Travel during Covid-19

Tracking research - week 32

11 December 2020

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Travel during Covid-19: omnibus week 32

The proportion of people using public transport has risen in the last seven days

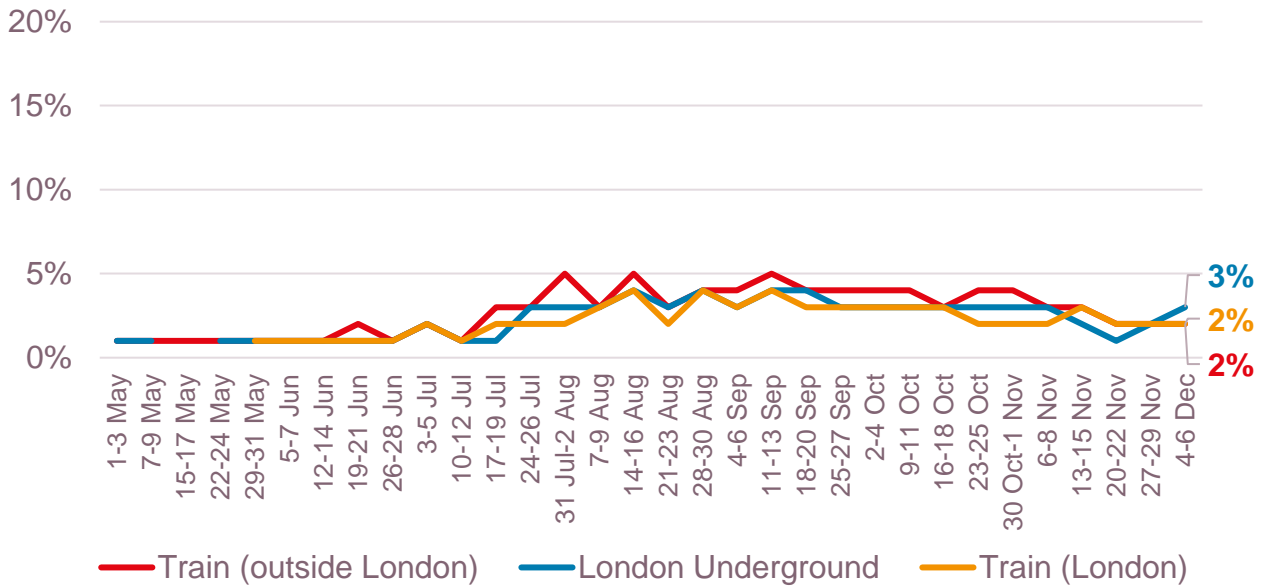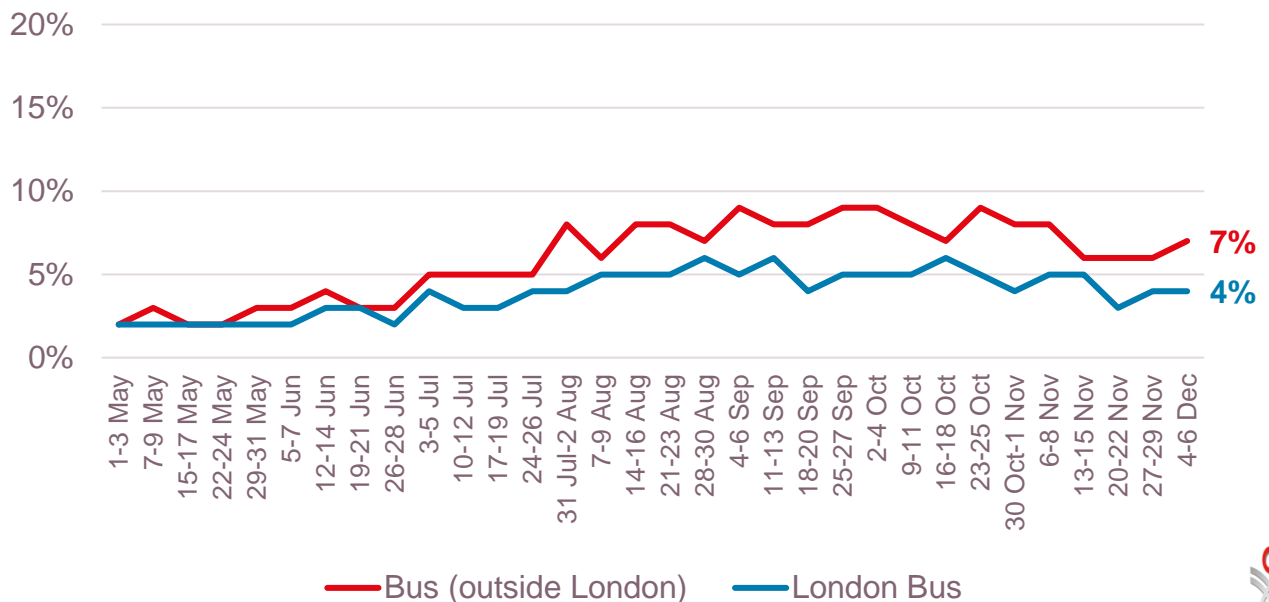**Use of public transport in last seven days – Great Britain**

Legend: Public Transport Overall — Bus — Train

Final values: 13%, 10%, 3%

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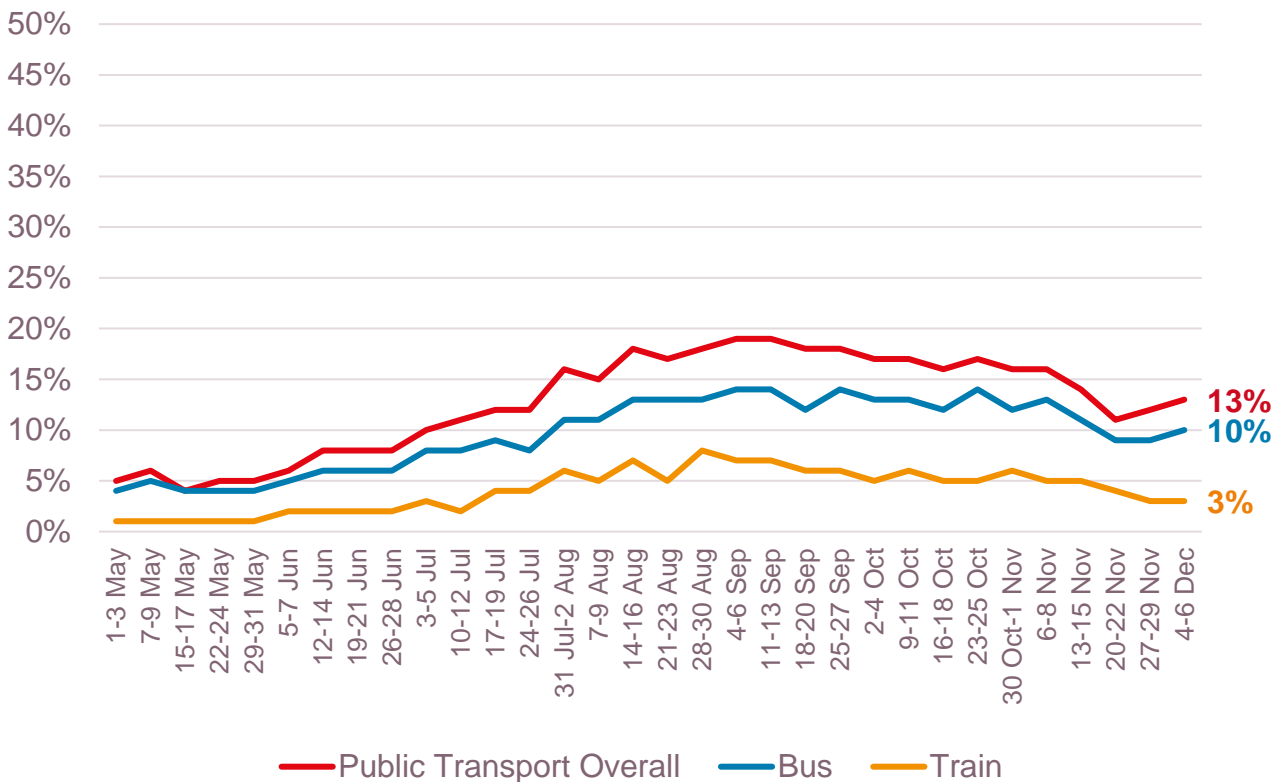
Travel during Covid-19: omnibus week 32
Small proportions have used trains and buses
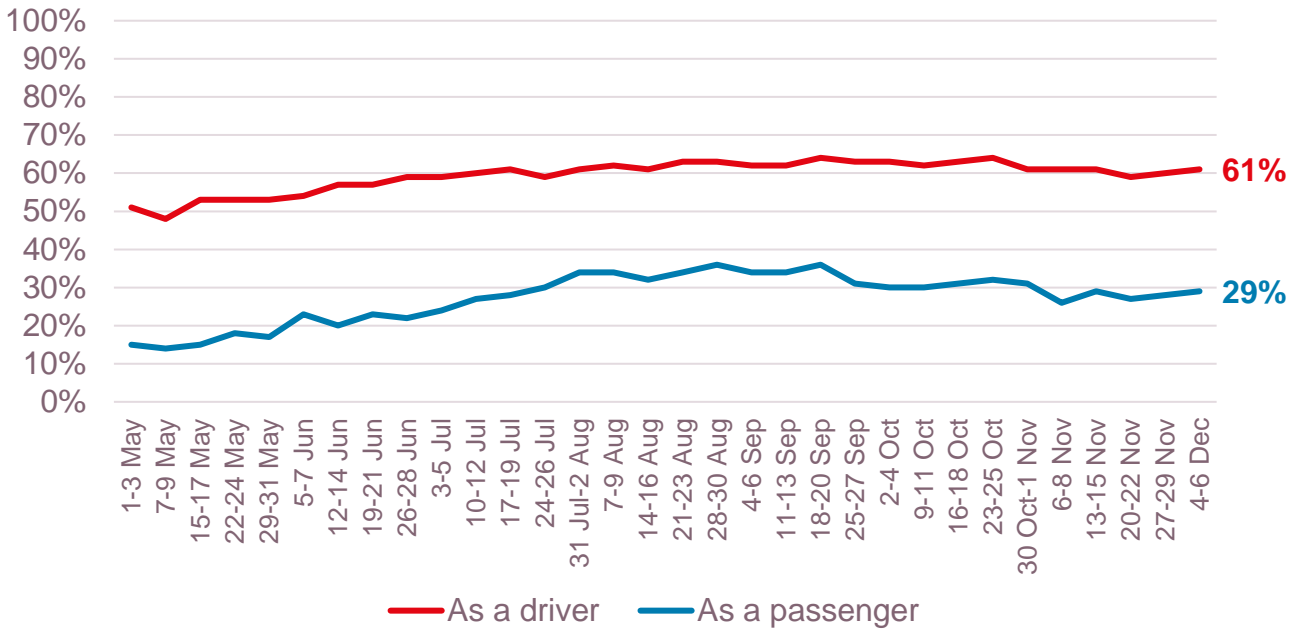
Use of train in last seven days

3%
2%
2%

Legend: Train (outside London) — London Underground — Train (London)

Use of bus in last seven days

7%
4%

Legend: Bus (outside London) — London Bus

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Road use is relatively consistent

Use of car / van in last seven days

Legend: As a driver (red), As a passenger (blue)

Red line ends at 61%, Blue line ends at 29%

Use of taxi / motorcycle in the last seven days

Legend: Taxi (red), Motorcycle* (blue)

Red line ends at 4%, Blue line ends at 1%
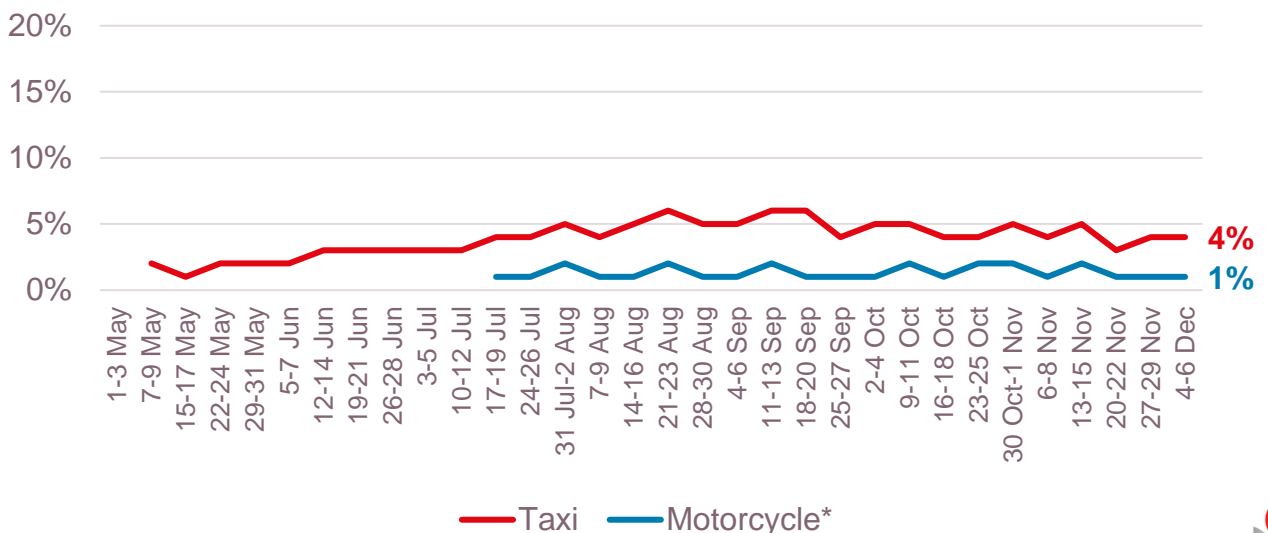
* Separated out at week 12 (17-19 July)

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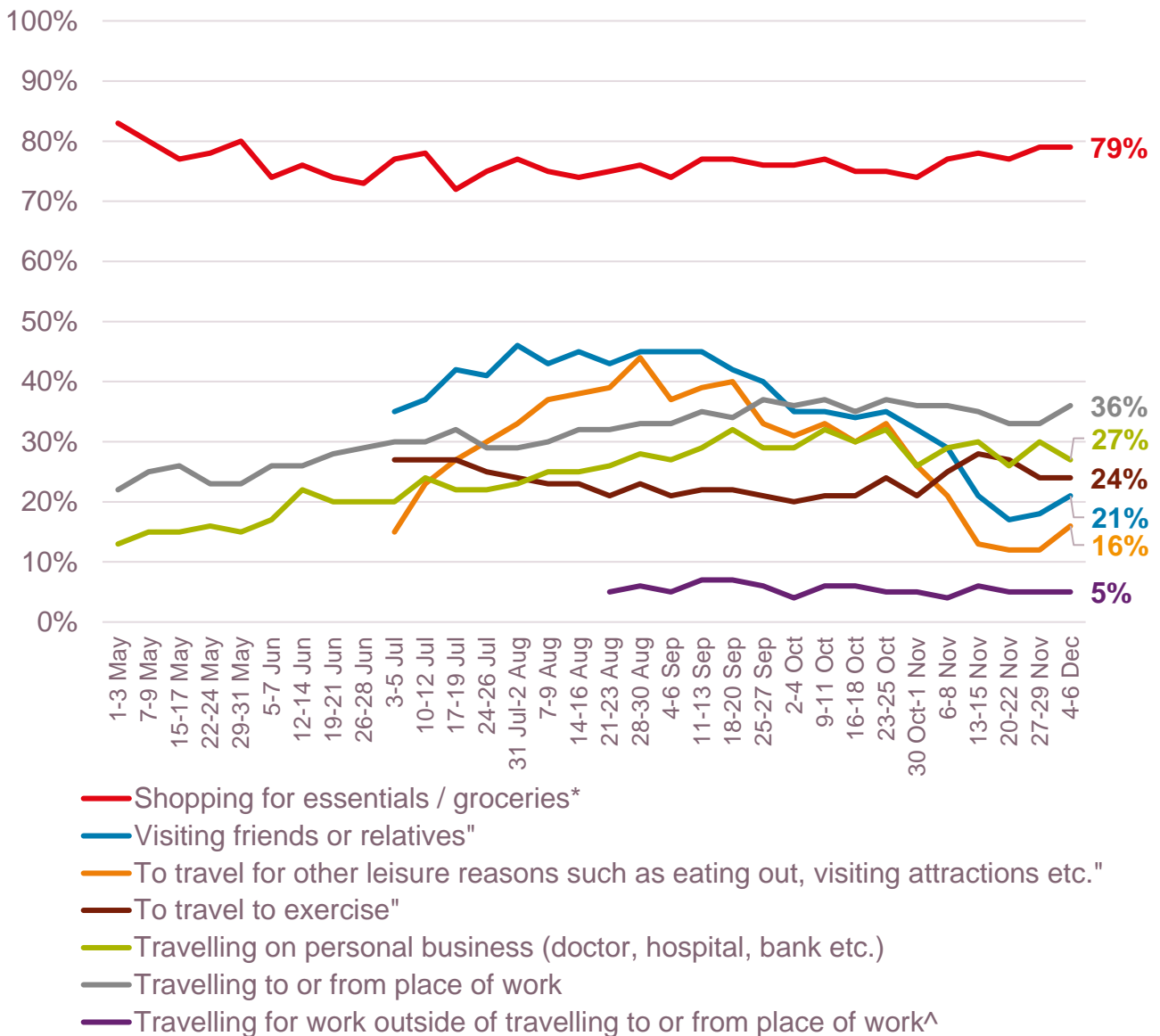## Two in five have made journeys on foot, while fewer have made journeys by bike

Use of other modes of transport in the last seven days

Walking: **42%**
Bicycle: **5%**

— Walking — Bicycle

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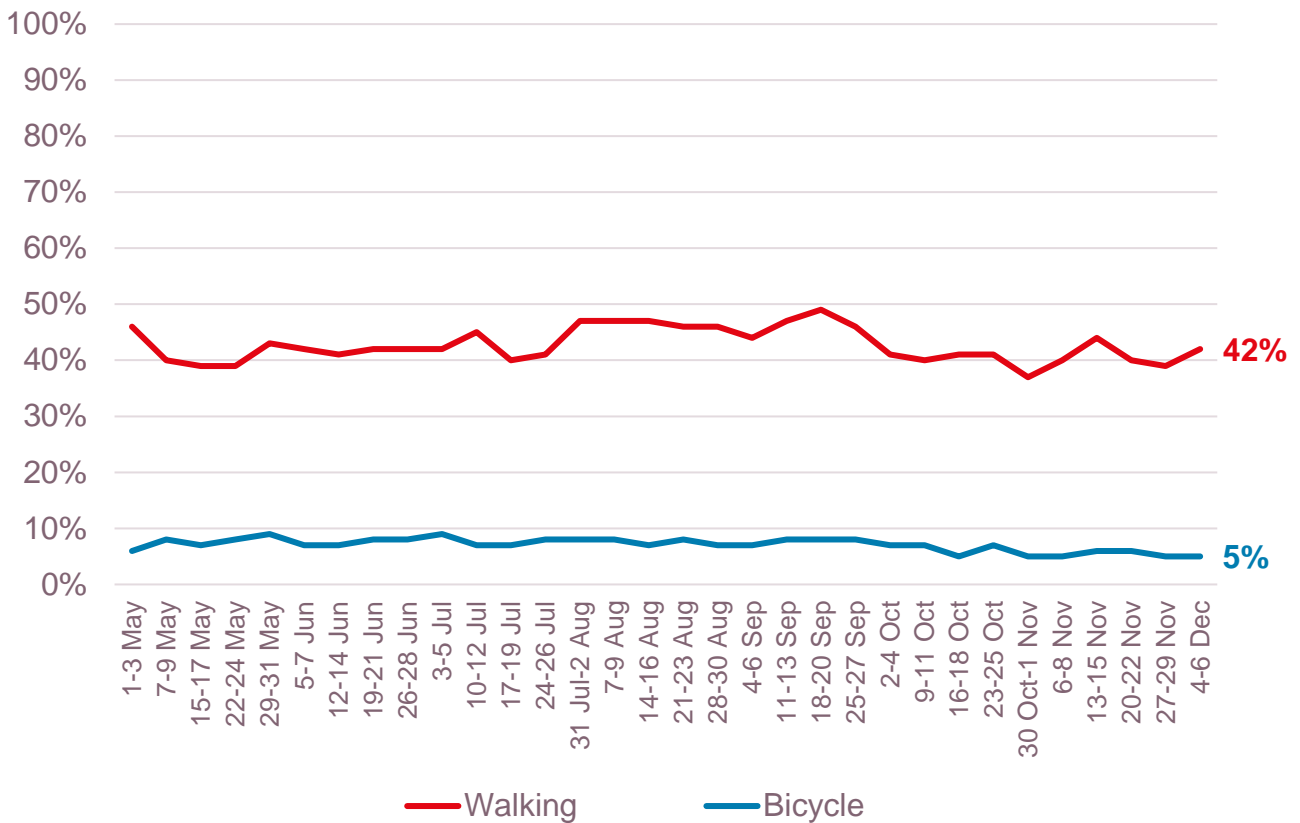
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Rising proportions have made journeys to visit friends and relatives or for leisure reasons over the last week

Reasons for making journeys in the last seven days

- —— Shopping for essentials / groceries*
- —— Visiting friends or relatives"
- —— To travel for other leisure reasons such as eating out, visiting attractions etc."
- —— To travel to exercise"
- —— Travelling on personal business (doctor, hospital, bank etc.)
- —— Travelling to or from place of work
- —— Travelling for work outside of travelling to or from place of work^

* Shopping' weeks 1-9 (1 May – 28 June)
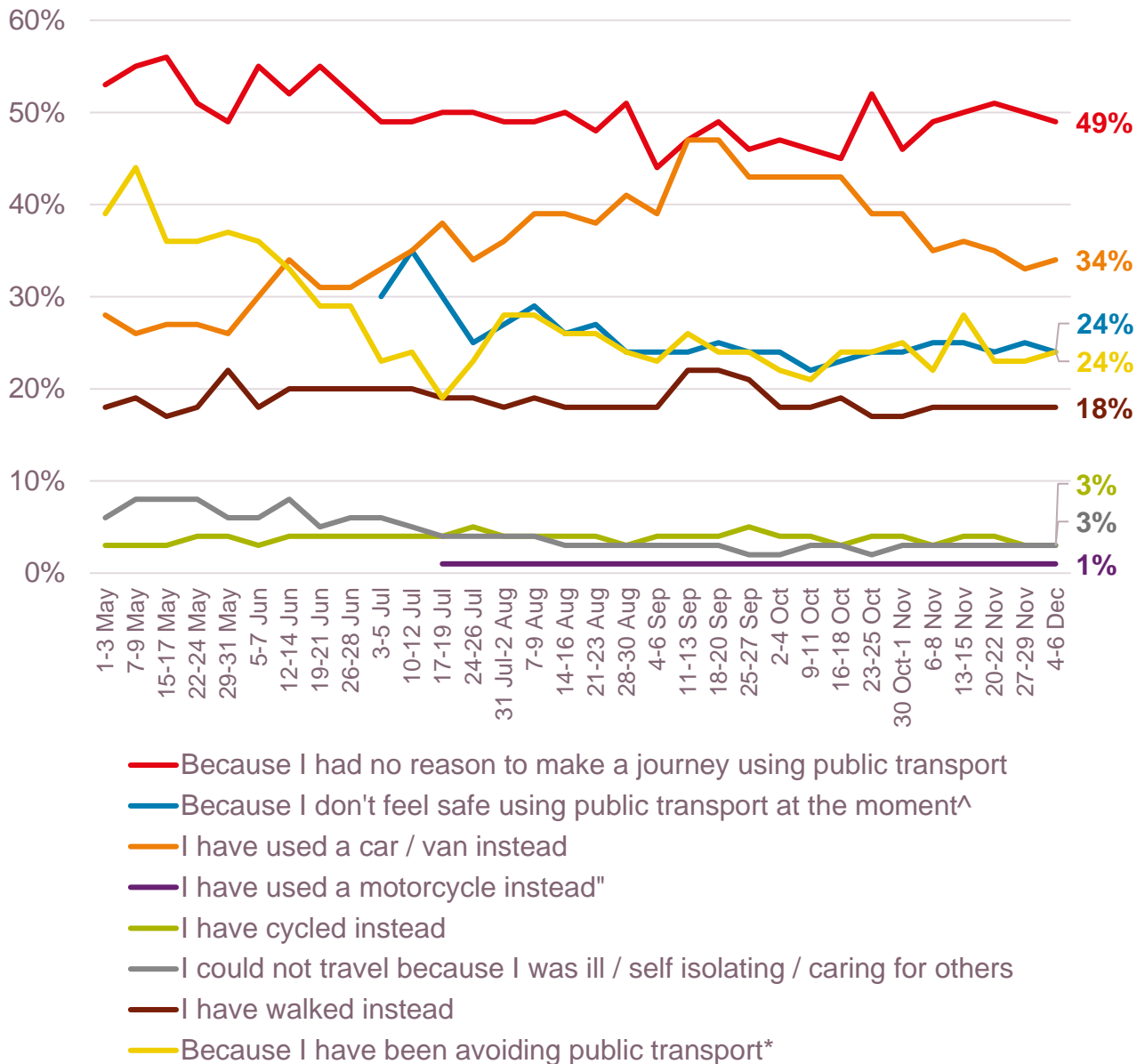" data shown from week 10 (3-5 July) only as significant text changes made from this week onwards
^ New code added at week 17 (21-23 August)

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Travel during Covid-19: omnibus week 32

Around a quarter have not used public transport in the last seven days because they do not feel safe doing so. A similar proportion have been avoiding doing so.

Reasons public transport not used in the last seven days

49%	
34%	
24%	
24%	
18%	
3%	
3%	
1%	

— Because I had no reason to make a journey using public transport
— Because I don't feel safe using public transport at the moment^
— I have used a car / van instead
— I have used a motorcycle instead"
— I have cycled instead
— I could not travel because I was ill / self isolating / caring for others
— I have walked instead
— Because I have been avoiding public transport*

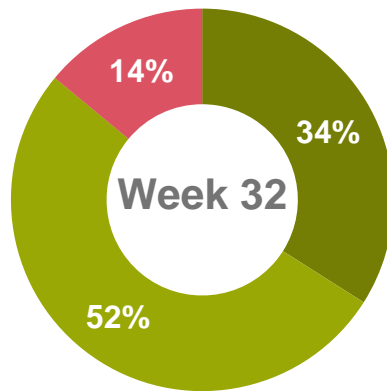* Wording amended at week 10 (3-5 July) and at week 13 (24-26 July)
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" New code added at week 12 (17-19 July)

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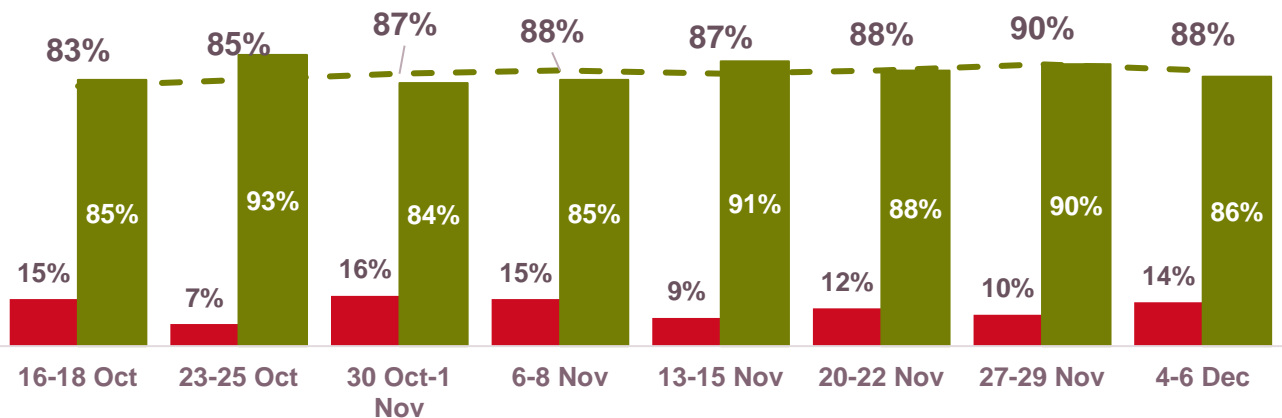# Almost nine in ten of those making train journeys in the last seven days felt safe doing so

Specifically in relation to coronavirus, how safe do you feel at the moment when using trains?
Base: All making journeys by train, W32 – 76

Week 32

- 34% Very Safe
- 52% Fairly safe
- 14% Not very safe
- Not at all safe

Trend - last eight weeks

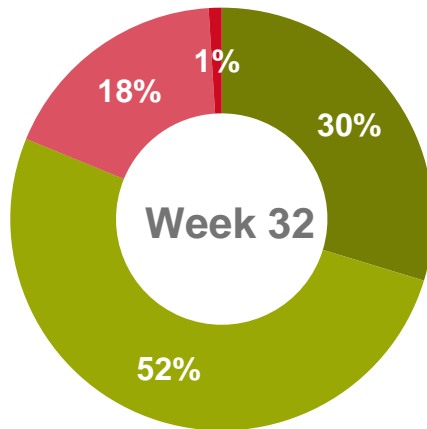|	16-18 Oct	23-25 Oct	30 Oct-1 Nov	6-8 Nov	13-15 Nov	20-22 Nov	27-29 Nov	4-6 Dec
Aggregated three-week average	83%	85%	87%	88%	87%	88%	90%	88%
Very / Fairly safe	85%	93%	84%	85%	91%	88%	90%	86%
% Not very / Not at all safe	15%	7%	16%	15%	9%	12%	10%	14%

- % Not very / Not at all safe
- Very / Fairly safe
- % Very / Fairly safe - aggregated three-week average

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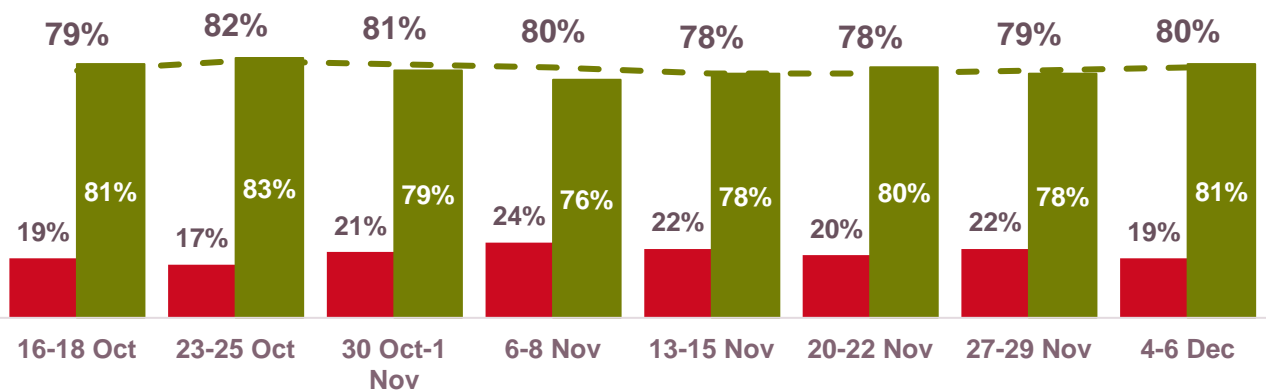# Four in five of those making bus journeys in the last seven days felt safe doing so

Specifically in relation to coronavirus, how safe do you feel at the moment when using buses?
Base: All making journeys by bus, W32 – 222

Week 32

- 1%
- 18%
- 30%
- 52%

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

Trend - last eight weeks

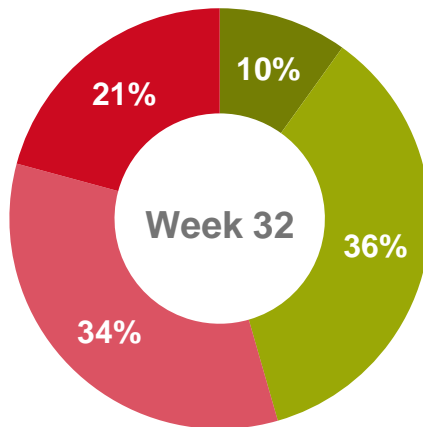|	16-18 Oct	23-25 Oct	30 Oct-1 Nov	6-8 Nov	13-15 Nov	20-22 Nov	27-29 Nov	4-6 Dec
Aggregated three-week average	79%	82%	81%	80%	78%	78%	79%	80%
% Not very / Not at all safe	19%	17%	21%	24%	22%	20%	22%	19%
Very / Fairly safe	81%	83%	79%	76%	78%	80%	78%	81%

■ % Not very / Not at all safe
■ Very / Fairly safe
– – % Very / Fairly safe - aggregated three-week average
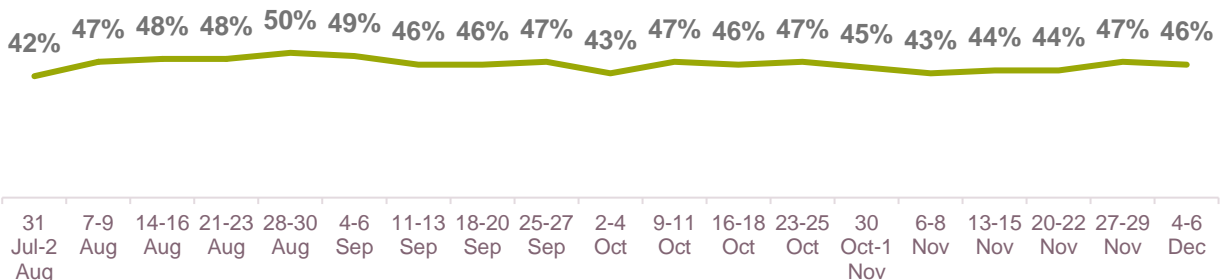
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Almost half of those who have not used a train in the last seven days would feel safe doing so

Specifically in relation to coronavirus^, if you had to make a journey at the moment, how safe would you feel making a journey by train?
Base: All *excluding* those making journeys by train, W32 – 1,897

Week 32

- 10%
- 36%
- 34%
- 21%

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

Trend - % safe

42% 47% 48% 48% 50% 49% 46% 46% 47% 43% 47% 46% 47% 45% 43% 44% 44% 47% 46%

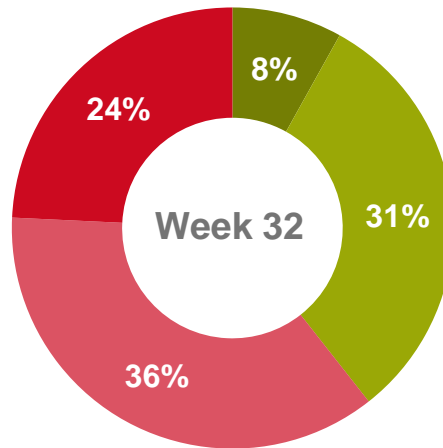| 31 Jul-2 Aug | 7-9 Aug | 14-16 Aug | 21-23 Aug | 28-30 Aug | 4-6 Sep | 11-13 Sep | 18-20 Sep | 25-27 Sep | 2-4 Oct | 9-11 Oct | 16-18 Oct | 23-25 Oct | 30 Oct-1 Nov | 6-8 Nov | 13-15 Nov | 20-22 Nov | 27-29 Nov | 4-6 Dec |

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Two in five of those who have not used a bus in the last seven days would feel safe doing so
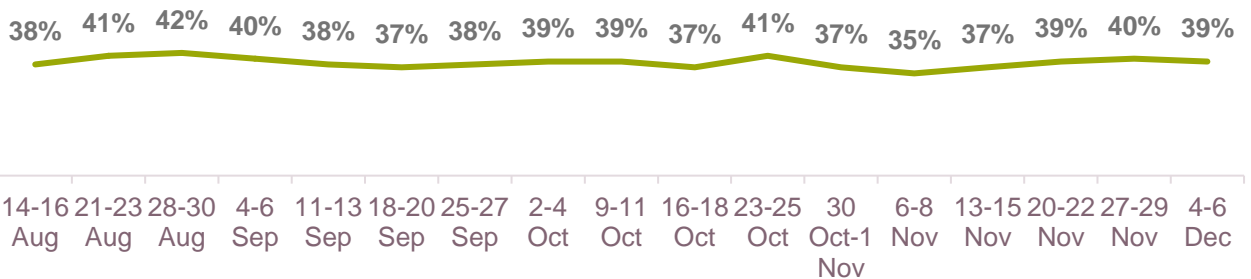
Specifically in relation to coronavirus, if you had to make a journey at the moment, how safe would you feel making a journey by bus?
Base: All *excluding* those making journeys by bus, W32 – 1,751

Week 32

- 8%
- 31%
- 36%
- 24%

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

Trend - % safe

38% 41% 42% 40% 38% 37% 38% 39% 39% 37% 41% 37% 35% 37% 39% 40% 39%

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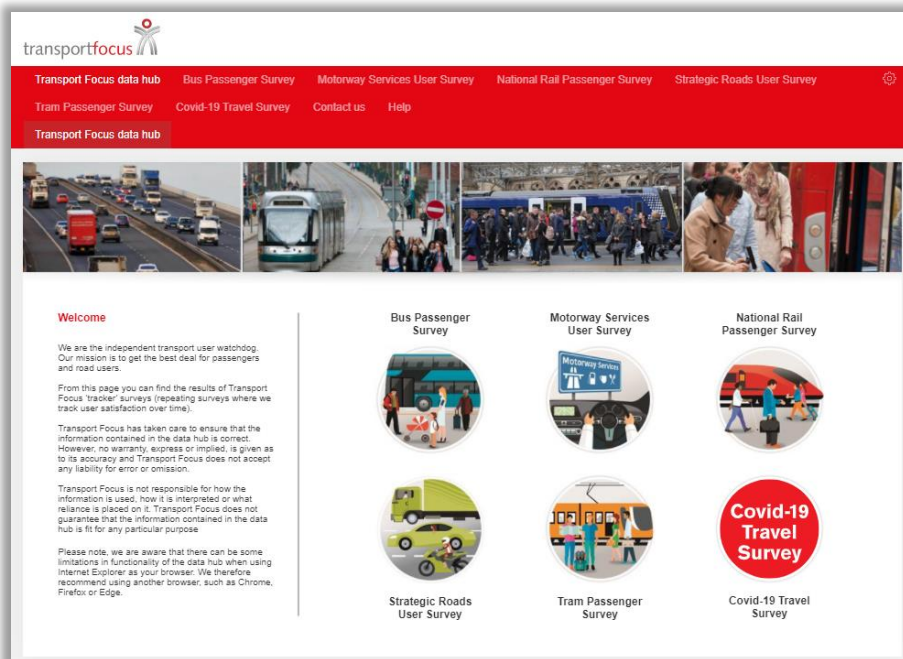
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Transport Focus Data Hub

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

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 and sample breakdown – week 32

- 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.

- Fieldwork repeated each weekend. Week 32 fieldwork: 4-6 December

- The analysis of attitudinal questions excludes responses from those who don't have an opinion or who say that the question is not applicable to them

Sample size by age groups and gender

	TOTAL	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Week 32	2,005	241	353	318	341	299	453	1,022	983

Sample size by region

	Scotland	North East	North West	Yorks & Humber	West Midlands	East Midlands	Wales	Eastern	London	South East	South West
Week 32	184	89	204	176	198	146	97	204	289	268	150

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