



# Travel during Covid-19

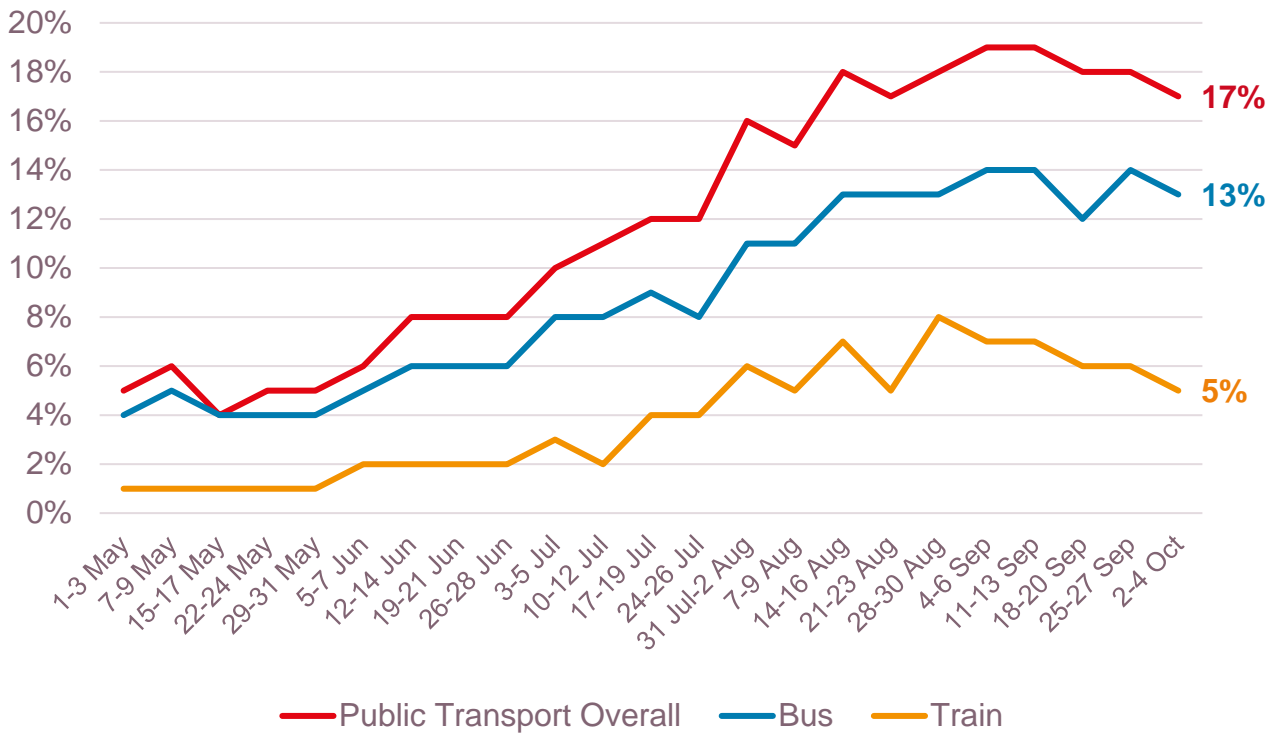
Tracking research - week 23

9 October 2020

# Travel during Covid-19: omnibus week 23

## Use of public transport had been increasing over time, but has fallen more recently

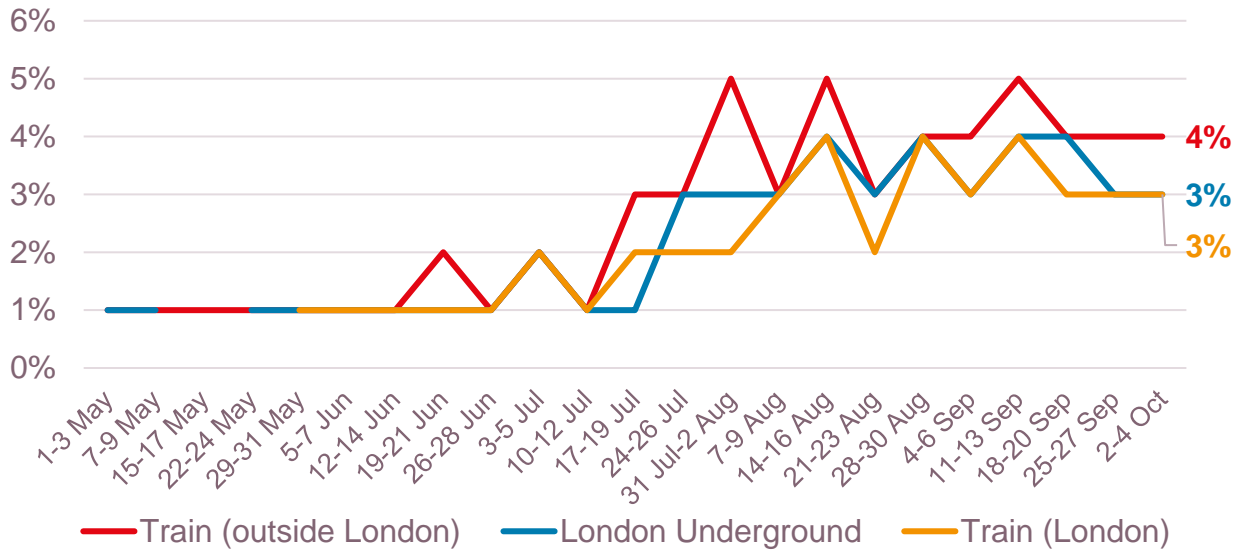
Use of public transport in last seven days – Great Britain



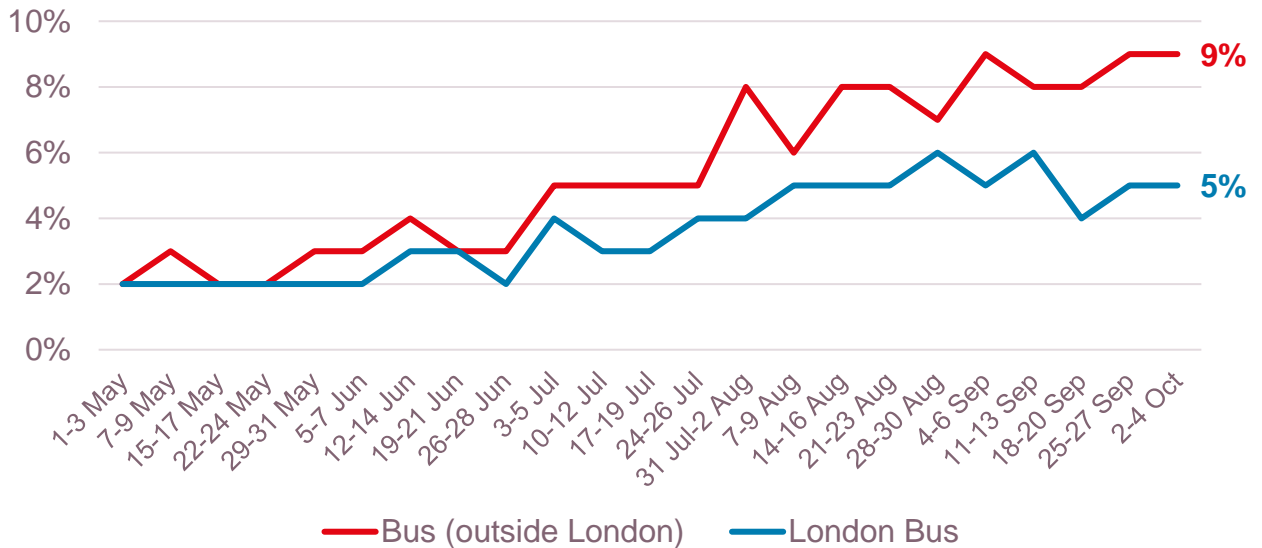
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## Use of train and bus is consistent with last week

Use of train in last seven days



Use of bus in last seven days

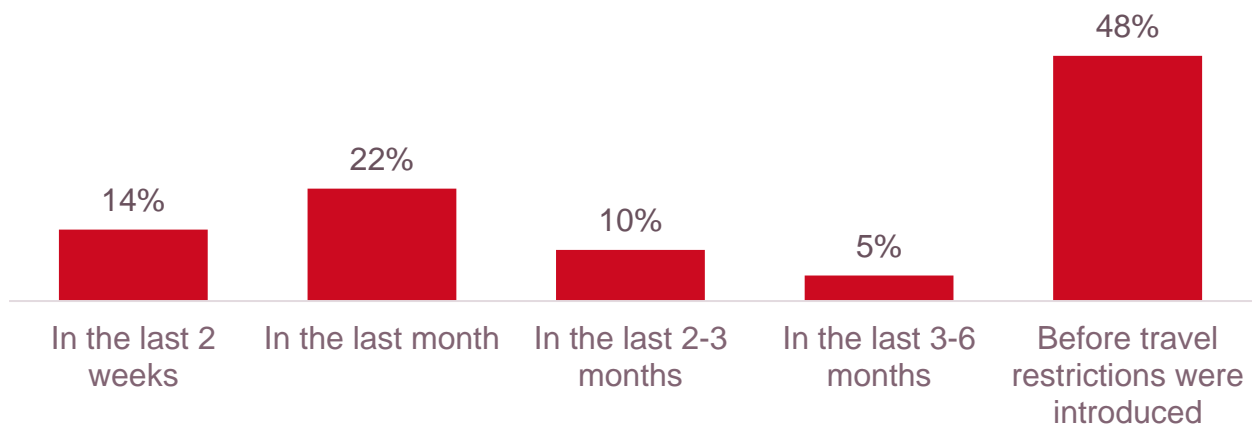


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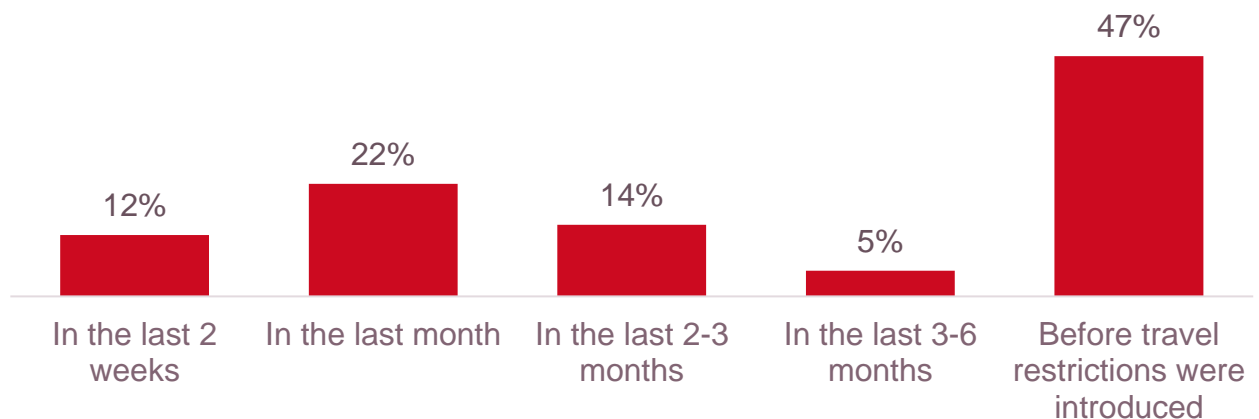
Just less than half of those who previously used buses and trains regularly, but have not done so in the last seven days, have not used a bus or train since before lockdown

## When regular bus and trains users who have not used a bus or a train in the last seven days last did so

Those who used buses a few times a month before lockdown, but who have not used a bus in the last seven days – 427



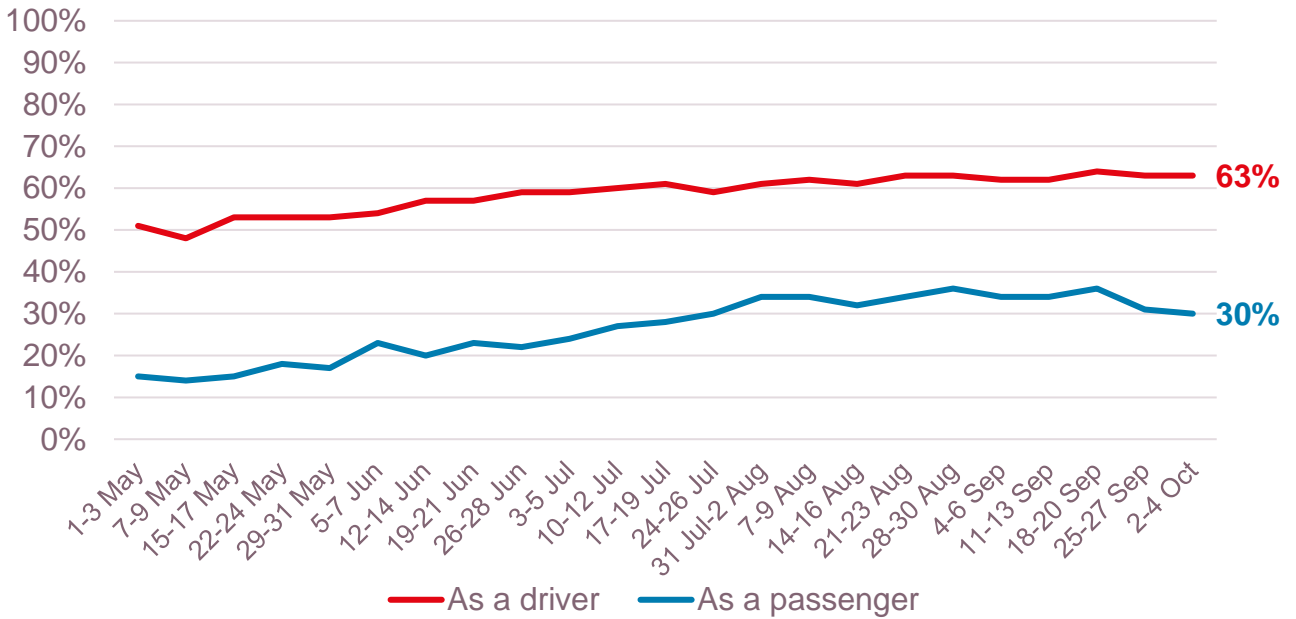
Those who used trains a few times a month before lockdown, but who have not used a train in the last seven days – 329



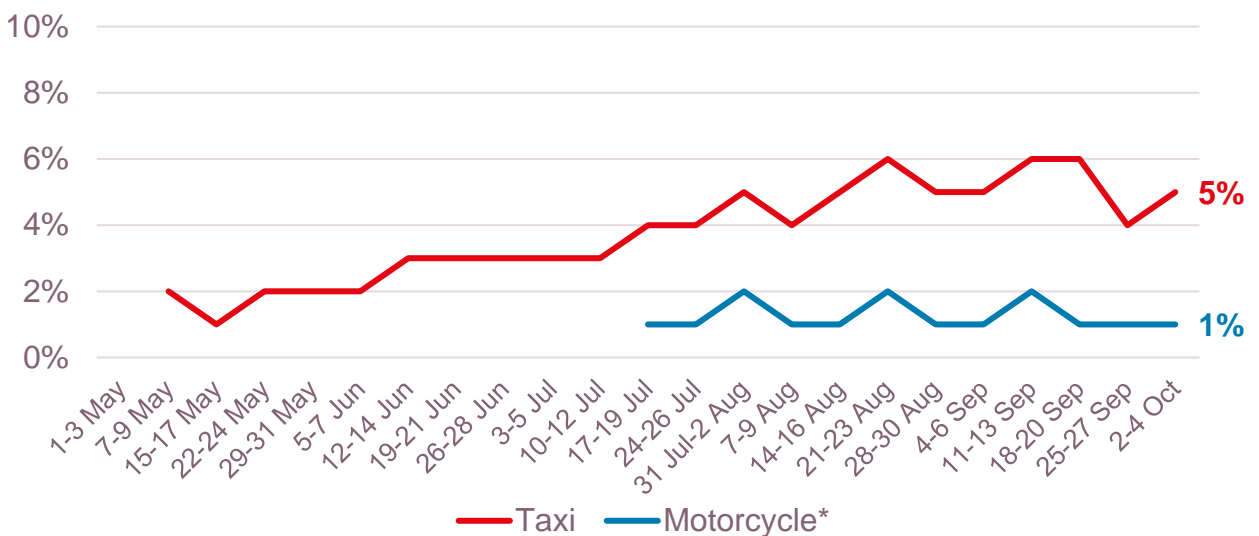
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Road use has increased slowly over time, but is consistent more recently

### Use of car / van in last seven days



### Use of taxi / motorcycle in the last seven days

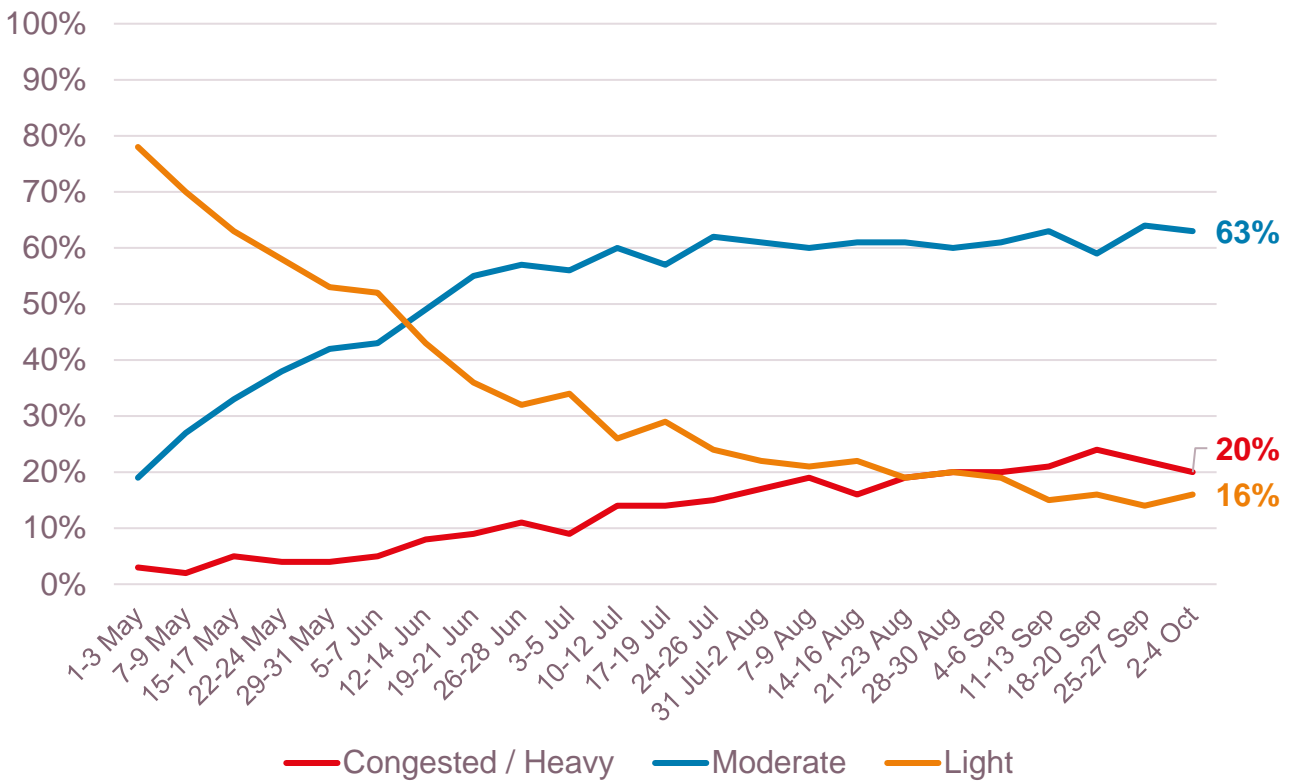


\* Separated out at week 12 (17-19 July)

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## Congested and heavy traffic has increased over time

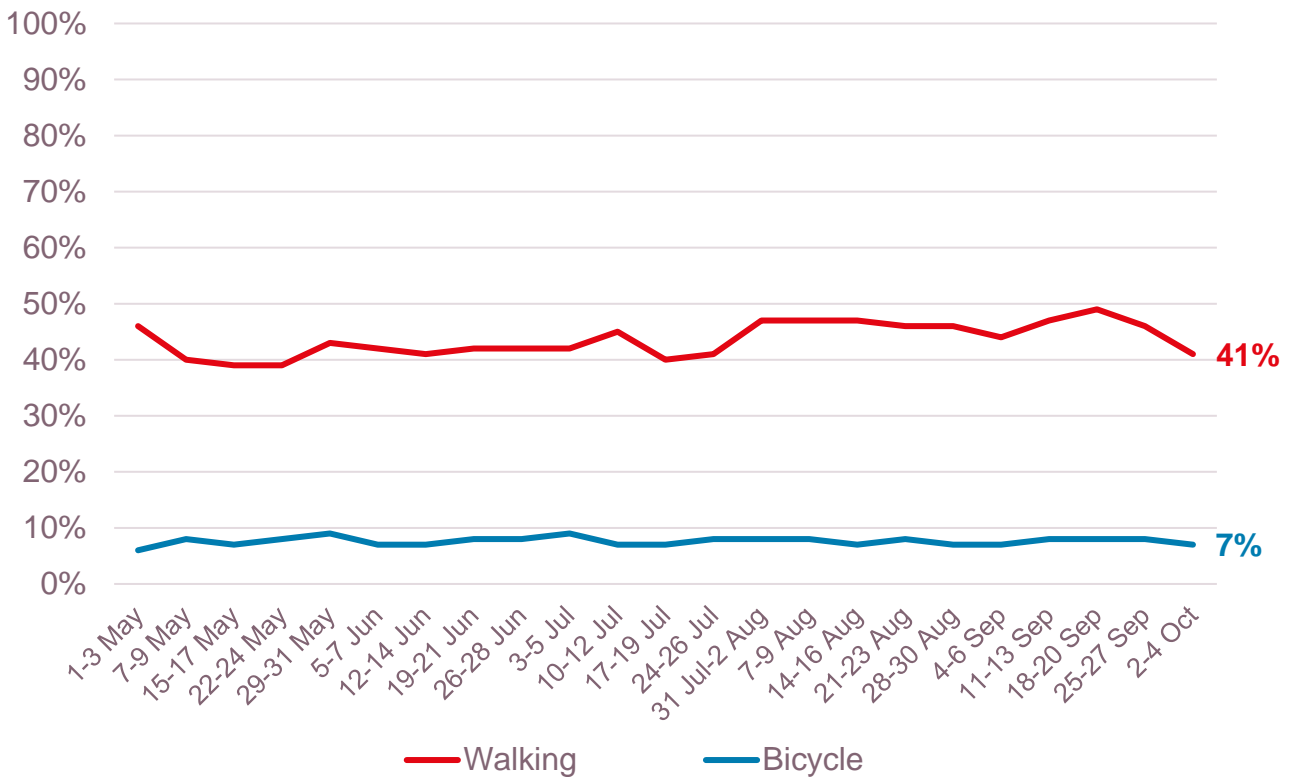
Reported volume of traffic



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## Two in five have made journeys on foot and fewer have made journeys by bike

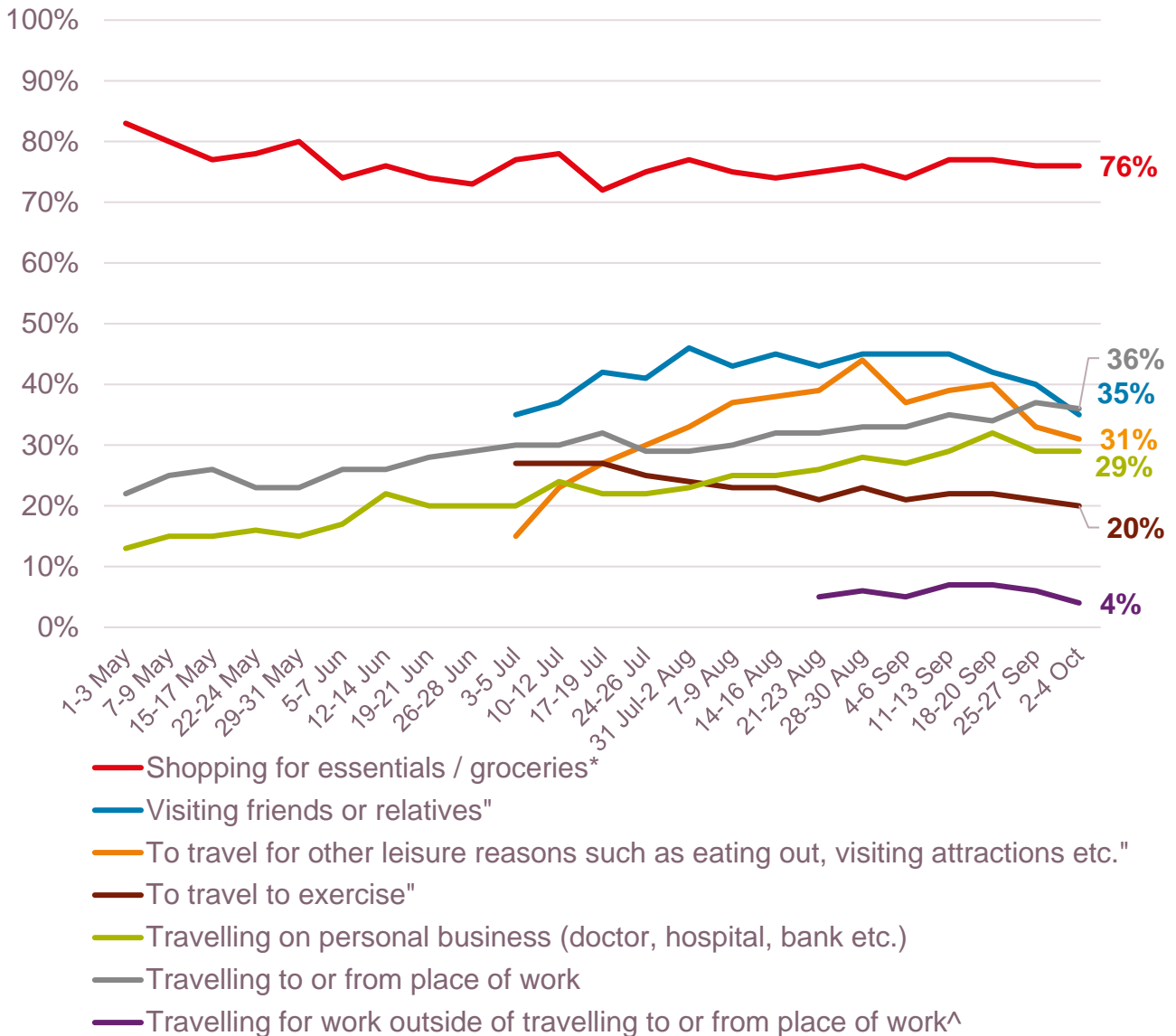
Use of other modes of transport in the last seven days



# Travel during Covid-19: omnibus week 23

Travel to work is increasing slowly over time. Travelling for leisure reasons such as eating out and visiting attractions and to visit friends or relatives has decreased.

## Reasons for making journeys in the last seven days



\* Shopping' weeks 1-9 (1 May – 28 June)

“ data shown from week 10 (3-5 July) only as significant text changes made from this week onwards

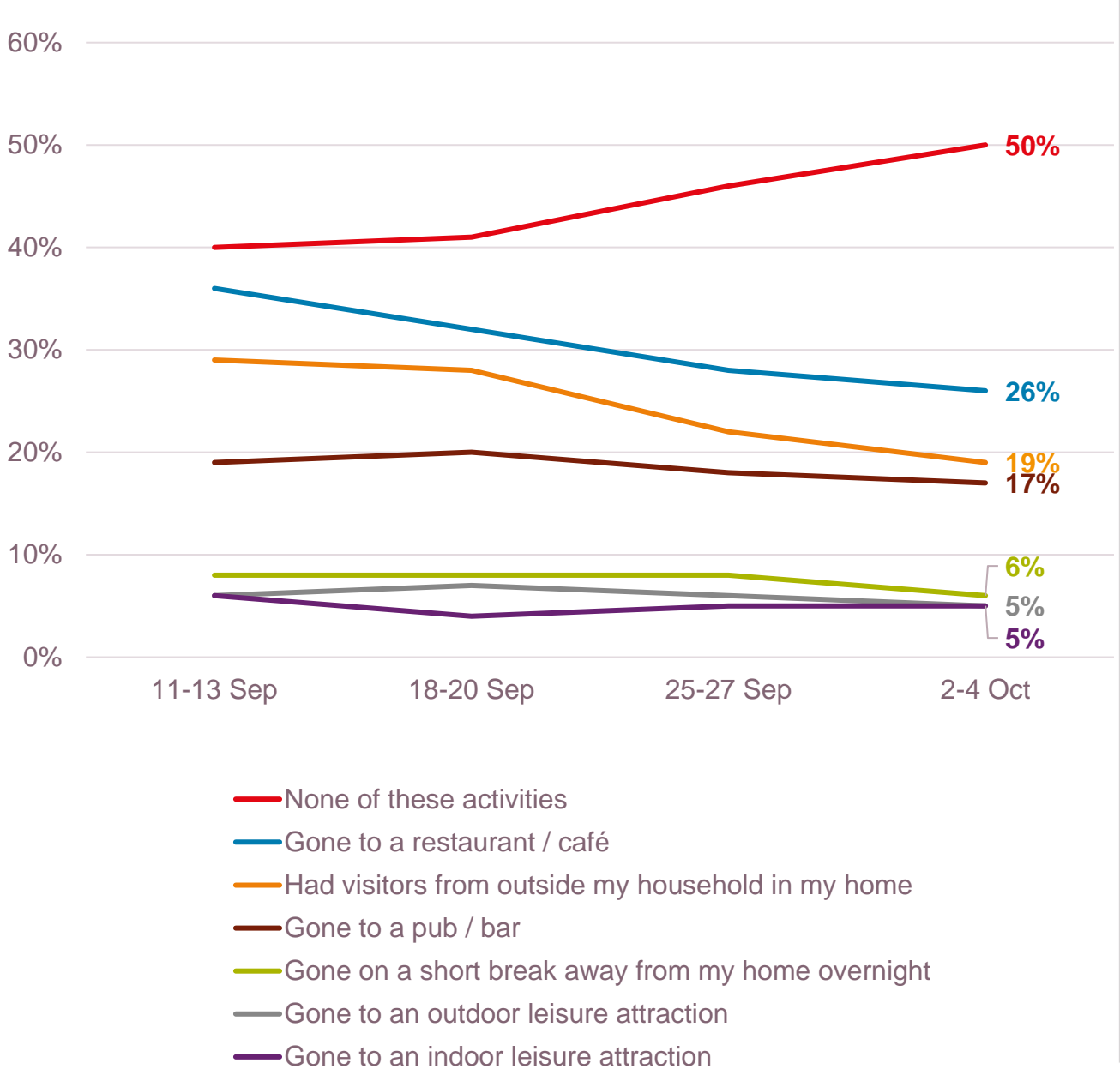
^ New code added at week 17 (21-23 August)



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Falling proportions have visited a restaurant in the last seven days or have had visitors from outside their household in their home.

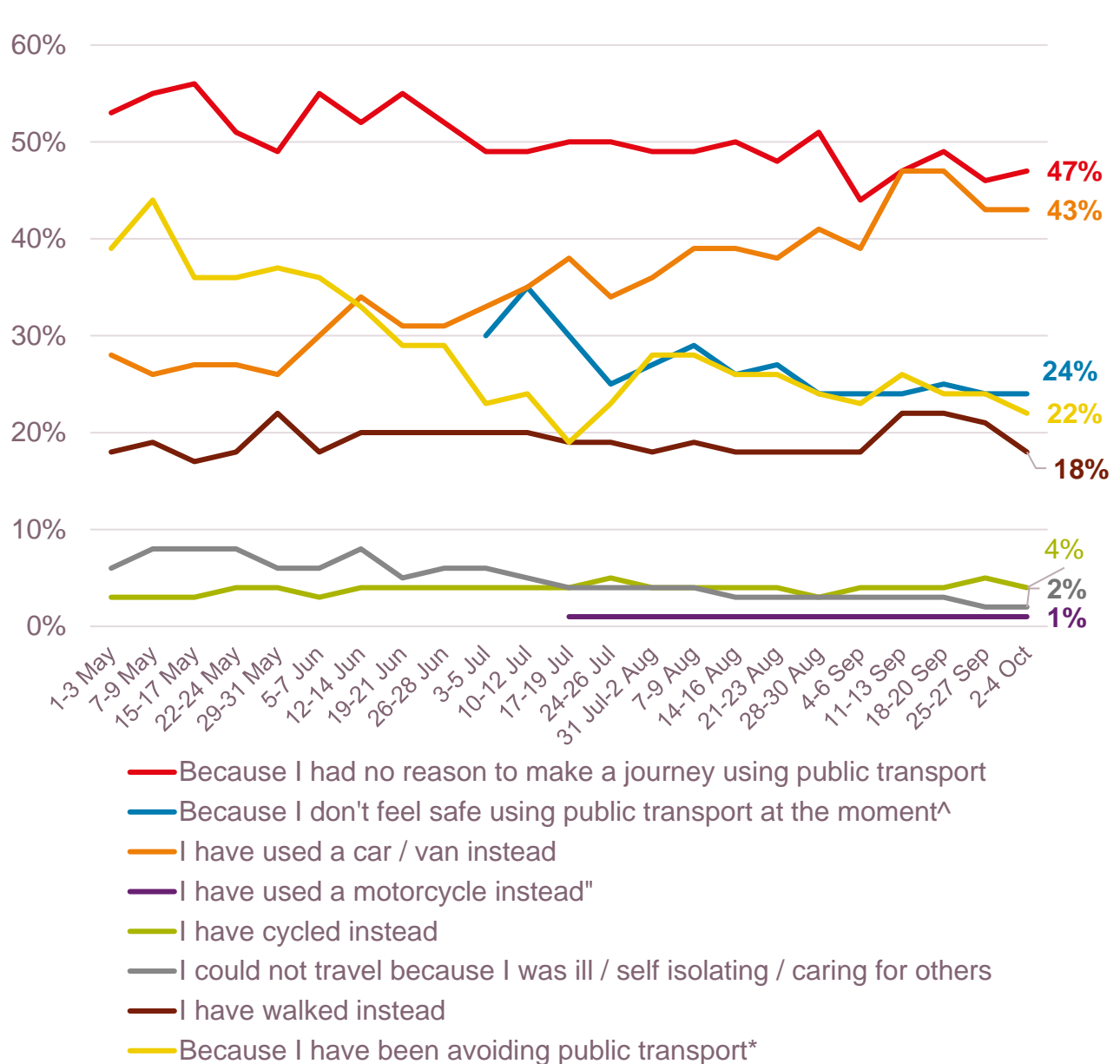
## Leisure activities enjoyed in the last seven days



# Travel during Covid-19: omnibus week 23

The proportion of those avoiding using public transport, or not feeling safe doing so, has generally fallen over time

Reasons public transport not used in the last seven days



\* Wording amended at week 10 ( 3-5 July) and at week 13 (24-26 July)

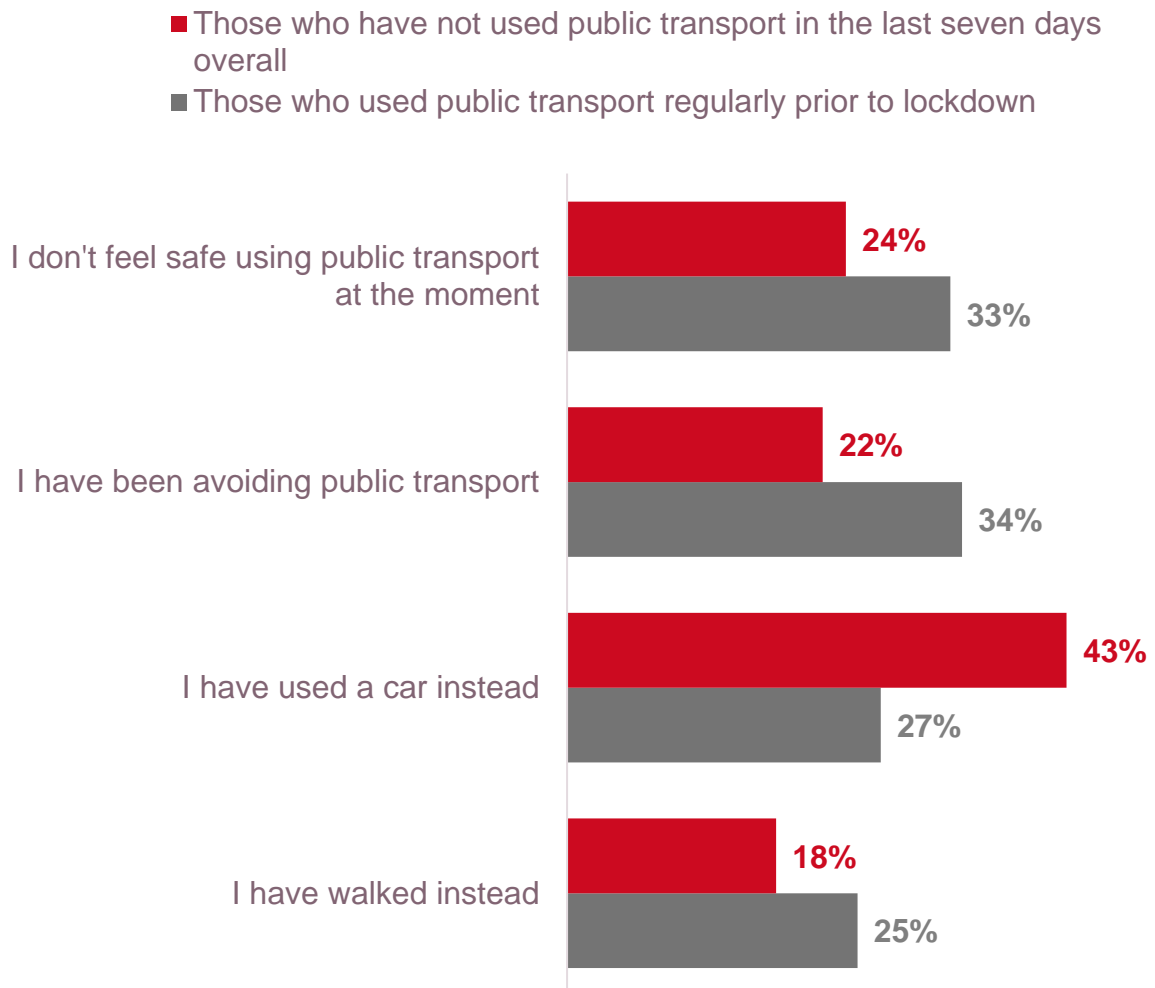
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# Travel during Covid-19: omnibus week 23

Compared with those who have not used public transport in the last seven days overall, those who previously used public transport regularly are more likely to say that they did not do so because they don't feel safe or are avoiding public transport.

Reasons public transport not used in the last seven days; previous regular users of public transport compared with those who have not used public transport in the last seven days overall

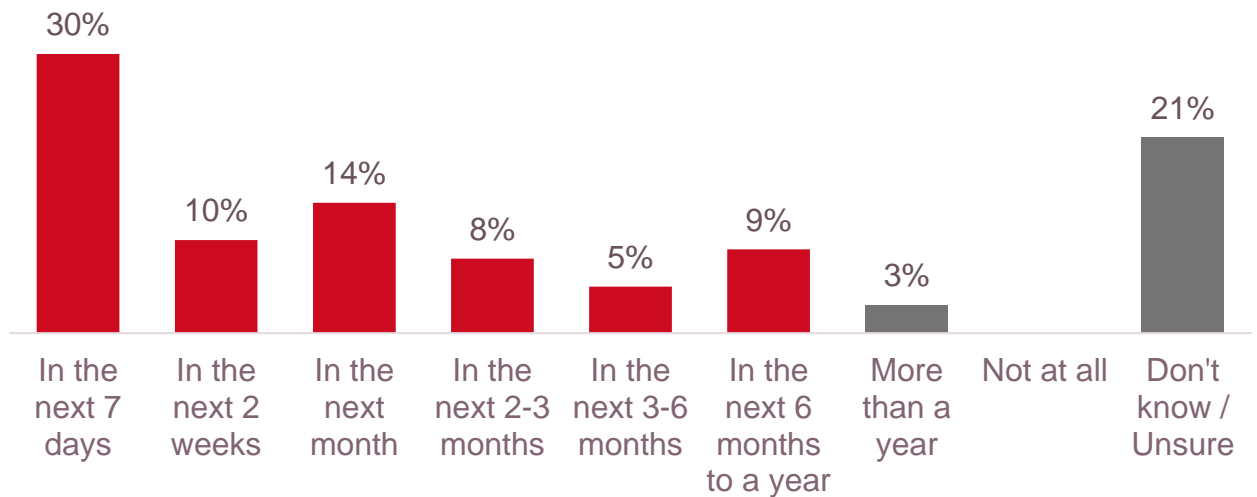


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Half of those who previously used buses regularly will do so in the next month. Those who haven't used a bus in the last seven days, but have done so in the last month, are more likely than others to use a bus in the next month or sooner

## Anticipated future use of bus

All using bus a few times in a typical month prior to lockdown – 648



### % In the next month or sooner



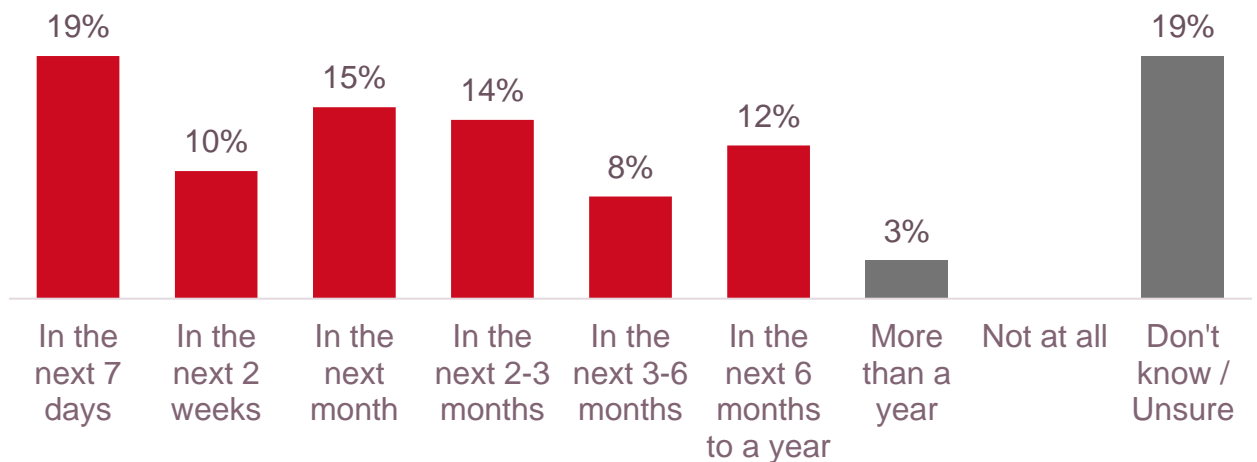
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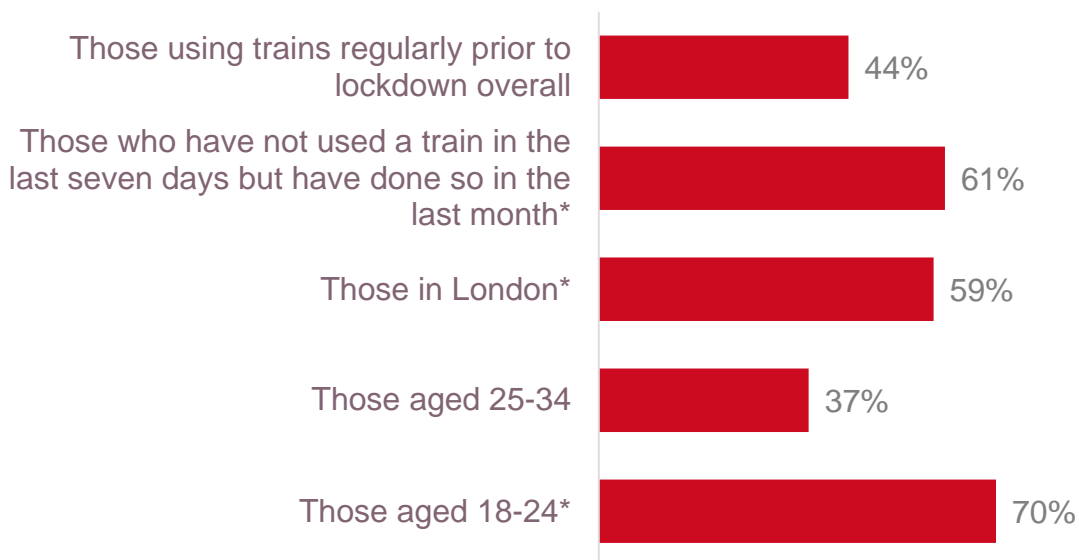
Two fifths of those who previously used trains regularly will do so in the next month. Those who haven't used a train in the last seven days, but have done so in the last month, are more likely than others to use a train in the next month or sooner

## Anticipated future use of train

All using trains at least a few times in a typical month prior to lockdown – 406



### % In the next month or sooner



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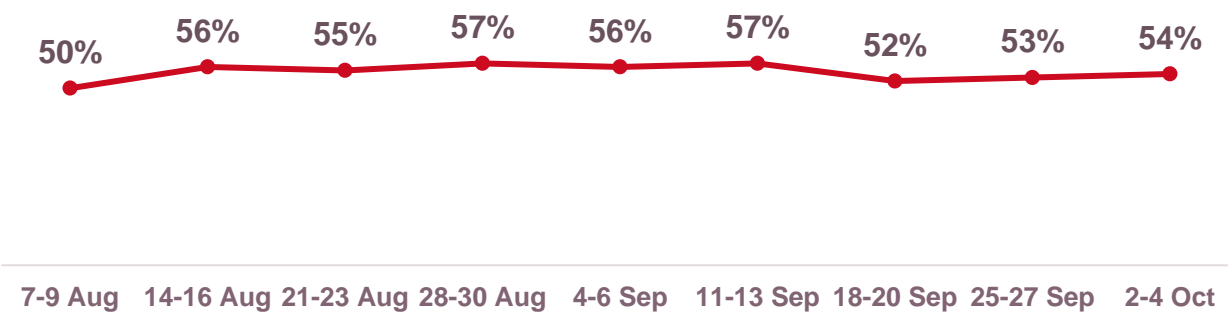
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The proportion of those who regularly used buses or trains before lockdown who say that they will use a bus or train in the next month or sooner has risen slightly

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

All using bus a few times in a typical month prior to lockdown – 715

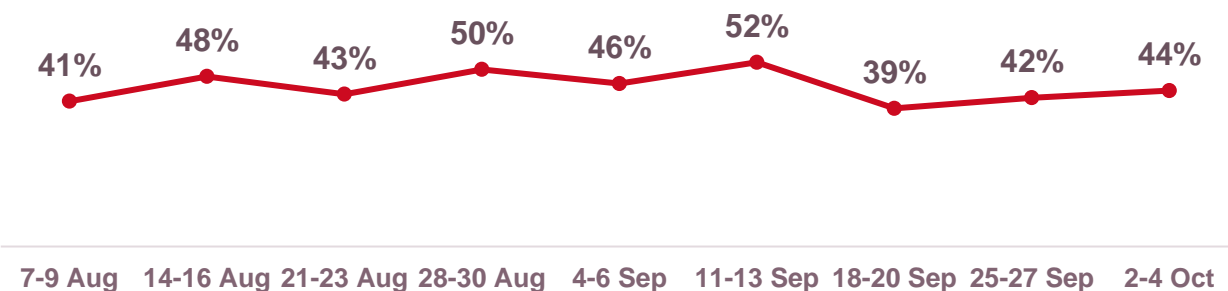
% in the next month or sooner



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

All using trains at least a few times in a typical month prior to lockdown – 461

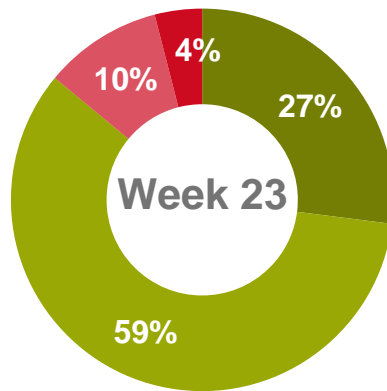
% in the next month or sooner



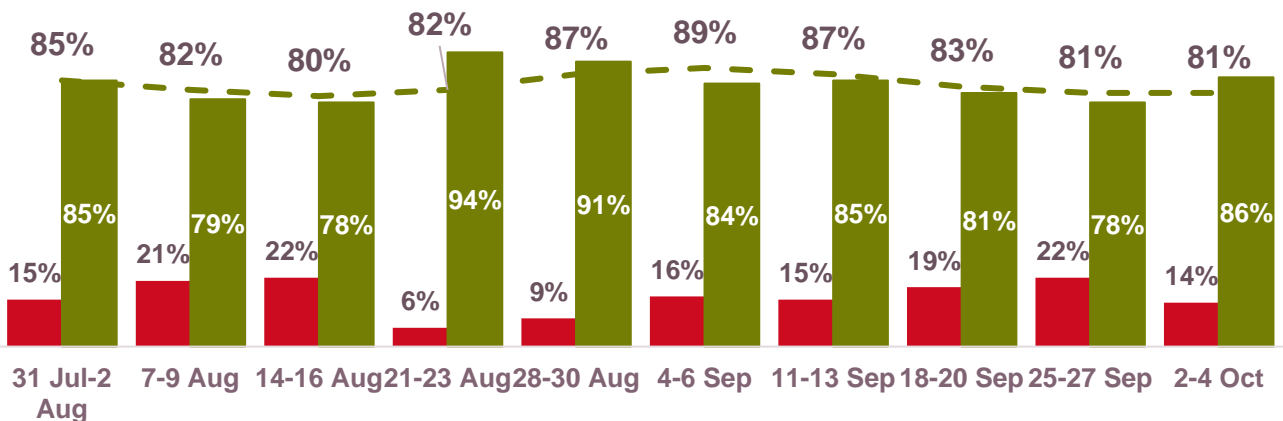
# More than four in five of those making train journeys in the last seven days felt safe doing so

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

Base: All making journeys by train, W23 – 96



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



■ % Not very / Not at all safe

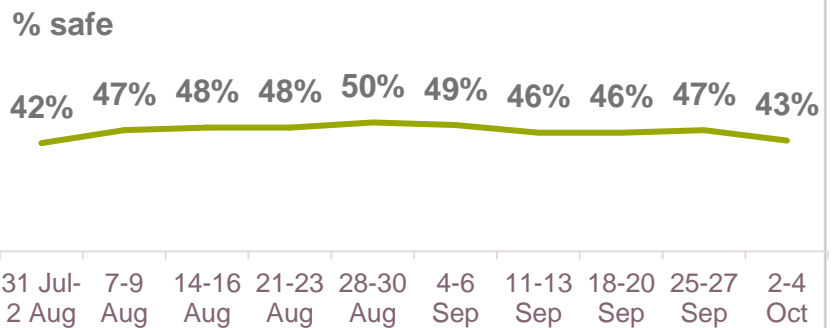
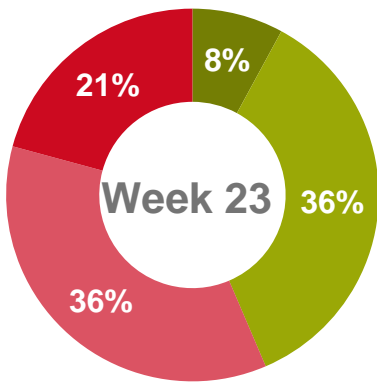
■ % Very / Fairly safe

- - % Very / Fairly safe - aggregated three-week average

\* Reference to coronavirus specifically added at week 16 (14-16 August)

# Among those who have not used a train in the last seven days, those that have done so in the month are more likely than others to feel safe doing so again

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, W23 – 1,895



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

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Those who have not used a train in the last seven days, but have done so in the last month



Those who have used a train since lockdown



Those who have not used a train since before lockdown



Those who used trains regularly before lockdown



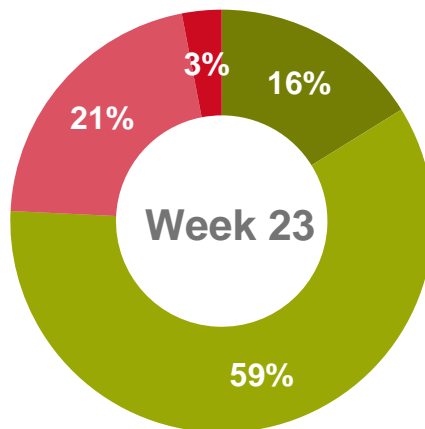
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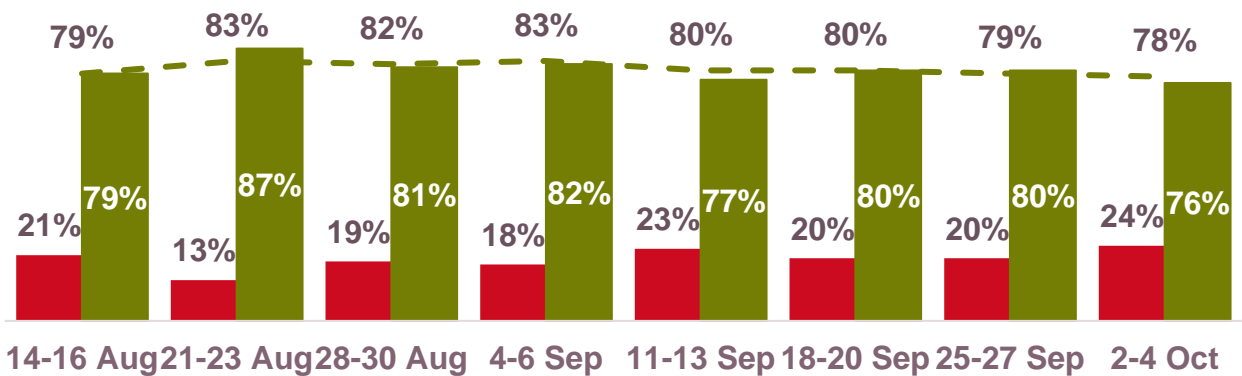
# More than three quarters of those making bus journeys in the last seven days felt safe doing so

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

Base: All making journeys by bus, W23 – 248



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



■ % Not very / Not at all safe

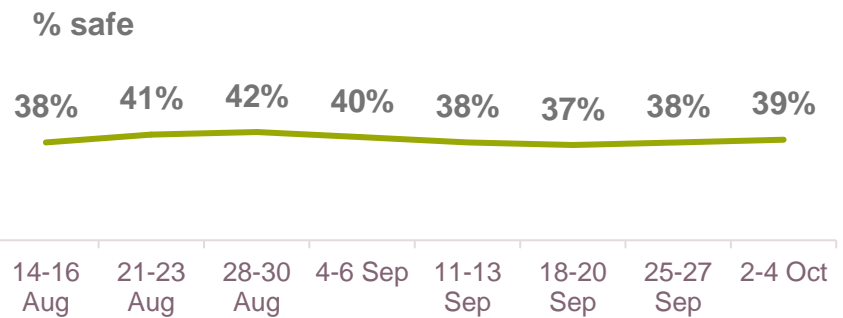
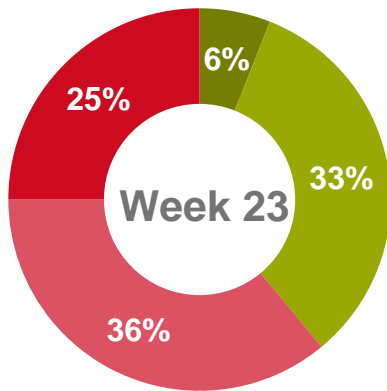
■ Very / Fairly safe

- - % Very / Fairly safe - aggregated three-week average

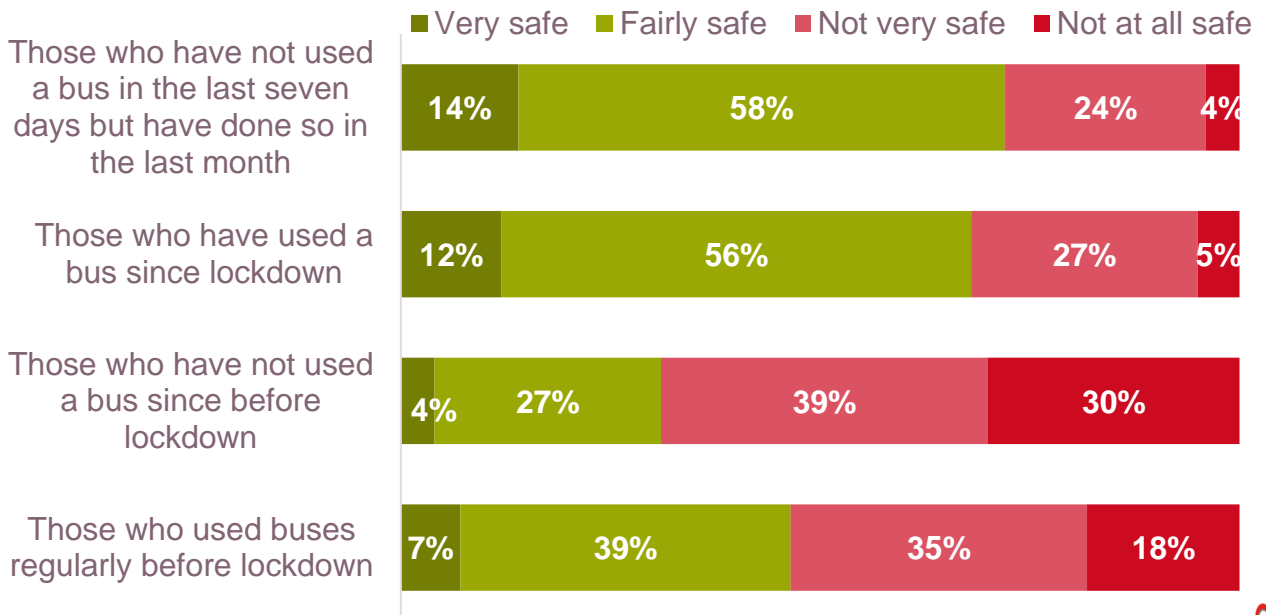
# Among those who have not used a bus in the last seven days, those that have done so in the month are more likely than others to feel safe doing so again

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, W23 – 1,743



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

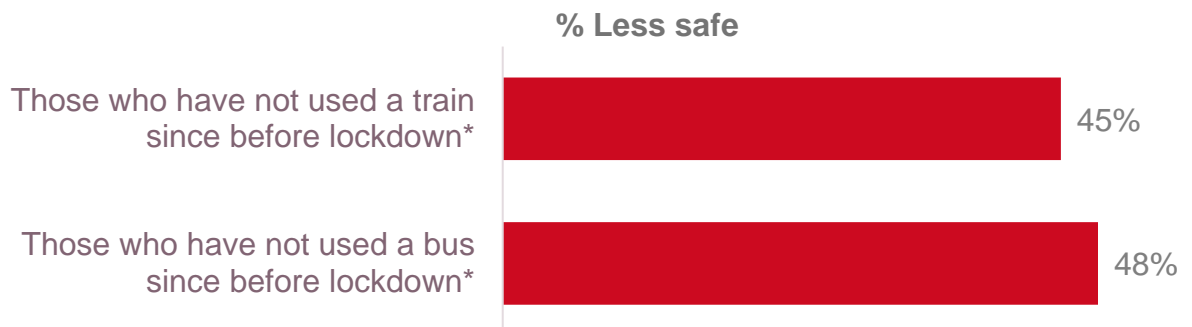


# Those who have used public transport in the last seven days are more likely than those that have not to think that it is equally or more safe than other places such as shops, restaurants or pubs

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: All respondents (1,991), those using public transport (317), those not using public transport (1,568)



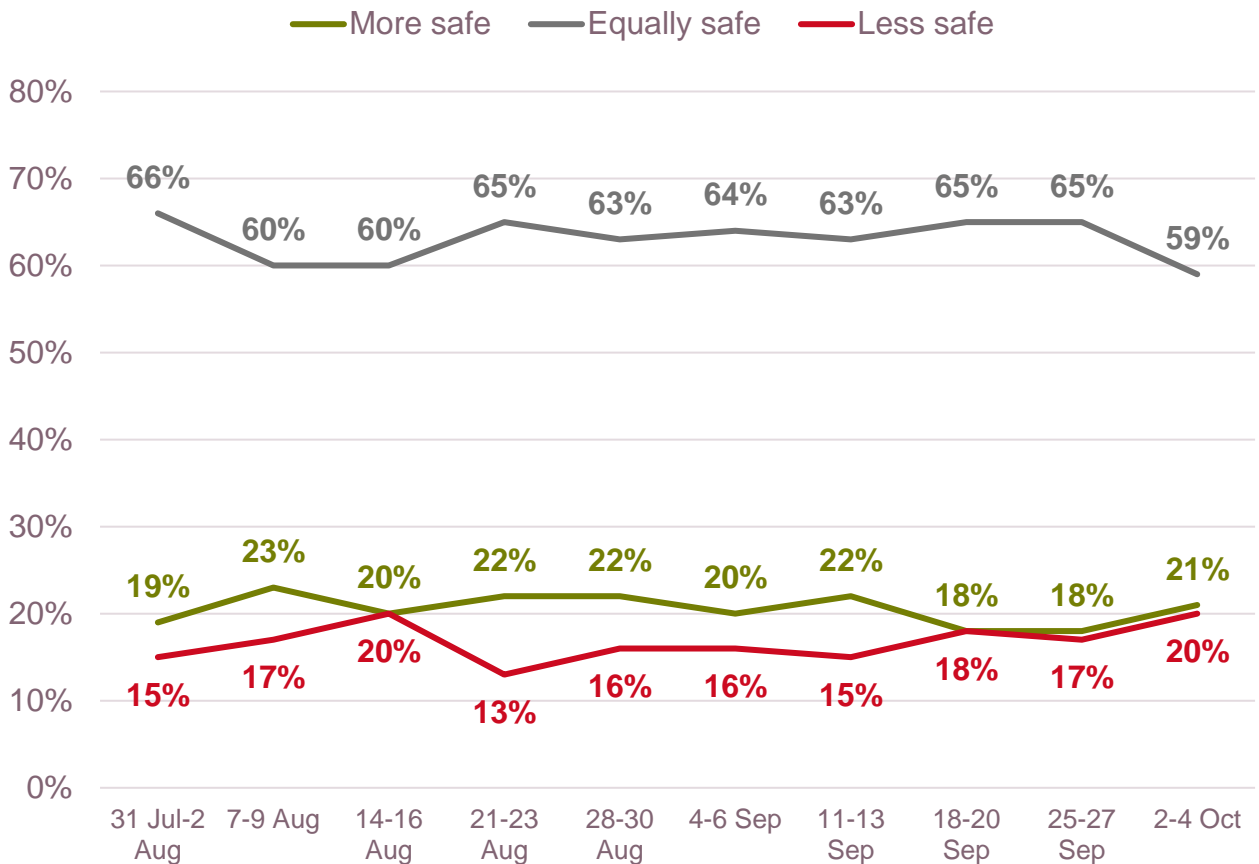
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# The perceived safety of public transport as compared to shops, restaurants, pubs etc has been consistent over time

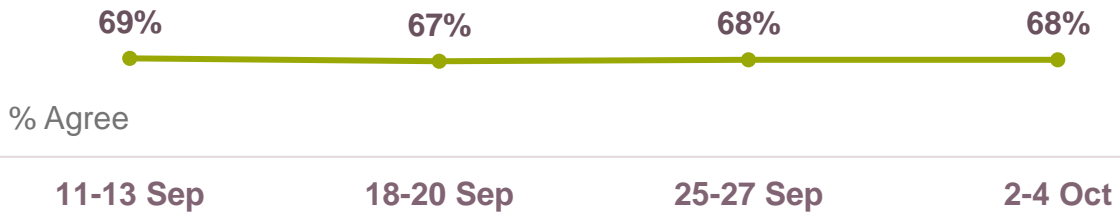
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*I think that using public transport is more / less / equally as safe than other places such as shops, restaurants, or pubs*

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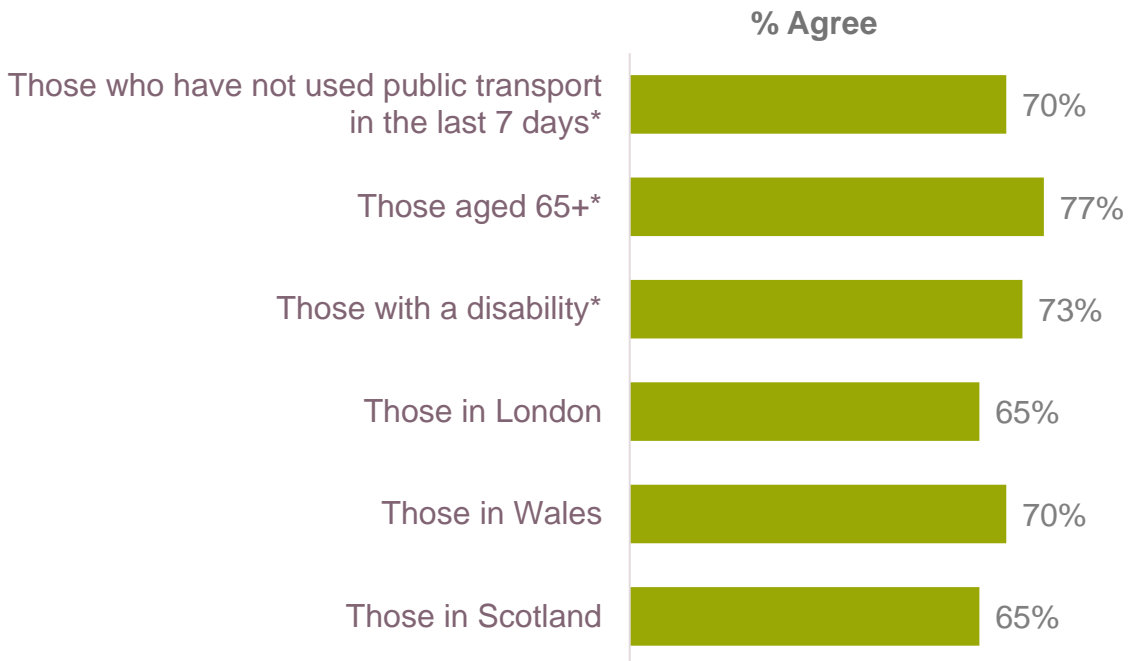
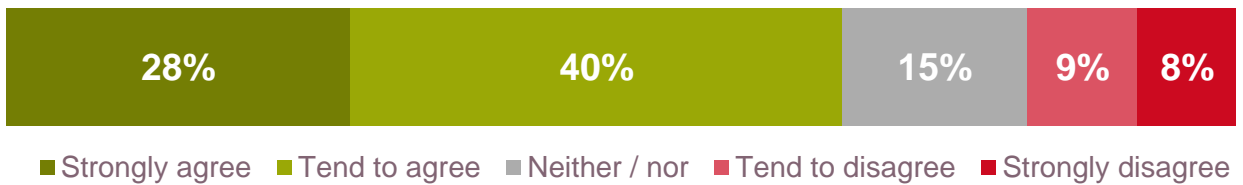


# Almost seven in ten say that they are avoiding doing things they feel are unnecessary because they are worried about Covid-19



**I am avoiding doing things that I don't see as absolutely necessary because I'm worried about COVID**

Base: W23 1,891



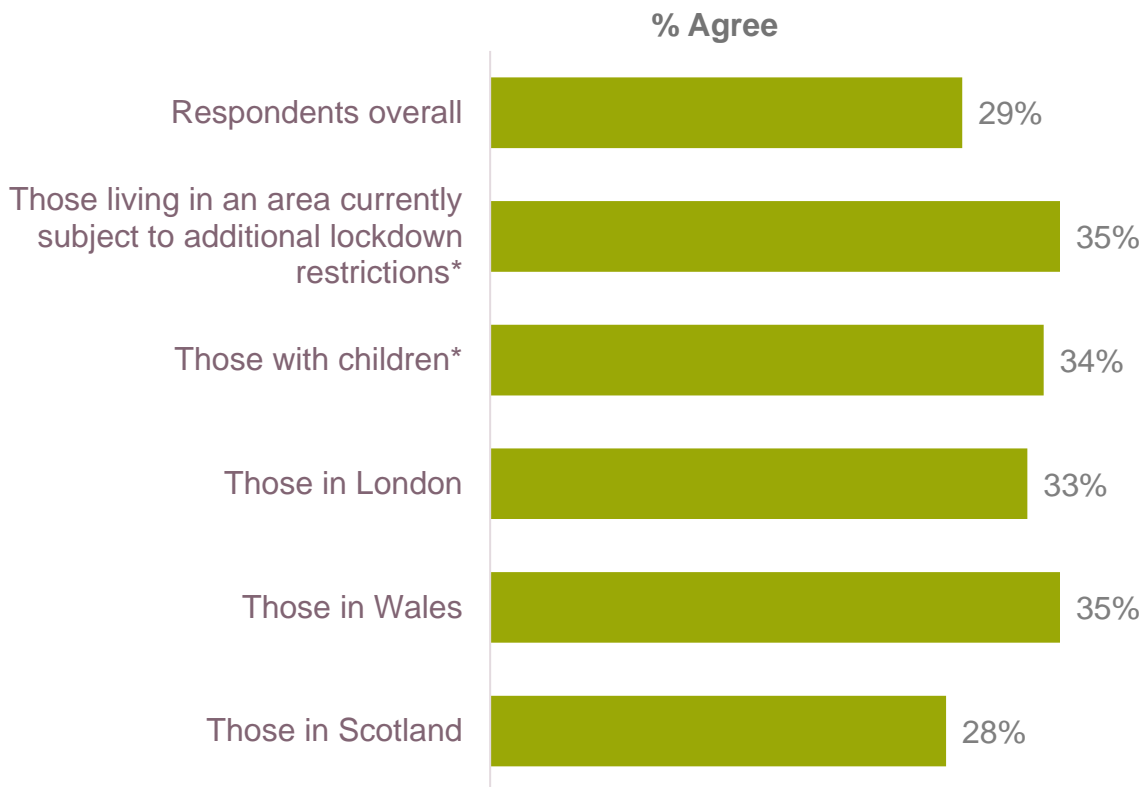
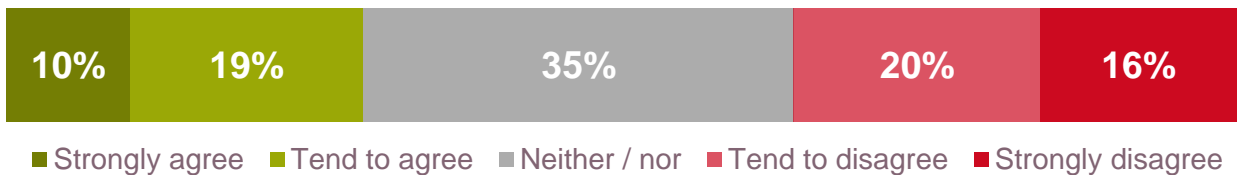
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# Three in ten say that they expect to drive more when Covid-19 no longer poses a significant risk. A third disagree

When COVID no longer poses a significant risk (i.e. when there is a vaccine), I will drive more for journeys where I would have used public transport before the pandemic.

Base: W23 1,334



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# More than two in five are avoiding using public transport because they don't think enough passengers are wearing face coverings

I'm avoiding using public transport because I don't think enough passengers are wearing face coverings

Base: W23 1,577



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



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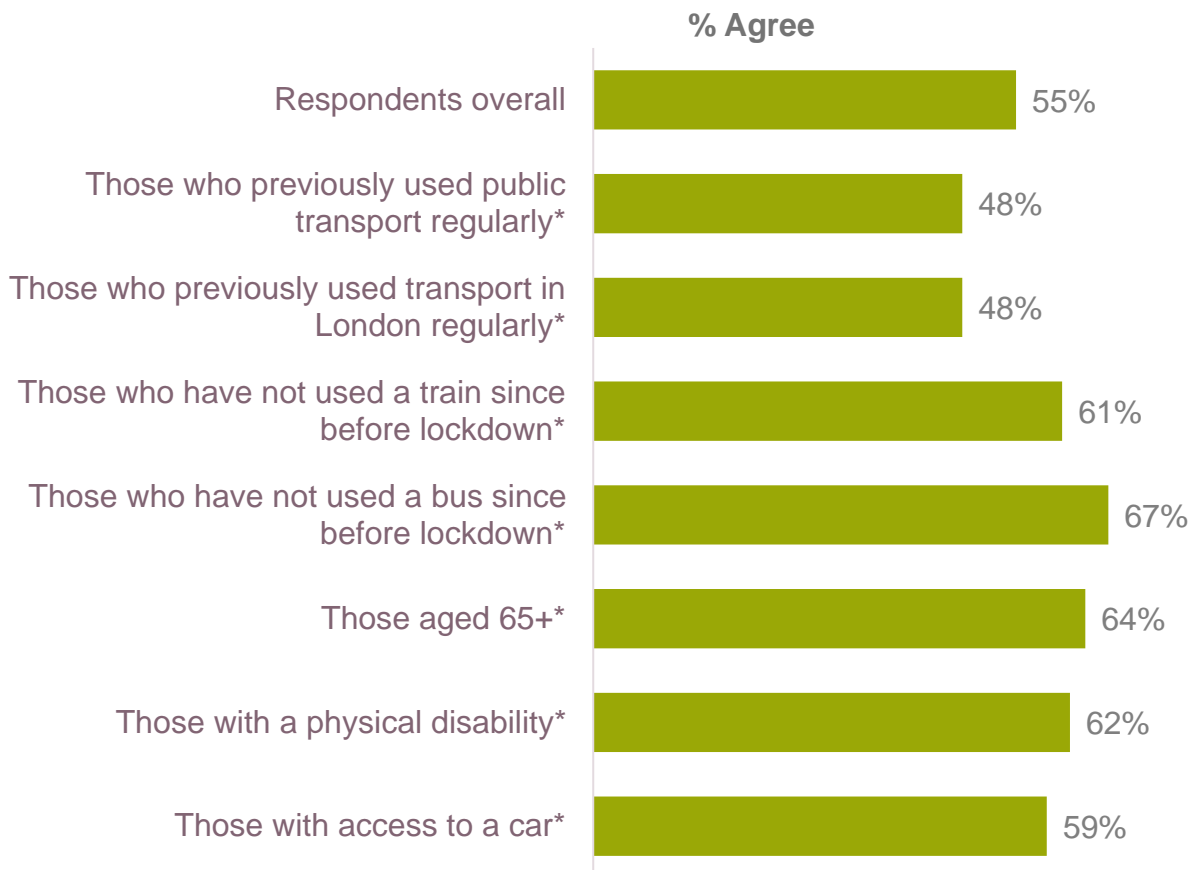
# More than half are avoiding public transport because they don't think that it is possible to keep a safe distance from other passengers

I'm avoiding using public transport because I don't think it's possible to keep a safe distance from other passengers

Base: W23 1,672



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



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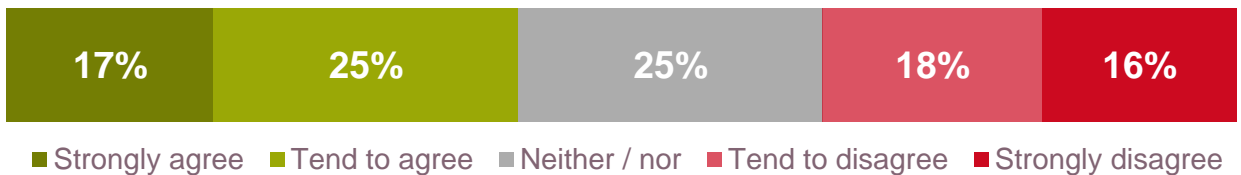
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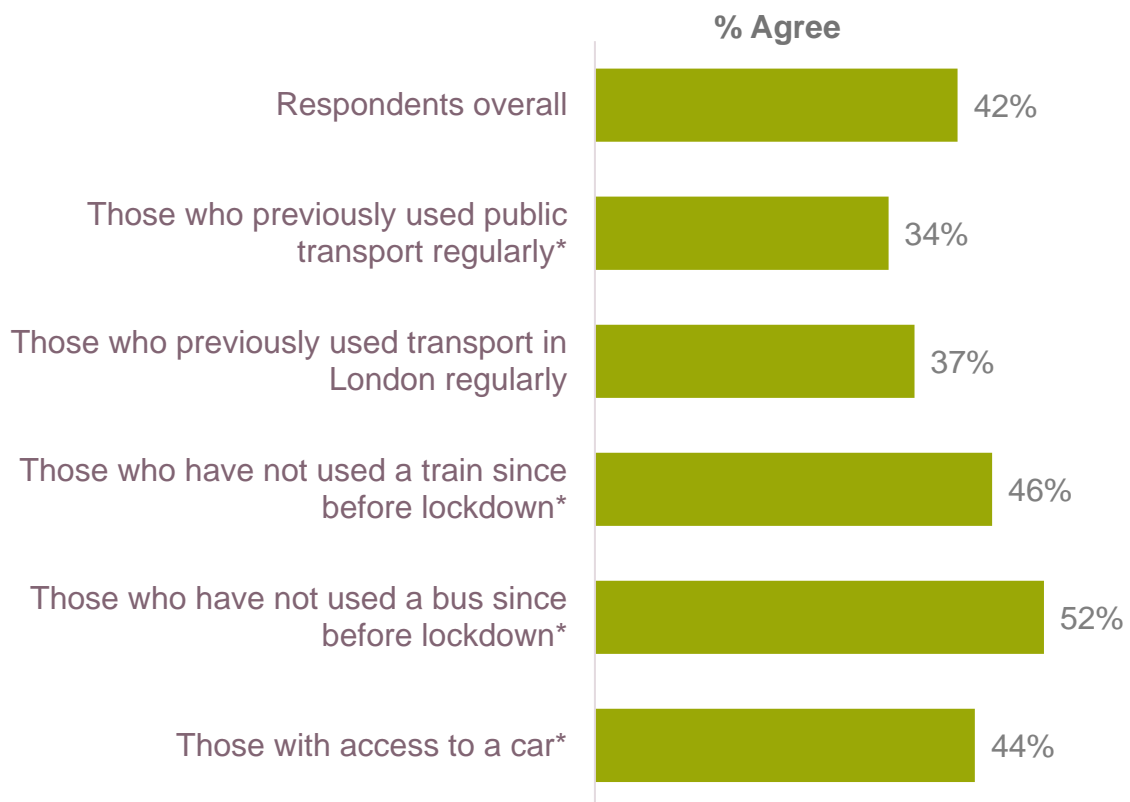
# More than two in five are avoiding public transport because they don't think that it is clean enough

I'm avoiding using public transport because I don't think it's clean enough

Base: W23 1,651



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



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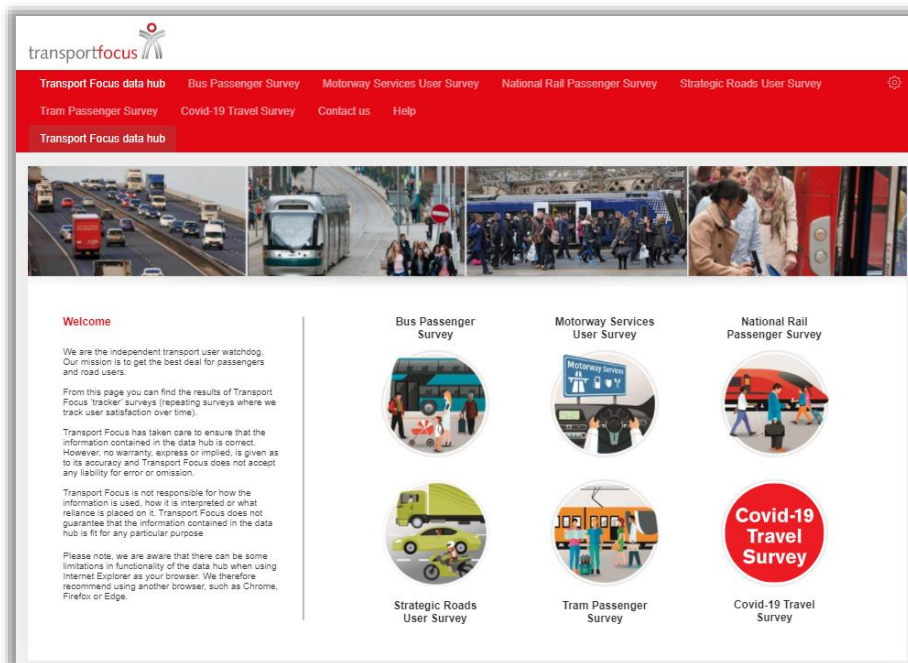
# Transport Focus Data Hub

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 Yonder Consulting 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.

# 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
- week 19: 4-6 September 2020
- week 20: 11-13 September 2020
- week 21: 18-20 September 2020
- week 22: 25-27 September 2020
- week 23: 2-4 October 2020

# Sample breakdown

Sample size by age groups and gender (weeks 1-15)

	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
Week 11	2008	236	328	302	325	320	497	1001	1007
Week 12	2060	242	330	340	370	326	452	1041	1019
Week 13	2000	223	285	330	338	332	492	1031	969
Week 14	2000	230	321	314	354	289	492	1036	964
Week 15	2000	234	325	318	341	273	509	996	1004

# Sample breakdown

Sample size by age groups and gender (weeks 16-23)

	TOTAL	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
<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
<b>Week 19</b>	2015	197	332	317	365	319	485	957	1058
<b>Week 20</b>	2027	223	335	316	334	324	495	990	1037
<b>Week 21</b>	2050	221	343	316	370	321	479	1004	1046
<b>Week 22</b>	2017	237	348	326	339	273	494	1011	1006
<b>Week 23</b>	2020	218	286	330	383	321	482	952	1068

# Sample breakdown

Sample size by region (weeks 1-15)

	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
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

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Sample size by region (weeks 16-23)

	Scotland	North East	North West	Yorks & Humber	West Midlands	East Midlands	Wales	Eastern	London	South East	South West
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
Week 19	172	87	210	166	172	156	107	198	272	285	190
Week 20	183	81	214	179	194	133	106	211	298	263	165
Week 21	181	83	235	181	166	156	109	209	260	280	190
Week 22	186	89	233	176	176	165	102	194	269	251	176
Week 23	176	90	230	180	190	166	111	190	219	279	189