlands

Station	Station
Acocks Green	Northfield
Adderley Park	Old Hill
Aston	Olton
Berkswell	Perry Barr
Bescot Stadium	Rowley Regis
Birmingham International	Sandwell and Dudley
Birmingham Moor Street	Selly Oak
Birmingham New Street	Shirley
Birmingham Snow Hill	Small Heath
Blake Street	Smethwick Galton Bridge
Bloxwich	Smethwick Rolfe Street
Bloxwich North	Solihull
Bordesley	Spring Road
Bournville	Stechford
Butlers Lane	Stourbridge Junction
Canley	Stourbridge Town
Chester Road	Sutton Coldfield
Coseley	Tame Bridge Parkway
Coventry	The Hawthorns
Cradley Heath	Tile Hill
Dorridge	Tipton
Duddeston	Tyseley
Dudley Port	University (Birmingham)
Earlswood (West Midlands)	Walsall
Erdington	Whitlocks End
Five Ways	Widney Manor
Four Oaks	Witton
Gravelly Hill	Wolverhampton
Hall Green	Wylde Green
Hampton-in-Arden	Wythall
Hamstead (Birmingham)	Yardley Wood
Jewellery Quarter	
Kings Norton	
Langley Green	
Lea Hall	
Longbridge	
Lye	
Marston Green	

5 5.1 Standard reports produced for NRPS

The following reports are produced each wave:

At a glance for each TOC	Short summary reports showing headline results
Best In Class Report	Trend tables showing results for all main factors for all TOCs and building blocks for the last 10 waves.
Building Block Report	Summary results showing satisfaction for all building blocks for all main NRPS factors.
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.
Personal Security at Stations Report	Percentage of passengers satisfied and dissatisfied with personal security at all stations that were included in the NRPS for the last 10 survey waves.
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 stations covered by NRPS during that time period.
Tables Report	Quite detailed tables for all TOCs showing results for the majority of NRPS questions by gender, age, journey purpose, time of week and whether they were a frequent traveller or not.
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	Abellio Greater Anglia
	c2c
	Chiltern Railways
	First Great Western
	Govia Thameslink Railway
	London Midland
	London Overground
	South West Trains
	Southeastern
	Southern
Long Distance Operators	CrossCountry
	East Coast
	East Midlands Trains
	First TransPennine Express
	Virgin Trains
Regional Operators	Arriva Trains Wales
	Merseyrail
	Northern Rail
	ScotRail



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