



Travel during Covid-19

attitudes to travel post-lockdown

About the data presented in this document

The questionnaire for wave 37 of the Transport Focus, 'Travel during Covid-19' tracking research included several additional questions within the core questionnaire. These questions cover the following areas:

- attitudes to Covid-19 and impact on travelling,
- degree of anxiety associated with using different modes of transport,
- plans related to future home working,
- potential increased use of specific modes of transport,
- return to specific places when restrictions are eased and how people may travel to these.

Rather than being presented within a formal 'report', the key purpose of the inclusion of these additional questions are to feed into a forthcoming 'segmentation' analysis which will identify some specific groups of future transport users. The findings presented here therefore are not intended to form a particular narrative, and in some cases will appear to address overlapping themes. This being said, we do think the findings may be of a broad general interest and so have made them available.

Please note that the data presented here was collected on the weekend of 19-21 February 2021. Results are representative of the GB population unless stated, (the results of attitudinal questions exclude those who answered 'don't know' or 'not applicable) and are not restricted to users of particular modes of transport. Further details on the sample and the methodology are included at the end of this report.

For two-thirds coronavirus is a major concern. Those who are older and more vulnerable are more likely than others to agree.

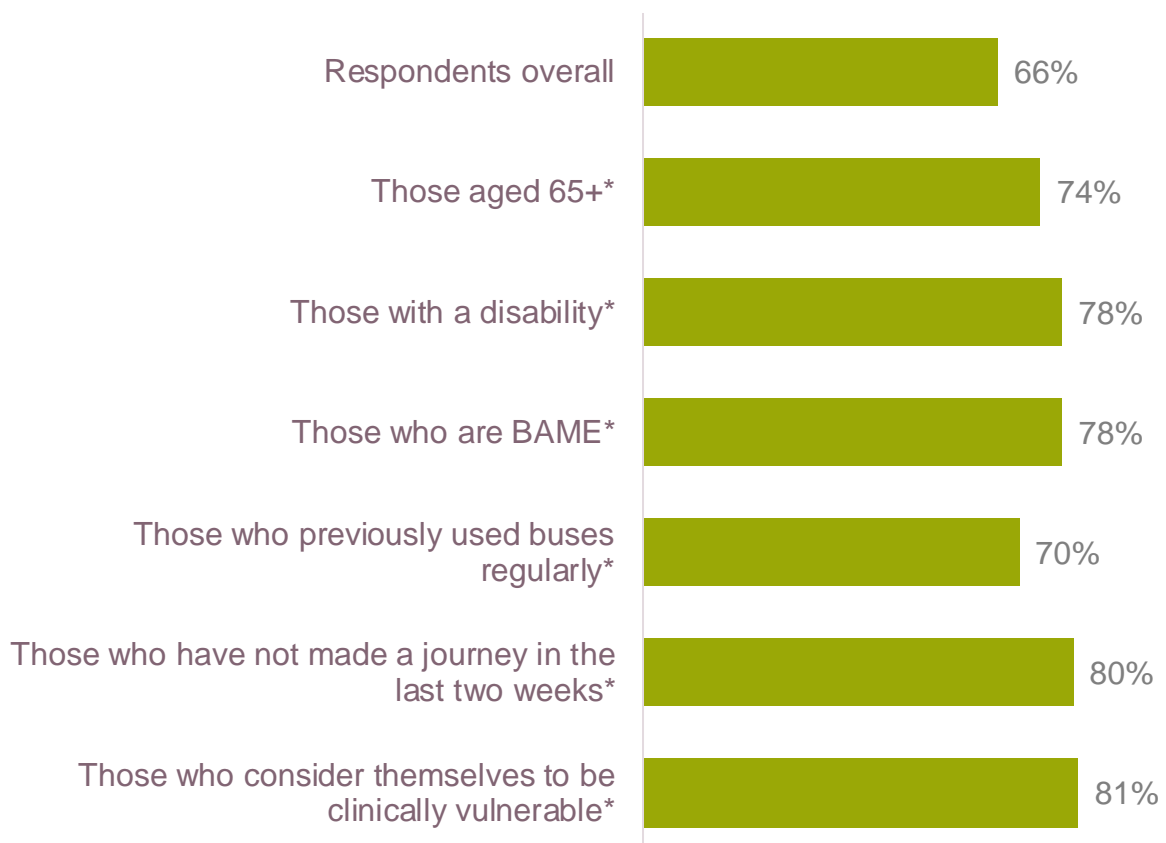
Coronavirus is a major concern for me

Base: W37 1,969



■ 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

Two in five think that enough is being done to ensure coronavirus safety on public transport. A quarter disagree.

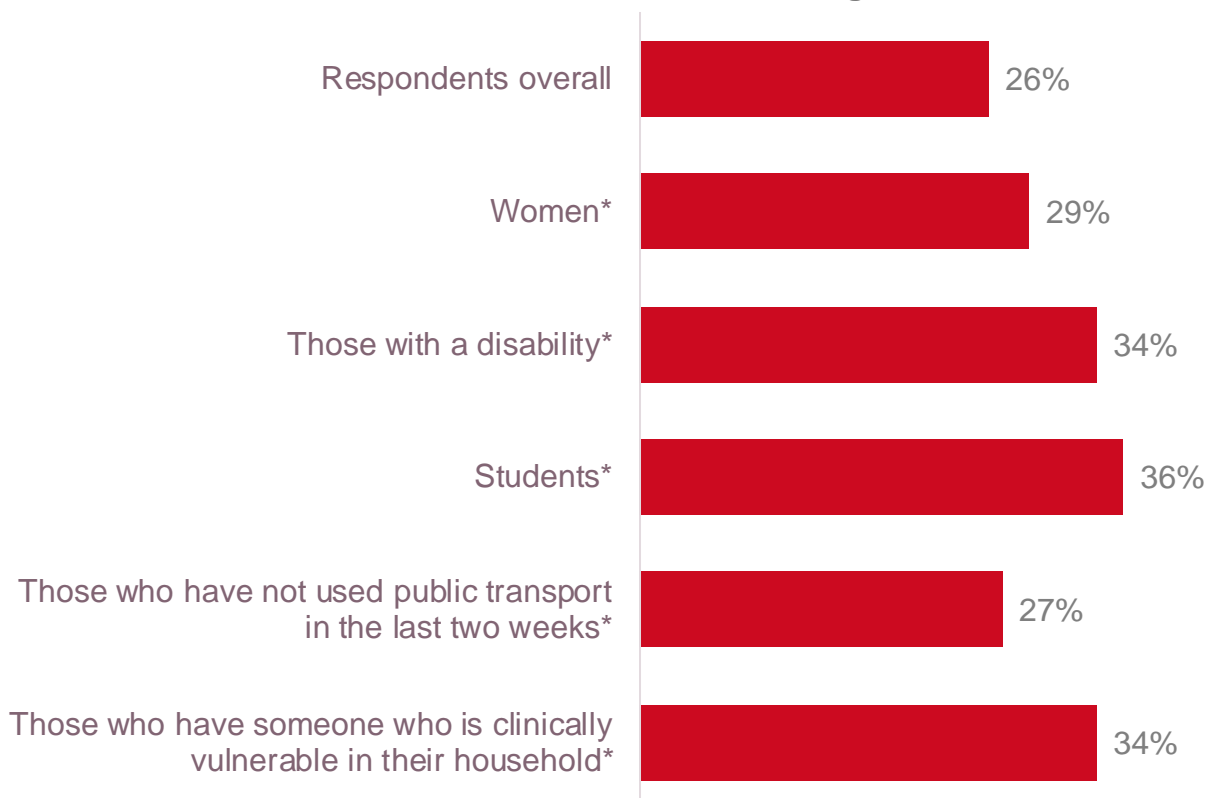
Enough is being done to ensure coronavirus safety on public transport

Base: W37 1,582



■ Strongly agree
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 ■ Strongly disagree

% Disagree



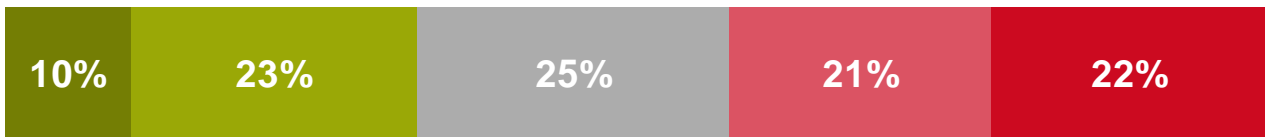
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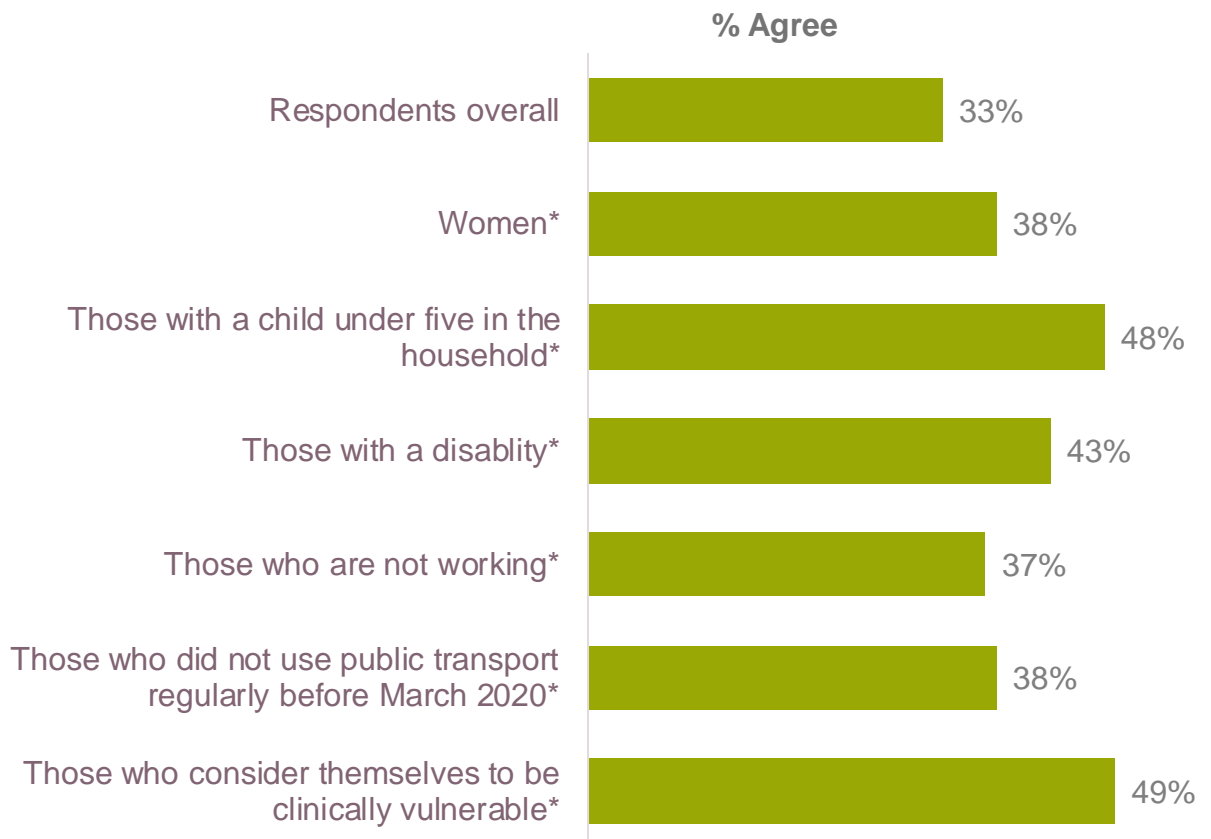
A third say that they will never again feel completely comfortable on public transport

I will never again feel completely comfortable on public transport

Base: W37 1,823



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



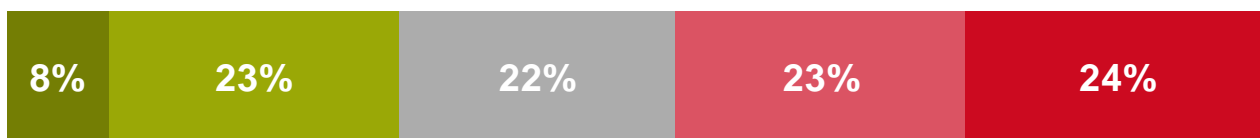
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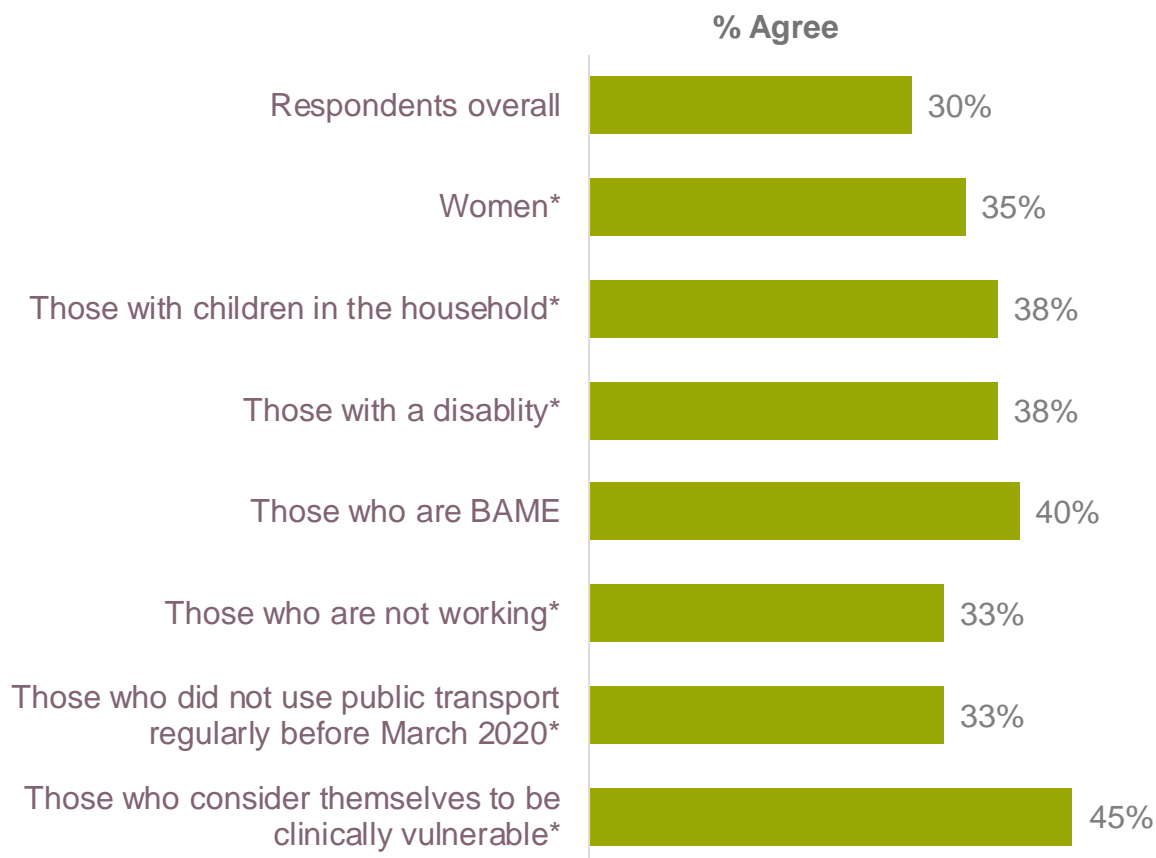
Three in ten say that they will never again feel completely comfortable in public spaces like shops

I will never again feel completely comfortable in public spaces like shops

Base: W37 1,887



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



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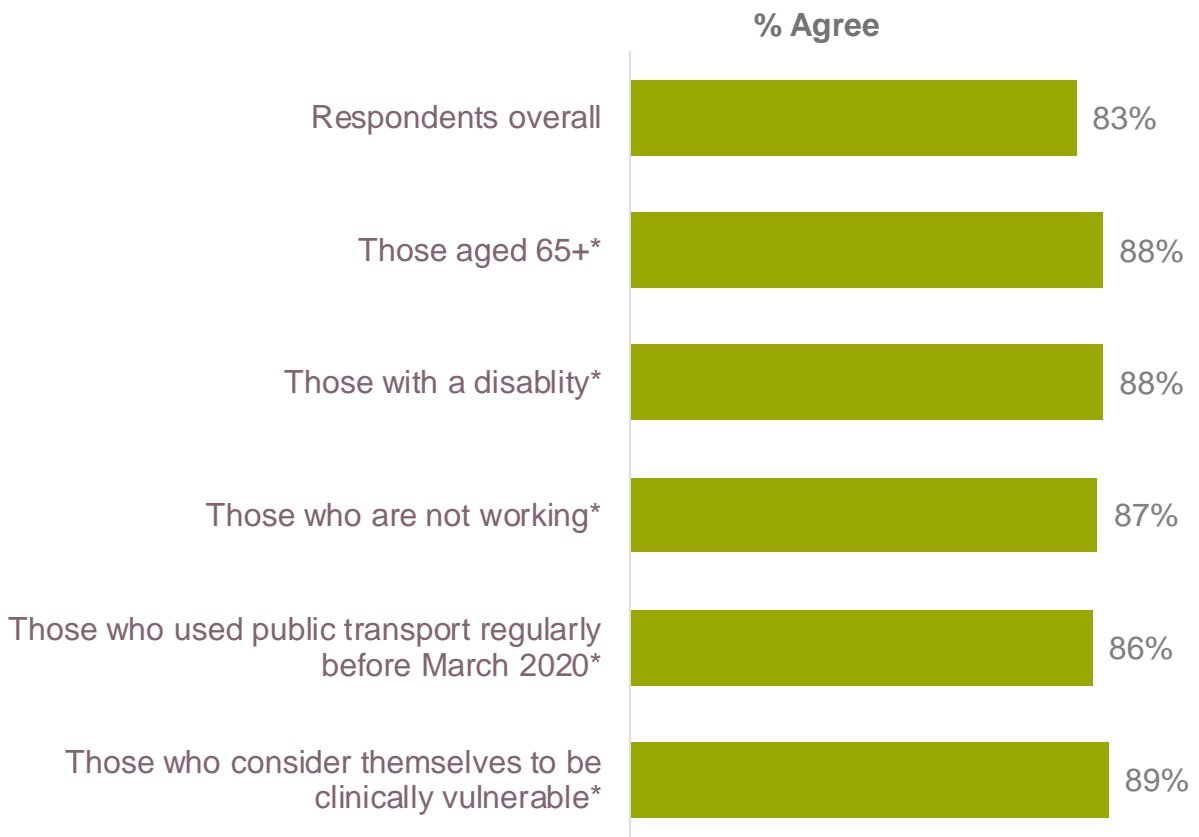
More than four in five have been avoiding unnecessary activities due to the coronavirus

I have been avoiding unnecessary activities due to the coronavirus

Base: W37 1,961



■ Strongly agree
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 ■ Tend to disagree
 ■ Strongly disagree



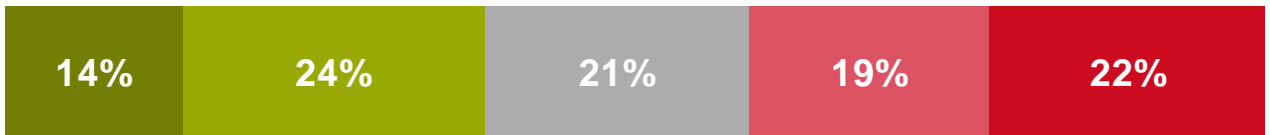
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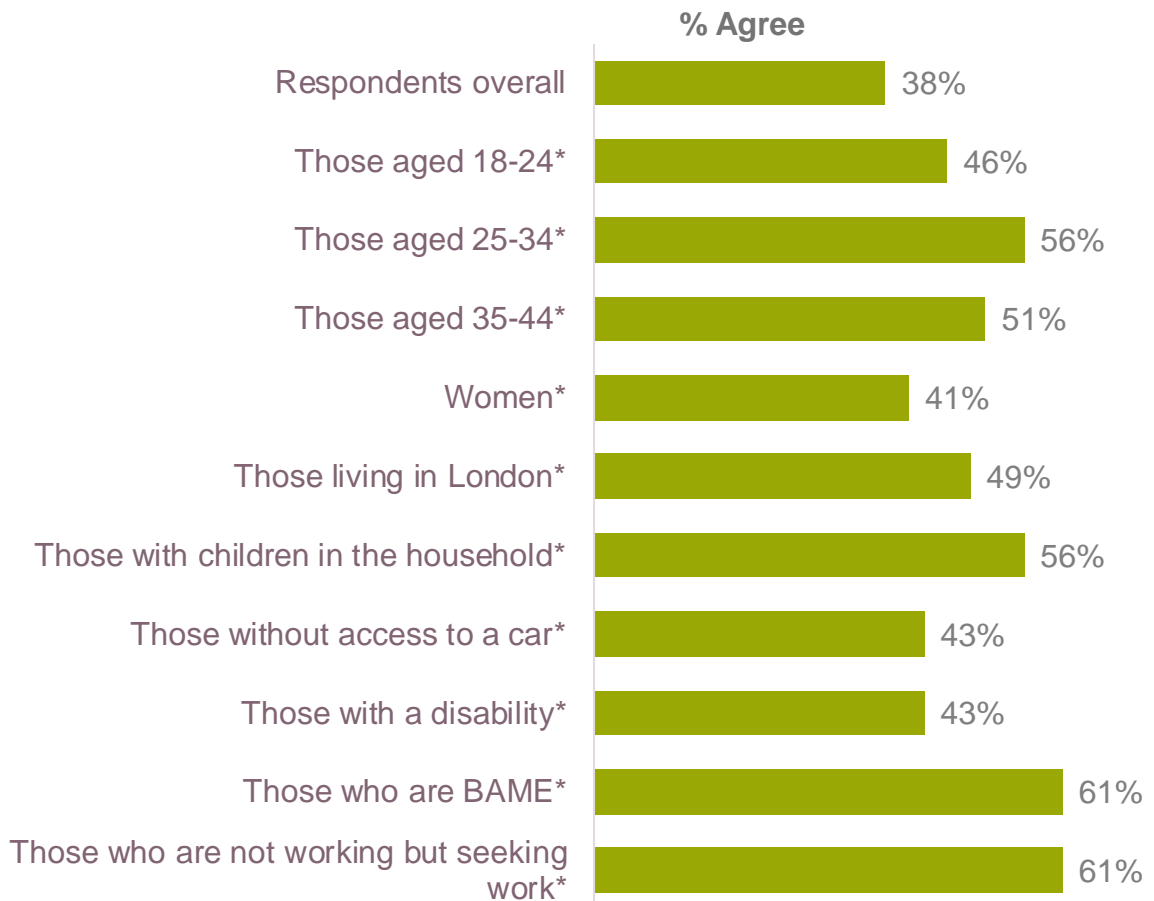
Almost two in five are concerned about their financial situation currently or in the near future

I am concerned about my financial situation currently or in the near future

Base: W37 1,936



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



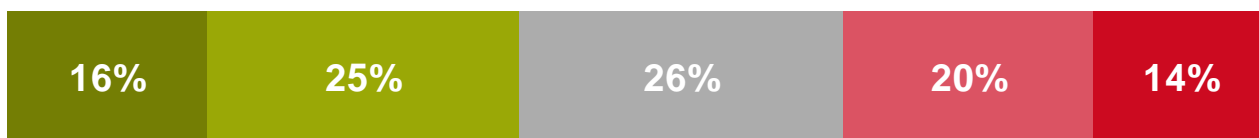
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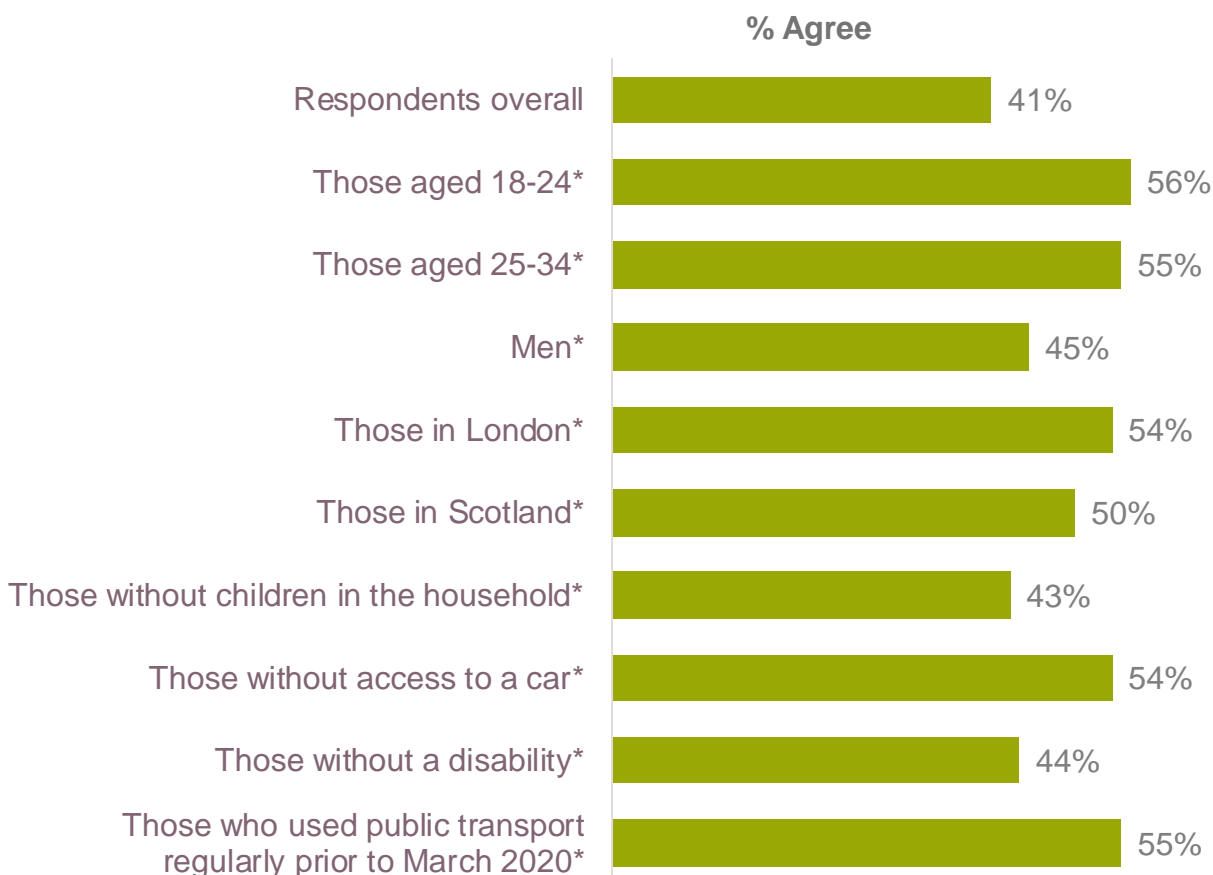
Two in five will be happy to use public transport for their regular activities when restrictions are lifted

When restrictions are lifted, I will be happy to use public transport for my regular activities

Base: W37 1,763



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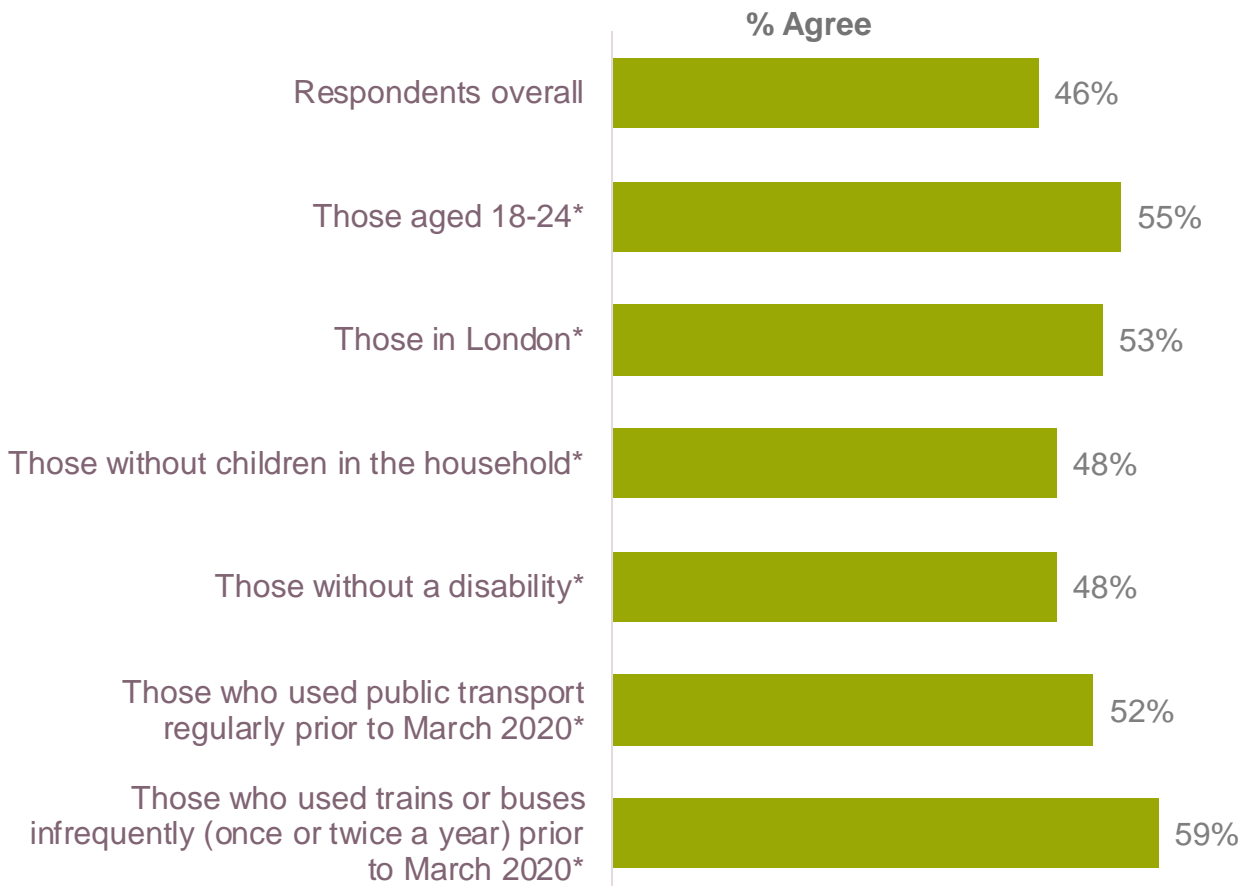
Almost half expect to use public transport as much as they were before the pandemic when restrictions are lifted

When restrictions are lifted I expect to use public transport as much as I was before the pandemic

Base: W37 1,715



■ Strongly agree
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 ■ Strongly disagree



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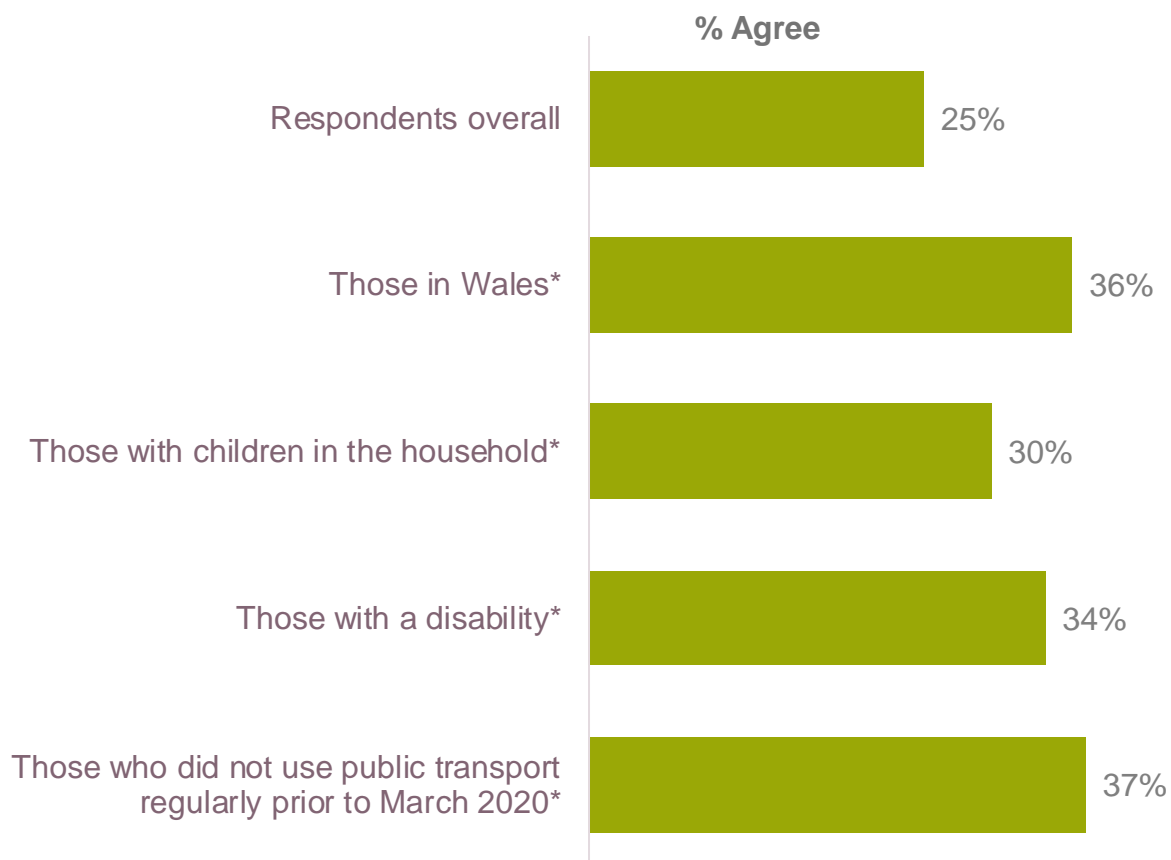
A quarter agree that public transport is not for people like them

Public transport is not for people like me

Base: W37 1,888



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



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A half agree that coronavirus has made them re-think how they will use public transport in the future

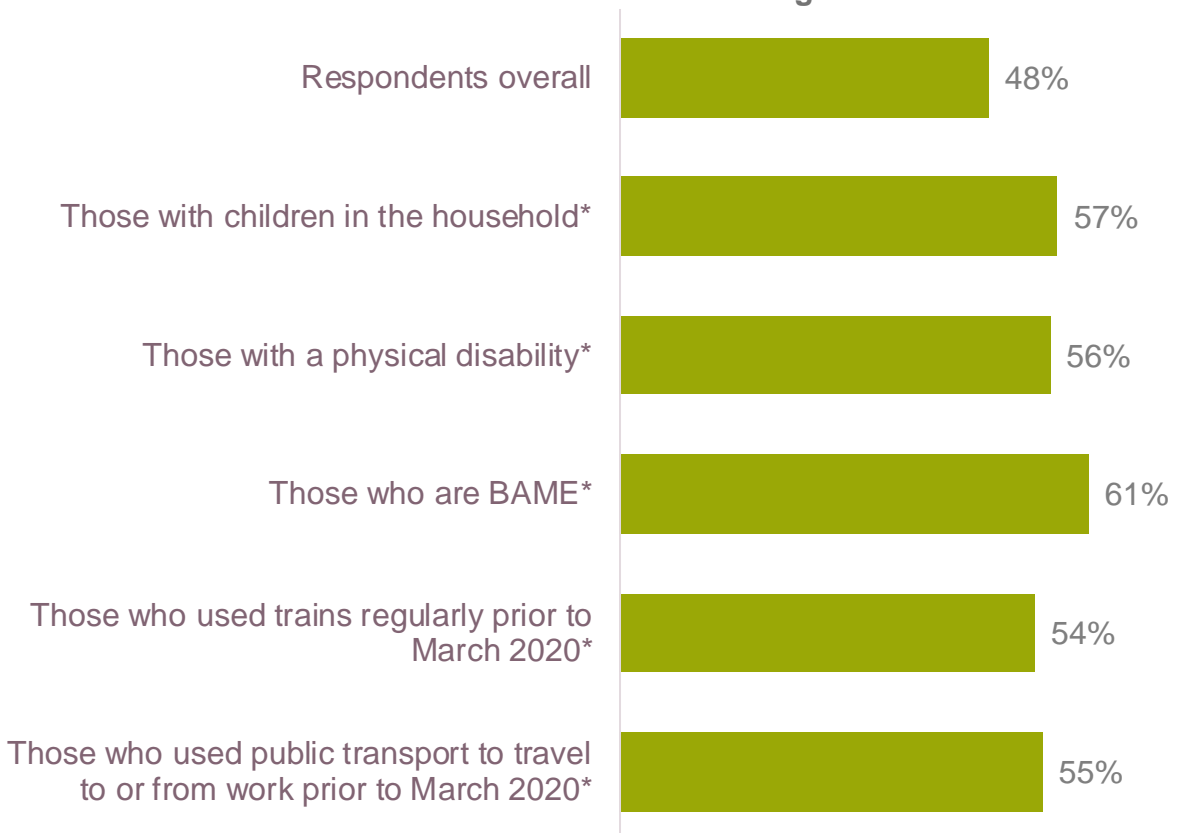
Coronavirus has made me re-think how I will use public transport in the future

Base: W37 1,888



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% Agree



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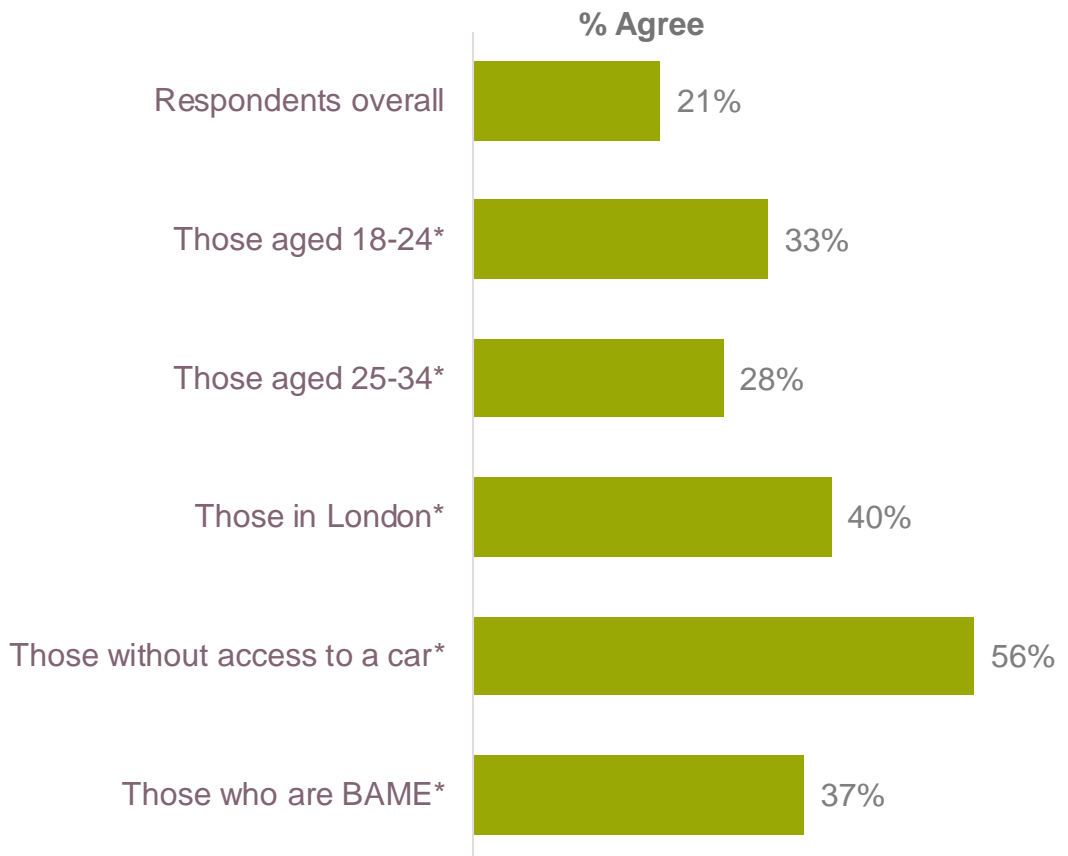
One in five agree that they are reliant upon public transport. Almost seven in ten disagree.

I am reliant upon public transport

Base: W37 1,816



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



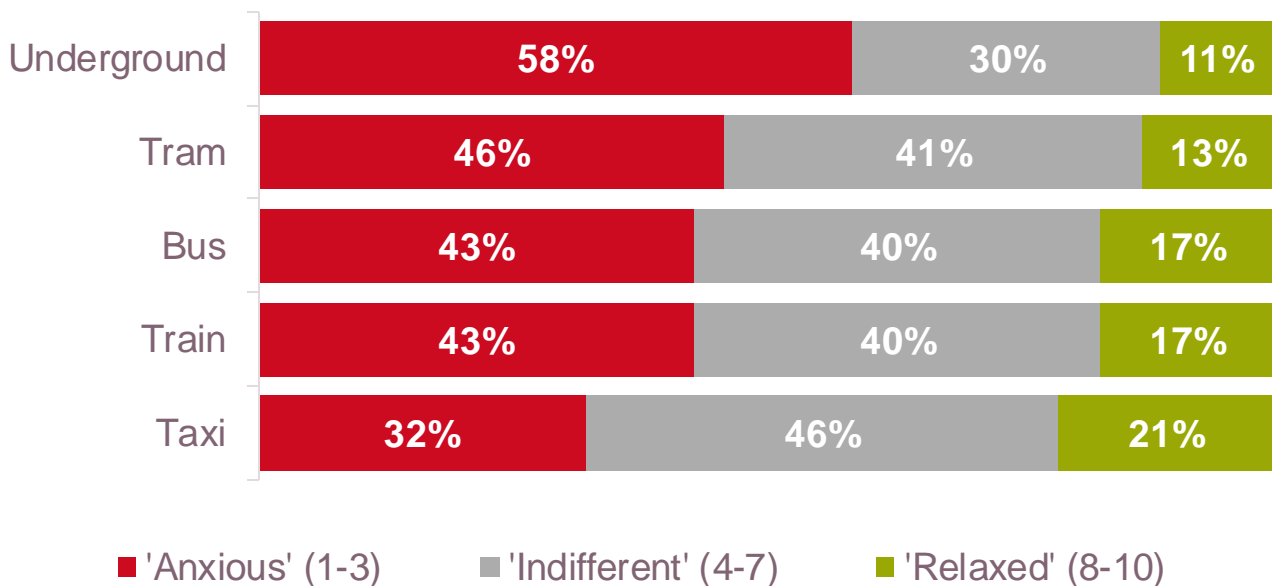
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There exists varying levels of anxiety about using different forms of transport at the moment

Specifically in relation to coronavirus, on a scale of 1 to 10 where 1 is very anxious and 10 is very relaxed, how would you feel using the following types of transport if you were to do so now

Base: W37 1,997



Almost three in five would feel anxious using the Underground if they were to do so now

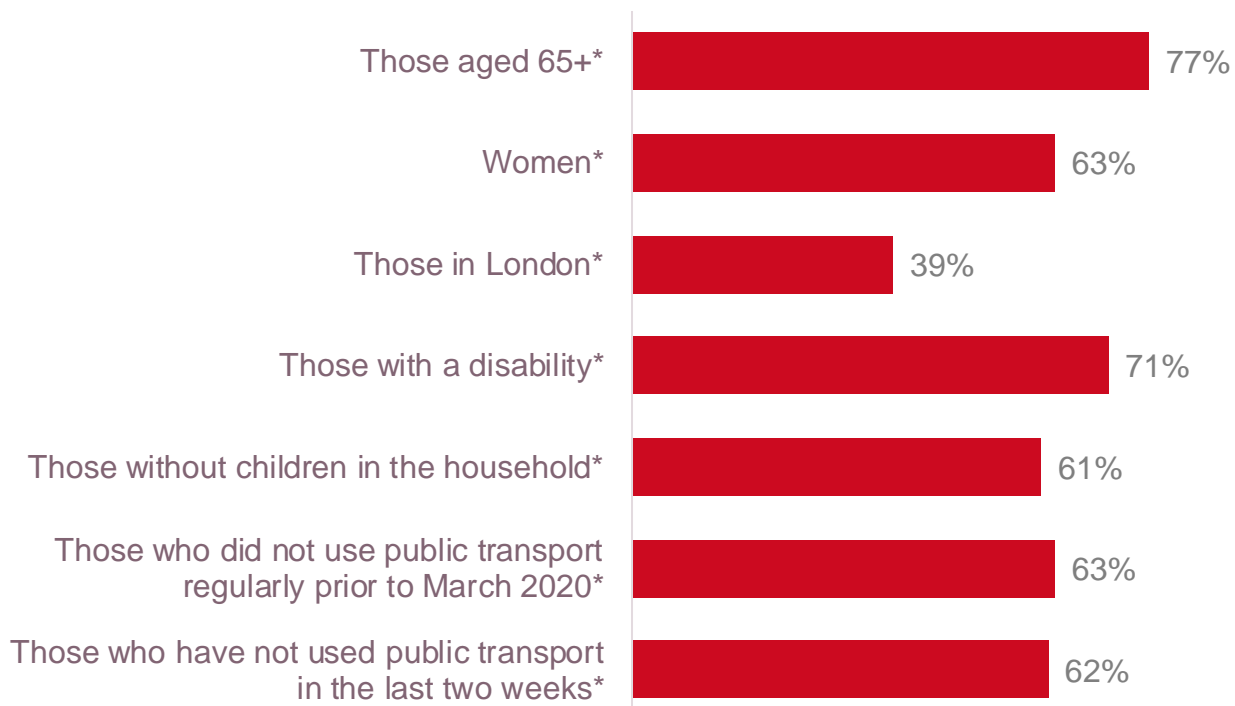
Specifically in relation to coronavirus, on a scale of 1 to 10 where 1 is very anxious and 10 is very relaxed, how would you feel using the following types of transport if you were to do so now - Underground

Base: W37 1,997



■ 'Anxious' (1-3) ■ 'Indifferent' (4-7) ■ 'Relaxed' (8-10)

% 'Anxious'



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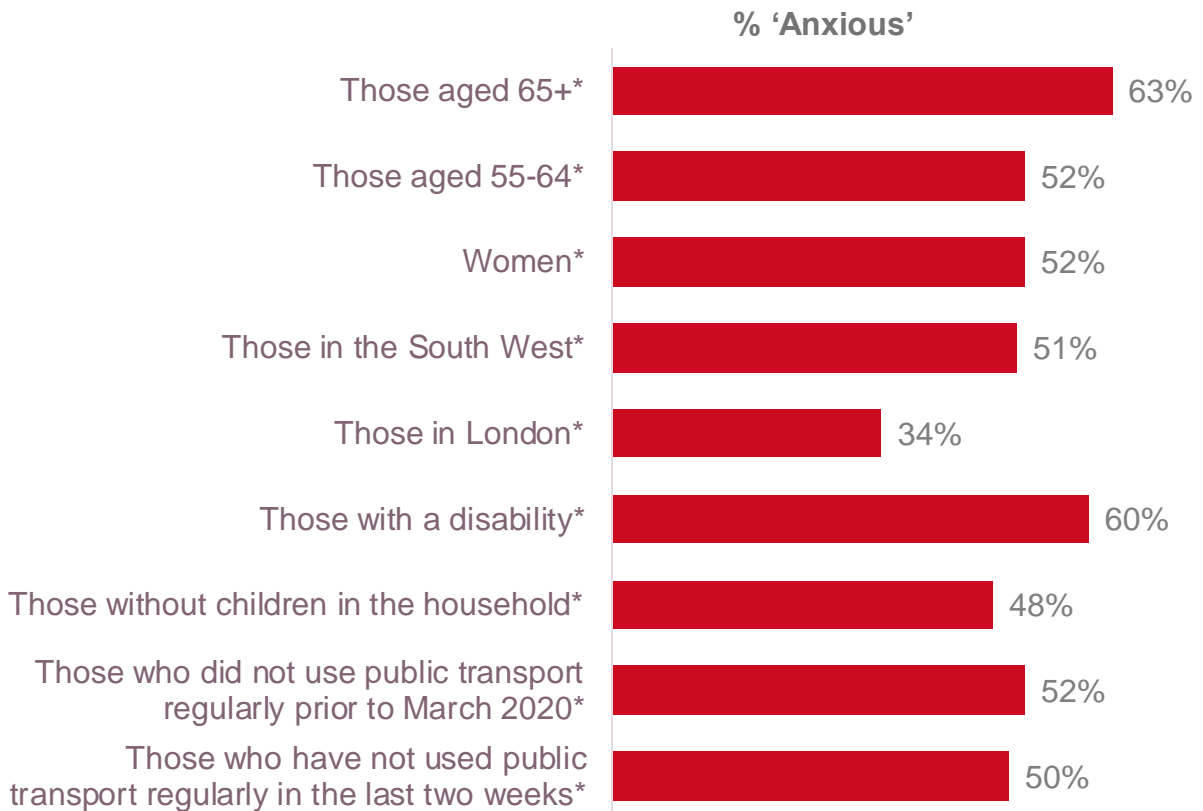
Almost a half would feel anxious using a tram if they were to do so now

Specifically in relation to coronavirus, on a scale of 1 to 10 where 1 is very anxious and 10 is very relaxed, how would you feel using the following types of transport if you were to do so now - Tram

Base: W37 1,997



■ 'Anxious' (1-3) ■ 'Indifferent' (4-7) ■ 'Relaxed' (8-10)



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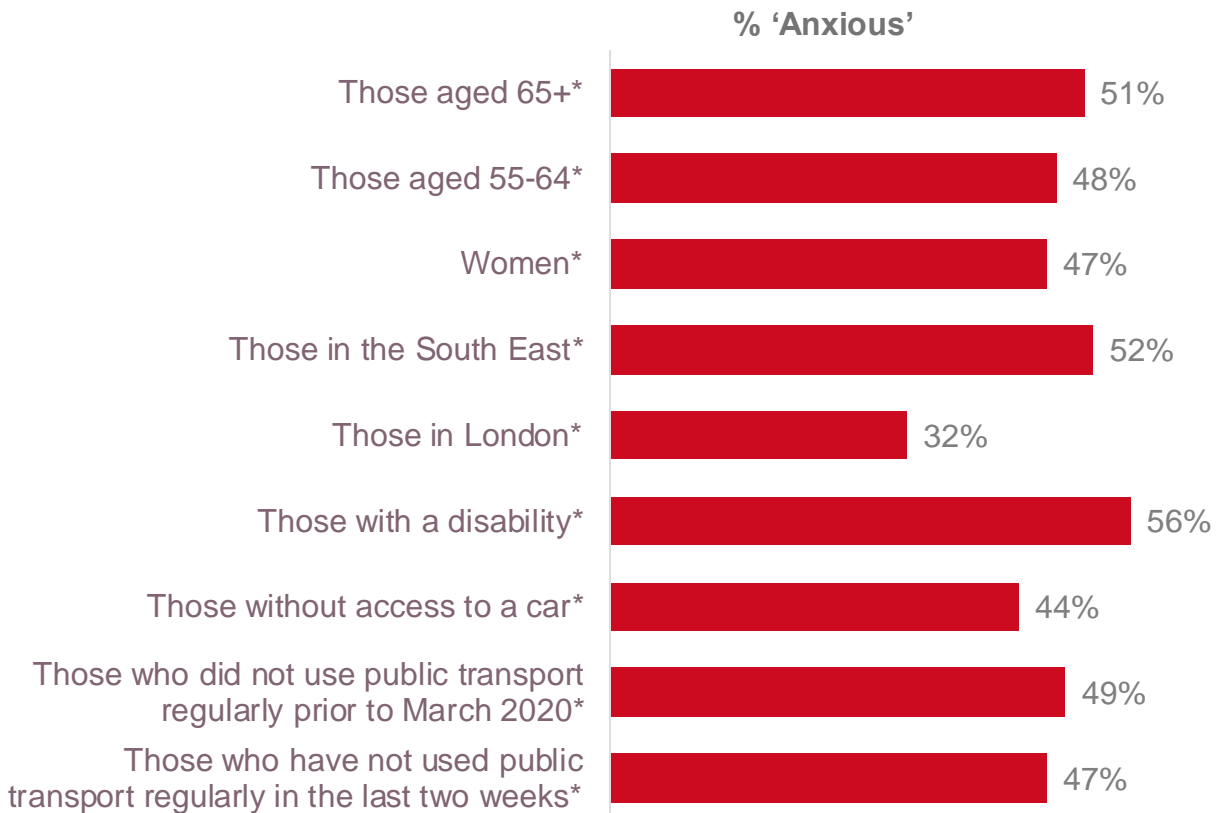
More than two in five would feel anxious using a bus if they were to do so now

Specifically in relation to coronavirus, on a scale of 1 to 10 where 1 is very anxious and 10 is very relaxed, how would you feel using the following types of transport if you were to do so now - Bus

Base: W37 1,997



■ 'Anxious' (1-3) ■ 'Indifferent' (4-7) ■ 'Relaxed' (8-10)



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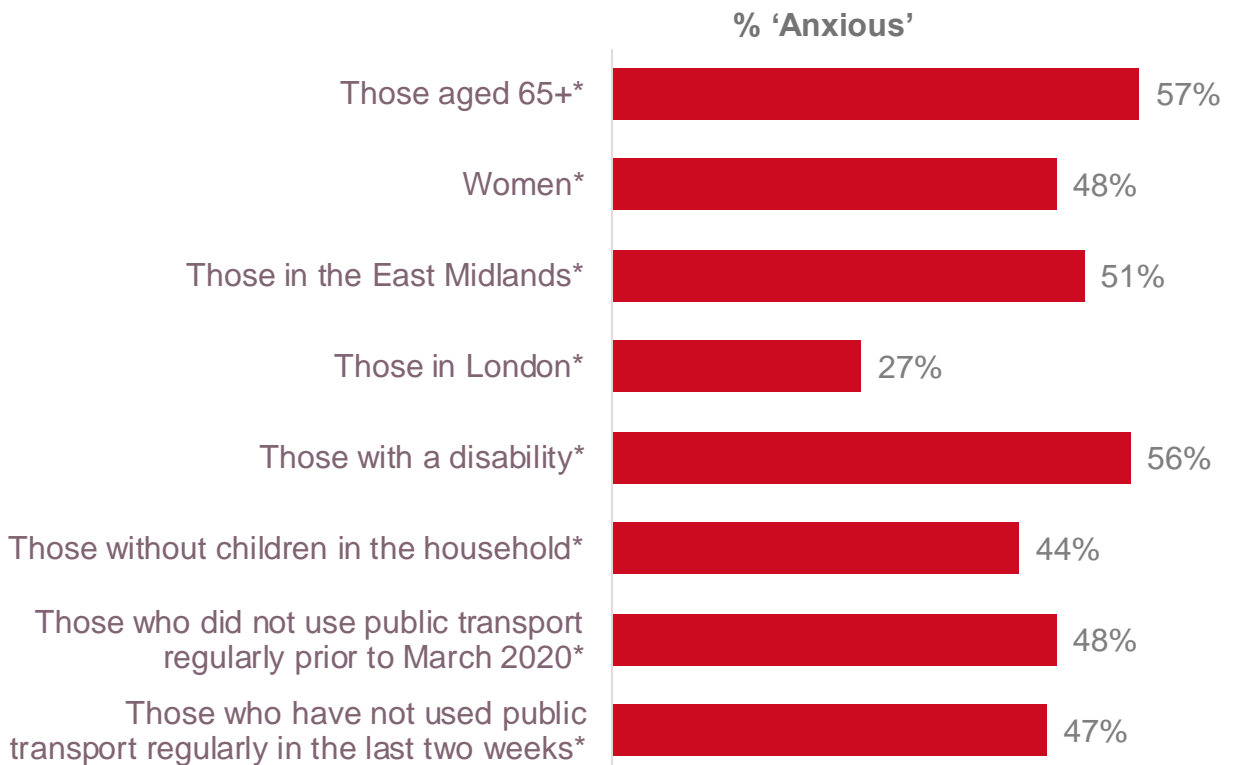
More than two in five would feel anxious using a train if they were to do so now

Specifically in relation to coronavirus, on a scale of 1 to 10 where 1 is very anxious and 10 is very relaxed, how would you feel using the following types of transport if you were to do so now - Train

Base: W37 1,997



■ 'Anxious' (1-3) ■ 'Indifferent' (4-7) ■ 'Relaxed' (8-10)

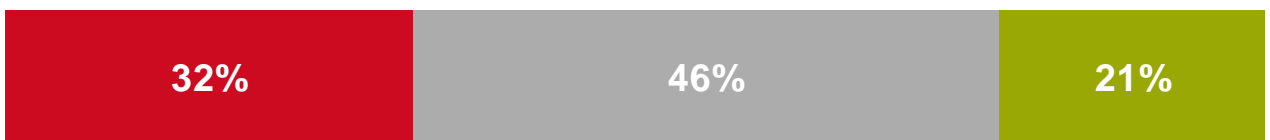


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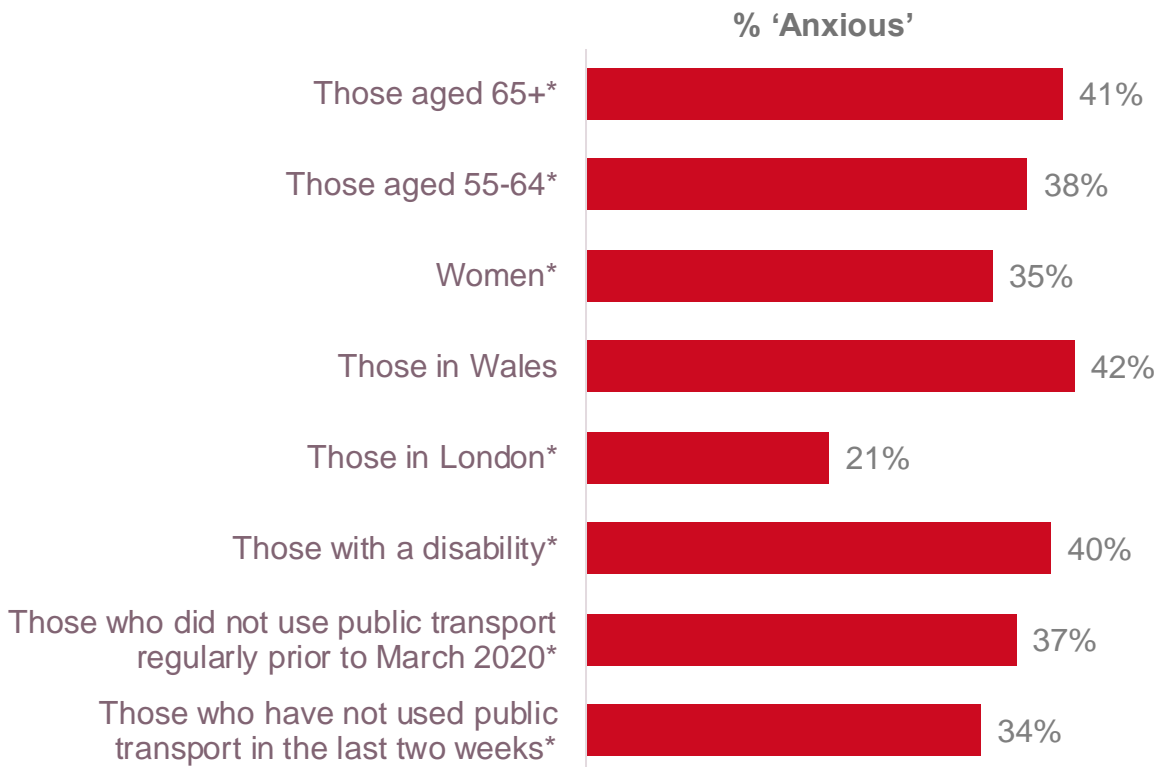
A third would feel anxious using a taxi if they were to do so now

Specifically in relation to coronavirus, on a scale of 1 to 10 where 1 is very anxious and 10 is very relaxed, how would you feel using the following types of transport if you were to do so now - Taxi

Base: W37 1,997



■ 'Anxious' (1-3) ■ 'Indifferent' (4-7) ■ 'Relaxed' (8-10)

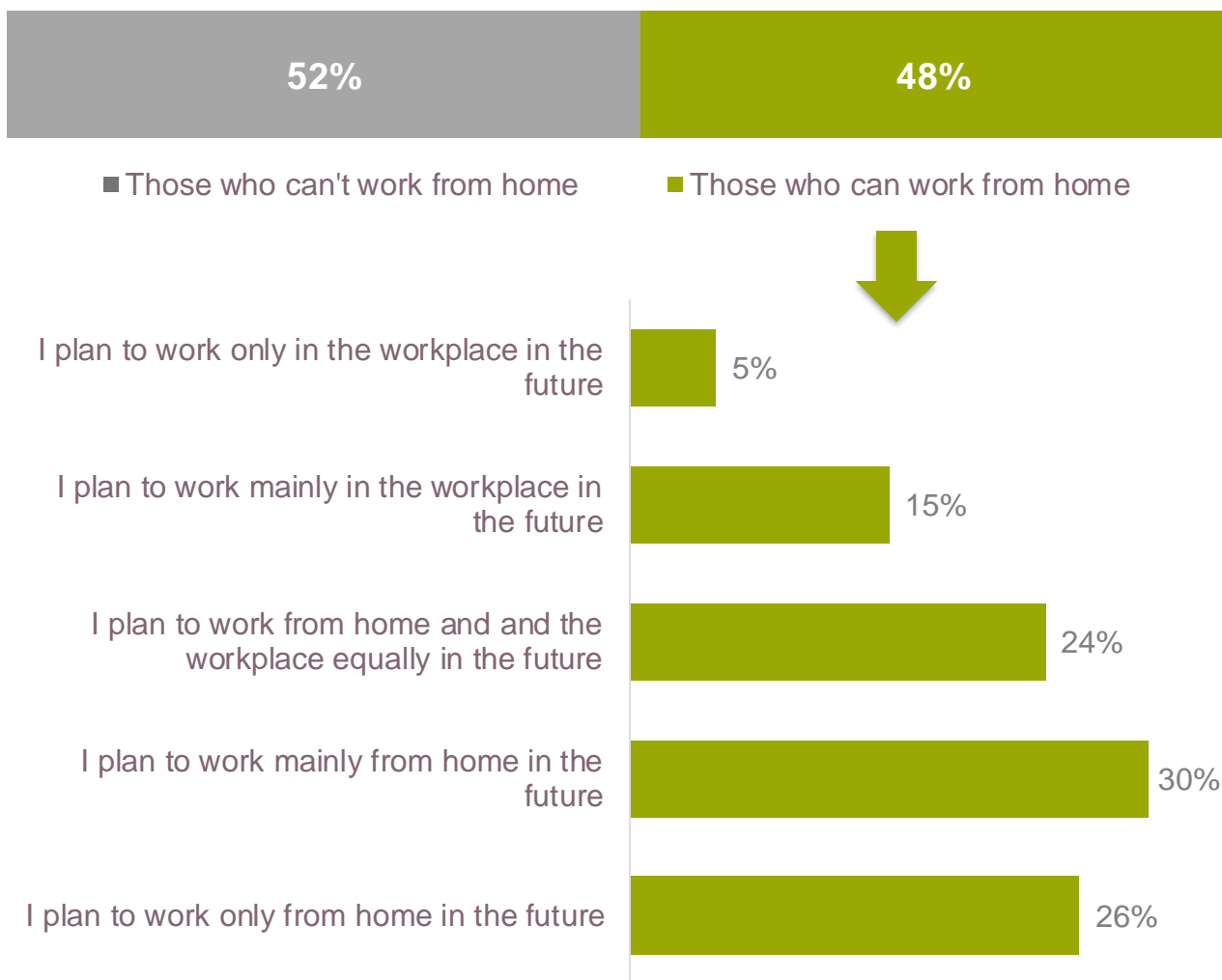


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Just fewer than half of those who are employed or seeking work can work from home. A quarter of those who can work from home plan only to do that in the future.

Which of the following statements applies regarding travelling for work or business when restrictions and furlough ends, and coronavirus no longer poses a significant risk

Base: W37 – All those who are working or seeking work 1,146



Six in ten of those who live in London and are employed or seeking work can work from home. One in five of those who can work from home plan only to do that in the future

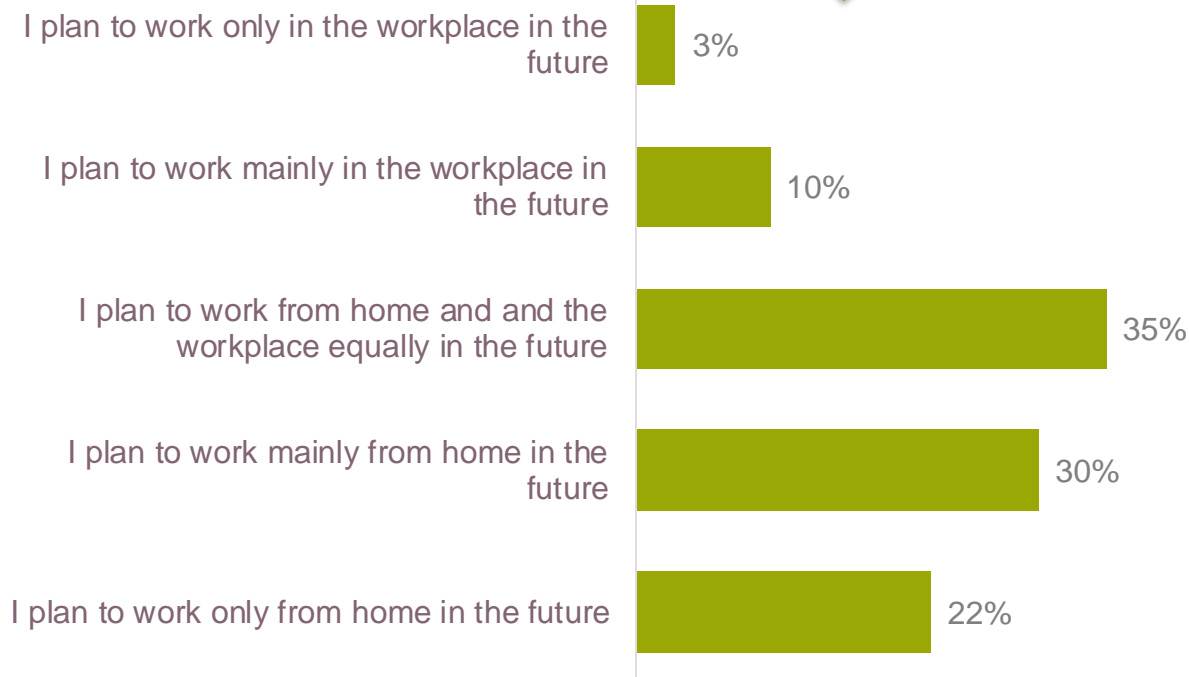
Which of the following statements applies regarding travelling for work or business when restrictions and furlough ends, and coronavirus no longer poses a significant risk

Base: W37 – All those who are working or seeking work who live in London 193



■ Those who can't work from home

■ Those who can work from home

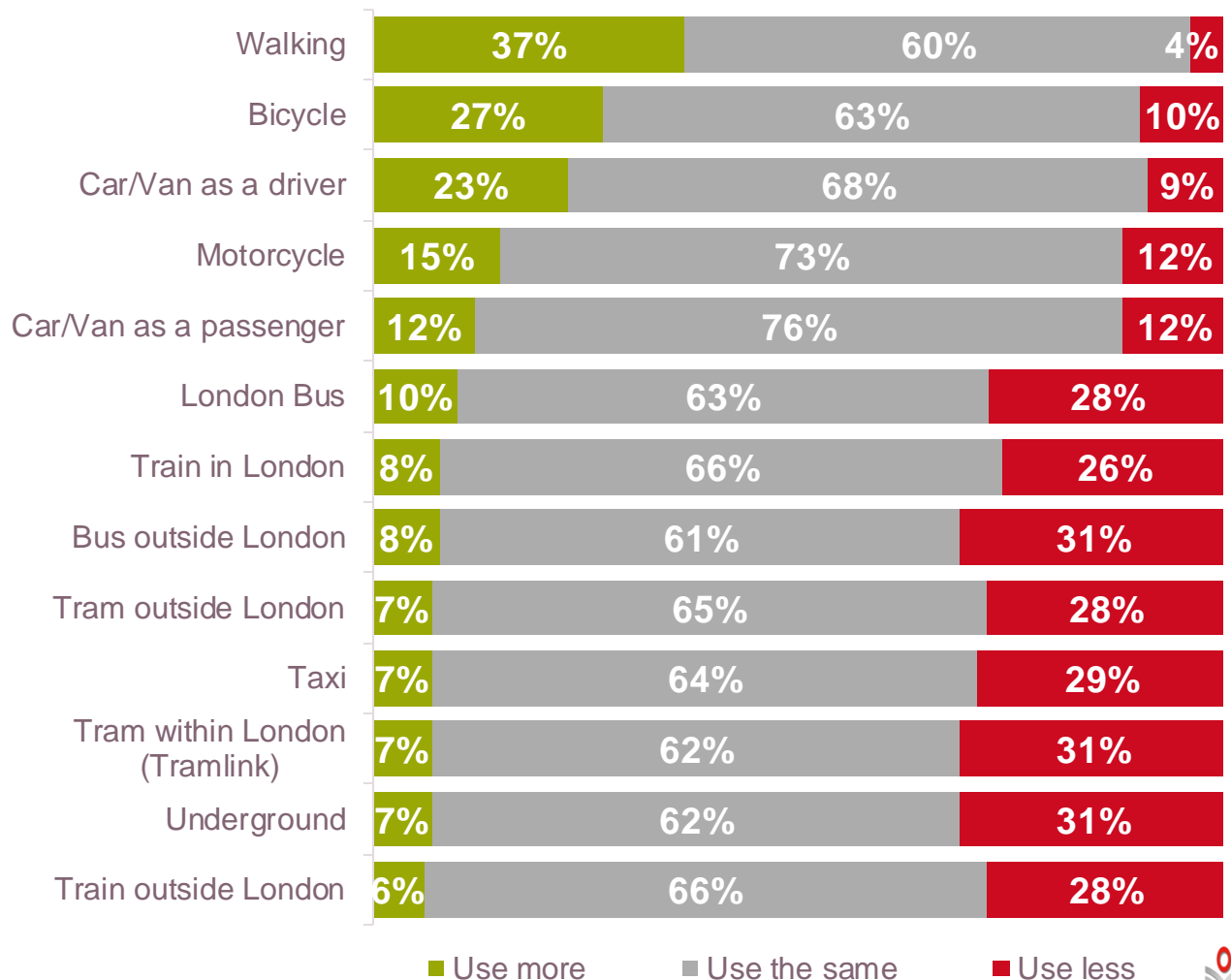


Almost two in five of those who walked previously expect to do so more in the future

When restrictions end and coronavirus no longer poses a significant risk, how do you expect your use of the following types of transport might change compared to 'normal life' before the pandemic started in March last year?

Base: W37

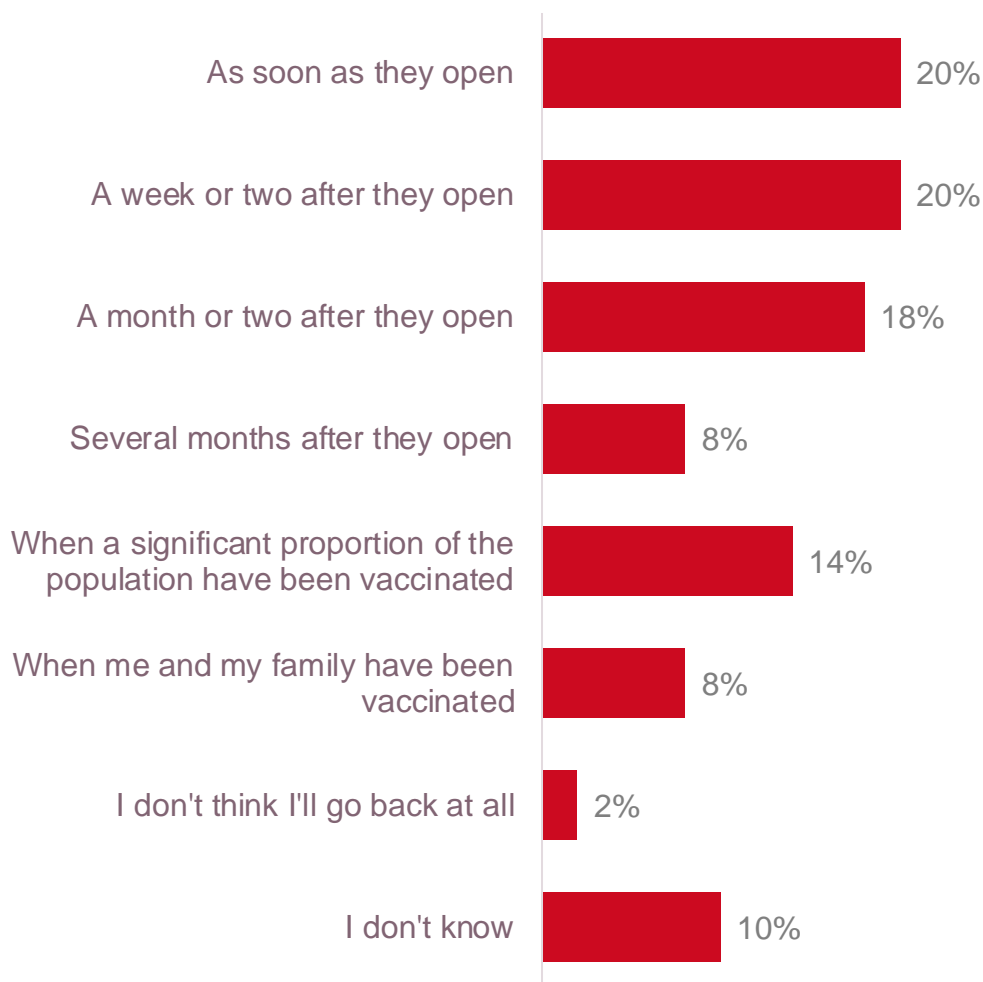
Excludes those who will continue not to use each mode



One in five expect to return to shopping centres / department stores as soon as restrictions are lifted

How soon do you expect to return to the following places?
Shopping centre / Department store

Base: Those who used shopping centres previously (1,928)

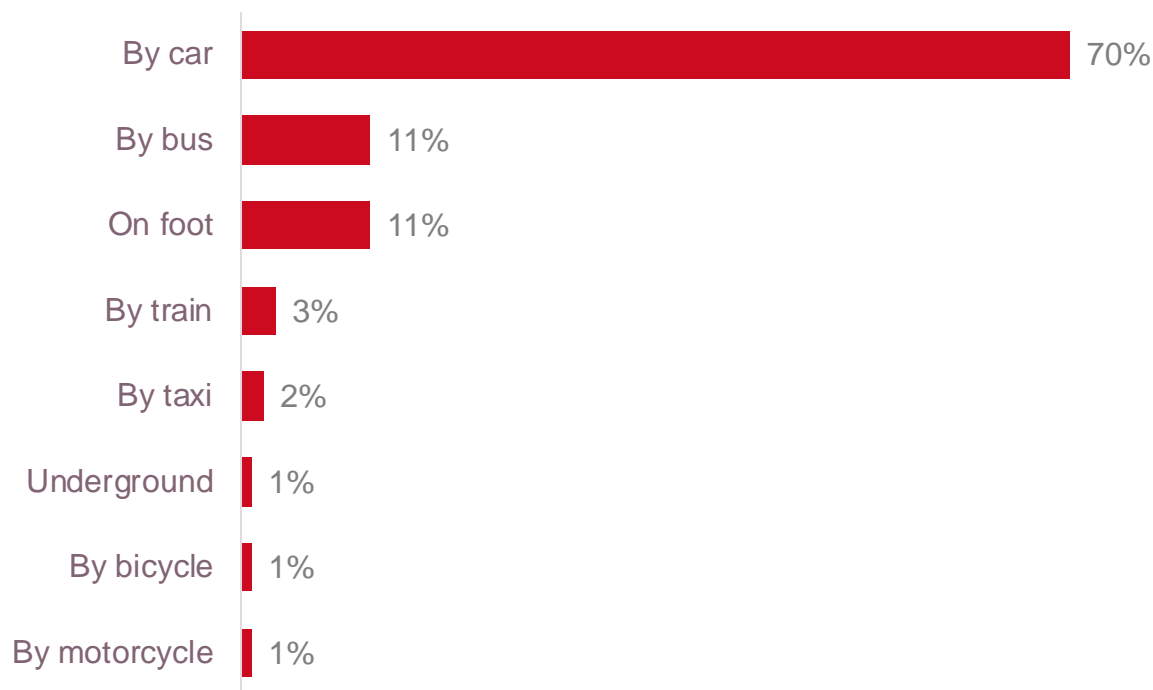


Seven in ten will use a car to travel to shopping centres when restrictions are lifted

And how are you most likely to travel there when you do return?

Shopping centre / Department Store

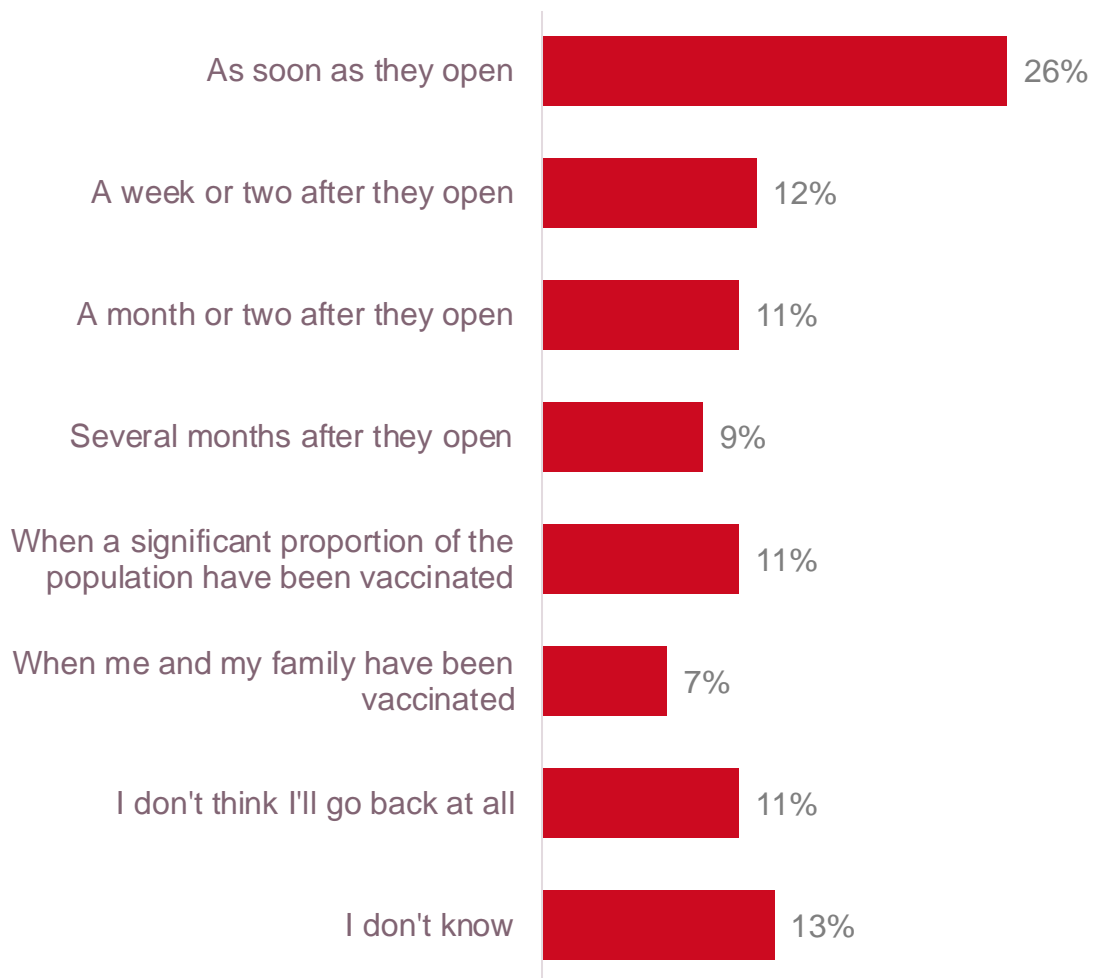
Base: Those who intend to return to shopping centres (1,688)



A quarter expect to return to gyms as soon as restrictions are lifted

How soon do you expect to return to the following places? Gyms

Base: Those who used gyms previously (765)

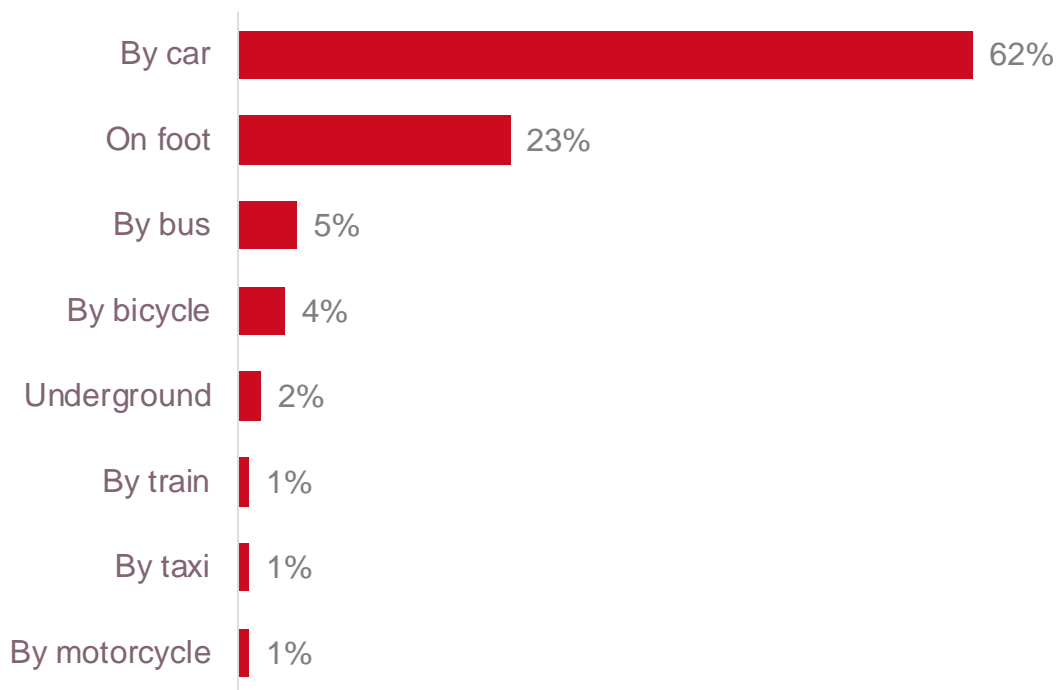


Three in five will use a car to travel to gyms when restrictions are lifted

And how are you most likely to travel there when you do return?

Gym

Base: Those who intend to return to gyms (573)

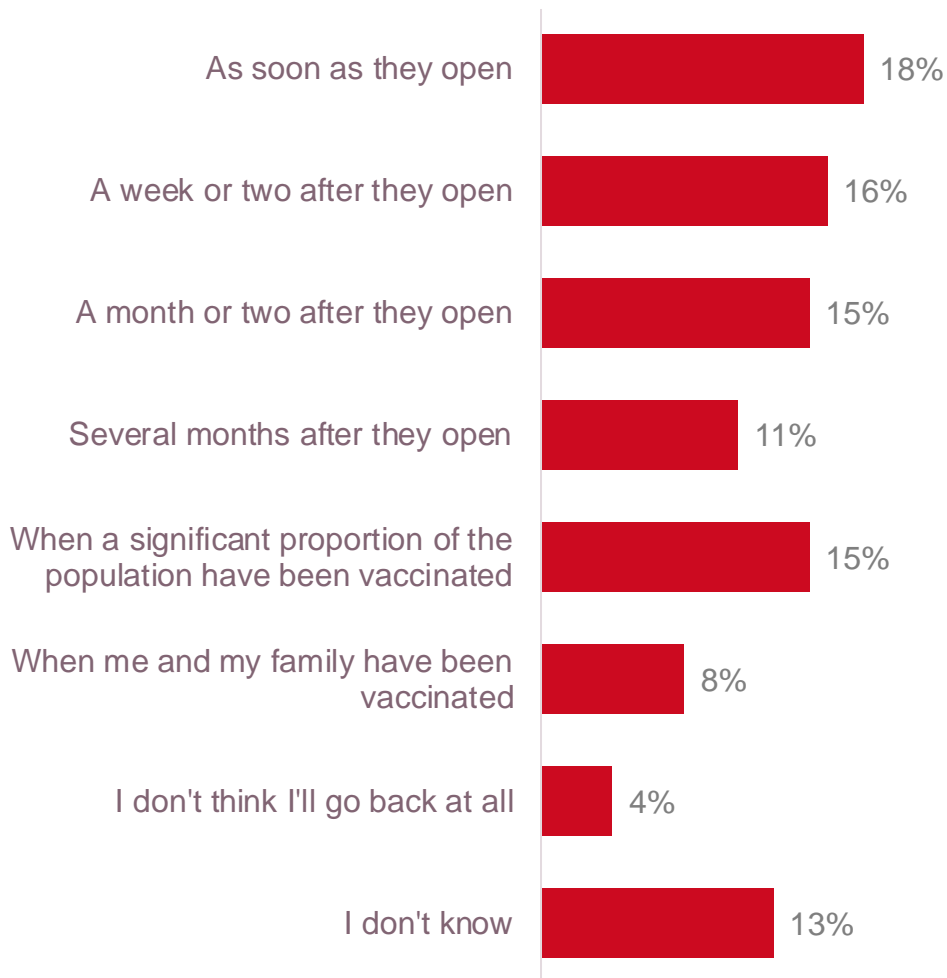


Less than one in five expect to return to pubs as soon as restrictions are lifted

How soon do you expect to return to the following places?

Pubs

Base: Those who used pubs previously (1,628)

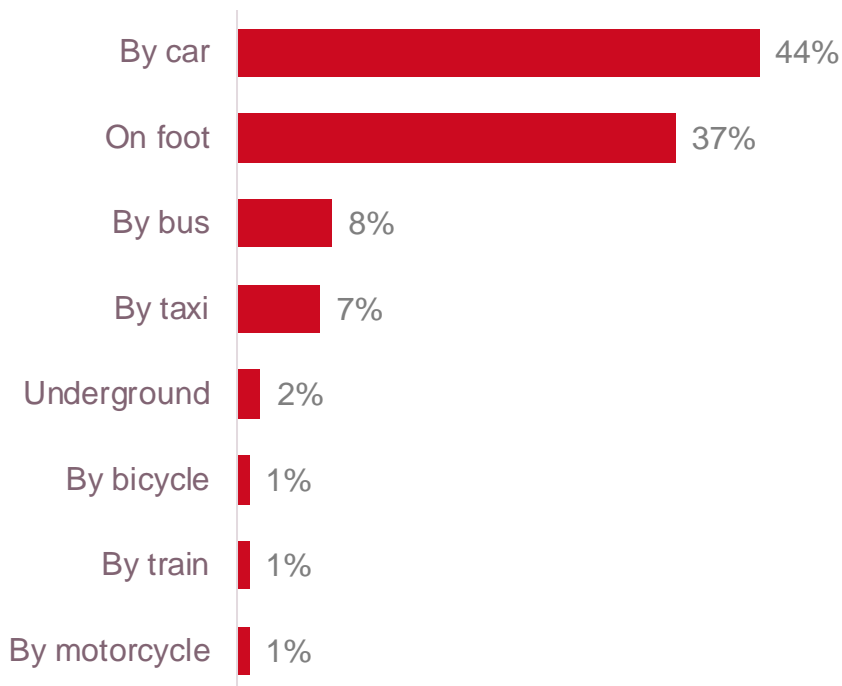


More than two in five will use a car to travel to pubs when restrictions are lifted

And how are you most likely to travel there when you do return?

Pub

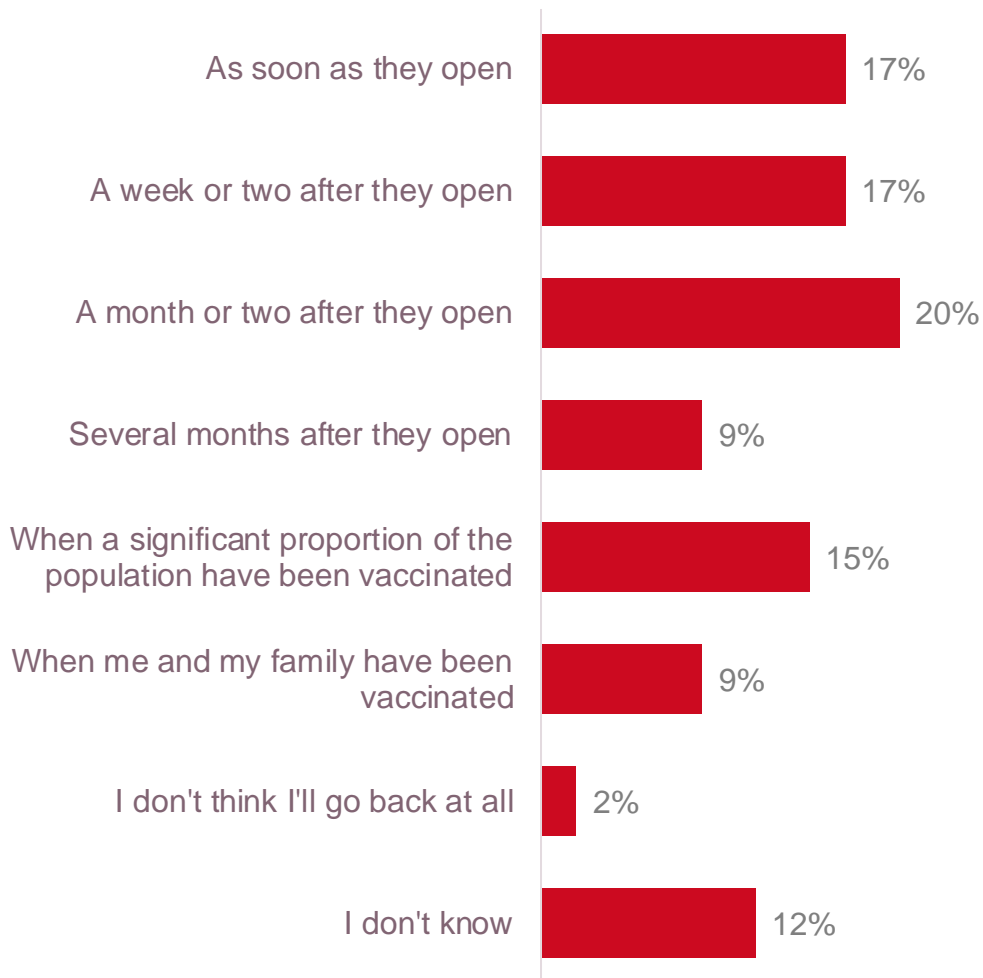
Base: Those who intend to return to pubs (1,349)



Less than one in five expect to return to restaurants as soon as soon as restrictions are lifted

How soon do you expect to return to the following places? Restaurants

Base: Those who used restaurants previously (1,886)

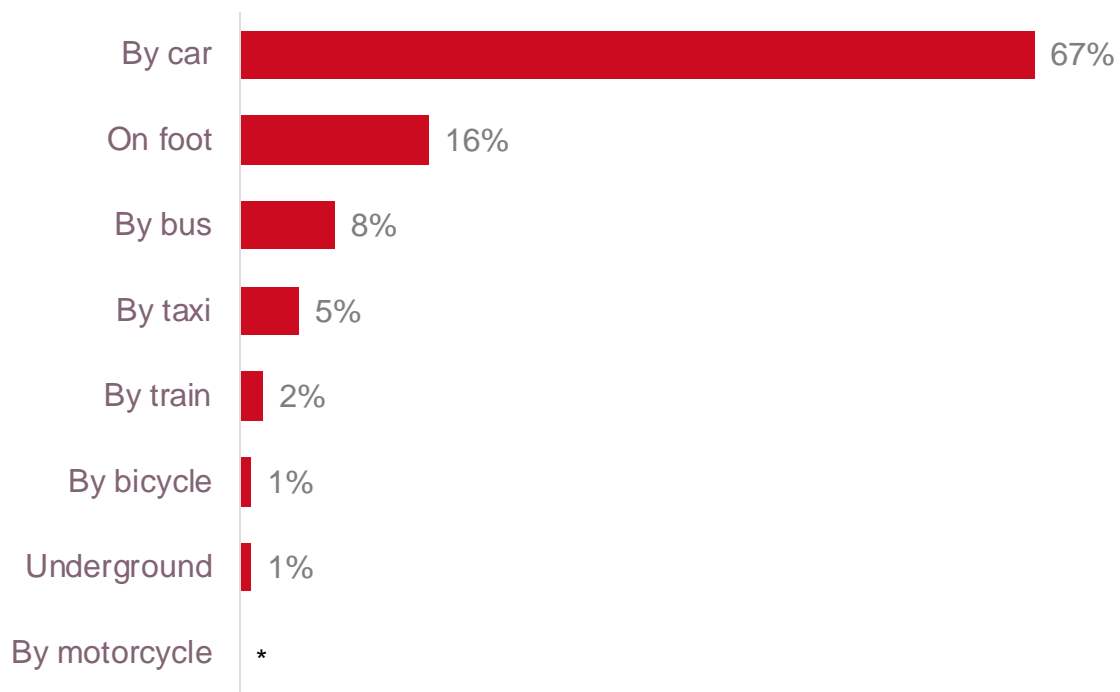


Two thirds will use a car to travel to restaurants when restrictions are lifted

And how are you most likely to travel there when you do return?

Restaurant

Base: Those who intend to return to restaurants (1,631)

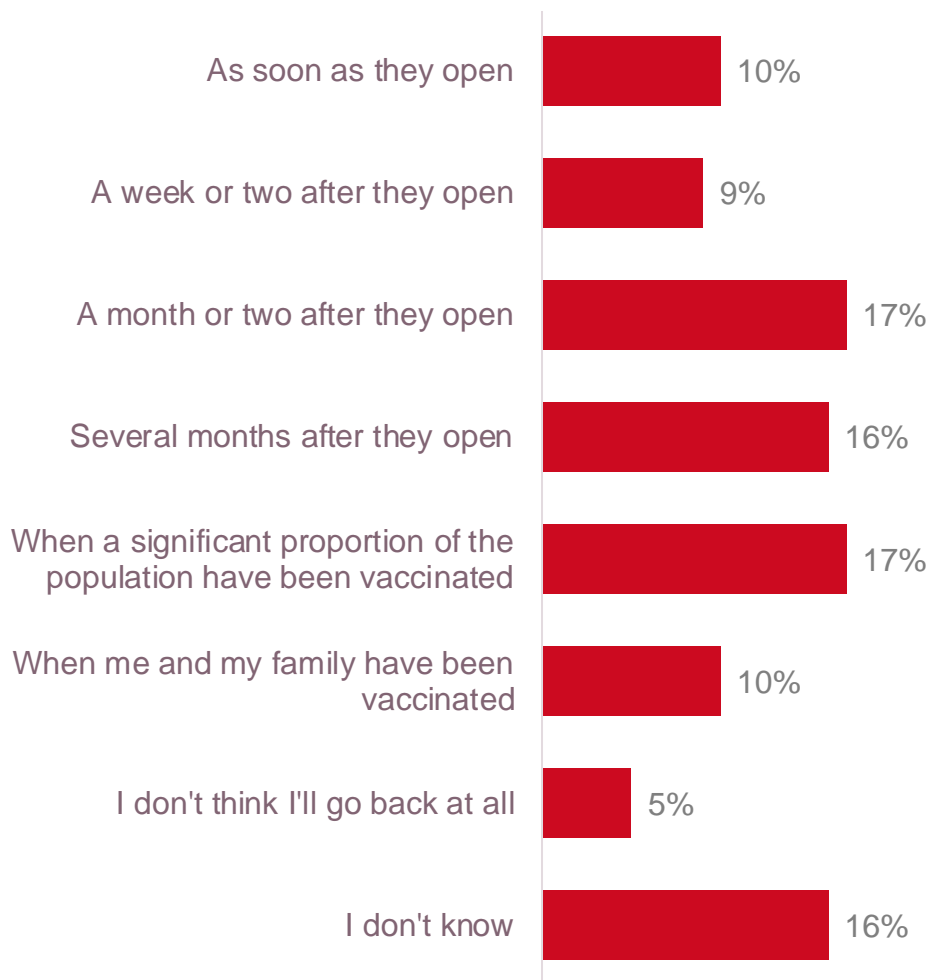


* Less than 1%

One in ten expect to return to cinemas or theatres as soon as restrictions are lifted

How soon do you expect to return to the following places? Cinemas or theatres

Base: Those who used cinemas or theatres previously (1,656)

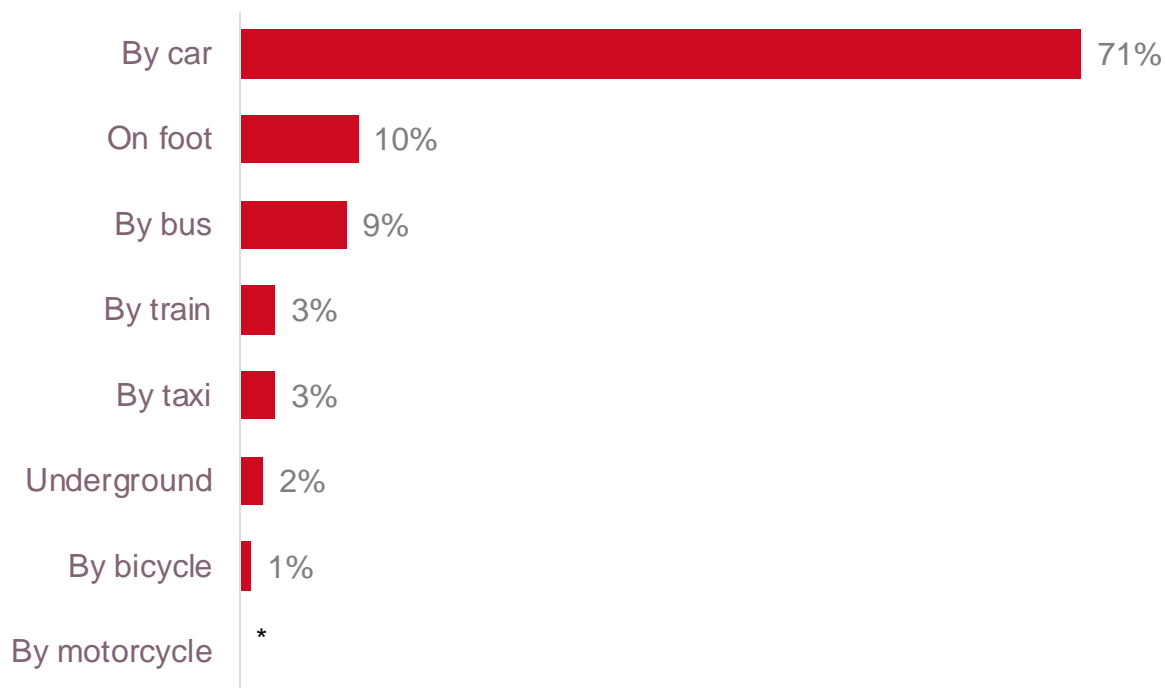


Seven in ten will use a car to travel to cinemas or theatres when restrictions are lifted

And how are you most likely to travel there when you do return?

Cinema or theatre

Base: Those who intend to return to cinemas or theatres (1,316)

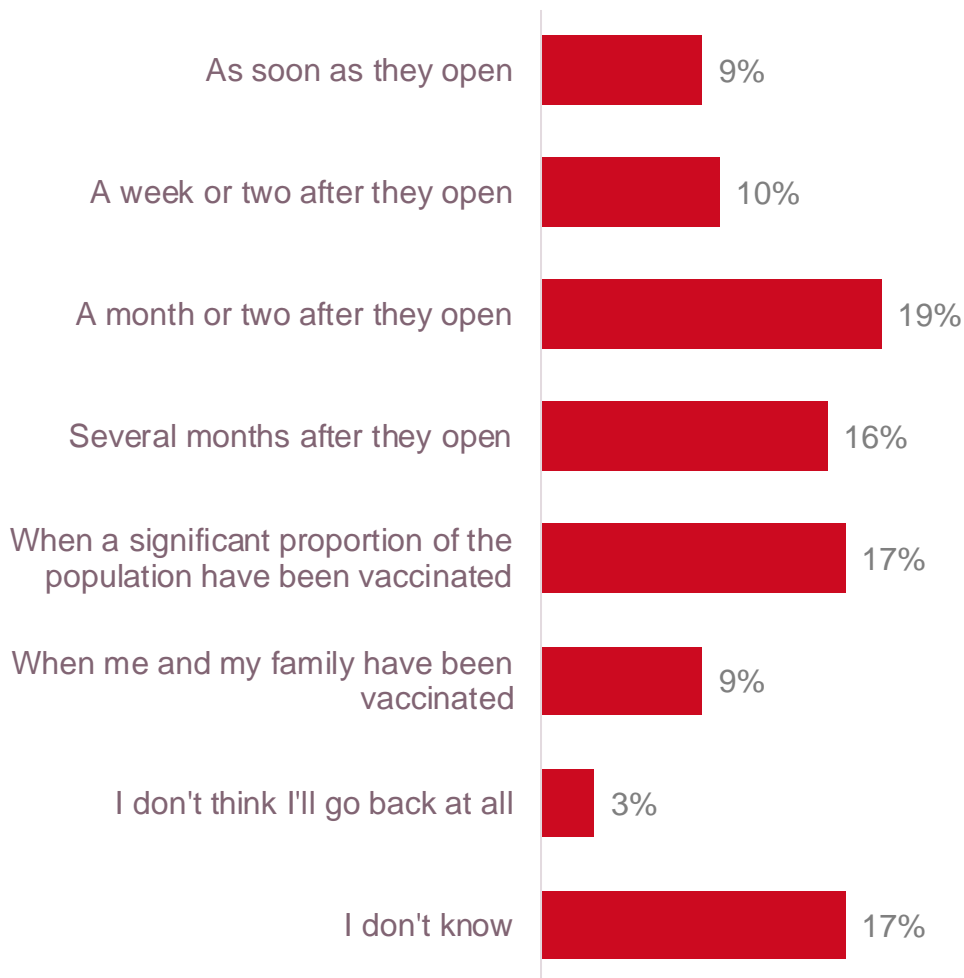


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One in ten expect to return to indoor leisure attractions as soon as restrictions are lifted

How soon do you expect to return to the following places? Indoor leisure attractions

Base: Those who used indoor leisure attractions previously
(1,683)

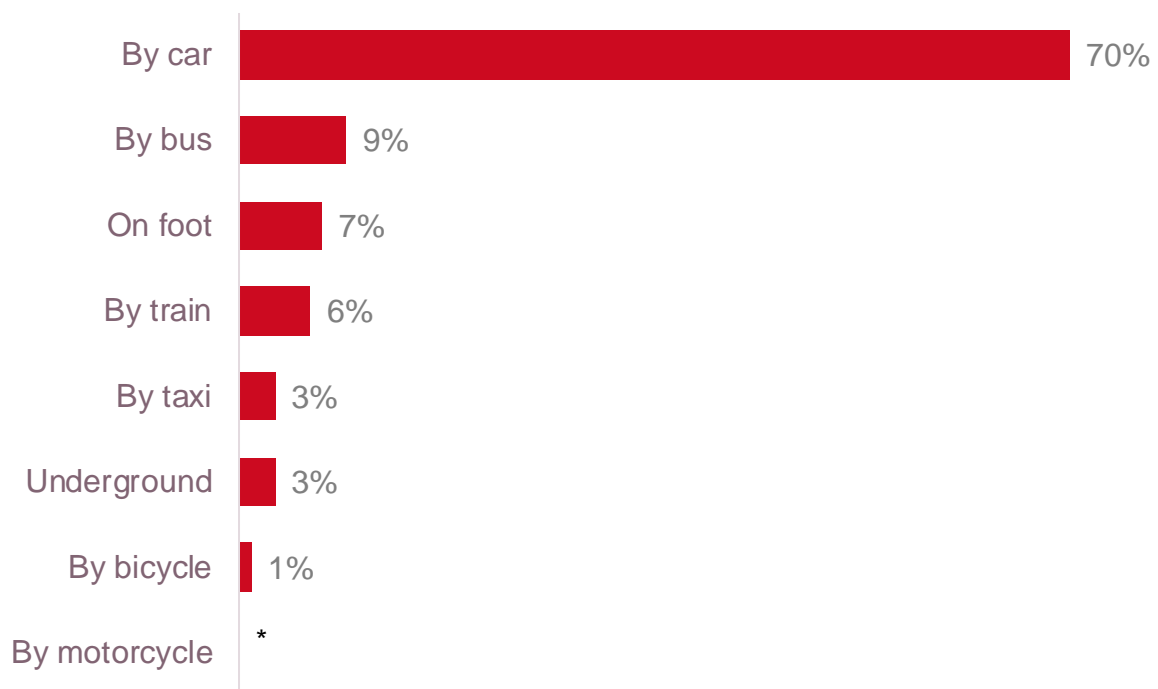


Seven in ten will use a car to travel to indoor leisure attractions when restrictions are lifted

And how are you most likely to travel there when you do return?

Indoor leisure attraction

Base: Those who intend to return to indoor leisure attractions (1,354)

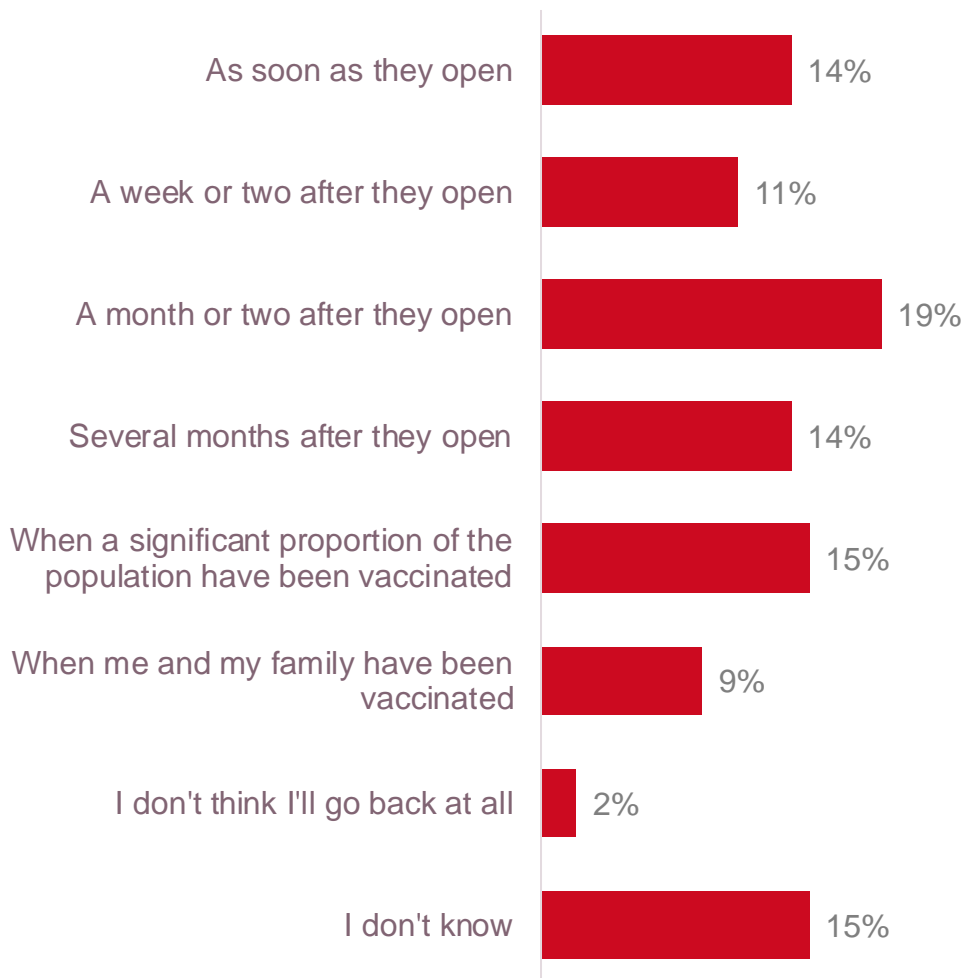


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One in seven expect to return to outdoor leisure attractions as soon as restrictions are lifted

How soon do you expect to return to the following places? Outdoor leisure attractions

Base: Those who used outdoor leisure attractions previously
(1,730)

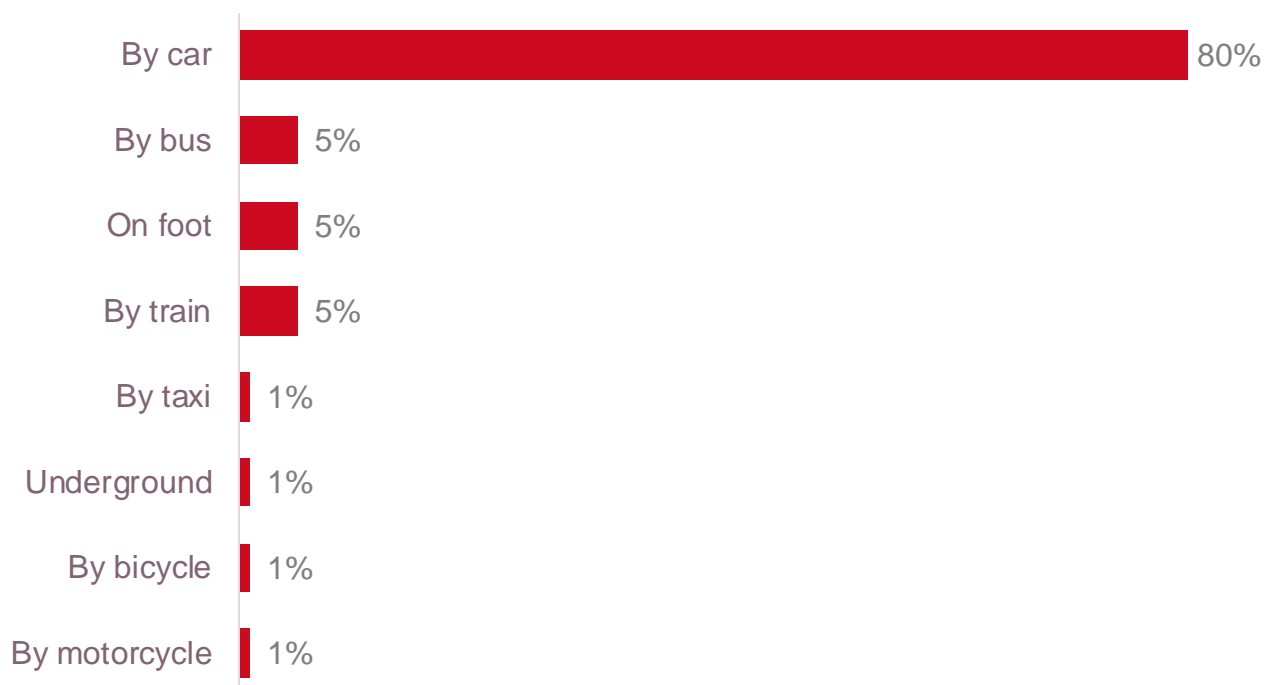


Four in five will use a car to travel to outdoor leisure attractions when restrictions are lifted

And how are you most likely to travel there when you do return?

Outdoor leisure attraction

Base: Those who intend to return to outdoor leisure attractions (1,436)



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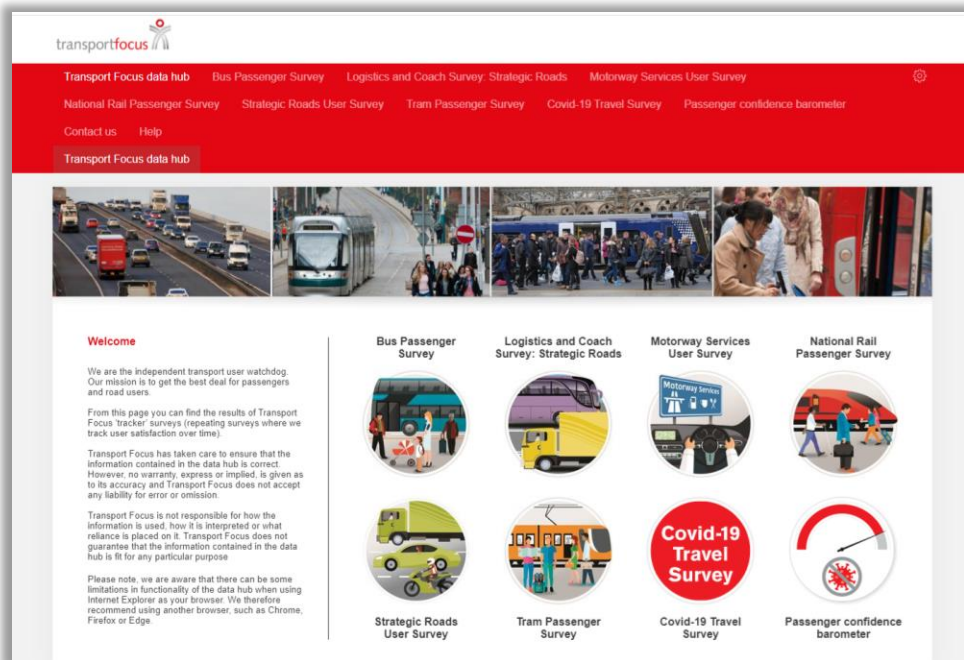
Transport Focus Data Hub

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 37

- c.2000 online interviews per wave. Using Yonder Consulting 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 on every other weekend. Wave 37 fieldwork: 19-21 February
- 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
Wave 37	2017	234	316	267	353	352	495	954	1063

Sample size by region

	Scotland	North East	North West	Yorks & Humber	West Midlands	East Midlands	Wales	Eastern	London	South East	South West
Wave 37	172	78	219	164	191	159	104	180	295	282	173