



# Travel during Covid-19

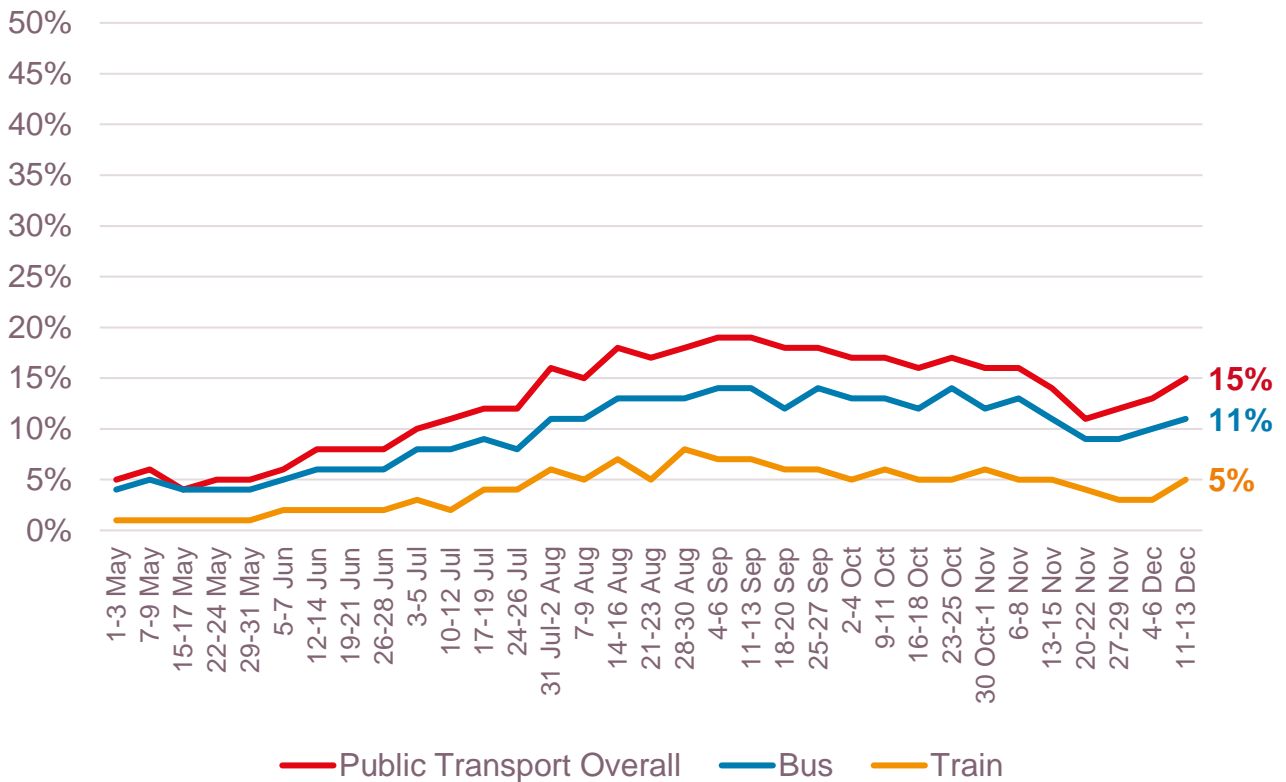
Tracking research - week 33

18 December 2020

# Travel during Covid-19: omnibus week 33

The proportion of people using public transport has risen in recent weeks

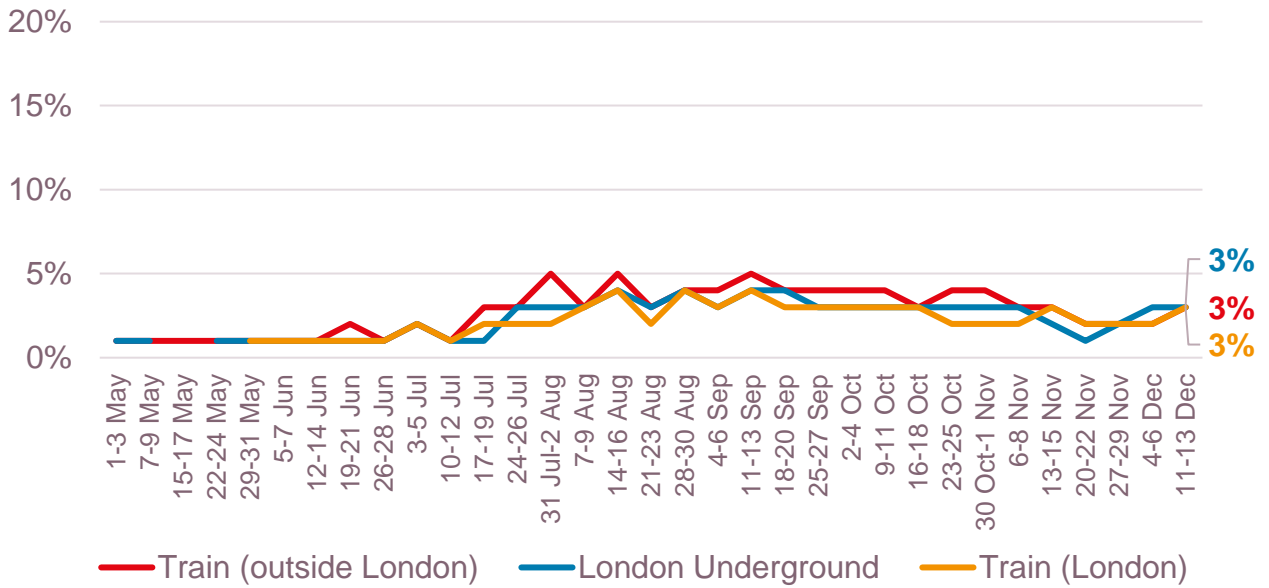
Use of public transport in last seven days – Great Britain



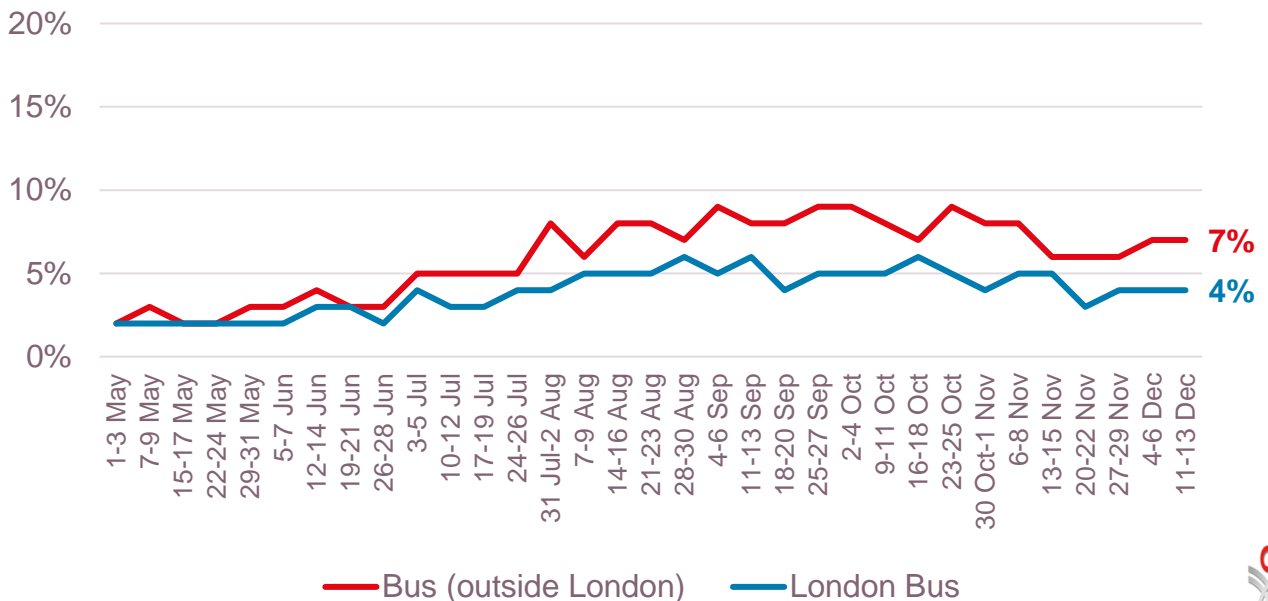
# Travel during Covid-19: omnibus week 33

## Small proportions have used trains and buses

Use of train in last seven days



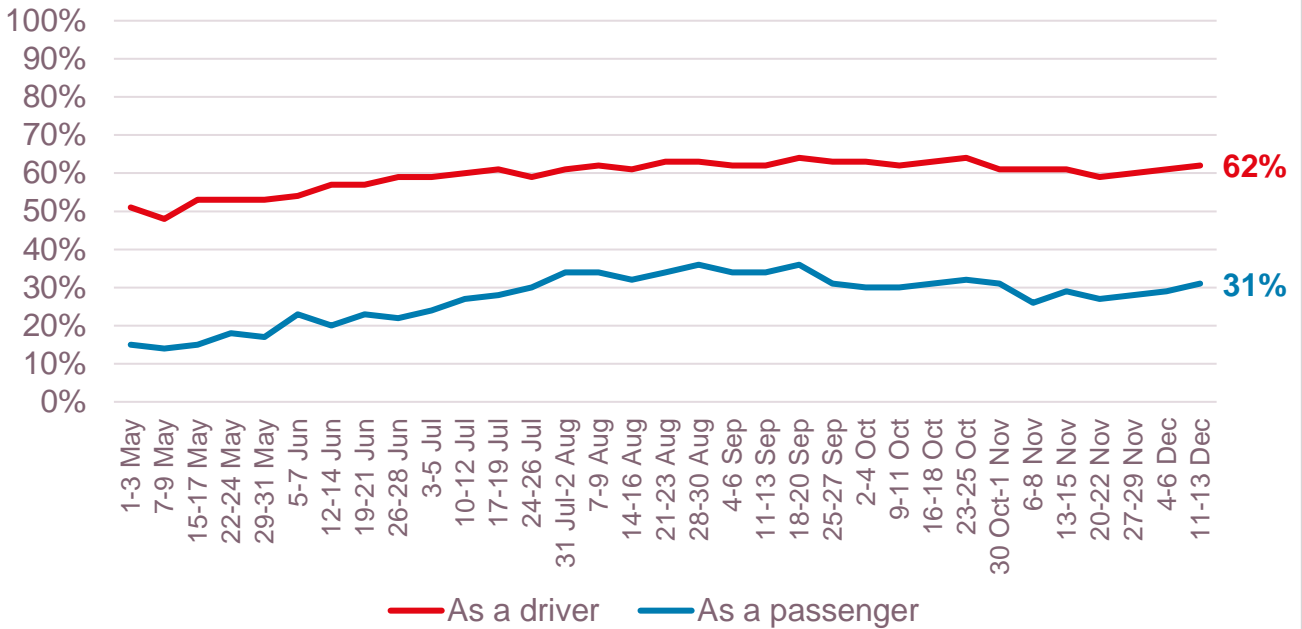
Use of bus in last seven days



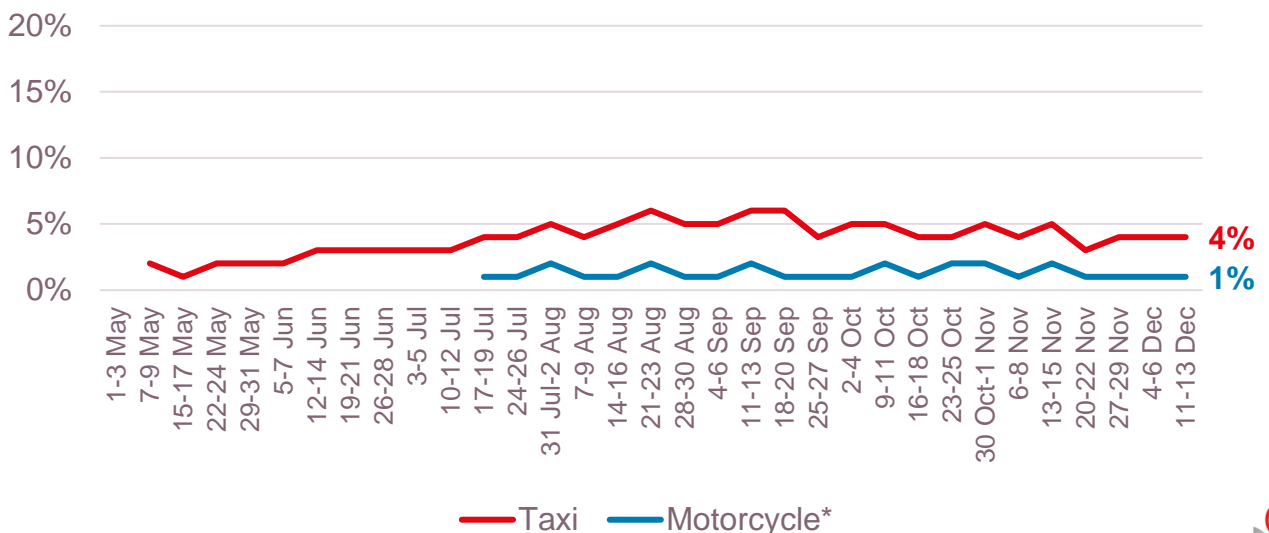
# Travel during Covid-19: omnibus week 33

## Road use is relatively consistent

Use of car / van in last seven days



Use of taxi / motorcycle in the last seven days

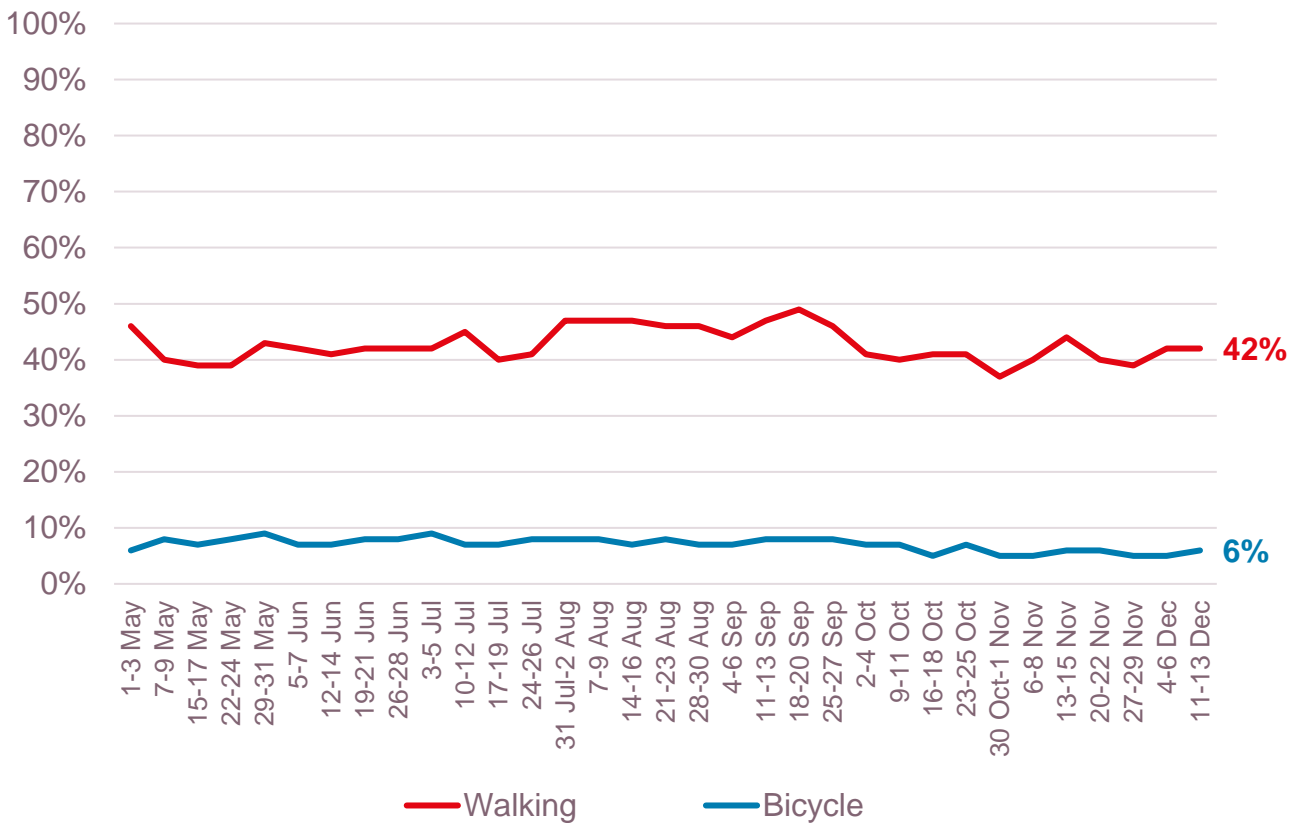


\* Separated out at week 12 (17-19 July)

# Travel during Covid-19: omnibus week 33

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

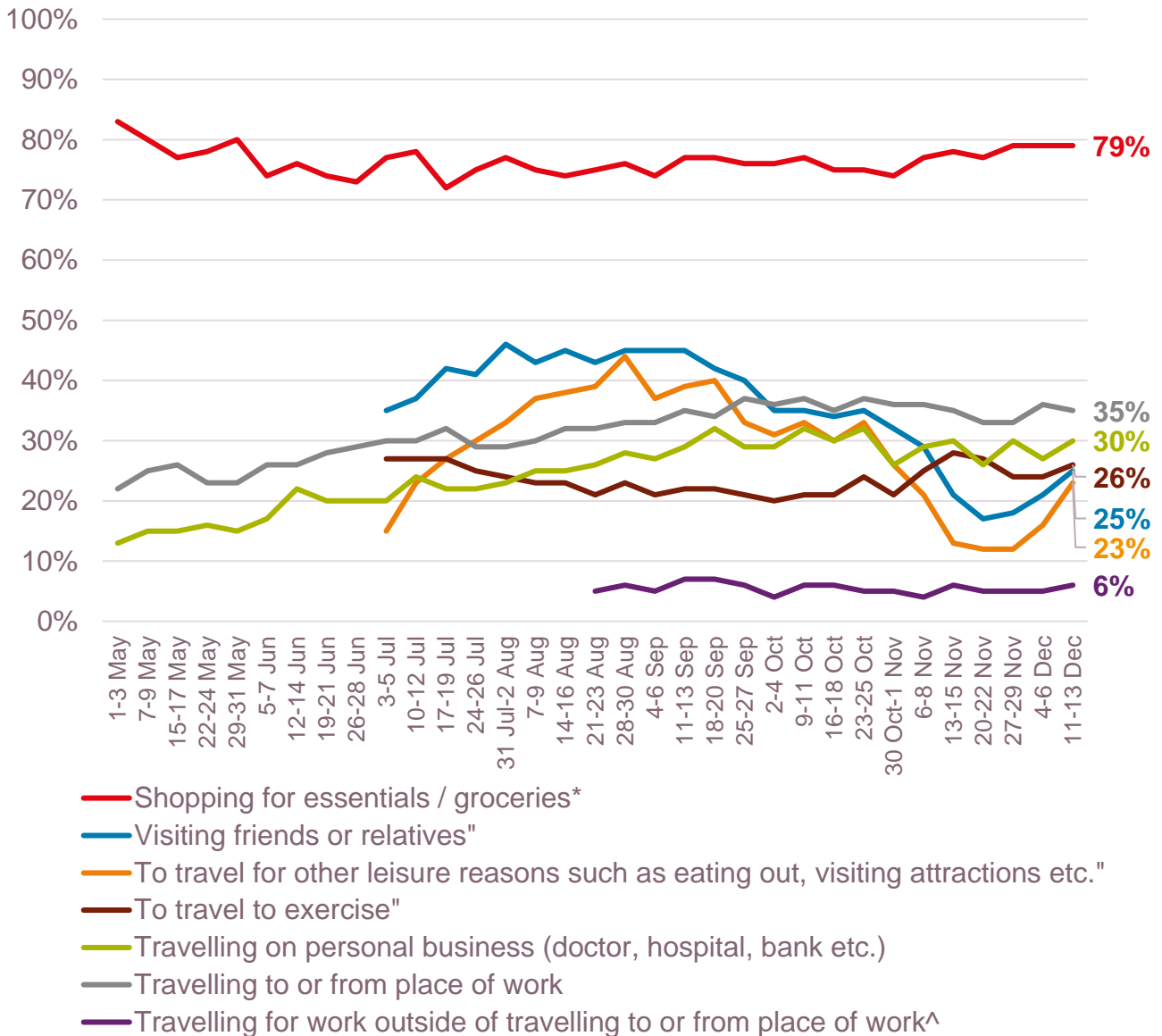
Use of other modes of transport in the last seven days



# Travel during Covid-19: omnibus week 33

Rising proportions have made journeys to visit friends and relatives or for leisure reasons over recent weeks

## Reasons for making journeys in the last seven days



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

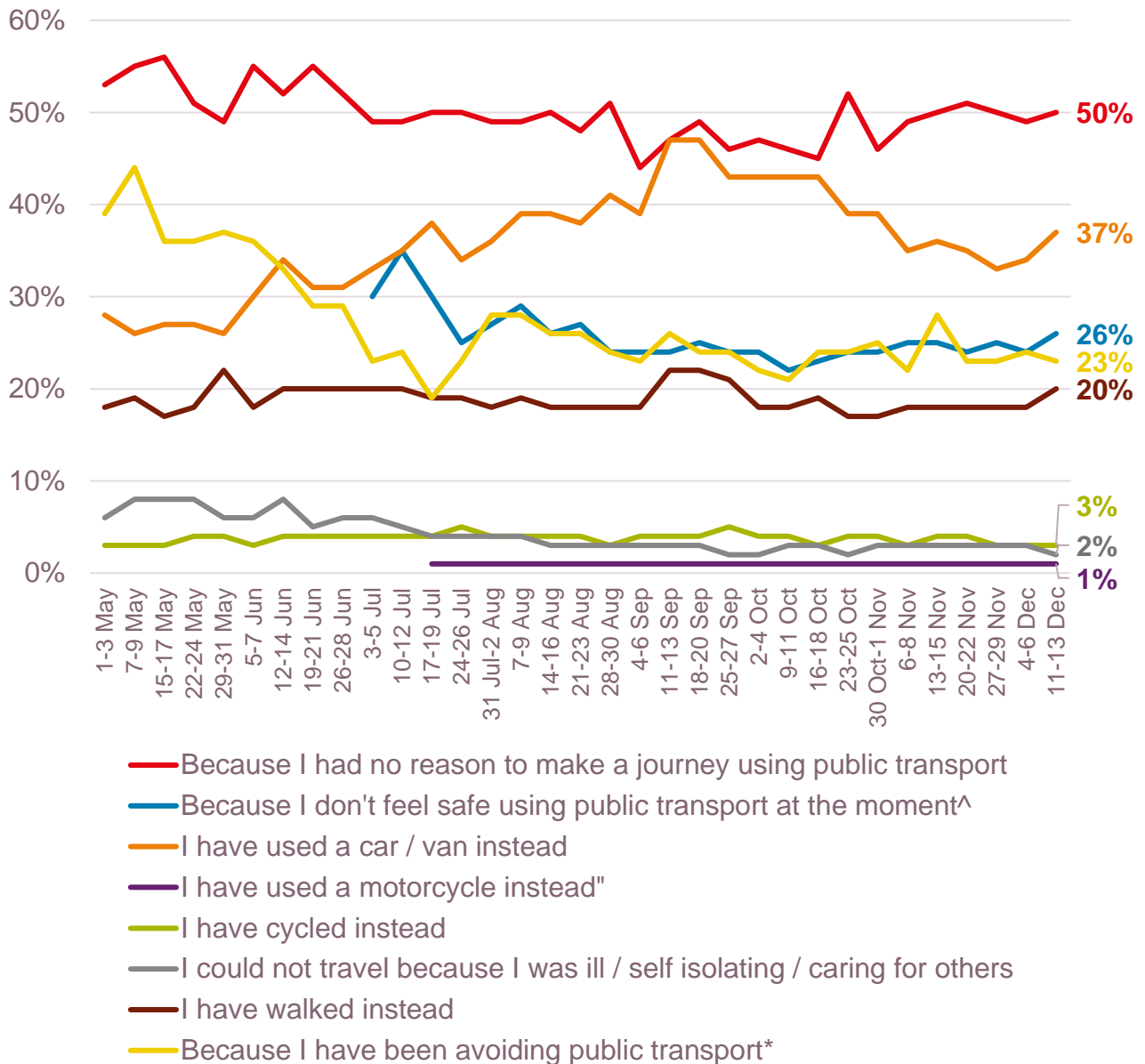
“ data shown from week 10 (3-5 July) only as significant text changes made from this week onwards

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

# Travel during Covid-19: omnibus week 33

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



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

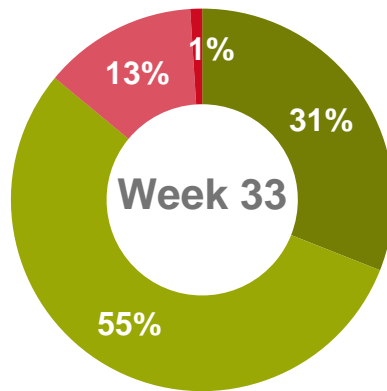
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# Almost nine in ten of those making train journeys in the last seven days felt safe doing so

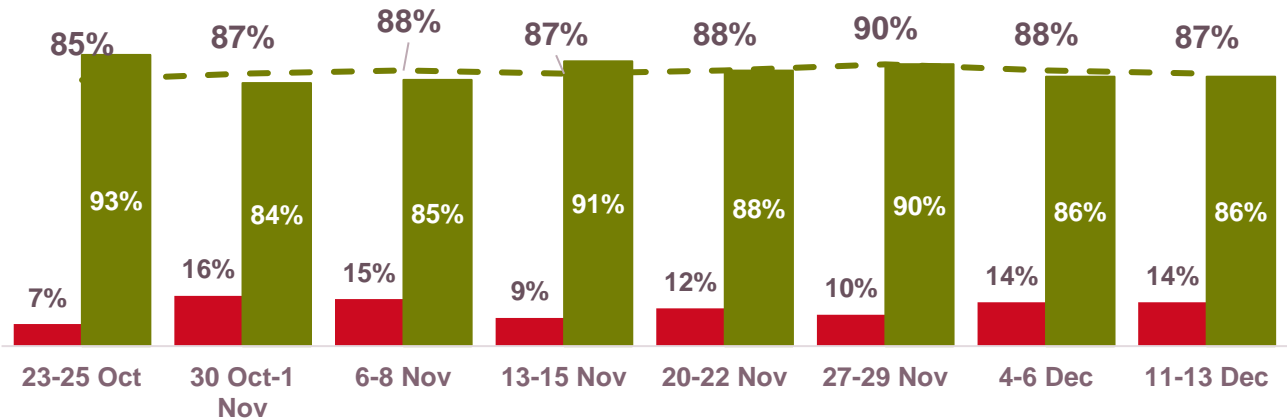
Specifically in relation to coronavirus, how safe do you feel at the moment when using trains?

Base: All making journeys by train, W33 – 101



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

## Trend - last eight weeks



■ % Not very / Not at all safe

■ Very / Fairly safe

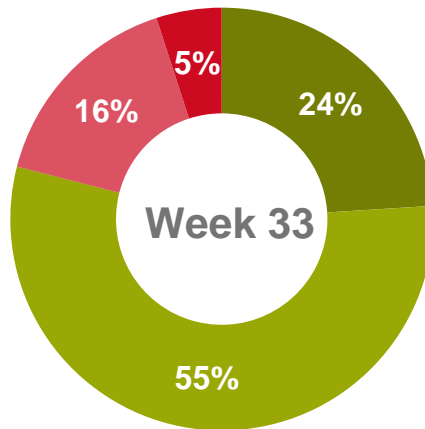
- - - % Very / Fairly safe - aggregated three-week average



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

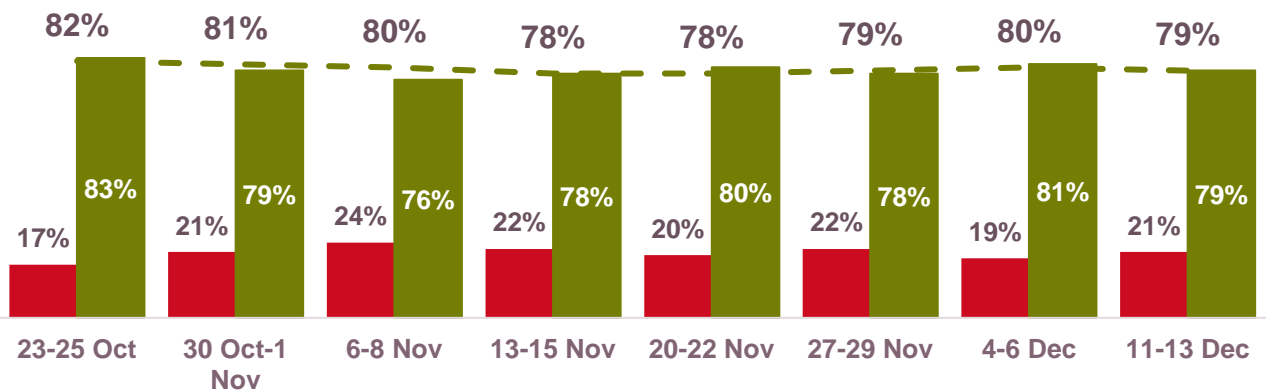
Specifically in relation to coronavirus, how safe do you feel at the moment when using buses?

Base: All making journeys by bus, W33 – 201



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

## Trend - last eight weeks



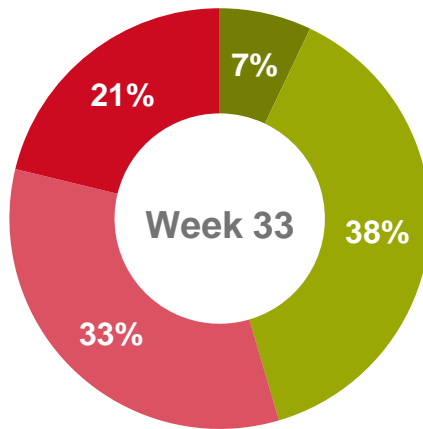
■ % Not very / Not at all safe

■ Very / Fairly safe

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

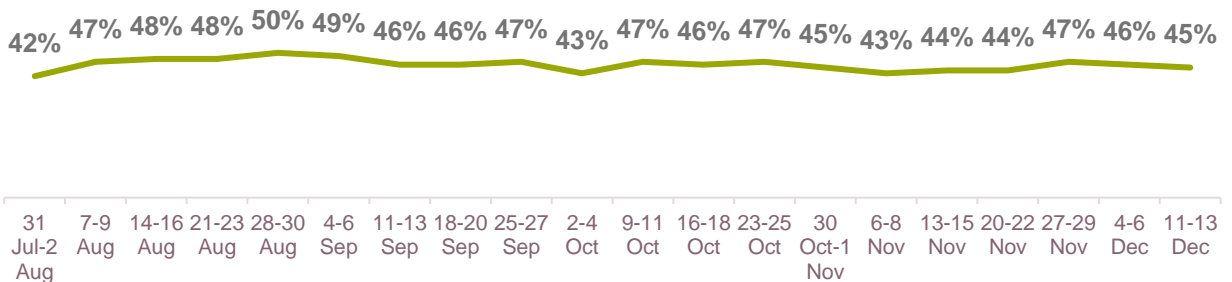
# Almost half of those who have not used a train in the last seven days would feel safe doing so

Specifically in relation to coronavirus<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, W33 – 1,886



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

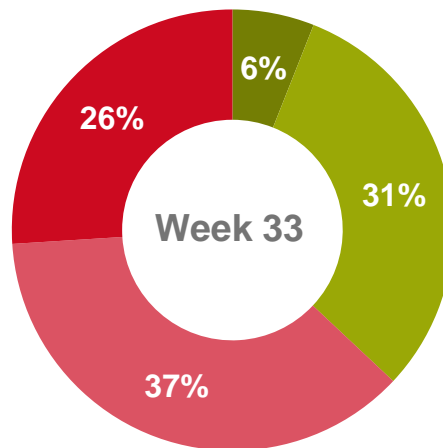
## Trend - % safe



<sup>^</sup> Reference to coronavirus specifically added at week 16 (14-16 August)

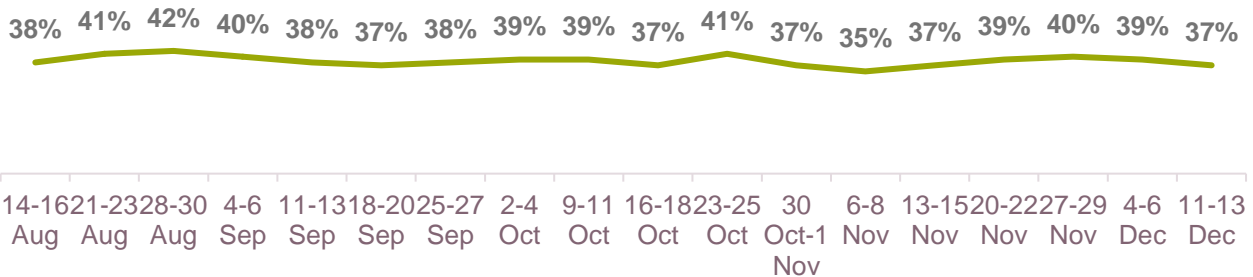
# Two in five of those who have not used a bus in the last seven days would feel safe doing so

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, W33 – 1,786



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

## Trend - % safe



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# Three in five agree that they think public transport is cleaner now than it was before the pandemic

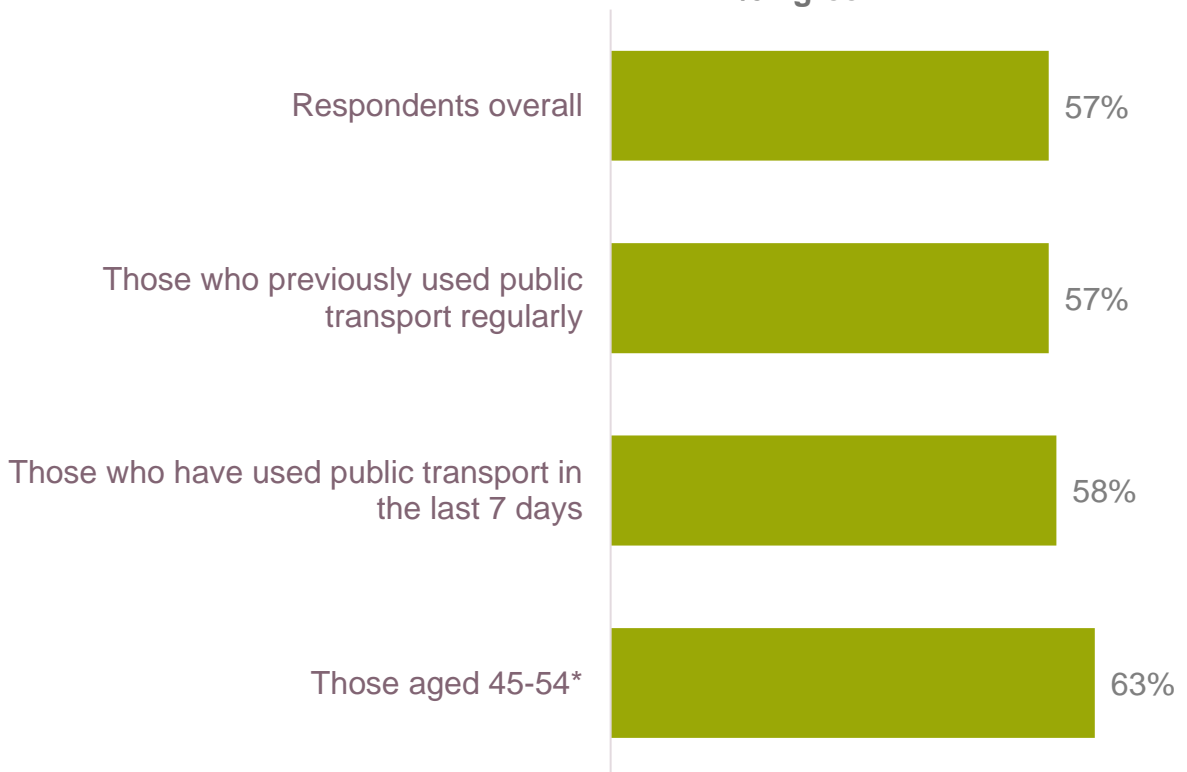
I think that public transport is cleaner now than it was before the pandemic

Base: W33 1,422



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

## % Agree



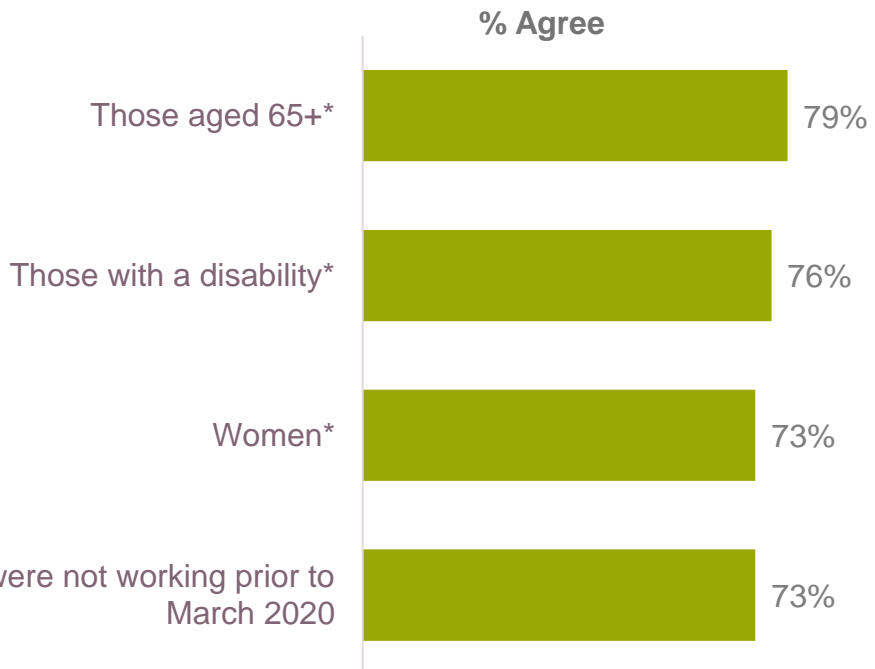
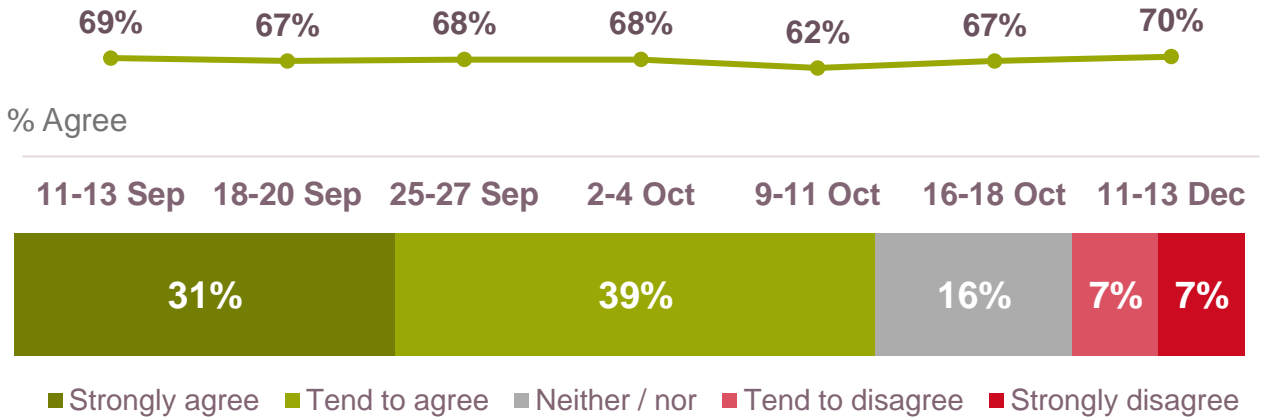
Base excludes don't know/not applicable answers

\* Denotes statistically significant difference from respondents overall

# 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-19

Base: W33 1,944



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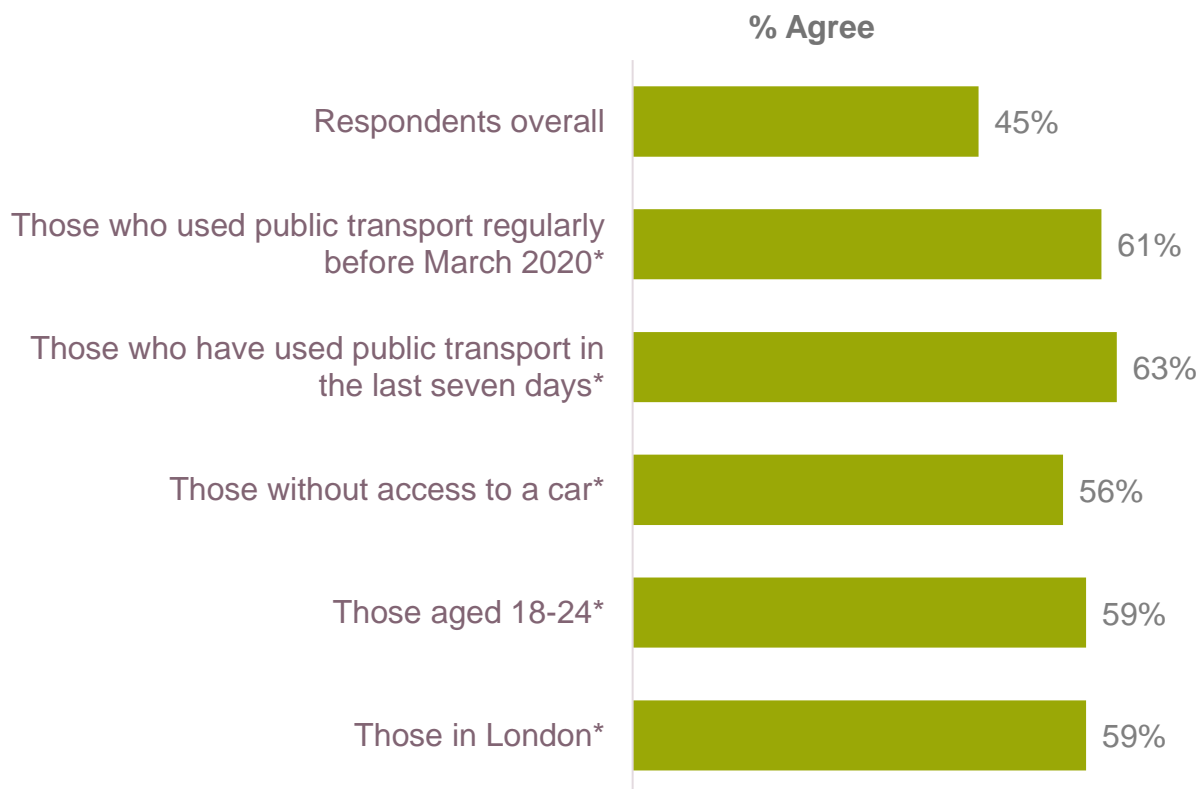
# Three in five of those who used public transport regularly before March this year agree that they will use public transport as much, or more than they did previously when enough people have been vaccinated

When enough people have been vaccinated against COVID-19 then I expect to use public transport as much, or more than I did before March this year.

Base: W33 1,562



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



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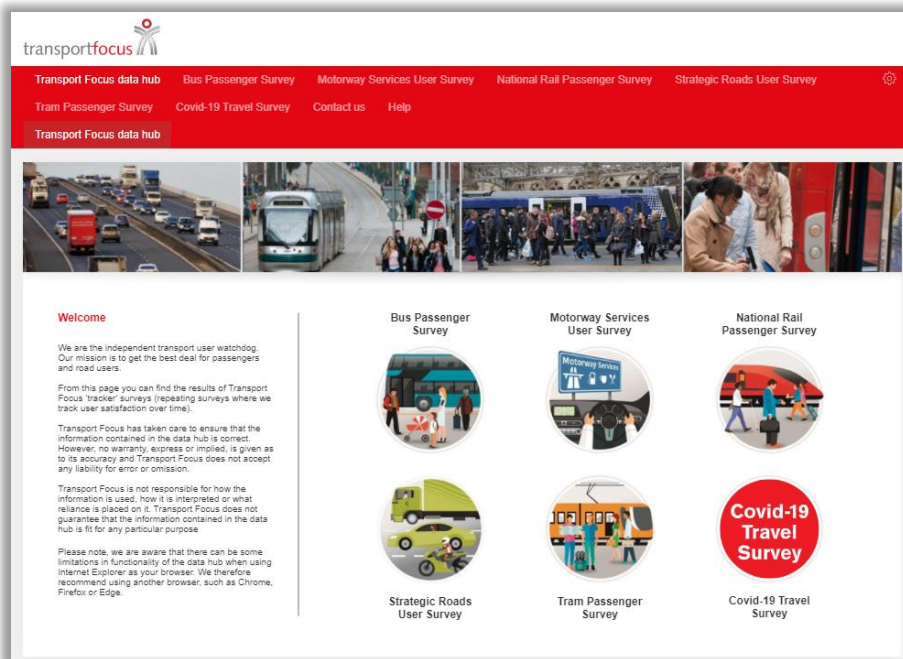
# Transport Focus Data Hub

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 and sample breakdown – week 33

- 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 33 fieldwork: 11-13 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
<b>Week 33</b>	2,016	229	323	329	385	286	464	1,008	1,008

## Sample size by region

	Scotland	North East	North West	Yorks & Humber	West Midlands	East Midlands	Wales	Eastern	London	South East	South West
<b>Week 33</b>	160	86	185	170	188	133	127	194	291	278	204