



# Travel during Covid-19

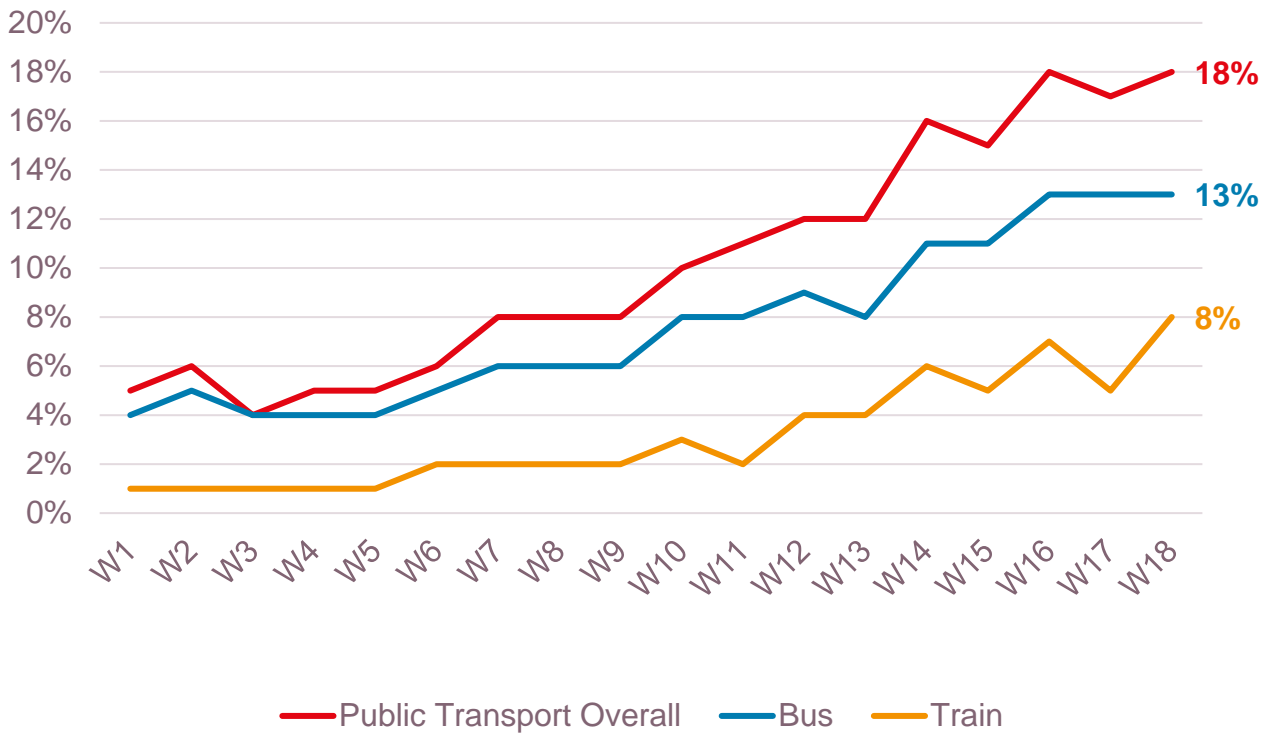
Tracking research - week 18

4 September 2020

# Travel during Covid-19: omnibus week 18

## Use of public transport is increasing over time

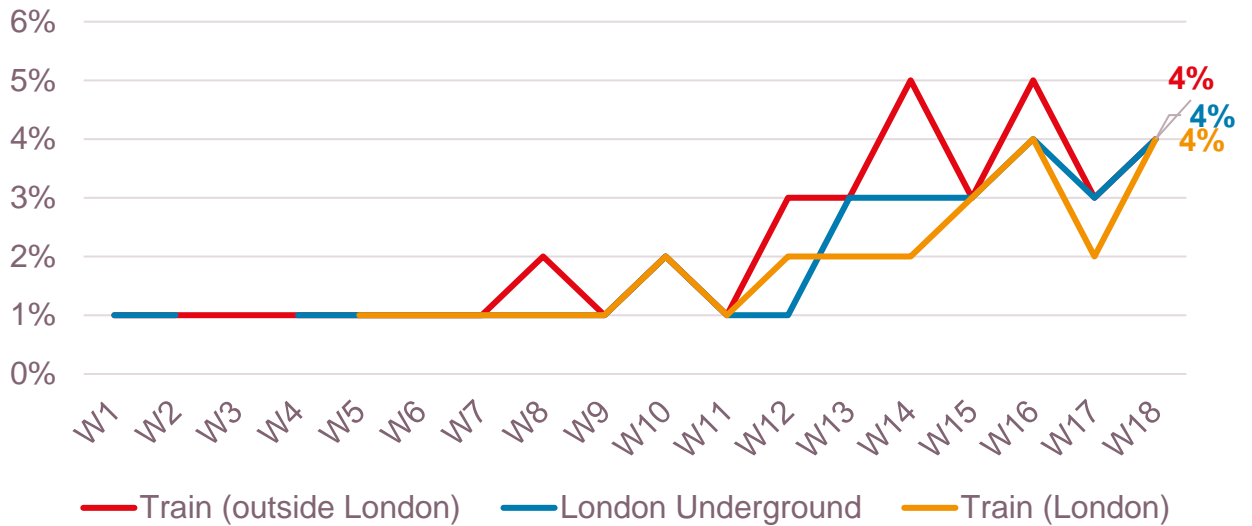
Use of public transport in last seven days – Great Britain



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## Use of train and bus has increased over time

Use of train in last seven days



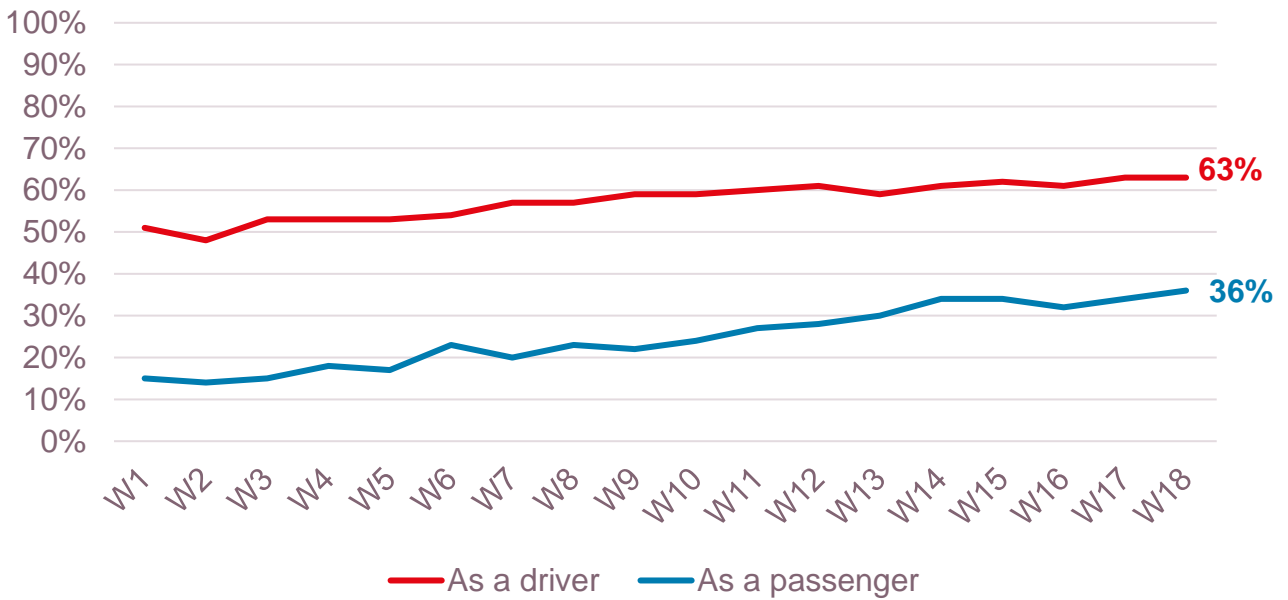
Use of bus in last seven days



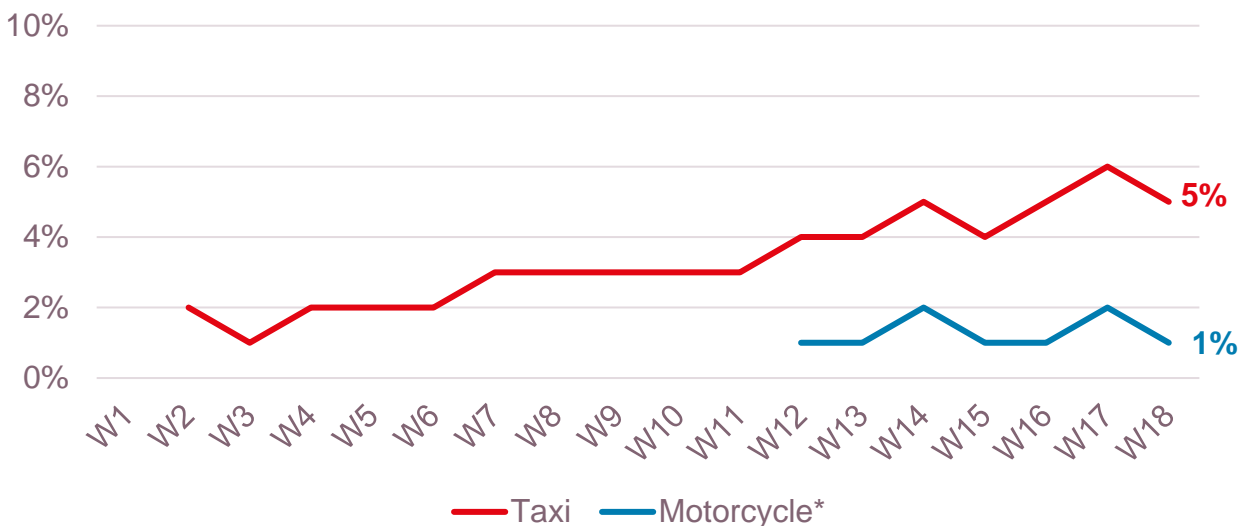
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## Road use continues to increase

Use of car / van in last seven days



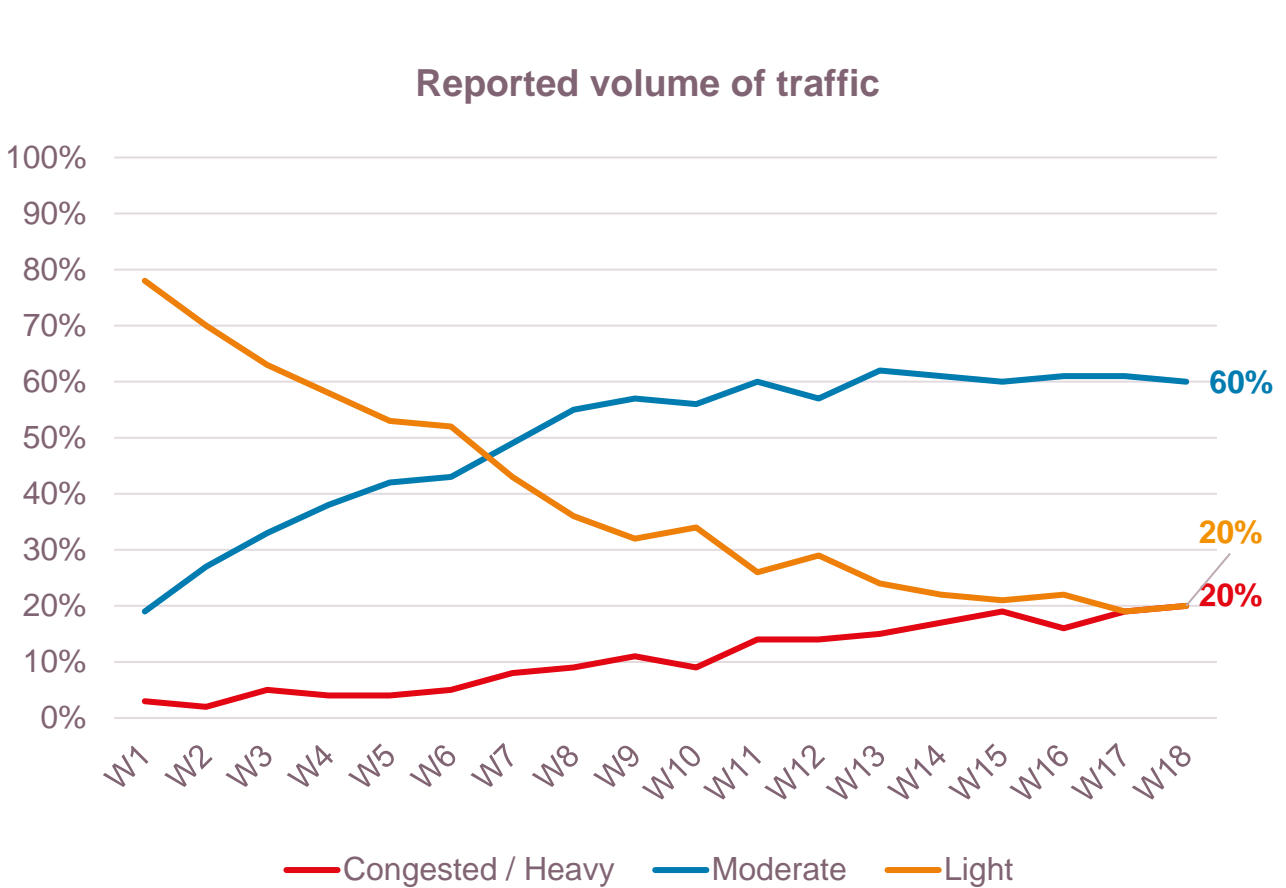
Use of taxi / motorcycle in the last seven days



\* Separated out at week 12

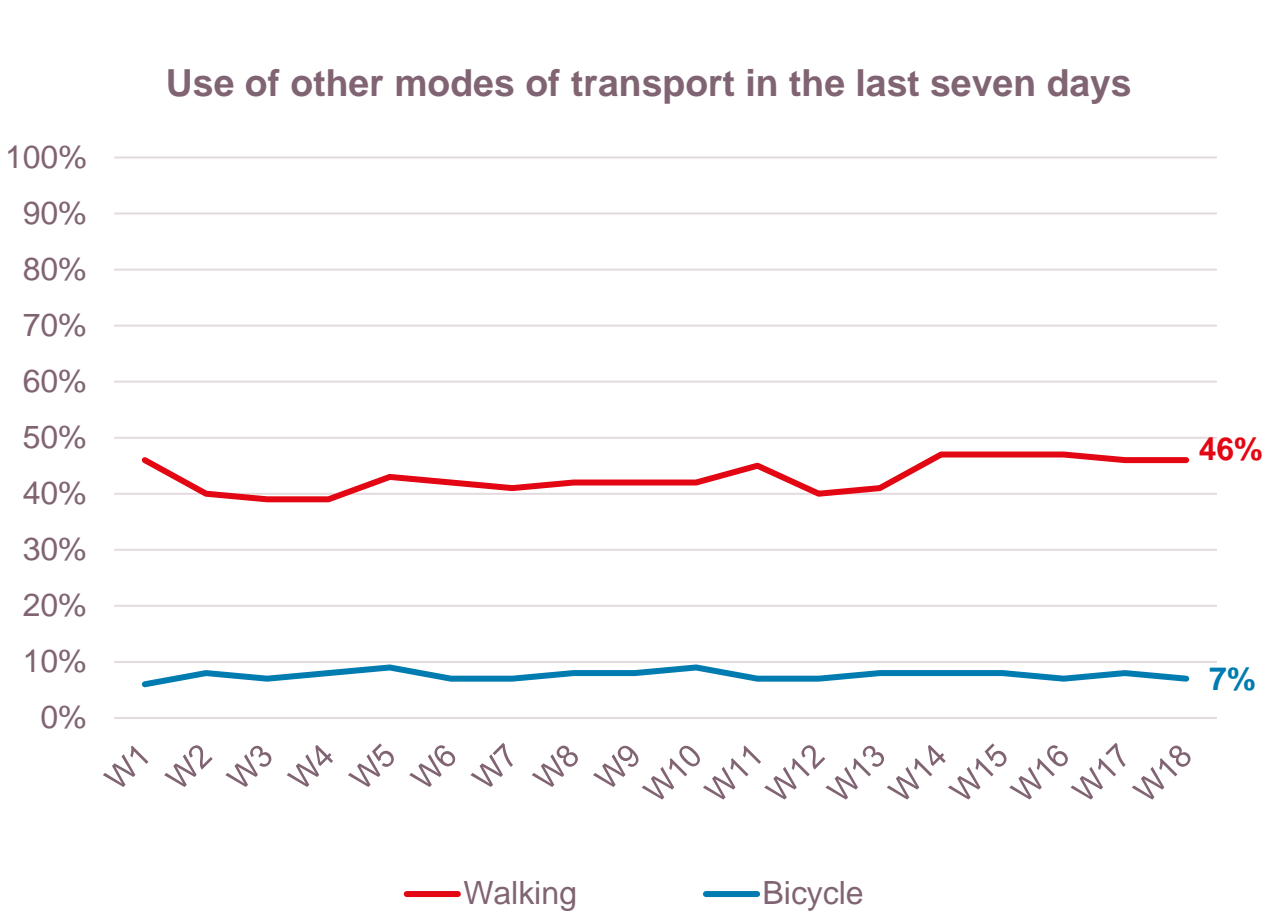
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## Congested and heavy traffic continues to increase



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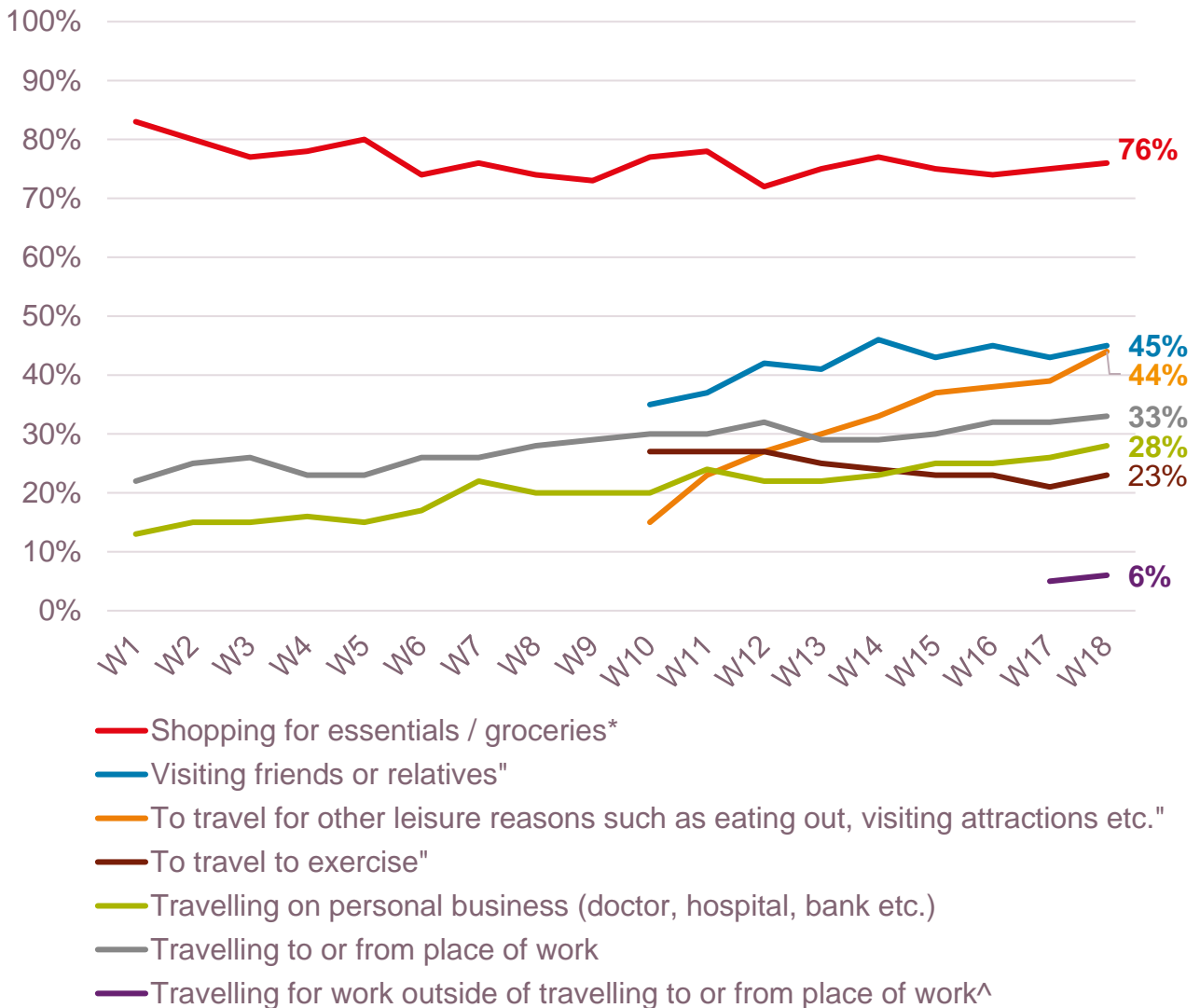
A half have made journeys on foot and fewer have made journeys by bike



# Travel during Covid-19: omnibus week 18

Travelling to shop for essentials / or groceries is the most common reason for making journeys in the last seven days. Travel to work and for leisure is increasing over time.

Reasons for making journeys in the last seven days



\* Shopping' weeks 1-9

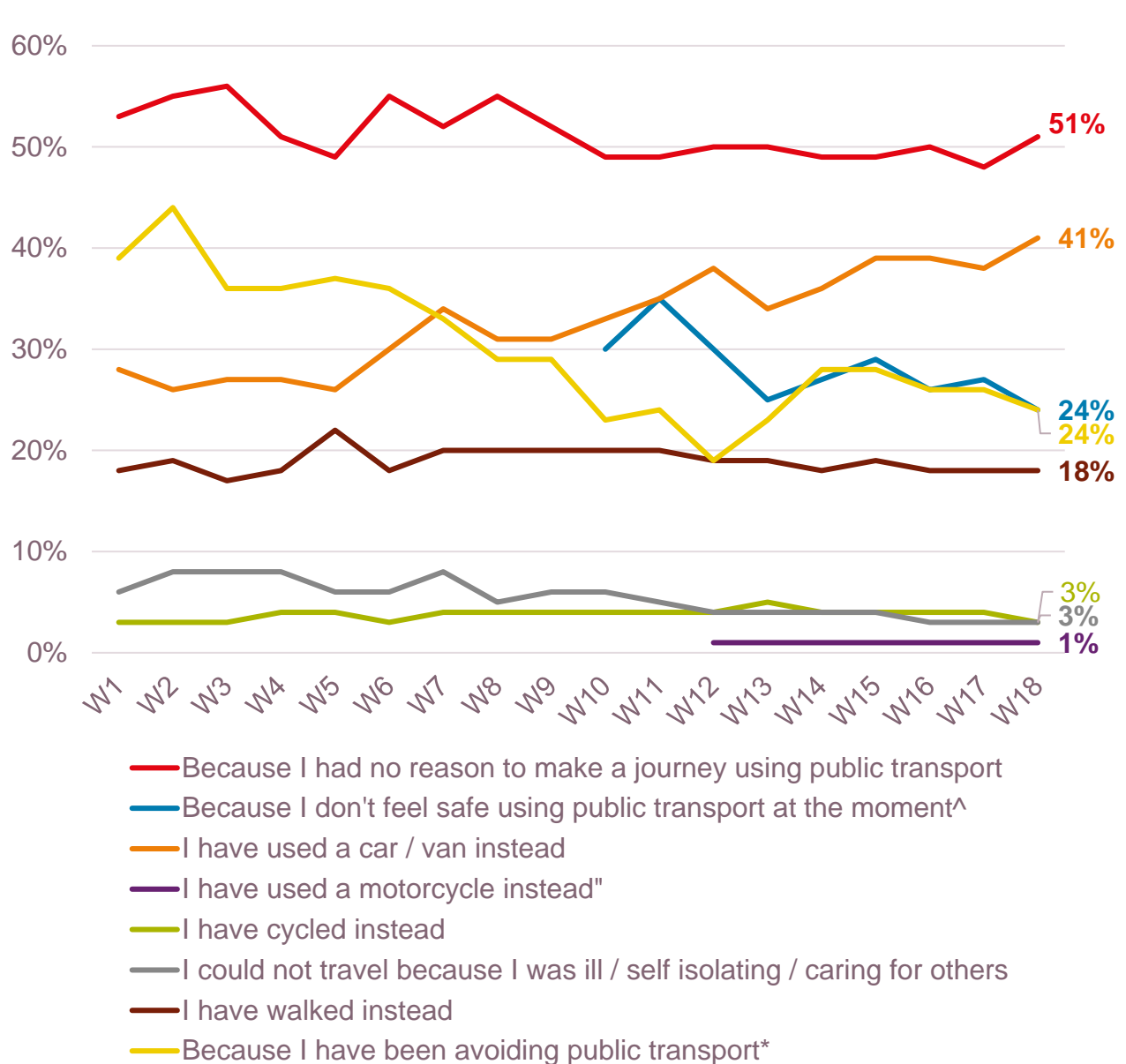
" data shown from week 10 only as significant text changes made from this week onwards

^ New code added at week 17

# Travel during Covid-19: omnibus week 18

The proportion of those avoiding using public transport, or not feeling safe doing so, is falling over time

Reasons public transport not used in the last seven days



\* Wording amended at week 10 and at week 13

^ New coded added at week 10

“ New code added at week 12

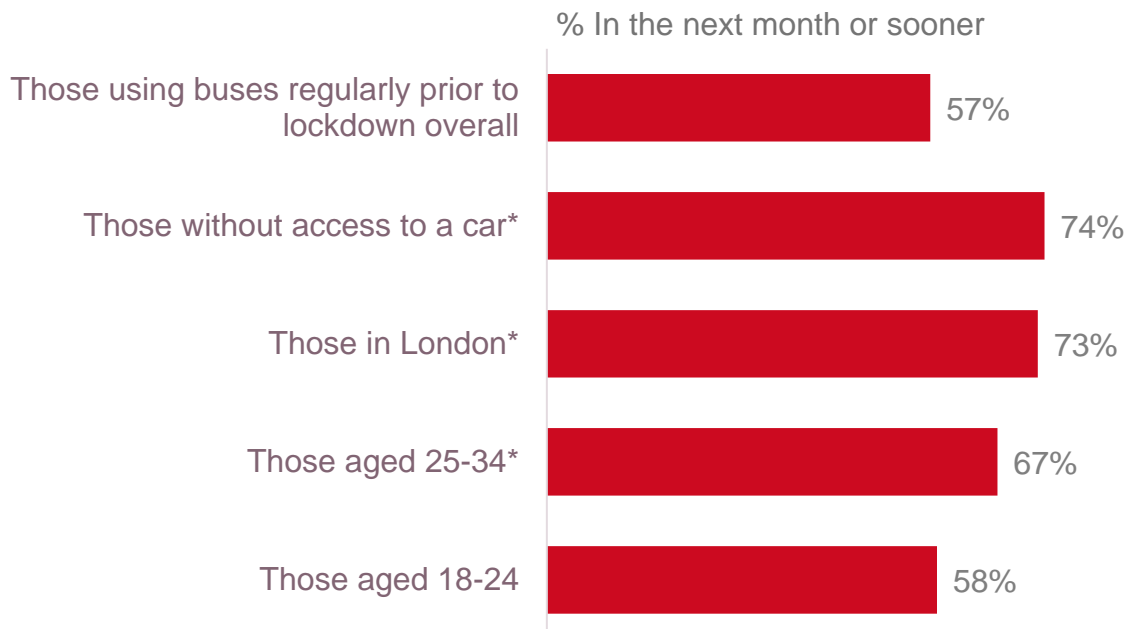
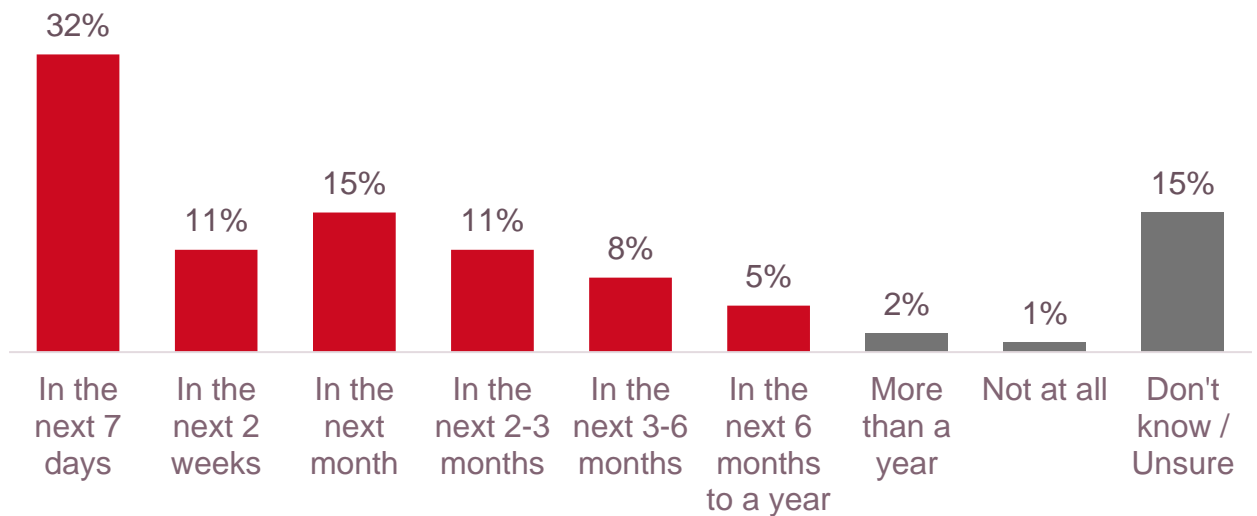


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Almost three in five of those who previously used buses regularly will do so in the next month, and more likely if no access to a car

## Anticipated future use of bus

All using bus a few times in a typical month prior to lockdown – 683



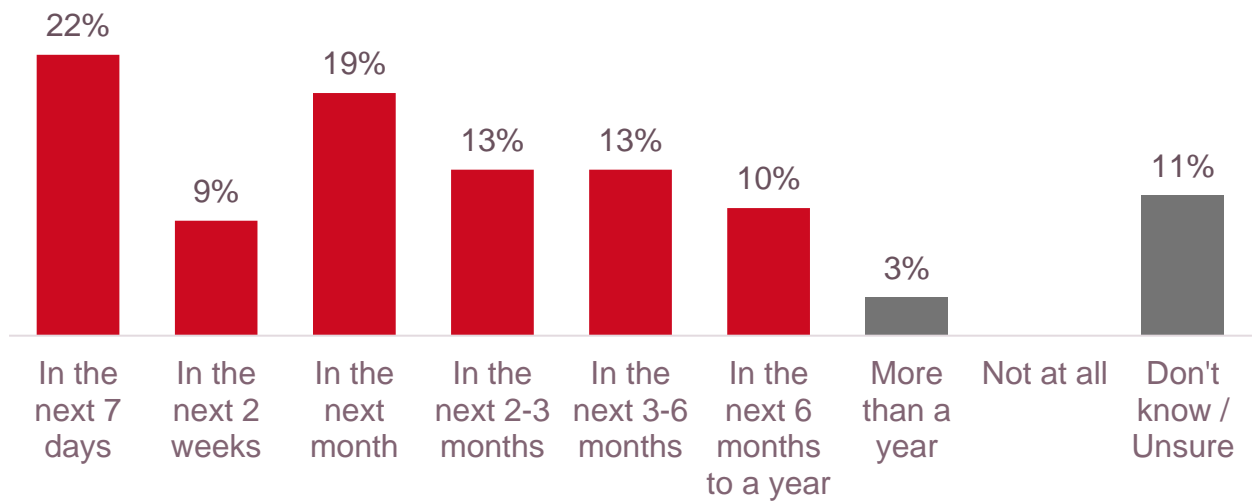
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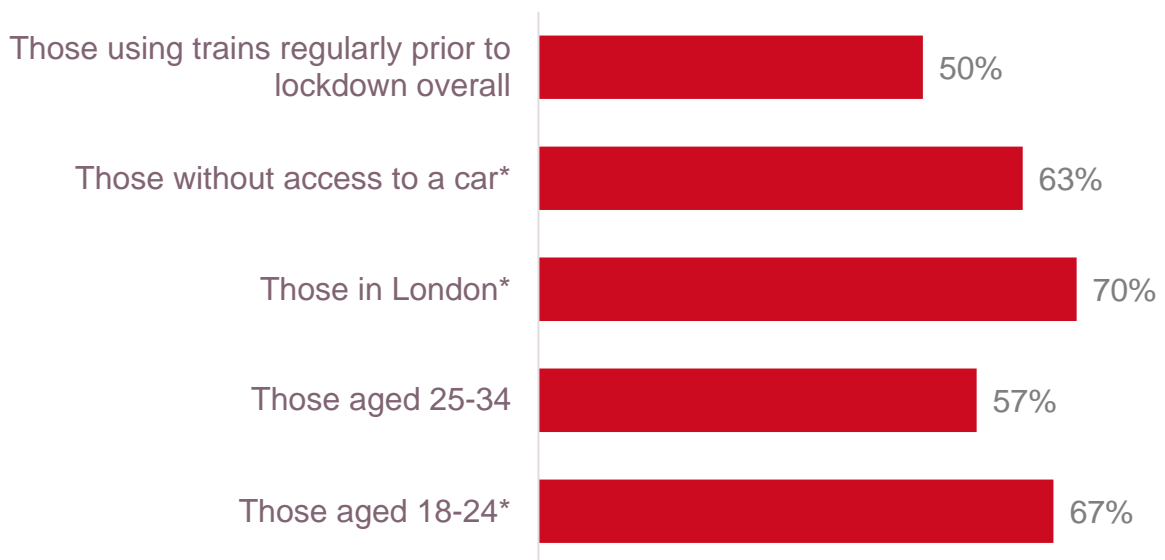
Around a half of those who used trains regularly will do so in the next month, younger passengers being more likely to do so

## Anticipated future use of train

All using trains at least a few times in a typical week prior to lockdown – 459



### % In the next month or sooner



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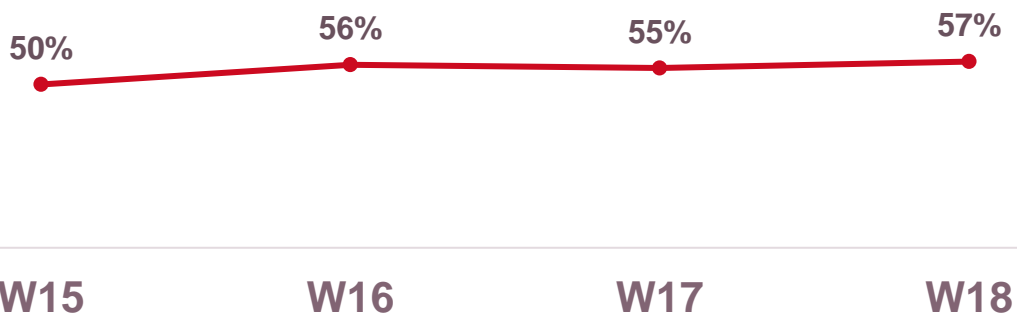
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The proportion of those who regularly used buses or trains before lockdown who say that they will use a bus or train in the next month or sooner is growing

## Anticipated future use of bus; lead-in time

All using bus a few times in a typical month prior to lockdown – 683

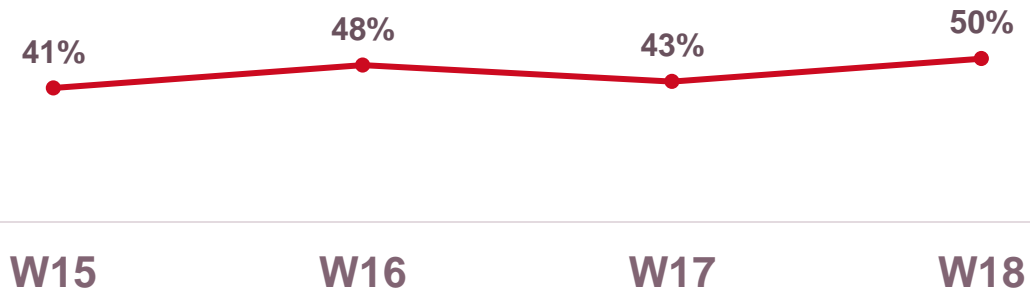
% in the next month or sooner



## Anticipated future use of train; lead-in time

All using trains at least a few times in a typical week prior to lockdown – 459

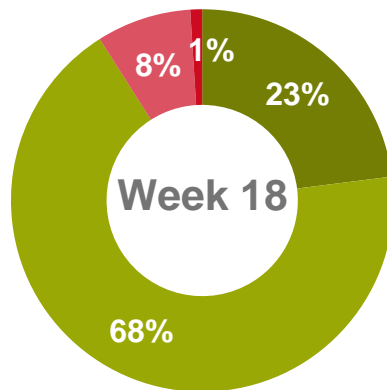
% in the next month or sooner



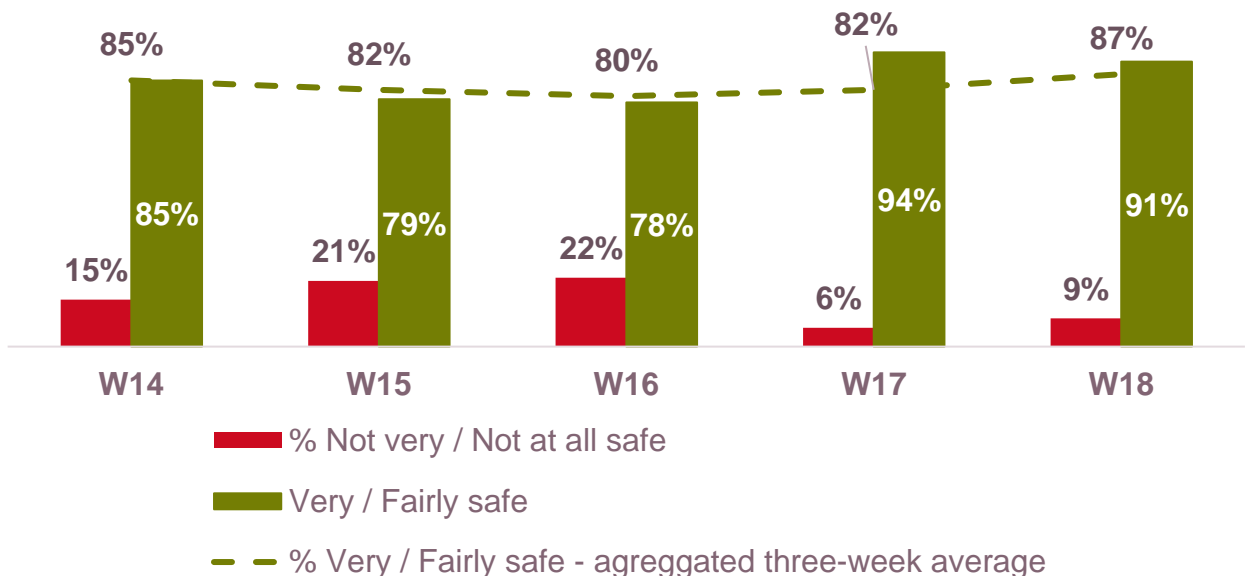
# Nine in ten of those making train journeys in the last seven days felt safe doing so

Specifically in relation to coronavirus\*, how safe do you feel at the moment when using trains?

Base: All making journeys by train, W18 – 148



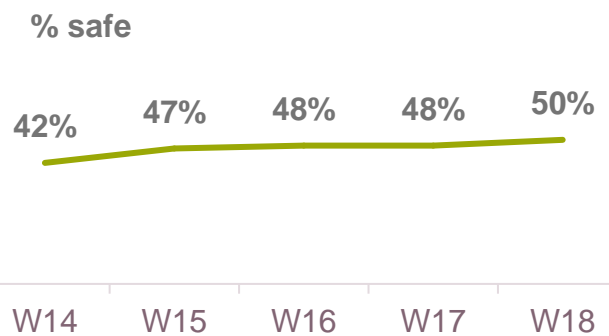
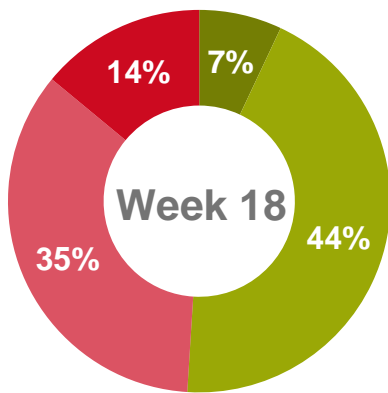
■ Very Safe  
 ■ Fairly safe  
 ■ Not very safe  
 ■ Not at all safe



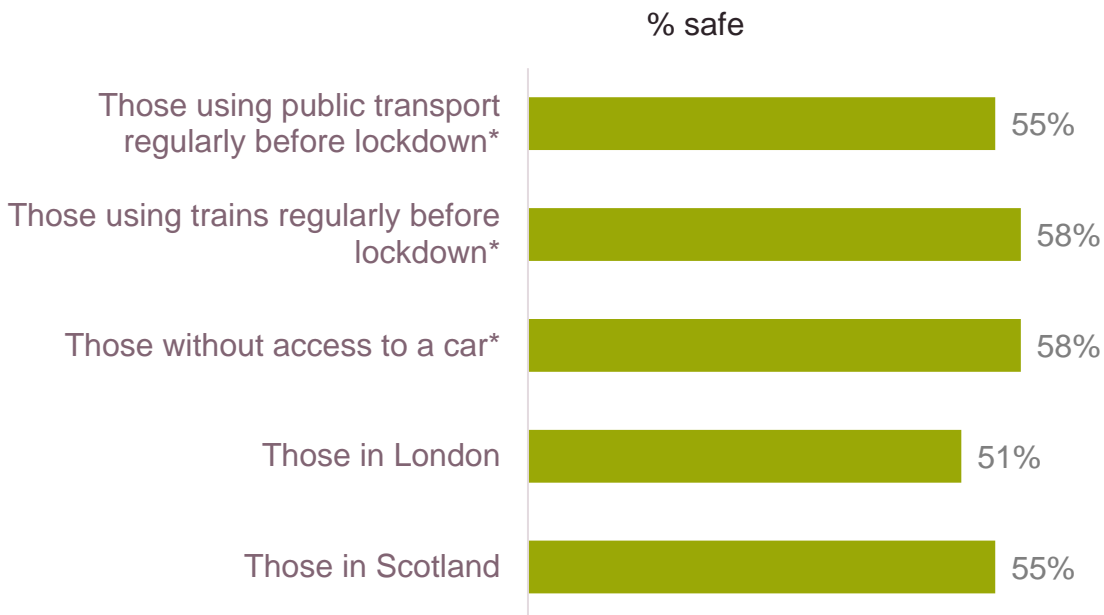
\* Reference to coronavirus specifically added at week 16

# A half of those who have not made a train journey in the last seven days say that they would feel safe doing so

Specifically in relation to coronavirus<sup>^</sup>, if you had to make a journey at the moment, how safe would you feel making a journey by train?  
 Base: All *excluding* those making journeys by train, W18 – 1,830



■ Very Safe ■ Fairly safe ■ Not very safe ■ Not at all safe



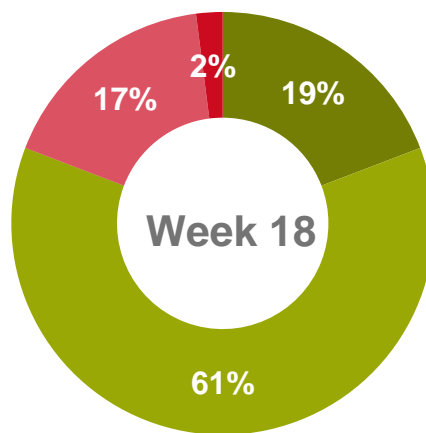
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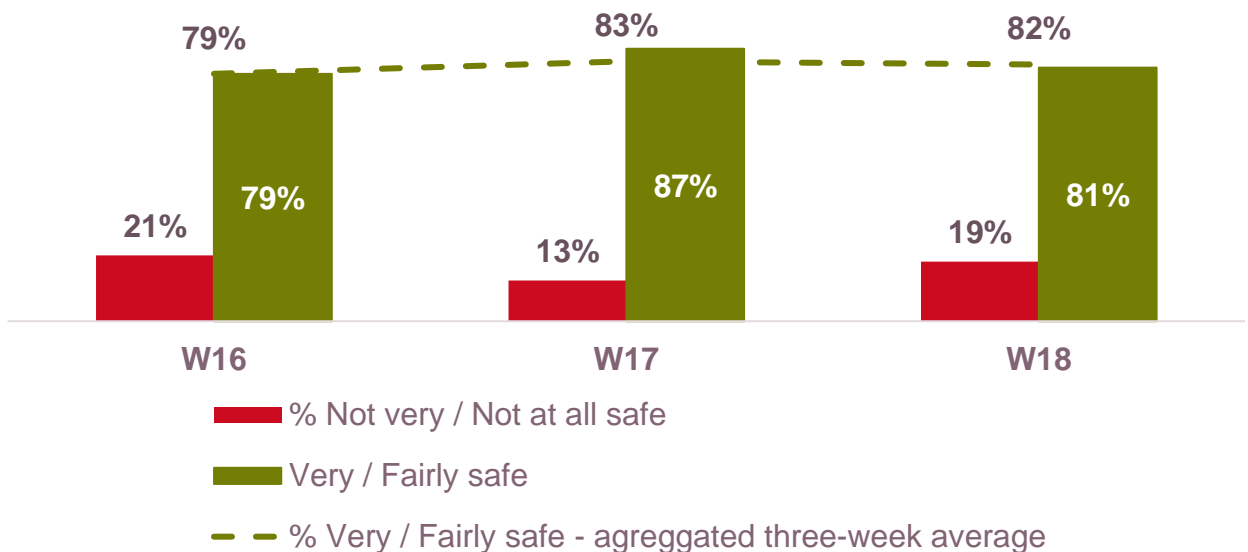
# Those making bus journeys in the last seven days are more likely to feel safe doing so than those who have not

Specifically in relation to coronavirus, how safe do you feel at the moment when using buses?

Base: All making journeys by bus, W18 – 247



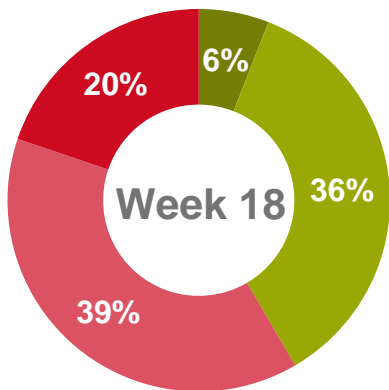
■ Very Safe   
 ■ Fairly safe   
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# Two in five of those who have not made a journey by bus in the last seven days would feel safe doing so

Specifically in relation to coronavirus, if you had to make a journey at the moment, how safe would you feel making a journey by bus?

Base: All *excluding* those making journeys by bus, W18 – 1,731



% safe

38%      41%      42%

W16      W17      W18

■ Very Safe   ■ Fairly safe   ■ Not very safe   ■ Not at all safe

% safe



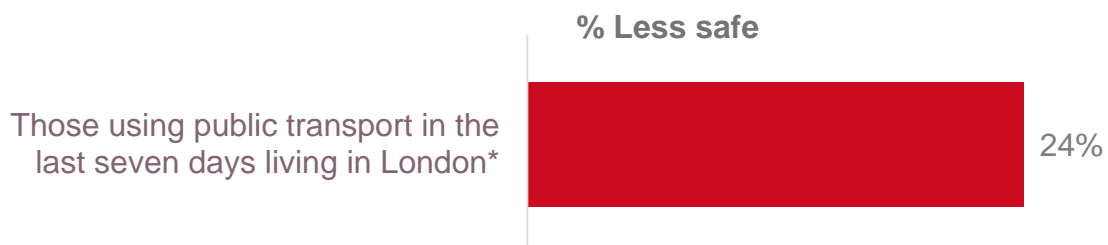
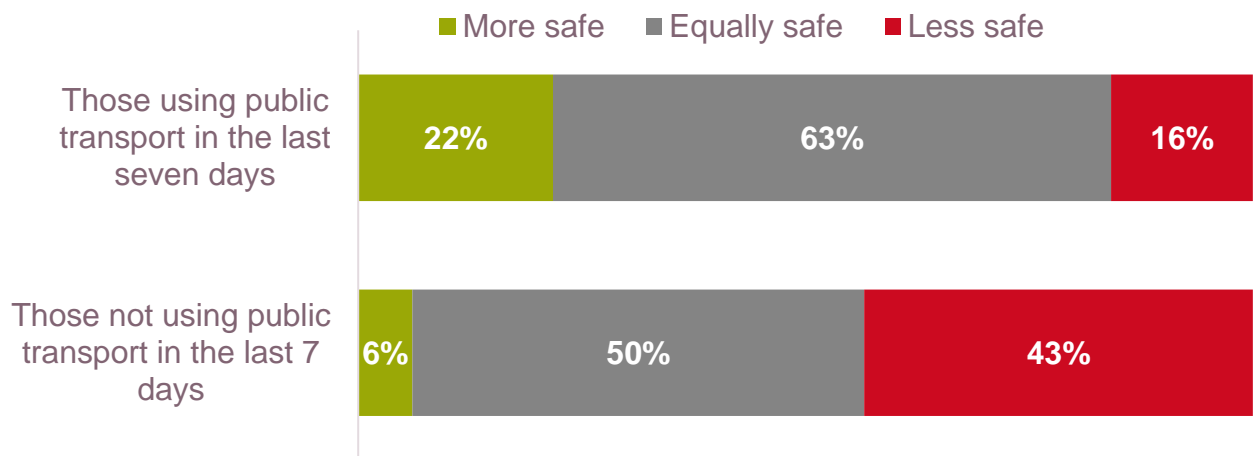
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# Those who have used public transport in the last seven days are more likely than those that have not to think that it is equally or more safe than other places such as shops, restaurants or pubs

Thinking about public transport, and specifically in relation to coronavirus, which of these statements applies to you..?

*I think that using public transport is more / less / equally as safe than other places such as shops, restaurants, or pubs*

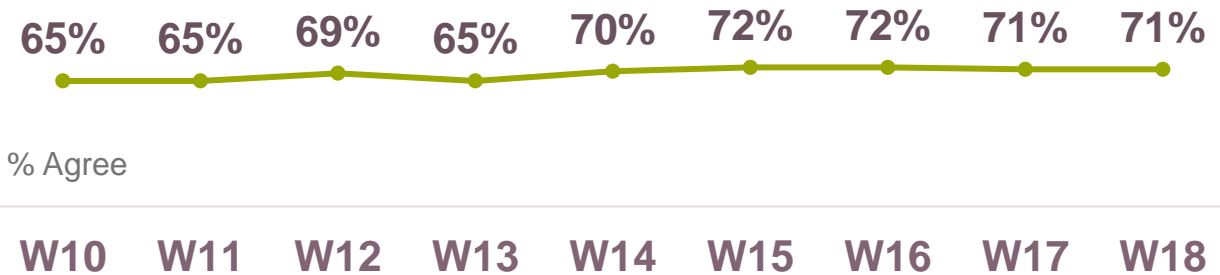
Base: Those using public transport (342), those not using public transport (1,537)



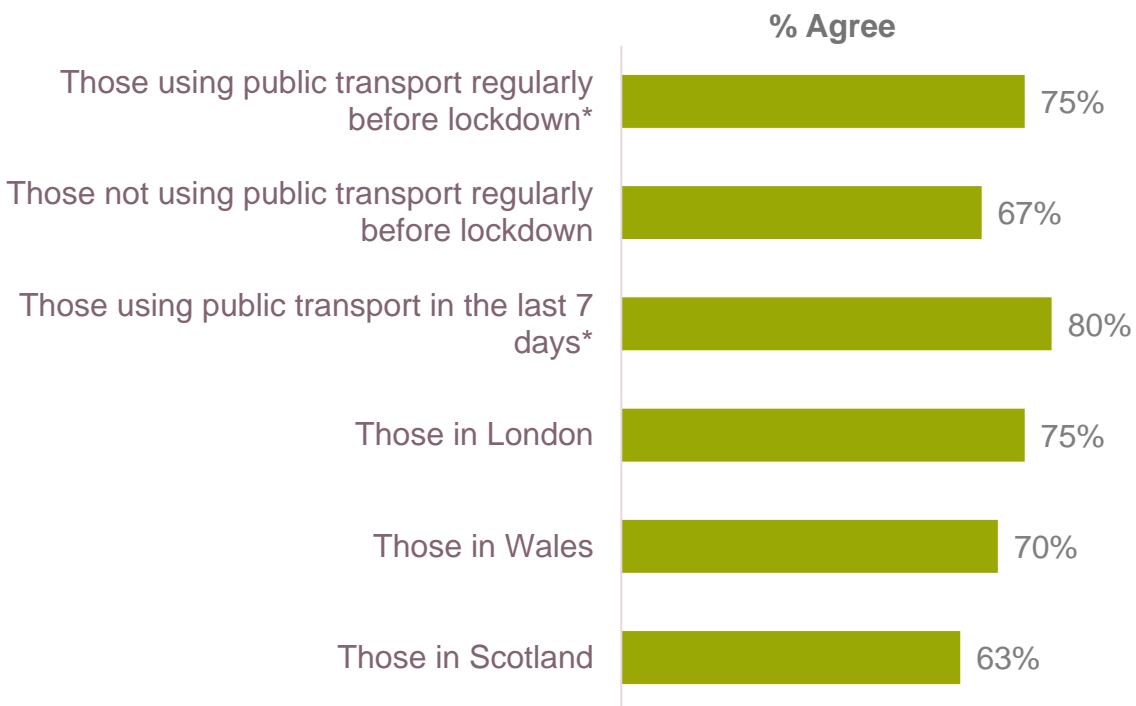
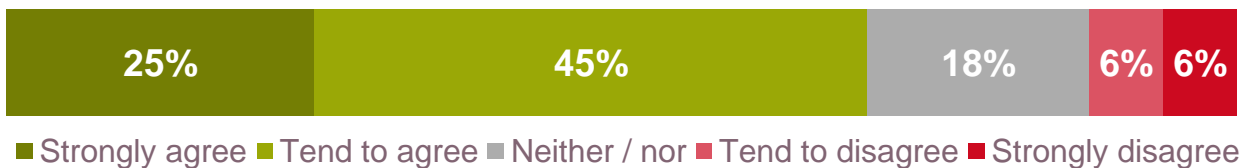
\* Denotes statistically significant difference from those using public transport in the last seven days overall



# More than seven in ten agree that they will feel safer using public transport if passengers wear face coverings



I will feel safer using public transport with passengers wearing face coverings. Base: W18 1,840

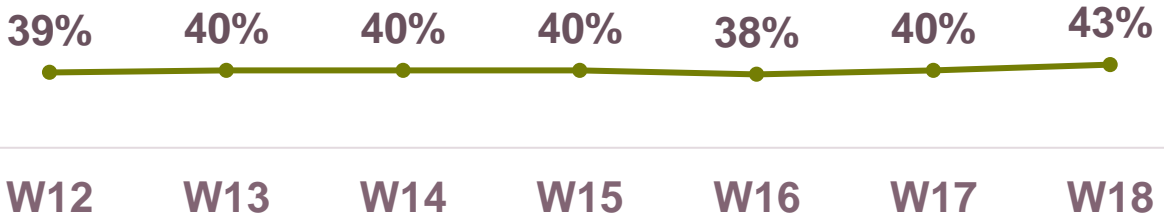


Base excludes don't know/not applicable answers

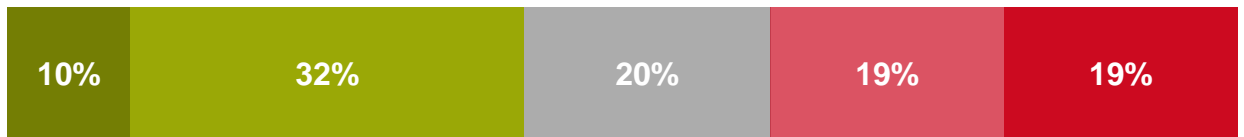
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# Two in five agree that they have few concerns around using public transport

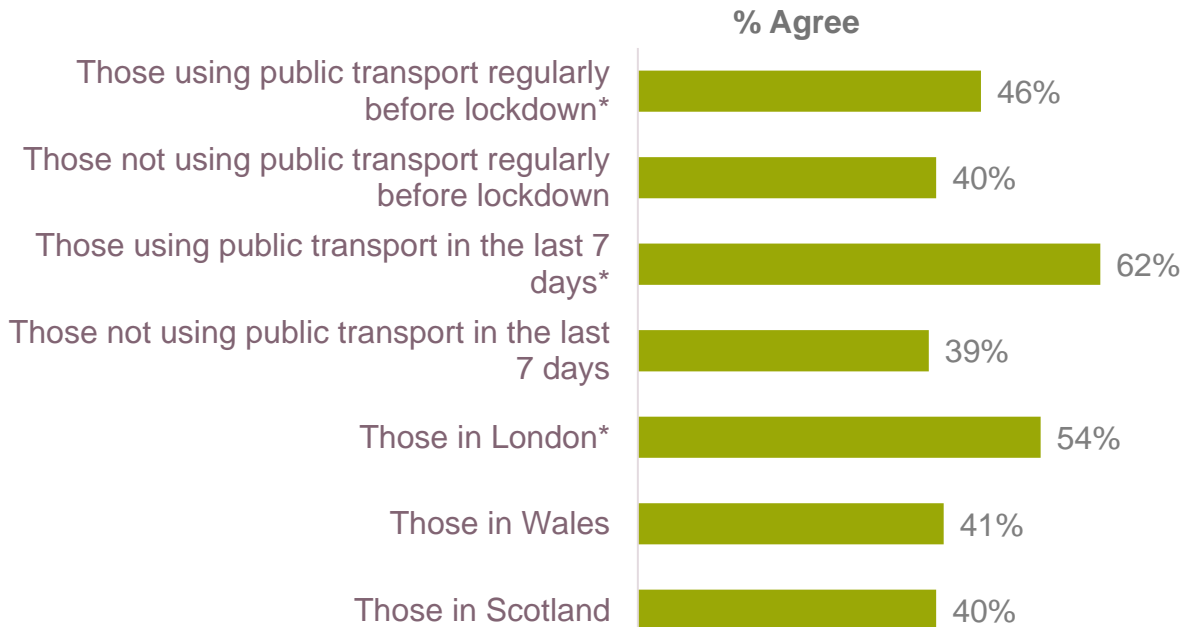
% Agree



I have few concerns about using public transport now, if I have the need to do so. Base: W18 1,820



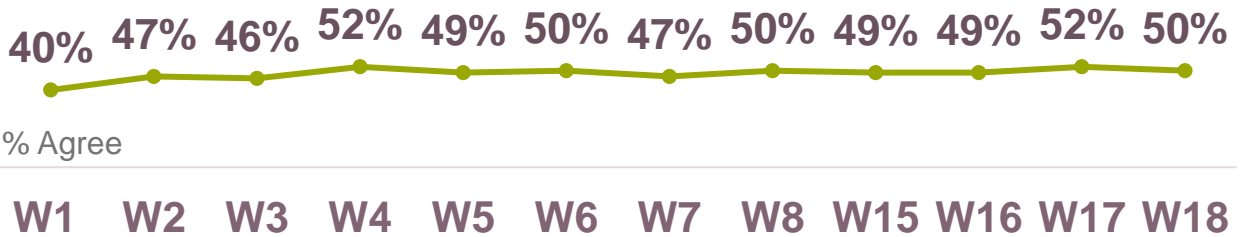
■ Strongly agree ■ Tend to agree ■ Neither / nor ■ Tend to disagree ■ Strongly disagree



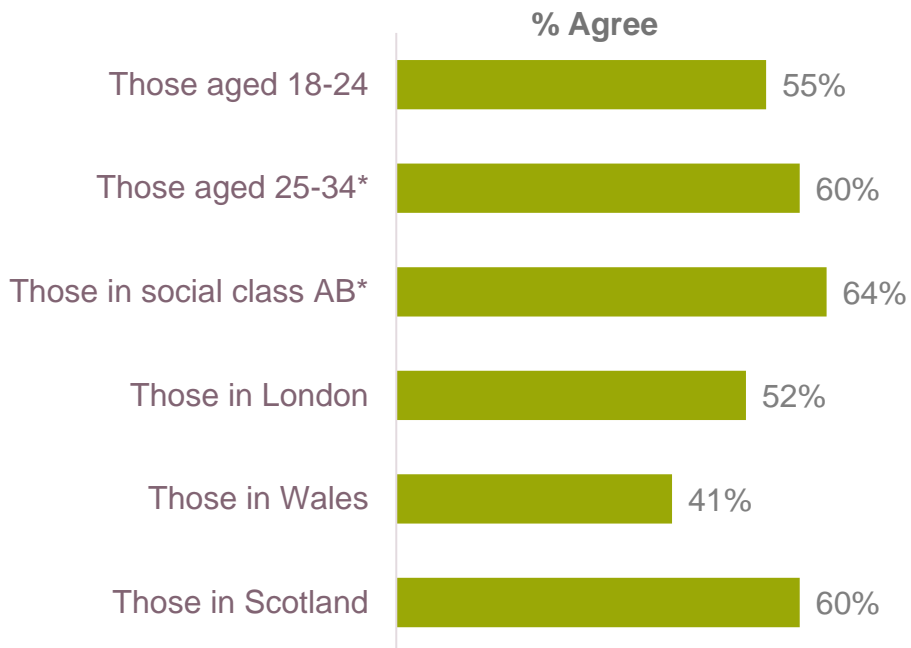
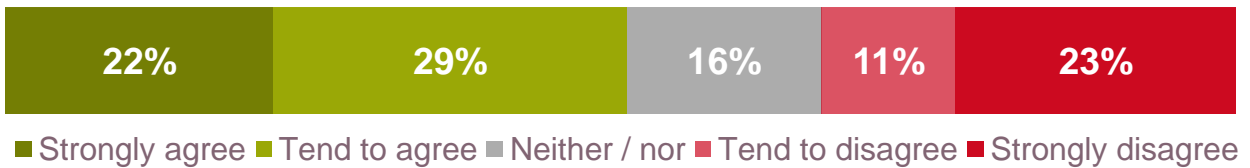
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# Half say they expect to work from home more often in the future



**I expect to work from home more often in the future.**  
Base: W18 937



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Question dropped w9-w14

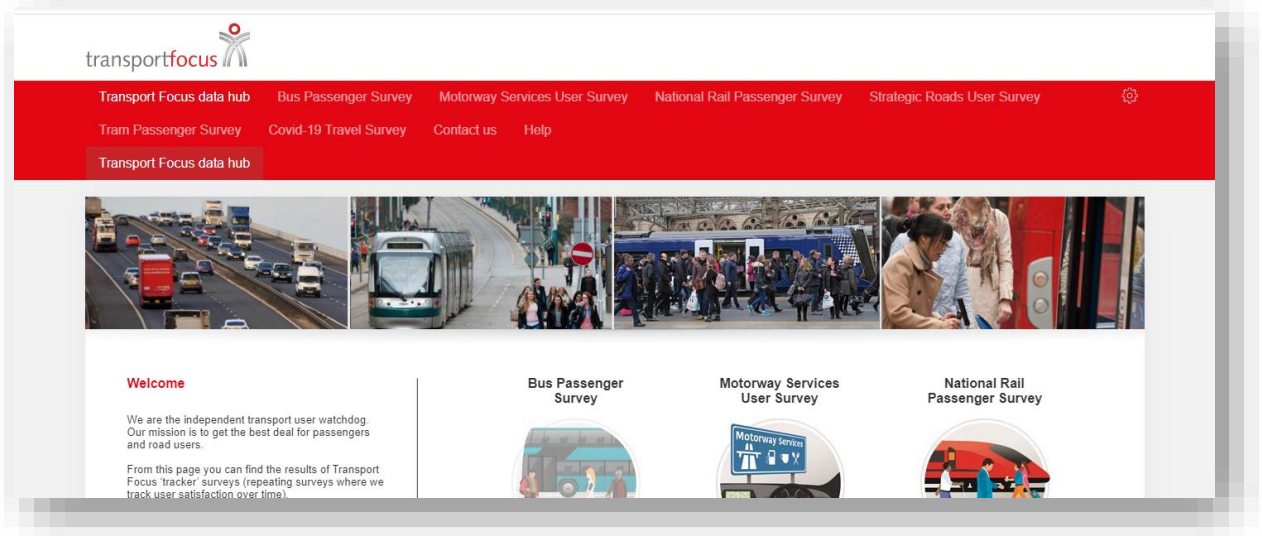
# Transport Focus Data Hub

All the results from this wave and previous waves of this research are available for your own analysis on the Transport Focus Data Hub.

The data is available for anyone to view at:

[www.transportfocus.org.uk/data-hub](http://www.transportfocus.org.uk/data-hub)

You can access the survey by clicking on 'Covid-19 Travel Survey'



## Please note:

Data from new waves of the survey is uploaded and made available on each Friday morning. The survey may be unavailable on the hub on Thursday afternoon while the upload of new data takes place.

# Survey method

- c.2000 online interviews per week. Using Populus weekly omnibus.
- Nationally representative of Great British population – not all respondents are passengers on public transport.
- Those who have provided a response are excluded from the subsequent wave of research.
- The analysis of attitudinal questions excludes responses from those who don't have an opinion, or from those who say that the question is not applicable to them.
- Repeated each week.

# Survey method

- Fieldwork dates:
  - week 1: 1-3 May 2020
  - week 2: 7-9 May 2020
  - week 3: 15-17 May 2020
  - week 4: 22-24 May 2020
  - week 5: 29-31 May 2020
  - week 6: 5-7 June 2020
  - week 7: 12-14 June 2020
  - week 8: 19-21 June 2020
  - week 9: 26-28 June 2020
  - week 10: 3-5 July 2020
  - week 11: 10-12 July 2020
  - week 12: 17-19 July 2020
  - week 13: 24-26 July 2020
  - week 14: 31 July – 2 August 2020
  - week 15: 7-9 August 2020
  - week 16: 14-16 August 2020
  - week 17: 21-23 August 2020
  - week 18: 28-30 August 2020

# Sample breakdown

Sample size by age groups and gender (1)

	Total	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Week 1	2056	234	310	324	377	314	497	1003	1053
Week 2	2026	242	361	287	332	315	489	1009	1017
Week 3	2013	223	351	332	350	300	457	1004	1009
Week 4	2000	232	327	323	318	294	506	1010	990
Week 5	2016	226	319	324	362	316	469	974	1042
Week 6	2015	184	329	386	399	291	426	968	1047
Week 7	2010	240	337	323	325	313	472	994	1016
Week 8	2046	256	344	334	299	318	495	1064	982
Week 9	2081	234	358	350	362	320	457	1038	1043
Week 10	2033	306	331	376	319	479	306	1030	1003

# Sample breakdown

Sample size by age groups and gender (2)

	Total	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
<b>Week 11</b>	2008	236	328	302	325	320	497	1001	1007
<b>Week 12</b>	2060	242	330	340	370	326	452	1041	1019
<b>Week 13</b>	2000	223	285	330	338	332	492	1031	969
<b>Week 14</b>	2000	230	321	314	354	289	492	1036	964
<b>Week 15</b>	2000	234	325	318	341	273	509	996	1004
<b>Week 16</b>	2017	309	328	383	284	491	309	995	1022
<b>Week 17</b>	2012	241	336	310	379	319	427	1001	1011
<b>Week 18</b>	2000	219	323	288	369	306	495	971	1029



# Sample breakdown

## Sample size by region (1)

	Scotland	North East	North West	Yorks & Humber	West Midlands	East Midlands	Wales	Eastern	London	South East	South West
Week 1	185	84	233	164	185	157	110	210	259	287	182
Week 2	165	86	240	177	163	161	110	188	229	306	201
Week 3	173	87	230	179	184	155	110	193	236	274	192
Week 4	194	78	246	148	167	162	101	214	283	237	170
Week 5	176	86	246	162	184	149	96	185	285	276	171
Week 6	181	82	260	155	191	155	105	171	264	263	188
Week 7	176	80	228	160	156	164	111	190	257	298	190
Week 8	184	81	249	160	150	157	109	217	301	257	181
Week 9	192	85	251	177	174	164	96	195	283	261	203
Week 10	168	84	239	173	147	158	106	213	233	313	199

# Sample breakdown

## Sample size by region (2)

	Scotland	North East	North West	Yorks & Humber	West Midlands	East Midlands	Wales	Eastern	London	South East	South West
Week 11	195	69	212	167	187	159	100	186	292	277	164
Week 12	189	92	236	178	180	154	92	180	260	305	194
Week 13	172	87	239	149	155	159	103	199	266	276	195
Week 14	174	86	218	173	154	139	110	216	284	252	194
Week 15	182	80	209	164	186	150	103	202	258	262	204
Week 16	169	82	203	168	179	151	105	209	283	290	178
Week 17	178	84	224	164	181	160	100	187	278	277	179
Week 18	174	69	241	163	179	163	96	202	258	275	180