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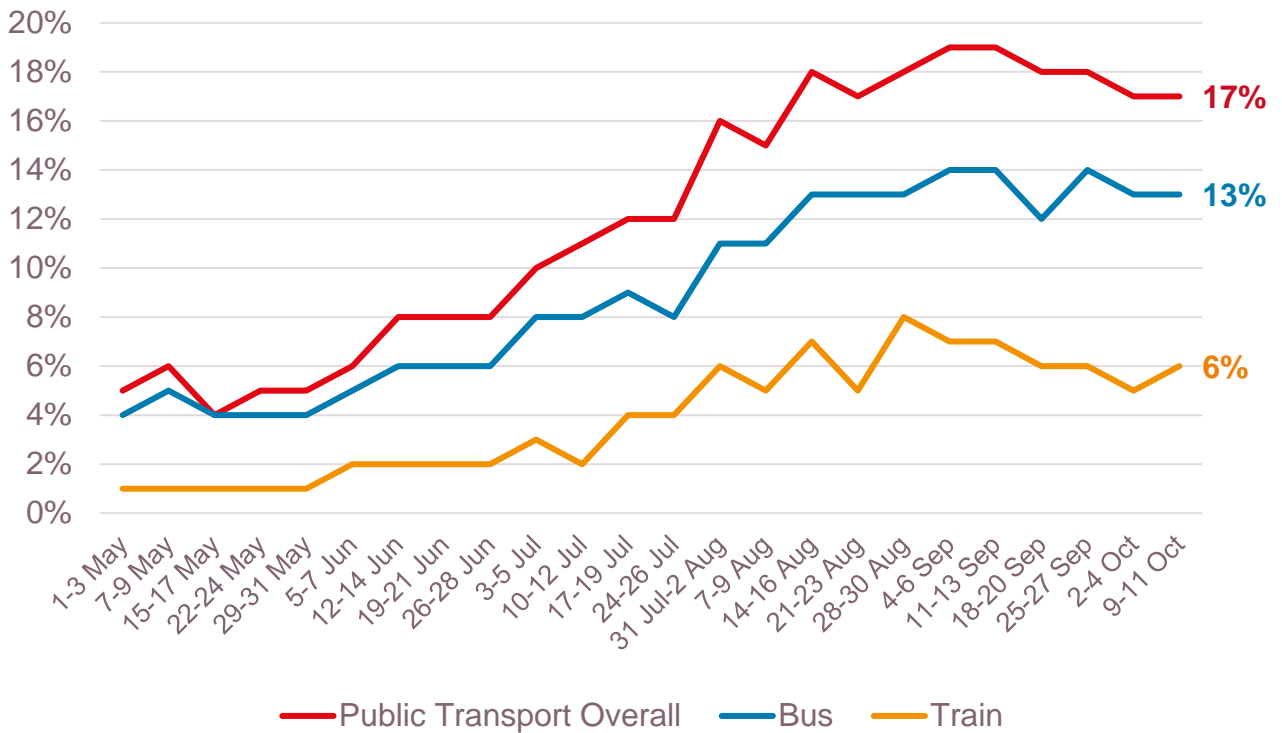
Tracking research - week 24

16 October 2020

# Travel during Covid-19: omnibus week 24

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

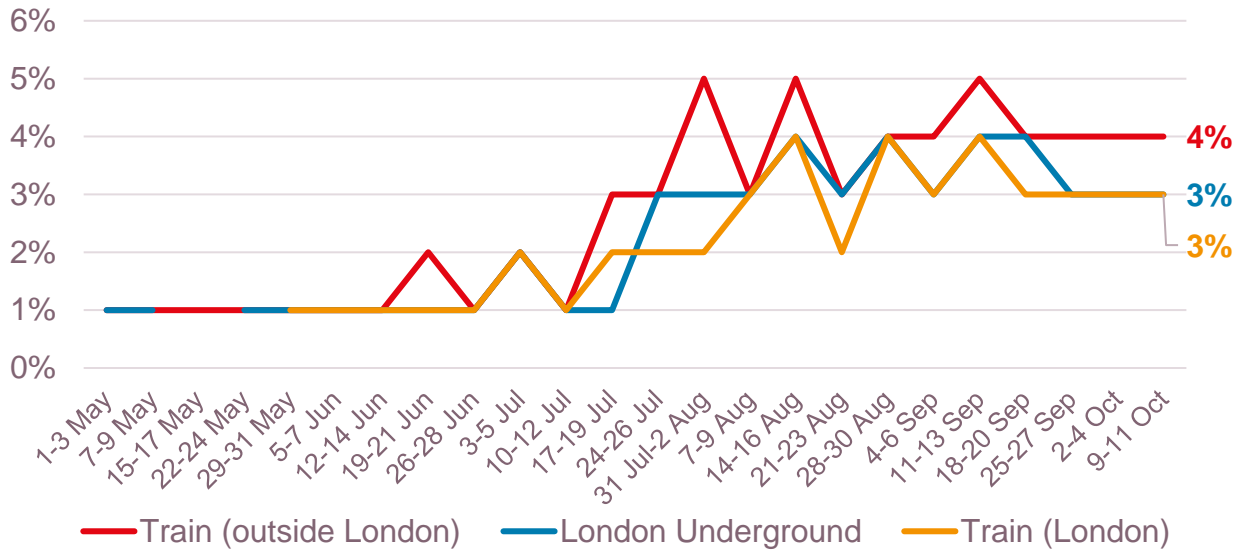
Use of public transport in last seven days – Great Britain



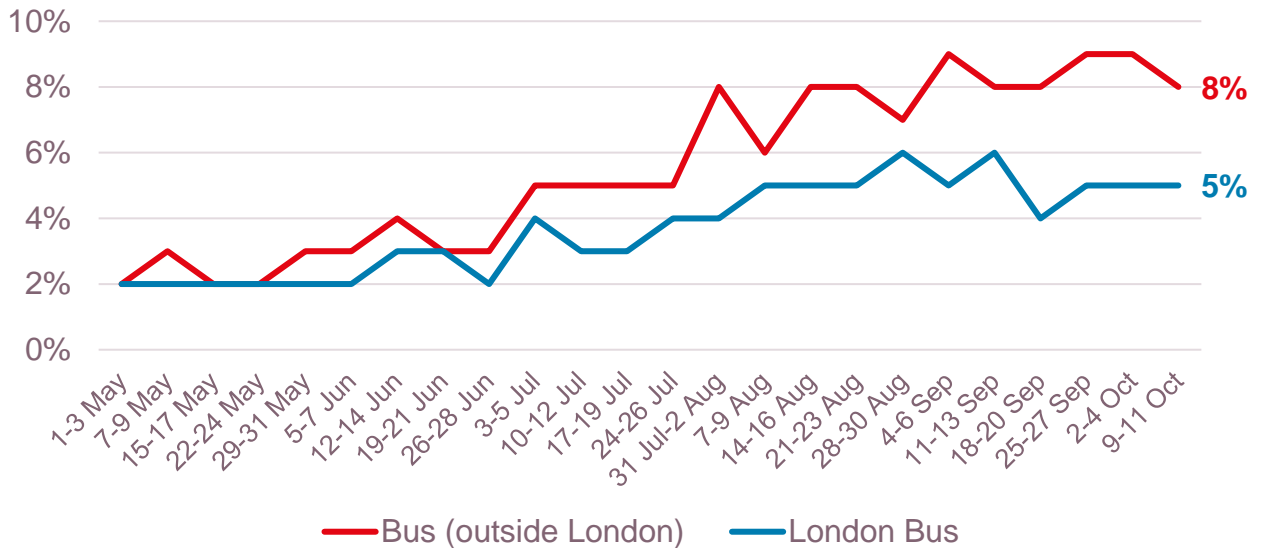
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## Use of train and bus is consistent with last week

Use of train in last seven days



Use of bus in last seven days

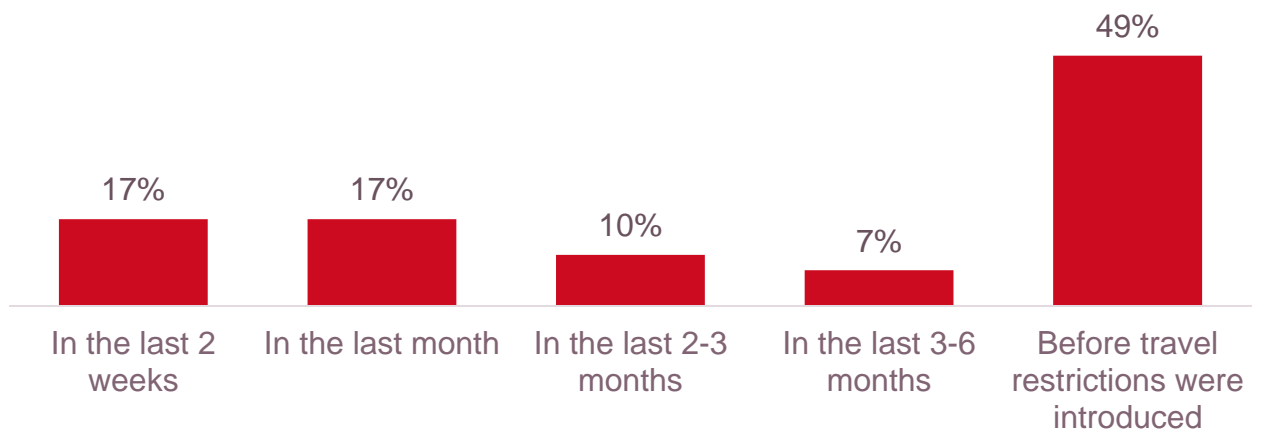


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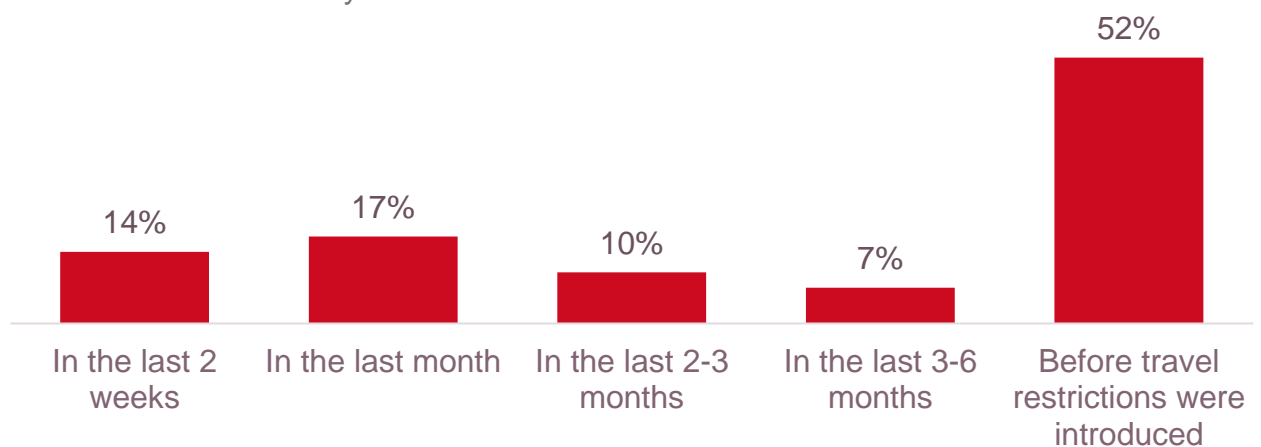
Half of those who previously used buses and trains regularly, but have not done so in the last seven days, have not used a bus or train since before lockdown

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 – 471



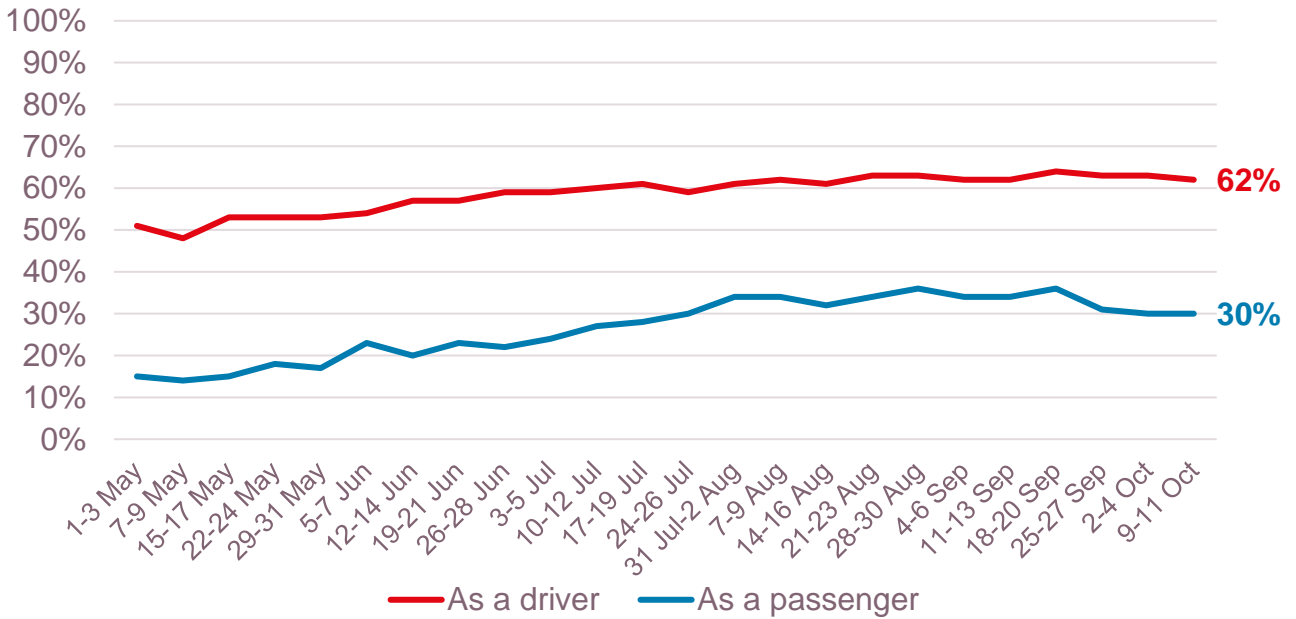
Those who used trains a few times a month before lockdown, but who have not used a train in the last seven days – 376



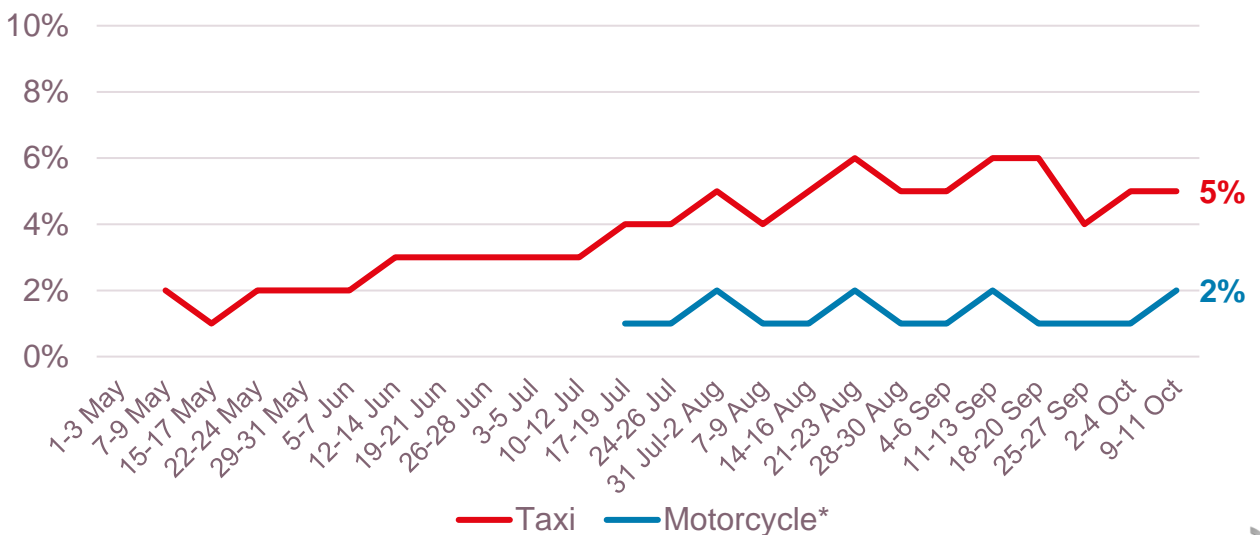
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## Road use has increased slowly over time, but is consistent more recently

Use of car / van in last seven days



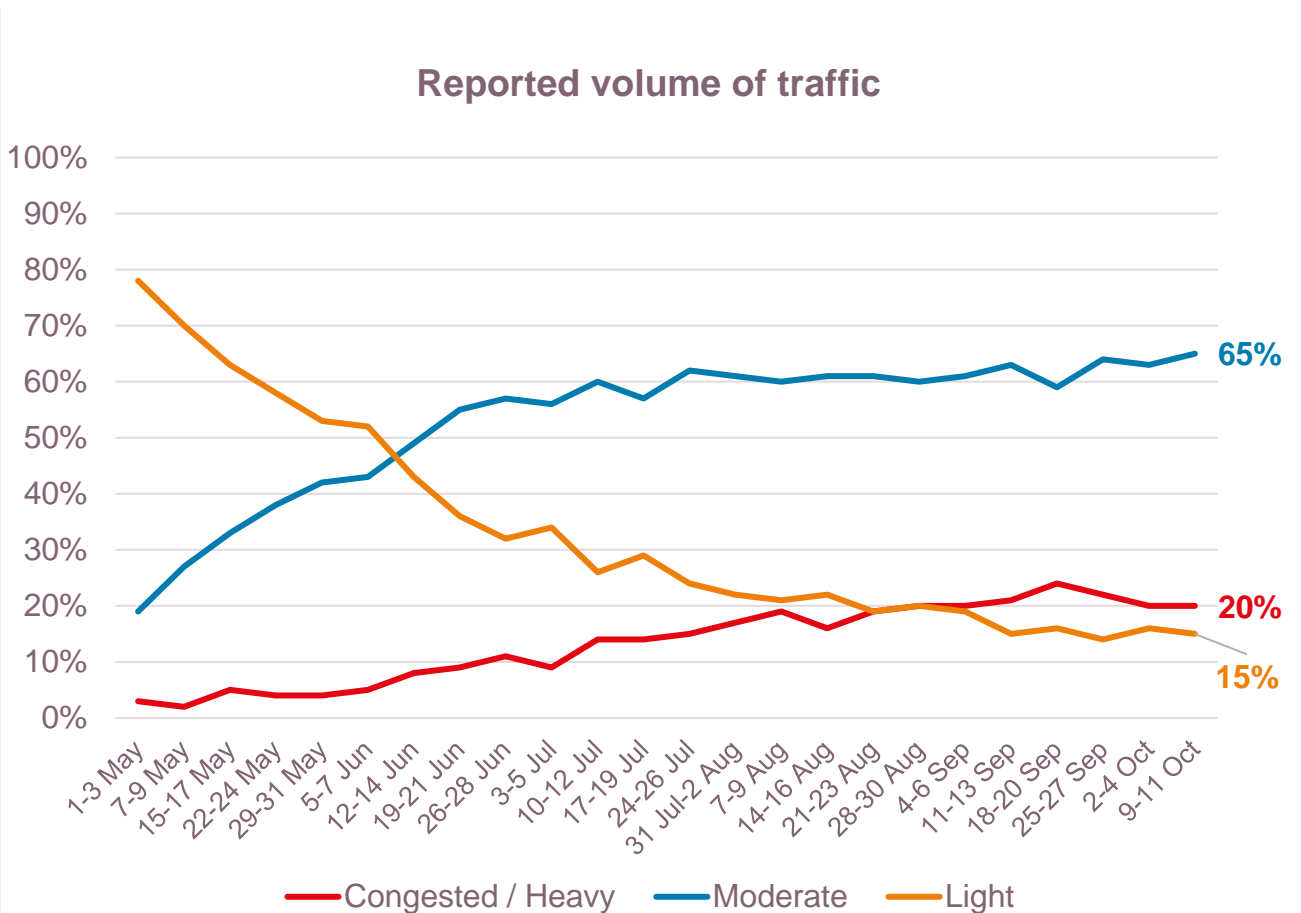
Use of taxi / motorcycle in the last seven days



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

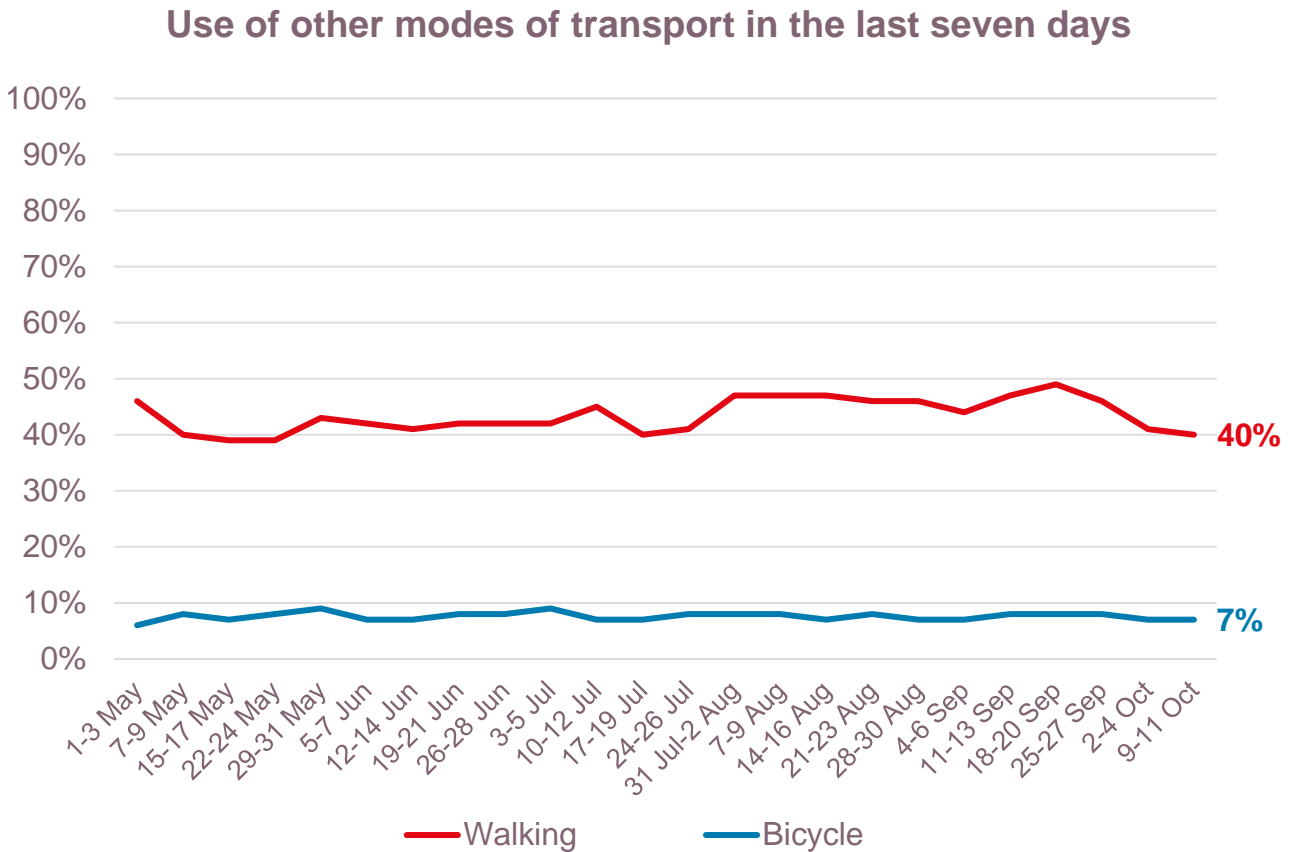
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The reported volume of traffic has increased, but is more consistent recently



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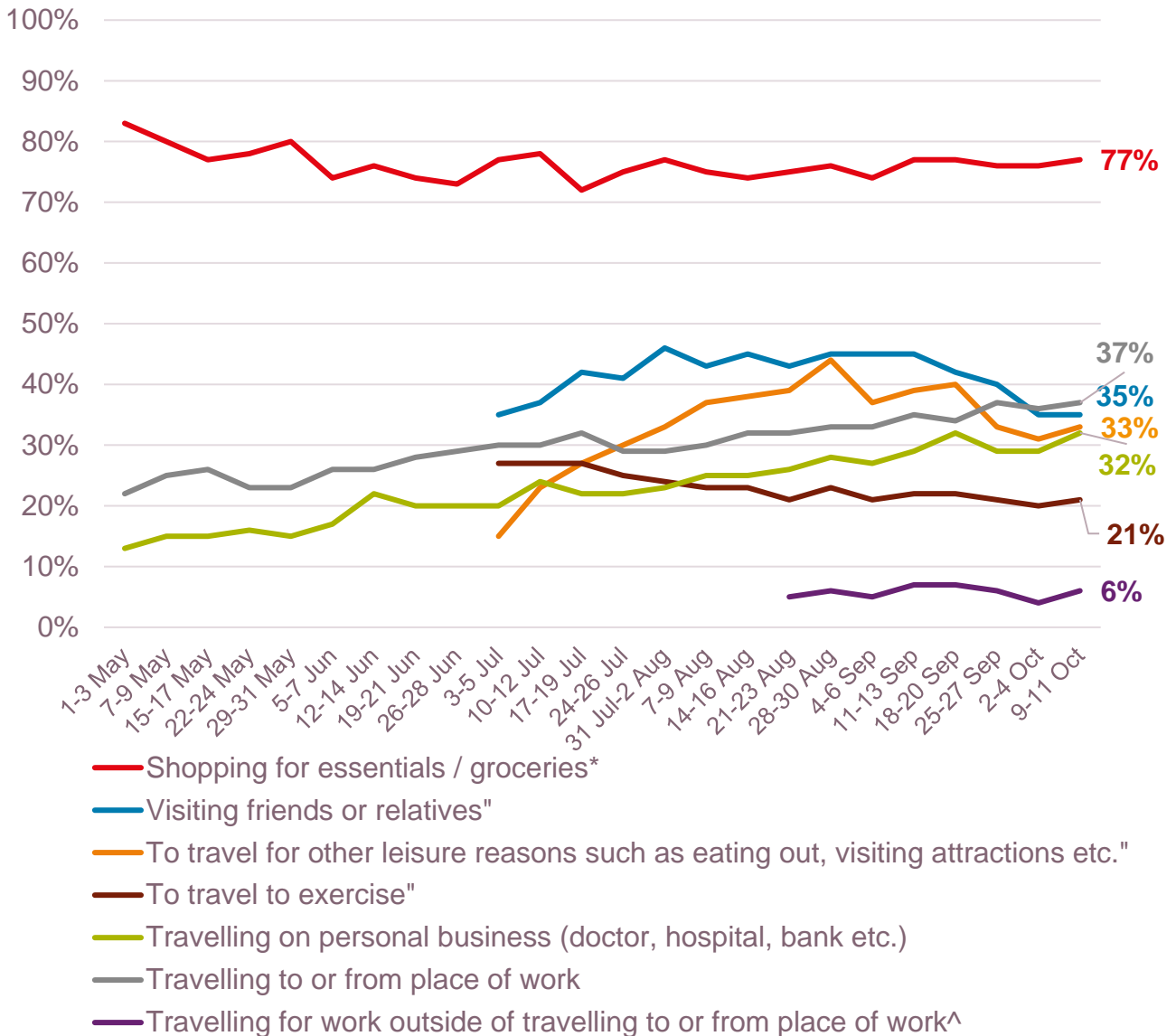
## Two in five have made journeys on foot and fewer have made journeys by bike



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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

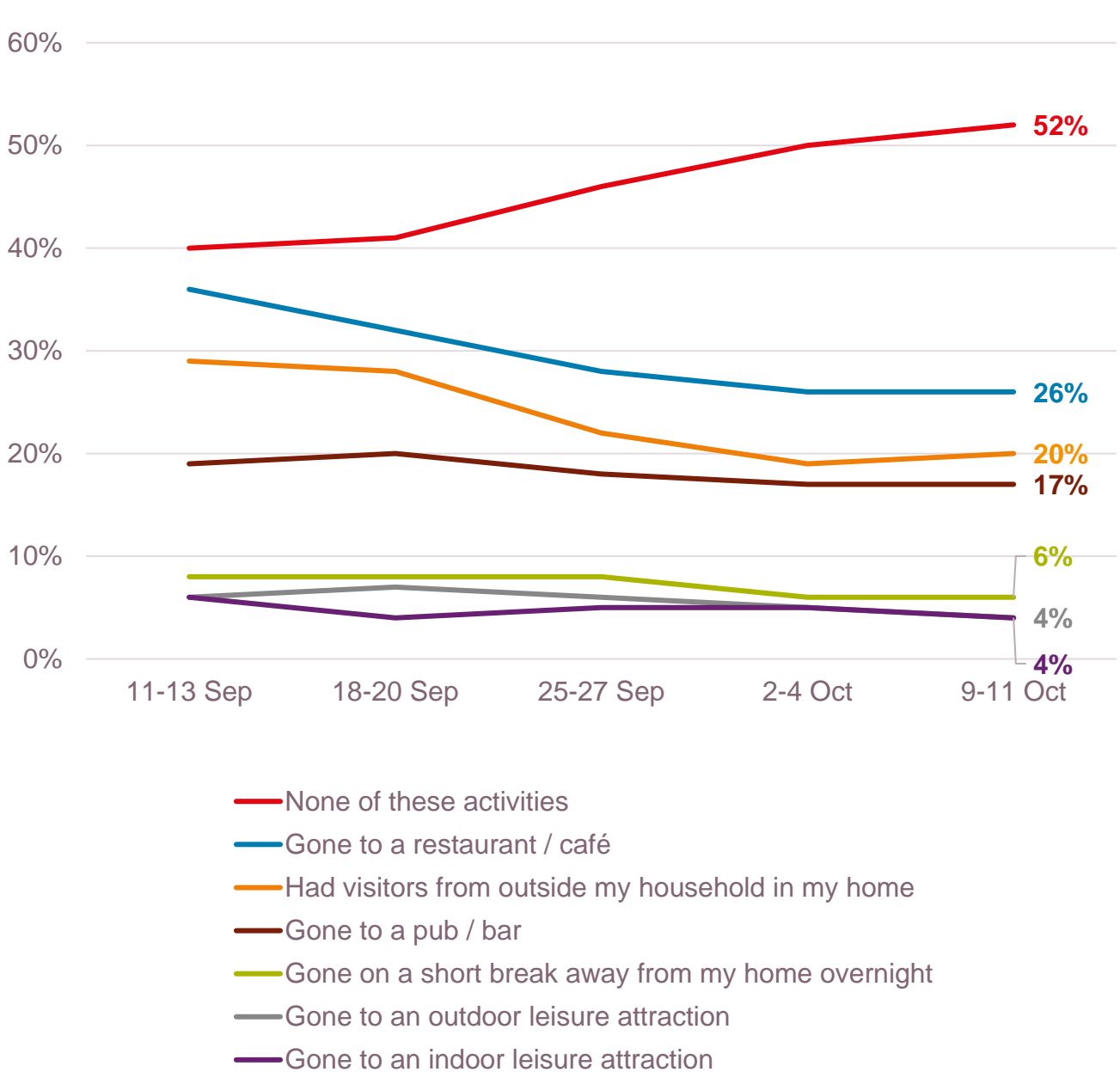
^ New code added at week 17 (21-23 August)



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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.

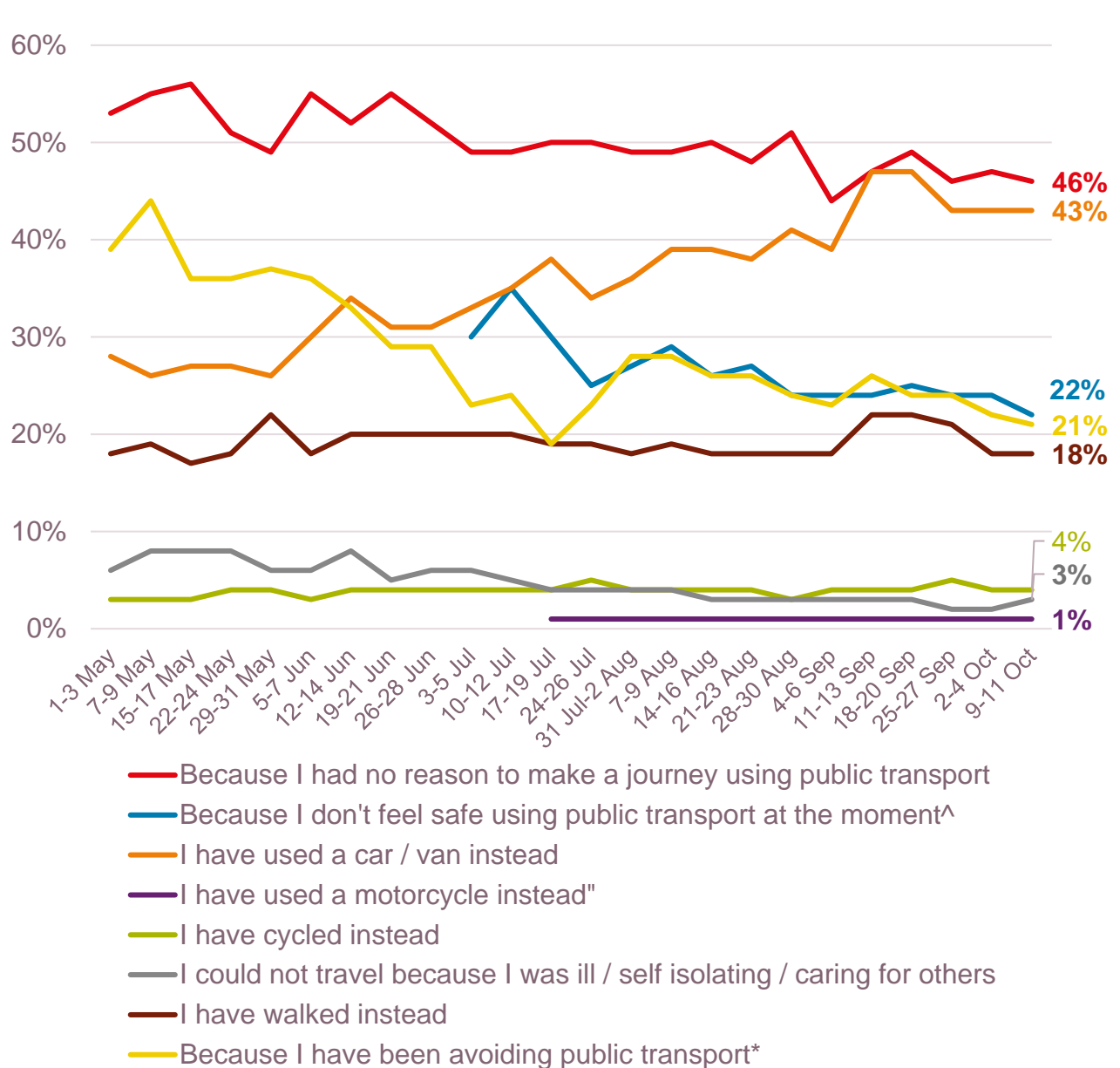
## Leisure activities enjoyed in the last seven days



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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)

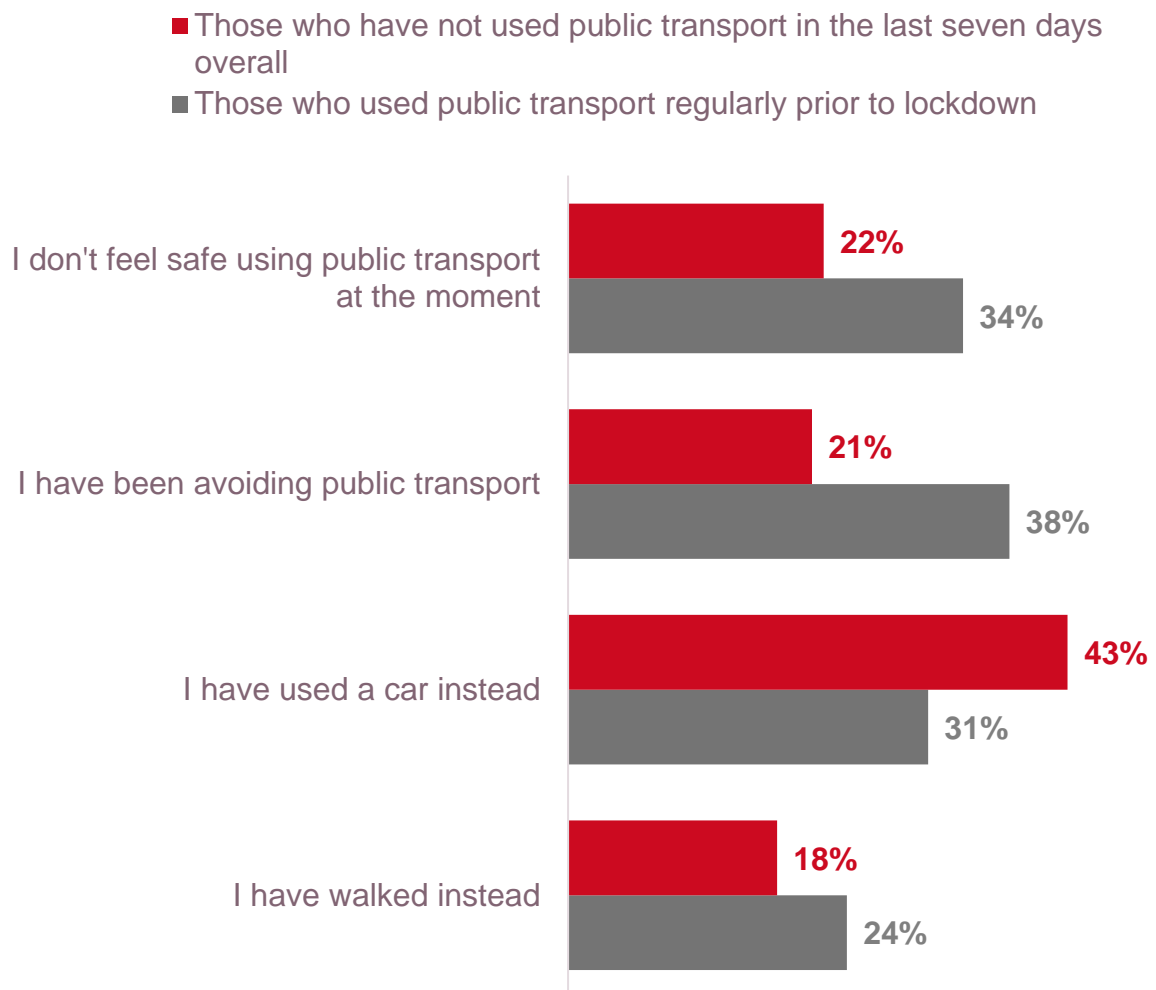
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Compared with those who have not used public transport in the last seven days overall, those who previously used public transport regularly are more likely to say that they did not do so because they don't feel safe or are avoiding public transport.

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

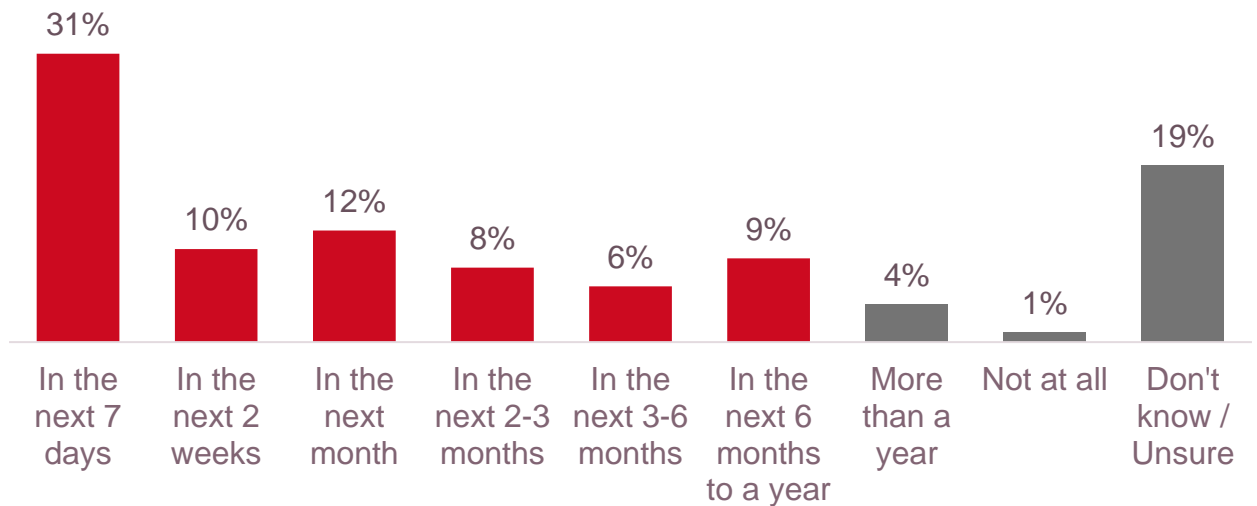


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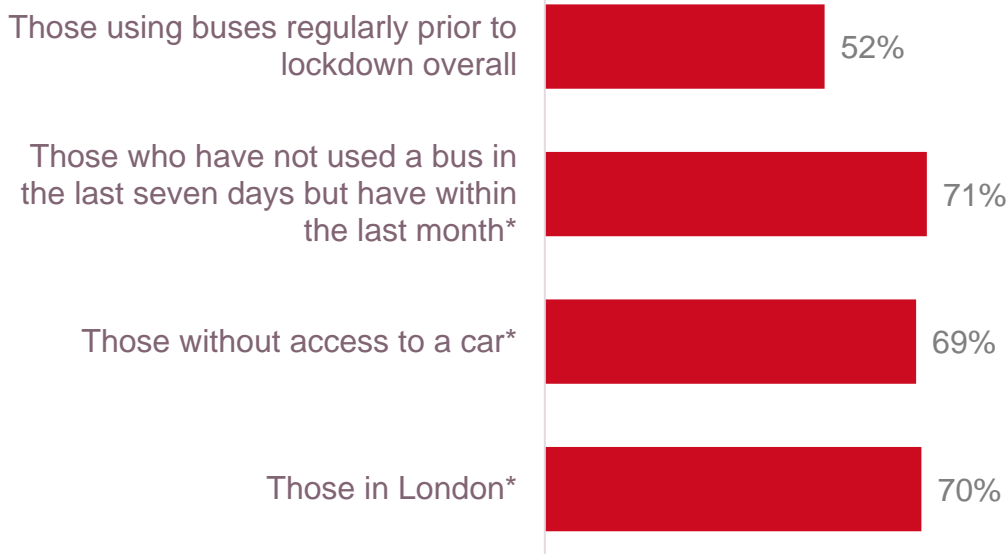
Half of those who previously used buses regularly will do so in the next month. Those who haven't used a bus in the last seven days, but have done so in the last month, are more likely than others to use a bus in the next month or sooner

## Anticipated future use of bus

All using bus a few times in a typical month prior to lockdown – 718



### % In the next month or sooner



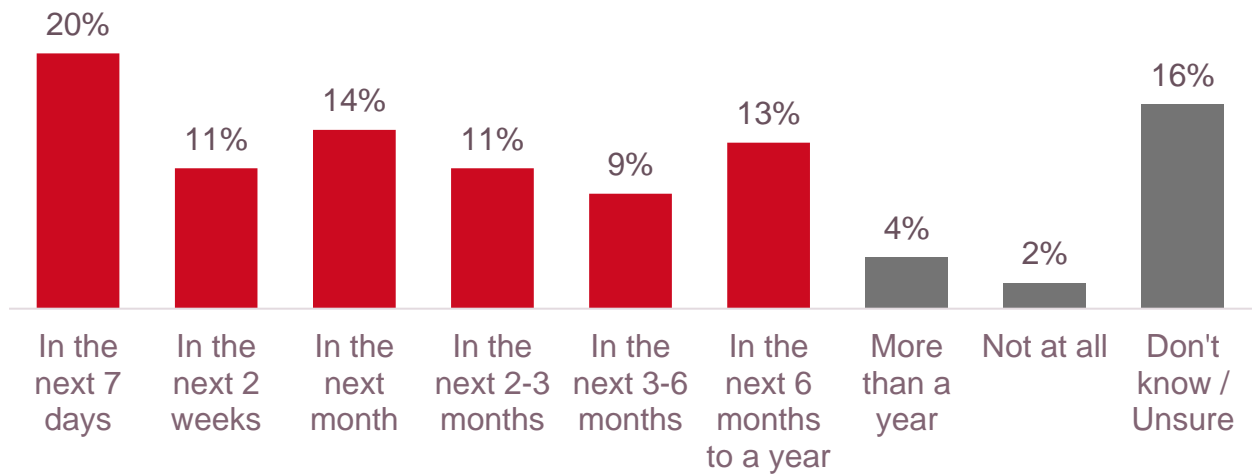
\* Denotes statistically significant difference to those using bus overall

# Travel during Covid-19: omnibus week 24

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 – 474



### % In the next month or sooner



\* Denotes statistically significant difference to those using trains overall

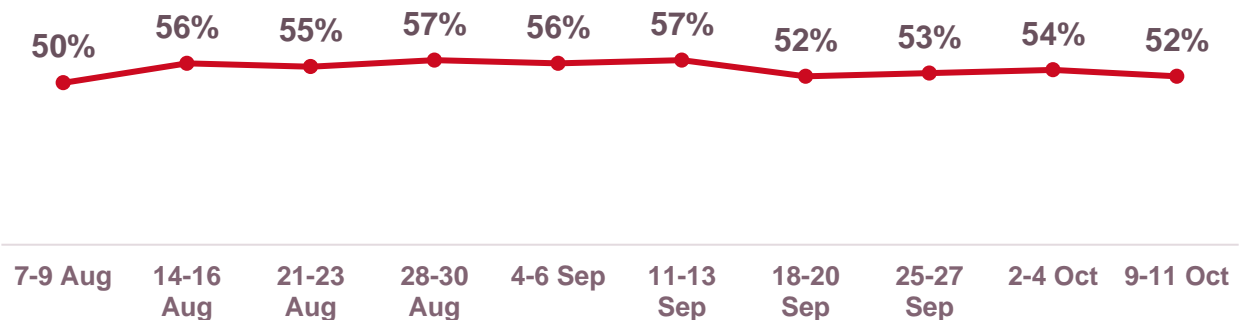
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The proportion of those who regularly used buses or trains before lockdown who say that they will use a bus or train in the next month or sooner is consistent or rising

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

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

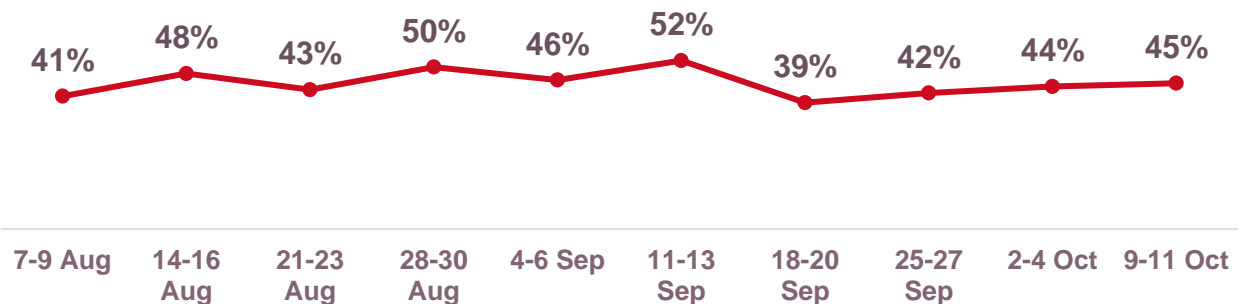
% in the next month or sooner



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

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

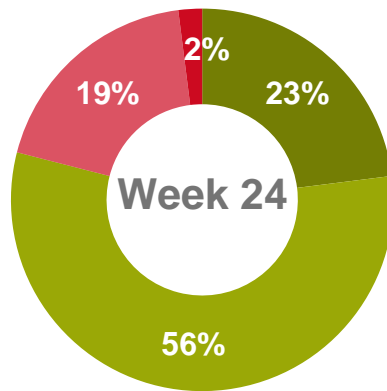
% in the next month or sooner



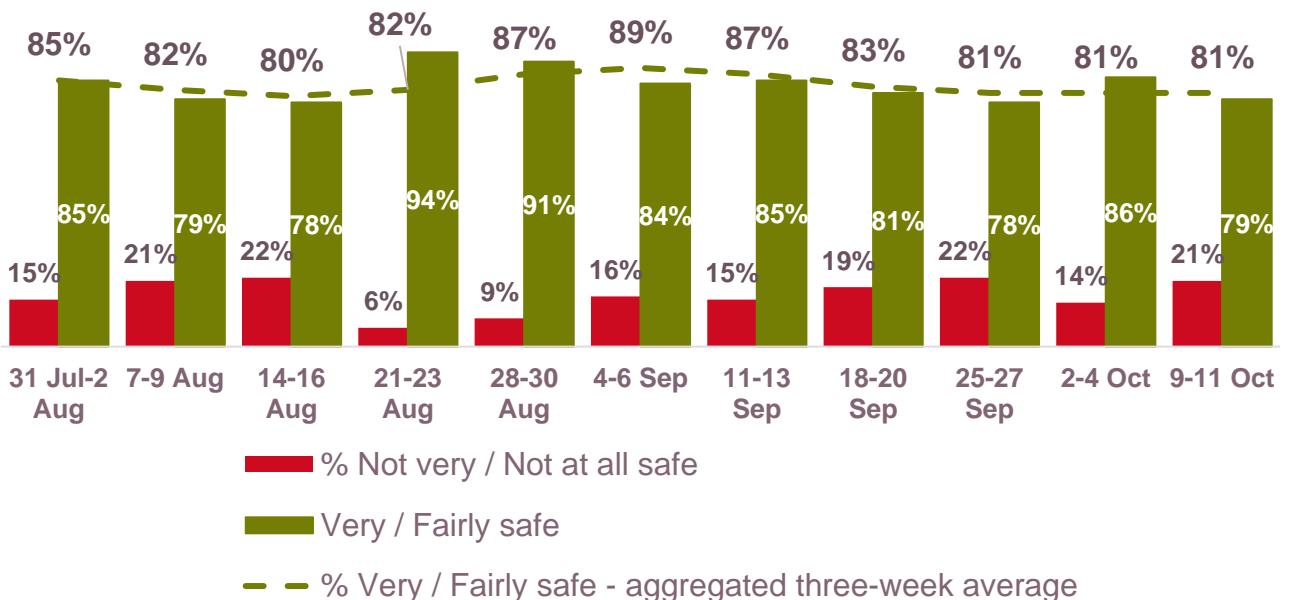
# More than four in five of those making train journeys in the last seven days felt safe doing so

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

Base: All making journeys by train, W24 – 121



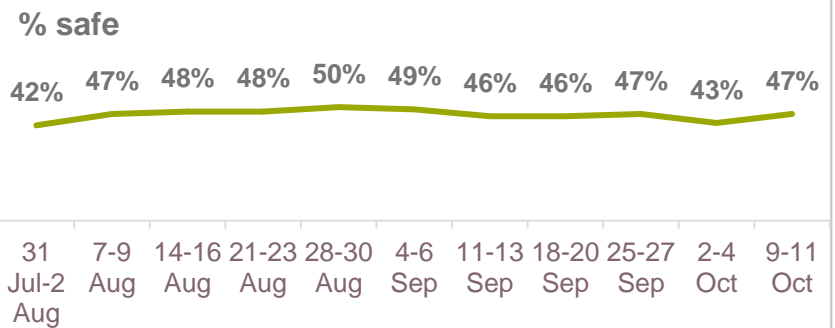
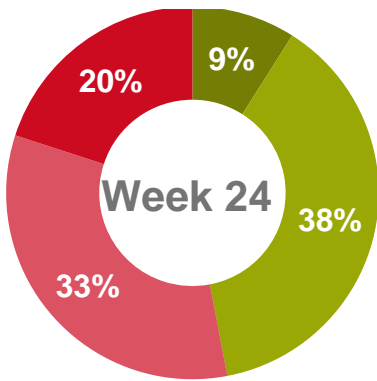
■ Very Safe ■ Fairly safe ■ Not very safe ■ Not at all safe



\* 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, W24 – 1,941



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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



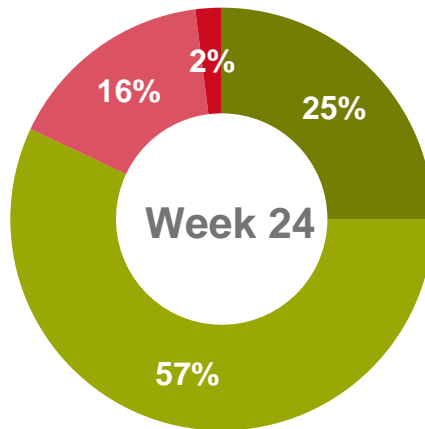
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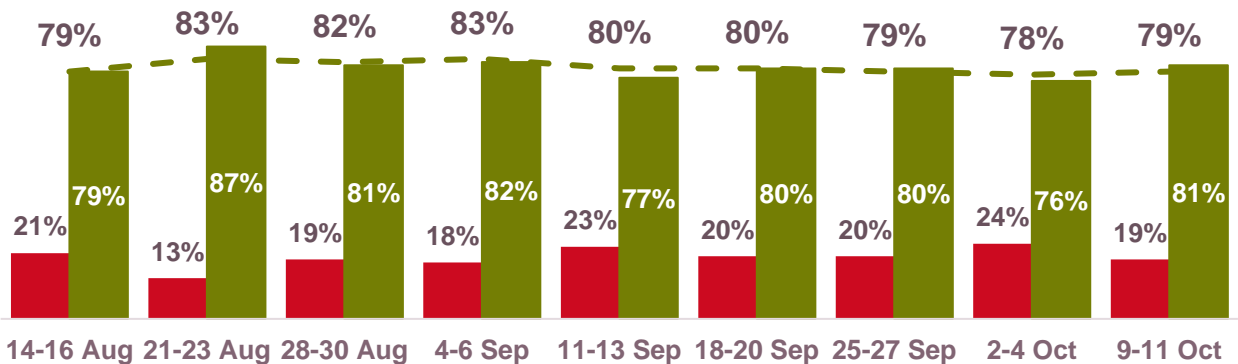
# More than three quarters of those making bus journeys in the last seven days felt safe doing so

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

Base: All making journeys by bus, W24 – 278



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



■ % Not very / Not at all safe

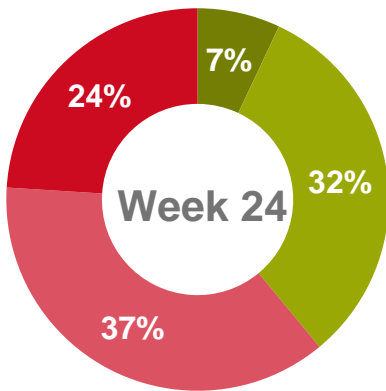
■ Very / Fairly safe

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

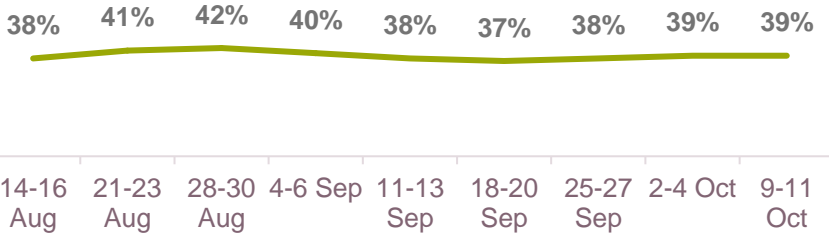
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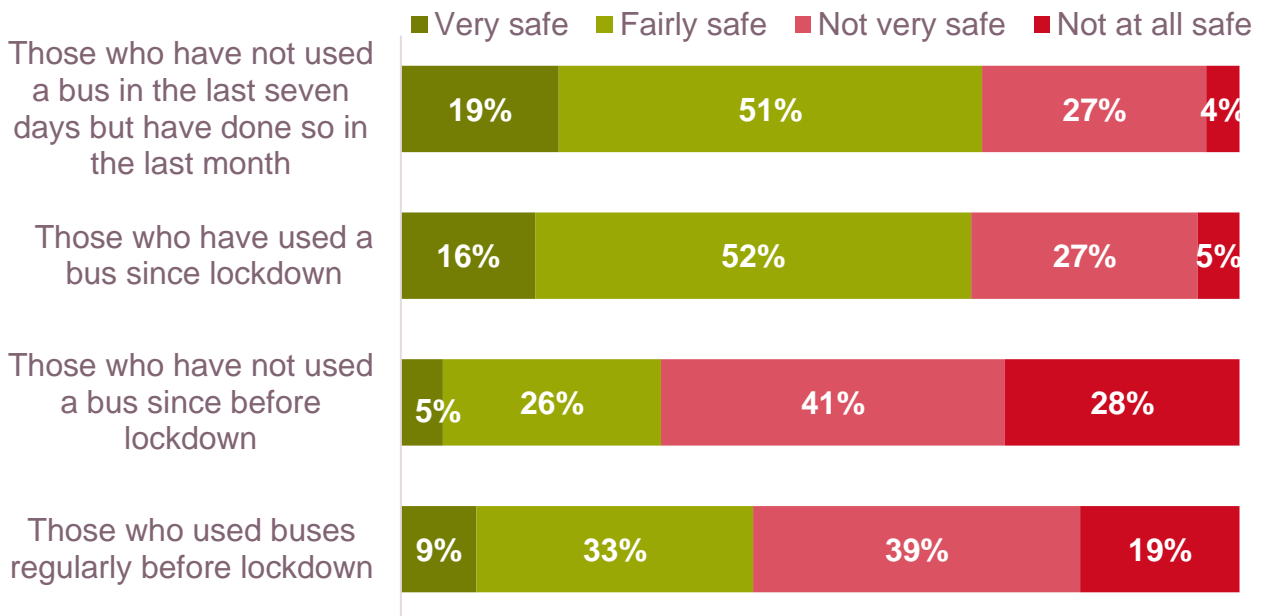
Base: All *excluding* those making journeys by bus, W24 – 1,784



% safe



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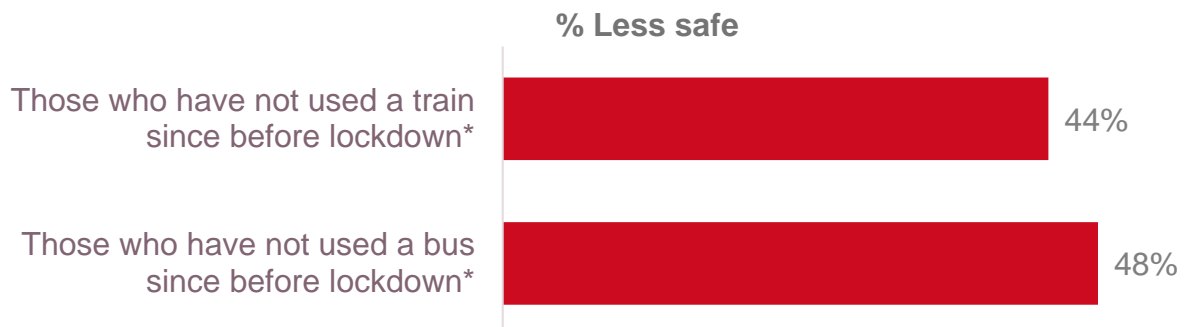


# Those who have used public transport in the last seven days are more likely than those that have not to think that it is equally or more safe than other places such as shops, restaurants or pubs

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: All respondents (2,062), those using public transport (363), those not using public transport (1,563)



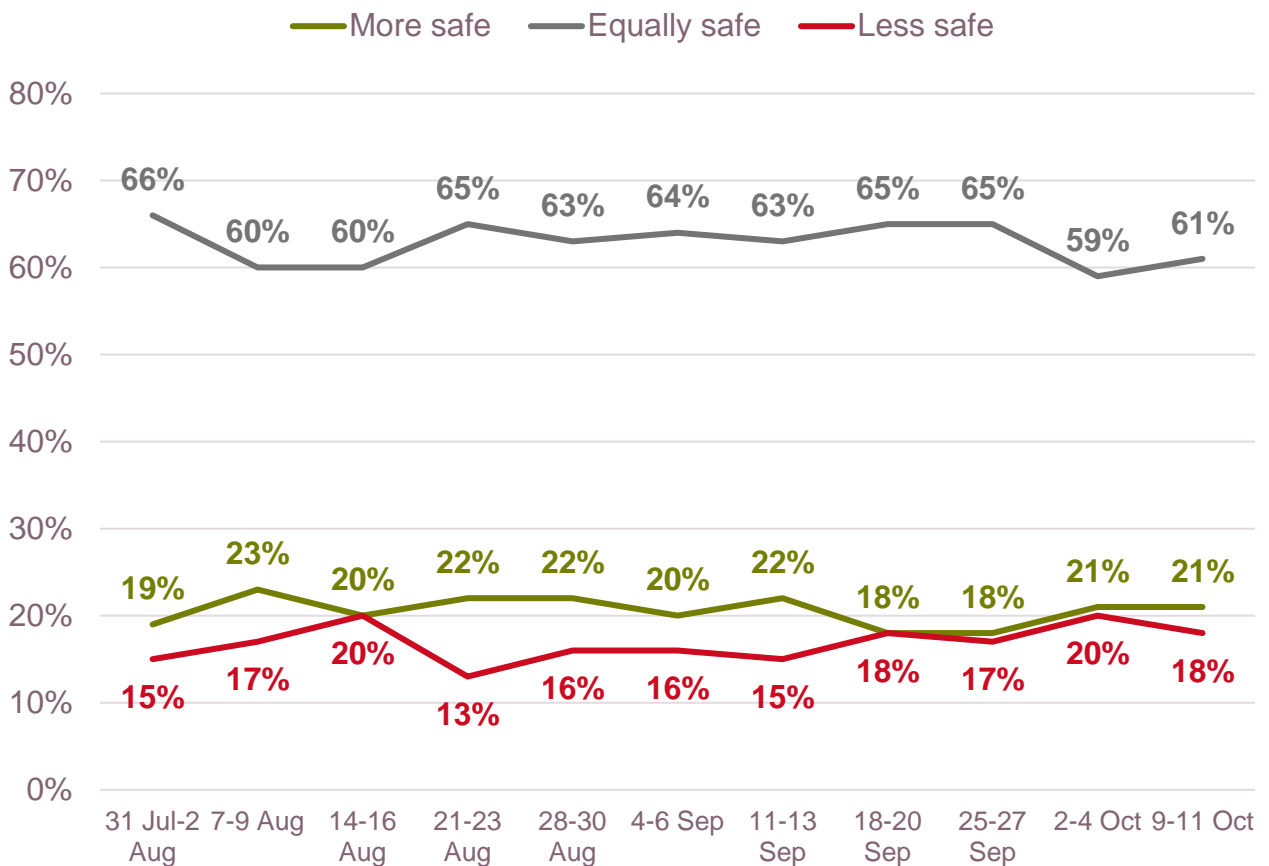
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# The perceived safety of public transport as compared to shops, restaurants, pubs etc has been consistent over time

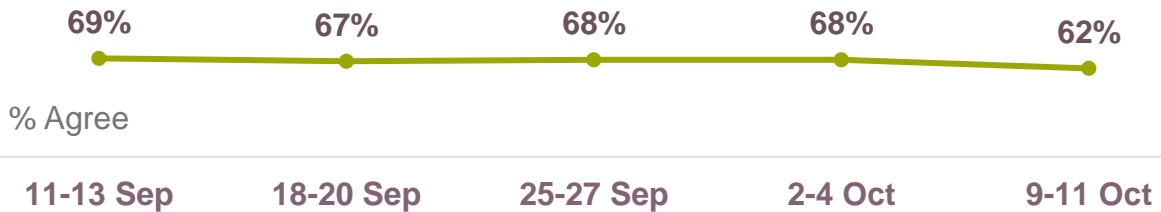
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*I think that using public transport is more / less / equally as safe than other places such as shops, restaurants, or pubs*

Base: Those using public transport in the last seven days - 363



# Three fifths say that they are avoiding doing things they feel are unnecessary because they are worried about COVID

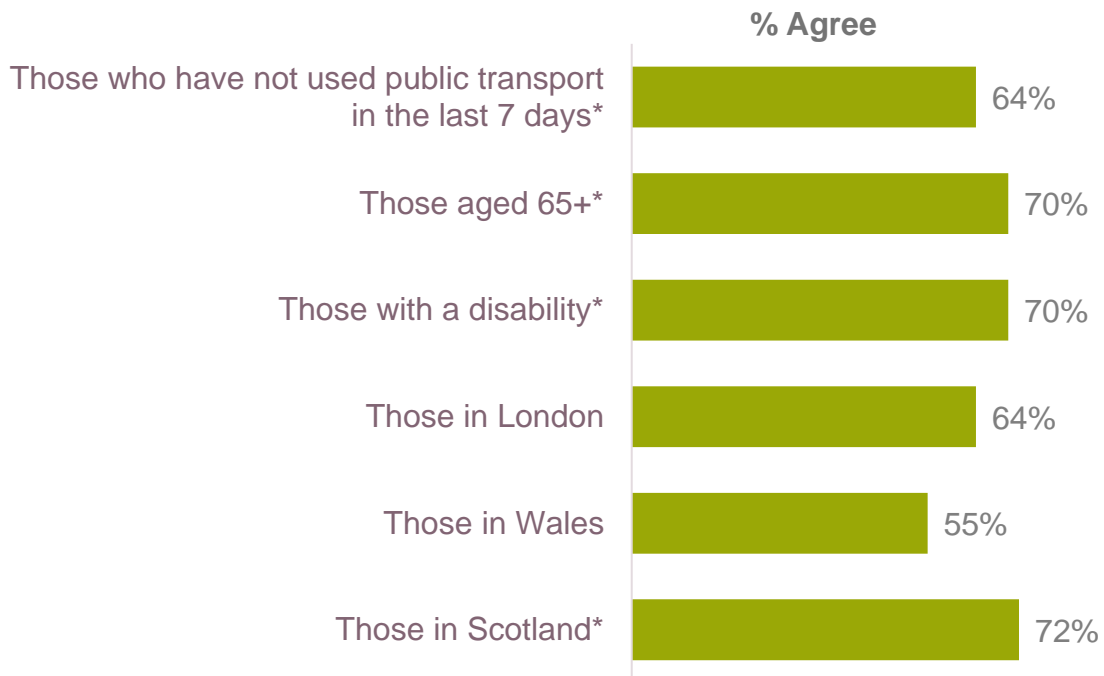


**I am avoiding doing things that I don't see as absolutely necessary because I'm worried about COVID**

Base: W24 1,989



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



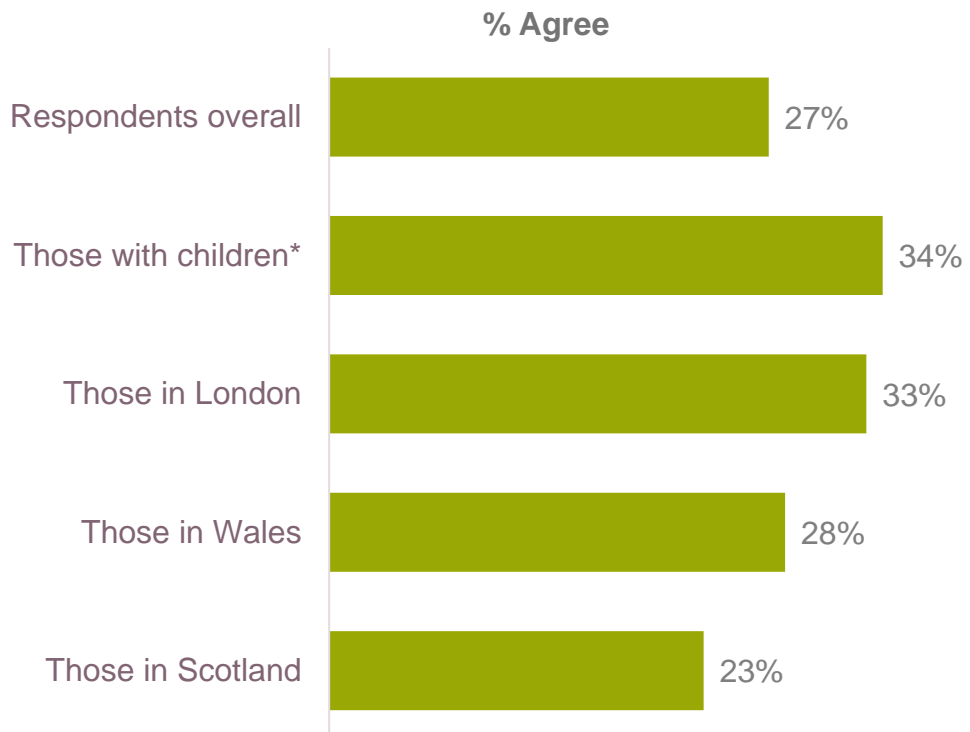
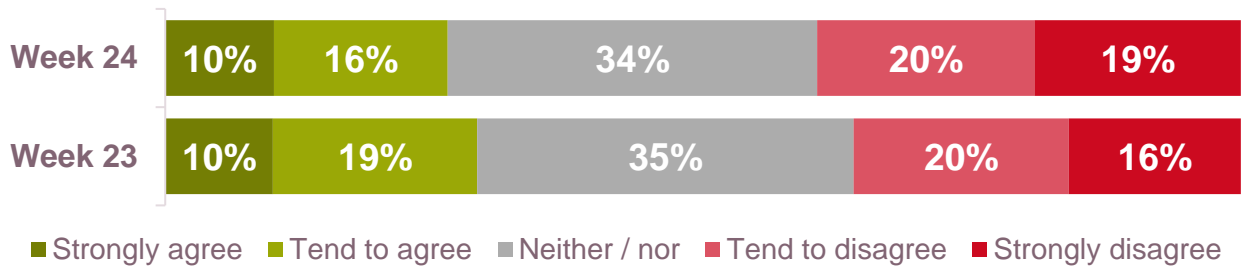
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# A quarter say that they expect to drive more when COVID no longer poses a significant risk. A third disagree

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: W24 1,380



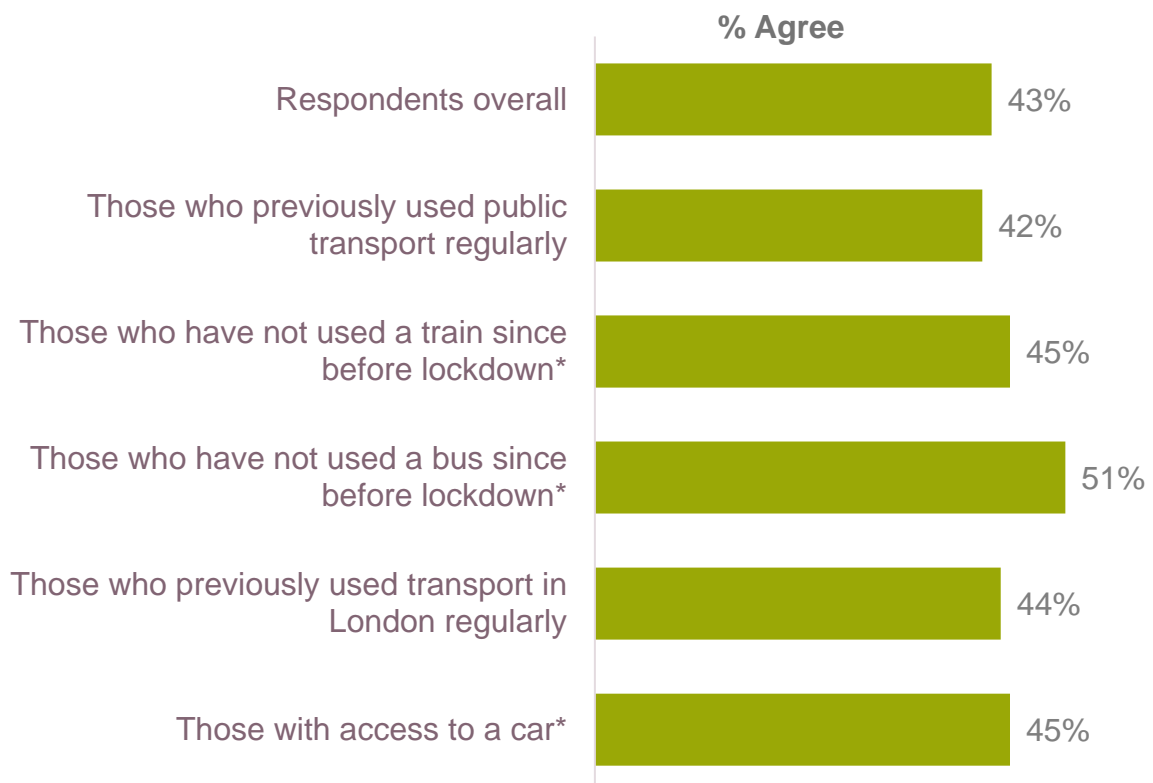
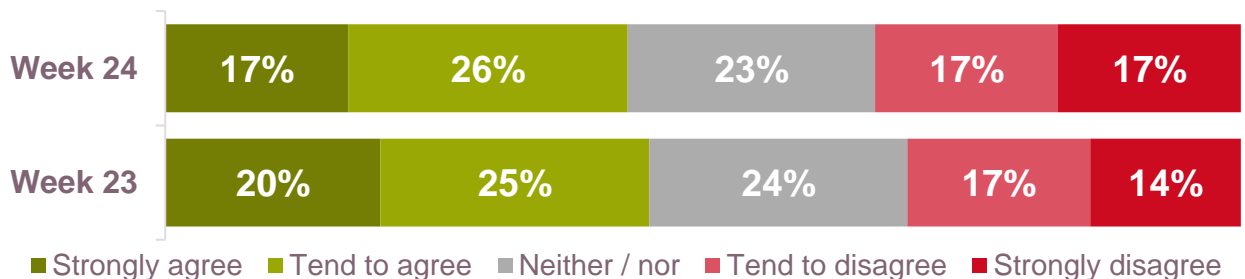
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# More than two in five are avoiding using public transport because they don't think enough passengers are wearing face coverings

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

Base: W24 1,615



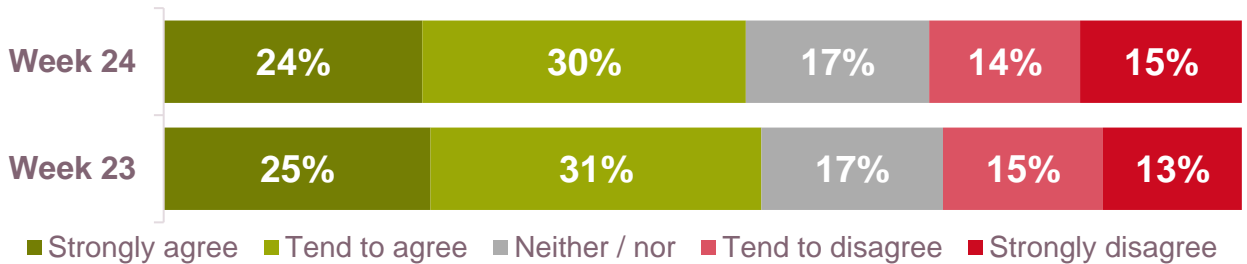
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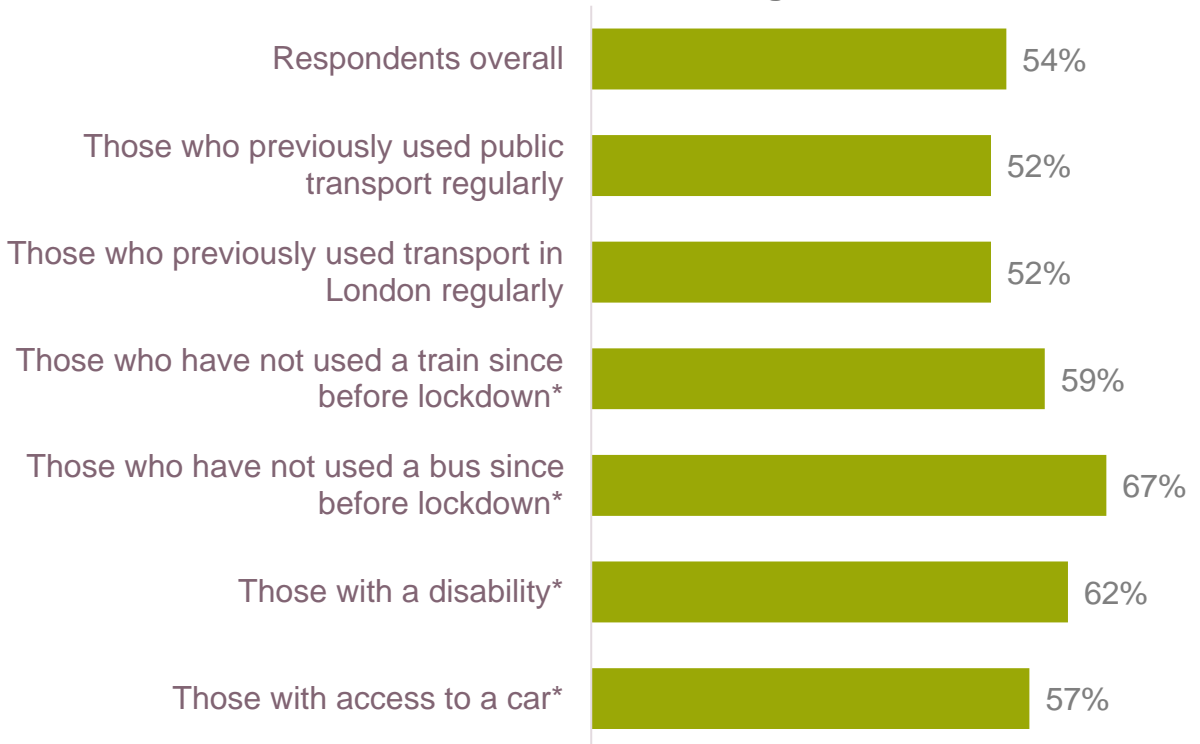
# More than half are avoiding public transport because they don't think that it is possible to keep a safe distance from other passengers

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

Base: W24 1,725



## % Agree



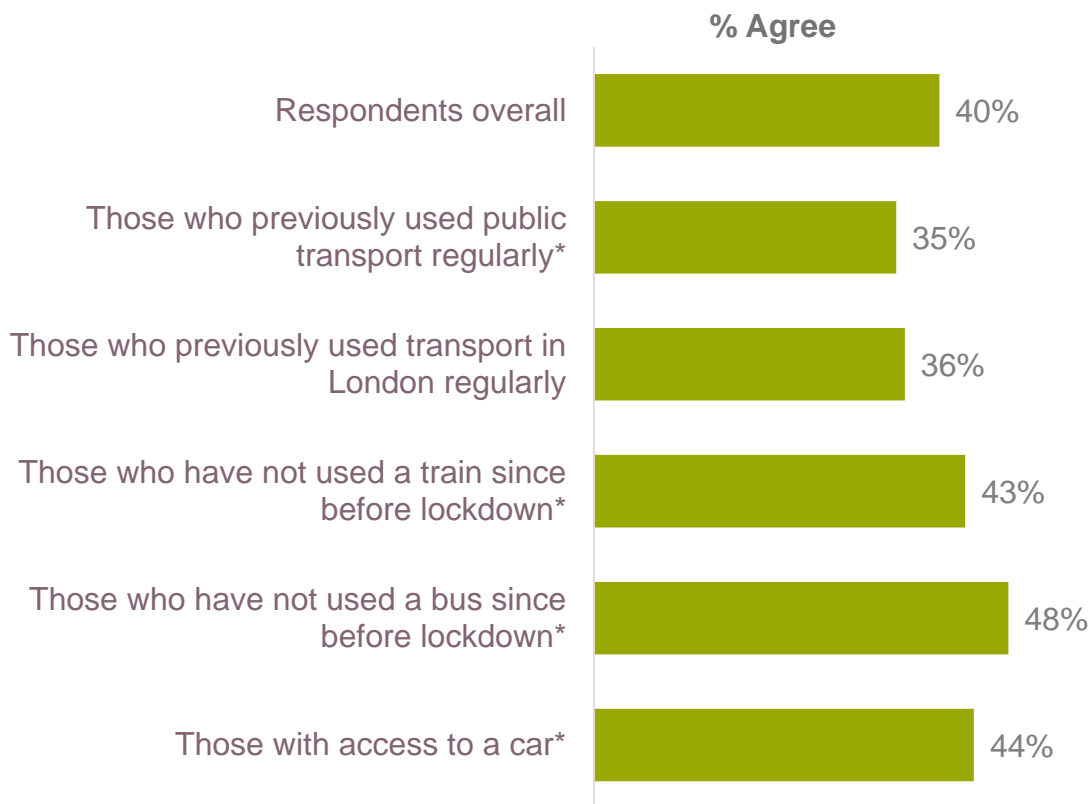
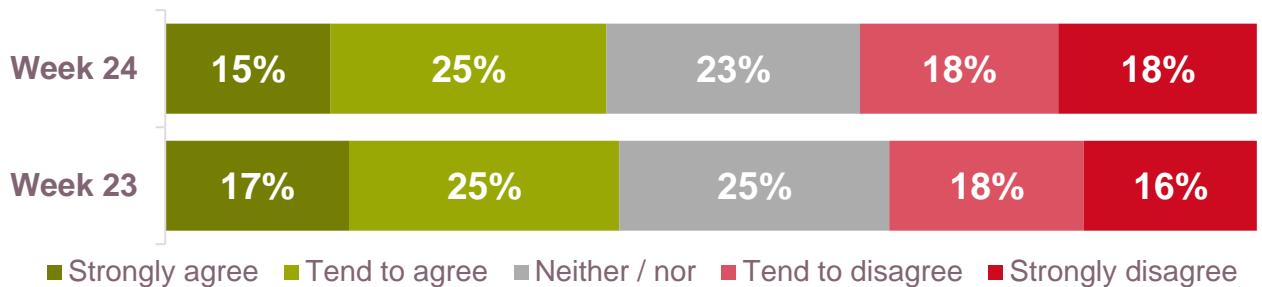
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# More than two in five are avoiding public transport because they don't think that it is clean enough

**I'm avoiding using public transport because I don't think it's clean enough**  
 Base: W24 1,727



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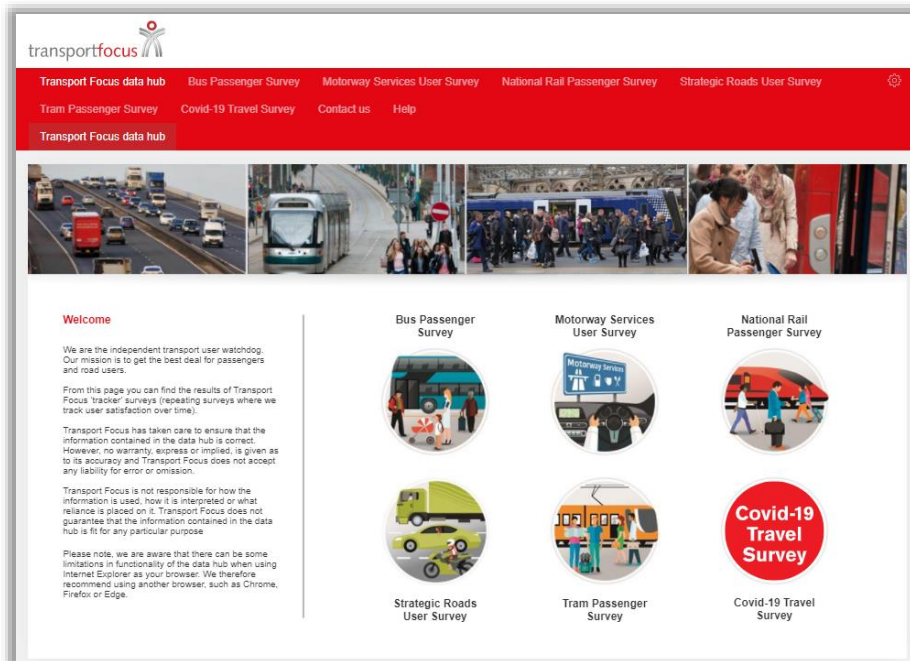
# Transport Focus Data Hub

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
- week 24: 9-11 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   |

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|----------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|------|--------|
| <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   |
| <b>Week 24</b> | 2093  | 235   | 332   | 342   | 358   | 318   | 508 | 1018 | 1075   |

# 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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| 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        |
| Week 24 | 196      | 87         | 241        | 170            | 197           | 166           | 97    | 194     | 289    | 272        | 184        |