Tram Passenger Survey (TPS) Manchester Metrolink Autumn 2016 results



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Context to the survey



Context to the 2016 survey

The Tram Passenger Survey (TPS)

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

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

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

The 2016 TPS covered tram services in Manchester, Birmingham, Blackpool, Edinburgh, Nottingham and Sheffield



The survey methodology

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

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

Interviewers approached passengers on all days of the week between 6am and 10pm, between 26 September and 4 December 2016

3073 surveys were completed for Manchester Metrolink in autumn 2016

For further details of the survey method, see Appendix

The Manchester Metrolink network in context

	The Network	Passenger Journeys	Ticket Purchasing	Information at stops	Frequency	Engineering disruptions/other notes
Manchester Metrolink	7 lines 93 stops 57 miles	36** million	✓ TVMs at stops ★ Conductors on board	 ✓ Info boards all stops (TTs, fares) ✓ Passenger Info Displays (Not all stops on Bury and Altrincham lines) 	Mon-Sat: every 6-12 mins Sun: 12-15 mins	 Airport line opened late 2014, covered for first time in 2015 Exchange Square and link with Victoria opened in December 2015 Increasing use of double carriage trams
Blackpool Transport*	1 line 38 stops 11 miles	4.9* million	▼ TVMs at stops	✓ Info boards at stops (TTs, fares) X Passenger Info Displays	Mon-Sat: every 15-30 mins Sun: 20-30 mins	Blackpool illuminations 1 Sep to 5 Nov 2016 Heritage trams operate bank holidays, weekends and summer; not covered in this research No significant issues affected fieldwork
Trams	1 line 16 stops 8.7 miles	5.5** million	TVMs at stopsConductors on board	✗ Info boards at stops (TTs, fares)✓ Passenger Info Displays	Mon-Sat: every 8-10 mins Sun: 12-15 mins	Network opened 31 May 2014No significant issues affected fieldwork
Midland Metro	1 line 26 stops 13 miles	6.1** million	✓ TVMs at stops ✓ Conductors on board	✓ Info boards at some stops (TTs, fares)✓ Passenger Info Displays	Mon-Sat: every 6-15 mins Sun: 15 mins	 Network extension to Grand Central (New Street Station) opened on 30 May 2016 and was included in the TPS 2016 No significant issues affecting fieldwork
Nottingham N=7	2 lines 50 stops 20 miles	12.2* million	TVMs at stopsConductors on board	✓ Info boards all stops (TTs, fares)✓ Passenger Info Displays	Mon-Sat: every 3-15 mins Sun: 5-15 mins	No significant issues affecting fieldwork
Sheffield otogroom SUPERTRAM	3 lines 48 stops 18 miles	11.6* million	▼ TVMs at stops✓ Conductors on board	✓ Info boards at stops (TTs, fares) X Passenger Info Displays	Mon-Sat: every 5-20 mins Sun: 10-20 mins	No significant issues affecting fieldwork



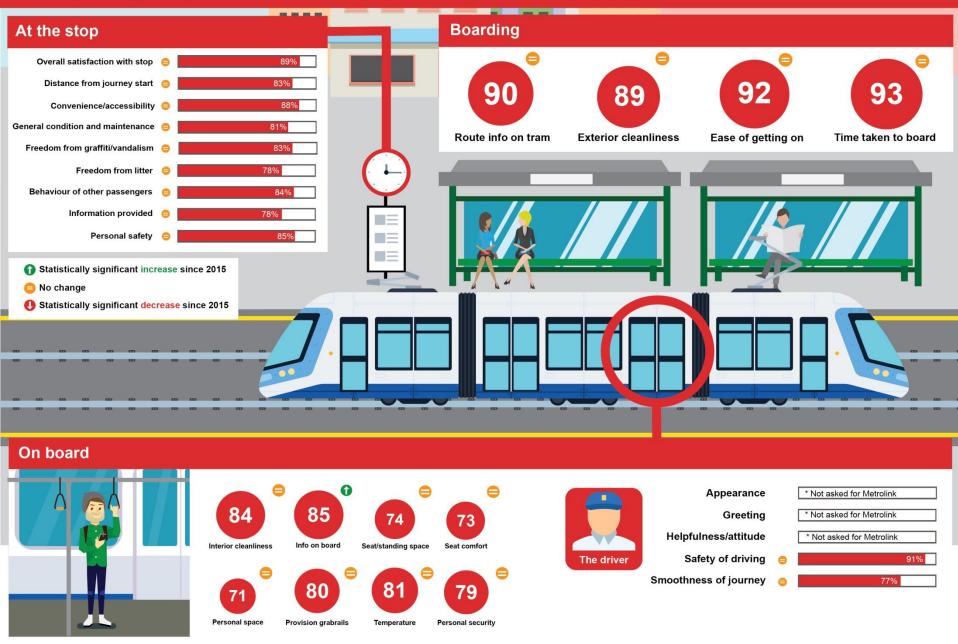
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Summary of 2016 results



Key performance measures for Metrolink 2016 Punctuality 86% Value for money 0 62% Journey time **87%** Overall journey 1 Statistically significant increase since 2015 No change Statistically significant decrease since 2015

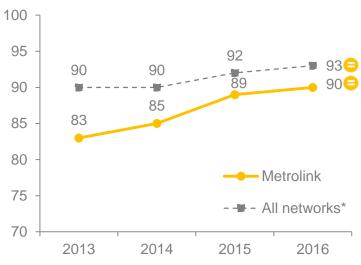
Overall passenger experience in Manchester 2016: a snapshot



Overall passenger experience in Manchester 2016: comparison to all networks

Overall journey satisfaction: 2016 Metrolink 90 😑 ΑII 93 😑 Networks

Overall journey satisfaction: trend



*The 2013 survey did not include Edinburgh Trams

What makes a satisfactory or great journey on Metrolink?

The top factors linked to overall journey satisfaction in Manchester*

What makes a satisfactory journey?

What makes a great journey?

Timeliness 27% Boarding the tram	Value for money 10% Smoothness/speed of tram				
18%	Tram stop condition	Personal safety throughout journey 6%			
On tram environment and comfort					
18%	Cleanliness and condition of the tra 4%	m 1% 1%			

On tram environment and comfort 31%	Value for money 8%	Cleanliness and condition of the tram 7%	
Smoothness/speed of tram	Personal safety throughout journey ^{7%}	Access to the tram stop	
Timeliness	Tram stop condition ^{7%}	Information throughout journey 5% Boarding the tram 2%	

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

Access to the tram stop

Information throughout journey

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

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

The analysis combines data from 2015 and 2016 surveys to increase robustness. It also excludes satisfaction measures relating to tram staff; due to differences in staff availability across the networks not all TPS questionnaires feature questions about tram staff. In order to run the analysis in a consistent and practical manner all staff measures have been excluded. See appendix 2 for a full explanation of the analysis to identify factors linked to overall journey satisfaction.

1 Statistically significant increase since 2015

No change



Passenger experience in Manchester 2016: across the network

	Metrolink	All Networks	Airport	Altrincham	Ashton	Bury	East Didsbury	Eccles	Rochdale	City Zone*
Satisfaction with ke	y measures:									
Overall journey	90	92 🖨	93 😑	87 😑	91 😑	91 😑	92 😑	92 😑	91 🚹	98 😑
Value for Money	62 🚯	69 😑	66 😑	58 😑	65 😑	61 😑	57 😑	71 😑	69 😑	86 😑
Punctuality	86	1 88 1	90 😑	81 😑	89 🚹	84 😑	90 🚹	87 🚹	91 🚹	94 🚹
Overall stop	89	90 🖨	90 😑	90 😑	88 🜓	87 😑	93 😑	91 😑	85 😑	95 🚹
Satisfaction with ot	her measures driv	ing overall jour	ney satisfac	tion in Manc	hester:					
Length of time waiting for the tram	85	6 88 6	87 🚹	83 😑	87 😑	82 😑	91 🕎	82 🕎	91 🕎	82 😑
Satisfaction with other measures driving passengers to be <u>very</u> satisfied in Manchester:										
Space to sit/stand on board	74 🤅	78 🖨	84 😑	69 🔮	76 😑	71 😑	80 😑	80 😑	74 😑	92 🚹
Comfort of the seats	73 €	77 😑	75 😑	72 😑	75 😑	63 😑	83 🏠	80 😑	74 😑	79 🚹
Amount of personal space on board	71 🖯	73 🔮	77 😑	65 😑	73 \\	63 😑	79 😑	79 😑	76 🏠	79 🚹

^{*}The City Zone covers a number of stops in central Manchester; there is some overlap between the City Zone and other routes

¹ Statistically significant increase since 2015

No change

Statistically significant decrease since 2015

Manchester 2016: summary of key findings (1)

- 90 per cent of Metrolink passengers were satisfied with their journey overall (2015: 89 per cent). This is higher than the same measure on the Bus Passenger Survey (83 per cent). More than half of all passengers (51 per cent) were 'very satisfied' with their journey overall
- Overall satisfaction is relatively consistent across key passenger groups, although the older generations and those not commuting tend to be more satisfied with their journeys on Metrolink
- The main factor which makes journeys satisfactory on Metrolink relates to the timeliness of the tram.
 Satisfaction with punctuality has increased significantly since last year (from 82 per cent to 86 per cent satisfied), as has satisfaction with the length of time that passengers had to wait for the tram (from 79 per cent to 85 per cent satisfied)
- The key factor which makes passengers 'very' rather than 'fairly' satisfied with journeys on Metrolink is the environment and comfort on board. There are no significant changes in attributes relating to this factor
- Amongst fare paying passengers 62 per cent were satisfied with the value for money of their journey, a significant increase compared to 2015 (58 per cent). This improvement has been driven mostly by those not commuting and people in the 35-59 age group
- When evaluating value for money the joint most important factors to passengers were the cost of the tram versus other modes of transport and the cost for the distance travelled

Manchester 2016: summary of key findings (2)

- Passengers using the Airport line were most satisfied (with 93 per cent satisfied overall), followed closely by those using the Eccles and East Didsbury lines (92 per cent satisfied overall). Passengers are least satisfied with their journeys on the Altrincham line where overall satisfaction is 87 per cent and satisfaction with value for money is 58 per cent
- Almost a third of passengers (32 per cent) spontaneously mentioned an improvement that could have been made to their journey (43 per cent in 2015). The most common improvements related to seating and capacity on the tram
- Other improvements mentioned related to fares and tickets, the frequency of trams, the routes covered by the network and the on board experience
- 9 per cent of passengers experienced a delay on their journey (2015: 12 per cent). When delays occurred they lasted 11 minutes on average
- Half of all passengers (50 per cent) were using Metrolink for leisure purposes (2015: 44 per cent)
- The majority of passengers (71 per cent) purchase their ticket using the ticket machines at stops, although this is significantly less than in 2015 (83 per cent). 15 per cent of passengers used the new 'get me there' app to purchase their ticket

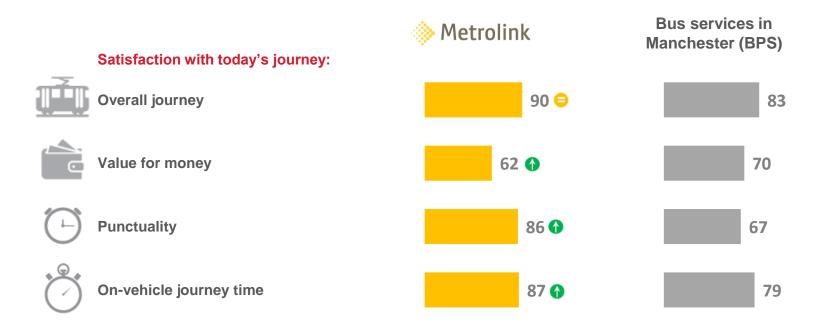
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Experience and opinions of the journey

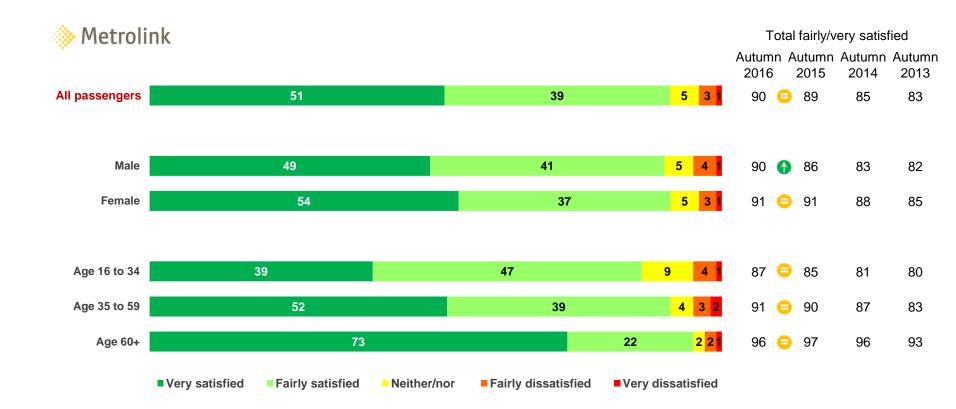
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Experience and opinions of the journey: summary



Overall satisfaction: by gender and age

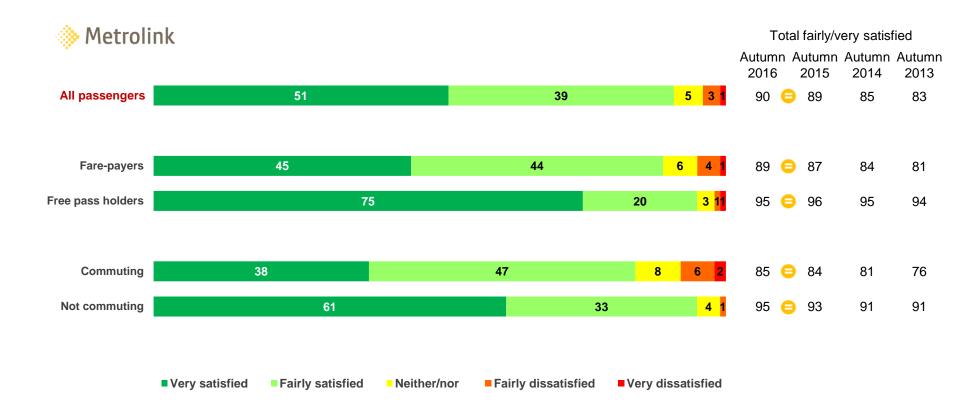


Q. Overall, taking everything into account from the start to the end of this tram journey, how satisfied were you with your tram journey today? Base: All passengers - 3022

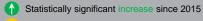


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Overall satisfaction: by passenger type

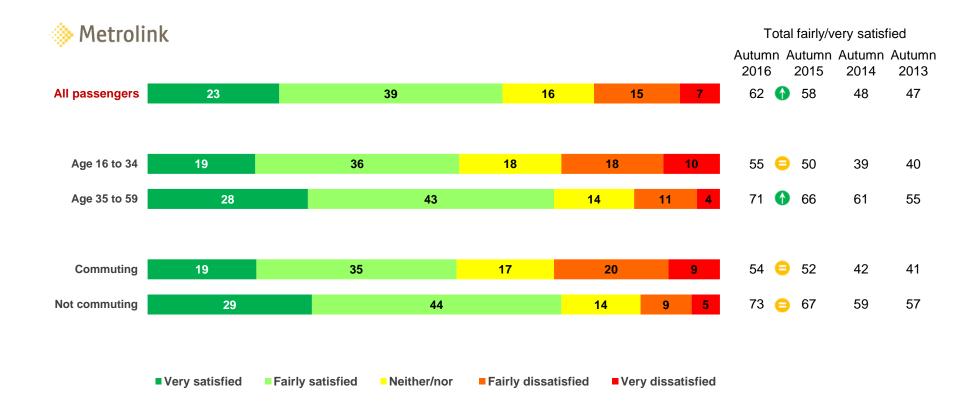


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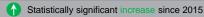




Experience and opinions of the journey: the detail Value for money (fare-payers only)



Q. How satisfied were you with the value for money of your journey? Base: All fare paying passengers - 1978

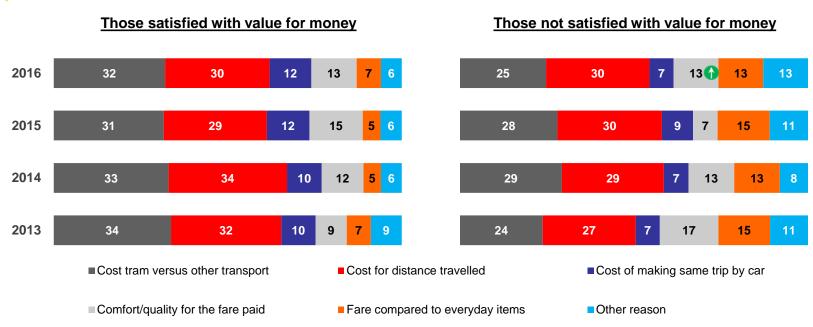


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Experience and opinions of the journey: the detail

What influenced value for money rating





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

Base: All fare paying passengers satisfied with VFM - 1261; all fare paying passengers not satisfied with VFM - 650



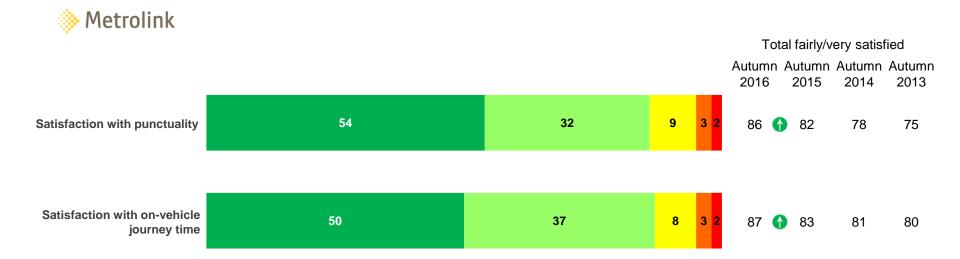
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Statistically significant decrease since 2015

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Experience and opinions of the journey: the detail

Punctuality and on-vehicle journey time



Q. How satisfied were you with the amount of time your journey on the tram took? Base: All passengers - 2967



No change



 $^{{\}it Q. How satisfied were you with each of the following... Punctuality? Base: All passengers - 2810}\\$

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Waiting at the stop

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



Waiting at the stop: summary

→	Metrolink	Buses in Manchester		Metrolink	Buses in Manchester
Satisfaction with the stop:					
Overall satisfaction with stop	89 🖨	80	Satisfaction: waiting time	85 🚯	68
Distance from journey start	83 😑	85	Expected wait time	7 mins 🜗	7 mins
Convenience/accessibility	88 😑	88	Actual reported wait	6 mins 🕕	7 mins
General condition and maintenance	81 😑	71	time		
Freedom from graffiti/vandalism	83 😑	77			
Freedom from litter	78 😑	70	Passengers who checked tram time	82% 🖨	65%
Behaviour of other passengers	84 😑	N/A*	Info sources used	Online tram times	Paper timetable
Information provided	78 😑	70	before arriving at stop	most common, then disruption info on Metrolink	most common, then online timetable
Personal safety	85 😑	77		website	
Ticket buying facilities	75 😑	N/A*	Info sources used at stop	76% electronic display	75% timetable at stop
Reliability of ticket machines	63 (N/A*			
*Not asked in BPS			Among those that didn't check	77% knew service frequent	66% knew service frequent

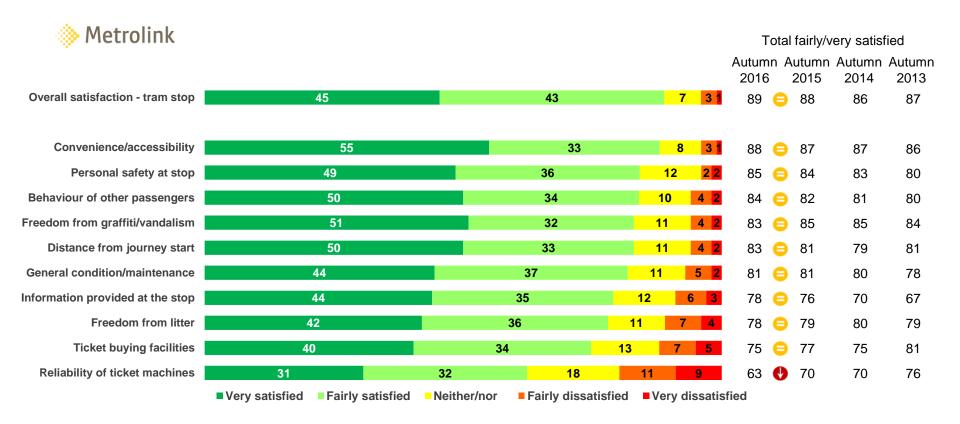
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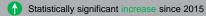
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Satisfaction with the tram stop



Q. Overall, how satisfied were you with the tram stop? & Q. Thinking about the tram stop itself, how satisfied were you with the following: Base: All passengers - 3019

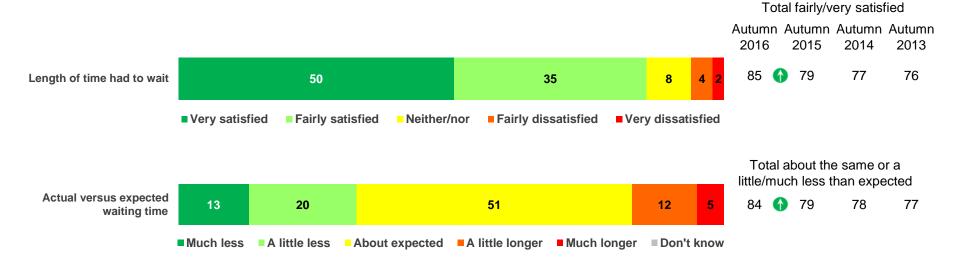


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Waiting time





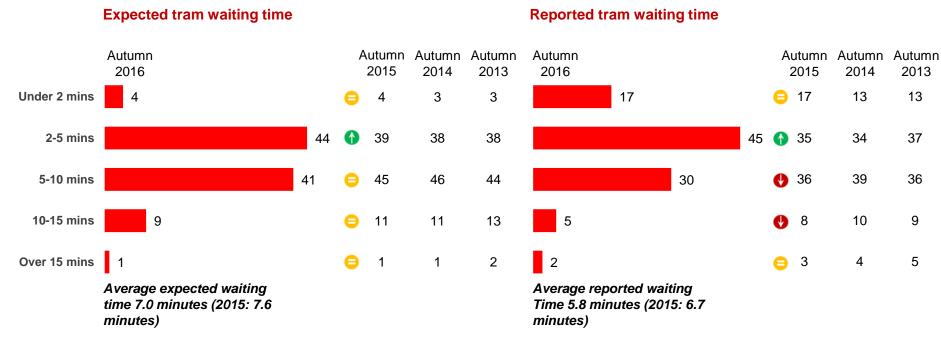
Statistically significant increase since 2015

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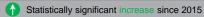
Q. How satisfied were you with each of the following? & Q. Thinking about the time you waited for the tram today, was it [...] than expected? Base: All passengers - 3021

Expected and reported waiting times





Q. Approximately how long did you expect to wait for the tram? & Q. Approximately, how long did you wait for your tram Base: All passengers - 2964



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Statistically significant decrease since 2015

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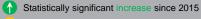
How passengers checked tram times



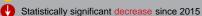
18 per cent (=) of Manchester Metrolink passengers did not check to find out when the tram was meant to arrive (2015: 16 per cent)

Before I	eaving for	the tram st		At the tram stop								
	Autumn 2016		Autumn 2015	Autumn 2014	Autumn 2013		Autumn 2016			utumn 2015	Autumn 2014	Autumn 2013
Leaflet/paper timetable	1	•	1	1	1	Electronic display		76	0	76	61	51
Online	8	•	10	8	8	Information posters	2		•	3	4	7
Disruption information via Metrolink website	7	=	6	7	3	Online	1		•	1	1	2
Disruption updates via social media	2	=	3	3	3	Disruption information via Metrolink website	1			2	1	2
Other	6	⊜	6	6	8	Disruption updates via social media	1		•	2	1	2
			-		-	Other	2			2	2	4

Q. Did you check any of the following to find out when the tram was meant to arrive? Base: All passengers - 3073

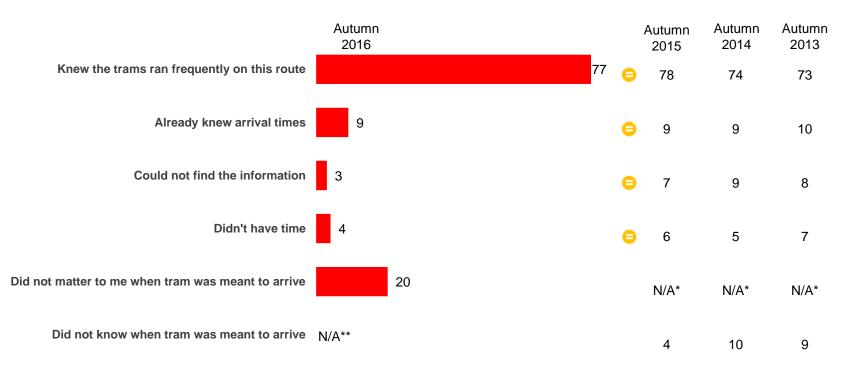




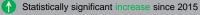


Why passengers did not check tram times





Q. If you did not check to find out when the tram was meant to arrive, why was this? Base: All not checking tram arrival information - 452





Statistically significant decrease since 2015

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^{*} Not asked before 2016

^{**} Not asked in 2016

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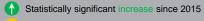
The tram

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The tram: summary

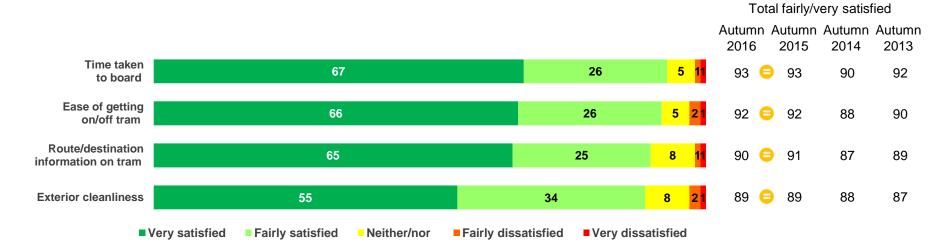
>	Metr	olink	Buses in Manchester		> Met	rolink	Buses in Manchester		Metrolink	Buses in Manchester
Start of journey			ı	On board				The driver		
Route info on tram	90	•	85	Interior cleanliness	84	=	74	Appearance	*	87
Exterior cleanliness	89	•	77	Info on board	85	•	62	Greeting	*	65
Ease getting on	92		90	Seat/standing space	74	•	84	Helpfulness/attitude	*	67
Time taken to board	93		89	Seat comfort	73	•	76	Safety of driving	91 😑	86
				Personal space	71	=	74	Smoothness journe	y 77 😑	72
				Provision grabrails	80	•	83			
				Temperature	81	•	76	*Not asked for Metroli	nk	
				Personal security	79	=	83			



No change

Satisfaction with start of journey





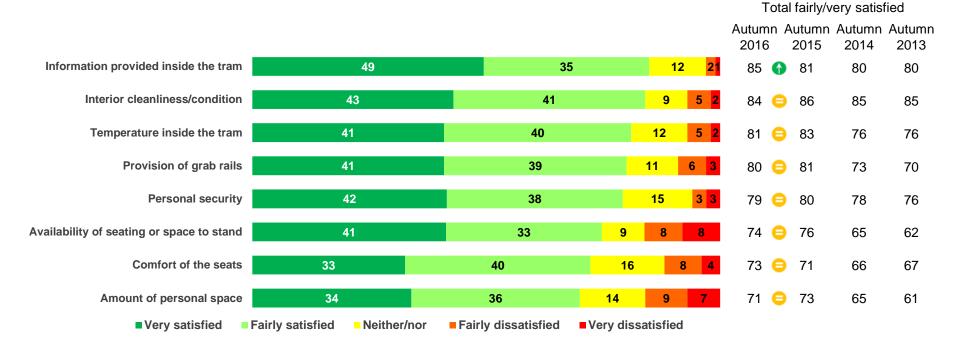
Q. Thinking about when the tram arrived, please indicate how satisfied you were with the following: Base: All passengers - 2983



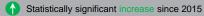
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Satisfaction on the tram





Q. Thinking about whilst you were on the tram, please indicate how satisfied you were with the following: Base: All passengers - 3007



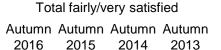
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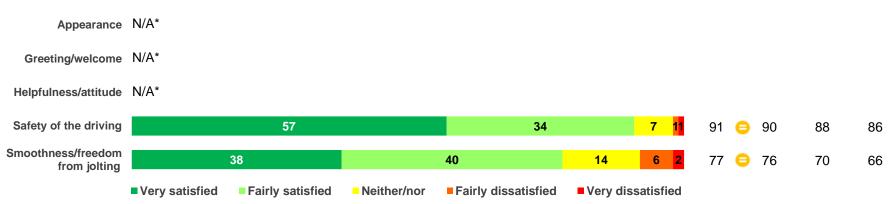
Statistically significant decrease since 2015

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Satisfaction with tram staff







*Not asked for Manchester Metrolink

TPS: Q. Thinking about any tram staff you encountered on your journey, please indicate how satisfied you were with each of the following: Base: All passengers - 2944

Statistically significant increase since 2015

No change

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Negative experiences during the journey

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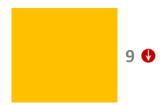


Negative experiences during the journey: summary





Passengers experiencing a delay to their journey





Average length of delay (perceived)





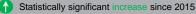
Most common cause of delay

Signal/points failure **⊖**



Passengers with worry or concern about others' behaviour on board

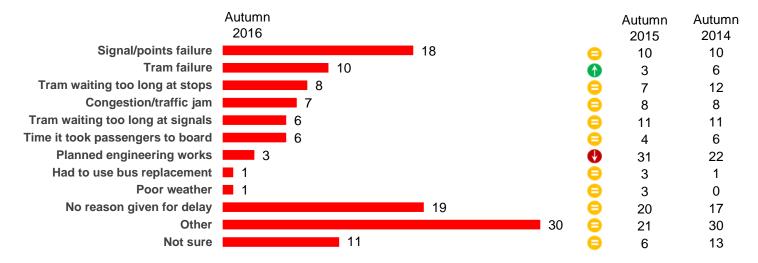




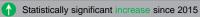
Experience of delays

Metrolink

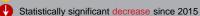
9 per cent (1) of Manchester Metrolink passengers experienced a delay (2015: 12 per cent). Average length of delay was 11 minutes (2)



^{* &#}x27;No reason given for delay' not asked in 2013. Its addition could have caused the significant drops in the other factors TPS: Q. Why was your journey delayed? Base: All experiencing a delay - 216





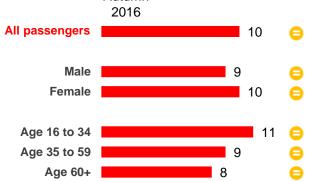


Negative experiences during the journey: the detail

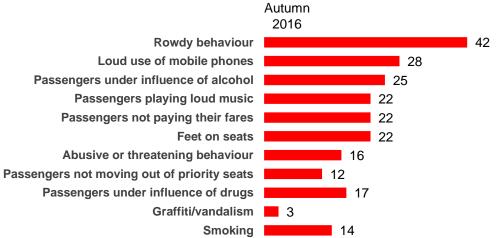
Worry or concern at other passengers' behaviour

Metrolink





Types of worrying/concerning behaviour (%)



Autumn 2015	Autumn 2014	Autumr 2013		
9	8	9		
8	9	9		
9	8	9		
10	10	9		
9	6	9		
6	6	7		

Autumn	Autumn	Autumn
2015	2014	2013
60	62	55
27	33	31
25	26	27
30	26	29
27	21	21
17	17	19
18	15	15
17	12	N/A*
14	11	9
4	7	1
8	5	6

Q. Which of the following were the reasons for [other passengers behaviour causing you concern]? Base: All experiencing worrying/concerning behaviour - 253



Statistically significant increase since 2015



^{*}Not asked in 2013

Q. Did other passengers' behaviour give you cause to worry or make you feel uncomfortable during your journey? Base: All passengers - 3027

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Passengers' suggested improvements

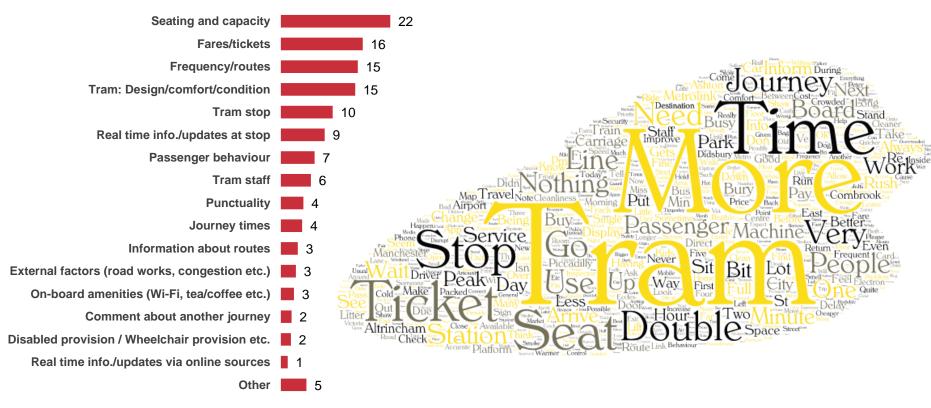


Passengers' suggested improvements: summary

Metrolink

68% of Metrolink passengers in 2016 had no suggestions for improvements

...of the 32% that did, the most common service areas for improvement were:



*Coding has been changed since 2015. Significant changes are therefore not shown

Q. If something could have been improved on your tram journey today, what would it have been? Base: All suggesting an improvement - 896

Statistically significant increase since 2015

No change

Statistically significant decrease since 2015

Passengers' suggested improvements: the detail

Selected verbatim comments

Too many people allowed on the tram and therefore difficult to get off

Just room to sit. I do think that at certain stops when the kids get on they can intimidate and just generally cause mayhem. Maybe a patrol man or woman is needed at times.

More double trams to create more space on tram. More frequent, reliable service-information about next tram service on screens at tram stop

Access to and from platforms remove the beggar from the platform (seems to be a permanent fixture)

Need more trams and more doubles during rush hour on Alty line. People had no seats from Navi Road- only second stop. And couldn't get on at all from Sale onwards!! Really bad! £6.50 to sniff somebody's armpit all the way into town. Far too expensive for the rush hour experience! Like cattle. Good value when train not packed.

Cleanliness inside tram. They do not look like they get a good washing inside more than once a month or so. The floors are always disgusting and the seats look brown rather than blue.

A quieter tram with no kids getting on the tram without inspectors on the tram as we need them at all times and they are not buying ticket

On the inward journey it was only a single tram. At busy times i.e. 4-6:30 pm I think they should all be doubles as I stood for over twenty five minutes. Not acceptable.

Enough seats for everyone. A guard on the tram like you get on the train (I guess that might put the prices up though)

More seat availability.
Grabrails/handles for shorter
passengers. Also if dogs were
allowed on the tram, it would
have made our day out easier

Trams going to Wythenshawe at certain times of the day being double carriages. They should place extra trams on as have to wait longer Didsbury/Eccles/Altrincham in the evening

Not enough space, single trams not appropriate for number of people, unreliable info on boards at stops, conduct of other passengers, filthy inside tram, far too expensive. I could go on.

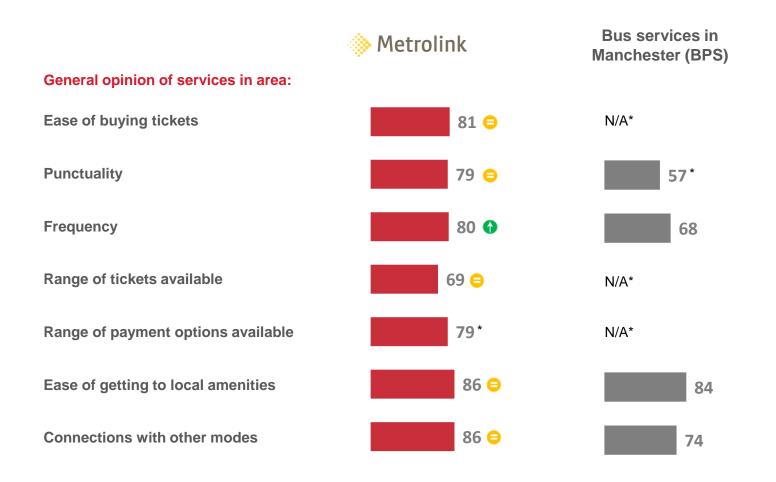
The airport tram does not go to the centre of Manchester - the one route not covered. This plus the fact the trams are at least twelve minutes apart means the journey time is often very long. It is also very cold and windy waiting at Cornbrook with no shelter in an exposed place.

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Opinion of trams in the local area



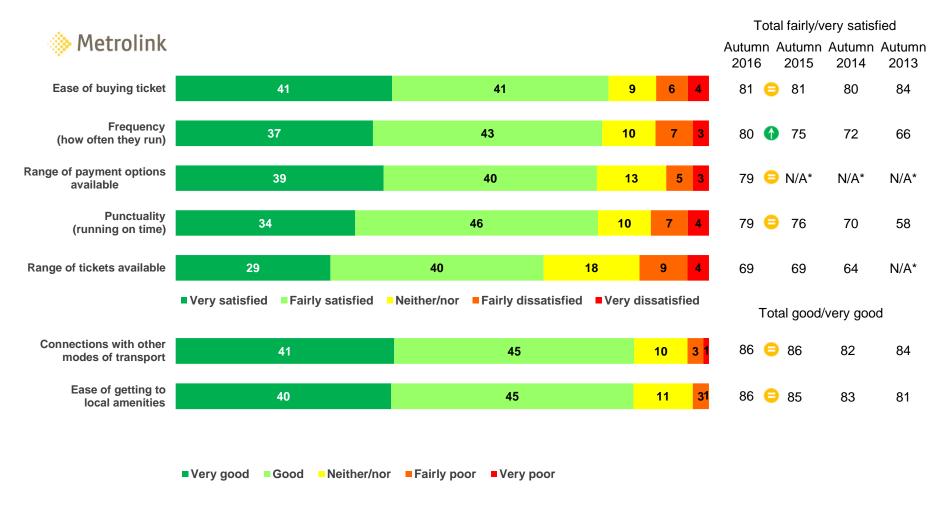
Opinion of trams in the local area: summary



^{*}Not asked in 2015/BPS. Punctuality refers to 'reliability' in BPS

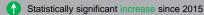
Opinion of trams in the local area: the detail

Satisfaction with trams generally



^{*}Not asked in 2013/2014/2015

Q. And how satisfied are you overall with tram services for the following: & Q: How would you rate your local tram services for the following: Base: All passengers - 2217



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Statistically significant decrease since 2015

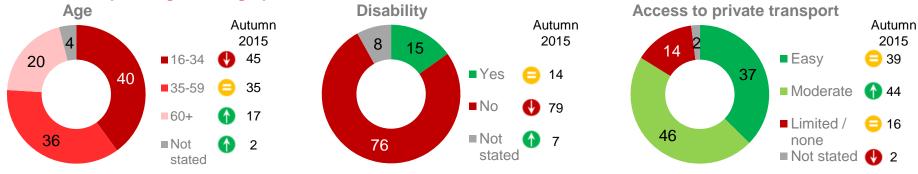
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Appendix 1: the passenger and journey context



Metrolink passengers: summary

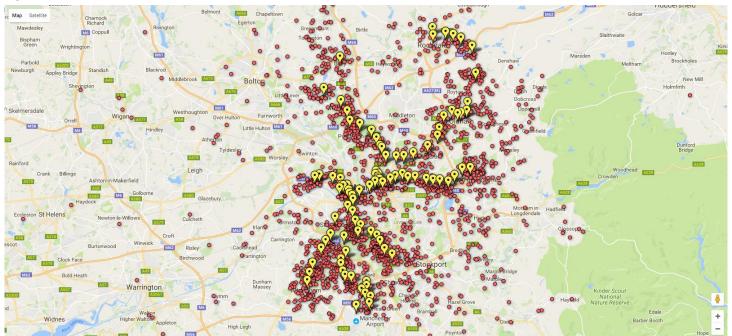
Overview of passenger demographics

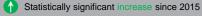


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Passengers' postcodes relative to tram network



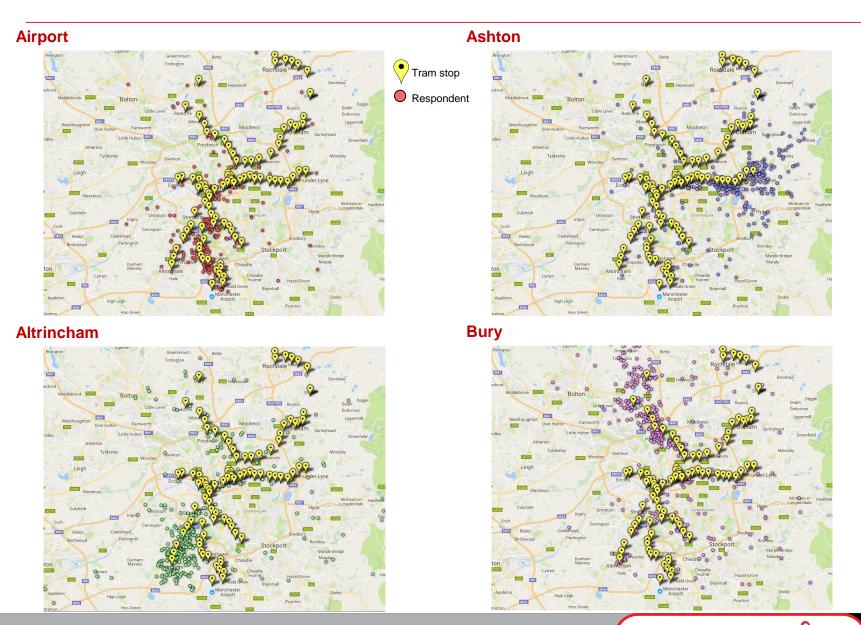




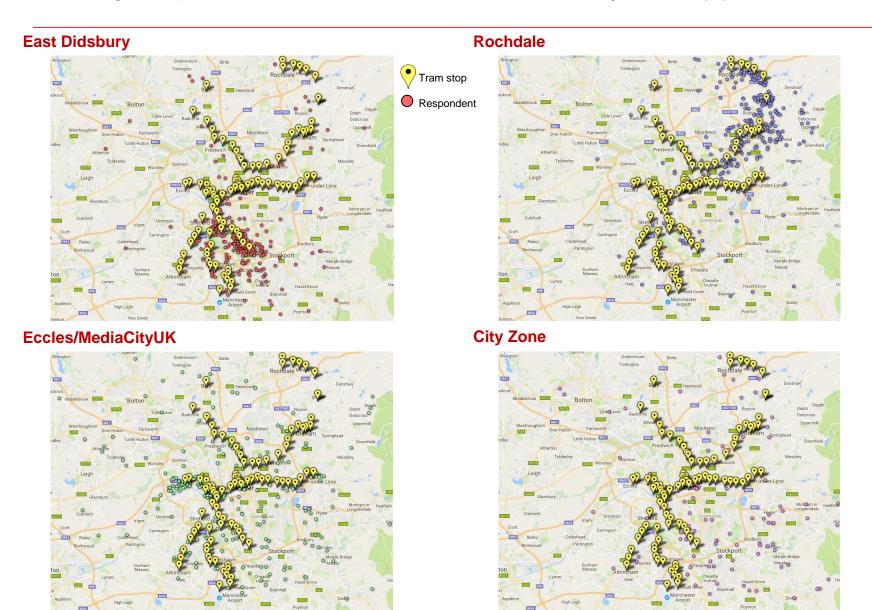
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Statistically significant decrease since 2015

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



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



Passenger profile

				Tram		I		Bus		
	Autum 2016		Autumn 2015	Autumn 2014	Autumn 2013	Autumn 2016	Autumn 2015	Autumn 2014	Autumn 2013	
Age										
16-34	40	•	45	50	48	42	50	51	53	
35-59	36		35	34	35	33	32	29	30	
Over 60	20	•	17	16	17	21	13	20	18	
Not stated*	4	•	2	N/A	N/A	4	5	0	0	
Access to private transport										
Easy	37		39	40	40	18	15	16	15	
Moderate	46	•	44	43	43	37	34	37	38	
Limited/none	14		16	17	15	39	44	41	41	
Not stated	2	•	2	1	2	5	7	5	6	
Has a disability										
Yes	15		14	13	9	24	21	31	24	
Ticket type										*The weighting process for
Free pass holders	20	•	18	16	16	25	18	26	25	2015 was adapted to include passengers choosing not to
Fare-payers Base: All passengers - 3073	80	(D)	82	84	81	73	79	74	75	provide their age and gender, in line with BPS. This allows their answers to not be wasted

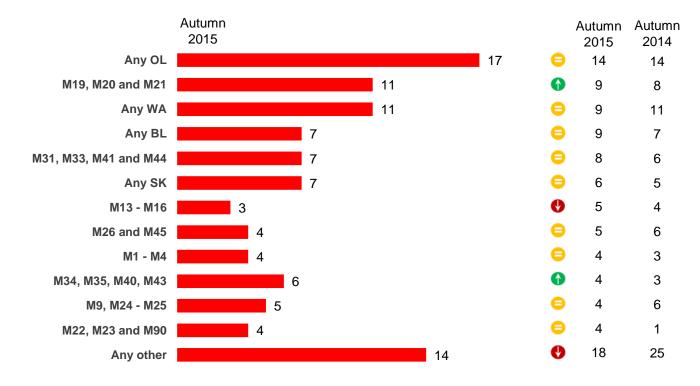
Statistically significant increase since 2015

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Statistically significant decrease since 2015

Where Manchester Metrolink passengers live

Metrolink

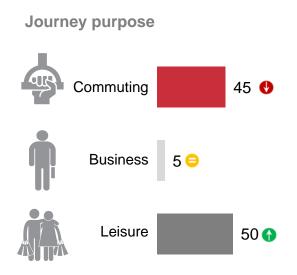


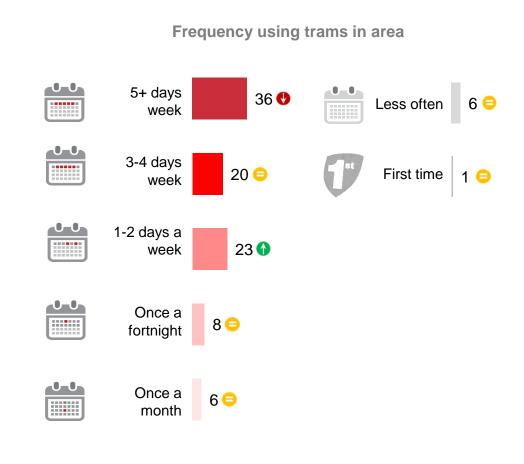
Q: What is your postcode? Base: All giving a postcode - 2639



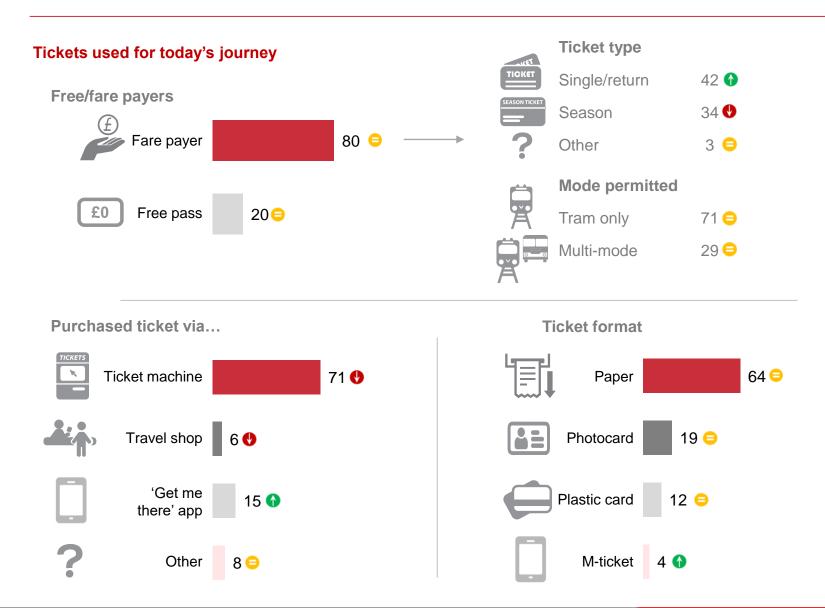
Metrolink journeys: summary (1)

Passenger journey details





Metrolink journeys: summary (2)



Statistically significant decrease since 2015

Metrolink: summary (3)

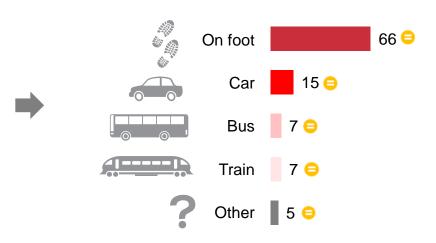
Most used tram stops: journey start

Piccadilly	11 😑
Altrincham	7 😑
Bury	6 😑
Market Street	5 😑
St Peter's Square	5 🕜
Victoria	4 😑
Piccadilly Gardens	3 🔥
Deansgate-Castlefield	3 🔥

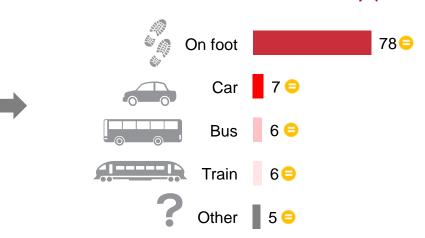
Most used tram stops: journey destination

St Peter's Square	8 🚯
Victoria	7 🚯
Market Street	6 😑
Piccadilly Gardens	6 😑
Piccadilly	6 😑
Deansgate-Castlefield	5 🔮
Bury	4 🔮
Cornbrook	3 😑

Mode used to arrive at starting stop (all stops)

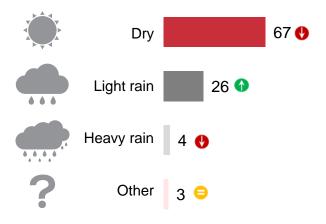


Mode used to travel on from destination stop (all stops)

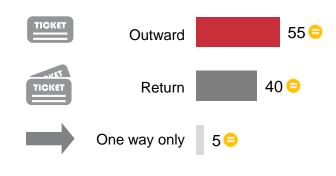


Metrolink journeys: summary (4)

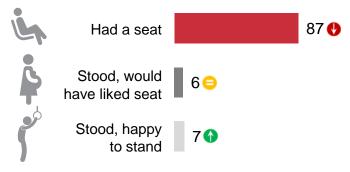
Weather on day of journey



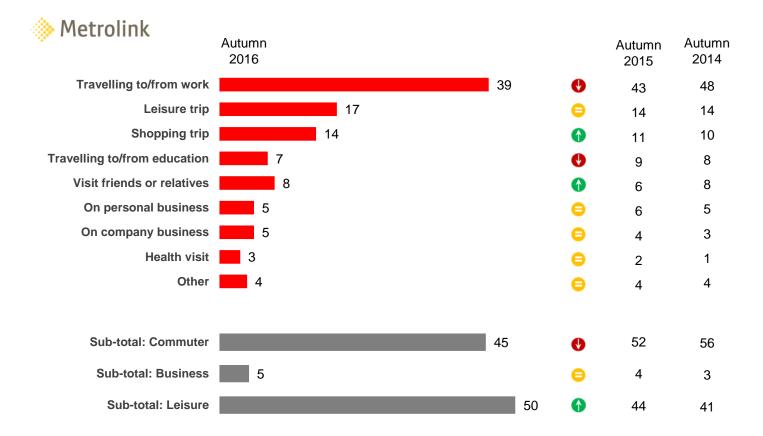
Journey direction



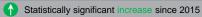
Sitting/standing



Journey purpose

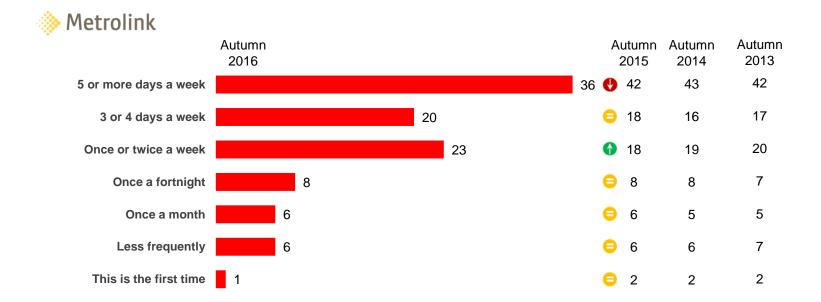


Q. What is the main purpose of your tram journey today? Base: All passengers - 3012

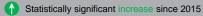


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Frequency of using Manchester Metrolink



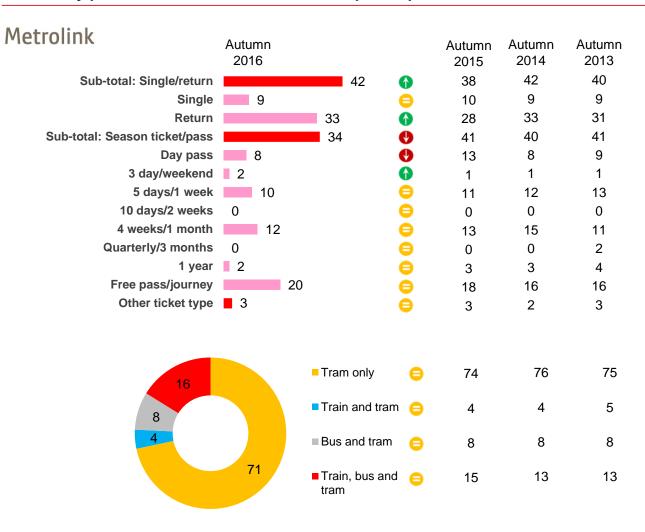
Q. How often do you typically travel by tram? Base: All passengers - 2965



No change

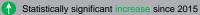
Statistically significant decrease since 2015

Ticket type and modes of transport permitted



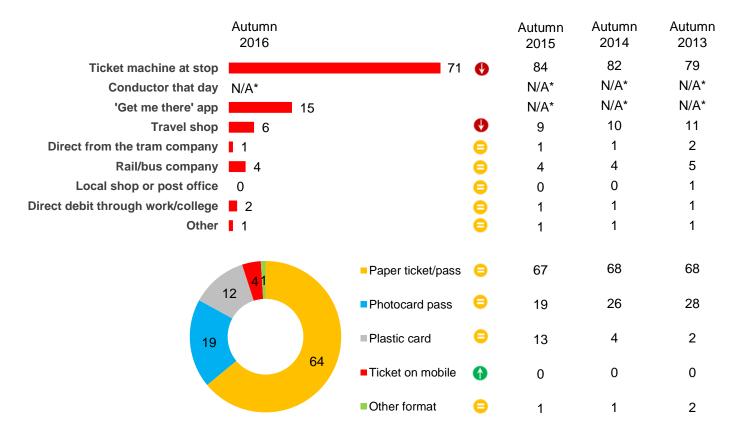
Q. What type of ticket/pass did you use for this tram journey today? Base: All passengers -2987

Q. What modes of transport does your ticket allow you to travel on? Base: All passengers - 2988

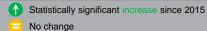


Method of buying ticket and ticket format

Metrolink



Q. In what format was your ticket? Base: All passengers - 2742





^{*}Not asked for Manchester Metrolink Q. How did you buy that ticket or pass? Base: All fare paying passengers - 2025

Manchester Metrolink stops used by passengers surveyed

55 per cent of passengers were on an outward journey, 40 per cent on a return and 5 per cent on a one-way trip (2015: 56 per cent, 38 per cent and 6 per cent respectively)

78 per cent (1) had a seat for their whole journey, while 6 per cent (1) said they had to stand but would have liked to have a seat (2015: 81 per cent and 5 per cent)

51 per cent (1) travelled on a single vehicle tram, 36 per cent (1) on a double tram and 13 per cent were unsure if it was a single or a double tram (2015: 27 per cent, 59 per cent and 13 per cent)

Boarding	Autumn 2016		Autumn 2014	Autumn 2013
Piccadilly	11 (9	5	9
Altrincham	7 🤅	9 6	8	8
• Bury	6	8	7	11
Market Street	5 (5	7	6
St Peter's Square	5 🤇	0	7	5
Victoria	4 (3	0	4
Piccadilly Gardens	3	6	2	4
Deansgate-Castlefield	3	9 4	1	1

Alighting	Autumn 2016		utumn 2015	Autumn 2014	Autumn 2013
St Peter's Square	8 (0	0	15	12
Victoria	7	•	5	0	5
Market Street	6	₽	7	11	9
Piccadilly Gardens	6	₽	6	5	5
Piccadilly	6	₽	6	4	8
Deansgate-Castlefield	5 (Ð	7	1	2
• Bury	4	Ð	5	6	6
• Cornbrook	3 (=	4	3	2

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

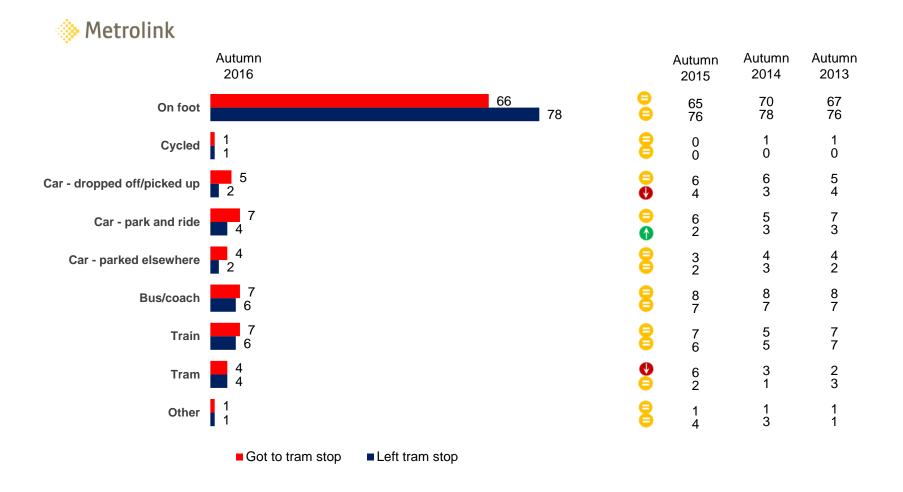
Q: Were you on your outward or return journey? Q. Did you get a seat on the tram? Q: At which stop did you board/leave this tram? Base: All passengers - 3073

Statistically significant increase since 2015

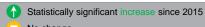
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How got to and from the tram stop

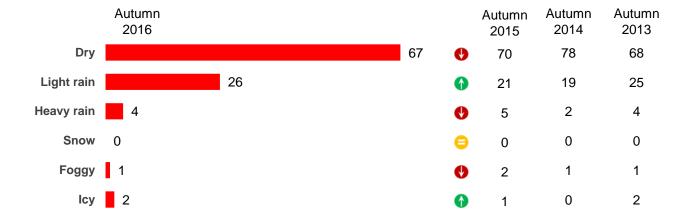


Q: How did you get to/from the tram stop where you boarded/left the tram today? Base: All passengers - 3011

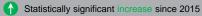


Weather conditions when journey made





Q. What was the weather like when you made your journey? Base: All passengers - 3025



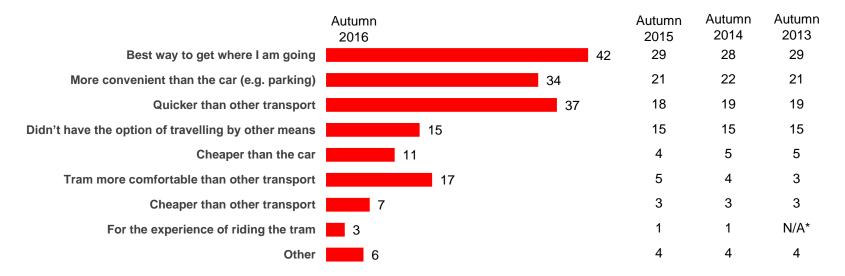
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Passenger and journey context: the detail

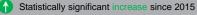
Reasons for choosing the tram





Q. What was the main reason you chose to take the tram for this journey? Base: All passengers - 2947







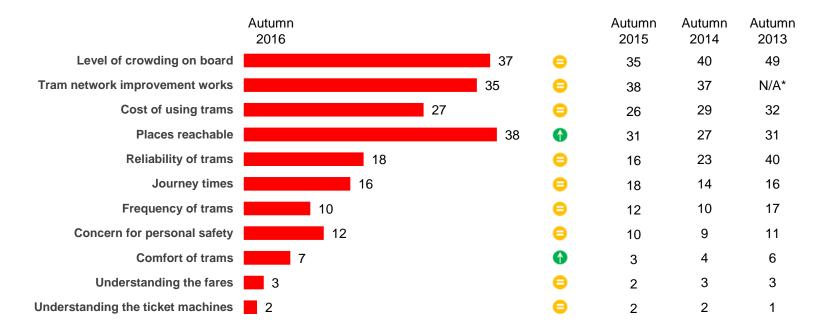


^{*}Question changed to multi-code in 2016. Significant changes are therefore not shown

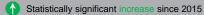
^{**}Not asked in 2013

Factors preventing more journeys being made

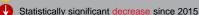




Q. Have any of the following frequently stopped you making journeys by tram? (More than one answer permissible) Base: All previously using the tram - 2183







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

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Appendix 2: Further detail on survey background and method



Methodology – fieldwork

Manchester Metrolink (TPS)

Fieldwork: 26 September to 4 December 2016 (with a gap for half term from 31 October to 6 November)

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

Method: Choice of paper or online self-completion questionnaire

Sample size: 3073 interviews (2541 paper and 532 online)

In 2015 fieldwork took place between 17 September to 26 November 2015

Bus (BPS) data for Transport for Greater Manchester area

Fieldwork: 5 September to 18 December 2016

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

Method: Choice of paper or online self-completion questionnaire

Sample size: 2026 interviews

Methodology – data analysis

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

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

- Tram network (for Manchester Metrolink this was by line)
- Age: 16-25, 26-59, 60+
- Gender: male, female
- Time/day travelled: weekday peak, weekday off peak and weekend

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

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

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

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

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

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

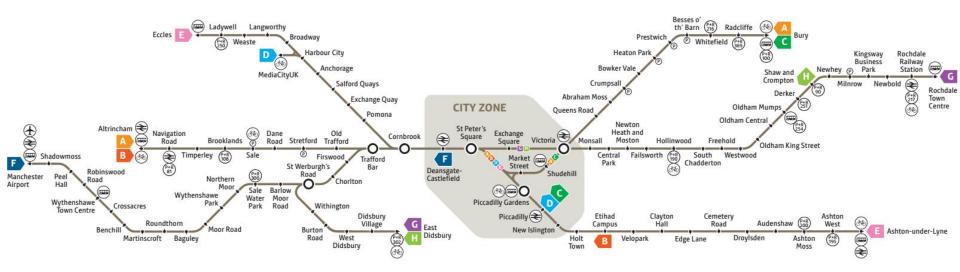
The square diagrams show the proportional influence that each theme has on satisfaction for that area/operator. They should be read like a pie chart where the slices or portions are relative to each other and together add up to 100%. So in the example below, the theme of 'on tram environment and comfort'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

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

This analysis was conducted on fare-paying passengers only, so that the influence of value for money could be included. It also combines data from 2015 and 2016 surveys to increase robustness. The analysis excludes satisfaction measures relating to tram staff; due to differences in staff availability across the networks not all TPS questionnaires feature questions about tram staff. In order to run the analysis in a consistent and practical manner all staff measures have been excluded.

There are noticeable and interesting differences in the impact of different themes between the various tram networks.

The Manchester Metrolink route map



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Appendix 3: Questionnaire



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Tram Passenger Survey

Thank you for agreeing to take part in our survey. Your views as a tram passenger are important.

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

To help us represent the views of passengers in your area we would appreciate a little of your time to complete this survey.

It asks about the tram journey you made when given this questionnaire.

Towards the end, there are also questions to record your general experiences too.

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

Completing the questionnaire

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

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

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

WHEN ANSWERING:

CONSIDER ONLY THE JOURNEY YOU MADE WHEN GIVEN THIS QUESTIONNAIRE

1	About your journey on Metrolink	
Q1a	At which stop did you board this tram?	
Q1b	(If your journey involved changing trams please refer only to the part you were given this questionnaire) At which stop did you leave this tram?	of your tram journey on which
	60 134 E	
Q2	Please fill in the time that you boarded the tram today: Use the 24 hr. clock e.g. 5.25pm is 17:25 Enter your time of boarding into the boxes as shown	1 7 2 5

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Saver/Season Ticket Single/return ticket	
1 day Single ticket	П
3 day/weekend Return ticket.	
5 days/1 week A free pass or free journey	
4 weeks/1 month 60+ Concessionary pass	
1 year Disabled person's pass.	
Other time period (please write in) Complimentary/free ticket	
Other ticket	
Family/Group ticket	
Other	
Q3b What modes of transport does your ticket allow you to travel on?	
Metrolink only	
Train and Metrolink	
Bus and Metrolink	
Train, Bus and Metrolink	
Q4 In what format was your ticket?	
A standard paper ticket/pass	
A photo card ticket/pass	
A plastic card you touched on to the fare machine	
An electronic ticket on the get me there app	
Other format	
Q5 How did you buy that ticket or pass?	
Ticket machine at the Metrolink stop	
Direct from Metrolink (website/phone)	
Via the get me there app	
Travel shop	
Rail/bus company	
From a local shop or post office	
You had a free pass	
Direct debit through work/college	
Other	

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

Q9	What is the main purpose of your journey on M	Metrolink today?	
	Travelling to/from work	П	
	Travelling to/from education (e.g. college, school		
	On company business (or own if self-employed)		
	On personal business (job interview, bank, post of		
	Health visit (Doctor/hospital/dentist)		
	Shopping trip.		
	Visiting friends or relatives		
	Leisure trip (e.g. day out)	Π	
	Other		
Q10	Were you on your outward or return journey w	hen you were given a questionnaire	e?
	Outward		
	Return		
	One way trip only		
Q11	Were you travelling with? (Please tick all the	at apply)	
	Heavy/bulky luggage/other large items		
	A pushchair		
	Children (under 12)	□	
	A folding bicycle		
	A non-folding bicycle		
	A dog	□	
	A helper		
	A mobility scooter	□	
	A wheelchair	□	
	None of the above		
Q12	How did you get to the Metrolink stop where y	ou boarded this tram today?	
	On foot/walked	Bus	
	Cycled	Train	□
	Car - dropped off	Tram	□
	Car - and used Park and Ride	Other	
	Car - parked elsewhere		
Q13	Which means of transport did you use when y	ou got off this tram today?	
	On foot/walked	Bus	
	Cycled	Train	
	Car - dropped off	Tram	
	Car - and used Park and Ride	Other	□
	Car - parked elsewhere		

Cheaper than the car Cheaper than other transport More convenient than the car (e.g. parking) Didn't have the option of travelling by another me Quicker than other transport Best way to get where I am going Tram more comfortable than other transport For the experience of riding the tram	ans					
Other (please write in)						
Q15 What was the weather like when you made yo	ur journey	, was it?	?			
Dry	Snow					
Q16 Please tell us whether your Metrolink journey	was on					
A single tram						
2 About the tram stop where you board	ed this M	etrolinl	k tram			
About the tram stop where you boards				owing?		
	Very satisfied ops	ou with		Fairly	Very dissolisfied	Don't know/no opinion
Its distance from your journey start e.g. home/shc The convenience/accessibility of its location Its general condition/standard of maintenance Its freedom from graffiti/vandalism Its freedom from litter Behaviour of fellow passengers waiting at the sto The information provided at the tram stop Your personal safety whilst at the tram stop Ticket buying facilities Reliability of ticket machines	Very satisfied opps	Fairly satisfied	the folio	Fairly dissatisfied	dissatisfied	knowino opinion

3	Waiting for the tram		
219	Approximately, how long did you wait for your (Please write the time in minutes)	tram?	
220	Did you check any of the following to find out (Please tick all that apply)	when the tram was meant to arrive?	
	Before leaving for the tram stop	At the tram stop	
	Leaflet. Online tram times. Disruption information via Metrolink website. Disruption updates (e.g. on Twitter/Facebook). Telephoned for information. Other. If you did not check to find out when the tram	Electronic display at the stop Information posters at the stop Online tram times. Disruption information via Metrolink website. Disruption updates (e.g. on Twitter/Facebook). Telephoned for information. Other. Cwas meant to arrive, why was this?	
	(Please tick all that apply) Knew the trams ran frequently on this route		
Q 21	Approximately how long did you expect to wai (Please write the time in minutes)	t for the tram?	
22a	Thinking about the time you waited for the trar	n today, was it	
	Much longer than expected	 	
22b	Were you able to board the first tram you want	ed to travel on?	
	YesNo		
223	How satisfied were you with each of the follow	_	
	The length of time you had to wait for the tram		/no ion

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Q24	Thinking at	bout v	when the	tram	arrived,	please	indicate	how	satisfied	you '	were v	with
	the following	na:										

the following:						
	Very satisfied	Fairly satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Fairly dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	Don't know/no opinion
Route/destination information on the outside of the tram The cleanliness & condition of the outside of the tram The ease of getting onto and off of the tram The length of time it took to board the tram						
Q25 Thinking about whilst you were on the tram, pleathe following:	ase indi	cate ho	w satisfie	ed you v	were witl	h
	Very satisfied	Fairly satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Fairly dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	Don't know/no opinion
The cleanliness and condition of the inside of the tram The information provided inside the tram Sufficient room for all the passengers to sit/stand The comfort of the seats The amount of personal space you had around you Provision of grab rails to hold on to when standing/						
moving about the tram The temperature inside the tram Your personal security whilst on the tram The amount of time the journey took Smoothness/freedom from jolting during the journey The safety of the driving (i.e. appropriateness						
of speed, driver concentrating)						
Q26 Did you get a seat on the tram?						
Yes – for all of the journey			ere happy ould have			
27a Did other passengers' behaviour give you cause uncomfortable during your journey?	to worr	y or ma	ke you fe	eel		
Yes	No					□
27b If yes: Which of the following were the reason(s	s) for thi	s? (Ple	ase tick a	ıll that a	pply)	
Passengers drinking/under the influence of alcohol	Feet on Music b Smoking Graffiti	seats eing pla gor vanda e of mo	yed loudi	/		

	Was your journey on Metrolink today delayed	at all?
	Yes	No
8t	o If yes: Why was this? (Please tick all that apply	0
	Due to a signal/points failure	Time it took passengers to board
	The tram waiting too long at stops	No reason given
29) If yes: By approximately how long was your j	ourney today delayed?
	(Please write the time in minutes)	
5	Your overall opinion of the journey you	made when given this questionnaire
3(Overall, taking everything into account from s were you with your journey on Metrolink toda	
	Very satisfied	Fairly dissatisfied
	Fairly satisfied	Very dissatisfied
31	I If something could have been improved on yo what would it have been?	ur journey on Metrolink today,
2	2 How satisfied were you with the value for mor	ney of your journey on Metrolink?
34	Very satisfied	Fairly dissatisfied
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34	Fairly satisfied	Very dissatisfied
		Don't know/No opinion
	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	for money' rating you gave in the previous Comfort/journey quality for
	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	for money' rating you gave in the previous Comfort/journey quality for the fare paid
	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	for money' rating you gave in the previous Comfort/journey quality for

Q34 All things considered, how much do you trust the tram company that operated the tram you used for this journey? (Please tick one box only)



Your opinion of Metrolink generally

THE PREVIOUS QUESTIONS WERE ALL ABOUT YOUR JOURNEY TODAY. IN THIS SECTION WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO THINK MORE GENERALLY ABOUT YOUR METROLINK EXPERIENCES

Q40a How would you rate Metro		following	Very good	Good	Neither good nor poor	Poor	Very poor
Ease of getting to local ame (e.g. shops, hospitals, le Connection with other forms	sure facilities)						
public transport (e.g. trai			□				
Q40b And how satisfied are you	overall with Metroli	nk service	s for th	e follow	ing:		Don't
Q40b And how satisfied are you	overall with Metroli	Very	Fairly	Neither satisfied nor	Fairly	Very	know/no
		Very satisfied	Fairly satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Fairly dissatisfied	dissatisfied	know/no opinion
Ease of buying your ticket		Very satisfied	Fairly	Neither satisfied nor	Fairly		know/no
Ease of buying your ticket Punctuality (running on time)	Very satisfied	Fairly satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Fairly dissatisfied	dissatisfied	know/no opinion
)ams run)	Very satisfied	Fairly satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Fairly dissatisfied	dissatisfied	know/no opinion

Q43 How often do you typically travel on Metrolink (Please tick the closest to your frequency of tram	
5 or more days a week	Once a month
Q44 Have any of the following frequently stopped y (Please tick all that apply)	ou making journeys by Metrolink?
The places you can reach by Metrolink	How long journeys take when going by Metrolink
7 About you	
QA Are you?	
QA Are you? Male	

QC	Are you?	
	Working full time (30+ hours)	Retired
	Not working – seeking work	Otter
	Which of the following best describes your eth	nnic background?
	White	Black, African/Caribbean or Black British
	Mixed/multiple ethnic groups	Chinese
	Asian or Asian British	
	Other ethnic group	
QE	Are you affected by any physical or mental hea expected to last 12 months or more? (Please to	
	No - None	
	Yes - Vision (e.g. blindness or partial sight)	
	Yes - Hearing (e.g. deafness or partial hearing)	
		es or difficulty climbing stairs)
	Yes - Dexterity (e.g. difficulty lifting and carrying of	objects or using a keyboard)
	Yes - Memory.	
	Yes - Stamina or breathing fatigue	
	Yes - Socially or behaviourally (for example asso-	
	Does your condition or illness have an advers- journeys by tram?	e effect on your ability to make
	Yes, a lot	
	Yes, a little	
	Not at all.	
QF	In terms of having a car to drive, which of the	following applies?
	You have a car available and don't mind driving	
	You don't have a car available	
	You have a car available but prefer not to drive	Ω
QG	How often are you able to ask someone else to	drive you for local journeys?
	All or most of the time	
	Some of the time	
	You don't have anybody you can ask	
	Not applicable	

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Thank you for completing this questionnaire.

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