



Travel during Covid-19

Tracking research - wave 39

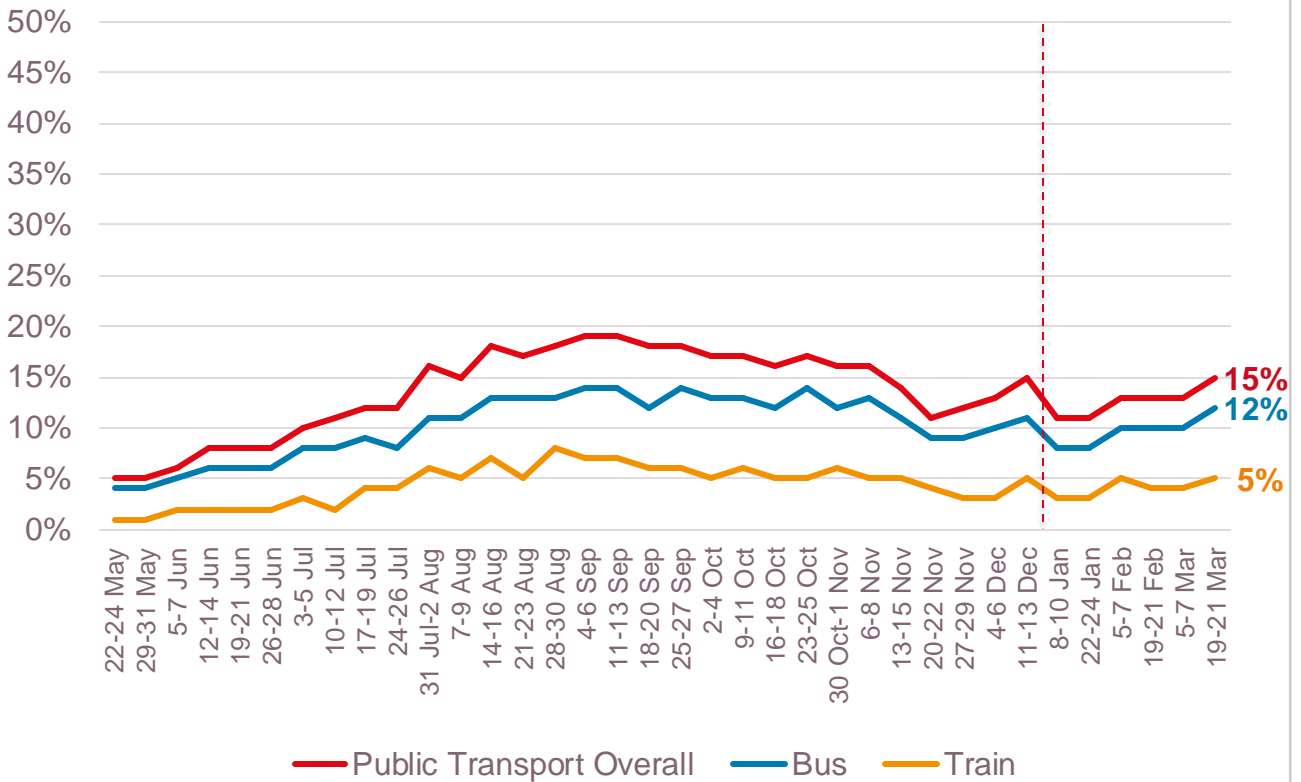
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The proportion of people using public transport has increased

Use of public transport in last two weeks – Great Britain

Trend - last 36 waves

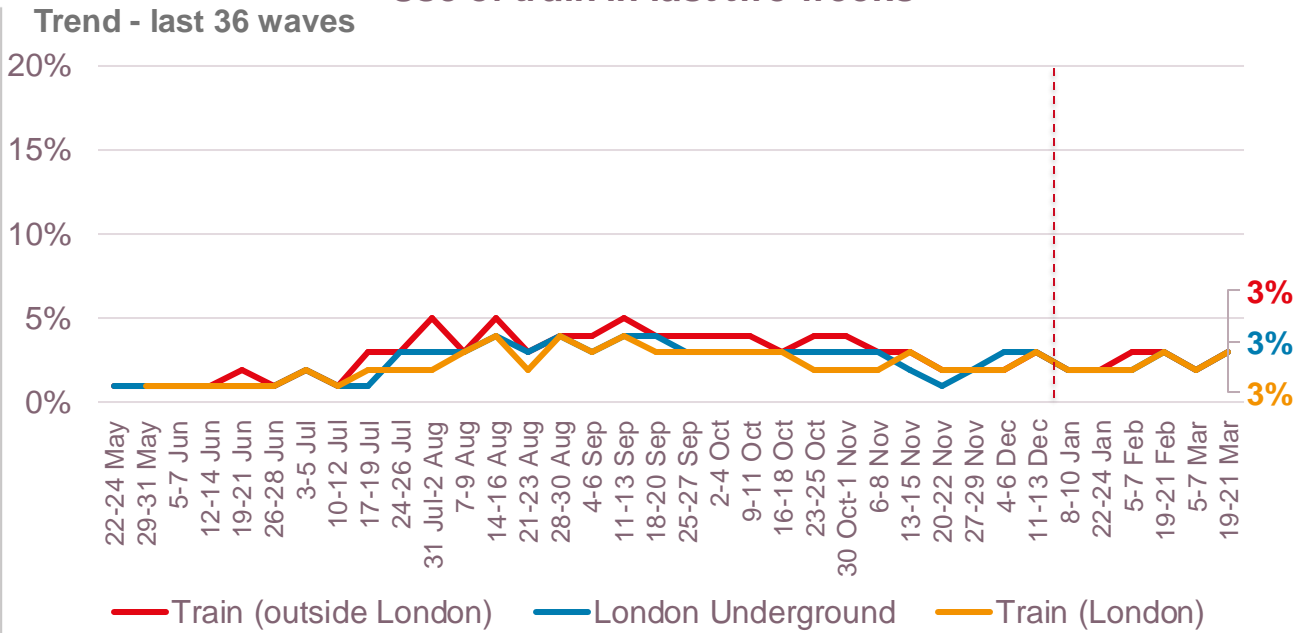


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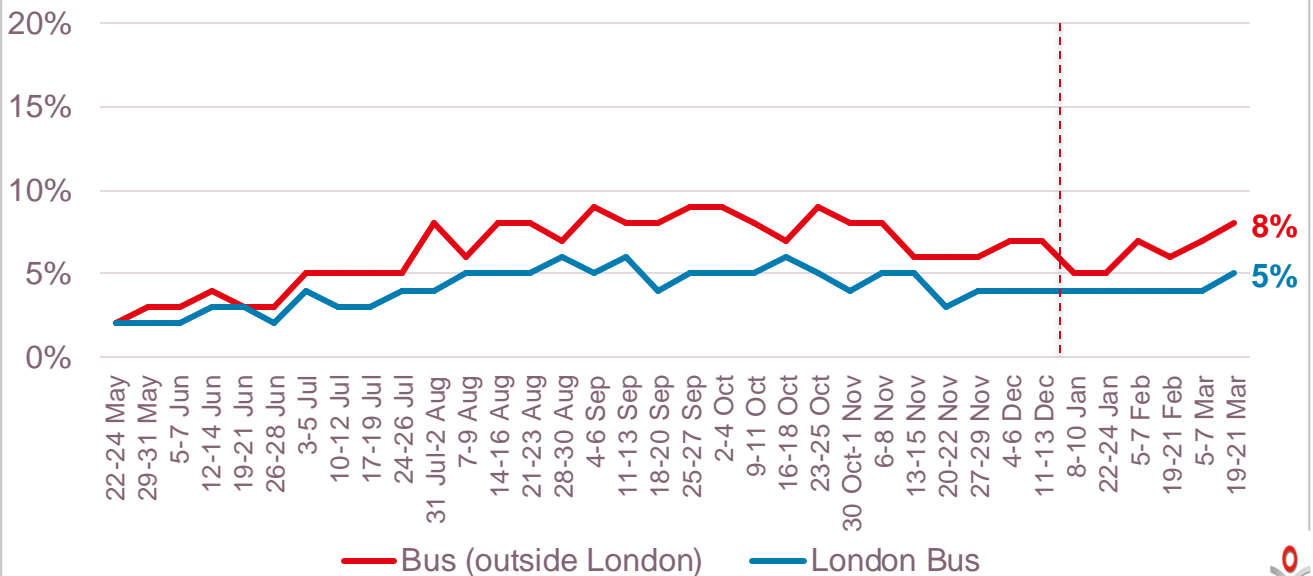
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Increasing proportions have used trains and buses

Use of train in last two weeks



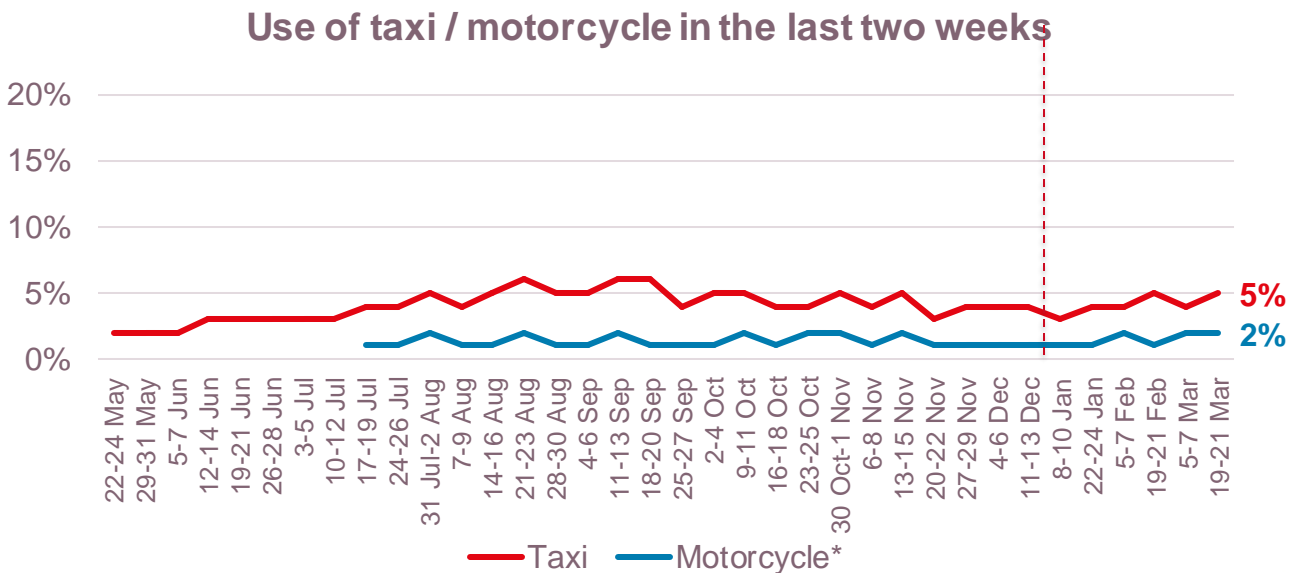
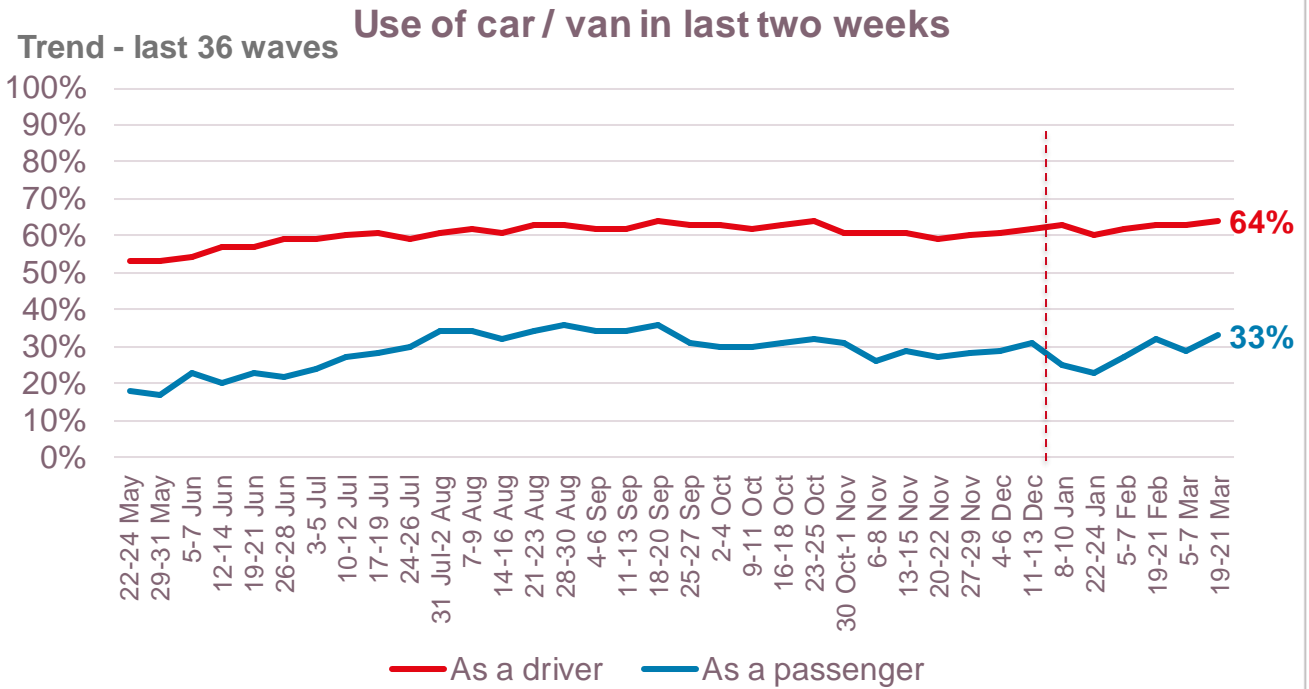
Use of bus in last two weeks



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Road use has increased recently



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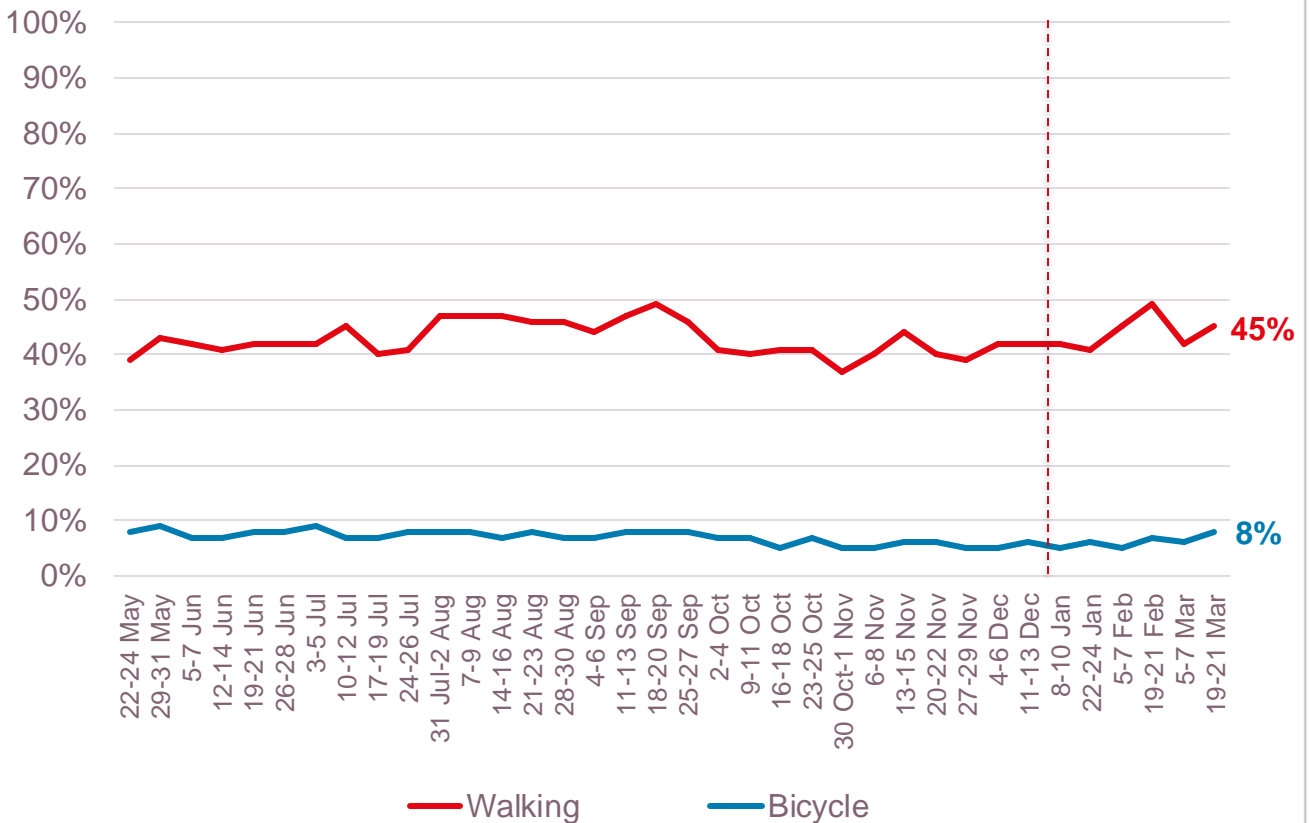
* Separated out at week 12 (17-19 July)

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More than two in five have made journeys on foot, while fewer have made journeys by bike

Use of other modes of transport in the last two weeks

Trend - last 36 waves

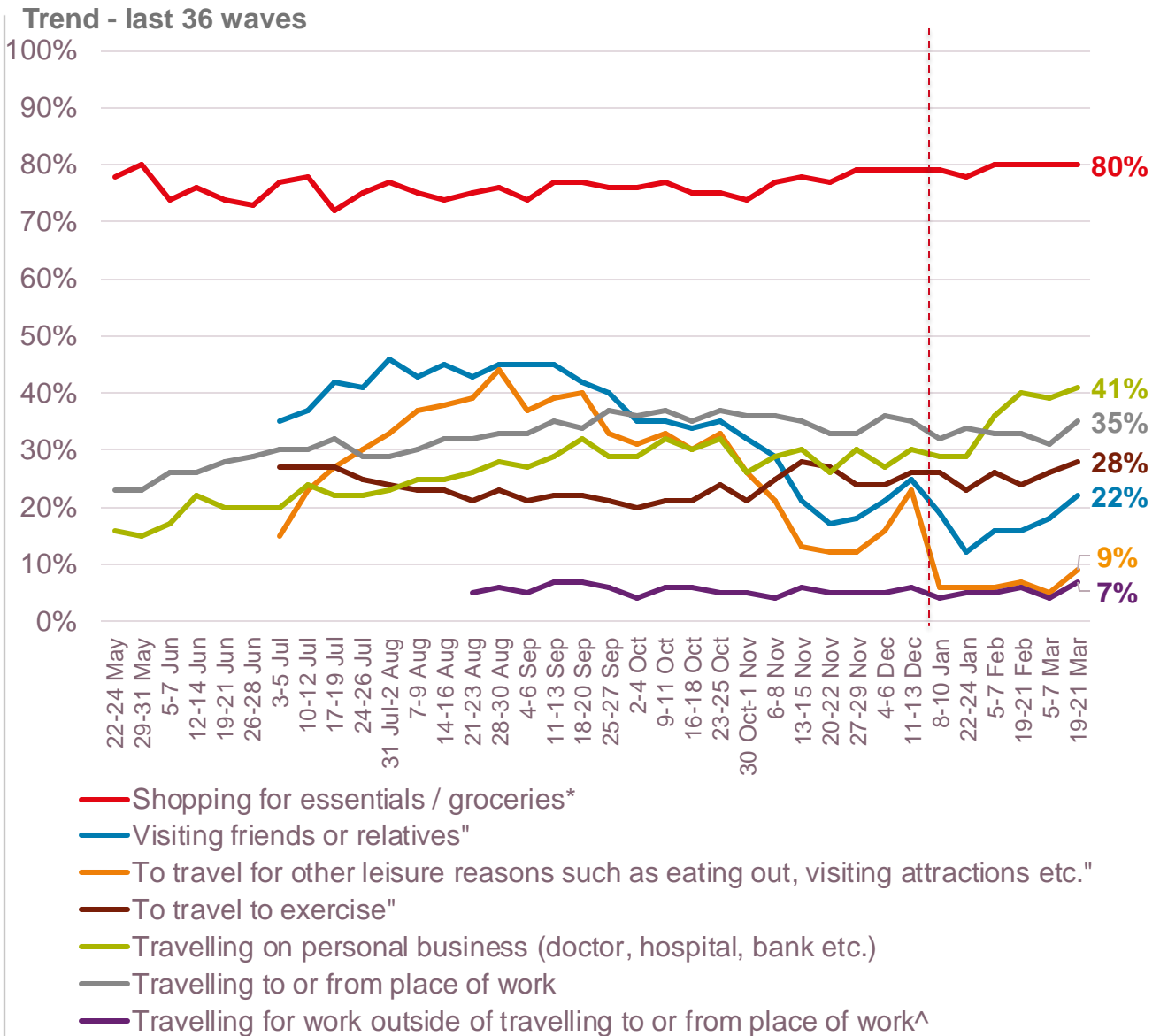


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Increasing proportions have made journeys for various reasons over recent weeks

Reasons for making journeys in the last two weeks



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

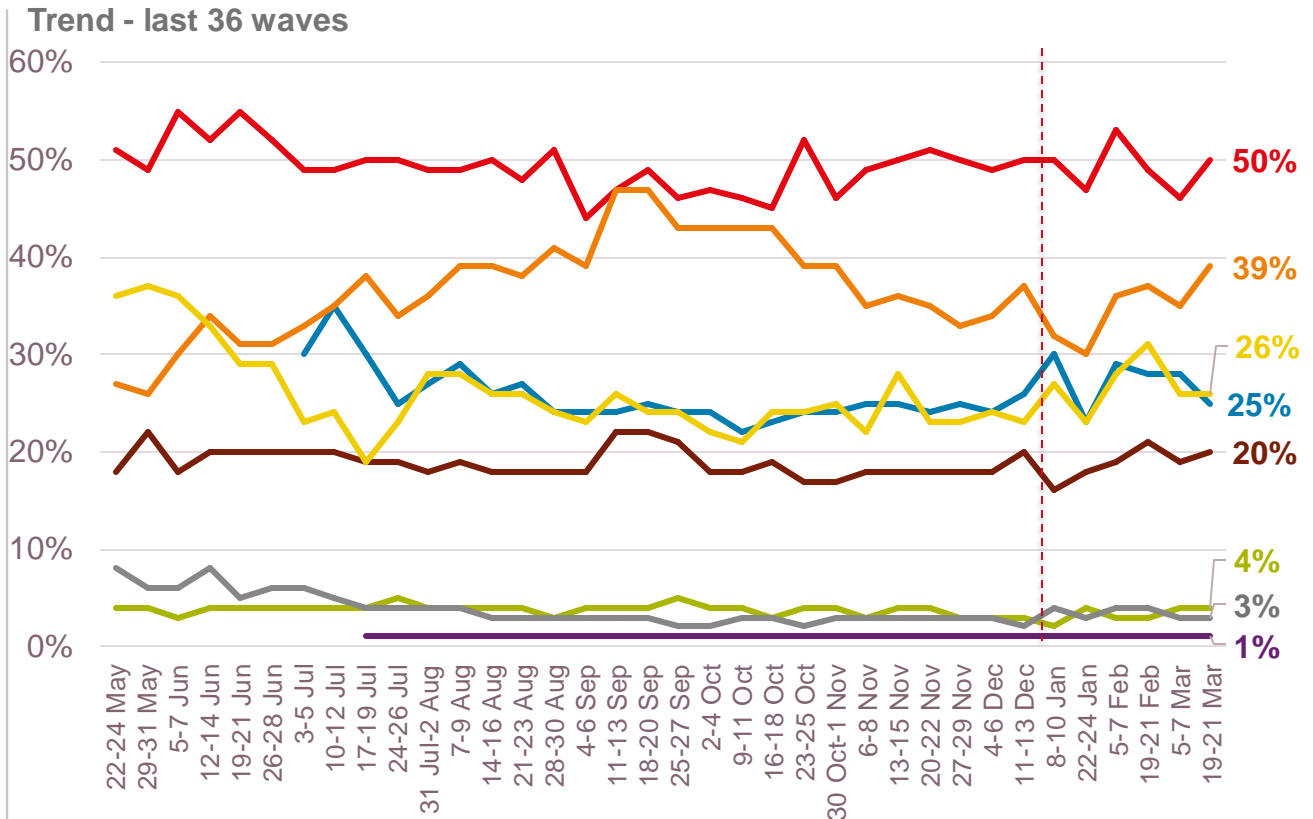
" data shown from week 10 (3-5 July) only as significant text changes made from this week onwards

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

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Falling proportions have not used public transport in the last two weeks because they don't feel safe doing so

Reasons public transport not used in the last two weeks



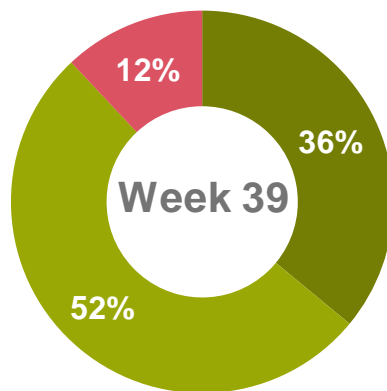
- Because I had no reason to make a journey using public transport
- Because I don't feel safe using public transport at the moment^
- I have used a car / van instead
- I have used a motorcycle instead''
- I have cycled instead
- I could not travel because I was ill / self isolating / caring for others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

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 * 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 two weeks felt safe doing so

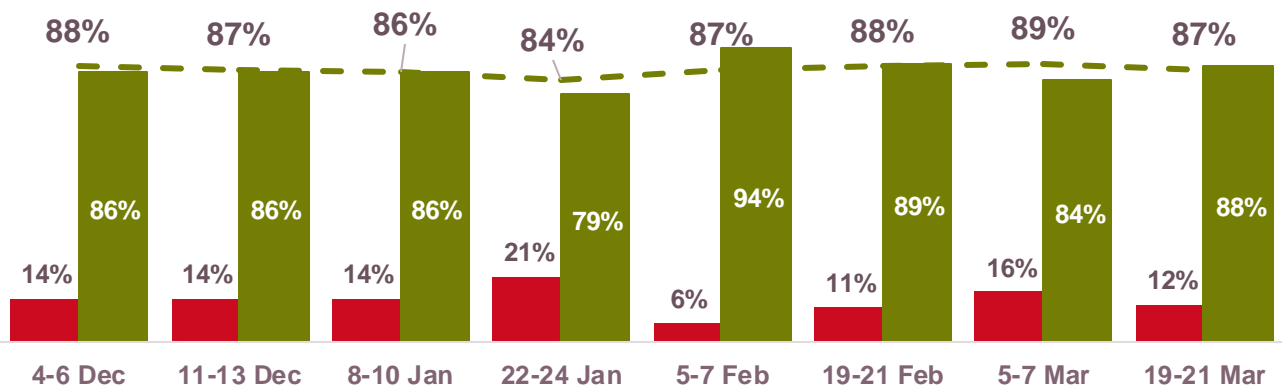
Specifically in relation to coronavirus, how safe do you feel at the moment when using trains?

Base: All making journeys by train, W39 – 99



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

Trend - last eight waves



■ % Not very / Not at all safe

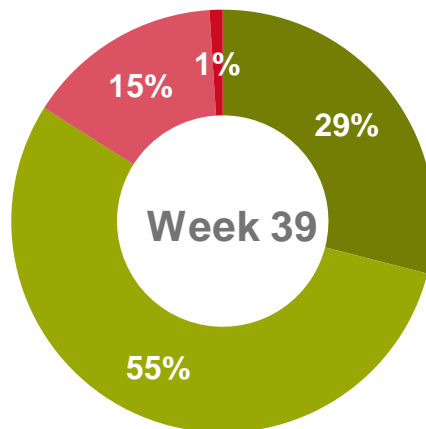
■ Very / Fairly safe

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

More than four in five of those making bus journeys in the last two weeks felt safe doing so

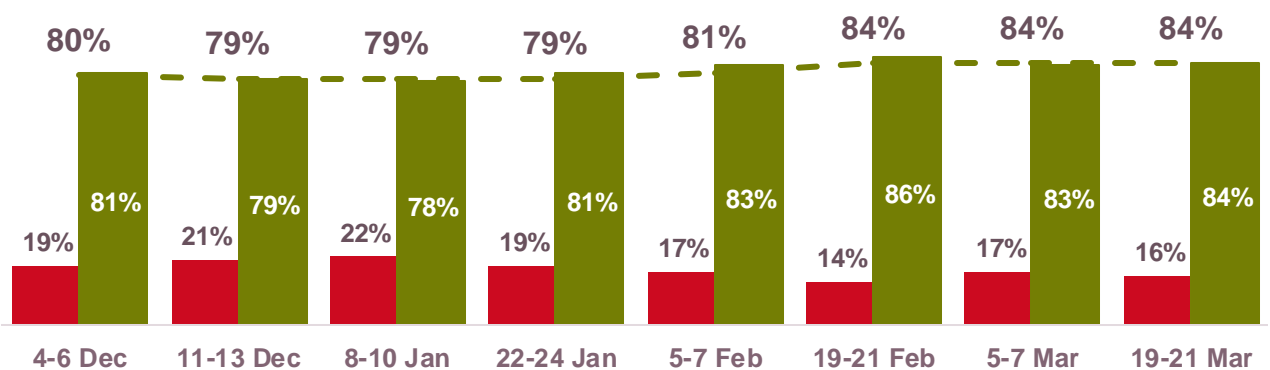
Specifically in relation to coronavirus, how safe do you feel at the moment when using buses?

Base: All making journeys by bus, W39 – 226



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

Trend - last eight waves



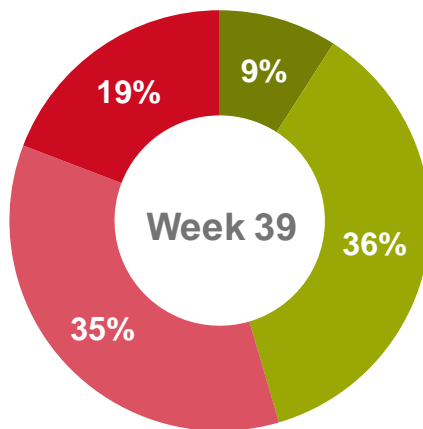
■ % Not very / Not at all safe

■ Very / Fairly safe

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

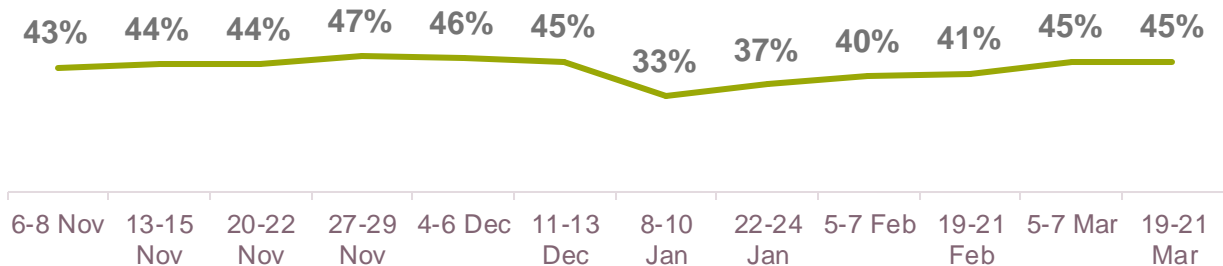
Almost half of those who have not used a train in the last two weeks would feel safe doing so

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, W39 – 1,889



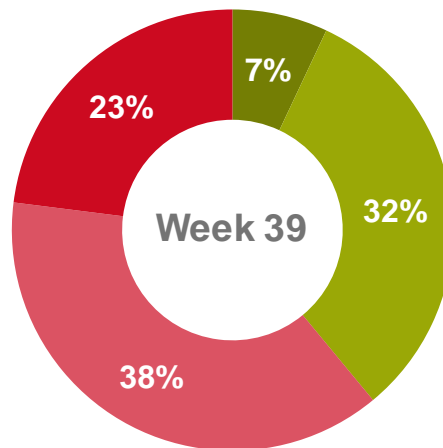
■ Very Safe ■ Fairly safe ■ Not very safe ■ Not at all safe

Trend - % safe – last twelve waves



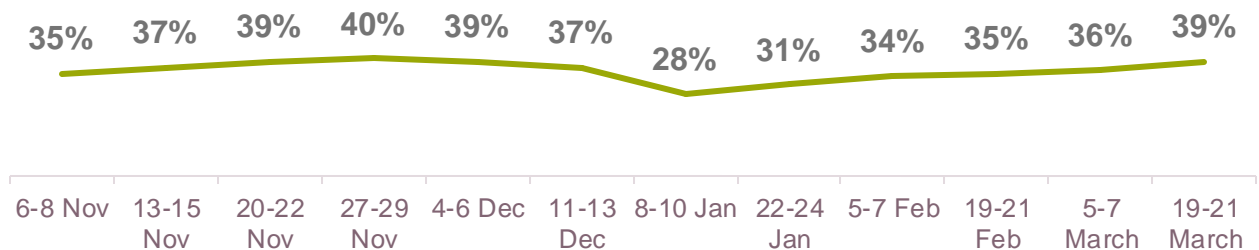
Two in five of those who have not used a bus in the last two weeks would feel safe doing so

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, W39 – 1,762



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

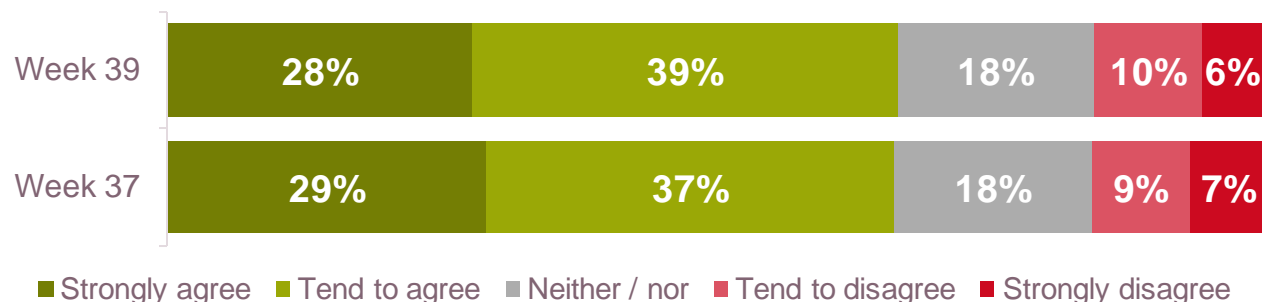
Trend - % safe – last twelve waves



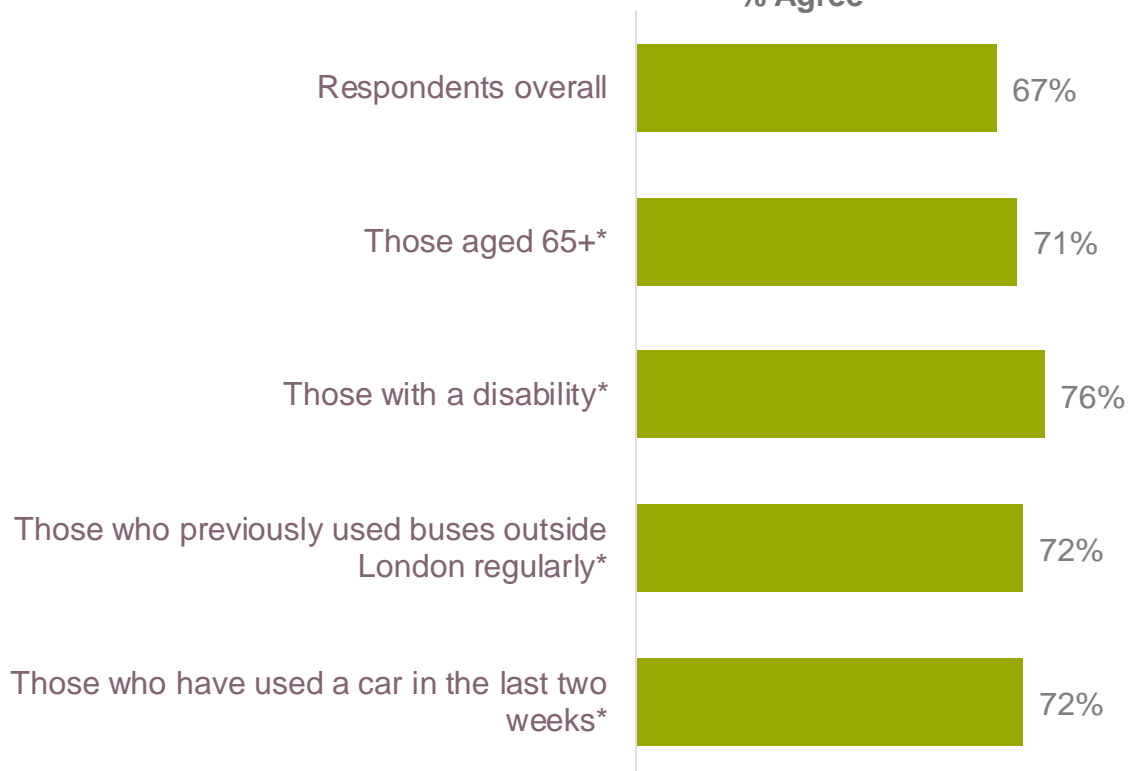
For two-thirds Coronavirus is a major concern. Those who are older and more vulnerable are more likely than others to agree.

Coronavirus is a major concern for me

Base: W39 1,968 / W37 1,969



% Agree



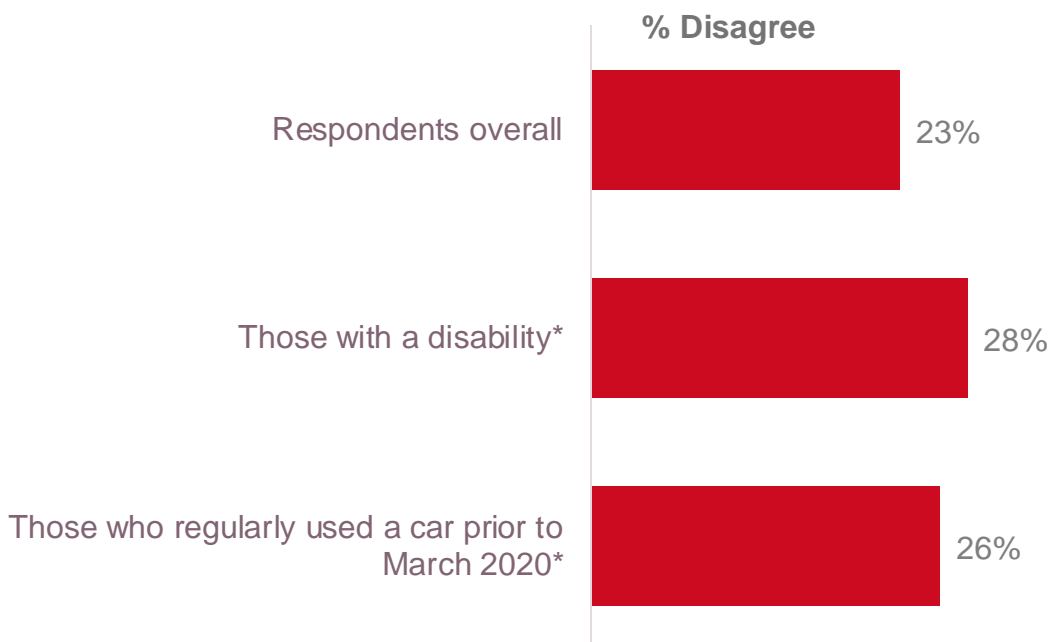
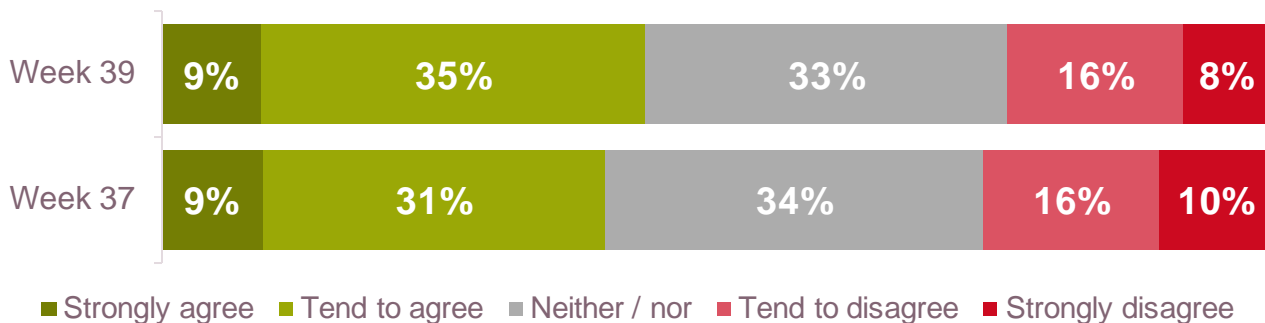
Base excludes don't know/not applicable answers

* 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: W39 1,544 / W37 1,582



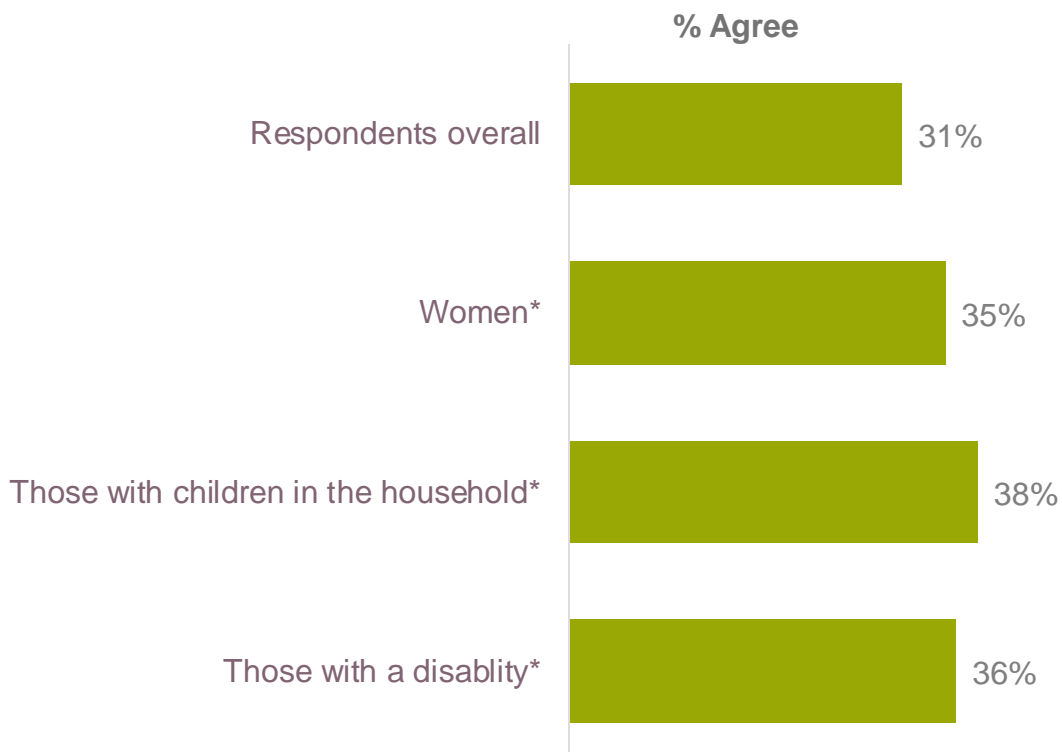
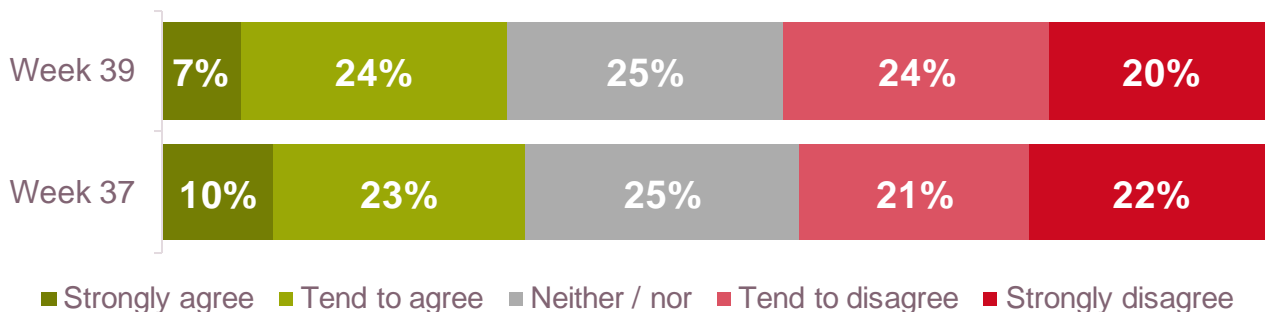
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Three in ten say that they will never again feel completely comfortable on public transport

I will never again feel completely comfortable on public transport

Base: W39 1,823 / W37 1,823



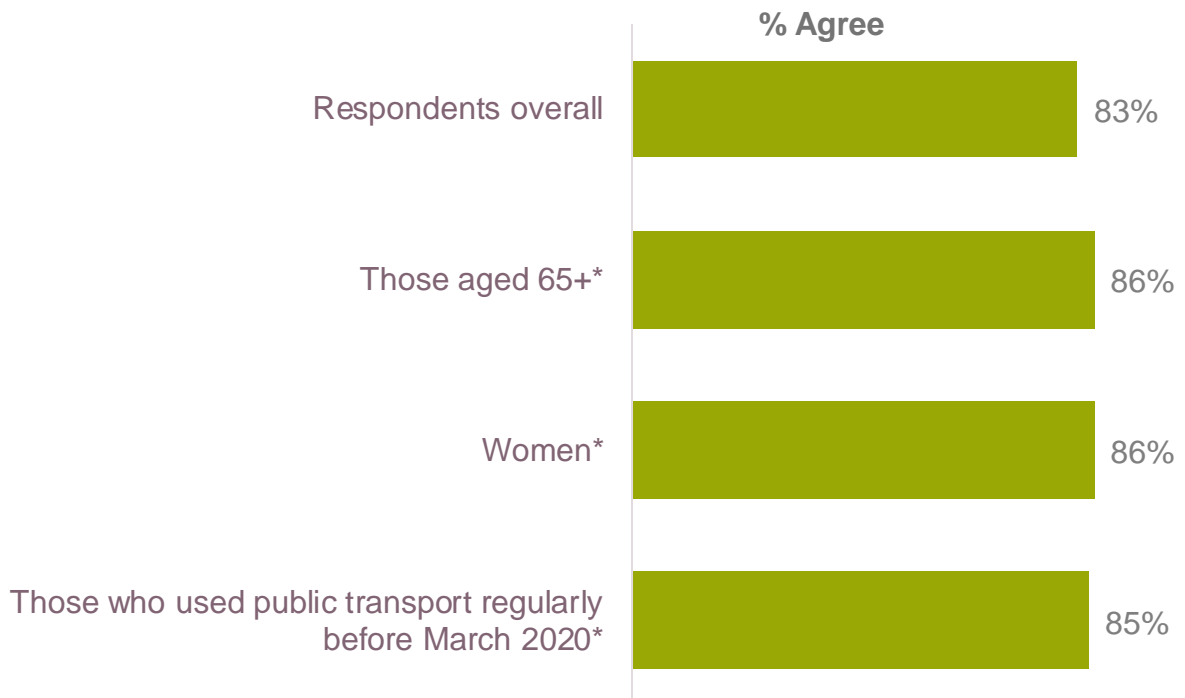
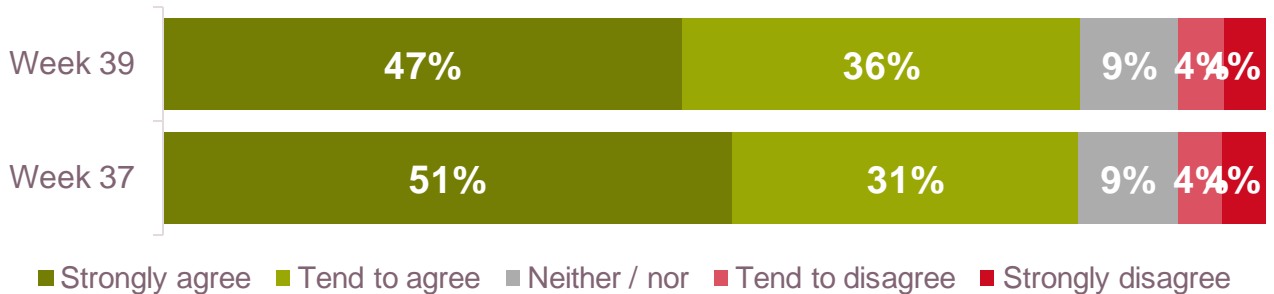
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More than four in five have been avoiding unnecessary activities due to the coronavirus

I have been avoiding unnecessary activities due to the coronavirus

Base: W39 1,948 / W37 1,961



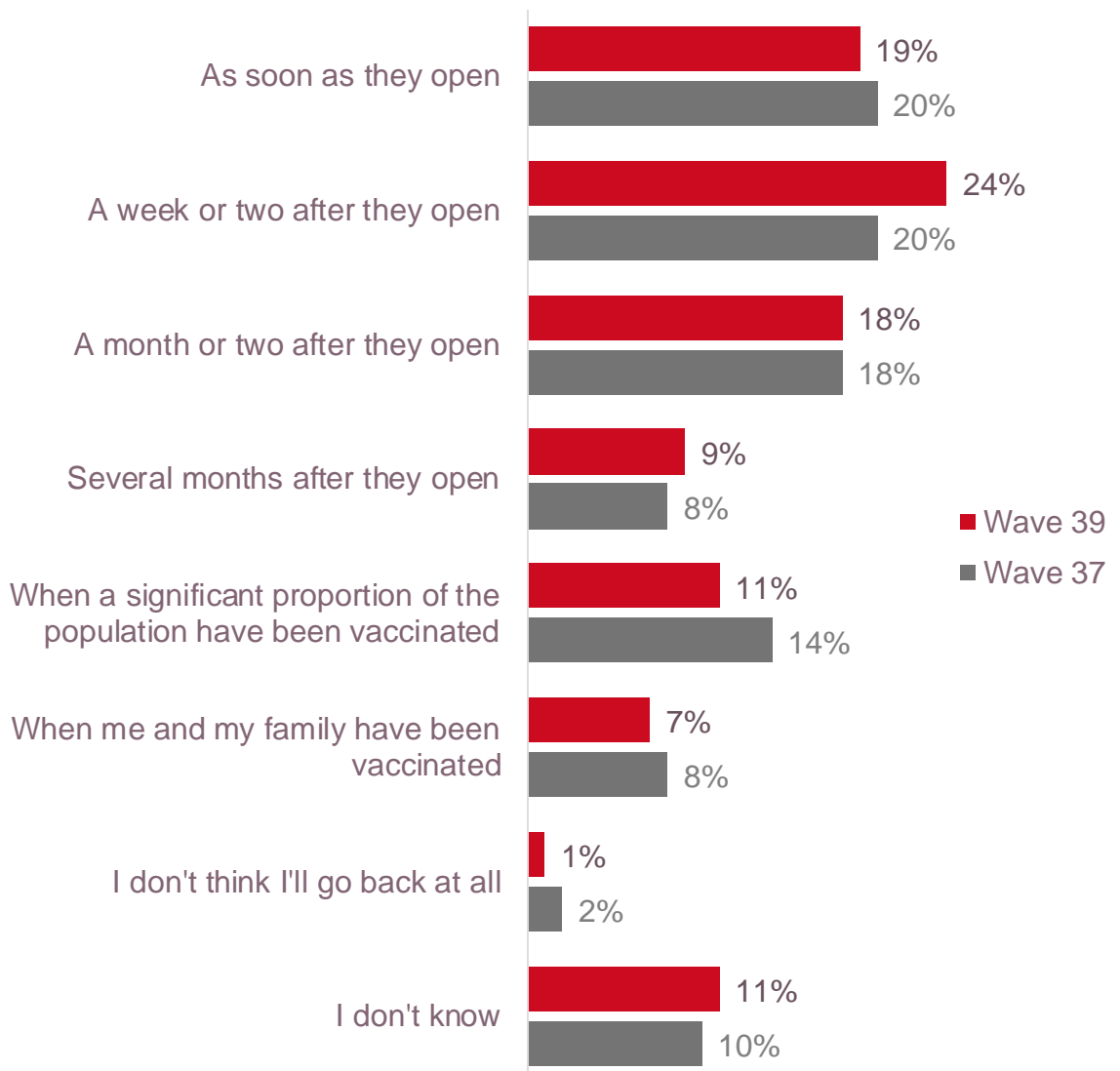
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One in five expect to return to shopping centres/department stores as soon as restrictions are lifted

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

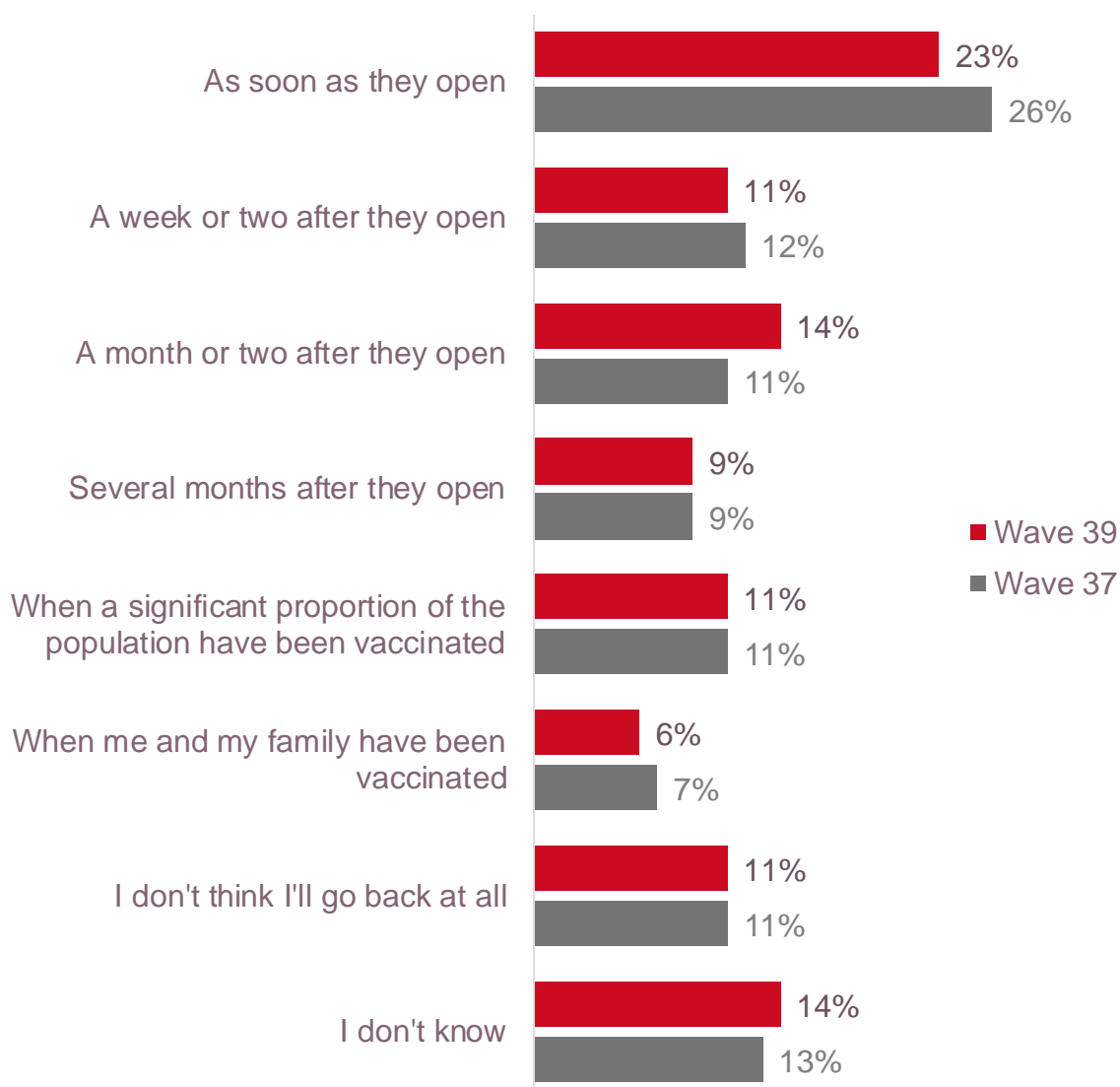
Base: Those who used shopping centres previously (W39 1,925)



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 (W39 803)

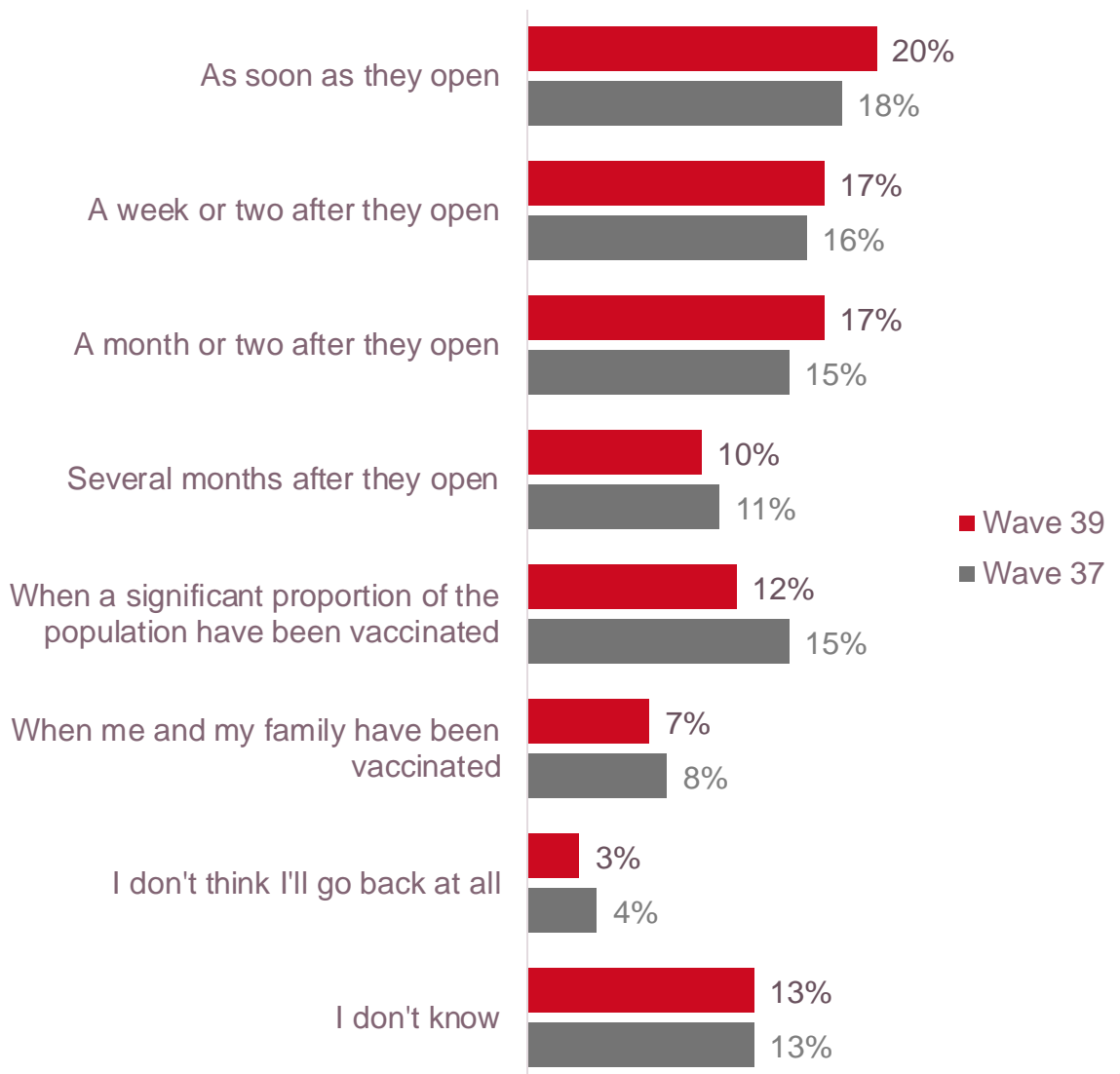


One in five expect to return to pubs as soon as restrictions are lifted

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

Pubs

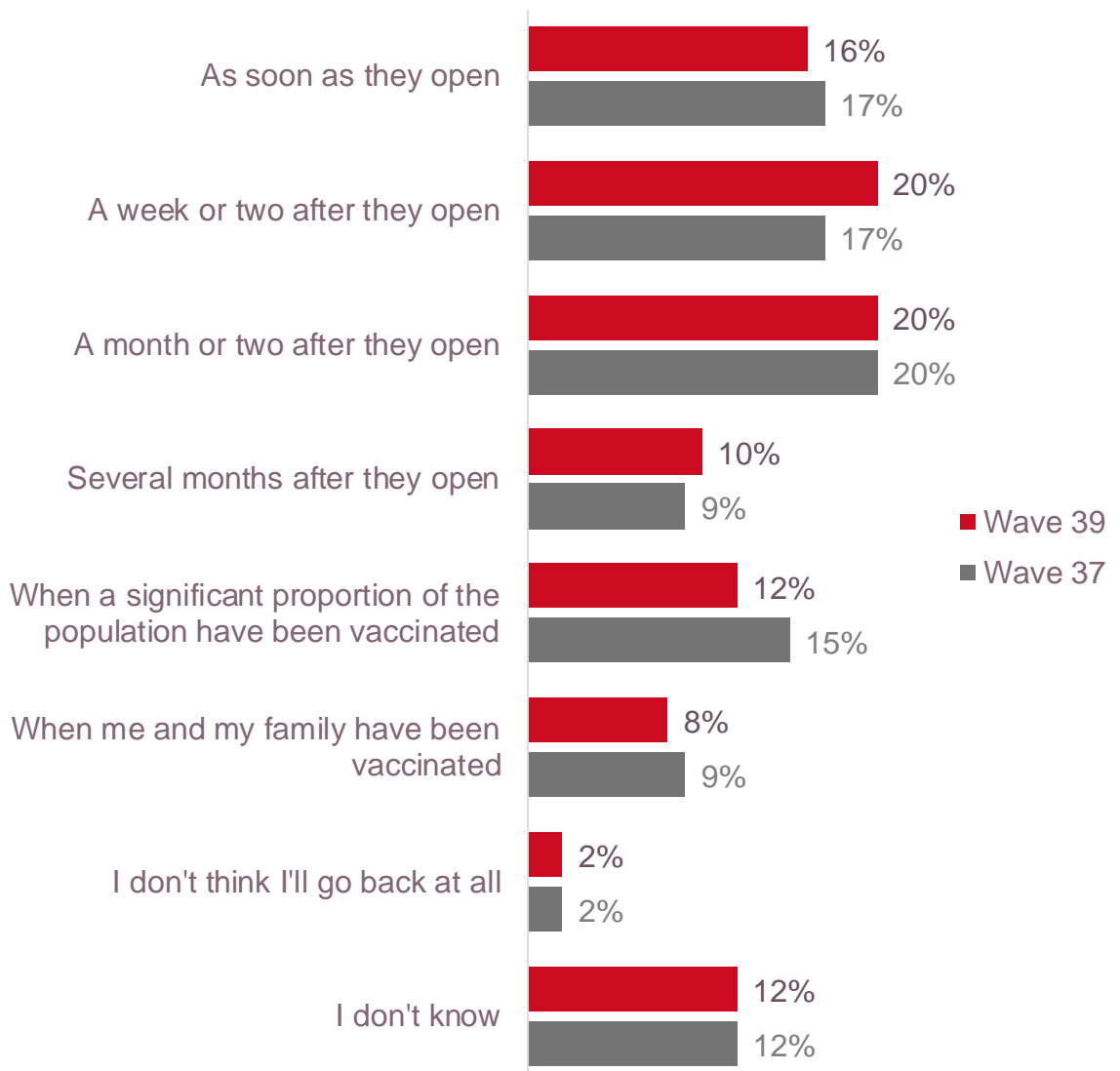
Base: Those who used pubs previously (W39 1,637)



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

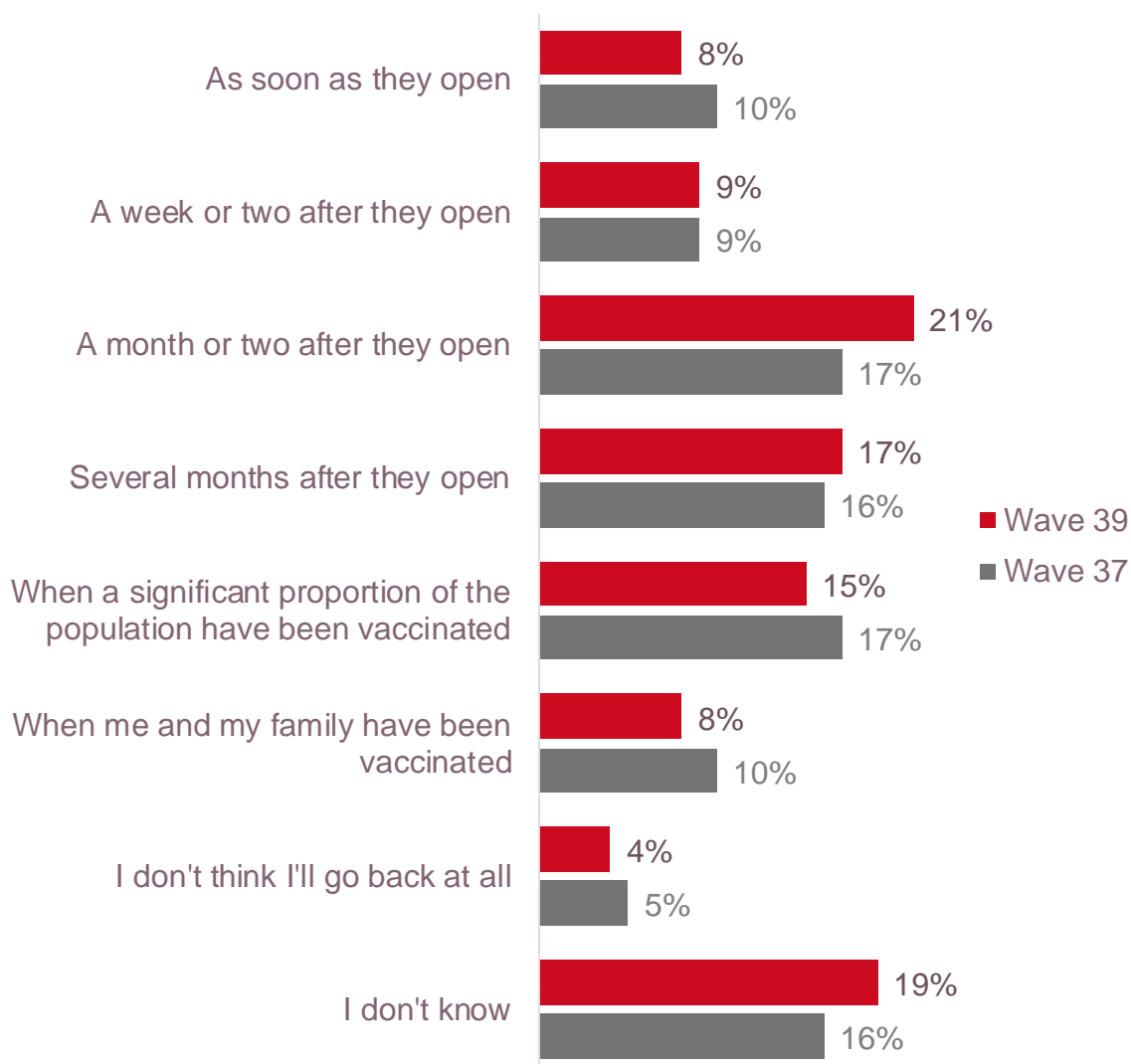
Base: Those who used restaurants previously (W39 1,877)



Fewer than 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

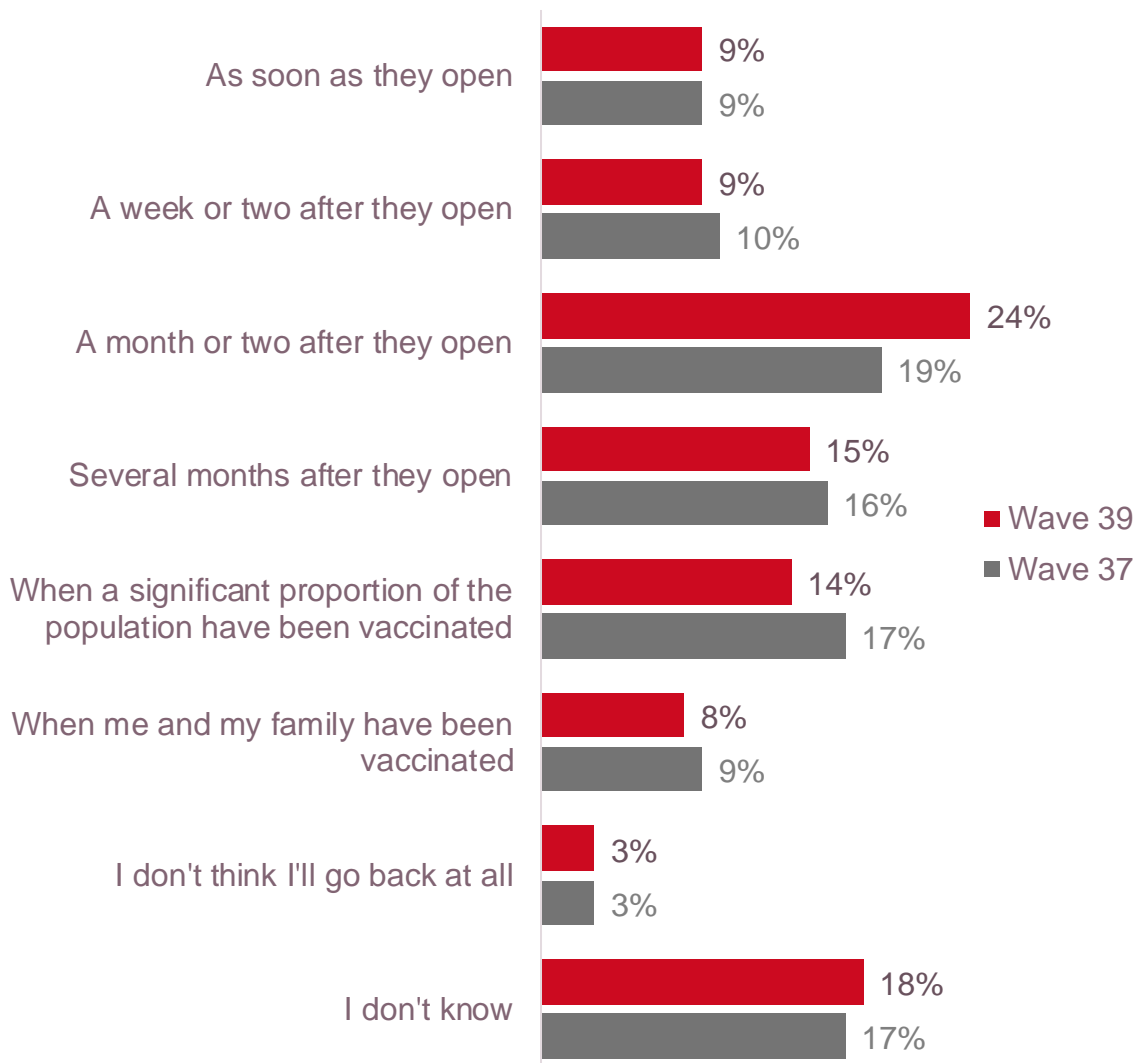
Base: Those who used cinemas or theatres previously
(W39 1,670)



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

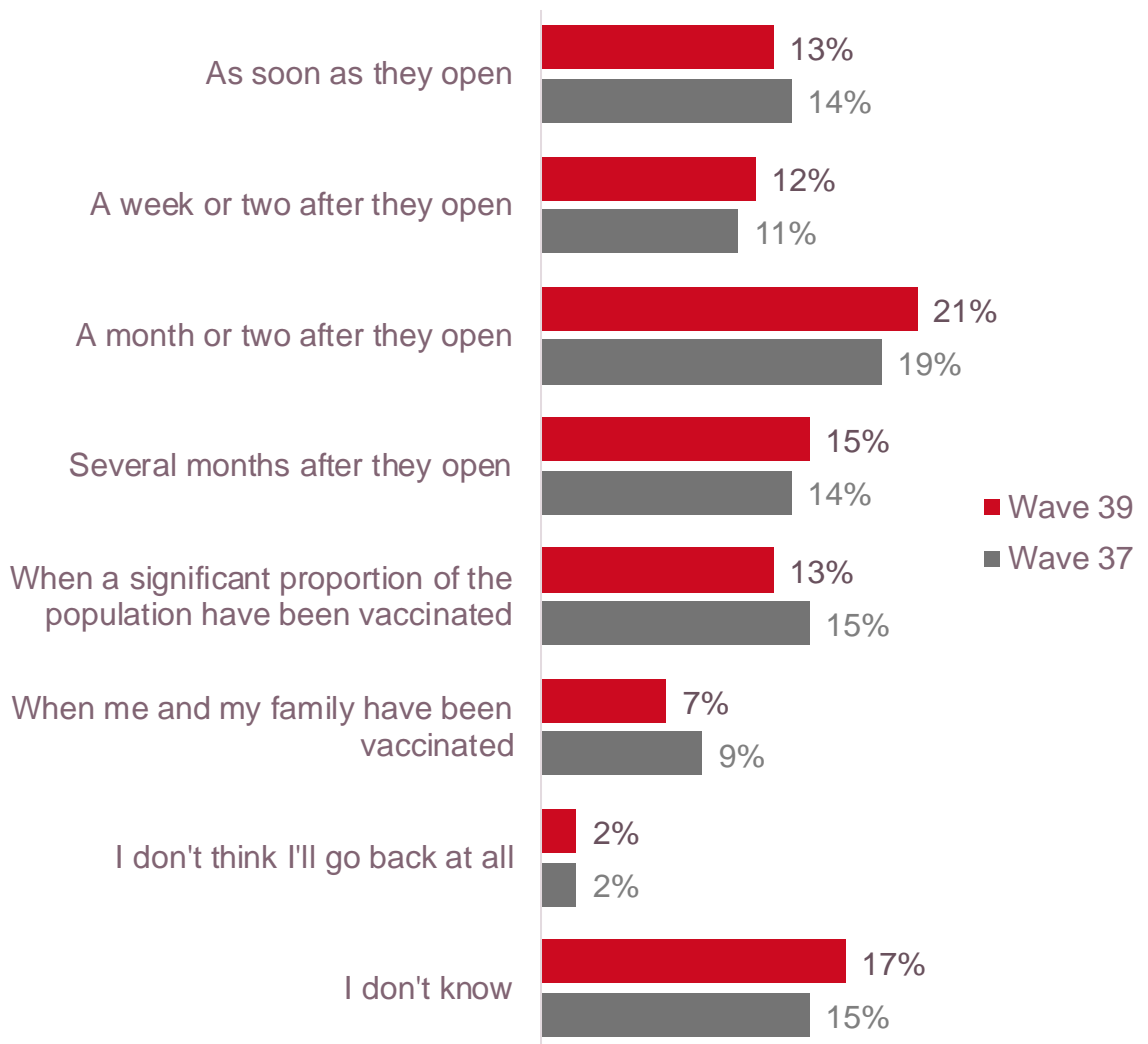
Base: Those who used indoor leisure attractions previously
(W39 1,709)



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
(W39 1,772)



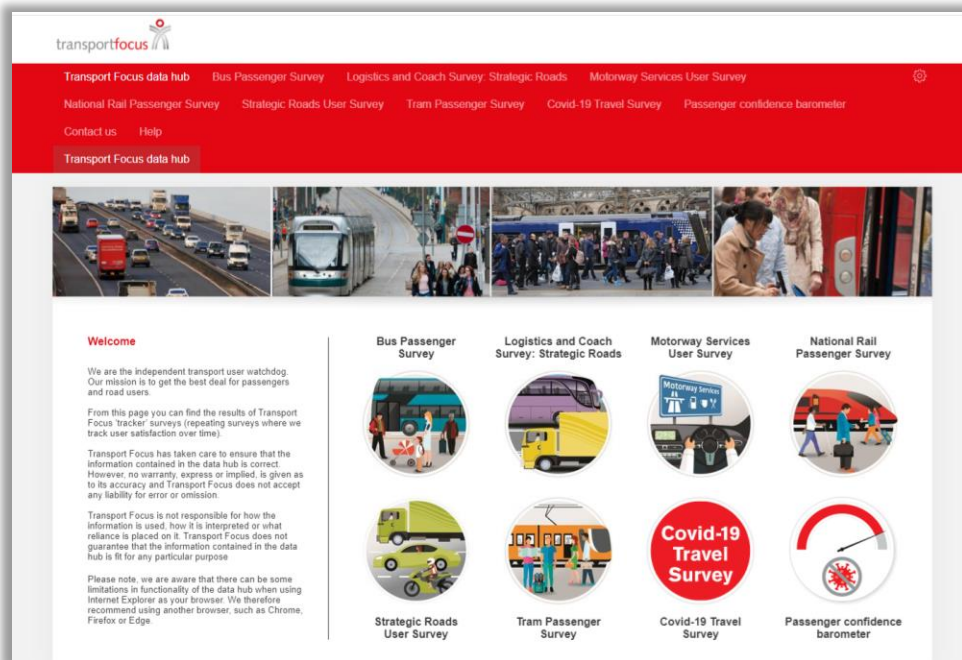
Transport Focus Data Hub

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 39

- 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 39 fieldwork: 19-21 March
- 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 39	2,007	229	315	311	344	324	484	944	1,063

Sample size by region

	Scotland	North East	North West	Yorks & Humber	West Midlands	East Midlands	Wales	Eastern	London	South East	South West
Wave 39	156	89	226	175	191	162	97	190	258	285	178